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## FHS cheerleaders win at state tournament



The Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders won the 2015 Winter State Cheerleading Tournament, co-ed division, at Wachusett Regional High School on Sunday, 3/8. Sponsored by the Mass. Secondary School Administrators Association, the tournament featured 48 squads competing in 5 categories. FHS faced off against four other schools in the "Co-Ed Small School" category. "We're really proud of them and their coaches for their dedication and their commitment to excellence," said FHS Assistant Principal Mary Jane Muello. She said they were "loose and happy and confident" before doing their routine. "I think cheerleaders don't usually get the notoreity. They work so hard. They're committed to excellence and achieving the highest levels," said Ms. Muello. "They are just a great group of kids. All they do is smile." This is the first year that a male has joined the team. ABOVE: Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders and their coaches pose for a picture after their win at the winter state tournament in the co-ed, small school division. Team members are (in alphabetical order): Hannah Catana, Frank Consiglio, Karina Fernandes, Lindsey Ferreira, Abigail Horan, Camryn Kruger, Hannah Lima, Sydney Lobo, Camille Moniz, Olivia Nunes, Kendra Prudhomme, Julia Rousseau, Makenzie Sylvia, Paige Teixeira, Riley Tetr1eault. Coaches are Meagan Rudenauer, Karen deOliveira and Heather Costa. *Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Muello.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

“A little bit of a hard melon,” indeed.

So says Jay Simmons about his own head (see page 3), after having been beaten with a metal shovel just about a week ago.

He sounded like his old self on the phone, although I'm sure his noggin has the signs of the attack all over.

He mostly talked about how lucky he feels to be alive and still have all his senses about him. I have to say it was nice to hear. We didn't talk about the case, he didn't want to jeopardize the investigation in any way. I was okay with that. We'll let the police do their jobs on that front.

Meanwhile, Mr. Simmons thwarted the attack, with the help of a neighbor who did not ignore his calls for help or act like she didn't hear anything. We'll talk to her for next week's article. This week, I just wanted to hear what Jay had to say and to let my readers know that he's doing okay, he's on the mend, and we'll be seeing him around town soon.

Onto other topics.

The town received two proposals, one each for the Oxford and Rogers school buildings. One is a bid to convert the Oxford into apartments. The other proposes to use the Rogers for students of Northeast Maritime Institute. The Oxford proposal offers \$325,000 for the building appraised at \$285,000. The other proposal, by Eric and Angela Dawicki, offers \$1 for the Rogers building, which was also appraised at \$285,000.

Now the committee will have to decide if either one of the proposals is a good fit for the town and the corresponding neighborhood.

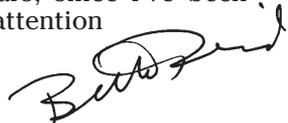
See page 4 for details and decide for yourself.

We also have the first of the candidate statements this week (see page 19). We started with School Committee which has three people running for two seats. In the next two weeks, we'll be running the other statements of those in contested races and, one or two from unopposed candidates if we have room.

Meanwhile, be sure to send in your letters of support (or not) for those running for office. I'm happy to say we have a few contested races, but I'd like to see no unopposed seats. And we have some seats with no candidates at all.

It's a sad comment on our democracy, although not as sad as voter turnout has been for the last few years, well...let's see, for the last 10 years, since I've been publishing this paper and paying attention to the numbers.

Ah well, that's a rant for another day. Until next week then... see ya



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The information in the caption about the new trash system on page 7 in last week's issue contained incorrect information. Households will not be allowed an additional trash cart. See page 10 for a statement from the Fairhaven Board of Health.

In the article about the Registry of Motor Vehicles Veterans indicator, we left out that veterans must have their DD214 forms with them to get the plates. A regular military ID will not be enough. We apologize for any confusion our errors may have caused.

# Jay Simmons on the mend: "I have a little bit of a hard melon"

By Beth David  
Editor

Jay Simmons considers himself a lucky guy, even if he does have gashes on his head and a long road to recovery.

Mr. Simmons was attacked by a man wielding a spade-type shovel on March 3, while the snow came down and Mr. Simmons shoveled near his home on Oxford Street in Fairhaven.

The attack took him totally by surprise and the first blow knocked him to the ground. He took about 10 blows with the shovel, which ended up with a broken handle, according to a statement by police.

"I thought to myself after I went to the ground, 'how am I [going to] live? How am I [going to] survive?'" Mr. Simmons said in a phone interview this week. "The thing that came to mind was to start screaming."

And that's what he did.

"I just started screaming at the top of my lungs. I started screaming as loud and as long as I could. I just thought I'd scream until somebody comes," he said. "The neighbor came out pretty quick. I can't thank her

enough for hearing me and coming out of the house."

Meanwhile, Mr. Simmons was holding up his arm to fend off the blows. He said he was amazed it wasn't broken, although it is severely bruised.

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until somebody comes  
[Jay Simmons]

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"I remember the vision of a broken shovel on ground," he said.

Then he stumbled into the house, told his father he had been beaten and needed to go to the hospital. His eyes were closing and he was spitting out blood.

"I went to the bathroom to see if I had teeth," he said, but he couldn't

tell for sure because he was bleeding so much. He said he did not lose any teeth in the attack and is amazed at that.

"I can't imagine that all my teeth are perfectly rooted in my mouth," said Mr. Simmons. "Maybe that's where my forearm was most of the time."

He remembers seeing a gash in his head and thinking he was seeing through to his brain.

"I remember grabbing a towel off the rack and putting a coat over my head and trying not to gag on the blood," he said. "I wanted to get outside [to the ambulance]. I didn't think I had a lot of time."

He said he understands that he swore at his neighbor, the one who saved him by coming out her door, but he doesn't remember that. And he surely credits her with saving his life.

"I woke up with at least one tube sticking out of my mouth and people talking about me, and my eyes swollen shut," said Mr. Simmons.

He knew the answers to the questions: his name, the date, and he

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# Selectboard sends proposals for schools to selection committee

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard held an extra meeting on Monday, 3/9, to discuss the receipt of proposals in answer to the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Oxford and Rogers Schools. Each school received one proposal.

