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L-R: Fr. Bob Charlton and Fr. Stephen Banjare bless motorcycles and their riders as they pass in front of St. Joseph Church on Spring Street in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/7, for the annual Blessing of the Bikes. The event, which drew 412 motorcycles this year, benefits St. Joseph School. Motorcyclists braved the cold and the threat of rain, which held off until after the ride that went through back roads and ended at the Ice House for food and entertainment. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, the spring season is heating up, even if the actual temperature is not.

We have meetings coming up and public hearings and just a general, all-around awakening of the senses, the politics, and...v room vroom...motorcycle season!

So, first thing, look out as you drive, motorcycles are everywhere, so be careful. A car can handle a little fender bender much more easily than a bike, so, keep your eyes peeled. That goes for bicycles, too. Everyone's out there trying to get some fresh air.

It'll warm up, really it will.

Speaking of cars, one crashed right through the 7-11 in Fairhaven. Ouch...double ouch. See page 18 for that.

We had the annual Cherry Blossom Festival this weekend. The weather was a little difficult, with big winds and kind of cold, but nothing all that bad. The just moved the tents and still used the park for the demonstrations. See page 13 for that.

And coming up this Saturday, is the annual food drive by the National Association of Letter Carriers (see page 5). This is the easy one, folks. You just put a nonperishable item out near your mailbox. That's it. The post office will do the rest. Just like a letter, only you don't have to put a stamp on it. The amount of food collected has been going down the last few years, so let's see if we can remember this year and bump it back up. All the food goes to local food pantries.

We also have our town meeting story this week (page 4). It was pretty ho-hum, but I tried to give you the highlights. I love town meeting. We have some characters, and I love to see them.

I took a ton of pictures, so I'll be sorting through them in the next day or two and posting them up on Facebook. Be sure to check it out.

Well, there's other stuff in here, of course. While you're looking through, be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

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Beth David, Publisher

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Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdsparnry.org

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

FHS students win four student Emmys

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven High School students won four awards from this year's National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences New England Student Emmy Awards.

FHS recipients are: Sean Flynn for his video essay about Greasy Luck; Kelsey Pereira for her audio on her word of the week segment "Cacophony"; Noah Duarte for his photography in his open letter to New England, "Estranged: A Love Letter to New England"; and Michael Sargent and Jeffrey Szynal for their open letter "Dear Meghan."

Alyssa Botelho received two honorable mentions for her music video "Arsonist's Lullaby," and her PSA "Dear Future Senior." Jasmine Melo received an honorable mention for writing in "Dear Love," and Kaelyn Bourgeois received an honorable mention for her news story on the "Lil Spikers."

The entries can be viewed at <http://www.fhsart.net/news/2017-student-production-award-winners>

Mr. Flynn's video essay on the

Greasy Luck includes interviews with employees and beautiful, artistic photography of New Bedford, the facility and the food. He won the Exc "Cacophony" by Kelsey Pereira is a mix of sounds heard in the classroom every day.

In his open letter to New England, Noah Duarte features New England's stone walls, oak trees and wildlife by the ocean, with a poem the need to explore life beyond home.

In "Dear Meghan," Mr. Sargent and Mr. Szynal write to Mr. Sargent's sister, who was killed in a car accident in 2015, with photographs of her and other aspects of their home life, and memories of a sister and brother growing up together.

In the music video "Arsonist's Lullaby" Alyssa Botelho features the music of Hozier, shadowy photography and creative choreography, with interesting visuals.

Her public service announcement, "Dear Senior" is full of advice to future seniors, mostly...have fun."

"Lil Spikers" by Kaelyln Bourgeois is a news story about volleyball featuring interviews with coaches

and players, and shots of students learning to play.

In her open letter "Dear Love," Jasmine Melo disparages love as nothing but an idea and not real.

See the 3/19/17 issue of the *Neighb News* for details on awards FHS students won at the Salem Film Fest.

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Town Meeting zips through 58 articles

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's annual town meeting was largely a quick and uncontested affair, with Town Meeting members voting to pass just about every single article that required a vote, and finishing up just a few minutes after 12 noon. There was almost no discussion on spending items, just one or two questions on budget items, and only one "no" vote at the annual meeting, held on Saturday, 5/6, at Hastings Middle School.

The only outright rejection was for a non-spending article that was petitioned by citizens. Article 54 sought to get the town on the record as supporting an amendment to the United States constitution that would reverse the supreme court decision that allowed companies to spend unlimited funds on political races (Citizens United decision).

Ken Pottel, who petitioned the article, told TM that Citizens United "opened the floodgates" to money in all areas of politics. He said the money has a "corrupting influence" on politics and is not a "healthy thing for democracy."

He said it would move the legislation along and that 77% of voters supported the petition.

Michael Silvia told TM that he had not problem with the contents of the article, but that Town Meeting was not the place for the issue.

He said the "beauty of local government," and town meeting is that people come together to work on things, "practical things, like potholes."

"Let us reserve town meeting as a place to do town business," said Mr. Silvia.

Another TM member disagreed, saying that the issue got 77% of town support on the ballot question.

"It is a bipartisan issue," she said. "It's about democracy and getting our voices heard, whatever side you're on."

Al Benac said he believed that the issue should go to town voters in a ballot question. He said he represented other voters in his district and did not want the responsibility of choosing for them.

The vote was the only vote to be challenged, causing a count. But it did fail.

The marijuana moratorium generated some discussion, and passed easily. Planning Board chairperson Wayne Hayward noted that it was a zoning bylaw and would give the PB time to come up with zoning regulations. Voters approved recreational marijuana in November, but the state has delayed implementation of retail shops pending regulations. Municipalities around the state are passing moratoria so they can draft bylaws, but they have to wait until the state drafts its own regulations.

Resident Diane Hahn said that she supported the legalization of marijuana, but that "responsible communities" are voting to wait.

"This is happening, folks," she said.

TM member John Pond, however, spoke against "so-called recreational marijuana," and railed against the dangers and "harmful effects" on young people.

"So I say whatever we can do to keep it out of our society, we should do it," said Mr. Pond.

The moratorium passed by the obligatory 2/3 vote.

The wheelchair ramp and other renovations to the Academy, a 1798 building that now houses the town's visitors center and Historical Society museum, also garnered some discussion. The project would use \$119,000 in Community Preservation Committee funds to make the building wheelchair accessible.

Mr. Benac reiterated his opposition to the changes (the appropriation failed at last year's meeting), saying that the money should be used for other things, such as widening the sidewalks around town hall.

Those opposed to the change say the historical building should not be changed.

The renovations would not only add a wheelchair ramp in the back (north side) of the building but will also rebuild the front entrance to make the stairs compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mr. Benac also noted that the space is not large and the new exit in back will take more space from the visitors center. He said the ramp was not needed.

"There hasn't been a handicapped person there since he has been in that building," said Mr. Benac, which solicited a bit of laughter from members.

