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

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

So what's all this claptrap about "small business Saturday?" Bah....we've been doing that since our first year.

Guess they stole the idea from us, huh? We don't mind. It's a good idea.

The idea is to support your locally owned small business by buying their products...on...one Saturday a year? Well, guess one is better than none. We support small businesses in this part of the world all year long (I hope....).

Anyway, it's supposed to be the day after Black Friday because it's the time of year for buying gifts and making and eating and eating and making all kinds of stick-to-your-ribs yummy food.

Like I need more stick-to-my-ribs anything.

Ah well. No point in worrying about it now, not until....spring, I guess.

Meanwhile, be sure to take the sentiment to heart and spend some money at the places that advertise with the Neighb News. Without them, there would be no paper. Now, if each one of my loyal readers sent us \$15 or \$20 a couple of times a year, that would be different. But, that's okay, take the same \$20 and spend it at an advertiser's place. If you please.

And, while you're out there spending money, be sure to remember the local food pantries. It must be awfully depressing not to have enough money to feed your family, but at this time of year, when everyone is overindulging as a matter of principle, it must be more than painful.

And to my advertisers I say "thank you." I hope our annual shopping issue gives you a little boost.

We have some meeting coverage for you of course, and a few fun things. Our high school cheerleaders won in their division. Cool, huh?

Anyway, thumb through and see for yourself.

Until next week then..

See ya



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS

In last week's story about the accident that killed Katie Brienzo, we made a mistake in identifying where the photo of Ms. Brienzo and Ellery Reynolds was taken. It was at a VFW dance in the summer.

In ML Baron's column last week, there was a typographical error in the name of the Titanic's captain. He was Edward J. Smith.

In our story on the re-count for the new school vote last week, we had two errors. The margin of victory for the ballot question was 149, which includes three hand-counted votes. Also, the last

re-count in the Town of Fairhaven was in 2004 between Douglas Maclean and Ann Richard for School Committee, with Maclean winning.

In our story about the school committee meeting last week, the wording led some people to believe that the Wood School Students would be attending East Fairhaven School while the new school is built. No decision has been made on where the students will go. The transition process has not begun, and will start with a meeting with parents in December.

We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

FHS cheerleaders win division championship



The Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders won the Division Four Fall Cheerleading State Championship at Shrewsbury High on Sunday, 11/20. After the big win, Fairhaven police provided an escort to the high school. ABOVE: The FHS cheerleaders pose with Selectboard chair Michael Silvia and Selectboard member Charles Murphy on Sunday, 11/20, after the girls won the Division Four Fall Cheerleading championship. It was their first state title in 14 years. Team members are: Co-Captains Meagan Rudenauer and Alyssa Marshall, Kayke Teixeira, Abby Landry, Molly Silva, Jayne Faria, Katie Tavares, Ashley Jigeens, Julia Days, Katie Warrington, Kyleigh Gonet, Jin Chi. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com



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BPW OKs Wolf Island CR and Memorial Bench for Ft. Phoenix

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven Planning and Economic Development Director William D. Roth got an approval for Chapter 90 funding of the Main Street/Park Street design at the 11/21 Board of Public Works meeting, but not before he discussed possible future target areas with Vice-Chairperson Robert "Hoppy" Hobson.

"I'd like to see projects in other parts of Town," said Mr. Hobson.

Mr. Roth outlined the process for federal designation of a target area, which requires that more than 50% of the infrastructure and housing in that area be considered slum and blighted by federal definition.

The \$100,000 target area plan was funded by the State ten years ago, and State funding is no longer available. But Mr. Roth said that about \$40,000 in housing loans may become available which could be set aside for a new target area study.

"So far every project you touch has been great," BPW member Kathleen Sturtevant said.

This was echoed by Mr. Hobson and Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth.

"Fifty-thousand dollars [in design] for a project that makes \$573,000, I wish we could do all of them that way," said Mr. Haworth.

The BPW voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the use of \$50,000 for the project design.

Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition presented the Wolf Island Conservation Restriction acquisition for signature. The conservation easement will be funded with \$70,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies as approved at Fairhaven's annual town meeting in May, 2010, and a \$30,000 grant to the Town. Some members were uncertain of the value of the conservation easement if there was no ability to place new wells on the property.

"Why are we putting money on land that will be owned by Mattapoisett?" member Daniel Freitas asked. "Could we later ask to put water wells on it?"

The easement restricts use of the property to passive recreation trails and a small, unpaved parking lot, according to Mr. Decker. Although the land is restricted, it will help protect the existing drinking water supply wells' aquifer. Rochester is acquiring

another parcel for \$20,000.

Both Mattapoisett and Rochester had purchased numerous parcels to protect the watershed, Mr. Decker told the board.

Mr. Haworth also asked whether there were additional expenses related to owning the easement. He also asked why the BPW was the approving agency for the easement.

Mr. Roth, whose office also handles CPA funding, said that there were contingency funds available for things like closing costs, signs etc. Monitoring could be accomplished by BPW staff, Mr. Decker said. And the easement needed to be signed by the BPW acting as Water Commissioners.

The BPW voted to approve and authorize signing of the conservation easement in a 4-0 vote, with Mr. Riley absent for the vote.

But before Mr. Decker left, Mr. Hobson asked him if the Coalition had

lifelong resident of Fairhaven who wanted to put the bench there as a memorial to his late wife. Ms. Sturtevant suggested that the bike path be used as an alternative, but Mr. Ostiguy said that he and his wife spent a lot of time at Ft. Phoenix.

