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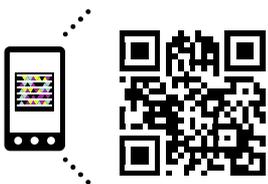
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Happy Birthday, Millicent



A display of photographs and artifacts is set up in the Rogers Room at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven to commemorate the 150th birthday of the library and the 130th birthday of its namesake, Millicent Rogers. Story on page 11. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, that was brutal, that cold, wasn't it? I didn't even get a frozen marsh picture, though. I had house issues to deal with. Kept me cooped up. But everything turned out okay in the end.

Apparently at least 40 people had burst pipes, as reported in the Selectboard meeting (see page 3). I feel for you. I had a close call myself, but I lucked out. This little shack is hanging in there.

Speaking of weather.

Acushnet is dealing with a nightmare on Main Street. Some brain trust cleared out all the trees and now there's river down Main Street when it rains. The new owners of the project are promising to fix it. Here's hoping....See page 12 for that.

The Millicent Library is 150 this year. Young Millicent would have been 130. The library has a pretty cool exhibit in the Rogers Room (see page 11), with a couple of pictures of Millie. The exhibit will be up for a bit, so you have time to wait for a good warm day.

We have a DaCunha's Dispatch this week (see page 14). Remember Elizabeth? She wrote a lot of articles on what was happening at the high school during COVID. Now, she'll pop in every now and then with an article of interest. This week is about getting girls interested in the science subjects, traditionally thought of as being only for the boys.

And...soup's on! The Acushnet COA got cases and cases of soup to distribute for free to patrons of the Senior Center (see page 19). Pretty cool, huh?

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Glory to the Heroes!




Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven BPW explains last week's dirty water

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Superintendent of Public Works Vinnie Furtado remotely attended the Select Board's meeting on Monday, 2/6/23, to explain the reasons for the periodic dirty water in town and how the town is planning to fix the problem.

Mr. Furtado explained that Fairhaven gets its water from the Mattapoisett Water District, comprised of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The treatment plant is in Mattapoisett. The district was formed in 2004.

The plant treats the water with filters that have "exceeded" their life span, said Mr. Furtado. Although they are able to filter the water in normal flow situations, they are overwhelmed when there is any amount of "turbulence" in the system.

Those filters are not longer available, so the district needs to conduct an upgrade to the system. All the towns have agreed to pay for the upgrade, he said, and they hope to get construction started this year.

Until the system is upgraded, he said, the town will have periodic problems. One stop-gap measure is to use "uni-directional flushing," said Mr. Furtado. The town has secured the funding to do that.

"It's almost like a backwash," he said.

Now, the town just opens the hydrant as a "reactive measure" to flush it when there is a problem, but that does not get all the sediment out

On Sunday, a contractor working for the City of New Bedford on Pope's Island drove a piling through a water line. The cold weather also caused a water line on Pope's Island to rupture

causing dirty water to backflush into Fairhaven in the center and behind the high school.

"And that caused the turbulence and we had dirty water," said Mr. Furtado.

He also told the board that there were 40 burst pipes in homes over the weekend during the brutal below zero temperatures, adding "insult to injury," he said.

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is upgraded the
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said BPW
Superintendent
Vinnie Furtado.

"These aren't normal things," said Mr. Furtado, and coupled with the current filtration system, it causes the sediment to rise.

"We're moving forward with the upgrade," said Mr. Furtado. The state approved it, the towns approved it.

SB member Leon Correy asked about the impact of leaving the water running to stop the pipes from freezing. Mr. Furtado said it was negligible; the first 750 gallons costs two dollars.

"I want my two dollars back," said Mr. Correy.

He asked if there is some way the

BPW can waive some part of the bill for people who had burst pipes or have to leave their water running.

Mr. Furtado said he would bring it up with the board.

SB member Keith Silvia asked if the town could get its water from New Bedford until the system is upgraded.

Mr. Furtado said it was possible, but he was hesitant to do that because New Bedford treats its water with a combination of chlorine and ammonia. He said people with certain medical conditions, and people with aquariums would have to take special precautions.

SB member Charles Murphy asked what people can do if they have dirty water.

Mr. Furtado said the public works department has iron-out at the office. He is also working on a presentation that they can post on the website that explains what people can do.

Anyone with dirty water can call the BPW office, 508-979-4030, for more information.

The SB also heard from Jessica Fidalgo of the Belonging Committee asking the board to approve a proclamation for Dr. Jibreel Khazan, who was one of the students who participated in a civil rights student sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter. Dr. Khazan lives in New Bedford.

"Everybody should meet him," said Ms. Fidalgo, adding she was trying to get him to come to Fairhaven for a Belonging Committee event.

"I didn't realize he was right in New Bedford," said Ms. Fidalgo. "He's a huge part of the civil rights movement."

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The board approved the proclamation, which read in part:

The board also voted to approve Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison's hiring of Bruce Webb as the Conservation/Sustainability Agent

Mr. Webb told the board he worked in the private sector for the last 3 1/2 years, on the "other side" of the table.

