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It's Christmastime in Fairhaven!



Santa Claus was very busy in Fairhaven this weekend, appearing at several events, including this trip on Friday, 12/7, with his elves to help with the lighting of Benoit Square in North Fairhaven. This weekend was Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday celebration and also marked the closing of the Bicentennial celebration events, including the sealing of the time capsule. See pages 16 & 17 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos for this and other events.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, here's the deal: if you are drunk, do not call me. DO NOT CALL ME IF YOU ARE DRUNK. I DON'T CARE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR YARD. If you are drunk and something is happening in your yard that you feel is a great injustice, write it down and call me when you are sober. If it has anything to do with dogs or other animals, call the Animal Control Officer (I'm sure she would also appreciate it if you'd wait until you are sober). If it has anything to do with criminal activity, call the police. They are used to dealing with drunk people, so feel free to call them even if you are wasted. However, keep all illegal drugs out of sight. On second thought, wait until you are sober to call them, too.

You only call me when you want a story about something and that means: give me your name and phone number. In any case....

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You know who you are...

Okay, back to the business at hand. We had such fun stuff going on this weekend in Fairhaven. Santa Claus was everywhere! I caught up with him at Benoit Square on Friday. He'll be back this coming Saturday for the sing-along at town hall (see page 6).

Then, it's just one more weekend before the big day. Next week is our last issue before our winter break, so keep that in mind.

We have meeting coverage for you this week (Appeals on page 4, ConCom on page 20), a story on the wind turbine court case (page 17), and a story on this year's electronics gadgets, just in time for Christmas (page 22).

We have so many stories we want to do before our break, but, looks like some of them will have to wait until next year.

Speaking of year, I'm writing this on 12/12/12. Lots of interesting stuff going on around the once in.... hmmm...once in forever date.

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Fairhaven Sisters Exemplify Holiday Spirit

Press Release

When you were 7 or 11 years old, would you have been willing to give all of your birthday presents to other children in need? Well that is exactly what Athena Borges, 11, and her younger sister Ava Borges, 7, of Fairhaven did this year.

With Christmas being so close to their birthdays, they decided to give back. The sisters invited family and friends to their skating birthday party and asked each of their guests to bring a new, unwrapped toy that they could donate to a child in need.

"We love giving to others," said Athena. "We decided that we already had a lot of toys and wanted to let other kids have some too."

Athena and Ava, joined by their parents, brought the toys to the Fire Station on Purchase Street on Tuesday. They donated the nearly 50 toys they collected to the New Bedford Fire Fighter Union's Annual Toy Drive which works in partnership with United Way of Greater New Bedford.

"It is so refreshing to see kids this age already giving back to their

community," said Michelle Hantman, United Way of Greater New Bedford President. "These girls are an inspiration for others this holiday season."

This is the 14th annual toy drive hosted by the New Bedford Fire Fighter Union and United Way of Greater New Bedford.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at any New Bedford Fire Station as well as a number of businesses throughout the Greater New Bedford area. For more information, please visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org.



Sisters Athena and Ava Borges asked their guests to bring gifts of other children instead of for themselves at their birthday party. The girls donated the gifts to the United Way of Greater New Bedford. Submitted photo. See it in color at www.Neighb News.com

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Appeals board denies chickens on Manhattan Avenue

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

None of Pamela Proulx's neighbors attending the 12/5 Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals meeting had anything nice to say about Ms. Proulx or her six chickens living at 25 Manhattan Avenue. They made it perfectly clear that chickens are not welcome in their neighborhood, along with the rats, coyotes, and diseases residents say the chickens will attract.

Neighbor Francis Souza of 53 Yale Street went on about why he does not want chickens 150 feet away from his house. Aside from the threat of rats and coyotes, Mr. Souza said he fears that West Nile virus could be transmitted to residents from mosquitos biting the chickens.

"I know a couple people who died from Nile disease. ..."

Mr. Souza said the whole neighborhood was susceptible.

Florence Schuck of 21 Manhattan Avenue caught everyone's attention after she asked the board if they ever heard the sound a chicken makes when it lays an egg.

"Baaack ba ba baaaack!" she clucked loudly.

She described Ms. Proulx's chickens as a larger breed of chicken, naming specifically, "Rhode Island Reds."

"It's bad enough that she's got three German Shepherds that howl all day long," said Ms. Schuck. "She's not a responsible pet owner."

Chairperson Peter DeTerra asked Ms. Proulx why she wanted to have chickens.

"Why? I enjoy them and I really enjoy having fresh eggs," said Ms. Proulx. She said chickens are a benefit because they eat ticks and bugs, and chicken feces is also a great fertilizer for her garden.

"They're certainly not loud," she continued. "This is more of an ecological, sound way to live."

One abutter said she worries that rainwater would carry the "fertilizer" down to Hope Beach.

"We don't need chickens in our neighborhood," said Richard Costa of 31 Manhattan Avenue.

Elizabeth Medeiros of 54 Yale Street said a farm is the proper place for chickens, and not around pets and small children. "I would hate to say something to stop someone from what they want to do, but..."

Vice-Chairperson Francis Cox read two more letters from neighbors, both opposing the chickens, before the board voted unanimously against allowing them.

"Chickens denied," said Mr. DeTerra as half the room stood up to leave the meeting.

Also at the meeting, some neighbors, but not all, cheered and clapped for Louise Merrick of 113 Balsam Street after the board approved the construction of a carport on her West Island property situated in a "high wind area."

In addition to a letter of support from one neighbor, five neighbors stood in support of the carport, saying they had no objections or concerns, with a few simply stating

It's bad enough that she's got three German Shepherds that howl all day long. She's not a responsible pet owner.
[Florence Schuck]

that they were in favor.

Terry Pereira said Ms. Merrick was one of the "beautiful people of West Island" with roots, essentially making her entitled to build the carport.

Gale Henry of 126 Cottonwood Street opposed the carport, saying a storm could blow the structure into her property that is directly behind Ms. Merrick's, damaging her house and a recently purchased above-ground oil tank.

Ms. Henry presented her case to the board, making points such as the carport being out of character with the neighborhood, and the concern over lighting fixtures shining into her yard.

Ms. Henry asserted that allowing the carport would set a precedent for other petitioners, pointing out that Ms. Merrick's property has already seen three additions.

"We can't allow people to keep building out and out," said Ms. Henry.

She said the carport was not a necessity, not a hardship, and there was "no compelling reason to grant a variance."

Charles Caron, next door at 113 Balsam Street, was also concerned about the wind, being just ten feet away from the proposed carport.

"There's a reason why there's no carports on West Island," said Mr. Caron.

Although the structure has standards to which it must be built, Building Inspector Wayne Fostin stated that if Mother Nature wants to take the carport, she will take it.

Ms. Henry commented that the hearing seemed more like a popularity contest.

After the unanimous vote to approve, Ms. Merrick let out a loud sigh of relief.

Also on the agenda, the board approved the demolition and reconstruction of a house at 4 Misty Bay Road, despite efforts from abutting neighbor Paul Rizzo of 55 Balsam Street who tried convincing the board that the new construction would diminish his privacy and decrease the resale value of his home.

Geraldine Ten Brinke's new house would feature a deck that would overlook Mr. Rizzo's deck, the only limited privacy he says he has on his property.

After a back-and-forth discussion between Mr. Rizzo and Ms. Ten Brinke, the board approved the special permit and the variance.

In other matters, Roberta and William Martin received their variance for a one-story addition for a 12-foot by 12-foot dining room at their 10 Gilbert Street home, despite some opposition from a neighbor.

William Alphonse of 1 Mina Street was denied a variance to build an additional two-story house on his property. Abutters attended to oppose the project, asserting that the property was too small to accommodate a second house, and the area was becoming too congested already.

The hearing for Kathleen Melanson of 89 Green Street ended with the board denying the special permit for a home occupation in the building trades, after the petitioner did not show up to the meeting. Board member Francis Cox abstained from the vote, saying he had a business relationship with the petitioner. ●●●



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Sing Along

The annual Old Time Holiday Sing-Along sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association will be held on **Saturday, 12/15, from 6-7 p.m.** on the steps of Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Santa is expected to arrive by special Fire Truck Transport. Free donuts, hot chocolate and popcorn for all inside town hall.