Eric and Angela Dawicki answered the RFP for the Rogers School, offering \$1 for the property that was appraised at \$285,000. Their plan is to use it for educational purposes, expanding their privately owned for-profit Northeast Maritime Institute, which has its headquarters on Washington Street, also in the center of town.

The 20-page proposal stands in stark contrast to the \$120+ pages submitted by the Stratford Capital Group for the Oxford School building. SCG is offering \$325,000 for the building, which was also appraised for \$285,000.

SCG is proposing 50 units of affordable housing, including one, two and three-bedroom apartments. The proposal also includes plans for 85 parking spaces. The timeline for the proposal was more than two years, with detailed plans in the document explaining where the financing would come from in various phases.

The Dawicki plan had no financial details, simply stating that they would finance the project. The Dawicki plan also had no timeline.

Fairhaven's Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch pointed out the differences in the two plans, particularly the lack of detail in the Dawicki plan. He acknowledged that both plans have drawbacks.

Town Counsel Thomas Crotty agreed that both plans had issues,

but said that none of them were insurmountable if the town wants to accept them.

He said there is no legal reason that town cannot accept the \$1 bid, but that the state procurement law requires the town to submit its reasoning for accepting the low bid to the state Inspector General's office.

He said if it makes sense for the town because of the proposed use or the historic value of the building, or other reasons, then it can be legally done.

He said the primary concern was the lack of detail in the Dawicki proposal.

"You need a detailed agreement with the developer," said Mr. Crotty.

He said a "reverter clause" could be added to make sure the town gets the results it is looking for, meaning the property would revert back to the town if the developer does not come through.

"It can be a complicated piece of work, but it can be done," said Mr. Crotty.

Mr. Osuch raised concerns not only about the price, but also the use. The proposal states that NMI could add 350 new students with the new building. It also says that most of them would be international students living locally, so they would not be driving. Mr. Osuch, however, said that there simply is not enough parking in the neighborhood to accommodate the influx of students.

"There's very little information that was provided," said Mr. Osuch of the Dawicki proposal.

He said the Stratford proposal listed an architect, engineer, financial institutions, a financial plan, and reasonable timelines for completion.

The Dawicki proposal, however, he

said, had no mention of any of that.

"I read the proposal," said Mr. Osuch. "It wasn't there."

Selectboard chair Bob Espindola admitted there were "shortcomings" in the proposal, but said he believed the town could work with the Dawickis to resolve those. He also said they could ask for that information now.

He asked Mr. Crotty if there was any legal reason why the town could not negotiate some aspects of the proposals. Mr. Crotty answered that he believed that would be legal.

"You would expect that they would have provided that information when they submitted," said Mr. Osuch, since it was all requested in the RFP.

The board also talked about the possibility of re-issuing the RFPs or selling the properties by auction, with deed restrictions.

The Oxford proposal, although having much more detail, also had its shortcomings, not least of which is adding 50 units in an already densely populated part of town with little parking.

The Stratford proposal estimates \$15.15 million for the project and outlines where the funding is expected to come from. The proposal also stresses the experience of the firm in converting five schools to residences throughout Mass., and actual costs of each project.

There may also be zoning issues that have to be addressed.

The board voted to send both documents to the Rogers Oxford RFP Selection Committee for review.

The board also set a date of Thursday, 3/19, as the deadline for articles to be submitted for the special town meeting to be held within the annual on May 2.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Benefit for Jay

A benefit for Jay Simmons, a town official who was attacked with a shovel (see page 3), will be held on **Sat., 3/14, at the Pasta House, 100 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, from Noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.** Get tickets in advance from Anne Kakley at 339-987-9179, Vicki Paquette at 508-542-4908; or at Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven; the Selectboard office at town hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle. All proceeds from the event will go to Jay to help in his recovery.

Please make checks payable to "Benefit for Jay." An account has also been set up at Southern Mass Credit Union and at GoFundMe.com/nv5m30

## FBA Cand. Night

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. will be hosting its annual candidates night on **Thurs., 3/19 at 6:30 p.m., at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd.**

We are asking that anyone interested in asking any questions to please send their queries and the intended recipient to Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. c/o Charlene Conway, 14 Brookstone Drive, Lakeville, MA 02346. Also, they may be dropped off in an envelope at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave.

If time allows, we may take additional questions from the audience. The moderators for the evening will be FBA members Dr. Brian Bowcock, of Fairhaven Chiropractic and Wayne Oliveira, of Mike and Wayne's. This event will be recorded and if possible broadcasted live. If you have any questions please free to contact Cathy Melanson, President of the FBA at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice President of the FBA at 508-996-4828.

## Financial Literacy

PACE Child Care Works, Inc. of New Bedford is offering a Free Family Financial Literacy Event on **Tues., 3/24, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.**

Please join us and learn more about teaching your family about finances, savings, good money management and much more. Registration is preferred but not required.

For Further information, contact Julie at PACE Child Care Works, 508-999-9930 Ext. 102 or email [jvareika@paceccw.org](mailto:jvareika@paceccw.org).

## Police ask help with fund-raiser

*Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release*

A fundraiser has been set up with TCI America to benefit the Fairhaven Police Union.

They will be coordinating a comedy show at the **Seaport Inn on Friday, March 27th, 2015 at 8:00 pm.** They began the fundraising efforts Tuesday, February 24th.

The fundraiser will go until the night of the show. **Tickets are \$10** and there will be three comedians performing. The comedians are from within the Boston to New York comedy circuit.

If you receive a phone call or a representative visits you at your home, it is a legitimate fundraising effort to support your local police department. Your contributions and involvement with this event are greatly appreciated.

## "Grease" at FHS

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club Presents "Grease"

This two-act musical features a cast of talented FHS actors. The show is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The show is being performed at The **Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center at 12 Huttleston Ave., March 26-29. Thurs., Fri., Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m.**

**Reserved seating tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for students & senior citizens, and \$10 for children under 12.** The box office will open starting March 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 PM or call 508-979-4051 ext. 5411 to reserve tickets.

This show will sell out fast, so tickets may not be available at the door.

## Runners support Jimmy Fund

Will Benoit and Gabe Monroe, both 12, have been training hard to run in the New Bedford Half Marathon this weekend. On top of this, they have decided to take on the extra challenge of fundraising for the

Jimmy Fund and are closing in on their \$1,500 fundraising goal!