"It's nice to be on the town size," he said, to protect the resources of the town and allow people to do what they need to do with their properties.

SB member Bob Espindola said he wanted to make sure that Mr. Webb understood that sustainability was an important part of the job.

Mr. Webb said he had some

experience with sustainability, but it was limited. He told the board that it is not a field you get into without thinking about sustainability.

In another matter, the board rescinded the executive session minutes policy because it was in conflict with state's Open Records Law. The policy restricted how the minutes could be accessed by the public even when "released."

Executive session minutes are not automatically released to the public the way other meeting minutes are. The board reviews executive session minutes and they are supposed to be released to the public after the matter has been resolved.

The policy required that the minutes only be in hard copy and that a record of everyone requesting them be kept on file. The policy expressly prohibited releasing minutes in digital format.

Ms. Ellison told the board that once the minutes are released, they are a public record and need to be treated the same way as all other public records. She said the state encourages digital copies.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a temporary street closure policy that will allow block parties
- Approved a Recreation Center rate increase

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Nomination Papers

Last day to take out nomination papers is Fri., 2/10. See page 16.

Black History talk

During Black History Month, the Friends of the Millicent Library is presenting informal talks and discussions about Black people in Massachusetts and Rhode Island who changed history. We will talk about the realities of northern slavery and the challenges that continued after emancipation. The conversations will be led by Beth Luey, a Fairhaven resident who has written about these fascinating historical figures. The talks will begin at 6:30 and last about an hour, at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, in the auditorium (use Walnut Street entrance).

• **Wednesday, Feb. 15:** Sojourner Truth. Born enslaved in upstate New York, the young woman who later took the name Sojourner Truth worked as a domestic servant until New York State's gradual emancipation law freed her in 1827. She became an evangelical preacher and a nationally known orator speaking for emancipation, women's rights, and human rights more broadly.

Annual Memorial Service

As we memorialize those whose lives have touched ours and passed in 2022, we remember, the special gifts they have shared with us.

Fri., 2/17, at 2 p.m., Alden Court, 389 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA. 02719

Light refreshments will be provided following the service. We sincerely request that you RSVP for this event. To RSVP or if you have any questions relating to this Remembrance Service, please call Sharon Jensen, Alden Court Activities Director, before February 13th at (508) 642-6254.

Blood Drive

Mon., 2/20, 1:30-6:30 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop). Call Fhvn Rec for more information, 508-993-9269

OLOA Dinner

Our Lady of Angels annual dinner, Sat., 3/18, 5pm - 8pm, at OLOA, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. \$15.00 per person. Your choice of Bifanas or Chicken Mozambique. Call Joe Mello for tickets: 508-733-4608.

Spirit Medium

Fairhaven Rotary presents Spirit Medium Gallery Night. Three mediums will be in attendance: Judy Ramos, Megan Allaire, Heather Marshall.

Join us on Fri., 2/17, from 6-11 p.m., at Traveler's Ale House, 111 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven. Ticket donation: \$50 each. Free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

Contact Jeannine Lopes for tickets, 774-628-6856, or ruby0918@comcast.net

Trash Talk

On Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 PM, South Coast Progressive Voices (SCPV), in partnership with the Southcoast Massachusetts chapter of the Climate Reality Project, will host an online presentation by South Coast Neighbors United (SCNU), How Bogus Solutions to the Waste Crisis Are Trashing South Coast Communities. The presentation will examine recent plans by Parallel Products, recast as South Coast Renewables, to contract with surrounding local cities and towns to filter their trash collections for recyclables onsite in New Bedford and ship the remaining trash onward to landfills, first by truck, but eventually via rail. The impact on immediate residential neighbors and the wider region will include increased and hazardous truck traffic; air and light pollution; and pests, odor, and noise. The plan purports to be "green" but is nothing of the sort.

If you are interested in attending this online meeting, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/Bogus-Solutions>.

South Coast Progressive Voices is an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. SCPV features topics in fields of broad public interest from local, regional and national perspectives. SCPV presentations are FREE and OPEN to the public.

The Climate Reality Project aims to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every level of society. For more information on efforts of the Southcoast chapter, see <https://www.climaterealitysouthcoast.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/crmasc>.

South Coast Neighbors United is a group of concerned citizens from Acushnet, Freetown, Fairhaven, Fall River, and New Bedford, who came together in 2015 to oppose a proposal to expand natural gas infrastructure in numerous Massachusetts communities, including Acushnet and Freetown. SCNU is committed to achieving and preserving a clean and safe environment for South Coast families, neighbors, surrounding communities, and future generations. See more information on Facebook (SCNU, CAPPP) or at www.scnu.us.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (<https://uufairhaven.org>) is committed to the pursuit of religious freedom and to building a world that is just, peaceable and sustainable.