Mr. Riley suggested that BPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado and Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau come up with a plan for the maximum number of benches that would work at the park, and then the BPW could approve one bench per year. The board approved a motion to allow Mr. Ostiguy to meet with Mr. Charbonneau to find a place for the bench.

The final appointment was with contractor Mark Souza regarding a 32.5-foot wide driveway apron at 68 Howland Road. Mr. Souza explained that after he pulled the permit for a 26-foot wide permit, the sState inspector said that it was okay to construct a 32 ft. wide apron. Mr. Souza subcontracted the work to Sean Lewis, who had it poured. He said he had not measured it.

"I think someone should be fined for this," Mr. Hobson said. "Why bother having rules?"

The BPW voted 4-0-1 abstention to table the application pending additional information on the width of the driveway and the amount of work in the Town right-of-way. Mr. Riley abstained because he was absent for part of the discussion.

In other business, the Board voted to table a vote on the recycle center fees for 2012, pending wording changes to the permit requirements. Mr. Furtado noted that the Recycling Center will be open on Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During board member discussions:

- Mr. Hobson requested that signs be placed at all crosswalks on Sciticut Neck Road.

- Ms. Sturtevant asked that Mr. Furtado look into a possible illegal shed on Waybridge Road.

- Mr. Haworth said that he had also received a call regarding the clearing by the wind turbine company along the bike path. The company will restore the bike path if damaged.

The Board reconvened in executive session to discuss a personnel matter and the anaerobic digester.

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[Robert "Hoppy" Hobson]

an easement on Shipyard Farms, and if so, whether they could put pressure on the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Trust to allow the current farmer to continue to clear and use the fields.

"So why did [the land trust] take the fields away from the farmer?" asked Mr. Hobson. He said the farmer had cleared the fields and rebuilt the stone walls. "I talked to John Darwin [land trust board member] who wants to let it get overgrown so birdwatchers can watch some birds. Sciticut Neck residents like it the way it was. He said it was none of my business and it kind of pissed me off."

Mr. Haworth said that the Town owns the land in front of Shipyard Farms and suggested that the land trust be invited in to the next meeting to discuss maintenance of the property.

In another appointment, Robert Ostiguy requested that he be allowed to place a bench at Ft. Phoenix. Mr. Hobson noted that Mr. Ostiguy was a

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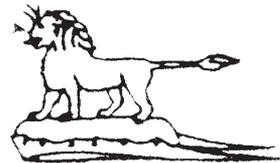
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Get a table at our Holiday Craft fair/Bake sale Saturday December 3rd 9-2pm in the gym of East Fairhaven Elementary school. **Deadline is November 21st**, table cost is \$40 for one table \$70 for two tables. We ask that all vendors donate one item for the raffle Maximum table size is 8 feet. Contact Becky Fleurent elf217@comcast.net or 508-951-2807

Turkey Trot

This year's Annual Turkey Trot in Fairhaven will held on **Thursday, November 24th, at 8am** (Rain, Snow or Shine). Begin at Cushman Park, for a 5k Run/Walk route open to all

Registration: \$20, for online Registration; \$23 for mail-in Registration; \$25 Day of. All Proceeds benefit local food pantries. Donations of non-perishable food items will be welcome and appreciated. Register at ACTIVE.COM

For information call: 508-916-7863, or email FairhavenTurkeyTrot@gmail.com, or or friend FHVN Turkey Trot on Facebook!

Craft sale

DATE CHANGE

Start your Christmas Shopping at Atria! Atria Senior Living, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven, invites you to Pretty Things Jewelry Handbags & Accessories on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 11:00am to 2:30pm. Great Gifts for your Christmas Stockings!

Millicent Library Elevator rebuild

The elevator at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven will be undergoing a major rebuild **starting on November 28**. The elevator lobby and restroom on the Walnut Street side will be closed and patrons will have to use the front stairs on Center Street facing the Town Hall.

There will be no library storytimes until the project is done. As always, the archives will only be open by appointment.

Please call us at 508-992-5342 or email clongworth@sailsinc.org if you have a related library problem that we may be able to solve.

The entire library will be closed

completely for one or two days while they actually dig the pit. We will let patrons know by signs and the website as soon as we know. Right now it is projected to be in early December. The project is expected to end around December 20.

If you are a Millicent Library patron, your library card is good at any of the area libraries. You may also renew books online by getting into your SAILS network account.

FHS Yearbooks

The Millicent Library maintains a collection of Fairhaven High School yearbooks. Unfortunately, we are missing 1998, 1999, and 2005. The school's collection is also missing these volumes.

If anyone has one of these years and would be willing to donate it or loan it for scanning, it would be greatly appreciated. We also always appreciate having extra copies of any year as well.

Call 508-992-5342 or email dcharpentier@sailsinc.org.

Scouts CMas Trees

For 30 years, Troop 55, Boy Scouts of American, sponsored by the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven, has sold Christmas Trees. This year we are selling Christmas Trees and Balsam wreathes. We will **start the fundraiser on Sunday, Nov 27th, until sold out**. Height of the trees range from 6-8 feet. Prices vary between the height and fullness of each tree.

Located in Fairhaven at Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6). The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 5:00PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Scouts and Parents work every evening, all weekend long and do most of the selling. Employees of Mike and Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays.

Please walk among our display and select a Christmas Tree and/or wreath. For the best selection of Nova Scotia Balsam Firs and wreathes, come early and pick yours out. We only have 200 Trees and 48 wreathes. Once we sell out, we're gone until next year.