To donate, and find out more about Will and Gabe's motivation to keep running and what makes the Jimmy Fund their favorite charity visit <http://www.rundanafarber.org/2015/willandgabe>

## Cataldo Scholarship

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarship applications are now available at the Guidance Office of Fairhaven High School, Greater NB Reg Voc-Tech HS, Bishop Stang HS, and Bristol Agricultural HS.

The Joseph Cataldo Jr. Scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors who are Fairhaven residents enrolled in a full time degree program. **The deadline for filing the application is April 27, 2015.**

Applications may also be requested by mail: NFIA Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 877 Fairhaven, MA 02719.

## Spaghetti Supper

St. Joseph Parish Spaghetti Supper, **Thurs., 3/19, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.** We are celebrating the feast day of our Patron Saint, St. Joseph, with a Spaghetti Supper.

Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, homemade zeppole and assorted refreshments. 50/50 and assorted raffles.

**Tickets will be sold after masses on Sun., 3/8, and the weekend of 4/15, or call to reserve tickets, 508-994-9714 or email [secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net)**

**Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for 7-10 year-olds; under 6 are free.**

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# Man barricades himself inside Main Street apartment

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Police responded to a disturbance call to an apartment located at 55 Main Street just after 8:30 Sunday night, 3/8. When officers arrived they encountered a 40-year-old male, identified as Richard Ribeiro who appeared to be in an agitated state.

When Mr. Ribeiro saw the officers, he began yelling at them that they would "have to kill" him and he "would not be taken alive." Mr. Ribeiro then began punching his windows with his fists, breaking the glass in the panes. He also began throwing things around his apartment and through the windows, sending shattered glass scattering to the ground.

Officers Philip Lacerda, David Correia, Andrew Quintin, along with Sergeant Daniel Dorgan, set up a perimeter around the apartment and requested mutual aid from the Acushnet and Mattapoisett Police Departments.

Massachusetts State Police and

SWAT Teams and negotiators from the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council and New Bedford Police Department were also called in to assist.

Mr. Ribeiro continued to destroy his apartment and throw items out of the windows. At one point he threw a hammer at the SWAT Team armored personnel carrier and knocked an external intercom speaker off the vehicle. Law enforcement personnel remained in place and maintained a perimeter around the scene, from Main Street to Washington Street to Center Street.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Mr. Ribeiro was observed by officers climbing out a south window of his first floor apartment. A member of the SEMLEC SWAT Team immobilized Ribeiro with a TASER and he was taken into custody uninjured. Mr. Ribeiro was transported to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation.

When officers entered the apartment, they found it completely destroyed. There was shattered glass and destroyed property strewn

about. They also discovered that Mr. Ribeiro tampered with a natural gas line leading to a gas stove in the apartment. A plastic wall poster was found nearby that was partially burned and melted.

Ribeiro, who was the sole occupant of the apartment during this incident, was charged with two counts of vandalism. One count was for destroying the apartment he was renting. The second count stems from the damage Mr. Ribeiro caused to the SWAT vehicle. He is also being charged with disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace and attempted arson of a dwelling. He will be arraigned Monday.

During the standoff, police smelled gas and had both gas and electric to the building shut off. Negotiators were in touch with Ribeiro by phone.

Other residents of the multi-unit building were evacuated during the standoff, but no other homes were evacuated. Residents were allowed back into their homes after Mr. Ribeiro was taken into custody.

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**Shopping Day** Wednesday, March 18, 1 p.m. Come shop with the Traveling Boutique from 1 to 3 p.m. The merchandise includes Alfred Dunner clothing, pocketbooks, scarves, jewelry and more. RSVP by March 17

**Fall Prevention Tips** Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.. Care Tenders will be here to share with you and your loved ones the best way to prevent falls. Come to join in this informative seminar.



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# HAPPENINGS STILL IN TOWN

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## Boating Safely

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In general, this information applies to all recreational watercraft (powerboats, PWCs, sailboats and boats which are paddled). PWC and Jet Ski operators often have additional laws and restrictions which apply to them.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## NB half marathon

The 38th Annual New Bedford Half Marathon is this **Sun., 3/15, at 11:00 a.m.** Being a loop course, the New Bedford Half Marathon is a great spectator race. People will have ample opportunity to watch the race in progress. Spectators can watch the beginning of the race on Purchase Street (near Route 6), walk down Union street to approximately the five mile mark (Rockdale Ave) and then walk back to the finish.

Another place for spectators is at the top of the County Street hill (around the 12.2 mile mark). From this vantage point spectators will appreciate the make-or-break point for the runners as they near the end of the course.

Many make this trek between the start, the five mile mark and return to catch the County Street hill, then the finish on Purchase Street.

Visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com/> for map and other information.

Online registration is closed. **Post Entry will be allowed in person** at the YMCA on Sat., 3/14 from 12:00 pm through 4 pm and again Sun., 3/15 from 8:30 a.m through 10:30 a.m. We STRONGLY Encourage you to come on Saturday. If that isn't possible, then you must be prepared to arrive early on Sunday. The Race will go off at 11:00 am sharp.

## St. Anthony's Music

**On Sun., 3/15, at 3pm,** Jon Wiening of Providence RI, will play a classical guitar recital at St. Anthony of Padua

Church in the North End of the city. The recital is a fundraiser for St. Anthony's 100 year old Casavant pipe organ as a part of the MUSIC AT ST. ANTHONY'S concert program. No tickets are needed to attend, but a freewill offering will be collected during the concert for the organ fund. Complimentary tea and cookies are served after the concert in the church hall. Patrons are encouraged to "Adopt an Organ Part" to help with the restoration of the pipe organ.

For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691. Directions and information about the Church and the organ fund are posted at [www.MusicAtSaintAnthonys.org](http://www.MusicAtSaintAnthonys.org)

## Scholarships

The Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society is accepting applications for its annual scholarships. The board awards scholarships based on need and merit, giving first consideration to descendants of seamen. Applicants must be residents of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester.

All of these requirements must be met in order to be eligible for consideration: Show financial need; Include a written summary of the size of your family residing at home, number currently enrolled in college, and any other financial circumstances; Provide transcript of grades from the school currently attending; Meet one or more of the following criteria, document family ties to the sea, such as whaling forebears,

fishing, merchant marine, or maritime service; acceptance letter from a maritime academy; or plans to major in marine science.