Diane Hahn took issue with that logic, saying there has never been a handicapped person there because they have not been able to get in the building.

David Despres, chairperson of the Historical Commission, said the changes will address three problems: the deteriorating front door, making the front steps ADA compliant, and making the whole building ADA

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Rogers Sch. Study

The Town of Fairhaven will hold a **Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thurs., 5/11, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.** The purpose of the meeting will be for the Town's consultant, Kirk & Company, to hold the third and final public meeting to present their final report and findings about the potential future reuses of the Rogers School.

If you are interested in the future of the Rogers School, you are urged to attend the meeting. The Final Report is available on the Town website: www.fairhaven-ma.gov under "Documents and Contracts." The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning & Economic Development at 508-979-4082, Ext. 9.

Ham & Bean Supper

An Old Fashioned Ham and Bean Supper on **Sat., 5/13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Council on Aging/Senior Ctr, 229 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven**

A fundraiser sponsored by the Fairhaven Lions Club and the Fairhaven Village Militia, will include a meal of ham, beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert, a **vintage cruise night, music, and more.** Tickets are **\$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and under.** For tickets call Bill Moniz at 508-996-3420, John Medeiros at 508-990-0000, or Ellie Sylvaria at 508-441-7566. Advance tickets may also be purchased at Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave. Available for take-out. Accessible.

Boy Scout F-R

Boy Scout Troop 52 of St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven will be holding a **FUNDrive by Savers on Sat., 5/13, from 10:00-2:00 at St. Mary's Church on 440 Main St., Fairhaven, MA.**

Help us raise funds for our Troop by donating clothes and household items such as bedding/towels, accessories, cds, dvds, books, toys & games, kitchen items, knick-knacks and sporting goods.

The community may drop off their donations in boxes or bags to the church parking lot on May 13th. Learn more: Find us on Facebook at

Book Group

"Before We Met" by Lucie

Whitehouse, is slated to be the book discussed on **May 18, at 10:00 a.m. at Fairhaven's Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven (use Walnut St. entrance, accessible).** The story is about Hannah, who because of her parents' bitter divorce, has vowed to stay free from romantic commitments. But she falls in love with Mark Reilly, who adores her, and from his wealth and business successes, she now lives richly in an expensive London town house. All begins to fall apart when he fails to return from a business trip, and she, on discovering his dark secrets, has to decide whether they are to protect him or protect her. Facing this decision becomes the turning point in the story.

The discussion is free, open to all. To borrow the book, contact either the Millicent Library, or SAILS, the inter-library web site. For questions or directions, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

Stamp Out Hunger

The annual National Association Of Letter Carriers' **food drive will be held on Sat., 5/13.** Residents are asked to leave nonperishable goods on or near their mailboxes, where letter carriers and volunteers will collect them for distribution to local food pantries.

Vets Pension Sem.

If you're a veteran or the widow of a veteran, you may be eligible for the Veterans Affairs Aid and Attendance Pension — ranging from \$1,153 to \$2,127 per month — to help cover the cost of assisted or supported living services. Jacob Lowrey from American Veterans Aid will be here to explain the process and answer all of your questions: **Thurs., 5/18, 5-7 p.m. RSVP by 5/12** Atria, 391 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, 508-994-9238, www.AtriaFairhaven.com

Annual Spring Fling

On Sat., 5/20, Holy Family Holy Name is hosting its 3rd annual "Spring Fling" at Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven, 7:30-11:30pm

Reunite with your classmates and raise money for the school at the same time. This event is for alumni, current parents of children at HFHN,

and those who want to support it. Tickets are \$50 and include Buffet Stations, Silent Auction, Cash Bar, and Music by KimberDashLee.

For tickets, visit <http://www.hfhn.org/wp-content/uploads/Parent-Sponsorship-letter-and-FRA-2017.pdf>

This year our goal is to raise money to help fund a new science center! Good science facilities are a cornerstone of a great education.

Fun Run for Fhvn Schools

Imagine a fun fitness event, an interactive character program, and a highly-profitable school fundraiser all in one. That's what East Fairhaven School is participating in and what's even more exciting is that we are partnering with Wood School. That's right, one fundraiser for all of Fairhaven's elementary students. This fundraiser is called the Better Together Fun Run

Here's how it works:

- Students skip, dance, walk, and run to upbeat themed music.
- Families gather pledges from people they know.
- Sponsors easily pay their pledge online or by check.

Every student gets to participate in the fun, regardless of financial participation.

The Better Together Fun Run program **lasts about nine days** and consists of four main parts: Pep Rally, Team Huddles, Fun Run, and Collection. **The Fun Run is on Wed., 5/24, and we encourage all parents to attend to cheer on our students.** The "run" will take place at Wood School and the times by grade will be announced when it gets closer. EFS students will be bused over to Wood School by grade.

The PTO boards at East and Wood have been working hard to gather sponsors and have already raised enough money to provide t-shirts to every student and staff member at both schools! Wareham recently did this event and raised almost \$85,000! The money raised by East will go toward upgrading the playground for our students.

To help sponsor a student, contact EFS at (508-979-4058, or Wood at 508-979-4073.

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USCG rescues kayaker, saves three from sinking boat

Kayaker survival credited to preparedness

The Coast Guard rescued a 66-year-old man Sunday, 4/30, after his kayak overturned near Baileys Mistake, Maine. The man radioed Sector Northern New England watchstanders on VHF ch. 16 at about 4:20 p.m. stating he was uncertain of his location and was unable to get back into his 17-foot kayak.

A 29-foot response boat small boat crew from Station Eastport arrived on scene and recovered the man, who was suffering mild hypothermic conditions. The crew took him to Cutler, Maine where Emergency Medical Services was waiting.

The kayaker made several good decisions that resulted in his rescue: He was wearing a dry suit that thermally protected him from the 44-degree water; He had a handheld marine radio, which he used to notify the Coast Guard; He activated a Personal Locator Beacon, directing rescuers to his position.

"The only reason he's alive is because he prepared for the worst case scenario," said Capt. Michael

Baroody, commander of Sector Northern New England. "He didn't know exactly where he was, but the beacon did. And that dry suit significantly boosted his survival time."

U.S. Coast Guard and their partner agencies are committed to generating greater safety awareness among paddlers and small boat operators. Visit www.uscgboating.org, and stay tuned for local events during National Safe Boating Week, May 20-26.

USCG Coordinates rescue

The U.S. Coast Guard coordinated the rescue of three people Saturday, 5/6, after a Swedish-flagged, 32-foot sailing boat became disabled and demasted 1,200 miles east of Cape Cod.

An Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) aboard the sailboat AELA alerted Coast Guard watchstanders to the distress. They promptly directed CG Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to launch a C-130 Hercules long-range surveillance aircraft.

Watchstanders also spoke with the father of two of the stranded men, who reported his last contact with his sons was Friday via email.