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Douglass Family ALS tree sale

Dick & Vivian Douglass of Scenticut Neck Road will continue their unique approach to fighting a family member's diagnosis of ALS, "Lou Gehrig's Disease." They will hold the 10 annual Douglass Family Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday, December 10th & Sunday, December 11th from 9:00am-3:00pm

All proceeds go to ALS TDI, the world's largest ALS research institute.

There is a selection of the most popular Christmas trees: balsam fir, white spruce and emerald greens. Pick any tree, any size. You can cut it yourself or our elves will do it for you. Either way, all trees are \$40.00. We also have cut greens for wreathes, swag, and other decorations. About \$114,000 has been raised for ALS research through this sale.

This year we are also offering live emerald green arborvitae for table trees at \$20 each or 3 for \$50. These are between 2 to 4 feet tall, potted and suitable for replanting. Ideal for small spaces, center pieces, personal trees for children or general decoration.

In short, we're pretty flexible.

For more information, contact Dick Douglass at dickdouglass@comcast.net or 508-990-8592 or Libby Reynolds by phone at 617-441-7266, or email at lreynolds@als.net

This is a great time for a great cause! On the days of the tree sale Scenticut Neck looks as though there is a hurricane evacuation — with everyone salvaging a Christmas tree. The pace is about one tree every minute and a half.

The tree farm was started to restore the land to an agricultural use and to provide a retirement job. There was a grand but undefined plan to use some of the proceeds for charitable causes but we were thinking of scholarships or food banks. When we became aware of ALS TDI and their mission and how it could impact our family it was a no-brainer.

For more about ALS and our farm, visit, http://community.als.net/the_douglassfamilyeffort; for more about ALS TDI, visit www.als.net

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Artist sale

Once again, the public is invited to the annual Hatch Street Holiday Sale and Open Studios. Visit with favorite artists showing in New Bedford studios for decades while meeting artists new to the South Coast art scene.

Wander the studio lofts of **88 Hatch Street, New Bedford**, and see where fine textiles, jewelry, ceramics, woodworking, paintings and drawings are made. Shop a wide variety of handmade gifts including ornaments, fine soaps and body products, jellies, honey, and children's toys.

Rub elbows with enthusiasts' who come each year to add to their collections, browse, begin a collection or do some holiday shopping.

The annual Hatch Street Holiday Sale benefits the regional art scene as new artists use the experience to grow their creative businesses.

New artists and designers get their first taste of dealing with the public while gaining valuable feedback helpful in determining which products are commercially viable.

The sale takes place **throughout Thanksgiving weekend and is a fun place to bring holiday guests. Hours are Friday, November 25, 1:00 to 6:00, Saturday, Nov. 26, 10:00 to 5:00, Sunday, Nov. 27, 11:00 to 5:00.**

Auditions

Auditions for Your Theatre, Inc.'s production of Tennessee Williams's emotionally charged "Night Of The Iguana," scheduled to be staged March 15 -25 2012, will be held **Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, December 1.** Anyone interested in auditioning should arrive at The Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at 7:30 PM.

Winner of the New York Drama Critics Award, this dynamic play is about the search for purpose and connection at the dawn of World War II. Set in a struggling resort on the coast of Mexico, "a place where hard notions of good and evil go soft in the sun, and God and the Devil are on speaking terms, characters cross paths in various states of crisis." A group of visitors confront each other and themselves in one of Williams's finest plays.

Director Robin Richard must fill the following roles: Reverend T. Lawrence Shannon, who is 40-45 years old, rugged, and has lived a tough life of sin and redemption; Maxine Faulk, a 45-50-year-old widow, who is tough, raw, sensual and bawdy; Hannah Jelkes, a 40-50-year-old shy virgin spinster; Hank, a both sweet and tough 25-40-year-old bus driver; Charlotte, a 16-21-year-old virginal girl who is a tad flirty, pouty and saucy; Judith Fellowes, a 50-year-old butch lesbian; Jonathan Coffin, 98 years young and the world's oldest living poet, who is confined to a wheelchair; Pancho and Pedro, two 18-20-year-old Mexican teenagers, who are sexual and not shy about their bodies; Jake Lata a 30-plus, chubby, sweaty, exasperated man; Herr und Frau Fahrenkopf, a married couple in their 50s; Hilda, the Fahrenkopfs' daughter; and Wolfgang, her fiancé, both in their 20s. All of the actors playing the Germans are fit and healthy, laugh a lot and speak German. They also sing a marching song but don't have to be good singers.

No experience necessary.

For additional information visit www.yourtheatre.org, call YTI at 508-993 0772, or e-mail ytinc@verizon.net

Short Films Fest

Thanksgiving weekend brings a unique one-day film event. **On Saturday, November 26th**, the fifth annual Short Short Story Film Festival will make its **New Bedford debut at Gallery X at 169 William Street.** The festival will feature screenings throughout the day and evening, along with a reception.

The festival has traveled throughout the northeast since its 2007 debut in Providence, RI. With nearly 40 films between two programs, the festival mixes live action and animated films from 23 countries including Germany, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, and Laos.

The Heartstrings program features films which may be a mix of comedic, sentimental, or tragic elements, while the Headtrip tends towards the satirical, mysterious, or just plain bizarre.

The Heartstrings program screens at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm, with the Headtrip showing at 4:00 pm and 8:30

pm. There will also be a small reception between the pairs of screenings at 5:30 pm, featuring discussion, refreshments, and global soundscapes provided by DJ Madame B. **Tickets are \$10, which includes both programs and reception.**

Audiences at each screening are given ballots to select their favorite three films, which are then combined with votes from other festival screenings to determine overall winners. The festival also awards prizes from a jury panel of alumni of "Spoiler Alert Radio," MergingArts' independent filmmaker interview show. MergingArts Productions is an organization dedicated to cultural programming encompassing film, music, visual arts, technology and media.