Submit a typed or neatly handwritten educational resume of no fewer than 100 words, describing future career intentions, areas of study and college acceptances.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 7, 2015, and must be mailed to: The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, Attn: Ladies' Branch Scholarship Application, 30 Cornell St., New Bedford MA 02740.

Inquiries can be made directly to [ladies.branchnbps@gmail.com](mailto:ladies.branchnbps@gmail.com)

## Sailor Series

The 25th annual Sailors Series celebrates its quarter-century mark at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible. **The evening programs begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater, with a pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery.**

**On Thursday, March 19,** John E. Conway will present "Tales of the Buckrammer." Author John E. Conway has been boating and sailing in New England waters since 1960. Conway's lecture will feature accounts from his most recent publication, "Buckrammer's Tales," including ghost stories, near disasters, family boating misadventures and tales of buried treasure.

For more information, visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## MO LIFE Ball

On **Saturday, 3/21**, M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. (Murphy and Others, Living Interdependently for Future Endeavors) will celebrate its 20 years of M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. at our Annual Semi-Formal Ball to be held at **White's of Westport from 6pm to Midnight**.

M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. services the vocational and community needs of individuals with disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. ALL proceeds of this event will go toward supporting individuals with disabilities and Scholarships for local High School Seniors.

Without fundraisers, M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. would not be able to support people on a continuous basis or provide the means for additional basic needs. Join us once again on Saturday, March 21st for a night of dining, dancing, photographs, awards, entertainment provided by "Entertainment You Can Count On", and a fine opportunity to assist other members of our community to live fuller lives.

We will also hold a silent auction with merchandise donated from several local merchants and restaurants. White's of Westport is located on Route 6 in Westport, MA and is fully accessible. Tickets may be purchased at our Fairhaven location or visit our website at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com) **Tickets are \$50.00 per person**. All proceeds will benefit people with disabilities affiliated with M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc.

M.O., L.I.F.E., Inc. is a 501 (3) c recognized non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## Woman's Club

**Tasty Welcome to Spring.** The Mattapoisett Woman's Club March 19th meeting starts at noon in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street.

Don't Be Late! You won't want to miss Colby Rottler's talk on his second-career journey to professional chef and culinary instructor.

Topics on his agenda are: the change in career and the culinary institute he attended, must-have kitchen utensils/gadgets, what makes a dish successful or unsuccessful, how herbs and spices change the

texture and taste of food, and answers to questions you've wanted to ask — such as, does the size of the egg you use affect the recipe...

Did I mention there will be samples to taste? Join us for a light lunch and a delicious talk!

For more information, please call Barb 508 864-5213.

## Open Meeting Law

Attorney General Maura Healey's Office will hold four regional free educational forums in March and April. The AG's Office will also offer a live web-based training on the law.

The forums and the webinar are part of a broad effort by the AG's Office to assist public bodies and members of the public in understanding and complying with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. State, local, regional, and county public bodies are required to comply with the Open Meeting Law.

In order to provide greater transparency and access to the office's decisions, all of the AG's Open Meeting Law determinations are available online through an interactive database, the Open Meeting Law Determination Lookup at <http://www.oml.ago.state.ma.us/>

Spring 2015 regional educational forums will be held on the following dates:

- **Ware, Thurs., 3/19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, Ware Junior Senior High School Auditorium, 237 West Street, Ware
  - **Sharon, Thurs., 3/26, 6-8 p.m.**, Sharon Community Center, 219 Massapoag Ave., Sharon
  - **Hanover, Wed., 4/1, 6-8 p.m.**, Hanover Town Hall, Large Meeting Room, 550 Hanover Street, Hanover
  - **Gloucester, Tues., 4/7, 6-8 p.m.**, Gloucester City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium, 9 Dale Ave., Gloucester
- Educational forums are free. All members of public bodies, municipal employees, and members of the general public are encouraged to attend. Please register in advance by calling 617-963-2925 or by emailing [OMLTraining@state.ma.us](mailto:OMLTraining@state.ma.us), and provide: 1) first and last names; 2) town of residence; 3) the public body/organization you represent, if appropriate; and 4) the location of the educational forum you will attend.

The AG's Office is also conducting an **online webinar on Tues., 4/14**

**from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Attendees can participate entirely online and will be able to submit written questions during the training and receive real-time responses from Division attorneys. For more information about the webinar email [OMLTraining@state.ma.us](mailto:OMLTraining@state.ma.us).

For more information on the Open Meeting Law, visit the Attorney General's website at [www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting](http://www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting).

## Tiara 5K Reg

Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K. Dust off your tiara, cape or both and join us for the Women's Fund Tiara 5K Mothers Day Race.

Race will be on Mother's Day, May 10, with 9:00 AM Kids Fun Run (3 years to 12 years old), and 9:30 AM 5K Run and Walk, at Oxford Creamery, 98 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

Register online at [www.womensfundtiara5k.com](http://www.womensfundtiara5k.com)

For sponsorship info contact Traci Calabrese at 508-717-0283 or [tcababrese@womensfundsema.org](mailto:tcababrese@womensfundsema.org).

The Women's Fund Mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. We raise money to invest in programs that increase opportunities for women to earn a living wage. Visit <http://womensfundsema.org/> to learn more.

## Sugaring time in VT

Vermont's biggest harbinger of spring — maple sugar season — kicks off in March and continues through April with fairs, festivals, and family fun. As the largest producer of maple syrup in the U.S., Vermont knows how to celebrate the sweet stuff.

Depending on the festival, you may find a scavenger hunt, carnival, sleigh ride, or sugaring demonstration.

**Sugaring Time Festival, 3/14, 9am-8:30pm, Sugarbush Resort** A delicious variety of maple-themed activities, including a resort-wide scavenger hunt.

**Maple Festival 2015, March 14, 1pm-4pm, Middletown Springs** Watch a demonstration of early maple sugarmaking in a cast iron kettle over an open fire.

For details on these and other events, visit [www.VermontVacation.com/maple](http://www.VermontVacation.com/maple).