Through the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, an international distress notification system, mariners nearby AELA were alerted to the sailboat's situation.

Three ships voluntarily participating in the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER), a computer-based global ship reporting system used to determine the position of AMVER ships near a distress location, also responded to assist.

A fourth ship, the Hong Kong-flagged chemical tanker Alpine Melina, responding to the distress notification, was vectored to AELA's position by the aircrew and recovered the three men from the disabled boat early Sunday. The three men are all reported to be in good condition.

The rescued men will stay aboard Alpine Melina until the ship's next port of call in Mexico, where the survivors will embark flights home to Sweden.

AELA's intended voyage was from Nassau, Bahamas, to Bermuda, but bad weather forced the boat to attempt to sail to the Azores instead.

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DAV holds swearing in ceremony

By Beth David
Editor

The Disabled American Veterans Dr. C.E. Burt, Chapter 7 held its annual swearing in ceremony on Saturday, 5/6, at its headquarters at 19 Willis Street, New Bedford.

Elected officers were Commander

Rodney Hunt, Sr. Vice Commander James Gagon, Jr. Vice Commander Roland Boisvert, and Treasurer David Miska. Appointed officers: Adjutant, John E. Smilowitz; Chaplain, John Pires; Sgt.-At-Arms, Marc Kearley.

William Vicini Massachusetts DAV Commander, performed the

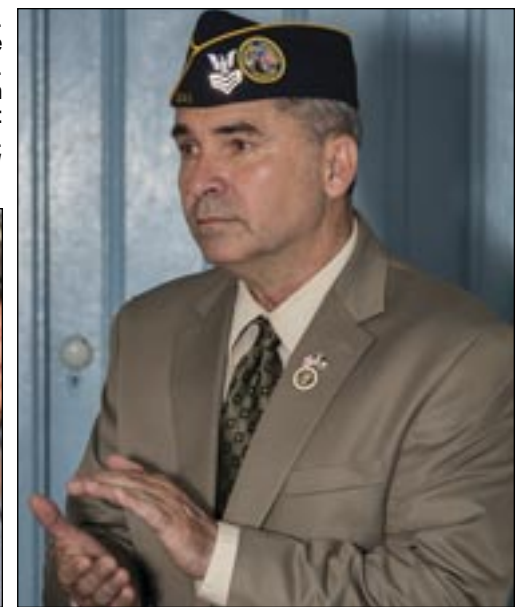
ceremony.

The chapter helps veterans get the benefits their service has earned them. They meet the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, to make an appointment, or to volunteer, call 508-992-3766.



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Newly sworn officers of the Disabled American Veterans Dr. C.E. Burt Chapter 7 in New Bedford, Jr. Vice Commander Roland Boisvert, Sr. Vice Commander James Gagon, Treasurer David Miska, Commander Rodney Hunt. ABOVE RIGHT: Mass. DAV Commander William Vicini, who performed the swearing in Ceremony. BELOW LEFT: Mr. Boisvert listens to the proceedings. BELOW MIDDLE: Commander Rodney Hunt raises his hand for the swearing in part of the ceremony. RIGHT: Marc Kearley was appointed Sgt.-At-Arms. Photos by James Mahaney. Find him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/james.mahaney.9>



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STILL IN TOWN

Bike/Hike

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance in cooperation with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee are having a **Bike and Hike event Sat., 5/13.**

This free, family friendly event is part of Bay State Bike Week which is sponsored by MassBike, Mass DOT and Mass Rides. The ride offers **two starting points.** For a 20 mile round trip bike ride cyclists will meet at Ft. Taber in New Bedford. For a 7 mile trip, start at Ft. Phoenix in Fairhaven. All cyclists will ride to the Shaw Farm

Trail on the Phoenix Rail Trail at Shaw Rd. BBC members will lead a 4-mile round trip hike down to the shore. All cyclists will return to the starting points. Helmets are required. Those who wish to hike only may do so.

Two rides: 9:30 a.m. registration at Ft. Taber, ride starts at 9:45, 20 miles; 9:45 a.m. registration at Ft. Phoenix, ride starts at 10:15, 7 miles; 10:45 a.m. Shaw Farm Trail Hike, 4 miles. 10:45 a.m., return Bike Ride to start.

For more information visit our website at southcoastbikeway.com.

This family event is brought to you

by the South Coast Bikeway Alliance, Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and the Buzzards Bay Coalition along with the support of SRPEDD. Bay State Bike Week is a partnership with MassDOT, MassBike, and MassRIDES.

Irish Night

West Island Irish Night, **Sat., 5/27, 5 p.m., at the WI community center, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. Tickets: \$15,** call Shirley at 508-996-3473. Featuring traditional boiled dinner at 5 and Eddie Dillon and Alfie O'Shea from 5-8. BYOB.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Tryworks 50th

Tryworks Coffeehouse 50th Reunion Celebration Weekend

From May, 1967 until May, 2002, Tryworks Coffeehouse was THE venue to perform and listen to folk, traditional, contemporary, original and classical music. Poetry was read, short plays performed and stories of all sorts were told.

Come celebrate with us, see old friends, share songs, stories and food!

Have photos or memorabilia? Bring it with you and add it to our Memory Board or email to Tryworks50th@gmail.com.

All events at the First Unitarian Church of New Bedford, 71 Eighth St., New Bedford, MA. Accessible.

Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. Open Hoot with songs, music and stories from and about Tryworks Coffeehouse. Doors open at 6 p.m. **Admission is \$5.**

Sat., 5/13. Doors open 4 p.m. Pot luck at 5 p.m. Open Hoot with special **guests 7 p.m.** Admission is \$10.

Sun., 5/14 at the 11 a.m. service at the First Unitarian Church of New Bedford. A service to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Tryworks Coffeehouse.

Reprints of the original songbooks, commemorative t-shirts and buttons available for sale all weekend. Seating limited! Come early to get a seat! All proceeds to benefit the community outreach programs of the First Unitarian Church of New Bedford,

Volunteer Training

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is seeking volunteers for

programs, events, and daily operations. A free training will take place on **Sat., 5/13 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.**

Volunteers are needed for various duties such as staffing the Reception Area; assisting with educational programs for school groups; leading walking tours for the public; and demonstrating industry skills. Knowledge of the commercial fishing industry is helpful but not required.

The Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the commercial fishing industry past, present, and future through archives, exhibits, and programs. The Center is open Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please email operations@fishingheritagecenter.org or call 508-993-8894.

Concert F-R

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 635 Purchase St., New Bedford, sponsors Taylor Cormier (WBSM) in Concert (Sinatra, Darin, Dean Martin, Tony Martin), on **Sat. 5/20, 7:30 p.m** **Donation: Adults \$10, Children \$5.** Tickets at the door. Proceeds to benefit church programs

Last YTI Show

On May 11, 2017, Your Theatre, Inc. will open the final production of their 70th consecutive season with an eight show run of "What the Butler Saw" by Joe Orton.

