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National Night Out brings community together



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Police and community members mix and mingle during Fairhaven's first annual National Night Out on Tuesday, 8/1, on the grounds of Fairhaven High School. The event, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, included a K-9 demonstration and helicopter landing. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

It's August! Wow.
If you haven't gotten out there and enjoyed summer yet, it's time to get moving.

We had such a slow start to summer with all that rain, that it makes it hard to believe we're halfway through, doesn't it?

It's true, though. Time marches on, whether we're paying attention or not. The back-to-school push is on, with sales and pitches to the kids, and the fall events are starting to come in.

We'll be listing stuff for Labor Day soon, so....make sure you get your summer activities in now if you haven't already.

After more than 20 years on this island, I can pretty much guess that people will be doing just that. Besides the big crowds on July 4 weekend, there always seems to be a crazy weekend or two in August when it seems that people suddenly realize that fall is on the way.

Those one or two stormy and cold days we had will surely help drive home the point.

I have to admit, though, I love a good two- or three-day nor'easter in the middle of summer. There's something kind of cozy about it. All the day trippers stay away, the overnight vacationers stay close to their cottages, or maybe go shopping (for school stuff, no doubt). It's just us natives left, watching the ocean get a little angry, but going about our business as usual. If we can, we hole up in our houses, too, doing the stuff we've been leaving untouched while we enjoyed all those sunny days on the water.

There's still plenty of summer left, though, so don't be getting too panicky.

August always has some serious dog days to remind us why we like the four seasons.

So, if you've got a boat, get it out there; if you've got a kayak, get it out there; if you've got a blanket, get to the beach, splash around a little and watch the boaters and the kayakers. There's still plenty of summer left, but the days are passing by.

On another note...

Our newspapers are still not back by the front door of the town hall. The town administrator had the custodian set up a little spot behind the staircase railing. When you walk in, you can't see the free publications anymore. I know that a few of my readers called to complain, and a couple of advertisers did, too. I appreciate it, but we need to keep calling, not just the Selectboard office, but the individual Selectboard members. Selectboard member Dan Freitas registered his adamant support of the new policy on my Facebook page. He said the papers were a danger on the steps. I think he's full of baloney and I told him so.

There's plenty of room on those steps on either side where no one can walk up because the columns are in the way. There are even a couple of little shelves that have been perfect for putting papers on. But, hey, we've only been doing it for 12 years. Must be a new thing.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

BPW stops all events at Cooke Park

By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 7/24, the Fairhaven Board of Public Works voted on appointing a liaison to the Marine Resources Committee, discussed the some resident concerns at Cooke Park, and approved of a new food truck at the town beach.

The board met with Albert Benac to discuss recent activity at Cooke Park. A group of residents commissioned to have a ground penetrating radar study to try and detect if any bodies are buried there.

Mr. Benac explained that the studies of the ground penetrating radar showed that the park is a burial site. He asked the board if it is possible to put up a sign or plaque at the park stating that the area is "John Cooke Memorial Cemetery Burial Hill Oxford Village."

BPW Superintendent, Vincent Furtado explained that although they do have the results of a ground penetrating radar study, the BPW has not officially declared the park a cemetery yet.

Mr. Benac asked the board what the BPW's next step is with Cooke Park.

Mr. Wotton explained that the town attorney and the state archeological department are in talks. He said that before deciding, a second opinion may be necessary, but they do not have all the findings back yet.

"All activities at the park have been halted," Mr. Wotton said, explaining that no celebrations, festivals, or any activities will be allowed at Cooke Park just in case it is a cemetery.

Mr. Wotton told Mr. Benac that the BPW will keep him notified of the progress and news at the park.

In another matter, the BPW met with Marine Resources Committee Chairperson Frank Coelho to vote on appointing a BPW member to be a representative on the MRC.

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, who has been on the Marine Resources Committee for eight years was recently informed by the Selectboard that he was not allowed to be on another board if he is on the BPW.

The issue came up when Keith Silvia got appointed to the BPW and was forced to resign from his position

on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

At a recent meeting, the Selectboard unanimously voted to allow a member of the BPW to be appointed as a liaison to the Marine Resources Committee. The BPW is responsible for deciding if they want a liaison to that committee and then to appoint someone.

Mr. Coelho explained to the BPW

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on 7/24 that he respects all of the members of the BPW and would love to have any of them appointed to the committee, but his recommendation would be Mr. Hobson because he has always played a huge part in the marine industry and has served on the committee for eight years.

BPW Vice Chairperson, Brian Wotton, who conducted the meeting in the absence of the chairperson, said that he was glad that the Selectboard voted to allow a BPW member on the MRC.

"We believe a BPW member should be on the committee," Mr. Wotton said.

He explained that Mr. Hobson was the founder of the committee,

which used to be called the "Hoppy's Landing Committee." Mr. Wotton recommended Mr. Hobson be appointed to the MRC.

Mr. Silvia explained that he too was interested in representing the BPW on the MRC.

"I would be happy to have more than one BPW member," Mr. Coelho said.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to appoint Mr. Hobson as the representative on the Marine Resources Committee with Mr. Silvia as his alternate. Mr. Wotton also stated he would like to add a regular item onto the agenda for the Marine Resources Committee so Mr. Hobson can give a report on MRC news. The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter Mr. Hobson suggested that the recycling center be open one hour earlier to avoid having such long lines on Saturday mornings. He suggested that the center be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Tractor Supply approved for former Kmart building

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board approved changes to the site of the former Kmart to clear the way for a Tractor Supply store to occupy the space, along with a Big Lots and another, yet unnamed tenant.