Black History Event

The Fairhaven Belonging Committee will hold a Black History event on Thurs., 2/23, at the Fairhaven Council on Aging/Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), from 5-7 p.m. Featuring a Black History talk, light refreshments, informal socializing. FREE, no registration necessary.

SAVE THE DATES

"Annie" at FHS

Tickets for Fairhaven High School Drama Club's production of "Annie" are now on sale! Follow the story of everyone's favorite red-headed orphan with songs like "Hard Knock Life," "NYC" and "Tomorrow."

Thurs.-Sat., March 23-25 at 7 p.m.; Sun., March 26 at 2 p.m. at Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://fairhaven-public-schools.ticketleap.com/annie/>. Adults: \$20; Student/Senior: \$15.

Free Women's Shooting Clinic

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club proudly hosts NRA's Women on Target women's instructional shooting clinic on Sun., 2/12, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the NBRRC, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford, MA 02744.

Come join us and receive a basic level of firearm safety instruction so that you will know how to safely handle firearms.

Then under the direct supervision of a Certified Firearms Instructor, you will enjoy some hands-on experience with both revolvers and semi-automatic handguns.

This clinic is FREE for any woman. Just come down and learn the safe and proper way to handle firearms.

This event does NOT fulfill the requirements to obtain your Mass. LTC License

If you have any questions and want to register for this event please contact either Michael DaRoza 508-294-4082 or Dave Maxim 508-295-5821

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Corner of School and Purchase Streets. Not accessible.

Return of our annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper, featuring faffle and games, Sat., 2/11, at 6 p.m.

Donation, \$10. Includes spaghetti and homemade meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, brownie, ice cream sundae, and beverage

A Fundraiser to benefit Pilgrim's mural of Booker T Washington

Please consider making a donation, even if you cannot attend, for the homeless who would like a meal on that night. Thank you!

Please call Carol Sherman and leave a message to reserve a seat: 774-473-7931 or Eventbrite on our Facebook page

AHA! Night

The Next AHA Night Themed "We HeART NB" Is Coming up on Thursday, February 9th - Presented By Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism

AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) provides a free platform for New

Bedford's creative community to showcase their talents collectively; making arts, culture, and creative expression accessible to all. AHA! Night offers a meeting place for community partners on the 2nd Thursday of the month, when artistic expression is everywhere and open to everyone: encouraging fun, provoking-thought and nurturing the soul. Join us downtown to shop in various galleries, relax in downtown restaurants, and participate in all the fun events AHA! Night has to offer!

Giant Pinball 3D Projections!

6:00-8:00pm, Wing's Court, Downtown New Bedford. Have you ever heard of 3D Projection Mapping? Come see this special debut of the vibrant artistic medium rarely seen in the U.S. Broken Glass Projections makes surfaces, like building facades, come to life in a unique display while 3rd Eye Unlimited provides music and other entertainment. Performances will run approximately 10 minutes with a 5 minute break in between. Brought to you by Broken Glass Projections & 3rd Eye Unlimited.

Color Me Yours!

Sailor's Valentines, 4:00-7:00pm, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill

Say "Forever Yours" at the New Bedford Whaling Museum with a color-your-own greeting card based on a Sailor's Valentine! Featuring small seashells arranged in a symmetrical pattern, Sailor's Valentines were a popular 19th-century souvenir for sailors to give their sweethearts left on shore. New England

artisans have since revived the tradition, including local artist Bill Boffa. Meet Boffa during this month's AHA! night and view or purchase his incredible contemporary valentines.

Pat Coomey Thornton: Moment to Moment

6:00-8:00pm, University Art Gallery, Star Store Campus, 715 Purchase Street. This exhibition, created specifically for UMass Dartmouth, presents abstract oil paintings and gouaches on paper created between the years 2011 and 2023. The artist

invites us to enter the world of rich layers of vibrant colors, changing "moment to moment" from a darker and heavier palette to a brighter and more optimistic one, offering quiet meditation, but also tension, beauty, chaos, exuberance. The titles offer an entrance to the visitor's musings about the meaning of the work, but also suggest a gravity of the story or feeling behind them, such as oil paintings Unexpected, 2022 or Four Stages Plus One, 2022 that refer to the artist's recently diagnosed health condition.

Afghan Women's Art Exhibit

The SouthCoast Afghan Welcome Network, the Community Economic Development Center, and the New Bedford Free Public Library is pleased to announce the opening of a unique exhibit, Dil ba Dil Rah Dhara (From One Heart to Another): The Afghan Women's Art Project, on Thursday, February 9, 2023 as part of the City's AHA! Night festivities. The exhibit showcases a range of Afghan handicrafts, ranging from fiber arts, embroidery, jewelry, decorative painting, and traditional and modern garb, and is the culmination of several months of work by six local women who came to Massachusetts as refugees in late 2021.