Dr. Prentice, a psychiatric doctor in an exclusive, private clinic, is attempting to interview (and seduce) an attractive would-be secretary,

Geraldine. Unwittingly surprised by his wife, he hides the girl. The affairs multiply as Mrs. Prentice, being seduced and blackmailed by young bellhop Nicholas Beckett, has promised him the secretarial post. When a government inspector arrives, chaos, underpants and cross-dressing lead the charge. The final tableau reveals "the missing parts of Winston Churchill" held aloft as the curtain falls. The New York production won the Obie Award as Best Foreign Play of The Season.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 70th Season Sponsor, Bank 5, for their fifth year of strong support for the arts and to Bristol County Savings Bank for sponsorship of this production.

Performances are May 11-13 and 18-20 at 8:00 p.m. and May 14 and 21 at 2:30 p.m.. in the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County St.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers and \$13 for senior citizens, students and military personnel. For tickets and further information call YTI at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org

Cape Verdean Vets

The "Honoring Cape Verdean American Veterans" Exhibition will be on display **through May 24, 2017 at**

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STILL OVERTOWN

the New Bedford Public Library, Downtown Branch. This exhibit is free and open to the public!

Local photographer Ron Barboza is the creator and curator of "Honoring Cape Verdean American Veterans." The exhibit covers World War I to Afghanistan. The exhibit is open during regular hours of the library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, beginning at 7pm.

Flag Drop-Off

In 2016 thousands of tired and

worn American Flags gathered from drop off points in New Bedford, Lakeville, Freetown and Fall River were burned in a solemn ceremony at Cathedral Camp by the Scouts.

Troop 333 St. John Neumann Church, East Freetown, will sponsor their 2017 retirement ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd at their Eagle's Nest camp site located on the grounds of Cathedral Camp. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

American and POW-MIA flags for

retirement may be left at Rock Funeral Home in New Bedford, (1285 Ashley Boulevard), the Town Hall Town Clerk's Offices in Lakeville and Freetown, the Freetown Police Department and the Fall River Veterans' Center (755 Pine Street).

Individuals, cities, towns, fraternal and veterans groups and businesses in the area should drop off flags to any location or contact the Troop Committee Chairman Mike McCormack at 508-998-1218 or e-mail ccTroop333CC@gmail.com.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

PJ Keating mtg

The Acushnet Board of Health will hold a public meeting on Tues., 5/16, at 6 p.m. at the Council On Aging/Senior Center, 59 1/2 So. Main St., Acushnet, to hear comment on the proposed change at PJ Keating. The company wants to move its asphalt operations closer to the road and residences. Acushnet residents are encouraged to attend.

Tiara 5K

The 11th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K, walk and fun run, will take place on **Mother's Day, Sun., 5/14, starting and finishing at the Oxford Creamery in Mattapoisett. Registration opens at 7:00 AM, with the Children's Fun Run starting at 9:00 AM and the 5K starting at 9:30 AM.**

Visit www.womensfundtiara5k.com to register: \$30 on for 5K runners, Kids Fun Run \$5.

Revenue will support Women's Fund. Email tiara5k_volunteer@gmail.com or Visit www.womensfundsema.org or call 508-717-0283.

Animal Fundraiser

Animal Advocates is having a Mother's Day Gift Sale on **Sat., 5/13, from noon to 6 pm at The Sail Loft Restaurant in Padanaram Village, 246 Elm St., Dartmouth, MA.**

Featured items are bouquets of flowers in vases, chocolates, sweets and bakery goods, handmade gift items and gift baskets, jewelry, plants and more.

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family or friend and support our animal friends in our communities.

The funds raised spay and neuter and provide healthcare to dogs and cats that need our help. Call 508-991-7727, 774-888-9008 or e-mail animaladvocates@comcast.net

Plant Sale

Them Greater New Bedford Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on **Sat., 5/20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 So. Main St.** If inclement weather the plant sale will be held inside the Senior Center. Geraniums in five different colors, herbs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, house plants and shrubs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Rose Murphy Scholarship Fund.

Health Fair

Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. in collaboration with the Dartmouth Council on Aging, will host its annual Healthy Aging Fair on **Wed., 5/17, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Dartmouth Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth St., South Dartmouth.**

Over 70 vendors will display information and provide education on a host of services that are available to elders and those who are caring for elders. Southcoast Mobile Van will be on site for free blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings, and pneumonia vaccine.

There is no charge to attend and lunch/refreshments will be served throughout the day, through the generosity of sponsors, Brandon Woods, Dartmouth Friends of the Elderly, the Office of Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn, III.,

Residence at Cedar Dell, and the Royal Health Group.

Outdoor Poetry

At The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Fri., 5/19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Led by Pat Gomes of Greater New Bedford Writer's Block, this workshop will use The Sawmill's serene natural scenery overlooking the Acushnet River to inspire your poetry.

Free workshop appropriate for anyone interested in writing and poetry aged 12 and up. Please bring your favorite notebook and writing utensil to practice your poetry.

Pre-registration is required. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/poetry-night-may-19-2017/. Contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at (508) 999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

SAVE THE DATES

Herring Fest

Free family-friendly Acushnet River Herring Festival at The Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring food, music, canoeing, live bird demonstrations, guided walks, and more.

To learn more, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/discover. Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored by Southcoast Health.

Share the Harvest

Sat., 5/20, from 9-Noon. "Volunteer Day at Sharing a Harvest" at the Dartmouth YMCA community farm. Starts at 8:30 AM registration; at 9 AM we get our assignments and finish up by noon, then a cookout. Contact Bill at lc1914bb@aol.com

Recipe of the Week

Good Old Fashioned Pancakes

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Make a well in the center and pour in the milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.

Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.

TIP: Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier.

From allrecipes.com

Atria Fairhaven recognized for quality

Press Release

Atria Fairhaven is among an elite group of Atria Senior Living communities recognized for maintaining the highest standard of quality in all areas.

The community received the Atria Senior Living Q Award, which is presented only to communities that receive outstanding scores in Quality Enhancement. The company's Quality Enhancement program consists of biannual, unannounced internal reviews of approximately 700 items that examine all facets of the community. All areas, ranging from culinary services and medication management procedures to cleanliness of bathrooms and activity programming, are assessed by independent Quality Enhancement Reviewers.

To earn a Q Award, a community must score above a 91% on the Quality Enhancement review and meet an additional checklist of demands.

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For more information about Atria Fairhaven and the Q Award, call 508-994-9238.

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Blessing of bikes draws 412

By Beth David
Editor

More than 400 motorcycles joined the annual blessing of the bikes in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/7, braving cold and windy weather at Fort Phoenix and the threat of rain. The weekend included just a few hours of respite from the wet weather, just enough time for the riders to gather at Fort Phoenix and participate in the ride.