Come join us for an evening of caroling and fun. Bring family and friends. All are invited!

Last Farmers Mkt

The final farmers market of the year will be held on **Sunday Dec 16th from 1-4 pm. indoors** at the Nemasket Gallery on the corner of Green and Bridge Streets in Fairhaven. This is the old Tripp School. Come shop local and support our farmers and Crafters. Please call Ann Richard 508-991-8315 for more information.

Christmas Concert

Church of the Good Shepherd is holding its 5th Annual Christmas Concert on **Fri., Dec. 14th at 7 p.m.** Thanksgiving offerings are welcome, as well as canned goods for the Shepherd's Pantry.

For more information call the church at 508-992-2281 or email deaton17@yahoo.com. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to sharing the Christmas season with you.

We also need musicians. If you would like to perform Christmas music, either religious or secular, please contact Lori at lori.hadfield2@comcast.net or 508-993-4507.

Scouts Selling Trees

The annual Christmas tree and wreath fund-raiser for Pack and Troop 55 is located at Mike and Wayne's on Route 6.

All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Pack & Troop 55, B.S.A of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven

Bicenten. Ornament

Fairhaven Bicentennial commemorative Christmas ornaments are available for \$10 at Council on Aging, Cox's Candy, Euro-Phoenix, Fairhaven Public Library, to benefit the

Fairhaven Council on Aging & Fairhaven Senior Social Day.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Fairhaven will be having its weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m., at Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Road, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The next meeting is on Dec. 18.

For more information email secretary Carolyn Longworth at bvm1290@comcast.net

Playful Puppies FR

Give these puppies a home! The 2012 Playful Puppies are trying to get to children fighting life threatening illnesses!! Can you help them? All it takes is a \$10.00 donation to the Robby Thatcher Memorial Fund and these puppies will be delivered to children at Boston Children's Hospital, the Jimmy Fund and Hasbro Children's Hospital. Help these puppies put smiles on brave children's faces.

These playful puppies are also available for purchase for \$15.00 each & shipping when applicable.

Visit www.robbythatcher Memorial.org.

Etchings by George Gale at Millicent

From press release materials

Etchings by George Gale will be on display during the month of December at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Gale's work depicts whaling and working schooners. He was a crewman on Captain Claude Tucker's schooner, CORAL.

George Gale played the guitar, while Capt. Tucker played the harmonica. When tied up in port they would play in the evenings, much to the delight of people out for a stroll.

Capt. Tucker was the owner and skipper of the Coral from 915 to 1938. He relocated from Newport, RI, to Fairhaven in 1922.

The Coral transported all kinds of goods to ports and islands, from Long Island Sound to Cape Cod. One of his favorite mates was artist George Gale. When not working Gale always had a pencil in hand and sketched scenes for later etching. Shown is an etching of Capt. Tucker "Cattin the Anchor."

The Coral was a victim of the 1938 hurricane when it was driven up on the rocks at Goat Island, which at that time was the naval torpedo station.

org or call 508-992-1336

Rocky's Pet Drive

Rocky's Ace Hardware is proud to announce their partnership with Nutro Pet Foods in joining together with its customers to help homeless and abandoned pets. Each of the 33 Rocky's Ace Hardware stores have partnered with an area Humane Society or Shelter to collect food this Holiday Season for animals.

Customers make donations of much needed pet food at their local Rocky's Ace Hardware store. The stores will collect all donations and drive them to their locally chosen charity. Nutro Pet Foods has partnered with Rocky's in donating over \$1,500 worth of premium dog and cat food to kick start the program. Last year, the first annual pet food drive resulted in over 4,000 pounds of food and many toys, pet beds and other needed accessories being donated to a long list of worthy humane societies and animal shelters.

The Fairhaven store will donate food to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter.

The Coral was never put to work again, despite Capt. Tucker's having it repaired at Pierce & Kilburn, now Fairhaven Shipyard.

Capt. Tucker continued at sea for many years, fishing, running yachts and eventually tow boats. He passed away at his home on Washington Street at the age of 89, the last of the Coasting Schooner Captains.

While visiting the library, take time to see Palmer Light-keeper Arthur Small's painting, "Staghound," given in memory of Mabel Small who lost her life while trying to aid her husband during the Hurricane of 1938. The painting has been cleaned and is hanging alongside another Arthur Small painting, "The Schooner Winslow," donated to the library by Friends Academy.

A new edition of the book written in 1998 by Capt. Tucker's son Donald Tucker, Caroline Tucker and Bob Demanche, is slated for release in April of 2013. According to Mr. Demanche, it is more than a re-release of the first edition. It's a complete overhaul, "from stem to stern, as we say," said Mr. Demanche.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Commy Input Mtg

New Bedford's Office of Planning will host the second public meeting on the creation of a new urban park at Custom House Square.

The public is invited to join Stoss Landscape Urbanism and CDM Consultants for a presentation of the concept design for Custom House Square Park. This community input session is intended to solicit feedback so that Custom House Square can become a vibrant space that will serve the needs of our downtown for many years to come.

Tues., Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William Street, New Bedford.

For more information, please contact Jill Maclean, Acting City Planner, jill.maclean@newbedford-ma.gov. For translation services, please contact the City of New Bedford Office of Community Services at (508) 961-3136.

Art Exhibits

The following exhibits are now at the New Bedford Art Museum, 608 Pleasant Street, downtown New Bedford, 508-961-3072. Accessible. Winter Hours: September–May, open Wednesday–Sunday, noon–5pm. Every second Thursday of each month is AHA! Night from 5 to 9 p.m. when admission is free. Admission: \$3, Seniors/Students; \$5, Adults; Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Museum members are always free. Visit <http://newbedfordartmuseum.org/>

Southcoast Connections

Through Jan. 6, 2013. Contemporary Drawing: A survey of contemporary drawing by artists with connections to Southern New England. Co-curated by Pamela Hoss & Willoughby Elliott

This exhibition of selected, mid career draughtsmen explores the diversity, depth, and excitement these artists bring to work on paper as a primary focus of their aesthetic expression. In the hands of these artists, the traditions and boundaries of what we think of as drawing are stretched and widened in new and often very personal ways.

Sisters of the Brush

Through January 12, 2013. Sisters of the Brush, City Gallery.

From china painters to watercolorists to sculptors, New Bedford has had its share of women artists working and exhibiting alongside their male counterparts. This exhibition features pieces from the New Bedford Free Public Library's collection that reflect the different styles, media and circumstances through which women have chosen to express themselves visually. Featured are paintings by 19th and 20th century artists Margaret Peirce, Pauline Colyar, Deborah Macy and Lena Newcastle, as well as textiles by 1860s shop owner Anna Whiting and modern quilter Nancy Moreira.

Christmas Pageant

You are invited to come and celebrate the Birth of Jesus in song and tableau at the Holy Family-Holy Name annual Christmas Pageant this **Sun., 12/16 at 3 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 565 County Street, New Bedford, corner of North Street.** \$2 donation and a canned good for the needy will be taken at the door. Come and bring your grandparents, friends and neighbors!

Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m. David Touchette's Spirit of St. Anthony Choir will be joined by Steven Young's Bridgewater State University Chamber Choir and Sandy Morgan's Occasion Singers in a Christmas concert. The program includes a sing-along of favorite Christmas hymns ending with a community sing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

The musical event will be followed by complimentary hot chocolate served in the church hall, provided by the North End Business Association. Free parking is available at the Whale's Tooth (ferry) lot in Downtown New Bedford. From there, trolley transportation is provided between the hours of 2 to 6 p.m. compliments of the Saint Anthony of New Bedford Federal Credit Union. The church is located at 1359 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford. This is a benefit concert for St. Anthony of Padua church's Historic 1912 Casavant Organ Renovation Fund. Although no admission is charged, donations are collected during the concert, and participation

in the "adopt an organ part" program is encouraged. For information, call the church at 508-993-1691 or Gisele Pappas the concert coordinator at 508-264-8010.