The exhibit's title comes from a traditional Afghan proverb: Dil ba dil rah dhara, or "From one heart to another, there is a way", and represents the women's desire to share samples of their country's rich history and vibrant culture and to express their thanks to the Southeastern MA community which welcomed them as they adjusted to their new homes away from home. This art project was made possible thanks to the generosity of New Bedford Economic Development Center, MassDevelopment/TDI, and the Barr Foundation - Art is Everywhere Grant facilitated by New Bedford Creative at the NBEDC.

The Afghan Women's Art Project will be on display at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA, from Feb. 9, 2023 through March 23, 2023.

At Acushnet COA

The following events are being held at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St. For more info, call 508-998-0280.

- Greedy Dice & LCR, back to back gaming day, Wed., 2/15, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Got cabin fever? Have the winter blues? Join us for a fun filled afternoon. Bring some quarters for Greedy Dice. \$2/game for LCR. Free refreshments; donations welcome. To sign up, call 508-998-0280.
- Get tickets now for MGM Casino & Live Musical Theater Day. One day only: Sat., 4/15, \$135 per person. Price includes gaming at MGM, Banquet buffet on property, admission to Majestic Theater, complimentary concession coupon, luxury transportation, all tax and service charges. See Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story, featuring more than 20 of Buddy Holly's greatest hits. For more info, contact Heather Chew, 508-998-0280, hchew@acushnet.ma.us

Photography Exhibit

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents an exhibit from February 15 - March 14 called Photography by John Oldham: From the Streets of Boston to the Cannons of Fort Phoenix.

Local resident Oldham is a History Teacher at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School in Rochester. He has been taking photos and learning the art of photography for just one year. His passions include landscapes, lifestyles, portraits, and a love for street photography in Boston and other cities.

Staycation

Hot Chocolate Hike

During school vacation week, don't get stuck indoors! Mattapoisett Land Trust is offering a Hot Chocolate Hike on Monday February 20th at 10am. Meet at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Foundation on Angelica Ave. for a short hike followed by hot chocolate and a campfire. All are welcome to join. Dress for the weather and wear your boots, it may be wet out there!

Visit <https://mattlandtrust.org/>

Scavenger Hunt

For even more family fun during school vacation, try out MLT's Staycation Scavenger Hunts. See the Family Activities page on the MLT website to download the instructions and checklists for the Dunseith Gardens and the Dexter "Tub" Mill scavenger hunts. Good luck! Remember to post your photos with #MLTscavengerhunt so we see how well you do!

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Acushnet Boy Fights Rare Cancer

Taylor and Danielle Guillemette received the devastating news that their 7-year-old son Porter was diagnosed with Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), an aggressive brain tumor that is very difficult to treat because of its location in the brain stem. Porter spent a week at Boston Children's hospital right after the diagnosis with his parents by his side. A biopsy was done to find the specific mutation and set a course for treatment. He has started radiation therapy that will continue through the beginning of March. This will try and slow the growth of the tumor. They will soon start clinical trials in the hopes of finding a cure.

Porter is a funny, extremely smart, energetic, and polite kid who definitely takes after his parents. He excels in second grade at Acushnet Elementary and his good-natured personality always puts a smile on those around him.

His father is a firefighter in New Bedford.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Guillemette family during this crisis.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckv557k> to learn more about Porter and his family, and to donate.

Nitrogen Talk/BBC

Ms. Korinn Petersen, Esq., vice president for Clean Water Advocacy at the Buzzards Bay Coalition, will be the featured speaker at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

Attorney Petersen will discuss her advocacy work on behalf of the

Coalition and focus on the long-term sustainable use of Buzzards Bay by managing both local and regional projects designed to reduce nitrogen pollution from wastewater.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition adopted an ambitious Strategic Plan that highlighted the need for more advocacy if the Coalition was going to live up to the promise of its founders to save Buzzards Bay.

As always, Mattapoisett Women's Club programs are open to the community please join us and learn about the decades of hard work and significant resources invested in reducing pollution, saving vital watershed lands, and making Buzzards Bay more resilient in the face of climate change.

Valentines Dance

St. Joseph Parish presents a Valentines Dance on Sat., 2/11 at 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Tickets: \$25/adults, \$15/kids under 12, kids under 5 free. Proceeds to benefit our building fund.

Featuring DJ Carlos Matias, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, music and dancing, fun for everyone; 5050 and basket raffles.

Playwrights

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program.

Apply online at marionartcenter.org/mtpi. Applications are due by March 1, 2023. Email questions to mtpi@marionartcenter.org.

Recipe of the Week

Classic Chili

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper, optional
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (16 ounce) can of red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce

Add the olive oil to a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat.

Cook the onion until tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the ground beef and cook until browned while breaking apart with a wooden spoon, about 5 minutes.

Add the chili powder, cumin, sugar, tomato paste, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and cayenne, stirring until the spices are fragrant and the beef is well-coated, about 1 min.

Add the broth, diced tomatoes, drained beans, and tomato sauce.

Bring the mixture to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium-low.

Gently simmer for 20-25 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally.

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Dear Frankie



Keeping Up With The Joneses

Dear Frankie,
Winter break at my doggie daycare is just around the corner. Several dogs have talked about going on a family vacation.