From Ft. Phoenix riders went to St. Joseph's on Spring Street in Fairhaven for a blessing by Fr. Bob Charlton and

Fr. Stephen Banjare. Riders then went on a ride through back roads and returned to the Ice House in Fairhaven for food and entertainment by The Relics.

Before the ride took off from Ft. Phoenix, Chris Costa, David Norman and Eddie Roy said they were joining the ride and the blessing to, hopefully, have a safe year.

"Hopefully, it helps keep us vertical," said Mr. Norman.

Falynn Faria, tags along with her father. They rode down from Taunton and planned to go to Providence after.

"I just like riding," said Ms. Faria. She said she will definitely have a motorcycle of her own when she grows up, and plans on it being a "pink, sparkly bike."

She'll be wearing a pink leather jacket to match it, too.

According to organizers, 412 bikes participated in the run. Proceeds from the even support St. Joseph School in Fairhaven.

For more information, visit <http://www.saintjosephschool.org> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/100springfairhaven/>



ABOVE LEFT, L-R: David Norman, Eddy Roy and Chris Costa hang out at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven waiting for the Blessing of the Bikes motorcycle run to begin on Sunday, 5/7. The bike run had 412 bikes participate. Riders went from Ft. Phoenix to St. Joseph Church on Spring Street in Fairhaven, then went on a ride through back roads, ending at the Ice House in Fairhaven for food and entertainment. Proceeds from the ride benefit St. Joseph School. ABOVE RIGHT: A woman spots the camera and waves after getting blessed in front of St. Joseph Church. BELOW: Riders react after passing through the holy-water gauntlet. *Photos by Beth David.*



Cherry Blossom Festival highlights Japanese culture

By Beth David
Editor

The crazy wind pushed some activities up the street, but it didn't stop Fairhaven's Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival from happening on Sunday, 5/7. Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, the festival celebrates Fairhaven's unique relationship with Japan, especially one small fishing village.

In 1841 a 14-year-old boy was stranded on a desert island with four shipmates. Six months later, Capt. John Whitfield of Fairhaven rescued Manjiro and his companions. The youngster returned to Fairhaven with Capt. Whitfield and became the first Japanese person to live in the Untied States. Japan was a closed society at the time and Manjiro became instrumental in opening Japan to the West, even earning himself a last name and becoming Manjiro



LEFT: Tanner Lopes (left front), Tucker Lopes (back left), Noah Oikarinen (back right), Josh Hatcher (front right), of Aikido of Bristol County demonstrate aikido techniques at the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/7. RIGHT: Tanner Lopes defends himself against an attack by his sister Taylor Lopes. That's what happens when you ask for volunteers. Taylor said she volunteered so she could hit her brother, to which their mother replied: "I don't let them hit each other at home." Photos by Beth David.

Nakahama.

On Sunday, Japanese Consul-General Rouchiro Michii joined members of the WMFS and the public for a traditional Bento picnic box lunch, Japanese drumming and martial arts demonstrations, paper theater (the Manjiro story), origami and names written in Japanese.

A chorus also led the crowd in song in front of the WMFS house on Cherry Street, which is where Manjiro lived while he was in Fairhaven. The Colonial Club's Coggeshall Memorial house across the street was also open for tours.

The martial arts and drumming demonstrations were held at Cooke Park, despite the cool weather and high

winds. Organizers said the other events had to be moved because the wind kept knocking down the tents.

The park is home to six cherry trees that were a gift from Tosashimizu, Manjiro's home village and Fairhaven's sister city.

To learn more about the Manjiro story, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/manjiro-nakahama/>



ABOVE: Members of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society lead the crowd in song at the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/7. RIGHT, L-R: Japanese Consul-General Rouchiro Michii and WMFS president Gerry Rooney stop for a picture with the local free sheet. Photos by Beth David.



Colonial Club losing home, will auction off collection

By Beth David
Editor

One of Fairhaven's oldest clubs is losing its longtime home. The Fairhaven Colonial Club, established in 1912, is losing the house at 6 Cherry Street which was left in trust to the club at the death of Martha Coggeshall in 1916.

The trust is administered by Bank

of America, which sent a letter to the club informing them of the decision to sell and telling them to vacate the premises.

Details are sketchy on how the bank is authorized to sell the house without the Colonial Club's input.

The club's president, Cindy LeBlanc, was not available for comment and other club members

would not comment for the record.

The club's ownership of the contents of the building, including its impressive collection of Fairhaven historical artifacts and paintings, is not in dispute. The club is, however, selling off that collection. An auction is scheduled for June 10 at Marion Antiques, 164 Front Street, Marion.

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Special Activities

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On Sunday, May 14 from 10:30-12:00 p.m. The Fairhaven COA will be having a Mother's Day Tea Party for ladies who find themselves alone this Mother's Day. Whether you are a mother with children who live out of town or someone who has no children but celebrates Mother's Day because you cherished your own mother, you are invited to attend this special event. Light sandwiches and pastries will be served along with a variety of teas. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029.

Sewing Circle

With Debbie Rock. Please come and join the fun, we have the sewing machines, just bring in your material, etc. The Sewing Circle will meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center on In May the group will meet 15th & 22nd from 1-3:00 p.m. and May 4th, 18th & 25th from 6-8:00 p.m. If you have questions please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

Got Talent?

The Fairhaven Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Senior Talent Show Sunday, April 30, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall. Do you have a special

talent that you would like to share? Call MK at 508-330-4837 or Anne Silvia at the Fairhaven COA at 508-979-4029 for more information or to sign up.

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Acushnet picks Gomes over Francis for moderator position

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard chose Nicholas Gomes over former town moderator Robert Francis to be moderator from now until voters vote again in April of 2018.

At their meeting on Tuesday, 5/9, board members heard from both interested parties, then voted to choose Mr. Francis. At first the vote was 2-1, with board member Roger Cabral voting to support Mr. Gomes. But Mr. Cabral asked to change his vote to make it unanimous, saying he supported Mr. Gomes.

The situation arose because no one was on the April 3 ballot. The two men ran as write-in candidate and received 32 votes each, requiring the Selectboard to make an appointment.

Mr. Francis had said previously that he would step down after 36 years as moderator, but never really gave a reason.

At Monday's meeting, however, Mr. Francis told the board that he had gotten some dire medical news in the fall.

"They said I was going to die," said

Mr. Francis.

But then, after some treatment and new medication in January, he said his health has improved.

"I actually feel better than I before," he said.

He was still vague on exactly what his medical condition is.

"You know I love the job," said Mr. Francis.

Lifetime Acushnet resident Nicholas Gomes, who was formerly on the Housing Authority, but stepped down as part of lawsuit settlement involving James Madruga, told the board that he was new to politics.

An attorney, he said, and also wrote in his letter of interest, that his legal background would make him an ideal candidate for the position.

He also said, and wrote, however, that he held Mr. Francis in "high regard," and remembers Mr. Francis running the meetings when Mr. Gomes was a teenager.