Gallery X is a contemporary, cooperative art gallery of visual, performing and literary artist members and volunteers. It promotes outreach through community partnerships, educational programs and monthly exhibits, in order to expand the audience for arts and culture in greater New Bedford. For more information visit <http://www.mergingarts.org>

Christmas Concert

The Sippican Choral Society presents "Christmas Through the Years." Beginning with the 9th century plainsong version of Veni, Veni Emmanuel and ending with a contemporary jazz style arrangement of Go Tell It On the Mountain, the chorale will take the audience on a journey through the centuries.

Directed by Brian Roderick and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon, musical selections will feature four-hands piano, organ, woodwind, and percussion. The Sippican Chamber Choir will also perform, and the newly formed South-coast Children's Chorus will begin its second season by joining the Choral Society for a portion of the program. Visit www.sippicanchoral.org.

Performances: Friday, Dec. 2, at 8:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, County St., New Bedford; and Sun., Dec. 4, at 4:00 PM, Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion

Tickets: Adults \$12; Students \$6. Available at: The Bookstall in Marion, and Baker Books in Dartmouth.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Animal Advocates

Animal Advocates is holding its annual Four Paws Charity Auction for Homeless animals on **Friday, November 28 from 6:30-9 p.m.** at White's of Westport. For more information call 508-991-7727 or 774-888-908 or email animaladvocates@comast.net

Owl Prowl

WHOOOO Do You Hear? With darkness lasting longer than daylight and leaves fallen and scattered on the wind, early winter marks one of the best times of the year to explore the woods at night and possibly catch a glimpse of one of Massachusetts' fiercest nocturnal predators: the Great Horned Owl.

Join the naturalists at Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary on a twilight Owl Prowl this fall; you'll test your night vision and auditory acumen as you attempt to locate and identify two of our more common species of owl – the Great Horned and the Screech – by their unique (and slightly spooky!) calls.

Allens Pond Sanctuary will be hosting **one more Owl Prowl left this fall: from 4:30 – 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 3rd, meeting at Stone Barn Farm, 786 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth, MA. Cost is \$4 for Mass Audubon members and \$6 for non-members.** Registration is required and can be made by phone with a credit card at (508) 636-2437 or by mail: the program registration form can be downloaded at <http://www.massaudubon.org/PDF/sanctuaries/RegistrationForm.pdf>. Dress for an outdoor, twilight walk and join us as night falls over New England and our nocturnal wildlife awakens.

Mattapoisett Lib.

The following events are being held at the Mattapoisett Free Public, 7 Barstow St. Accessible.

Food donations

During the winter months, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will maintain a donation box on each floor so patrons may donate non-perishable items to be given to Mattapoisett food pantries. Gloves, hats, and new socks will also be collected for distribution. We

appreciate the generosity of our patrons, especially during the holidays as they remember residents who are in need of food and clothing.

Holiday Traditions

Story Time

Take friends and relatives to a special story time on **Saturday, November 26th from 2 to 3:30 pm** when we celebrate treasured family traditions. What makes your holidays special for you and your loved ones? Do you have a special ornament or way that you celebrate together? Mrs. Burke will be reading some holiday stories, talking about traditions, and gingerbread cookies will be served. Each person will be invited to create a paper quilt square to be added to a library quilt that will be displayed throughout the holidays. Everyone is welcome!

Cooks and Books

The **Tuesday, Dec. 6th** meeting of Cooks and Books will be devoted to our own recipes for holiday appetizers and samples from the Friends' newly published cookbooks. Everyone is welcome to attend the holiday celebration party, and bring a sample of your favorite appetizer for others to try. The winner of the chef's basket will be drawn from the names of cookbook participants. The meeting begins at 7 pm.

At Baker Books

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

On Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 PM, author Anne Burnett will visit Baker Books to read from and sign copies of her book, *Step Ahead of Autism*.

If you have or think you may have a child with autism, you may be overwhelmed with fear, confusion, doubt, regret, self-blame, and more.

Author Anne Moore Burnett has been there and can assure you that there is hope. In *Step Ahead of Autism*, she supplies you with a host of simple yet powerful tools you can use to meet the inevitable challenges of raising an autistic child at any age. In *Step Ahead of Autism*, Burnett uses the true story of her son Joey, who

was diagnosed at the severe end of the autism spectrum at age two and went on to become a successful college student, to empower caregivers everywhere.

Readers of *Step Ahead of Autism* will learn how to transform themselves — their intentions, beliefs, attitudes, and reactions — so that they have more influence over how their child does than they ever imagined possible.

Anne Moore Burnett has 20 years' experience successfully raising an autistic child. Educators, doctors, psychologists, and counselors have referred hundreds of parents to Burnett over the past fifteen years for direction and advice in the field of autism. Burnett has sat on the Tri-Town Curriculum Board for Special Needs and holds a director certification from the Office for Children in Washington, DC.

Free Demo Class

South Coast Music Together will be hosting a Teacher Workshop in Early Childhood Music Development, sponsored by Music Together of Princeton, NJ. The highlight of our training is the Music Together® demonstration class for infants, toddlers, and preschool children with their parents and caregivers. We invite you to join us!

Free demonstration classes will take place on **Thursday, December 1, Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 AM** all three days, at the Macomber Community House, (also known as the Westport Friends Meeting), 930 Main Rd, Westport, MA. These are free classes, but spaces are limited, and must be reserved in advance.