Visit the church web site at www.saintanthonynewbedford.com.

At the Whale Park

The following events are taking place at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Accessible. Call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

Civil War Exhibit

NBWNHP will be hosting "Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries," a free exhibit which explores the participation and contributions of African Americans as nurses, surgeons and hospital workers during the Civil War. It will be on display **from Dec. 17, through Jan. 26, 2013.** Curator Jill L. Newmark will speak on the project during the January AHA!

"Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries" is a traveling exhibit developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine with research assistance from the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. This eight-panel exhibit, curated by Jill L. Newmark of the National Library of Medicine, contains links to New Bedford history.

Make Christmas Pins

Think local — think — Made In New Bedford. Create a holiday pin and hear a lecture on oil and candle manufacturing, all in one place and in one evening. On **AHA! night, Thurs., Dec. 13**, you can join Ruth and Abby, the national park's 1850s ladies, for holiday pin-making, from **6-8 PM**. As always, admission is free.

AHA! Night

December 13th AHA! Night: Made in NB. Visit www.ahanewbedford.org

Join us for AHA! Night when Art, History & Architecture come alive in New Bedford. On December 13th we celebrate people, places & things that are Made in NB. This is also a perfect evening for unique holiday shopping. So come early & stay late, there's so much happening you will need the extra time to fit it all in!

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Angel Tree

Baker Books is donating books to the Angel Tree Program which provides holiday gifts for local children who have a parent who is incarcerated. We are asking folks to bring any gently used children's books and we will wrap them. You can also purchase a book to donate. For boys and girls from infant to 18.

Baker Books is now located at 2 McCabe St., So. Dartmouth, corner of Rockdale Ave., 508-997-6700.

Volunteers needed

The Women's Center is looking for Holiday Helpers to make the season bright for hundreds of women, children and youth who are victims of violence, abuse and trauma.

Volunteer to Wrap Gifts The 11th annual Gift Wrapping project at the Dartmouth Mall starts this weekend, Sat. & Sun., from 9am-9pm. The table is located in the middle of the mall near Santa. Sign up online at www.thewomenscentersc.com. You can also bring your gifts to be wrapped, they do not have to be bought at the Dartmouth Mall.

Donate Gift Cards Gift cards are always the right size. It is also the best way for The Women's Center to help clients with emergency food, clothing and supplies. Our clients are culturally diverse with varied food choices, so a gift card to a supermarket provides them with the food they need and know how to cook.

For more information, call Rebecca at 508-996-3343, Ext. 25 or email rhcullough@thewomenscentersc.com.

Nature Walks

The following events are at the Mass Audubon South Coast Sanctuaries: Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, South Dartmouth and Great Neck Sanctuary, Wareham. To register for any one of these programs, download driving directions, or trail maps of Allens Pond or Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary please visit massaudubon.org For more information please contact the Allens Pond Field Station via phone at 508-636-2437 or e-mail us at allenspond@massaudubon.org

Meteor Shower

Capture the Geminids Meteor Shower with your Camera! **Thurs.,**

Dec 13th, 11:30 PM - 4:30 AM. Adults \$24.00m/ \$30.00nm

This photography workshop starts with a discussion on how to best photograph meteor showers. Then we'll head out into the field to take some photos. Meet at Stone Barn Farm, 786 East Horseneck Road, Dartmouth.

Beach Walk

Gifts from the Sea: Sat, Dec 22nd 10AM-12PM; \$4.00 members/\$6.00 non members

Take some time for yourself and your family during the busy holiday season and explore the Beach Loop at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary with a naturalist. Returning to the Field Station to create gifts from the sea with our treasures discovered in the wrack line.

Beach Ramble

FREE New Years Day Beach Ramble, Tue., Jan 1st, 2PM

Start the New Year off with a Beach Ramble! Explore our Beach Loop Trail and discover what the forces of nature have left for us on the beaches and in the wrack lines with an experienced volunteer naturalist, Doug Hlousek. **FREE**

Auditions

Ocean State Theatre Company announces Open Equity and Non-Equity Adult Auditions for its 2013 Inaugural Season on **Fri., Dec. 21 and Fri., Dec. 28, 2012**. Performers must be available for all rehearsal and performance dates. Local talent is strongly encouraged to audition. All roles are open for the following productions. Additional information, character breakdowns and directions at www.OceanStateTheatre.org.

Fools: All roles must be very strong comic actors. No singing required.

Rent: All roles require very strong pop/rock singers/actors who can convincingly play in their 20's.

Race: Note: All roles must be very strong actors who aren't afraid of controversial material.

The King and I: All roles must be very strong singers, actors and dancers who can execute technical choreography. Several smaller roles will be cast from the ensemble. **NO CHILDREN WILL BE AUDITIONED AT THIS TIME.**

The schedule for both Friday,

December 21 and Friday, December 28 will be as follows: 9 am-1 pm and 2-4 pm Singing/Acting Auditions; 4 pm Dancing Auditions; (1-2 pm lunch)

Auditions will be held at the new Ocean State Theatre located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick, RI. Enter through the main lobby doors and bring headshot or a recent photo and resume (if available) stapled together (back to back). All ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged to audition.

Walk With a Doc

December's "Take a Walk with a Southcoast Doc" will take place on **Sat., Dec. 15** at 11 a.m. at the Copicut Woods parking lot on Indian Town Road in Fall River. Visit www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/southeast-ma/copicut-woods.html#t3.

All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome. Participants will receive a free pedometer and "Better Health Kits" that include information on nutrition and exercise. Registration is encouraged. Call the Southcoast Wellness Line at 800-497-1727. Visit www.southcoast.org/walkwithadoc/ for information about the next walk.

Christmas Plays

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), is proud to announce the opening of their first two productions at their new state-of-the-art theatre located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick, featuring something both "naughty and nice."

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- 3 Large eggs
- 3/4 C brown sugar loosely packed
- 1 TB salt
- Grated rind from 2 oranges (use zester)

- 1 TB almond extract
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Mix with rubber spatula then add:

- 5 1/2 -6 C unbleached white flour (no substitutions)
- 2 TB of yeast

Set bread machine on "dough" cycle. When add-in beeper sounds, add:

- 1/4- 1/2 C well chopped pecans
- 1/2-3/4 C packed dried cranberries

This will take 1 1/2 hours. When cycle is completed, punch down dough and form into rolls. Place on large cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Loosely cover rolls with plastic wrap. After they rise for 45 minutes, start preheating oven to 350 degrees. Brush rolls with eggs wash (below) then place in preheated oven

Check rolls after 25 minutes. Rolls are ready when they reach 190 degrees on thermometer. They will be medium brown on bottoms.

Egg wash: Beat well, 1 egg, 1 tsp sugar 1 tablespoon of water

Barbara Nesto

Youngster uses birthday for animals



Kaitlyn Freitas, 13, asked that friends and family give items from the Fairhaven Animal Shelter's wish list for her birthday. "I think our future looks pretty great with kids like this girl looking after our planet!" wrote Animal Control Officer Cat Mindlin in an email. *Photo submitted by ACO Cat Mindlin.*

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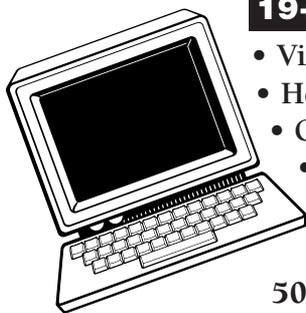
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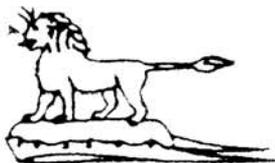
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The vote on Monday pulled 13% of the voters to the polls for a total of 987 votes cast, 536 in favor of the spending, 451 against. All precincts voted in favor of the measure with Precinct one voting 155–153; Precinct two voting 167–148; and Precinct 3 voting 214–150.

The current station is in the historic Parting Ways building. The Police chief and selectboard members made the case that it is outdated, too small, and unsafe for officers and the public.