The hearing at the 7/25 meeting was continued from 7/11, because the board did not have enough members at that meeting. A special permit requires six positive votes. The changes required a special permit because the new parking lot layout reduces parking by 36 spots and changes the traffic circulation of the parking lot.

The new facility will include an outdoor garden center that will be completely fenced. The plans also call for a change to the front of the building. The bumped out portion where the Kmart entrance was will be removed, creating a single flat

Board members had concerns about cars and people being too close to each other in the garden area.

Board members noted that drivers tend to go fast through the parking

lot, using as a throughway from Washington Street to Alden Road.

The new layout would naturally slow down traffic, because the passageways would be narrower. Property owner William Goldsmith said he would be willing to put in speed bumps if the board wanted it, but PB chairperson Wayne Hayward said that speed bumps cause damage to vehicles. He suggested speed tables, but in the end the board did not require any additional speed bumps from what was on the plan.

"It won't be a straight run anymore," said Project Manager Daniel Mulloy.

He said now it is like an "open highway." It is a "free for all," because there is no activity.

He said there will still be room at the back of the building for cars to pass through, even when tractor trailers are unloading.

Mr. Hayward noted that some people had told him that Fairhaven does not need a Tractor Supply store.

"Then why do I have to keep going to Wareham," asked Mr. Hayward.

Mr. Goldsmith said he has outfitted two other properties for Tractor Supply stores, and the Fairhaven store will be more like Swansea than Wareham.

Plans also call for a landscaping overhaul of the parking lot, with removal of the small pear trees there now and Red Oak replacing them.

The board discussed the possibility of requiring a dumpster enclosure, but decided against it. The board wrangled back and forth on what the bylaw wording meant. In the end they decided that the enclosure was meant to shield the dumpster from public view. Since the dumpster is in the back of the building, it will already be shielded, so the board did not require an enclosure as a condition.

The board approved the proposal with 14 conditions, including that some errors on the plans would be fixed. The board did not want to hold up the project for a few typographical errors, and Mr. Goldsmith said that Tractor Supply wanted to be open in October, an ambitious schedule even with approval on 7/25.

"It's not good for Fairhaven to have an empty building," said PB member Rene Fleurent.

There was no public comment on the plan.

In another matter, the board approved a plan for a subdivision on Earle Street which was continued from 6/27, with the entrance on Huttleston Avenue (Route 6). The plan was changed to move the driveway a little farther away from the existing house on Earl Street. The plans have also been downsized from original plans. It will now be one single family house, and the house is a little smaller.

The project still called for waiver for the road standard, curbing, and driveway apron.

The latest plans address all the concerns from the planning department and the department's consultants, said Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

There was no public comment.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Picnic on the Lawn

This year's Picnic on the Lawn will be held on **Sat., 8/5, at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, 5-8:15 p.m.**

The Picnic on the Lawn is a fundraiser for the Fairhaven Historical Society and a wonderful community event. Tables of 10 and tables of 8 available, \$200 and \$160 respectively. There will be items to bid on at a silent auction. For questions or to reserve a table, contact Tim Evans at tim@howeallen.com

WI Breakfast Buffet

Sun., 8/6, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$8 adults, \$4 children** under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible

Evening Concerts

Concerts Under the Stars

Thursday evenings to August 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Town Hall steps, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven

Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association with the Southern Mass Credit Union and additional sponsorship by local businesses. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Free. In the event of rain, concerts will be held inside Town Hall.

Thurs., 8/3, The Infracctions

Thurs., 8/10, The Buzzard Blue Band.

For more information, visit <http://FairhavenImprovement.org>.

Monday Morning Fun

Monday Morning Fun at the Visitors Center on Mondays in July and August 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Remaining dates: August 7, 14, 21, At Academy Building Lawn, 141 Main St. at Route 6, Fairhaven

A family friendly way to spend a summer morning at the Visitors Center. Play old fashioned lawn games (bean bag toss, horse shoes, nine pins, jarts, frisbee, hula hoops, etc.), jump in a bounce house, get your face painted by Heart Body Arts, and more. On hot mornings, there will be sprinklers—bring a towel. Expect a

visit from Buttons the Bear from Carousel Family Fun Center. Enjoy some ice cream from Acushnet Creamery.

At 10:00 each week, enjoy a special guest program geared toward children ages 5 through 12 and their parents and guardians. Admission, games, bounce house, and programs are free. There is a charge for face painting and the ice cream and water.

Bounce house and programs sponsored by contributions to the Tourism Gift Account by local businesses, non-profit groups, and individuals.

For more information, including how to make a donation to Monday Morning Fun, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Monday, August 7: Hogwarts Herbology Professor Pomona Sprout Learn about and taste some edible plants you can grow yourself. Bounce house sponsored by the Fairhaven Business Association.

Farmer's Market

Sunday afternoons, 1-4 through October, at Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Enjoy the local market with family and friends every Sunday afternoon through mid-October. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

Remove signs

The Town of Fairhaven's Beautification Committee would like to remind residents to kindly remove your yard sale and advertising signs from telephone poles and trees immediately after your scheduled event is completed. Residents are responsible for the immediate removal of all signs.