To reserve your space, visit southcoastmt.com, & follow the link: visit a free demonstration class, or email Rhonda Matson-Plourde at: Southcoastmt@verizon.net, or call: 508-636-7426. For more Music Together® locations call 800 728 2692 or visit: www.musictogether.com.

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who starts a new diet
on Thanksgiving Day.

Irv Kupcinet

FinCom says: brick wall just ahead

By Joyce Rowley

Neighb News Correspondent

All but two of the 13 members of the Fairhaven Finance Committee were on hand to discuss the FY13 budget process at their 11/17 meeting. The Committee unanimously approved (11-0) a letter to all Fairhaven Boards, Committees and Department Heads that asked for alternate department budgets with a 2% reduction over FY12. If not, the finance committee will make the reductions, said Chairperson John Roderiques.

"FY13 is the proverbial brick wall we've been hearing about," said Mr. Roderiques. He said that there may be some people who believe that a 2% reduction is not enough, but he felt 5% was too much.

"If you start cutting too much at once, you create havoc...It's a juggling act," he said.

Member Kim Hyland said that all of the departments need to be cut 2% because even small amounts add up. He also asked how BPW hired three new people recently. Later in the meeting, Mr. Roderiques explained the hires were a replacement of personnel that had left the department. He also said that a 2% cut will affect personnel in a some departments.

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch reminded the board that there had been a 3 to 4% across the board cut before.

Mr. Roderiques said the FY13 budget would be based on an increase in tax revenues up to the 2 1/2 percent allowed by law plus \$137,000 of state did, and keeping projected receipts flat. The other assumption was that outstanding union contracts would settle for 1% in keeping with other unions.

"The school, police and fire get 1% in FY13 and [a 1% increase] on June 30, 2013," said Mr. Roderiques, so they will have a 2% raise for one day. "But there's no guarantee that the money will be there on July 1, 2013 for a 1% increase."

Member Jennifer Bishop asked if the negotiators are given budget information. She said it seems that they always want increases when the Town is trying to reduce its overall budget. Mr. Roderiques said the budget is distributed to everyone. He then pointed to the school budget that is increasing in salaries and decreasing operations.

"True level funding lays people off," said Mr. Roderiques.

It was the intent to provide level services at a reduced cost. He noted that there will be tough decisions to make between departments. Some, like police, are required because it is clear that presence is a deterrent to crime.

However, he said there were "three or four specific budgets [where we'll] look at what we're paying and what we're getting from them," he said.

In other matters, the Committee discussed a policy establishing how many members are needed to establish a minority vote warranting a minority report. By consensus the Committee agreed that a minority would consist of one-third of the voting members at the time of the vote.

Mr. Roderiques also told members that the upcoming redistricting may cause a reconfiguration of the committee. FinCom member Lisa Schroeder-Plante will probably be drawn out of the Precinct 4 and into Precinct 5.

The redistricting was required

after the federal census showed shifts in population growth in town. Committee members are appointed by town meeting precinct chairs.

On a unanimous vote of 11-0, FinComm voted to approve a request by the Board of Appeals for a \$1,000 reserve fund transfer in order to cover advertising for public hearings. The Board of Appeals has already expended its \$750 advertising budget due to an increase in the number of appeals and also an increase in advertising costs.

Mr. Roderiques noted that the fees charged by Fairhaven Neighborhood News were substantially less than the Advocate or Standard Times. Fees for advertising are included in the applicant's fees and returned to the general fund, he said, not to the Board of Appeals budget.

The committee also voted 10-1, Jennifer Bishop opposed, to deny a request by the Animal Control Officer for a \$490 reserve fund transfer to add internet services to her budget. When presenting the request, Finance Director John Nunes said that the ACO currently has to put Animal Shelter information such as photos of animals onto a memory stick and upload it at the Police Department.

Mr. Roderiques said the request was premature, but suggested departments go to FinCom in advance of spending if they know they'll be over to make sure their expenses will be covered. Mr. Roderiques made it clear it was not a denial of Internet access to the ACO as there were other options to cover the cost such as using the animal gift account.

The FinCom set its next meeting for January 12, 2012 and will begin scheduling budget meetings with departments in February. •••



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- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 4 (3-inch) cinnamon sticks
- 1 tbsp whole allspice
- 1/2 gal. unsweetened tea
- 1 cup orange juice
- Garnishes: lemon slices, fresh cranberries, cinnamon sticks

Bring first five ingredients to a boil in a large Dutch oven: reduce heat, simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Remove cinnamon sticks and allspice; stir in ta and orange juice. Yield: 16 cups

Cool Cranberry Tea

Prepare recipe as directed. Chill tea mixture 2 hours. Stir in 1 liter ginger aple, chilled, just before serving. If desired, garnish with lemon slices, fresh cranberries, and cinnamon sticks. Yield: about 20 cups.

- Prep time: 5 mins
- Cook time: 20 mins.

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A Little Bit of Sports

By Bob Hobbs

Special to the Neighb News

FHS Cheerleaders Division Four Champions

Fairhaven High's Cheerleaders won the Division Four Fall Cheerleading State Championship at Shrewsbury High on Sunday. Team members are: Co-Captains Meagan Rudenauer and Alyssa Marshall, Kayke Teixeira, Abby Landry, Molly Silva, Jayne Faria, Katie Tavares, Ashley Jigeens, Julia Days, Katie Warrington, Kyleigh Gonet, Jin Chi. Congratulations to all.