He said he wanted to be involved in politics to make Acushnet a better place to live. He promised to find another way to get involved if not

appointed.

Mr. Cabral was the first to speak and said that if Mr. Francis wanted the job he felt that he should be allowed to continue as moderator. He cited Mr. Francis's history in the job.

When Mr. Cabral made a motion to appoint Mr. Francis, no one seconded it.

Board member Michael Cioper spoke words of support for both men, but made a motion to appoint Mr. Gomes. Chairperson Kevin Gaspar seconded the motion.

Mr. Gaspar wished Mr. Francis the best of luck, but said it was time for a "new generation."

He said he hoped that Mr. Gomes's appointment and visibility in the job would inspire young people to get involved in town politics.

At Mr. Cabral noted that he did not have an express objection to Mr. Gomes and asked to amend his vote to make the support unanimous.

In another matter, the board delayed a vote on granting an easement for a property on Perry Hill Road, near the corner of Mendall.

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The property has a failing well, but there is a five-year moratorium on digging up a newly surfaced road, so the owners cannot get to town water on Perry Hill Road. They want to hook up on Mendall, but it requires crossing a piece of town owned land. The owners asked for a permanent easement, but the board was not supportive of that.

Board members agreed that maybe a temporary easement would work better, then when the five years is up, they owners can hook up on Perry Hill Road.

Mr. Gaspar, however, also questioned why the town even owns that property and said he had repeatedly asked for more information on how many parcels the town owns and why.

"Water is something no one should be deprived of," said Mr. Gaspar, but also cited possible legal repercussions in the future with a permanent easement, or maybe even a temporary one.

The owners would be forced to do the hook-up twice if it is temporary.

In the course of the discussion

about possibly selling the land in the future, Town Administrator Brian Noble said he got a text from Dan Menard, Highway Department Superintendent, who said the town's radio towers are on that land.

The board and Mr. Noble agreed that the land is unlikely to be sold.

The board voted to support the temporary easement if town counsel agrees it is something the town can legally do.

Mr. Cioper noted that unless it is an emergency, the town cannot tear up the road. He questioned if the owners knew they had trouble with the well before Perry Hill was paved.

"Everyone has trouble with wells," said Mr. Cabral.

Board members worried about setting a bad precedent.

The board also discussed the ownership of the parcel itself, with Mr. Noble saying he was unable to find the deed.

"I don't know when the town [acquired] this property," said Mr. Noble.

Mr. Gaspar then turned the discussion to all the other parcels the

town owns and said he would like a list of where they are, when the town got them and why they did. He said the board should consider maybe selling some of them.

Mr. Noble noted that many of them are very small. Mr. Gaspar said that abutters might be interested in buying them.

The board voted to have Mr. Noble research the town owned properties.

The board also got an update from Tom Decosta on the progress of the Veterans Memorial that will be built at Pope Park. He said that progress has been steady and the project will go forward with no town funds being used, although they are still fundraising.

"It's [going to] happen, it is happening," said Mr. Decosta.

He said he is proud of what his group did and what the town did.

He said the park is "really like the center of town," because everyone goes there at some point.

"One way or another, if I have to go out myself with a shovel and start, I will," said Mr. Decosta.

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Car crashes into 7-11 in Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

An 84-year-old woman apparently hit the gas instead of the brake, catapulting her car through the wall of the 7-11 in Fairhaven on Wednesday, 5/10. Police and paramedics responded at around 9:30 a.m. to find the car completely inside the building and products strewn about inside.

The area of the store that was hit included motor oil and other auto products that spilled out causing a treacherous and slippery mess, said Fairhaven police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Kobza.

He said the woman was “really shaken,” but appeared to have no serious injuries. She was the sole occupant of the gray 2003 Toyota Camry.

“I think she thought she was stepping on the brake, but she hit the accelerator,” said Sgt. Kobza. “She appeared to be fine medically.”

He said there was no indication that she had a medical episode or



that it was a case of distracted driving.

Witnesses told police that just before the crash, three people were standing where the car had crashed through.

“So, it could’ve been a lot worse than it was,” said Sgt. Kobza.

A press release from the Fairhaven

Fire Department stated that the driver and the store clerk were both evaluated by paramedics and taken to St. Luke’s for minor injuries. No other injuries were reported.

The Fairhaven Board of Health required that the store be closed until affected food is removed and the store is cleaned.



TOP: A 2003 Toyota Camry sits inside the 7-11 convenience store in Fairhaven on Wednesday morning, 5/10. An 84-year-old woman hit the gas instead of the break, crashing through the wall. There were no serious injuries. ABOVE LEFT: Police officers at the spot where the 2003 Camry crashed through the wall. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Fire Department. ABOVE RIGHT: The scene inside the 7-11 after an 84-year-old woman crashed through in her 2003 Toyota Camry. Photo by Beth David.



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Hoppy's Landing getting spruced up for summer

By Beth David
Editor

Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven is getting spruced up for the warm weather. The Harbormaster's department, Marine Resources Committee and the Board of Public Works have teamed up to make some changes that will make the idyllic spot a little more welcoming to families of all ages. After securing the permission from the Conservation Commission, crews removed some longstanding debris and a lot of invasive vegetation that was blocking the view.

The Harbormaster's office and BPW also installed large posts that will be connected with rope in nautical style. And on Tuesday, seven picnic tables got delivered so the public will be able to sit and watch the activity at the boat ramp, which is used by a variety of commercial and recreational boats of all sizes.

The picnic tables were built by and donated free of charge by Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School students as part of a community service project. The project will also include park benches and a shade area.

Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox said his daughter Tara Cox and her friend Lexi Lees spearheaded the project as part of a statewide Skills



ABOVE, L-R: Fairhaven Harbormaster deputy Todd Cox and Big Wheels driver John deOliveira unload 7 picnic tables at Hoppy's Landing on Tuesday, 5/9. BELOW: The area was cleared out so people can sit and enjoy watching the activity at Hoppy's Landing at the edge of Buzzards Bay in Fairhaven. Photos by Beth David.



USA competition, and took third place.

Picnic tables were also donated to New Bedford at Fort Taber/Fort Rodman, and in Dartmouth at the YMCA.

Mr. Cox said the students secured a \$25,000 grant

from Lowe's for the project, and Big Wheels donated delivery service.

The area at Hoppy's where the picnic tables are will be seeded with native grasses.

Hoppy's Landing is located at 69 Goulart Memorial Drive, just before the causeway to West Island. For more information, visit <http://fairhaventours.com/hoppys-landing/> or <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/hoppys-landing/>

And while we were there



When you're hanging out at the boat ramp, you'll see all sorts of stuff, not just what you're there for. While we waited for the picnic tables on Tuesday, 5/9, we spotted a few other people, like Captain Bobby "Sacky" Sakwa and Captain Ray Cote. Capt. Sakwa returned from a morning out lobstering, while Capt. Cote headed out, just around the same time. LEFT: Matthew Loo holds up a bag of oysters he harvested from his oyster farm on Tuesday, 5/9. ABOVE: Capt. Robert "Hoppy" Hobson waits for his deck hand to back the trailer down so he can load his boat on it after a morning out lobstering. The lobsters did not cooperate very well this morning, he said, saying he got a fraction of what he expected. Photos by Beth David.