# Recipe of the Week

## Delectable Cookies

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup softened butter
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips (12 oz. bag)
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup coconut (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°. In a medium bowl sift together flour, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl combine butter, both sugars and vanilla. With a wooden spoon, beat until creamy; beat in eggs. Gradually add sifted dry ingredients and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips, pecans and coconut. Mix well.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 374° oven for 8 to 10 mins or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack.

# BOH: Only one cart per household

To clear up some misunderstandings about the new trash cart system, the Fairhaven Board of Health issued the following statement.

“Please note that only one recycle and one trash cart are allowed per household. This is done in an effort to decrease trash amounts, reduce costs and increase recycling rates in town.

“Please read the flyer that was either mailed to you or came with the cart for what is now recyclable — it’s

a lot. Any questions on recycling call the Board of Health at 508-979-4022, Ext. 125, or BOH@Fairhaven-ma.gov. Trash questions: 508-979-4030.

“PLEASE do not call ABC on this matter. Thank you.”

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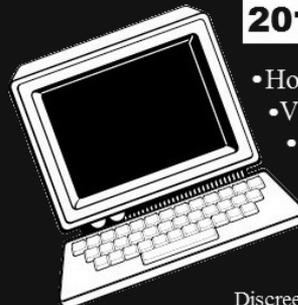
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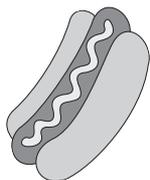
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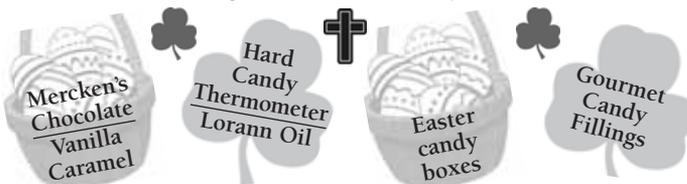
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# Family holds blood drive in honor of fallen hero

By Beth David

Editor

The family of Lance Corporal Matthew Roderiguez, who was killed in action in Arghanistan on 12/11/13, held a blood drive on Friday, 3/6, at the Hampton Inn in Fairhaven.

The The LCpl. Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation has held many community events and plans to hold more in memory of the fallen hero, dubbed "the smiling warrior" because he always had a smile on his face.

Matthew would have turned 21 years old on March 1.

"So, for his 21st birthday, we thought we'd do something to give back to the community," said Matt's mother Lisa Rodriguez.

She said the foundation raises money for scholarships and has had a lot of community support, so they wanted to do something to give back.

The response to the blood drive was "fantastic," she said, with most time slots being filled up right away.

Matt's father Rolando, aka, "Rod," said it was still very hard to think of his son, who always wanted to be a Marine like his dad.

"His birthday was a tough day for all of us," said Mr. Roderiguez. "I still think of him every day, and I will until I die. And hopefully, I'll get to meet up

with him."

He said the blood drive was going well and they decided it was a good fit for the foundation because of the recent closing of the blood bank at Southcoast Hospitals Group.

Staff Sgt. Deries Kaywood said it was a coincidence that he decided to visit with the Rodriguez family during the blood drive. He was their case officer, the Marine assigned to help the family through the the ordeal of their son's death, including being the one who told them that Matthew had been killed.

"A blood drive is always a good idea," said Staff Sgt. Kaywood.

Matthew's sister Lisa Doherty echoed both sentiments about giving back to the community and saving lives with blood donations.

"It's to keep honoring him," she said, and to

remember his story and his sacrifice.

The Red Cross has taken over supplying blood to the region. For information on blood drives visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

For more information about Matt's story and his memorial foundation, including upcoming events, visit [www.thesmilingwarrior.org](http://www.thesmilingwarrior.org)



L-R: Rolando "Rod" Roderiguez, Staff Sgt. Deries Kaywood, Lisa Roderiguez at the blood drive held in honor of Lance Corporal Matthew Roderiguez on Friday, 3/6. LCpl. Roderiguez was killed in action in Afghanistan on 12/11/13. His parents, Rod and Lisa, started a foundation in Matt's name. They organized the blood drive as a way to give back to the community. *Beth David photo.*

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could spell words backwards.

"The good news is I lived," said Mr. Simmons. "And it wasn't somebody else," because somebody else might not have made it.

"I lived, so that's good," he said. "I'm not happy about being beaten."

He said he learned about the fund-raising efforts for him with the GoFundMe account and the upcoming event on Saturday. As of press time, it had raised \$3,925.

"I can't even express my thanks that it was put in place for me," he said. "This is overwhelming for me, all the support and everything and all the positive stuff that's come out of this."

"I am thankful and grateful and overwhelmed," he said about the fund-raising efforts. "I never thought something like that would be for me. Plenty of times I've gotten my ticket and go to eat my meatballs or whatever. I have a whole different

perspective on it now."

"I am in a more uncomfortable spot than I have ever been," he said. "There's no practice in life for getting your head beat in by a shovel."

And...having all kinds of people say they care about you, too.

"I got some hugs from some people I never thought I'd get hugs from," he said with a laugh.

He posted some comments on Facebook and quickly received lots and lots of responses from people telling him they were glad he was on the mend.

"Words alone could never express the outpouring of support I have received....but Thank You," he posted.

"I'm not happy I have a headache," said Mr. Simmons. "But I am so lucky in so many ways. I'm so lucky to be alive, and have so many people who care about me."

He said the lesson in all of this is, "whenever you get yourself in a

situation like this, just scream as loud as you can. Just scream. I did, and a neighbor, or neighbors responded, and I think that saved my life."

"That, and I have a little bit of a hard melon," he said with a laugh. "I'll give the neighbor the credit, though, because a couple more whacks and the melon might've broken."

As for the investigation?

"I don't need him captured in six days, six months. It can be six years, but when this person is captured, I expect him to be put away."

### **\$10,000 reward offered**

An anonymous donor has offered a \$10,000 reward to the person who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attack on Jay Simmons on the evening of March 3rd, 2015.

Contact Fairhaven Police with any information at 508-997-7421.

# Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars accepting applications

## Press Release

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, Inc., announces the following scholarships are available to high school graduating seniors.