Fairhaven Selectboard chair Michael Silvia (right) and Selectboard member Charles Murphy greet the Fairhaven High School coaches and cheerleaders after their division championship win on Sunday, 11/20. Photo by Heidi Winnett. See page 17 for team photo.

Fairhaven High Volleyball Division Two Semi-Finals

Enroute to SOUTH finals the amazing Lady Blues of FHS rolled over Coyle, Bourne, and New Bedford Voke at home. In Pembroke, Mass. the girls defeated Bishop Feehan. Wednesday, in the Division Two Semi-Finals, they were defeated by an

undefeated Marboro High 3-0. Coach Karen Arsenault's girls had a great season, 22 wins and 3 losses.

Congratulations on great season to Seniors Kelsie Sovik, Kara Charette, Kayli Moniz, Michelle Westgate, Rebecca Larson and the rest of the team.

UMD Hockey

Coach John Rolli's Corsairs managed a 3-3 tie in overtime against Salem State. Phil Brownner and Dan Denpsey had goals for UMD.

UMDS Eleanor Taylor, Field Hockey

Fairhaven's Eleanor Taylor was named to Coaches' NCAA Division Two All Stars. Eleanor was also selected as LEC ALL CONFERENCE PLAYER,

UMD Basketball

In opening game last Tuesday, the Corsairs lost to Salem State 83-80 in Salem. Senior Center Lance Green led the way with 18 points.

On Friday, the UMD five defeated Mount St.Vincent of New York 65-59. Lance Green had 16 points and 16 rebounds. On Saturday they lost in the finals of the 13th annual Hampton Inn Tournament 66-61 to Bowdoin. Two rookies, Jake Laga and Alex Kershaw were outstanding for the Corsairs.

UMD Women

The Lady Corsairs got off to a great start with 65-61 win over Salve Regina last week. Freshman Kelsey Garrity led the way with 17 points. New Bedford's Stephanie Houtman had 12 points.

On Saturday they defeated Curry Oollege 67-61 in the Curry Tip Off Classic. Coleen Moriarty had a super game for the Corsairs.

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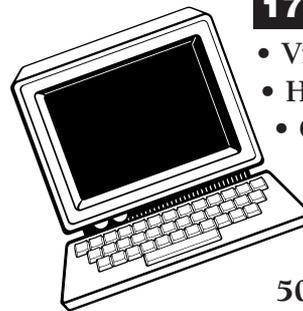


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Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David*

Editor

It's the most wonderful time of the year, albeit filled with anxiety on where to get the perfect gifts for your favorite people (or at least the people you'd better buy gifts for if you don't want to hear about it all year).

Fear not, loyal readers: the *Neighb News* is here with our annual shopping issue to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey.

You need not go any farther than our advertisers to get a great gift for everyone on your list.

First, you'll want to get your house spruced up for all those parties. Call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the carpets and floors cleaned. Save a few dollars by dropping your area carpets off at the drop-off center. And while you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Or maybe mom and dad need you to be with them or taxi them around to appointments...what to do? How on earth will you get all YOUR stuff done if you need to get THEIR stuff done? Call Maureen at **Errands and More**, of course. She can take mom and dad to their appointments, or do your grocery shopping while you take mom and dad.

Maybe mom and dad are looking for a new place to live, some place easier on the maintenance chores and budget? Check out **Fairhaven Village** while Maureen is doing your other running around for you.

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

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

For those of you starting east of the grocery stores, feel free to grab a bite at **Courtyard**.

They both serve a great breakfast. And they both have great menus. Of course, they have gift certificates,

too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list, too.

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

For the Fairhaven crowd, head to **Southern Mass. Credit Union**. They have the full spectrum of options available for you. They're as home-grown as it gets, too. Maybe you're strictly a New Bedford gal or guy? No problem, visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**.

Check out their car loans, or buy a CD from them. Now *those* make great gifts!

Maybe you already have your money in hand and you want to get right to it? No problem, start by going to **A&A Auto** and get the car ready for the shopping trek, maybe

Fear not, loyal readers: the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey.

make an appointment for someone on your list to get an oil change and some winterizing done. Better yet, wouldn't it be more fun to buy a car from them? Who hasn't seen a Christmas movie with the shiny car in the driveway? I'll bet, if you ask, that Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it for you.

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

Maybe this economy has got you low on cash? How about rummaging around in the attic and the old jewelry cases? **Elegance in Gold** will buy that old jewelry and you'll have some cash for shopping. Or, if you so choose, they will fix that old stuff and make it look like new.

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

piece after you.

Okay, now it's time to head to Fairhaven Village. Nothing says Christmas more than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Haven't had breakfast yet or want an early lunch? Then your first stop should be **Pumpnickel's** right in the center.

Across the street, visit **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're in the neighborhood, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These architectural wonders were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers. Visit the Fairhaven Tourism office, right there in the village, and find out about some other places to visit.

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

In the mood for different fare? Head west to a place you know you loved when you were a kid: **Yor Dogg Mil**. You can get a mound of food, or just enough to fill small tummies. The fries and burgers are just like you remember them. And the hot dogs, well...just yummy.

Not ready to cross the river yet? Scoot over to the **Seaport Inn Grill** and check out their weekend specials. While you're there, mosey to the next doorway and see how much it will cost to put the relatives up at the inn.

While you're at the corner there near Route 6, head back east to get your wine and other liquor at **Premium Liquors**. They sell Lottery Tickets, too, so don't forget to grab a few for the people on your list who just have everything (do those make great gifts or what?).