In accordance with Fairhaven By-law 198-26 Section 3c, the Building Commissioner may implement fines of up to \$300 per sign per-day until removed.

Please help to keep our town beautiful by doing your part. Keep a list of where you have placed signs

and remove them immediately after your advertised event is done.

Bike Run

Motorcycle run to benefit Better Community Living, Sat., 8/12, Bayside Lounge, 125 Sconticut Neck Rd., Fairhaven. Kickstands up at NOON. \$20 per bike, includes one hour ride through backroads, food, entertainment after the run. Raffles.

Scallop Dinner

Baked Scallop Dinner with surprise fixin's at the West Island Improvement Association Community Hall, 40 Causeway Road, Fairhaven, **Sat., 8/26, at 6 p.m. BYOB. Tickets: \$20 pp**, call or text Bob Konicki to reserve, 561-866-9927.

Neighborhood Cookout

Celebrate Summer at the Our Lady's Haven Neighborhood Cookout

All residents living in the 71 Center Street neighborhood are cordially invited to attend on **Thurs., 8/24, from 5-7 p.m. at OLH Courtyard**. Serving hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, assorted cold beverages & watermelon. **FREE**. Tours available upon request

In Memoriam

Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara

In order to afford the opportunity for the observation of the passing of Dr. Hinohara the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will host a Memorial Open House on **Sun., 8/13, from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven. Official comments at 2 p.m.** Public is invited to attend (no fees). A 501(c)3 non-profit agency (donations are tax-deductible).

Booth space

Booth is still space available for Fairhaven's 2017 Harvest Fun Day on Saturday, October 14, on the lawn of the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street. A limited number of booth spaces are available for non-profit groups, artists, crafters and Fairhaven businesses.

Visit <http://fairhaventours.com/annual-harvest-fun-day/>.

Pet Supplies donates to shelter



Pet Supplies plus held their grand opening at the new store in Fairhaven this weekend and wanted to donate \$1000 to a local animal shelter. Several places were in the running, and customers voted. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter won out as the favorite. "We had home field advantage," said temporary Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps. "The money will go towards caring for our furry friends." *Submitted photo.*

Chef at Atria take the prize



Atria Fairhaven challenged Sacred Heart Home of New Bedford and Our Lady's Haven of Fairhaven, to a cooking competition as part of Atria Senior Living's annual Chef Showdown, which is taking place at Atria communities across the U.S. and Canada. There was one rule that all chefs had to follow: All recipes required a summertime staple ingredient — corn. The competition was judged by a large panel of residents from Atria Fairhaven. The judges did not know what chef made which plate until the winner was named. All chefs went head to head in this cooking showdown, making the votes very close for the count but the winner was Chef Christina from Atria Fairhaven! Atria Senior Living has earned a reputation for culinary experiences that are nutritious, creative and delightful for the residents and families we serve. We also believe people belong together. That's why we continuously look for partnerships and opportunities that allow our residents to engage with the broader community outside the walls of our buildings — with the goal of creating fun, rewarding events for everyone involved. Everyone had an A-MAIZE-ING time! ABOVE, L-R: Elizabeth, Lisa, Bridget, Wayne, Christina, Roger and Lisa. *Submitted photo.*

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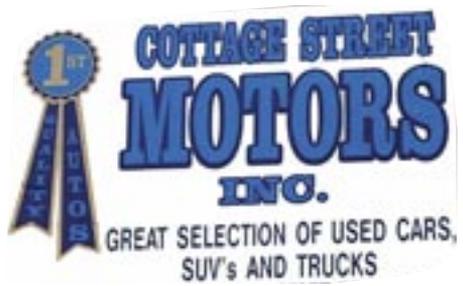
LEFT Jean Paul "JP" Lemieux (left) holds the card so that Janay Lemieux can pull the tab revealing the winner of handmade quilt created by Holly Hobson Lemieux (middle). LEFT ABOVE: Geri deLellis of West Island was the lucky winner of this handmade quilt created by Holly Hobson Lemieux. Holly and her husband Jean Paul "JP" Lemieux sold tickets for \$5 each over the last few weeks and split the proceeds with the *Neighb News*, handing over \$187.50 this week. A big thank-you to Holly & JP and to all the people who bought tickets, from the *Neighb News*. Photos by Beth David.



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Sat., 8/5, family day. 5krace at 10am, special kids entertainment & activities. 50% off Senior Dining in the Pavillion, 154pm Fados & Guitars in the Museum Cafe Courtyard every evening. Museum open Free.

Visit www.feastoftheblessedsacrament.com for details on non-stop entertainment on five stages.

Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions **August 10 at 7:30 PM, for all roles** in the upcoming 2017-2018 Season production of Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang. The performances are from Nov 9 to Nov 19, 2017. Auditions are held in the playhouse located in St. Martin's Church/Hall complex, **136 Rivet Street at Country Street**, in New Bedford. The auditions are open to all actors over the age of 16.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script. Director Robin Richard is casting all roles. Experience is not necessary; just the desire to participate and share the experience of live theatre and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

The cast has two men and three women The three siblings, Vanya, Sonya and Masha are ages 45-60. Masha is a glamorous movie star. Vanya and Sonya are simple farm-folk. Casandra is the housekeeper / soothsayer. She is bigger than life. She is often loud and aggressive. The actress playing her cannot be shy or be afraid to improvise.