Fairhaven/Acushnet baseball roundup

Majors

Acushnet Police 9, Livesey Club 7

It was a pitchers' duel through 5 innings as LC's Aiden Hassey threw an absolute gem while Acushnet Police's Aiden Lamontagne and the defense kept the LC batters contained most of the night. Brice Strawn was an impressive 4 for 4 on the night. In the bottom of the 6th, Tyler Mahon got up with two runners on and hit a laser beam over the right field fence to tie the game, his second homer of the year. Jack Cunha was 3 for 3 on the night for LC, and Mason Santos pitched a perfect seventh inning to sail it down for AP.

Costa's 4, Century house 3

Aiden Camacho hit a game tying home run in the bottom of the sixth and a game winning walk off double in the bottom of the 7th. Owen Benoit pitched 5 innings with 11 strikeouts and had 2 hits. Connor Sorelle and Kyle St. Jean also had 2 hits in the win. For Century House, Brian Felix pitched an outstanding game going 6 plus innings with 12 strikeouts and had a hit. Nate Carrol had 2 hits for CH.

Livesey Club 9, Lions Club 7

In a 9 inning battle, Livesey Club beat Lions Club 9-7. Aiden Hassey pitched strong in relief to pick up the win and added a triple at the plate. Scott Joseph had 3 hits to lead the offense and Jared Seney had the big 2-run double to pull ahead in the 9th. Lions were led by Andrew Tucker's massive game-tying 3 run home run. Donovan Souza and Luke Gomes pitched great for Lions.

Elf's Landscaping 12, Century Hse 1

Isaiah Lopez and Nate Rodriques were a winning battery, as Rodriques dialed in a great game behind the plate and Lopez allowed 1 run thru 6 innings and had a long solo homer to deep right. Jake Macolini and Patrick Butler had great games at the plate with 2 hits apiece for Elfs.

Elf's Landscaping 10, Roland's Tire 7

In a matchup of last year's finals. Elf's score 4 in the top of the 6th to pull ahead. Jake Macolini shut Roland's down for 3 innings to allow Elf's to get back in the game. Big hit from Nate Roderiques in the 6th delivered 2 runs, and Jaren Megan and Isaiah Lopez had 2 hits apiece. Barrett Becotte had 2 hits for Roland's.

Costas 6, Elf's 4

Isaiah Lopez, Jake Macolini and Pat Butler all pitched great for Elf's, with

Nate Rodriques, Lopez, Butler and Macolini getting hits. For Costa's, Kyle St Jean, Isaiah Burlinson and Owen Benoit combined for the win. St Jean added 2 hits for Costas and Eric Nunes scored twice.

Costas 15, Superior 11

In a 10-inning thriller, both teams showed tremendous heart. For Costas, Connor Sorelle had 5 hits and pitched the last 4 innings with 6 K's and great defensive plays for the win. Owen Benoit pitched 3 innings with 5 K's and added 2 hits scoring 3 runs. Aiden Camacho, Kyle St. Jean and Isaiah Burlinson had two hits each while Luke Dias, Caiden Lynch and Chandler Andrews added important key hits in the game. Blake Hougassian played an outstanding second base. Superior was led by Michael Vardo with 3 hits, Ryan Jones had a homer, a double & 2 walks. Josh Parker had 2 hits

Acushnet Police 9, Elf's 3

Acushnet Police got the bats started early Sunday night in the top of the first inning with an Aiden Lamontagne triple immediately followed by a Brice Strawn home run, his second of the young season. Jaren Meagan crossing the plate off of a Nathan Gamache RBI single helped contribute to Elf's scoring. Elf's pitcher Patrick Butler settled in after the first inning striking out six in the game. Acushnet Police added 4 more runs in the 4th inning helped by a couple great hits by Owen Callahan and Andrew Gibson. Elf's attempted to match them in the bottom of the 4th after a Jake Macolini double but Acushnet Police broke up the rally.

Minors

National Lumber 8, Acushnet Co. 1

Ryan Pires pitched 3 shutout innings, retiring 9 of 11 batters he faced by strikeout. Gavin Austin then finished the game with 3 strong innings and nine more strikeouts. Aidan Powers and Richard Senna both showed their wheels taking hits to the outfield all the way home for inside the park homeruns. Sawyer Tonnenson started of the season on the hill for Acushnet Co., striking out 6 and scoring a run. Quinn Brightman took the mound for the first time in his minor league career looking like a seasoned veteran with his big league windup, striking out 3!

Alden Court 12, Ray and Mike's 6

Leif Bendiksen had the big hit, a

ringing double in the 2nd inning that blew the game open. Ben Comey scored twice and had 3 strikeouts on the mound, while Lola Chase and Gabe Alves each reached base 3 times and scored 2. For Ray and Mike's, Thomas Desmaris had a single & scored twice.

Elias 10, J&R Plastics 0

Nate Raposo started for Elias and pitched a great game, recording 6 Ks in 3 innings. Landon Pickup provided relief and closed out the game. Zach Engel started for J&R, pitching 2 innings. He recorded 3 Ks in the first and one in the second. Gary Fluenter and Owen Bowcock provided relief in the 3rd and 4th innings recording 6 Ks between the two.

Fairhaven Lumber 6, Ray & Mikes 5

Jonathan Felix had a two run double and pitched 2.2 innings striking out 7 in a winning effort. For Ray and Mike's, Cole Correia pitched 2.1 innings striking out 6. Ben Costa went 3 for 3 with 2 doubles and Colin Sweet went 2 for 3 with a double and 2 RBI's

Oceans Fleet 6, J&R Plastic 2

Cadin Figureido struck out 3 in 2 innings for Oceans Fleet and Maddox Larock had an unassisted double play at shortstop. For J&R Plastics, Owen Bowcock pitched a solid 3 innings.

Elias Plastering 5, Alden Court 5

Alden was led by great pitching from Leif Bendiksen who struck out 11 over 5.1 innings. Gabriel Allende and Nathan Lewis had their first minor league hits while Zach Moura went 2 for 2 with an RBI and scored a run. Elias was held in check most of the night with 1 hit over the first 4 innings but broke things open in the 5th, Landon Pickup struck out 5 over 4.2 innings while Matt Chang struck out the 4 batters he faces. Ben Ashley went 2 for 2 with 2 RBI & scored a run.