I asked my mom if our family had plans to go away.

She said, "You've got to be kidding; I can hardly keep our heads above water financially."

I know sooner or later, one of the daycare dogs will ask me about my vacation plans. I don't want to lie. I also don't want anyone to know that my family is poor and can't afford a vacation.

Do you have any suggestions for what I should say?

Hattie

Dear Hattie,

I suspect your mom's response was more sarcastic or dramatic than truthful. If your family lived on the edge, you wouldn't be attending a fancy private doggie daycare. Vacations are a luxury and expensive. They are not a necessity or the staff of life.

Some families don't see the value

of blowing a wad of dough for a week of fun. Other families value saving their extra funds and building a nest egg.

There are also nonfinancial reasons why families don't go on vacation. They dislike the stress and hassle involved in traveling. They prefer to use their free time to read, go on day excursions, work on their hobbies, or entertain.

If someone asks you about your winter break plans, say, my family doesn't take winter family vacations.

Then turn the conversation around and ask, "What are your family's plans for the winter break?"

Don't be surprised if they say nothing special, getting up late, hanging out in our PJs, watching TV, playing video games, making cookies, going on hikes, etc.

In other words, winter break is no big deal.

Best, Frankie

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Millicent Library celebrates 150 years

By Beth David

Editor

The Millicent Library celebrated its 150th birthday and the 130th birthday of its namesake, Millicent Rogers, with some cake on Saturday, 2/4/23. The library opened on January 31, 1893, and the first books were checked out the next day.

An exhibit in the Rogers Room displays the first book checked out, and includes photos of a young Millicent Rogers, and other artifacts in the library's history.

Millicent's French poetry school

book is in the collection. The inscription in the inside front cover is the only known surviving handwritten text by Millicent, who "wrote with humor," according to the display: "He who steals this book of knowledge, will end his day in Sing Sig College."

An original Millicent Library Card is also on display. It was the 1,854th card to be issued, was issued on February 18, 1893, and was issued to Sarah D. Holmes of New Bedford.

The first book checked out, "Memorials of a Quite Life" by

Augustus J. C. Hare was taken out by Millicent's grandmother, Mary Eldredge Huttleston, who also received the first library card issued by the Millicent.

The exhibit will be on display for the next several months. The library is at 45 Center Street, Fairhaven; hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit <https://millicentlibrary.org> or call 508-992-5342, or email Millicent@SailsInc.org



LEFT ABOVE: This photograph of Millicent Rogers (LEFT) with her sister, Mary, August 16, 1887, was created as a tintype, produced on a thin sheet of metal, and is part of the display at the Millicent Library. LEFT BELOW: The French poetry school book belonging to Millicent Rogers, the namesake of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven, is on display in the exhibit. Photos by Beth David.



RIGHT: A birthday cake for the 150th birthday of the Millicent Library is ready for patrons to enjoy, while the cake for the 130th birthday of its namesake, Millicent Rogers, is partially eaten during a birthday celebration on 2/4/23. Submitted photo.





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Acushnet solar project causes widespread flooding

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard held an emergency meeting on Thursday, 2/2, with other town departments, and abutters to the solar installation being built at 550 Main Street to discuss widespread and destructive flooding that work on the project has caused in the neighborhood and along Main Street.

Stephen G. Campbell, Jr., the Chief Operating Officer of Navisun, which now owns the project, was also at the meeting, and assured the town and neighbors that the company would do whatever it takes to make the situation right.

The crux of the problem is that after the project clear-cut a two+ acre field, water flooded area homes and businesses. Apparently, the scope of the project nearly doubled, from one megawatt to 1.7 megawatts without any changes to the flood mitigation plans. According to the latest legal notice, the solar array will cover 8.9 acres, and the project cleared 16.2 acres.

SB member Bob Hinckley said there was a “brook” running under Main Street and over Main Street.

“It needs to be addressed,” he said.

Conservation Agent Pat Hannon gave a presentation laying out the problems, with photos of flooded yards, fields, and parking lots. He said he toured the site with state officials and the Environmental Protection Agency, and they are now paying attention.

He went through a history of the

project and the various ideas and back-and-forth with the company to try to rectify the situation.

Mr. Hannon said the ground is too saturated for normal discharging on site.

“The water needs to leave the site,” he said, adding that the town cannot tell the company exactly what to do because if it does not work, they will blame the town.

He also said the project changed, going from one board to another with the changes not being seen by the other boards.

The water that flowed was wide and fast through yards, under Main Street, over Main Street, alongside of

I have no idea how something of this magnitude ever slipped through the cracks
[Kevin Gaspar]

Main Street, and Mr. Hannon had the photos to prove it.

“We have a chance of losing that portion of Main Street,” said Building Commissioner Andy Bobola, adding that the whole project is below the water table.

“There are just so many things that are not correct,” he said. “It’s hard to fathom. And this is what we’re left with as a community.”