The Town is looking at a \$5.2 million loan spread over 20 years but officials hope that cost will be lower after a competitive bidding process is complete.

Officials hope to break ground in the spring.

Voters at a special town meeting on Oct. 22 voted overwhelmingly in favor of the project. •••

Women's Fund seeking applications

Press Release

In 2012 the Women's Fund at the Community Foundation has awarded over \$93,000 in grants through our Women's Philanthropy Initiative donor advised grant-making. The organization is now accepting letters of inquiry for its 2013 Action Award grants.

Interested organizations must submit a Letter of Inquiry by January 15, 2013. The Women's Fund will review initial letters. All who submit letters will be informed whether or not they are selected to submit a full proposal. If an organization is invited to submit a proposal, the deadline is March 1, 2013.

The mission of the Women's Fund is to promote the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Fund supports Bristol and Plymouth County neighborhood-based organizations that provide programs and services to low-income women and girls.

Our 2013 Action Award focus is to

continue to advance social change by supporting high impact projects, collaborations, and innovative systems that engage girls. We are most interested in funding evidence-based/informed projects that develop leadership and advocacy skills. More specifically, we are looking for projects that can address at least one of the following: 1) giving girls a voice and teaching them about taking action and 2) learning to make positive choices, especially in relationship to higher education and career paths where they can succeed and thrive. Action Award grants are limited to \$5,000 per organization, and are made only to organizations that maintain Section 501(c)3, tax-exempt status.

For additional information about the Women's Fund Action Awards, the format of the letter of inquiry and an application, please log on to <http://www.womensfundsema.org/grant-apply.html>, or contact Jeannette Doyle at the Women's Fund at 508-717-0283.

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Tree sales support ALS research

By Beth Dvaid
Editor

The Douglass family continued its fight against Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, by donating all money from tree sales to the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI) of Cambridge. In the past 10 years, the Douglass Tree Farm fundraiser has raised about \$152,000 for ALS TDI. This weekend, the event raised about \$6200 on Saturday, despite the rain. Information on the final amount and number of trees sold was not available by press time.

On Sunday, members of the ORR-Fairhaven Hockey team volunteered by cutting and hauling trees.

"It's a huge help," said Beth Douglass, whose father Dick donates use of the property and his time planting and taking care of the trees.

Beth's brother has ALS, so the whole family volunteers, with some traveling long distances to be there on the weekend of the tree sale.

People who buy their trees at the annual sale, say they like the idea of picking their own tree and cutting it,

but the 100% donation to charity is also a huge draw.

"It's a good cause, the kids love it," said Sera Lawton, whose son Jeremy volunteers with the hockey team. "It's good community service."

Michelle Dufresne of New Bedford said she goes there for the experience of cutting her own tree, but also because it is for a good cause.

"There's no better way to do it," said Ms. Dufresne.

Rhonda and Edward McGlynn of Mattapoisett, said they used to go to Rhode Island for a tree when they lived in Fall River, but not anymore.

"It's great because all the profits go to ALS," said Ms. McGlynn.

"It's a horrific disease," said Andy Greene of Fairhaven. "Anything to help with research is well worth it."

John Vliet was picking a tree with his son Max. He said one year, they got a Christmas mouse in the package, so he cautioned people to give the tree a good shake before taking it into the house. It is, after all, right from the farm.

Max picked his tree, cut his tree, hauled it to the truck and loaded it in.



ABOVE, L-R: Cam Severino and Jeremy Lawton haul a Christmas tree from Douglass Tree Farm in Fairhaven on Sunday, 12/9. The boys are on the ORR-Fairhaven hockey team; all members volunteer at the annual Christmas tree sale which benefits ALS research. BELOW: Max Vliet hauls the tree for his father John. Photos by Beth David.

"We had a great adventure doing it," said Mr. Vliet.

And the mouse? Don't worry, he got away. He was way too quick for Mr. Vliet, and that was okay with him.

To learn more about the Douglass family's fund-raising efforts visit: <http://community.als.net/thedouglassfamilyeffort>



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Bicentennial events come to end

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's bicentennial year events ended with the sealing of the time capsule on Saturday, 12/8, during the Old Time Holiday.

The oak chest will be display in Town Hall for 50 years, to be opened on Feb. 22, 2062.

This year has been filled with

special events commemorating the bicentennial, including a Grand Bicentennial Parade, fireworks in February, the Vietnam Moving Wall, history day, maritime day, blessing of the fleet, concert, outdoor movie night, and much more.

The activities on Saturday included awards to 12 of the 50 people considered the "most influential" of

the last 100 years.

Upstairs, the town hall was filled with nonprofit organizations selling home made crafts and foods for an Old Time Holiday.

Visit www.fairhaven200.org/ for more information on Fairhaven's Bicentennial, or call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085.



LEFT: 12 of the 50 people dubbed "most influential" by the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee pose with their awards on Saturday, 12/8/12 at the sealing of the time capsule ceremony in Town Hall. L-R: Alice Torres, Antone "Hawk" Medeiros, Evelyn Martin, William Q. "Biff" MacLean, Natalie Hemingway, Victor Oliveira, Cathy Bernard (holding award) and an unknown family member accepting on behalf of Donald Bernard, Myra Lopes, Jeff Osuch, Mary Jane Sylvia accepting for Walter Silveira, and Carolyn Longworth accepting for Rita Steel. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at www.NeighbNew.com



ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: The Town Hall auditorium was filled with tables by non-profit organizations like the Fairhaven Village Militia and the Rogers School alumni selling a variety of items at the Old Time Holiday shops on Saturday, 12/8. This is the last year that the Rogers School in the center of town will be operating. Next year, the student population will be combined with the Wood School in a new building under construction. RIGHT: Leann shows off her name in Japanese, courtesy of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos.

Benoit Square lights up for children



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held its annual lighting of Benoit Square on Friday, 12/7. The square and Adams Street were filled with people, singing Christmas carols until Santa Claus arrived, courtesy of his special fire truck. Santa handed out candy canes outside, and then everyone went inside the NFIA community house to sit on the old man's lap and ask for their Christmas goodies. Santa's elves handed out coloring books and crayons inside. LEFT: A little girl looks in awe as Santa asks her what she wants for Christmas at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's lighting of Benoit Square on Friday, 12/7. MIDDLE: A young boy hugs Santa while other children wait for their gift of candy canes from the big man. RIGHT: part of the display in the square. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos.

Judge denies Windwise on lot number

By Beth David
Editor

Superior Court Judge D. Lloyd Macdonald ruled squarely for the town and Fairhaven Wind LLC against Windwise, the group of residents who filed suit last year contending that one of the wind turbines on Arsene Street should be taken down because it was installed on Lot 9. The summary judgment was requested by Windwise and a cross-motion for a summary judgment was filed by the town, meaning the judge would rule based on the materials submitted, not requiring a hearing or a trial.

Judge Macdonald reviewed a DVD of the May 15, 2007, town meeting and found that TM members knew they were voting for Lot 9 because the presentation showed that the north turbine would be "squarely within Lot 9."

"The present location of the north turbine is almost precisely where the presenter at the town meeting predicted it would be," wrote the judge.

In his six-page decision, he said that TM members knew the turbines would be placed on property behind the wastewater treatment plant and that lots 8, 8A, 8B and 9 were referenced in the presentation. He said the absence of Lot 9 in the written article was an "inadvertent clerical error."

"To compel, as plaintiffs seek, the removal of the north turbine because of that error in the face of indisputable proof that the actual intent of the

town meeting was to have the turbine located where it is would turn the logic of the law on its head," wrote the judge. "Fortunately, the aggregate record of the town meeting is decisive and makes unnecessary even the consideration of such a contortion."

The judge also noted that the plaintiffs were present at TM and filed other challenges and petitions regarding the WTs, but never mentioned the lot numbers until late 2011.

Gordon Deane, President of Palmer Capital, which financed the WT project, said in an email that Windwise noticed the error only when they saw an email he wrote to the town asking if the absence of Lot 9 was a "scrivener's error" that could be easily corrected, such as the word "May 28," instead of "Map 28" was.