Nina is a shy young actress wannabe from next door. She is sweet and innocent. The age range is 20-mid to 30s. Spike is Masha's boy-toy. He is often clad in nothing but speedos. Age 20s-30s.

The play concerns middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia who share a home in Bucks County, PA, where they bicker and complain about the

circumstances of their lives. Suddenly, their movie-star sister, Masha, swoops in with her new boy toy, Spike. Old resentments flare up, eventually leading to threats to sell the house. Also on the scene are sassy maid Cassandra, who can predict the future, and a lovely young aspiring actress named Nina, whose prettiness somewhat worriesthe imperious Masha.

Nautical Tattoos

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the opening of Nautical Tattoos and the Stories Behind Them: Portraits by Phil Mello. **An opening reception will take place on Thurs., 8/10, at 6:00 p.m. during AHA, 38 Bethel St., NB** Exhibit will runs to 10/1. During the 2015 Working Waterfront Festival's Nautical Tattoo Contest, contestants and attendees had the opportunity to have their portraits taken by Phil Mello and the story of their tattoo recorded. This exhibit showcases these images and stories.

There is a long history of tattoos in the maritime world dating back to the age of sail. The symbolism of many images is part of the tradition for those who have a connection to the sea. More than just beautiful artistry, tattoos often hold deep meaning for those they adorn. In the commercial fishing community, tattoos often pay tribute to family or friends lost at sea or pledge loyalty to those left on shore. Some portray real or mythical sea creatures and others illustrate a person's character traits or work history.

For more information, please email programs@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

90th Birthday Party

Join the family and friends of Captain Les Trott as they celebrate his 90th birthday this Sunday, August 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the NB Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., NB. Come share your stories and smiles. The Center is honored to share in Les' special day!

Vet of Year Noms

The Board of Directors of the Veterans Transition House (VTH) – annually selects a veteran from the area who has made an outstanding

contribution to veterans, veterans' issues and the community as a whole. The Board of Directors is currently soliciting nominations for the 2017 Veteran of the Year award. If you would like to nominate a veteran for this award, please visit the VTH website at www.vetshouse.org and visit the Events page to download the nomination form. Completed forms should be mailed to the attention of the Board of Directors at: 20 Willis Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Forms may also be obtained by contacting Alice Faria, Assistant to the Executive Director at: 508-992-5313 x 10 or by email at: alice@vetshouse.org. **The deadline for nominations is 4:00 P.M. on Friday, August 11, 2017.**

This year's award will be the twenty-second award given to a regional veteran for their contributions to Veterans and the community. Last year's recipient was Priscilla Fonseca of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Whaling Economics

America's earliest venture capital business model flourished during the era of whaling in this country: that is the central premise of a **one-day symposium at the New Bedford Whaling Museum on August 11.** The Economics of Whaling Symposium will convene professors, historians, and businessmen to discuss the success of this 19th century American global enterprise and the application of this unique business model to modern finance. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Whaling Museum and the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost to attend is \$25 for Whaling Museum members and \$35 for non-members. Advance registration is required in order to receive symposium reading material. To register call 508-997-0046 ext. 100 or visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Whale ship owners and agents showed tremendous business acumen by creating an incentive-based pay structure that motivated captains and their crews to optimize profits. Simultaneously, the distribution of risk through syndication allowed for enormous profits despite predictable losses at sea.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

House Tour

By the **Westport Historical Society, Sun., 8/6, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The self-guided tour will provide a visit to seven spectacular private homes located throughout the picturesque town of Westport; three homes on Westport Point, two in Westport Harbor and two in South Westport. All are historically significant, beautifully maintained and/or restored and sit on ocean or river view properties.

The House Tour will also include a visit to the Westport Art Group studios on Main Road at the Point, according to Charles "Buzzy" Baron, Treasurer of the Westport Historical Society and a member of the House Tour Committee. Weather permitting, members of the art group will do open-air paintings at the seven house locations on the tour, all of which will be exhibited at the studios after 3:00 p.m. that day.

General admission: \$40; advance tickets can be purchased online at www.wpthistory.org or by calling 508-636-6011. Day of the Tour tickets can be purchased at Partners Village Store, 865 Main Road in Westport.

Proceeds of ticket sales from the House Tour will support the Westport Historical Society's on-going and future programs and will also help maintain the Handy House and the Bell School, both under the auspices of the Society.

Jamaica Independence

The country of Jamaica will celebrate the 55th anniversary of its independence on August 6, 2017. To commemorate this achievement, Celebrate Jamaica Inc., in collaboration with the Jamaican Diaspora in Massachusetts, Boston JUMP INC., COJO-MA, Jamaica Associates, and JCDS, is hosting a series of events to showcase Jamaica's history and rich culture.

The series of events will take place **through August 12 in the Greater Boston area.** The events will include a free concert, art exhibitions and a free movie showcase featuring "Jamaica Green Card," by local director/producer Cleon James.

There will be a Jamaica Independence Gala and Awards

Ceremony in honor of Jamaica's 55th year of independence on August 5, at William Reed Auditorium, 24 Washington St, Dorchester, MA 02121. This event will recognize local Jamaicans who have made significant contributions to Jamaica and the Jamaican communities in MA.