Apply online at <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>. NEW scholarships are being added constantly. Check your profile weekly to see what NEW scholarships you qualify for both at the local and national level. The following scholarships are available to Fairhaven area students:

**Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship** Given in memory of all domestic violence victims in the town of Fairhaven. Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is in good standing and pursuing a degree in criminal justice or law enforcement.

**Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial Scholarship** There are two scholarships: one to a male and one to a female. Both have to have played on the Fairhaven High School soccer team for 3 or more years. 1 male award, 1 female award

**Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship** Awarded to a Fairhaven High School student who best exemplifies the integrity, honesty, sportsmanship and citizenship of the late Barton B. Leach. 1 award. Essay required

**Rotary Club of Fairhaven** Awarded to students who reside in either Fairhaven or Acushnet and attend one of the following high schools, Fairhaven High, Bishop Stang, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational, Old Colony Regional Vocational or Old Rochester Regional High School. Must exemplify motto and detail community service involvement, school activity involvement and any awards or recognition received. 3 awards. Essay required

**Paul Powers Murphy/M.O.L.I.F.E. Scholarship** This scholarship is awarded to students from Fairhaven High School and Greater New Bedford Regional Technical High School. Awarded by M.O.L.I.F.E, Inc in memory of Paul Powers Murphy, to a senior who has shown the ability to overcome a challenge in life. 1 award. Essay required.

**Steven D. Haworth Memorial Scholarship** The late Steven D. Howarth was a member of Fairhaven High School class of 1976. This memorial scholarship was estab-

lished in his name to be awarded annually to a Fairhaven High School senior who is entering an accredited college, university or technical school. Senior must be pursuing a degree in architecture, mathematics or telecommunications. 1 award.

**Donald Martin Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship will be awarded to a male or female FHS senior basketball player or baseball player who "leaves it on the court" with their hustle and determination, making their team better with a winning attitude and leadership. 1 award. Essay required.

**Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II** Awarded to a senior at Fairhaven High School who has shown and demonstrated the importance of community service through participation during their high school years. 1 award.

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**Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship in Memory of Malcolm M. Cummings, Jr.** Awarded to a Fairhaven resident and member of the 2014 FHS graduating class who desires to further his/her education at an institution of higher learning. 1 award. Essay required.

**Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship** The Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship is for Fairhaven and Acushnet seniors at Fairhaven High School. Applicants must be college bound students who participated in cross country track and field sports. 1 male award; 1 female award .

**Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship** The Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship is for Fairhaven and Acushnet seniors at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Applicants must be college bound students who participated in cross country track and field sports. 1 Award.

**Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship** The Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship is named in memory of a woman who was a true friend of the Rogers School. She gave of herself to help others, had a good sense of humor, and also was unselfish and hard-working. She loved the Rogers School community and was involved in activities and clubs both within the school and the town of Fairhaven. The recipient of the scholarship should embody the qualities for which the scholarship is named and must also be a graduate of the Rogers School. 1 award

**Rogers School Alumni Scholarship** Rogers School was a neighborhood elementary school that served the area of the center of Fairhaven. To be eligible student must have attended and been a graduate of Rogers School. Criteria is based on

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For more information, call Fairhaven Recreation at 508-993-9269. **Monday, April 21-24**

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### Special Activities

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The South Coast LGBT Seniors (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a nice meal and friendship for seniors 60 and older. Please call the senior center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

#### Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a little quilting? Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise.

#### Cops 'n Donuts

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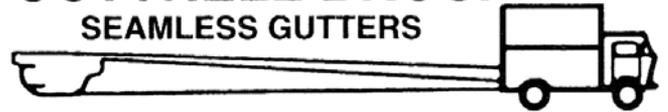
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# Acushnet holds off on new benefit; golf fees going up

Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 3/9, the Acushnet Selectboard weighed in on the opinion of the State Ethics Commission on an issue related to the town's Benefit Recovery Program.

The program is part of the town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for retiring town employees worth \$14 million to secure pensions and benefits.

The proposal would offer life insurance plans to town employees by an independent investor group at no cost to employees. The group would collect some of the insurance money and also give some back to the town. The proposal was discussed at a previous meeting. The board sent the proposal to town counsel and to the state Ethics Commission.

Chairperson Kevin Gaspar said it seemed that there was a conflict between the EC and town counsel.

Town Counsel's opinion was that the arrangement violated the ethics statute, but the EC said it did not.

Town Administrator Alan Coutinho said the Ethics Commission

lawyer needs clarification about some of the details of the proposal.

Mr. Gaspar raised his concern on how long it took the letter addressing the issue to be sent to the Ethics Commission by town counsel after a Selectboard meeting on December 22, 2014. The Ethics Commission received the letter on February 3 of this year, according to Mr. Gaspar.

The Ethics Commission responded to the letter on February 19. The delay on addressing the Benefit Recovery Program is stalling the Selectboard in moving the town OPEB forward.

"This has been dragged out long enough," said Mr. Gaspar on the issue. "Apparently there is a discrepancy between the two lawyers."

The matter will go back to the EC with additional information and the board will take it up at its next meeting.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to increase golf fees by \$1 across the board at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course for the 2015 season.

Before voting on the fee increases,

Mr. Gaspar asked Dana Przybyszewski, manager of golf at the country club, if raising food and beverage prices would be more significant in raising revenue for the course than fees.

Mr. Gaspar's thinking was to retain golfers shooting 18 holes at Acushnet River Valley instead of other courses, because, "the longer we keep them on the course, the better chance we get to sell more in food and beverages."

Mr. Przybyszewski said using a cart for 18 holes costs \$46 as opposed to walking for \$40, so the rationale is for another six dollars golfers could use a cart. Those rates will now be \$41 and \$47.

The Selectboard also approved the newest batch of snowplow removal invoices to be paid, bringing the town deficit account total to over \$184,369 for snow and ice removal expenses for the season.