"What's particularly telling is that this issue had never been raised by them in any of their complaints or appeals before they saw my question," wrote Mr. Deane. "If you read the judge's decision, you see...that he raises this very point that none had objected before this point."

He said the real story is whether Windwise will keep pressing the point and "how much this suit over a scrivener's error is costing the Town."

"It was definitely a clerical error," said Town Counsel Town Crotty. "If anyone had noticed, we would've made a motion to add Lot 9."

Both he and the judge noted that at

Town Meeting, the reading of the warrant was waived, which is common practice in Fairhaven.

"When Jeff [Osuch] was showing the three lots, he was pointing to exactly the spot where it is now," said Mr. Crotty. "Jeff showed three lots on the assessors map, then he showed an aerial map, and that's what he used. He was pointing where it is. It's only 50 feet or less from the border away from the lot line, so there was no doubt that they were talking about lot 9."

"Really," said Mr. Crotty, "Town Meeting knew what they were doing, so to grab onto a clerical error and waste three million dollars to move the turbine...That's nuts. It's a slight oversight."

"The real issue is, should we be concerned about health issues, and the DEP is looking at that," he said. "That to me is what the real issue should be."

"We are disappointed with the judge's ruling," said Windwise attorney Ann Ponichtera DeNardis. "We still feel our position was correct."

She said town meeting voted on a specific article that clearly stated Lots 8 and 8A, not Lot 9.

"We disagree with the judge's analysis of the case and his decision," she said. "At this point we are determining the next step."

Visit www.NeighbNews.com to download a copy of the judge's decision.

Families of murder victims gather for each other

By Beth David
Editor

About 70 people attended the annual candlelight vigil against violence at the Unitarian Church on Sunday 12/9, to honor and remember their loved ones who were murdered. Sponsored by the Southeastern Mass. Parents of Murdered Children, the event was held in the church and everyone was encouraged to speak up about the person they had lost to violence. A reception in the Harrop Center followed.

"We know a burden shared is a burden lightened," Rev. Ann Fox told the gathering.

Other speakers emphasized that the gathering was important because no one else can understand what families are going through.

"You don't get over the pain, but you learn to live with it, little by little," said one woman. "For us it's a life sentence."

"I wish there was a way to ease the hurt," said John Aberg of Connecticut, whose 3-year-old grandson Andy Slyter was murdered by his mother's boyfriend. "We are here to remember our loved ones who were taken from us by senseless acts of violence."

Susan Fitzgerald of Fairhaven, whose

son Joshua was stabbed on 4/4/08 and died from his wounds the next day, told the story of a Christmas scarf. She said a family member did not understand the concept of the Yankee swap and so she bought a lot of small gifts, including a scarf. She said Joshua wore the scarf as a kind gesture. Now, the scarf is passed to a different person each year. Mrs. Fitzgerald had borrowed it that night.

Many of Joshua's nine siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews attended the vigil. About 30 people stood up when Joshua's name was called for family members to get a candle.

Karen Fostin, whose daughter Katie Brienzo was killed by a hit-and-run driver last November, spoke about her daughter and also about Joshua, whose brother John married Ms. Fostin's daughter Gina.

Michael Correia, whose aunt, Linda Ferreira and grandmother Barbara live in Fairhaven, was stabbed to death in New Bedford on Oct. 20, 2010.

"We all feel the emptiness," said Linda before the vigil. "Holidays aren't the same. We all miss hearing Mike ask for more of Aunt Elaine's mashed potatoes, seeing him smile, and the

bear hugs."

Her nephew's father, mother and aunt all spoke about him.

"When I feel really down, I wear his shirt," said Lori Correia, Mike's mother. "He could go through some cologne," she said with a laugh, adding "it still smells of him."

Mike's father Michael Ferreira told the crowd to appreciate the children they still have, "Give 'em a hug tonight and tell them you love 'em. Tomorrow is not a promise."

Joshua Fitzgerald's sister Erin Haworth, 32, said the holidays were tough without him, but so was her birthday last year.

"He was 30 when he died, and he was older than me," said Erin. When she turned 30, it wasn't the number that bothered her.

"I thought, I'm going to be older than my older brother," she said. "I didn't think it was going to be that way."

Visit www.pomc.org to learn more about the group. The local chapter meets at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Harrop Center. Call chapter co-leader Susan Fitzgerald, 508-789-2316, for info. •••



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Conservation approves beach erosion mitigation efforts

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

A Monondach Avenue resident whose property suffered extensive erosion during Hurricane Sandy apologized to the Fairhaven Conservation Commission on 12/3 for bringing in fill to try and patch up his beachfront property without a permit.

"Ignorance...it's not an excuse," said Steve Raffa of ZJA LLC, owner of 28 Monondach Avenue. "But out of ignorance is why we're sitting here now. It was my stupidity."

Mr. Raffa told the commission the beach erosion scared him and he acted quickly on his own to fill a gap beneath an undermined concrete patio.

"When you plan to do anything like this," said Chairperson Joe Taylor, "You need to come to Town Hall and get a permit."

The stretch of coastline along Monondach Avenue, according to Mr. Taylor, has been suffering a great deal of erosion and in a matter of decades, he said he thinks the barrier beach will be taken over by the sea.

The property owner had originally planned to include a new seawall and perform some beach restoration, but chose to rescind those plans.

The permit was approved.

ConCom approval for the construction of a single family home on Bass Creek Road is still eluding Michael Ristuccia, who has become a regular face at ConCom meetings for months.

Commission Member Andrew Jones praised Mr. Ristuccia for the proposed footprint alongside the marsh, but raised a concern about future buyers wanting to expand further.

"I think you're being very conservative," said Mr. Jones about the vegetation clearing on the property. "The people who move in might want something a little bit bigger."

He recommended placing boulders along the perimeter of the cleared space.

"I like this. I think this is the least intrusive design for sure."

A swale on the property is the reason ConCom chose to continue the hearing until 12/17. Mr. Ristuccia must find out if the town owns the swale, or if Mr. Ristuccia does.

A West Island resident who

attended the meeting gave ConCom some criticism over fairness with respect to residents needing permits while "overzealous" DPW workers are allowed to clear what Howe Allen described as "ten feet of reed grass" alongside Cottonwood Street.

Mr. Allen said he felt conflicted, and that everyone should be treated fairly. "Quite frankly, I don't understand some of the disparity."

Mr. Allen was told that the DPW has a valid Notice of Intent for cutting back phragmites for drainage issues, but Mr. Jones conceded that perhaps some DPW workers were being overzealous.

"We see you all as one entity," said Mr. Allen about how he thinks the residents perceive all the boards in town. But when those entities are all following different regulations, Mr.

When you plan to do anything like this, you need to come to Town Hall and get a permit.
[Joe Taylor]

Allen said it looks bad.

At the end of the meeting, the commission agreed to have DPW Superintendent Vincent Furtado go before ConCom with current Notices of Intent, to explain some issues dealing with chip seal and the clearing of trails, and to be sure DPW procedures are within the regulations.

"They need to have some sort of standard operation...working in a wetland situation," said Mr. Jones.

Bella Vista Island was back on the ConCom radar, after it was announced that the property owner has not paid the balance of an escrow conservation fund as required.

The commission agreed to issue a letter demanding that the balance be paid, along with a complete status report on the progress and current stage of the restoration project at the town owned property behind the

wastewater treatment plant, and the work being done on Bella Vista Island.

In another matter, Engineer Ken Ferreira represented VRJP LLC (Pharmahealth) of 132 Alden Road in their Request for Determination application to build a 19,000 square-foot addition within the 100-foot buffer zone. With no impact to surrounding wetlands, the commission approved the project.

Mr. Ferreira also represented Jurrinus and Geraldine Ten Brinke of 4 Misty Bay Road, requesting to tear down and rebuild a single family home on their property located in a FEMA flood zone.

ConCom approved the application with three special conditions.

An RDA for Carlos Schryver of 303 Mill Road was continued until 12/17 because the representative did not have the green cards that demonstrate abutters were notified via certified mail.