Got some kids to buy for? Or how about that young couple expecting their first? You want to buy the big brand names, but you're just not sure about paying all those crazy prices? Have we got a shop for you!

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No one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but maybe you've been putting off updating

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Looking for more traditional fare? Try **American Legion Post 166**. They'll have fish & chips for you...it is, after all, a Friday. And, you'll be supporting a hangout for local veterans, too.

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Acushnet is solar friendly town

By Diane Kozak

Neighb News Correspondent

According to James Marot, Acushnet Building Inspector, zoning by-law amendments at the May 2011 Town Meeting have been partially responsible for a recent increase in interest in solar farming development within the town.

The amendments added large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations to the by-law thereby providing regulations which pertain to solar farms.

"I think we made the process easier simply by adopting a by-law that deals with solar farming," Mr. Marot said. "Companies have to pay engineering costs up front and they don't want to have to work with towns that don't have set regulations."



He also credits tax incentives and the state's solar energy related policies for encouraging solar farming in the area.

According to Mr. Marot there are two solar farm proposals working their way through the town's approval process. Cotuit Solar Energy Services is planning to build a solar farm of just under 1 megawatt on a 12-acre parcel of land in the northern part of the town. About one third of the land will be used for the solar panels.

A proposal for a second farm, on Wing Lane, has also been submitted.

"With the Wing Lane submission all we have is a site plan for engineering," said Mr. Marot.

He said he has heard discussion about two other possible solar farm projects currently being considered.



ABOVE: Solar panels on the roof of the Acushnet fire station were installed about a year ago. The town adopted by-law amendments regulating solar farms at its May 2011 meeting. The changes have made it easier for contractors to work with the town on solar projects. BELOW LEFT: Acushnet building inspector James Marot looking over plans for a solar farm. Photos by Diane Kozak. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Acushnet is no stranger to the benefits of solar energy. A year ago the town installed a photovoltaic system on the roof of the fire station on Russell Street. Mr. Marot said that so far this year this system has paid for all the electricity used at the fire station and generated a credit that has been used toward other town electrical costs.



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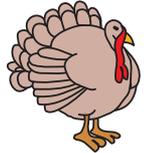
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School vote stands

The re-count on the ballot question in Fairhaven on Nov. 2 did not change the outcome of the vote. Two errors were caught, but ended up in a wash. The "no" side picked up a vote in precinct two, but then lost one in precinct three. The final tally was 1749 to support the question and 1600 against.

The vote authorized a debt exclusion for the purpose of building a new school at the Wood School site on Scoticut Neck Road. It will consolidate the student populations of both the Rogers School in the center of town and the Wood School.

The re-count was called after a group of citizens gathered 10 signatures from each precinct within 10 days of the election.

The new school will be a "model school," using the same basic design as the East Fairhaven School, which opened its doors in the fall of 2007.

The new Wood School will cost nearly \$25 million with nearly \$15 million reimbursed by the Mass. School Building Authority.

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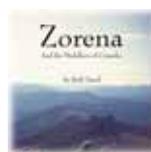


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Celebrating 63 years since Graduation Day, FHS class of 1948

By: Natalie S. Hemingway

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, 50 people spent an evening at the Wamsutta Club of New Bedford, MA, celebrating their graduation from FHS 63 years ago. Vice-President Joseph Kobak opened the festivities thanking all that had come and remembering those who have "passed on" and those who were not capable of making the journey to Fairhaven and New Bedford.

A hearty and delicious dinner and dessert was enjoyed by all, after which, the class brought attention to those who had come from the farthest distance. Edith Holt Ryder came from Pahrump, Nevada. Shirley Norman Trafford and her son traveled from Shreveport, Louisiana. Barbara Lawton Kenyon came from Kennesaw, Georgia, and Edward Clement is from Ellijay, Georgia.

We also recognized classmates who had large families of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as those who have been married the longest.

A very special guest of the Class of 1948 was Mrs. Evelyn Texeira Martin, who served as the Secretary of the High School Principal for many years. The Class of 1948 has included her



Gentlemen graduates of Fairhaven High School's class of 1948, who attended the 63-year reunion at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. L-R, Front: Donald Brazil, John Gage; Back: Robert Wilson, Raymond Covill, John Burke, Edward Kerin, Joseph Kobak, John Harrison, Robert Demoranville, Edward Clement, Robert Frates, Robert Razon, David Razon. Photo courtesy of photographer Mr. Peter Covill. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

in its class as her love of Fairhaven High School and its students will always be in her thoughts. A special gift of a blanket was presented to

Evelyn that will serve as a reminder of all the beautiful and important buildings in Fairhaven.

Reminiscing and chatting with friends that haven't been seen for many years, brought stories and laughter that were left at the Wamsutta Club. Friday evening, those who had arrived a day or two earlier, met for a chat and a meal.

Sunday morning many of the participants met with Robert Foster, President of the Fairhaven High School Alumni Association, who led them through the "Grand Old" Fairhaven High School building and introduced the alumni to the newest addition of the high school.

Members of the Reunion Committee of the '48ers who arranged these festivities are: Dorothy Beaumont, Donald & Eleanor Brazil, Ruth & Raymond Covill, Phyllis & Jerry Dupont, John & Gilda Harrison, Natalie S. Hemingway, Eleanor Johansen, Joseph Kobak and Joan Mello.