For information contact Celebrate Jamaica Inc. 617-778-0021 Facebook/Twitter/Instagram @JA55Boston

History of Jewlery

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library for a fascinating free presentation, The History and Care of Costume Jewlery, by Marie Rottler, at the **Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wed., 8/9, from 6:30-7:30 pm.**

Did you know that costume jewelry can be made of almost anything, including wood, plastic, beads, shell, lava, glass, sterling silver plated with gold, and human hair, but not precious stones. Learn about all your baubles & beads and how to take care of them. (Sorry, no valuations.) Be ready for the Friends of the Library Jewelry Sale which will be held Saturday, August 12, 10-4.

The Library is located at 7 Barstow Street and is accessible.

Krazy Days

Middleborough Krazy Days will be this Sat. & Sun., 8/4 & 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor festival offers free entertainment for all ages! Krazy Days is an annual street fair in the historic downtown business district of Middleborough.

The festival features vendor booths showcasing arts, crafts, and food. Cultural events include hourly live entertainment by local talent. Enjoy creative, interactive and educational children's activities. Shop local businesses for unique festival offerings! Fun for the entire family! Brought to you by Middleborough on the Move with support from Middleborough Cultural Council. Co-Chairs: Amanda Heroux and Sharon Gerson Email: emailmom02346@gmail.com

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Middleborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Find them on Facebook: <https://>

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Beer & Cheese Tasting

Come check out SE MA's newest and hottest brewery! Join us at Shovel Town Brewery for a fun evening. We'll learn the proper way to taste beer and enjoy a flight of four different varieties paired with Massachusetts cheeses. For those interested, there will also be a walk through the production area for an informative session about how beer is made. After our tour and tasting is complete, beer will available by the pint for an additional charge.

Wed., 8/9, 6-8 p.m., Shovel Town Brewery, 50 Oliver St, Rear, Easton, MA. \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register online at semaponline.org/beerandcheese

Auditions

Spindle City Ballet will be holding open auditions for Jr. Company on **Mon., 8/14, at 5:30 p.m., at The Dance Academy, 288 Plymouth Ave. 2nd Floor, Fall River.**

The company is looking for local dancers 11 years and older with a minimum of four years of classical training. Girls please bring technique slippers and pointe shoes (if you have them). Please provide full body length 4x6 photo of your child/self in tendu second position in complete ballet attire.

Spindle City Ballet is the South Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating its 22nd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

Audition Fee: \$35.00

Checks should be made payable to: Spindle City Ballet. For Audition Information: (508) 677-2130

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Recipe of the Week

Best Steak Marinade

- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons dried basil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (optional)
- 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic (optional)

Place the soy sauce, olive oil, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, basil, parsley, and pepper in a blender. Add hot pepper sauce and garlic, if desired.

Blend on high speed for 30 seconds until thoroughly mixed.

Pour marinade over desired type of meat. Cover, and refrigerate for up to 8 hours. Cook meat as desired.

TIP: Use aluminum foil to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier.

From www.allrecipes.com

FHS math scores cap a banner year

Submitted

Early in July the Fairhaven High School math students received their AP scores and, once again, their performance was outstanding.

"Massachusetts is a national leader in academic testing, so we use the statewide performance as our target. We beat the state again in both AP Statistics, 4th year in a row, and AP Calculus, 4 out of the last 5 years," said Phil Harding, FHS mathematics department chair. "Our kids and their teachers worked hard all year and it showed in their scores."

This achievement capped off what was a banner year for the FHS math program. Early in the 2016-17 year the school received its Mathematics MCAS results, which placed it at the top of all local high schools in Advanced/Proficient level scoring. FHS also finished in first place in the Student Growth category.

"This measures the improvement of the students' performance against all other similarly scoring students from previous tests, so it's really an apples to apples comparison," Mr.

Harding added.

Then, early this spring, the FHS Math Team won the Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League for the first time in school history.

"We won the South Conference in 2013 and I think we might have won that title way back but this was the first time we took the entire league. The schools come from Attleboro to Cape Cod and we are competing in high-level mathematics, so this win is something we're really proud of," Harding stated.

But, the celebrations are all in the past now. Preparations have already begun for the 2017-18 year.

"When I was texting the results to our teachers early in July we were all really excited and happy for the kids. But, very quickly, the teachers started asking me for more details and data so they could start working on improving for next year. It's that kind of attitude, together with many talented, hard-working students which has led to our success. On to 2018," Harding ended.

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Fairhaven holds first ever National Night Out

By Beth David
Editor

The west lawn of Fairhaven High School filled up with people eager to get to know their local police and fire department personnel as the town of Fairhaven held its first ever National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, 8/1. The event featured free food, drink, tunes and a chance to “dunk a cop,” in a dunk tank.

Boston Bettencourt got in some baseball practice and a good laugh when he threw the ball and hit the mark hard enough to dunk temporary Fairhaven Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps.

The youngster said he liked the idea, “Because they just splash in the water.”