He said one resident lost his well and had to tie into town water.

“There should’ve been a lot more eyes on this project,” said Mr. Bobola. “We’ve got to, as a community, get a grip on this so these types of things don’t happen.”

Selectboard members voiced their frustration with both the developers and the

town’s own officials who should have been keeping an eye on the project.

SB member Kevin Gaspar said it was “serious negligence” and “gross negligence” on the part of town officials. He said he toured the site with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency and they could not believe what they saw.

“I have no idea how something of this magnitude ever slipped through the cracks,” said Mr. Gaspar, adding that people are getting paid, there is a process in place, reviews by different boards, and it is still a mess.

He blamed the digital permitting process and said they need to go back to paper, where everyone signs on the piece of paper so they are accountable.

“There are a lot of things that need corrections,” he said, adding that the town is paying a lot of money to a lot of people in salaries and they need to be held accountable. “It’s gross negligence.”

He said it was obvious to anyone that the flood mitigation efforts would not be good enough.

“It’s beyond my belief how this solar field ever ended up there,” said Mr. Gaspar.

The site is supposed to be designed to hold rainwater and have it drain in 72 hours, he said. Yet, days later, the water is still standing.

The meeting, held last Thursday, was just ahead of a forecasted deep freeze for the weekend, when temperatures hit well below freezing.

SB Chairperson David Wojnar explained that if there is a deep freeze that hardens the ground, then a lot of rain, the whole road could go.

According to town officials, the homeowner who hooked up to town water needed to abandon the well on the property because flooding caused by the project contaminated it.

Deborah Medeiros, who owns a farm abutting the project, said her pond is full of silt, and the field is too muddy to walk in. She used to hay the field twice a year, she said, but there is no way she can use the equipment because it is too muddy.

Mr. Campbell said that Navisun bought the project from another developer, so they were not involved in the creation of the drainage plan. He said they are conducting their own internal investigation to find out how



The road to the Navisun solar facility site at 550 Main Street in Acushnet winds along from Main Street to the back of the property on 2/6/23 where 16.2 acres have been clear-cut for the 1.756 megawatt project. Photo by Beth David.

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it happened.

He said that the company is also worried about what will happen if it all freezes.

"We are taking this extremely seriously," said Mr. Campbell.

He told the board that they are using pumping trucks to remove water from the ground, and frac tanks to store the water off the ground.

He said the engineers are working on it.

Mr. Gaspar said that if it is the same engineer who designed what is there, "It's garbage. You should fire him."

He said if they have to shrink the project to make the retention ponds larger, then they will have to do that.

"You're gonna swallow that pill and like it," said Mr. Gaspar, and added that if the town has to "flush the toilet" on their end, meaning fire town officials, then they will do that and bring in all new people.

Mr. Wojnar told Mr. Campbell he appreciated that the company was not being defensive, but was promising to make things right.

The board and Mr. Campbell also discussed some details of the special permit, most notably which time of year they can clear trees, etc.

Town Administrator James Kelley said it was clear, in plain English, when the company could and could not do certain things, and they violated the terms of the permit.

Navisun attorney Mark Kalpin stepped in at that point and said the language was not so black and white, that it said they could do certain things if they did mitigating things depending on the time of year, etc.

"The language could be a lot clearer," said Mr. Kalpin.

"We can argue about that," said Mr. Kelley.

Mr. Wojnar said the town needed to clean up the language on special permits to make it "crystal clear."

Mr. Wojnar said the meeting had a "good tone." He said the town made its position clear on what their expectations are, and "you guys recognize it's a mess."

"We want the abutters to know we are taking it very seriously," reiterated Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Gaspar noted that the town has not been enforcing its stormwater bylaw. He said a stormwater permit was not even issued.

Mr. Campbell said the company is looking at a 40-year relationship with the town, and it is "unfortunate" that the situation happened.

"We're going to fix this," said Mr. Campbell.

Ms. Medeiros, who owns the farmland, said the planning board was no help.

"Now my pond is full of silt, my field is full of silt," she said, and asked who will make sure her pond life

comes back?

"My land is what I care about," said Ms. Medeiros, telling the board her great grandparents lived on that land. "We've been here forever."

She said there had been no notifications to abutters about any changes. She did not even know that Navisun bought the project until she saw the sign.

There are trees that have fallen half on her property, she said, because the project cut down so many trees, the last storm took down the few left around the perimeter. She said she does not have people she can hire to clear them out.

"I want to know who is going to follow through," she said, and make sure it all gets fixed.

"That's me," said Mr. Campbell, and handed her his business card.

The board will be discussing ways to prevent a similar situation in the future. Officials from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, and Building Department were also at the meeting.

"We have internally bigger problems that we're going to fix going forward," said Mr. Gaspar.

The meeting is available on demand on the town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWx9VywKUY>



LEFT: A retention pond can be seen through an idle excavator at the Navisun solar facility site at 550 Main Street in Acushnet on 2/6/23, where 16.2 acres have been clear-cut for the 1.756 megawatt project. The field is still wet on 2/6/23, days after rain had fallen. Photos by Beth David.