Board member Garry Rawcliffe asked if the \$184,369 included \$72,000 coming back from FEMA, but Mr. Coutinho said the town does not know if FEMA will approve the money

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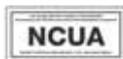


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# Final full moon doesn't mean final snow



Winter said goodbye (hopefully) with the last full moon for the season. The moon set over the embattled Wilbur Point on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 6:23AM. The photo at left was taken at 6:01 a.m., the photo at right was taken at 6:05 a.m. Notice the change in lighting. The full "Chaste" Moon named during the Medieval Period meant no hanky-panky (especially during snow storms.) 9.50" of snow fell at West Island as of 7:38 p.m. March 5, 2015. Total snowfall so far: Fairhaven 77.2" Acushnet: 78.7". Here are some numbers to compare: At this time, the Winter season for Fairhaven comes in 3rd Place with 77.2"; 2nd Place is 1995-96 with 80.7"; 1st Place is 2004-05 with 92.7" Photos by ML Baron and the West Island Weather Station axis cam. Visit [www.westislandweather.com](http://www.westislandweather.com).

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# Candidate statements: Fairhaven School Committee



**Diane Hahn**

I'm Diane Hahn, a candidate for the School Committee. I ask for your vote because I offer

unique perspectives on Special Education and its significance in our fully inclusive public school system.

Many ask, "Doesn't that make you a one issue candidate?" to which my response is always an emphatic, "No, it does not."

Special Education affects not only every single aspect of the education that all of our 2,000+ students receive but also every aspect of the three duties of the School Committee as outlined in MGL Chap. 71 Sect 37 which are, selection and termination of the Superintendent, reviewing and approving the budget and establishing educational goals and policies.

I've been active in our public school system for thirteen years as a volunteer in several capacities including PTO President at the Wood School, School Council Member at the middle school, as well as a School Council Member and Special Education Parent Advisory Council President at GNBVT. Several years ago I was one of the stakeholders who crafted our district's Mission and Core Values and I represented our system at a symposium contributing to the Re-Authorization of IDEA. Also for the past several years I have worked in our system as a substitute teacher/paraprofessional and I'm a PCA for special needs children.

Because I have a son with autism I have put nearly twenty years into educating myself about Special Needs, Special Education and Special Education Law. That along with my numerous years and types of experiences in our system makes me confident that I am more than prepared to jump in and work with the committee on the issues that concern not only the nearly 20% of our students with IEPs but also the hundreds of others with 504s and the 1,200 or so typical students with no special needs.

I acknowledge that although I have attended many dozens of school committee meetings and have had

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**Donna McKenna**

My name is Donna McKenna and I would appreciate your vote for re-election to School

Committee.

If I'm re-elected, you can be assured that my first priority will be the education and welfare of all students.

During these difficult economic times, our budget is never enough but our costs continue to rise. This is the time for a no-nonsense person like me, with over 28 years of experience in the financial industry, to help keep the Fairhaven Schools on a strong financial footing and make sure we spend every dime wisely.

As a member of the School Committee I will:

- Encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's education
- Support high quality professional development for teachers.
- Advocate for strategies that promote a positive climate in all our schools
- Maintain a positive working relationship with Board members and the Superintendent
- Maintain open communication between the Board and the residents of Fairhaven

I have lived in Fairhaven all my life and feel strongly about dedicating my time to the School Committee and the residents of Fairhaven. I have two children, a daughter who is a junior at Salem State University, and a son in 11th grade here at Fairhaven High School.

I have worked in banking since 1986 and my experience and expertise in finance will be a valuable addition to the school budget review process. I am open-minded and will listen to the voices and opinions of others, especially when it comes to the children in our school system.

I have volunteered hundreds of hours in the elementary, middle and high schools. I currently reside on the school committee and working as a volunteer in the schools along with my financial background has only made me stronger. I've built strong

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**Colin Veitch**

*Background and Qualifications:* Senior Manager with the Acushnet Company

Responsible for a multimillion dollar budget

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Goals:

- Continue to use aggressive sourcing of state and federal grant money for educational programs and building maintenance.
- Use my extensive knowledge of budgets and creative solutions to make the most of our limited resources
- Raise the expectations of our staff and students
- Continue to add and revise policies that safeguard our children and provide guidance and definition for all stakeholders
- Strive to improve on our relationships with other departments and our constituents

Hello, my name is Colin Veitch and I am running for a seat on the Fairhaven School Committee. I consider our children a precious trust that requires an investment of time in our education system and in the entire Town of Fairhaven. What that means to me is to take what I have learned as a father, a business executive and a person and apply that to providing guidance for our school district to keep it moving in a positive direction.

I feel that how a community values its educational system is a direct reflection of the health and strength of that community. The last few years have proven that Fairhaven is strong and healthy and cares for its future. Our ability to work together for the common good, on annual budgets and our two new elementary schools

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# Candidate statements from 19

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numerous public input exchanges, I will be new to the actual business end of both open meetings and executive sessions. In order to be better prepared I will be attending the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' session of "Charting the Course; Eight Key Components of School Leadership" on March 21st.

Along with the three duties mentioned above I believe that there is a fourth duty for any school committee member: providing a voice for the public she serves. I have provided that voice in many of the experiences I've outlined above. During my tenure on the committee I would make it a priority to bring to the discussion the opinions and concerns of the citizenry, in every conversation on every topic.

I hope that you can watch any or all of the candidate nights for further details, but should you have any questions I can be reached via dihahn@msn.com or 508-993-6876. It would be my honor to represent my community by serving on the school committee.

Please vote on Monday April 6th and elect Diane Hahn for School Committee.

Do not dwell in  
the past, do not  
dream of the future,  
concentrate the mind  
on the present moment.

*Buddha*

**MCKENNA:** cont'd from previous page

relationships with the present school committee members and consider them family.

I served 3 years on School Council for several schools here in Fairhaven, involving strategic planning skills for future improvements. I am committed to doing everything I can to make our schools the best they can be and to make sure every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Currently I serve on many committees: Padanaram Business Association, SMEC (southeastern Mass. Educational Collaborative, Task-Force Bullying and Fairhaven High after prom. My goal is to develop a plan to organize parent volunteers.

I have volunteered and/or served on different committees, including: the United Way (allocations committee) which designated money to different charities as needed, the Boy Scout golf tournament committee, the New Bedford Child and Family, the Prince Henry Society Golf tournament, the New Bedford Board of Realtors and the North Bristol County Board of Realtors, and for over 15 years, I was a junior Achievement instructor for all grades in the Fairhaven Schools. I enjoyed my work with all grade levels and became acquainted with the different educational programs that offered by Junior Achievement.