Planning Board Member Francis Budryk's hearing, continued from 11/19, was taken off the 12/3 agenda because Mr. Budryk has yet to pay his application fees and cannot be heard until he does.

Mr. Budryk was served an Enforcement Order in September for unpermitted cutting of brush along the shoreline.

In other matters, David Teixeira of 9 Carlton Avenue applied for an emergency order for expedited approval for repairs to his property after Hurricane Sandy, which ConCom discussed briefly, noticed no state agency had approved the order, then chose not to approve.

The commission went over the list of requested restorations which left ConCom wondering, what the emergency was.

"There is no emergency," said Mr. Jones. "Honestly, I don't think this is a valid use."

ConCom Member Jay Simmons recommended calling in the applicant and the matter was continued until 12/17.

Before adjourning, Mr. Jones told the commission that he had received a call from the Mass DEP saying that paperwork for RDAs has been submitted incorrectly for some time. The commission agreed to call Conservation Commissioner Wayne Fostin about the matter. ●●●

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Causeway Road; Plat 43A, 145-148; Certifi-
cate #22497;
198-18; Short 6,000 sq ft of the required
30,000 sq ft for a buildable lot in a RR District.
- Petitioner: Jerald Bettencourt, Jerry's Auto
& Cycle,** 86-88 Middle Street; Plat 11, Lot 6E
& 7; Book 4268 and Page 127; Administrative
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Board of Appeals

Wed., 1/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 12/13, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

(At Selectboard meeting)

School Committee

Wed., 1/9, FHS Media Ctr, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 12/26, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Friday	14	0814	2038	0113*	1418*
Saturday	15	0907	2131	0207*	1507*
Sunday	16	1000	2226	0300*	1554*
Monday	17	1055	2322	0353*	1640*
Tuesday	18	1149	----	0449	1727*
Vednesday	19	0017	1243	0555	1819
Thursday	20	0112	1338	0746	1916
Friday	21	0208	1435	0906	2013
Saturday	22	0306	1532	0958	2101

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What's new with electronics this gift-giving season? Lots!

By Glenn Silva

Special to the Neighb News

Black Friday and Cyber Monday kicked off the holiday shopping frenzy in record numbers with people forgoing Thanksgiving dinner to camp out in front of their favorite store to be the handful of people to get those "have-tos" and "must-gets." But does everyone even know what they are shopping for these days when it comes to computerized gear?

With the ever-changing landscape of electronic gadgetry, I am frequently asked for help in explaining what all this technology does and how it can make life easier. There is so much out there.

If you're looking at buying a new PC or laptop be ready for a whole new experience. Windows 8, the latest operating system by Microsoft will be installed on all but a handful of PCs and laptops. (As of this writing Windows 7 could be found on only a few.) The true and tested Windows XP and short-lived Vista are gone forever when it comes to purchasing a new PC.

The first thing you will notice about Windows 8 is the interface. It was designed with a touch screen in mind such as a tablet PC. On conventional systems you can still use a keyboard and mouse but it will take a bit of getting used to with this new look and feel.

Google's Android operating system and Apple have been running similar types of interfaces on their smart phones and tablets for a while now.

Speaking of smart phones, the new iPhone 5 by Apple is out, as well as the new Galaxy S3 by Samsung. These two rivals have been pushing each other to the limits when it comes to being able to do just about everything

on your phone, including reading this article online. Yes, there is an app for that.

There are many other smart phones out there, and prices can range from free, after signing for a carrier's contract, to \$500 and up.

Also, keep an eye on what a contract's length is before you sign the agreement and how much it is to terminate if you decide to change carriers. Also note what your data plan is and be aware of what you will be charged if you go over it. There are also prepaid phones and pay-as-you-go plans, so there are choices to be made when it comes to not only your cell phone but your carrier's plan.

If you're looking to replace your desktop with a portable solution, you have many choices. Laptops are still the choice of many, as you can do just about anything you could on your desktop with the advantage of being portable.

Netbooks have been replaced with tablets. These are usually in the 7" or 10" touch screen format. They are great for checking email, moderate web-surfing, and social networking.

Then there are the E-Readers. These are devices used to download electronic versions of a book and display it on your screen. There are some E-Readers out there like the Kindle Fire HD that do a little more than just a simple E-Reader but not as much as a tablet.

The other hot mover again this holiday season is the flat screen TV. Best Buy had a few in each store for \$179.99 for a 40" LCD TV. We all know that Black Friday specials are designed to lure the customer in and get them to buy other things that the store will make money on, but rest

assured, they still make money on those specials.

TVs are now coming in all sorts of configurations. The latest are 3D TVs which require the users to wear special 3D glasses for 3D programming to receive the full effect. Remember, if the program isn't in 3D the TV doesn't do anything special. The same can be said for high-definition TVs, which most are these days. If you're not receiving High-Definition channels or the program isn't in high-definition you're not going to see much difference.

I've been asked numerous times how good the quality of those doorbusters, that once they're gone they're gone, really is. More of these items aren't regularly stocked and are built solely for the Black Friday sales. My take on this is: You get what you pay for. If it seems too good to be true, then it just might be. There are some great deals on Black Friday and on Cyber Monday, but it is definitely buyer beware. Remember the retailers are targeting you for your hard earned dollars... and once those are gone, they are gone.

Remember, technology changes so fast these days. Do some research and purchase wisely. There are still some great deals out there.

Glenn Silva, owner of Fairhaven Computer Repair and HTE Computer Consulting+ has been servicing local individuals and businesses in the community for 20+ years. He is also currently offering Microsoft Windows 8 training. He is self-syndicated and his column can be read in numerous printed and online sources. He can be contacted through the advertisement in this publication or at: glenn67@comcast.net.

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Engineering group sponsors talk on wind turbine noise

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Town officials and members of the anti-wind group Windwise converged peacefully to attend a dinner followed by a presentation about wind turbine noise by Michael Bahtiarian of Noise Control Engineering, Inc., an acoustic engineer with a strong background in infrasound.

The 12/6 event was sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and coordinated by IEEE member Sid Martin, who is also on the Fairhaven Finance Committee.

"It's for the betterment of humanity that we're here right now," said Mr. Martin, before introducing Mr. Bahtiarian and his slide presentation titled "Facts and Myths of Wind Turbine Noise."

Mr. Bahtiarian specified three types of sound emitted from wind turbines: tonal sound, broadband sound, and aerodynamic amplitude modulation. He said it is the fluctuation in sound that leads to a greater annoyance of wind turbine noise.

Acoustician Steven Ambrose, a co-author of the McPherson study on infrasound out of Falmouth, was in attendance, interjecting his two-cents often during the presentation.

According to Mr. Bahtiarian, issues with noise are found with WTs of one megawatt or larger.

Noise sources, he said, are gear boxes, blades, the generator, and mechanical auxiliaries. He said, in his opinion, infrasound is produced by the swooshing blades, and other parts of the turbine are irrelevant when it comes to infrasonic sound. He said infrasound is stronger downwind, when the blades are facing away.

Infrasound is very difficult to measure, requiring expensive, sensitive equipment that often must be modified to the specific circumstances of the turbines being tested.

Mr. Bahtiarian told the group that state sound level testing standards are "impoverished" and far too simple to accurately predict noise output. He said most of the data collected and used to site WTs is provided by the developer, which he thinks is biased.

"Garbage in, garbage out," said Mr. Bahtiarian. "All the data comes from the vendor."

Mr. Bahtiarian does not conduct

studies of WTs himself, and refers to himself as a "peer reviewer." He is paid to testify as an expert witness on behalf of abutters to WT sites. Mr. Bahtiarian said he has testified in "three or four" court cases so far, in addition to speaking for residents during meetings of various boards in towns considering siting WTs.

Mr. Bahtiarian was criticized back in 2011 during a wind turbine siting hearing in Connecticut when several discrepancies in his data and certain unsupported assumptions were called out by the cross-examining attorney, as reported by the Register Citizen.*

Many in the audience reacted with surprise when Mr. Bahtiarian told them that there are no federal or state regulations for wind turbine noise. A

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general noise limit regulation is applied, and adjusted as needed, as the MassDEP did during its study in Falmouth.