A crowd gathered around to watch the K-9 demonstration by Taunton police officer Rob Swartz and his patrol dog Blitz, a German shepherd. Rich Flaherty, a K-9 officer with the West Bridgewater Police Department,



ABOVE: Don't let this miss fool you, young Boston Bettencourt hit his mark and dunked Fairhaven Temporary Animal Control Officer Terry Cripps at the first annual National Night Out celebration on 8/1. Photo by Beth David.

drew the short end of the stick when he had to don the protective suit and get attacked by Blitz as part of the demonstration.

Children (and adults) in the audience had a chance to ask questions. They learned that as a patrol dog, Blitz helps with searches for missing children, the elderly and criminals. Blitz is not trained to bite, said Officer Swartz, but he will if he has to.

The important thing, he said, is for children to understand that if Blitz is looking for them if they are lost in the woods, that Blitz will not bite them. He will protect them.

“Suppose he can't find me,” asked one little boy.

Then we will use more dogs, said Officer Swartz, and not stop until you are found.

He explained that when humans smell a pizza, Blitz smells, the cheese, the sauce, the pepperoni, and the shampoo in the delivery person's hair. all as separate smells. That is why he can track the way he does.

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LEFT:K-9 Blitz of the Taunton Police Department charges towards Officer Rich Flaherty of the West Bridgewater PD. Blitz's partner, Rob Swartz, is in the background. RIGHT: K-9 Blitz is airborne after latching onto Officer Flaherty's arm. Photos by Beth David.

Committee thanks all for successful 1st National Night Out

On behalf of the National Night Out group, I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who came out and made our first annual National Night Out a wonderful success. It was an uplifting show of support for our Police Department, who work so hard every day to keep us safe.

Thank you to all the members of the Police Department for showing us all that they know how to throw an awesome event. Whether they were

handing out hot dogs or sitting in a dunk tank, they were the life of the party! Thank you to all the Town departments who showed their support — a special thanks to the Fire Department for lending their help and equipment, to the BPW for providing trash disposal, and to the School Department for hosting the location and lending their staff for assistance. Thank you to the Massachusetts State Police for arranging a helicopter

landing on the football field and to the Taunton Police Department for the K9 demonstration. Thanks also to Bob Foster for providing tours of the High School alongside the event.

This event was made free because the following individuals/groups/companies were so incredibly generous with their time and resources: KJ Tunes, DeTerra Bubble Bounce, the Fairhaven Lions Club,

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Teddy Bear parade signals end of summer reading program



The Millicent Library in Fairhaven held its annual Teddy Bear parade on Wednesday, 8/1, signalling the end of the summer reading program. Children and their adults were encouraged to join the parade with their favorite Teddy Bear or other stuffed animal and walk from the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church to Our Lady's Haven and back again. Residents of OLH sat outside and in windows to watch the annual trek and to hand out candy to the children. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Sisters Corinne and Vivian Oldham hug their stuffed bears and were all smiles at the 2017 Teddy Bear Parade on 8/2 in Fairhaven. ABOVE MIDDLE, L-R: Isabella Bettencourt helps Brooke Benoit with her pinwheel. ABOVE RIGHT: Daisy D. Dots painted faces and generally just spread good cheer. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Maeve Hoper and her friend Marin concentrate on opening their candy at Our Lady's Haven. BELOW RIGHT: Juliana Pinto and "Bear" have a word with Jim Walker, a resident at Our Lady's Haven who was handing out candy to the children. BOTTOM LEFT: Piper O'Berry is doing double duty with two bears in a double stroller. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Activities included making bubbles on the lawn of the Unitarian Memorial Church. BOTTOM RIGHT: Teen volunteers lead the parade along Union Street. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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Special Activities

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FIT QUEST has changed their name to HEALTH AWARENESS. The group meets every Thursday from 9-10:00 a.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center come and enjoy the information and fun it's FREE.

Sewing Circle

With Debbie Rock. Please come and join the fun, we have the sewing machines, just bring in your material, etc. The Sewing Circle will meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center. In July Mondays 8/7, 21 from 1-3:00 p.m.; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 31, from 6-8 p.m.

If you have questions please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

Cooking for One

Presented by Stephanie Boulay Dietician at Coastline, join us for a cooking demo and great tips when cooking for one! Wednesday Sept.6th at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven COA. Please call the COA to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029.

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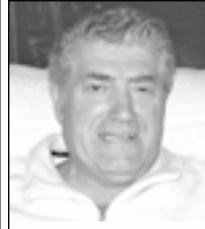
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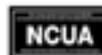
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Acushnet Fire Chief statement

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Police, Fire and EMS responded within minutes. First responders found a passenger vehicle approximately eight feet into the building having been driven through the glass door/window assembly. The sole occupant of the vehicle, an elderly female driver, stated she was not injured but was unable to exit the vehicle due to debris lodged against the driver side door. The driver was removed from the vehicle by first responders and assessed by Acushnet paramedics. Two employees in the building at the time of the incident were not injured.

The Acushnet Building Commissioner was on scene also within minutes and assessed the integrity of the building. The building owner also arrived on scene and assumed responsibility for securing the structure. The incident remains

under investigation by the Acushnet Police Department.

We would like to express our support for the owners, staff and

clients of Crabbe Chiropractic and look forward to their regaining full use of their office as quickly as possible.



A car lands inside the office of Crabbe Chiropractic in Acushnet after a woman lost control of it on July 18. Photo courtesy of the Acushnet Fire/EMS Department

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By Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

The wind and a chilly summer morning did not stop more than 30 young athletes from participating in

the Fairhaven Tennis Association's Junior Program singles tennis tournament on Saturday July 29th at Cushman Park.