Varsity Club 7, Ray and Mikes 0

Varsity was led by Alex Hu going 3-3, Dylan Mendez going 2-3 and Aiden Smith going 2-2. Aiden also pitched 2 innings, striking out 6. For Ray and Mike's, Caleb Silvestri started the game on the mound for R&M striking out 5 batters. Later in the game he made a great throw from right field to cut a runner down at second. Ben Costa was 1-2 with a rocket up the middle.

Fairhaven Lumb. 14, PJ Keating 11:

Fairhaven Lumber erupted in the 3rd/4th innings scoring 11 runs, and PJ Keating made a valiant comeback but fell just short in the end. For PJK, Chad Hebert earned the game ball.

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on May 23, 2017, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Special Permit**, The applicant, *Carricorp Industries, LTD*, is requesting a Special Permit to develop the proposed site with a 4,600 SF convenience store with a drive-thru facility, 6 pump canopy gas pump island, and associated parking, landscaping and drainage. The location of the property is the Southeast Corner of Bridge Street and Route 240, Map 30A, Lots 86B, 87 and 87A. 2) **Special Permit**, The applicant, *Clean Energy Collective, LLC*, is requesting approval, to construct an approximate 2 megawatt solar farm consisting of approximately 8,445 ground mounted solar panels on two lease areas of the Deterra Farm for a total lease area of approximately 9.4 acres. The location is 279 Mill Road, Map 38, Lots 5 & 6 and Map 39, Lot 32.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
5/4/17 & 5/11/17

Fairhaven Board of Health

The Fairhaven Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to hear all interested parties on a proposed amendment to Board of Health Regulation 432-12: Certified Statement by Design Engineer on Title 5 Septic Systems. The intent of the amendment is to clarify the responsible party for preparing as-built drawings of Title 5 septic systems. A copy of the proposed amendment is available at the Board of Health Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Public Works

Mon., 5/15, Arsene St., 5:45 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 5/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Council

Mon., 5/22, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers School Final Mtg

Thurs., 5/11, Town Hall Aud., 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

PJ KEATING HEARING
Tues., 5/16, Council on Aging, 6 p.m.

Historical Commission

Tues., 5/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 5/18, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 5/23, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	May 2017	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	11	0903	2120	0248	1414
Friday	12	0944	2200	0302	1451
Saturday	13	1025	2241	0334	1530
Sunday	14	1107	2323	0408	1609
Monday	15	1153	----	0443	1648
Tuesday	16	0011	1244	0522	1731
Wednesday	17	0104	1338	0607	1823
Thursday	18	0157	1430	0705	1931
Friday	19	0249	1521	0809	2039
Saturday	20	0343	1618	0906	2141
Sunday	21	0443	1717	1001	2244
Monday	22	0543	1810	1058*	2346*
Tuesday	23	0634	1858	1153*	----
Wednesday	24	0721	1944	0039*	1243*
Thursday	25	0809	2033	0131*	1334*
Friday	26	0900	2125	0227*	1429*
Saturday	27	0954	2218	0324*	1526*
Sunday	28	1048	2311	0414*	1618*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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complaint/wheelchair accessible.

He noted that the building only has one entrance, which is dangerous. The only way out besides the front door, is to climb the stairs and then use the fire escape. But the stairs are right near the front door anyway.

The building has a town office in it now, the visitors center, and should be wheelchair accessible.

"The building deserves to be [ADA] compliant," said Mr. Despres.

Everyone, he said, whether in a wheelchair or not, has a right to be able to access the building.

Ann Ponichtera DeNardis noted that when the visitors center was moved to the building, supporters said it would save the town money. Now it was costing money, she said, because the office of tourism/visitors center was moved there. She asked if there was a cheaper way to make the building compliant.

The measure passed.

TM also voted to appropriated \$50,000 in CPC funds to the Stratford Capital Group for the Oxford School Residences, despite some opposition.

Ann Richard opposed the measure, noting that SCG first wanted \$350,000 in CPC funds, which is the amount they agreed to pay for the building.

"I feel we should not give this multi-million dollar company any more money," said Ms. Richard.

Town Administrator Mark Rees explained that the project will be financed mainly by tax credits and the funding authorities like to see community support for projects. He said the money will not be allocated until all other financing is in place.

"So, a private company is asking for CPC funds so they can carry on their business which in part will be giving residences to our elderly citizens," asked Ann Ponichtera DeNardis.

Mr. Rees said that Fairhaven residents and veterans will have priority for the income-based apartments.



Al Benac addresses town meeting in Fairhaven on Saturday, 5/6. Photo by Beth David.

"This private company is getting CPC funds to make a profit, which in part will provide residences to elderly individuals," said Daniel DeNardis. "They're not doing it for free."

"These buildings have been sitting around a long time," said a TM member. "We can't keep them forever. We have to move forward. If that's what it's going to take to move forward, then we have to vote for it."

In the end the measure passed.

The article to create School Regionalization Study Committee also

generated some discussion. The article appropriating money for the study was passed over because the school department received a grant for the study itself.

"This is not about regionalization," said superintendent of schools Robert Baldwin. "This is about a...study to look into it."

He said for every two Fairhaven residents in the high school, there is one Acushnet resident. He said sports programs between the two towns are already integrated.

"Why wouldn't you look into it," he asked.

"This is strictly to create a committee to study it," said Pam Kuechler, chairperson of the school committee, adding that no decisions have been made about regionalization.

"We're not going to supply Acushnet a high school," said Mr. Benac.

"We are Acushnet's high school," said School Committee member Brian Monroe, noting that 236 Acushnet residents already attend Fairhaven High School.

The article passed.

The town meeting warrant, with operating budget expenditures and revenue, and all 58 articles, is on the town's website at www.fairhavenma.gov, under news and events "essential documents for Town Meeting members."

The FY18 operating budget, totalling \$45.9 million includes \$21.7 for the school department, about 47%. The money comes from a variety of sources, with \$27.5 million coming from property taxes and \$10.1 million in state aid.

Town Meeting quotable quotes

Thank you very much Ms. Richard for pointing that out [Moderator Mark Sylvia when Ms. Richard pointed out that a line item had the wrong source of income noted]

Whether you like it or not [Mark Sylvia to Wayne Hayward who was required to make his way back to the microphone]

This is happening, folks [Diane Hahn about recreational marijuana coming to a town near you...this one]

My BRO [Mark Sylvia to Michael Silvia, getting endless mileage out of a joke that sprang from a mistake accusing the two of being brothers at a town meeting years ago]

Hopefully you will appreciate this [John Roderiques] I hope so [Mark Sylvia] I move the question [Mr. Roderiques] on appropriating CPC money for the Oxford School project.

You were Albert before [Mark Sylvia to Mr. Al, aka, Albert, Benac]

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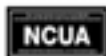
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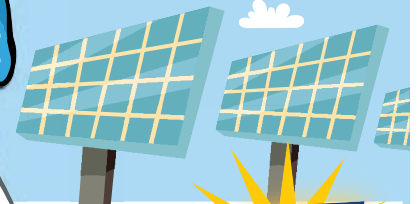
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