DaCunha's Dispatches



News from the
high school
world

By Elizabeth
DaCunha

Special to the Neighb News

Hello All!

It has been a few months since my last appearance in the *Neighb News*, but I'm excited to be back!

For the past few months, some exciting extracurricular experiences have been happening within the Fairhaven Public School District.

As a student interested in taking on a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) career in my future, I was sparked by the idea of STEM for a Social Good brought about by the Girl Up Organization.

Essentially, Girl Up is a female advocacy organization branched off of the United Nations, with a goal of building a more equitable world for the future of young girls.

With this in mind, I wanted to start our own club chapter within the school district, where high school girls could mentor young female

students at Hastings Middle School. This way, STEM opportunities would be available for those who lack resources for their passion towards STEM.

It wasn't difficult for me to find involved mentors as many stepped up to the extracurricular opportunity with great interest and inspiration from the Girl Up mission.

For example, junior Natalie Yochim, stated, "I think more girls need to enter the STEM field, and I myself plan on majoring in biochemistry."

Along with Natalie, 11th grader Sofia Torres shared that, "I would've loved to have the opportunity to learn about STEM and be a part of something like this in middle school, and now I can help younger girls be more involved within STEM subjects."

Regardless of prior interest in STEM among many of the girls, it is a goal for us to foster this passion for all fields of STEM among all of the members, which we have been able to work towards through various club activities.

In our first meeting, as stated by middle schooler Joselyn Berche, "We learned about many female scientists who are very inspiring."

She added, "I love Girl Up because [it] lets me learn about STEM and do fun activities with my friends."

At our next meeting, we were able

to focus on the technology side of STEM with guest speaker Brianna Alves, the only female within our school's technology department. She shared a bit about her journey in STEM, while also teaching the club members how to code through MIT Platform, Scratch!

This past week, we were able to explore the scientific aspect of STEM with guest speaker McKenzie Ferrari from Umass Dartmouth, who studies physics with a concentration in astrophysics at her school. She spoke about her interests in space, stars, and science, as well as the different research projects that she has been involved in. Alongside this, the girls were able to build rovers from candy, snacks, and such that were shaped as replicas of those that are sent by NASA to explore Mars.

By providing these opportunities to learn about STEM fields that have low interest from the female population, I hope to set out an earlier pathway for many of these young girls as well as the involved mentors, to find interest within these fields, and make up a larger portion of the STEM workforce in their future careers.

Additionally, the purpose of starting this club for me was to help build a connection with the high school and middle school girls through something positive and productive.

This is only the start for Fairhaven's Girl Up Club, yet we've been able to build great relationships among the members, and help these girls become more confident in their abilities and leadership skills.

Just as mentor Olivia Darmofal stated, "We hope to be those role models for them that I wish I would've had when I was younger, at times when I needed advice and encouragement the most."

I'm excited to see the growth of these girls over the course of the year, as we continue to discover their STEM passions and uncover the confidence and ambition that each one of them has.

The world needs more female leaders in all parts of the world, and our strong group of Fairhaven "STEMinists" are ready to take on the Girl Up mission head on.

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The members of the Girl Up Club at Fairhaven High School mentor young female students at Hastings Middle School to help them pursue a career in a STEM field (Science Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.) Submitted photo.

NB Whaling Park celebrates Black History Month

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is proud to offer a month of events in recognition of Black History Month continuing through the end of the month. All events are open to the public and free of charge. Although all the events will take place at the Visitor Center at 33 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740, two events will be hosted online and require pre-registration, and two will be hosted in the Corson Theater of the visitor center.

Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 PM, register for this online presentation and discussion on *New Bedford's Underground Railroad: New Bedford's Most Powerful Protest*. Ranger Rufai will share the stories of six of New Bedford's agitators from our City's Abolitionist and Anti-Slavery history. Local leaders include Nathan and Mary "Polly" Johnson, William and Lucinda Clark Bush, William Still, who is connected to New Bedford through his work in Philadelphia, Henry "Box" Brown, Captain Daniel Drayton of the Schooner Pearl, and Andrew Robeson, Quaker Abolitionist.

Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 PM, register for this online presentation *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass in New Bedford: A conversation between Abby Almy, one of New Bedford's 1850s Ladies and Frederick*. Join with us as we view a prerecorded conversation between Frederick Douglass (Nathan Richardson) and his New Bedford neighbor Abby Almy (Judy Roderiques). Douglass and Almy talk about life in New Bedford, and the Anti-Slavery and Women's Movements of the day. Following the pre-recorded presentation, Mr. Douglass and Mrs. Almy will be available for an online LIVE Q & A.

Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 PM, join us in the Corson Theater for *Black Entrepreneurship Then and Now* as we pay homage to three of New Bedford's own 18th and 19th Century entrepreneurs: Paul Cuffe, Mary "Polly" Johnson, and Lewis Temple. From today, we will highlight Black Entrepreneurship in New Bedford with **talks/presentations** from Samia Walker, Executive Director, E For All SouthCoast; Lonelle Walker, Execu-

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JOHN MACIEL TIM EVANS

John is a New Bedford native, and has been living in Fairhaven for over 15 years now. A professional photographer by original trade, John has made his way into real estate as an extension of his already successful business. He has been around the real estate business for over a decade as a photographer, and now is also one of our agents! Having worked closely with Howe and his team for both photographing listings, and as a home buyer and seller with Howe, John has a good insight into what makes a listing look it's best for a successful sale, and what to look for when helping buyers find a new home. He has also stayed current with technology, is skilled in drone photography and 3D interactive imaging.



Tim Evans' passion for homes is second only to his love of music. At the very early age of eight, Tim began developing his musical talent studying piano and performing in various choral groups. Today, He continues his musical career with such things as serving as the music director for the annual production of "A Christmas Carol" at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester. Tim got into real estate primarily due to his husband Howe, but has found that his interest runs deeper and like his other teammates at Howe Allen Realty, he enjoys helping others with their real estate needs. Whenever he does a showing where a piano is present his clients are treated to a musical interlude!

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February is American Heart Month: quit smoking/vaping

February is American Heart Month — a great time to quit vaping, smoking or other nicotine products. Smoking can lead to narrowing blood vessels and high blood pressure; it is a leading cause of heart disease. Less is known about vaping's effect on the heart so quitting any nicotine use is a wise choice for your heart.

When you're ready to take the first step, 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669), the Massachusetts Quitline for tobacco/nicotine, is available for FREE support 24 hours each day, seven days a week to support you through quitting. No lectures. No judgments. Just support. You can

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nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges, and advises on the best way to use them.

So, for American Heart Month, make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family. If you vape, smoke or use other nicotine products, quitting is an important step to take to protect your heart.

For more information, visit mass.gov/quitting or contact the Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, Colleen Kennedy-Mello, at 774-473-5531 or ckennedy@sevenhills.org. Take the first step of your journey to quit for good during American Heart Month.

Last day to take out nomination papers in Fairhaven is 2/10

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00pm
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so in the following manner:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktlVi9XSzGppZz09>
or CALL 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076

Passcode: 633695

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be by remote means only.

The meeting can also be viewed on Channel 18 or on FairhavenTV.com.

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-337: 23 Goulart Memorial Drive Notice of Intent filed by Chanda Kale to repair frame and replace the supported concrete and timber pilings for the handicapped ramp at deck level. Also, to repair

and replace timber frame, support, and surface for the walkway. Work to take place for the property located at 23 Goulart Memorial Drive, Assessor's Map 42, Lot 022B. Work to take place within Barrier Beach and FEMA Zone VE, EL.19'.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 2/9/23

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US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

	Feb 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	9	1009	2234	0312*	1529*
Friday	10	1051	2320	0350*	1604*
Saturday	11	1140	----	0431*	1643*
Sunday	12	0011	1233	0521	1732*
Monday	13	0105	1328	0625	1835*
Tuesday	14	0200	1425	0735	1940*
Wednesday	15	0301	1534	0842	2045*
Thursday	16	0411	1644	0959	2157*
Friday	17	0513	1740	1113*	2308*
Saturday	18	0604	1830	----	1208*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Belonging Committee

Thurs., 2/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 2/13, Arsene St., 5:15 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 2/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Community Preservation

Wed., 2/15, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 2/13, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/2, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 3/8, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Tues., 2/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Conservation Comm

Wed., 2/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Golf Committee

Thurs., 2/9, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 2/9, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard w/Soil Board

Fri., 2/10, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 2/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Tues., 2/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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POLICE DISPATCHER The Town of Fairhaven is hiring for a union-Emergency Telecommunicator (Police Dispatcher) position. The starting rate is \$25 per hour. Applications can be obtained at the Fairhaven Police Department, or via <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities>. All applications shall be submitted in person or online by Monday 2/13/2023 at 4:00PM. Fairhaven is an EEO employer. 29

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Weekly soup donation warms the soul and the blood

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior Center wants everyone to know that the soup is on!

Every Monday the United Way donates cases of soup that the COA hands out for free to patrons of the

center.

COA Director Heather Chew said people are welcome to take one home with them, and sometimes two if it gets to be later in the week and they have enough. Most weeks, though, the soup goes fast.

"It's the best thing to have on a

chilly day," said Charlene Fortin, who works at the desk. "It's a very generous donation."

The center is at 59 1/2 South Main Street, Acushnet. Call for information on the services and activities they provide, 508-998-0280.



LEFT: Charlene Fortin of the Acushnet Council on Aging/Senior center, arranges containers of soups donated by the United Way or patrons to take for free on 2/6/23. RIGHT: Choices include butternut squash and apple, chicken noodle, and chicken and wild rice. Photos by Beth David.

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