With players aged five through fourteen the FTA offered competition for all levels. The tournament began at 8:30 a.m. with beginner level with kids who had just started their training. The tournament continued at 10 a.m. with the more advanced levels.

Each child was paired off and played a four-point game with each opponent. After each child played one another, the winners competed in one final match.

Each level had a large amount of young competitors trying to get to the final match.

winner with Ian Stakepole as the runner up. Each tournament had more than 10 players competing for the top spot, until a final two played each other for the winning spot.

FTA Vice President Ken Pottel said



TOP: Johnny Kazan connects with the ball in a match during the tennis tournament by the Fairhaven Tennis Association on Saturday, 7/29/17, at Cushman Park. ABOVE: Andrew Schwarzmenn gets a good solid hit and sends the ball flying to his opponent in Saturday's tournament. Mr. Schwarzmenn took first place in the beginner category. Photos by Mary Macedo.



ABOVE: Katherine St. Amand keeps her eye on the ball as she returns it in a match during the tennis Association on Saturday, 7/29/17 at Cushman Park. Samara Kazan keeps her eye on the ball after she sends it back with forece in a match during the FTA tennis tournament . Photos by Mary Macedo.

The winner of the entry level "orange ball" was Andrew Schwarzmenn; runner up was Braylen Turner.

The "green dot" is a more advanced tournament, which had a lot of competitors as well. For the "green dot" level Kole Pinto was the winner with Adin Munroe coming in as the runner up.

In the more advanced "yellow ball" level Angus Bonoan was the

that the association has five great instructors that help build the children's tennis skills.

He said the tournaments are free and that the association holds many fundraisers to help raise scholarship money to award to some of their young athletes.

For more information on the FTA visit www.fairhaventennis.org



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Fairhaven-Acushnet All-Stars win first & second in tourney



The Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball League hosted its annual Matty Oliveira and Michael Poulin Memorial All-Star tournament over the past two weekends at Pope Park in Acushnet and the Shaw Road Complex in Fairhaven. FAYB's 11-and-under All-Star team took home a championship trophy while the 11B team earned second place. ABOVE LEFT: 10-year-old All-Star Jake Macolini fist bumps with pitcher Tyler Vieira in between innings. LEFT: Donovan Burgo gets his star of the game ball from the umpire after a big win. ABOVE: The 11-and-under squad enjoys the feel of their championship trophies. *Photos courtesy of Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball.*

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on Saturdays.

Board members agreed that the extra hour might help the overflow of people coming to bring recycling on Saturday mornings. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silvia brought up an issue with a street light at the 7-Eleven on the corner of Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) and Alden Road. He explained that the light will not stop flashing, and asked if there is any way someone could fix it.

Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp explained that the contractor would not just come to fix one light, so the town will have to wait until more lights in the area need to be fixed.

Mr. Wotton explained that the light is very distracting, like a strobe light, and suggested that the light be shut off until it can be fixed.

In a follow-up interview, Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado said that the contractor would fix the one light that has the strobing effect. He said he called Coviello and they agreed not to wait because of the nature of the

complaint.

The board also met with Carlos Motta who was looking for approval to take his food truck, Vovo's Kitchen, to the Fairhaven Town Beach to sell food on Saturdays and Sundays.

Mr. Hobson asked where the truck would be located.

Mr. Motta explained that he can put it anywhere the BPW wants him to on the town beach.

Mr. Hobson said he had no problem with it and thought it was a good idea.

Board member, Keith Silvia agreed that the food truck would be great at the town beach.

The motion passed unanimously.

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A about 5:30, a state police helicopter circled around and landed on the football field at the high school, a designated landing spot. Unfortunately, not one had the key for the gate, so the crowd could only watch from afar. But that did not dampen spirits one bit. Watching, and hearing, the helicopter held its own fascination.

The public was invited to interact with police and fire personnel, and had a chance to inspect emergency vehicles, including a new fire truck and an antique fire truck, police cruiser, and police rescue boat.

The event also featured music by KJ Tunes, a bounce house, and a variety of vendor/ information booths, including child ID kits by New York Life, New Bedford Veterans Center, and the Fairhaven 2040/ Master Plan Committee. Children (and adults) could also leave messages of support to police in chalk on the walkway.

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

a. **Case # 2017.08.15A** — David and Debra Macedo of 8 Andy's Court, owned by Macedo Irrevocable Trust. Requesting a Special Permit in order to add an accessory apartment to their property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence "A" District, "B" Uses by Special Permit (1) accessory apartment, 3.4 Special Permit Requirements "B" (1-3).

*** Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

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Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who came out in droves to support their members of law enforcement.

We look forward to our second National Night Out on August 7, 2018. See you then!