Things got heated when the slide titled "Health Effects" was discussed, touching on the subject of Wind Turbine syndrome which Mr. Bahtiarian said was "the elephant in the room."

Mr. Bahtiarian called it "the touchiest of subjects of which I am not an expert." He cited a book written by Dr. Nina Pierpont about her study of 38 people claiming health effects from wind farms, and then said, "This is my take on her book."

He pointed out that not all people living in the vicinity of the wind turbines Dr. Pierpont studied "succumbed to Wind Turbine syndrome."

He listed some of the effects reported by residents in the study, comparing WT syndrome to motion sickness and sea sickness.

"My daughter...gets airplane sickness in the car on the way to the

plane," he said jokingly.

He went through some of the findings of the MassDEP panel report, until Windwise member Curt Devlin raised his hand and started criticizing the MassDEP panel review, with his voice escalating until it appeared as though he was attacking Mr. Bahtiarian.

"That is absolutely false," shouted Mr. Devlin regarding the panel's finding that wind turbines do not cause health effects. He cited a dubious paper written by Carl Phillips about wind turbine health effects, pointing his finger at Mr. Bahtiarian and speaking louder.

"You need to relax," Mr. Bahtiarian told Mr. Devlin. "I'm presenting what's in the report."

After, Mr. Bahtiarian himself cited a dubious report by Dr. Michael Nissenbaum, which he said was handed to him by Mr. Ambrose, and called the report an enlightening medical study.

Mr. Ambrose interrupted Mr. Bahtiarian to say that diabetes is a symptom of WT syndrome, stating that the stress from the turbines causes some people to develop diabetes.

Mr. Bahtiarian discussed mitigation of wind turbine noise, saying that newer designs in turbines with quieter blades and siting regulations are the way to go.

"I don't believe in sound proofing homes," said Mr. Bahtiarian. "...I don't think it can be done." In his opinion, municipalities should accept a one mile setback.

Mr. Bahtiarian said further studies are also required, which Mr. Devlin promptly opposed.

"I take exception to an opinion there should be more studies," said Mr. Devlin loudly. "There is already overwhelming evidence that people suffer near wind turbines, whether sound studies show or not." He said the states suppresses information and ignores peoples' claims.

Several town officials attended the presentation, including Board of Health chairperson Peter DeTerra, Selectperson Bob Espindola, Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward, BOH Member Barbara Acksen, and two other Planning Board members.

*<http://registercitizen.com/articles/2011/05/06/news/doc4dc37b673c7e8009939452.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

Fairhaven man is model for novel's main character

By C.J. West

Special to the Neighb News

Fairhaven resident Lorado Martin has been captured in the novel *Dinner At Deadman's* by C.J. West. Lorado can often be seen holding a yard sale on Main Street, and if you read *Dinner At Deadman's* you'll learn about his work collecting unwanted treasures and helping those who need another chance. Author C.J. West catches up with Lorado and talks with him about what it feels like to be the hero of his own series of books.

CJ: You're a regular guy, how does it feel to have a book written about you?

Lorado: Ben Franklin said, "Write something worth the reading or live a life worth the writing." So, I feel quite honored having this much attention paid to my personal journey.

CJ: What makes you a good hero?

Lorado: Being a husband and father, a veteran, a member of a small town, and having a background that includes Sunday school and scouting. The people I work with get the impression that I am on a mission to rebuild America one person at a time. I hope my values make me a good role model for the men I work with.

CJ: Have you had any interesting reactions from family or friends?

Lorado: I've gotten a similar reaction from a few people. They say it reads the way I speak, almost like I wrote the book myself. Great job, C.J.

CJ: What was the best part of the whole experience so far?

Lorado: The best part so far has been the examination of the characters and their interactions.

CJ: Do you really drink 1.5 liters of coffee?

Lorado: Yes. The huge travel cup is the latest version from Lowe's. It's been around in one form or another for decades. They probably have saved 100,000 Styrofoam cups from the landfill. Every morning starts with a coffee in bed (thanks, Honey). Years ago when I was still smoking cigarettes, I'd keep my big mug filled with coffee all day and a brandy and Coke in the evening.

Now I'm trying to stay at 1/2 of my cup daily and water after that.

CJ: Is there anything in the book you'd want to have removed?

Lorado: No. I'm not self-conscious about it. After all, it is fiction.

CJ: *Dinner At Deadman's* is a

euphemism for eating a dead person's food. Do you feel comfortable doing that? Why do you think it makes some people queasy?

Lorado: I was raised a God & Country kind of guy who considered it fortunate to have vegetables from the garden, fish/shellfish from the sea, deer from the woods. Wasting food in my house was considered sinful.

CJ: The book cover is cluttered with junk. Most of that stuff is yours. What kindled your love of junk?

Lorado: As a child I spent many weekends at my grandparents' home. My grandfather's domain was about an acre of land with a workshop, house, chicken coop, pig barns and turkey coop. He taught me to save what we may need or what others could use. So, for a broken pipe, leaky roof, barn door off the hinge, or a fence to mend, we always had what we needed to do repairs. I guess it's fair to say that my love of junk came from the lessons of my early years. I was taught to be a good steward of all I've been given.

Grampy was of good humor and a shining example of a good husband and father. He was also my biggest hoarding enabler and although he paid me one shiny quarter per day, no man has ever given me more.

CJ: What's your best junk find ever?

Lorado: I've found cabinets, chests, lithographs and many interesting things. The best find has been the lessons.

Some of the people that have been both happy and have done well have all had some form of industrious hobby. I say hobby because they were done first out of love and then for profit or for gifts. The industry side became a tradition or filled in when hard times fell.

I've also learned that some people put away their favorite things and pass away without enjoying them. Others surround themselves with what makes them happy.

CJ: Is there anything you've sold that you'd like to have back?

Lorado: That's a tricky one for me. I don't really want them back, but I love to find interesting stuff whether it is looking through an estate I've contracted or browsing an antique mall. Searching almost always leads me to my computer for a few hours of

Meet the author and the hero

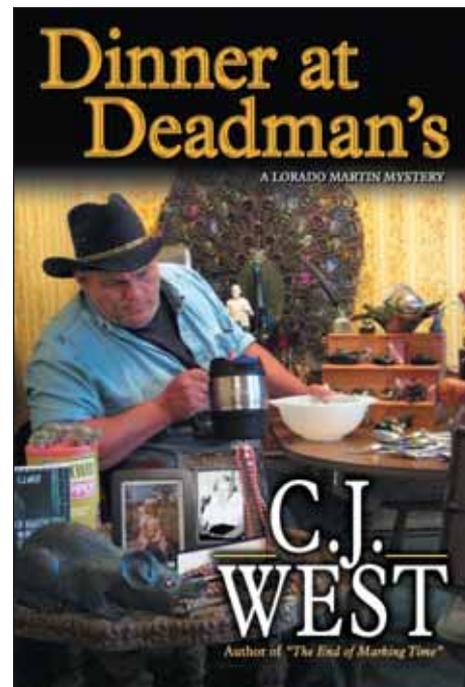
Author CJ West and Lorado Martin, hero of *Dinner At Deadman's*, will be signing books at the Ponderosa Sportsmen's Club, 242 Robinson Rd., Acushnet on Thursday, Dec. 20th at 5:00 pm.

research.

CJ: You work with recovering substance abusers. What has been your most rewarding moment?

Lorado: Nothing is more satisfying in my day job than seeing a familiar face that is holding down a steady job. It's great to know that I have helped them along the road to recovery.

If you'd like to know more about Lorado and his life, signed copies of *Dinner At Deadman's* are available from www.22wb.com and a portion of each purchase supports GiftsToGive, a local charity depicted in the novel that helps needy children on the Southcoast.



CJ West's latest book, "Dinner at Deadman's" features a main character modeled after Fairhaven resident Lorado Martin.

Little Miss Blue Devil chosen

By Hannah Desrosiers
Press Release

Twenty contestants participated in the 7th annual Little Miss Blue Devil pageant on Oct. 12 in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center at Fairhaven High School.