I want every teacher, parent, student and resident in Fairhaven to believe that our public school system offers the best possible education we can provide. With your help and support, I will be a strong voice for Fairhaven Public Schools and I hope I can count on your vote on April 6th.

**VEITCH:** cont'd from previous page

has been gratifying and given me confidence that my family is in good hands.

My work life is centered around providing quality products and excellent service. I have always applied that same work ethic to my time in service to our town.

Being educated on the issues, striving to add clarity and simplifying complex situations to get results for our children has been my objective at all times.

In recent years, the product of the schools and the customer service to the entire town has increased year after year and that is a direct result of teamwork, control of the budget, and an open attitude to working with others and listening to new ideas. Our school leadership has made great strides in bringing world class education to our town and we need to support and encourage that to bring it even further.

That is what our children deserve and what Fairhaven needs to continue to move forward in a 21st Century America. But, the uphill climb never really ends and a truth I've learned is that when you raise the bar year after year you will be amazed at the heights you'll reach. Our children deserve the best and I will do my best to challenge the system to move from "good" to "great"!

My role as a father has been the most rewarding experience of my life and to have the chance to extend my involvement in my children's lives in this way would be an amazing addition.

Please vote for me on April 6. It would be an honor to serve.

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*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board*

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 23, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Jeffery Thomas Location Mill Road Plot 39 Lot 07. Purposes construct single family dwelling, septic system and well within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the Nasketucket River Basin.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Eric A. & Stephanie L. Sousa Location 12 Saltmarsh Road Plot 43 Lot 6 Purpose repair existing revetment approx 56 feet within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Eric A / Amy J. Sousa / Wharton Location 10 Saltmarsh Road Plot 43 Lot 5 Purpose repair existing revetment approx 55 feet within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant 22 Balsam Street Realty Trust c/o Janice Crosby Location 22 Balsam Street Plot 43C Lot 30 Purpose replace existing side and rear deck within a VE flood zone.

*Jay Simmons Chairman,  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

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In another matter, Norman Fredette of Rene Street was scheduled to approach the Selectboard to discuss a proposed extension of the street. Mr. Fredette was unable to be present at the meeting so the board tabled the issue till the next meeting on March 23.

- In other business the board
- Unanimously approved two reserve fund transfers: one for the Fire Department for \$1,037 to purchase a new door opening system; and the other for the Finance Department for \$2,839 for anti-virus software.
  - Approved an assessment of a Sewer Privilege (betterment) Fee of \$14,011.57 for a house on Allen Street.
  - Approved a sewer abatement on 17 Ludlow Street for \$53.
  - Accepted a letter of resignation by Kevin Dakin from the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate, and from the Lake Street Improvement Committee.
  - Approved an abatement on an ambulance fee for \$375.63.

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but bad masters.

*Aesop*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Beatification Committee

Wed., 3/18, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 3/23, 5 Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Cable Advisory Comm.

Mon., 3/30, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 3/17, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/12, 5 Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs, 3/19, 5 Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Government Study Com

Thurs., 3/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm.

Wed., 3/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 3/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

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Tues., 3/10, FHS Library, 6:00 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Finance Committee

Wed., 3/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Lake Street Improvement

Mon., 3/16, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

### Planning Board

Thurs., 3/12, Parting Ways Bldg., 6:30

### Selectboard

Mon., 3/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Soil Board

Tues., 3/17, Parting Ways Bldg., 6 p.

## TIDE TABLE

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

	Mar. 2015	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Thursday	12	0110	1337	0615	1830*
Friday	13	0205	1432	0718	1936
Saturday	14	0300	1529	0826	2044
Sunday	15	0401	1634	0931	2150
Monday	16	0507	1739	1038	2300*
Tuesday	17	0606	1833	1143*	----
Wednesday	18	0657	1921	0007*	1238*
Thursday	19	0744	2009	0103*	1327*
Friday	20	0833	2058	0158*	1418*
Saturday	21	0923	2149	0256*	1510*

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

# BPW to study drainage issues on Jeannette Street

Kylie Schuster

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 3/9, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works met with some residents of Jeannette Street to discuss drainage issues and solutions.

Rick Ferreira of 9 Jeannette Street appeared before the board with some of his neighbors seeking help for a water drainage problem.

Mr. Ferreira explained that the problem occurs when it either rains hard or the snow melts and the water has no where to go.

"You can't drive a car through all the water that collects on the street," stated Mr. Ferreira. "An ambulance wouldn't even be able to get through."

Department of Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado stated he thought the street could use another drain close to Mr. Ferreira's house.

BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia agreed with Mr. Furtado suggesting the town bring in an engineer to take a look at the road.

Mr. Ferreira explained that he took the issue to the town hall a couple years ago, but without the BPW it "wouldn't get done."

The approved use of an engineer to do a water study on Jeannette Street.

"I'm happy as long as someone is

working on it," said Mr. Ferreira, and thanked the board members.

The board also spent some time discussing the various capital projects that the department is facing in the next few years.

Since the town just switched to a tiered water/sewer payment system, the board decided not to seriously

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**Residents may flip their old plastic trash barrels over and write "take me" either on the barrels or on a sign near the barrels to dispose of them.**

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consider raising rates until the new system has been in place for a year or two.

In a phone interview, Mr. Furtado said that the board is reluctant to raise rates and is more reluctant to start shutting off water and sewer to people who do not pay.

"The issue is not what we bill out, it's what we collect," said Mr. Furtado.

The discussion was triggered by

the need to anticipate future capital planning projects to submit a five-year plan to the Capital Planning Committee.

"But the numbers change," said Mr. Furtado.

In another matter, the board approved Gravity Construction to do work on the Hydrant Replacement Plan. The work includes replacing and repairing work on more than 30 fire hydrants in Fairhaven.

The board approved the use of Fort Phoenix by the Inter-Church Council of New Bedford for their annual Easter Sunrise Service.

Also, the board approved the building of a grease trap for a new Brick Pizzeria Napoletana that will be located in the Stop & Shop plaza.

The board also announced that, for a limited time, residents may have their old plastic trash barrels picked up curbside, since the town has gone to the new trash cart system.

Board member Brian Wotton explained that residents may flip their old plastic trash barrels over and write "take me" either on the barrels or on a sign near the barrels to dispose of them. •••

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