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Women graduates of Fairhaven High School's class of 1948, who attended the 63-year reunion at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. L-R, Front: Lillian Amaral Luther, Phyllis Bryant Dupont, Back: Stella Pifko Marnik, Barbara Lawton Kenyon, Eileen Santos DaRosa, Eleanor Luther Johansen, Ruth Pacheco Costa, Dorothy Stearns Beaumont, Barbara Boucher Machado, Ann Govoni Borges, Patricia MacClean Foster, Eleanor Mendes Brazil, Natalie Sylvia Hemingway, Shirley Boucher Pelland, Betty Karvonen Gifford, Edith Holt Ryder, Eunice Randall Stolecki, Ruth Porter Covill. Also present was Shirley Norman Trafford. Photo courtesy of photographer Mr. Peter Covill. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com

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Erma Bombeck

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Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 05, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. In the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for Request for Determination of the following matters as required By Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

1. Request for Determination Applicant Antonio F. & Valentina DaCunha Location 8 Windward Way Plot 29 Lot 002C. Purpose construct addition with an AE flood zone.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Jones, Chairman
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Health

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/5, Arsene St., 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Building Committee

Thurs., 11/17, FHS Library, 6:00

School Committee

Wed., 11/30, FHS Library, 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 11/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 12/5, Comm. Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/5, BPW Bldg, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Tues. 12/6, Ford Middle Sch., 5 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Monday	28	0959	2223	0249*	1551*
Tuesday	29	1052	2318	0339*	1636
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Letters from our readers

New school & wind turbines don't mix

On November 2, 2011, [Fairhaven] voters said "yes" to funding a bigger and more modern Wood Elementary School at 60 Scoticut Neck Road. We are talking about a NEW consolidated school that will have 300+ students.

On Veterans Day we saw the construction begin of two commercial wind turbines at the nearby Fairhaven Waste Water Treatment Plant.

We need to ask if Fairhaven voters who approved the plan to close Rogers School understood the construction issues of two 400 foot commercial wind turbines that will shadow the bigger and more modern Wood Elementary School. What effect does the strobe/shadow flicker have on special needs students?

We are not talking about 20 or 30 houses or 50 residents living in a cellar because of wind turbine noise and shadow flicker, as in Falmouth, we are talking about a NEW consolidated school that will have about 300 students.

The wind industry is marked by both a reluctance to admit to accidents and a tendency to cover up the failings of the technology.

What happens to 300 students watching the strobe effect of two giant wind turbines flickering in the windows of the school and the harmonic sounds from those turbines

The two proposed projects appear to be on a collision course.

The placement of wind turbines near homes and schools in Fairhaven is also an international problem that can in no way be likened to living near a train or an airport. It is not just what you hear but what you don't hear (low frequency vibration) that causes well-documented health problems along with shadow flicker.

The public is being duped into envisioning fairy tale wind turbine financial gains while our city and town officials value the wind companies more than the people who elect them!

Frank Haggerty, Mattapoisett

Turbine Turnoff

I voted for the wind turbine project as a potential way of making Fairhaven a "greener" community, in spite of being a neighbor to the site.

Now, I regret that vote, totally turned off by the news that the turbines are made in China.

I think the whole issue needs to be reconsidered. At a time when our economy is in a nose dive and thousands are out of work, it is a blatant insult to be installing Chinese manufactured turbines in Fairhaven.

Everything from dental floss and bandages to wind turbines are manufactured in China. The label may be American, but the actual product is made in China within a polluted environment and where toxic chemicals are often used in the manufacturing process.

Perhaps we need a local version of the "Occupy" movement. It would certainly be a great campsite, just off the bike path. After all, isn't this just another case of a corporation thumbing its nose at the average wage earner and using "offshore" materials and labor?

Richard T. Clark, Fairhaven

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Thanks and Giving

Picture this: It's 1986 and I'm assessing my "situation" as I question whether or not I should walk in the door for an orientation meeting that is recruiting students for this fairly new sport called Cross Country. Like most puberty-ridden adolescents getting ready to enter high school, I am struggling with self-doubt, worried about my appearance and questioning where I will fit in my new environment.

I took a leap of faith and said, "What the heck, what do I have to lose."

During the orientation, this gruff, no-nonsense coach kept espousing statements like: "No prior experience necessary. If you show up, we'll turn you into an athlete."

The more I heard, the better it gets. "Make friends!" "Get in shape!" "Grow personally and accomplish more than you ever thought possible!"

Fortunately, I decided to put those guarantees to the test, and over the next four years, the Fairhaven Cross Country Program transformed me — a shy, nonathletic teenager — into a

confident, fitness-focused man who has proudly served in the United States Air Force for the past 16 years.

The Fairhaven Cross Country Program still exists today, but it does not enjoy the same support it once received. As Jo-Anne Charette, the coach and a teacher at the high school, continues to rebuild the program she must rely on local businesses and individual donors to keep the program "running" (no pun intended). In order to ensure the program is able to return next year, Jo-Anne and her students will need the support of individual donors. They need the support of this proud community.

With the Thanksgiving holiday right around the corner, I would ask you to remember both parts of that word: thanks and giving. Give thanks for the programs that influenced your life by giving to a program that can have a tremendous influence on young, developing athletes. Anything you can spare would certainly be appreciated and allows the team to finish the season strong.

Without any hesitation, I can easily say the opportunities I have enjoyed and the successes I have been lucky enough to achieve were due to the foundational values this program instilled within me — confidence, teamwork, leadership, and a strong work ethic.

This program made all the difference for me.

If this program can have the profound impact it had on me 20 years ago, it can do the same for many other young men and women. Please do what you can to make a difference!

Your check can be made out to "FHS Cross Country" and sent to: Jo-Anne Charette, Fairhaven High School Cross Country, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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