The winners of each division were Mini Miss, Brooke Elizabeth Boucher (age 7); Little Miss, Madyson Pimental (age 9); and Junior Miss, Madison Koch (age 11). The Best Talent Award went to Boucher for winning over the judges with her singing while playing guitar. Pimental had a presentation on bullying. Koch performed a jazz dance.

Hosting the event was Fun 107's Pete Braley. The pageant began with a dance to Selena Gomez' hit song, *Love You Like a Love Song*, choreographed by senior Danielle Trahan. The girls ranged from ages five to twelve and were placed in the following categories: Junior Miss (ages 11-14), Little Miss (ages 9-10), and Mini Miss (ages 5-8). The girls participated in Casual Wear, Talent, Costume, and Formal Wear.

During intermission, the audience had a chance to vote for the contestant to win the People's Choice Award. The winner of each category received half of the total amount that was earned per category. The winner of the Junior Miss category was Alyson DaCosta who received \$38. Little Miss winner Madyson Pimental received \$169.50, and Mini Miss winner Brooke Boucher received \$55.

The Formal category was held after intermission, which included a pageant question for each contestant.

Brooke Boucher answered, "Happy Feet; I love the baby penguins," to a



Photo Caption: Little Miss Blue Devil contestants 2012 dance to the opening number. Back row (from left to right): Breeana Joseph, Athena Borges, Samantha Masse, Kyla Conte, Madyson Pimental, Micayla Daniels-Pacheco, and Alysen DaCosta. Middle row (from left to right): Sophia Fleurent, Emma Fleurent, Ava Borges, Mikaela Petty, and Sydney Wojtunik. Front (from left to right): Marina Torres, Chelsea Petty, Nadia Torres, Trinity Ferreira Martin, Brooke Boucher, Ava May Langlois, Renee Morin, and Madison Koch. Photo submitted

question about her favorite movie.

"My favorite book is *Out of My Mind* because it's about a girl who couldn't walk or talk, and she gets something she can talk with," answered Madyson Pimental. "It's a very happy but sad, book."

"If I could change one thing about the world..." said Madison Koch, "to make sure everyone isn't shy to perform."

After the question segment, the three judges helped to decide the winners. The judges included Ashley Hebert, Miss New Bedford 2010, Janelle Guenette, Miss New Bedford 2012, Kennedy Ryan, Junior Miss Blue Devil 2011, Erin Rapoza, Dance Extreme Owner, and Rebecca Zalewski, the owner of Off Broadway Academy of Dance.

The yearbook staff crowned the winners. All of the girls were invited to ride on a float for Fairhaven's Veteran's Day Parade 2012, courtesy of Molly Silva's grandfather, Antone Medeiros.

FHS 2013 Huttlestonian yearbook staff include Molly Silva and Eric Plummer (editors), Delaney Corcoran (junior editor) and Ashley Pereira (business manager). Key senior staff includes Hannah Desrosiers and Dalton Hastings, junior Marisa Garcia, and freshmen Hannah Chouinard, Sonia Watson, and Caitlyn Conner. Jo-Anne Charette is the yearbook advisor.

The winners received select gift certificates from Vivy's, Riccardi's, Mac's Soda Bar, Minerva's House of Pizza, California Nails, Gloss, Sea Witch, and hair and nail supplies from Hair Unlimited. They also won a Rebok gym bag from Samsonite, a family four pack from Wonder Bowl in New Bedford, a Fairhavenopoly game board, a Blue Devil's drawstring backpack, a bouquet of flowers donated by the Stop & Shop and Shaw's in Fairhaven, as well as a tiara and a sash. The Best Talent winner was given \$10 and a drawstring backpack. ●●●

PACE enrolling for learning program for NB residents

Press Release

The PACE Family Center is currently enrolling new families in the Free Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP). It is free to all New Bedford families, lasts two years, and is offered in both English and Spanish.

PCHP is an evidence based, research validated, early childhood literacy, parenting, and school readiness home visiting program. It uses trained paraprofessionals to work with families without access to educational and economic opportuni-

ties, in order to prepare their children for future academic success while strengthening the family unit. The home visitor goes to the family's home twice a week for half an hour to model simple activities parents can do with their child to promote learning. Any toys and books used at the home visit are left for continued use by families and children.

The PACE Family Center was awarded \$25,000 from the Jessie B. Cox Foundation to expand home visiting services to New Bedford

families with children 16 months to 4 years old. The PCHP targets families with high needs such as homeless children, low-income households, English language learners, and families that move more than once per year. Anyone who is interested in participating or who would like more information, please contact Waney Langton, PCHP Coordinator, at 508-979-1927. To learn more about the national Parent-Child Program, visit their website at www.parent-child.org.

Diesel spill in harbor finds its way to Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

A diesel spill of unknown origin found its way to the shore at Fairhaven Shipyard North on Friday, 12/7. Fairhaven and New Bedford Fire Departments, the US Coast Guard, Department of Environmental Protection, and Fairhaven Harbormaster converged on the scene at around 7:30 a.m.

According to Fairhaven Harbormaster David Darmofal and Coast Guard personnel on the scene, the source of the spill would most likely



not be found because it was so small.

USCG officers on the scene estimated the spill at about 15 gallons.

Mr. Darmofal said someone noticed the sheen on the water and called the fire department, which notified other officials. He said DEP arrived on scene and the Fairhaven Fire Department deployed its booms and other equipment used to contain spills.

The tide was coming in, bringing the spill from somewhere across the harbor to the shore at Fairhaven Shipyard.

Hazardous cleanup company Clean Harbors was on scene in the morning, cleaning up the spill.

Mr. Darmofal said costs will be paid for by the cleanup fund controlled by the CG and the boom used by the fire department will be replaced by the same fund.

Mr. Darmofal said the Coast Guard boarded several boats in New



ABOVE & LEFT: The Fairhaven and New Bedford Fire Departments deployed boom and absorbent pads to contain a Diesel fuel spill in the harbor on Friday, 12/7. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com

Bedford Harbor looking for the origin of the spill, but had no luck finding it.

He said investigators would be looking at security cameras on both sides of the harbor.

"In 2001, New Bedford Harbor was number one in oil spill reports," said Mr. Darmofal, adding that it was unlikely they would find the source.

He also noted, however, that the cameras on the Fairhaven side will be upgraded to high resolution soon.

Most spills do originate on the New Bedford side of the harbor, with tide and prevailing southwest winds pushing them to Fairhaven.

Town seeks homeowners for improvement grants

Press Release

The Fairhaven Housing Rehabilitation Program continues to offer no-interest, deferred loans to assist the owners of residential properties with critical repairs. The Program has been awarded additional funds from the Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development and is now seeking income eligible applicants to the Program.

According to Bill Roth, Director of Fairhaven's Department of Planning & Economic Development, "Since we started the program in 2006, we have been able to assist property owners with the costs of renovating over 40 units of residential housing. We can provide financial help to residents who can't afford to make repairs or don't have access to bank financing. At this time of year, we often get

requests to assist homeowners with leaking roofs and failed heating systems."

The majority of the Housing Rehabilitation Program's funds are targeted for home repairs in the Cushman Park area of Fairhaven. However, some funds are available to assist homeowners town-wide with emergency repairs to their homes. Emergency repairs can include a roof or chimney leak into the living space, a failed heating, septic or well system, or other conditions that would require the homeowner to vacate the property. The Program can also assist homeowners with the costs of making a home handicapped accessible.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program also accepts applications from landlords in the Cushman Park area who do not live in the building to

be renovated. The Program can rehabilitate up to four units at a time. Eligible repairs can include roofing, plumbing, structural repairs, lead and asbestos removal, hearing systems, window/door replacement and weatherization.

To participate, homeowners or tenants must meet minimum income guidelines that are determined by HUD. The no-interest loans are forgiven on a prorated basis and only require repayment if the property is sold or transferred before 15 years has elapsed.

To learn more about the Housing Rehabilitation Program and to request an application, please contact the Fairhaven Department of Planning & Economic Development at 508-979-4082 or fairhaven-planning@fairhaven-ma.gov

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