Sincerely, Fairhaven National Night Out Committee: Sgt. Kevin Kobza, Sgt. Kevin Swain, Sgt. Dan Dorgan, Det. Janis Bubluski, Officer Marcy Haaland, Officer Scott Joseph, Anne O'Brien, Phil Washko, Patricia Pacella

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Cultural Council

Mon., 8/21, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 8/9, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 8/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 8/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 8/9, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 8/15, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2017	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Friday	4	0626	1846	0131	
		----	----	1142	----
Saturday	5	0708	1925	0208	1220
Sunday	6	0746	2003	0115	1256
Monday	7	0826	2043	0139	1336
Tuesday	8	0907	2125	0215	1420
Wednesday	9	0950	2207	0255	1507
Thursday	10	1032	2250	0336*	1553
Friday	11	1117	2336	0415*	1636*
Saturday	12	----	1206	0455*	1721
Sunday	13	0028	1301	0539*	1813
Monday	14	0125	1358	0632*	1920
Tuesday	15	0222	1454	0738	2032
Wednesday	16	0320	1554	0845	2143
Thursday	17	0425	1701	0950	2307
Friday	18	0533	1803	1104	----
Saturday	19	0631	1855	0027	1214

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Notes from the Visitors Center

by Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

August 2017
Greetings.

Yes, I know, it's only the beginning of August and already you're seeing pumpkin décor in the stores. I have to do a little of that early planning for fall, too, as you'll read about in a minute or two. But first, let's continue with summer.

There are two August lectures at the Old Stone Schoolhouse before that series comes to an end. On August 12 at 2:00, the lecture will be "Schools of North Fairhaven." On August 19, also at 2:00, it will be "Rogers School."

Depending on the weather and the number of people, the lectures may be held outdoors or indoors. Bring your own lawn chair if the weather is nice. The lectures are free. The Old Stone Schoolhouse will be open every Saturday afternoon in August from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There are three Monday Morning Fun programs left this summer. Those are held at the Visitors Center from 9:00 to about 11:30 a.m. On August 7 "Professor Sprout" returns with herbology fun. The Buttonwood Park Zoomobile program will be on August 14, with zoo critters to see. And the last MMF of the season is August 21 when the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society will provide Japanese cultural activities and games. Of course every Monday there will be face painting, a bounce house, and Acushnet Creamery with ice cream and bottled water.

There was a rained out program on July 24, so we missed out on the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Unfortunately, they could not reschedule. Next year they'll be invited back.

Once again I need to thank all those people and organizations that

sponsored the bounce house and the water slide as well as helping to pay for some of the special programs. Monday Morning Fun just would not be the same without that support.

Vanessa Gralton will guide a Riverside Cemetery Tour on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. This is the last evening Riverside tour of this year. It starts near the Sexton's house just inside the cemetery entrance.

Don't forget that on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Unitarian Church is open for tours. You can show up any time during those hours and a guide or guides will be there to show you around. Use the south entrance on

I started accepting booth reservations for the 5th annual Harvest Fun Day, which will be held on the lawn of the Visitors Center and high school on Saturday, October 14.

Union Street.

I might have the next "Notes" column out on August 31, but in case that doesn't happen I'll mention the Feast of Our Lady of Angels will take place, as usual, on Labor Day weekend, September 2, 3, and 4, at the feast grounds on Jesse Street in North Fairhaven. This event, held every year since 1930, is one of the town's longest standing traditions.

Stop by for food, entertainment, auctions, and socializing. It runs 5:00

to midnight on Saturday, noon to midnight on Sunday and noon to 10:00 p.m. on Monday. Monday afternoon at 1:00 the procession will be held on Main Street, from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back.

Now we'll look further ahead. In mid-July I started accepting booth reservations for the 5th annual Harvest Fun Day, which will be held on the lawn of the Visitors Center and high school on Saturday, October 14. This is a fun little fall fair with food booths, crafts and other items for sale, and activities for kids including some games, a bounce house, and other fun stuff. Through the day, music will be provided by Ken Souza of KJ Tunes, who will also hold some hula hoop and dance contests.

I may be expanding the fair a bit this year because booth space has been going fast. (Last year there were 41 booth reservations. So far I have 31 for this year, a full month before the reservation deadline.)

Fairhaven individuals, non-profits, and businesses get priority, along with vendors who have been here before, so there are several out-of-towners on a waiting list for now. If you are interested in a space, email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov. Each vendor is asked to donate \$10 to help cover the cost of renting a couple of handicap accessible porta-johns. The deadline to reserve space is Friday, September 1, but as I mentioned, it's filling up fast so the sooner you get in touch, the better.

This is also the year for a Manjiro Festival, which is held every other year in Fairhaven. The 16th Manjiro Festival will be Saturday, October 7, marking 30 years since our Sister-City agreement was signed with Tosashimizu, Japan.

The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House is looking for vendors who want to participate in this year's festival. There are also ad spaces available in the program book. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org/>.

That's about it for this month. As usual, I welcome your comments, questions, or suggestions. You can email the Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, call 508-979-4085, or stop by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street.

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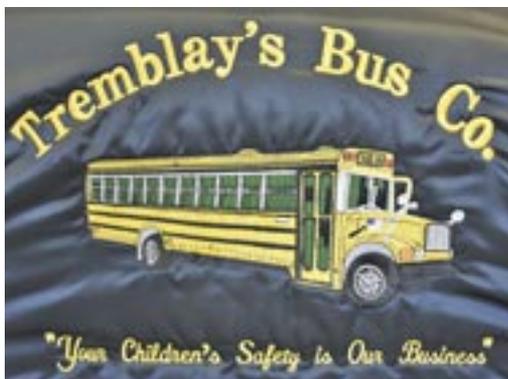
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