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Horribles invade North Fairhaven



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Gravestones from the Woodside Cemetery seem to fit in perfectly as participants in the Halloween parade march along Main Street in North Fairhaven on Sunday, 10/27. The annual event has been hosted by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association since 1950. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David. See it in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, okay, I goofed. The Historical Society held programs in the last three years. They even ran ads in my little paper. It looks like I have them listed twice in my books. Shh....don't tell the IRS.

I apologize. Really I do. But I'm sure I mentioned it to at least one board member who just nodded and walked away.

Apparently, people don't really listen to me when I'm talking.

Who knew?

This is absolutely the latest I've ever gotten this to the printer. I apologize ahead of time for typos. I just don't have time to re-read and spellcheck and all that. Gotta get it out.

Let's make it quick: The Halloween parade was lots of fun, but there weren't enough adults in the competition. Shame, shame! We're supposed to be the Halloween capital of the world.

Today is Halloween (well, not today as I write this, today as it gets published). So, get a copy of last week's issue (it's online at www.Neighbnews.com, click on archives), and be sure to do our Halloween Trail.

We have an update on the Howland murder this week. The police have charged someone with it and the case seems very strong. The reason why he killed her, though, still eludes us. It appears it was a robbery. He was after her jewelry. But that doesn't explain why he killed her in such a horrific way.

Be warned, the details are not pretty on pages 3 and 4. But, one thing I learned as I started looking into some old stories, is that newspaper accounts are very important to these issues and stories. Police records, court records, official records can be very hard to find, and, they disappear. Just...gone, poof.

So, we often have to rely on news accounts.

Well, gotta get this thing to bed.

Until next week then, see ya

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Fairhaven Historical Society's event in last week's issue we made an error and would like to apologize profusely for it. The Society has indeed held several events in the last three years including two author events, an appearance by Mark Twain and an antique swords illustrated lecture. We don't know what possessed us to make such a silly error.

New Bedford man charged in Joyce Howland's murder

By Beth David
Editor

Officials have charged a New Bedford man in what they described as the "brutal" murder of retired schoolteacher Joyce Howland.

Joshua Silva, 36, of 26 Oak Street, New Bedford, was charged with first degree murder and armed robbery on Wednesday, 10/30, in Third District Court in New Bedford, and held without bail. A probable cause hearing was scheduled for December 2. He was also charged with possession of a Class A substance, heroin.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick Driscoll told the court that Ms. Howland's throat was slit so severely that she was almost decapitated. He added that spinal fractures indicated that her hair was pulled back from behind before her throat was cut.

According to Mr. Driscoll and court records, Mr. Silva was an admitted heroin addict who was hired as a subcontractor to insulate Ms. Howland's house. He admitted that he had returned to Ms. Howland's home on Columbus Day, 10/14, but said he was only in the house for a few

minutes to retrieve something.

According to Mr. Driscoll at the arraignment, Mr. Silva gave jewelry belonging to Ms. Howland to some friends, who then pawned it. It was quickly traced back to Mr. Silva.

Police also obtained a pair of khaki pants with blood on them that turned

approximately 12 hours after the body was discovered. He was held on a probation violation for possession of heroin. He was on probation for a burglary in Florida in 2009.

Defense Attorney Christopher Belezos declined to comment on the evidence, "until I have time to examine the police report and discuss the matter with Mr. Silva," he said.

At a press conference after the arraignment, District Attorney Samuel Sutter and Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers would not elaborate much on what was said in the courtroom, saying only that more details would come out during upcoming court events.

Mr. Sutter called it a "brutal slaying." "She was a senior citizen, a former schoolteacher...contributing to her community," said Mr. Sutter, adding that his office spends "significant" time and resources educating seniors on elder abuse, prevention and protection.

He said seniors can take steps to protect themselves with alarms, surveillance cameras, and by taking

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that a person could do
that to another person
[Stephanie Lemay
Vasquez]

out to be a match to Ms. Howland's.

Surveillance video also shows Mr. Silva discarding a piece of paper behind the Pasta House that was torn from a prescription bottle with Joyce Howland's name on it.

Mr. Driscoll said that Mr. Silva had been in custody since Oct. 15,



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precautions with valuables, such as hiding them when strangers are in the house.

He would not, however, say that robbery was the "motive" for the murder.

Fairhaven police chief Michael Myers said he first wanted to extend his "thoughts and prayers" to Ms. Howland's family and friends.

"They're devastated by this brutal and senseless murder of an innocent person," said Chief Myers.

He said he wanted the community to know that "we were able to identify the suspect quite quickly."

"Within 12 hours of discovering the crime, we felt we had a good case," against Mr. Silva, said the chief. "We were fortunate he was arrested on an unrelated charge; that gave us time to investigate."

He and Mr. Sutter both tried to explain why the public was not made aware of the arrest until now, saying that releasing the information could have jeopardized the investigation.

Mr. Sutter said his office made a statement "early on" that it was not a "random act," although they would not say they had someone in custody.

Chief Myers said officials notified the public that they were not at risk, but could not say why without compromising the case.

"We ask the community to trust us. When we say you're not at risk, we have a good reason for that," said Chief Myers. "It's important that as we investigate, the facts don't come out."

Mr. Sutter agreed, using almost the same words and adding, "the more we comment, the greater risk of jeopardizing the investigation."

He said public safety is important, but there was no violent criminal on the loose, "and we said that."

Mr. Sutter also praised the team of officials that investigated the case, saying the cooperation with the local police department, the DA's office and the State Police "was of the highest order."

Officials also would not explain why they first said it was an unattended death, since, presumably, a deep cut to the throat would create a very bloody scene. Mr. Sutter said those answers would be "elucidated" as the case goes on.

According to the police report filed with the court Ms. Howland was found face down on the floor of her bedroom

"on a blood-soaked area rug."

"The nature of her injuries were not apparent without moving her body," reads the report.

A friend found Ms. Howland after she had failed to show up for an event the night before and could not be reached by phone the next morning. The friend went to the home and found the doors shut, but unlocked, and the TV on in the living room.

Police questioned neighbors who reported seeing a contractor's truck and a Fairhaven Lumber truck the week before. Detectives found a local contractor, who is not named in the report, who said he was hired by Ms. Howland to insulate the attic of her home. He subcontracted the job to Fairhaven Lumber and on Friday, 10/11, two employees performed the work on the attic.

Detectives first located Mr. Silva's coworker who told detectives that Mr. Silva mentioned that Ms. Howland had some "nice jewelry" that he could get "good money" for.

He also told police that Mr. Silva was out of money on Monday, even though they got paid on Friday. He said Mr. Silva did not have his "usual razor knife" with him and had to get another one from work.

Mr. Silva went to the police department himself late Tuesday night, after he learned that police were questioning his coworkers.

While Mr. Silva was being questioned, police discovered that he had been charged with breaking into a home in Palm Bay Florida and stealing jewelry, then pawning it for cash on the same day. On January 10, 2010, Mr. Silva pleaded guilty and was placed on probation. He was also ordered to submit DNA samples.

He was arrested for a probation violation in the early morning hours of Wednesday, 10/16, after being questioned by police for several hours.

Video surveillance from numerous businesses on Route 6 and Alden Road piece together Mr. Silva's movements.

The Pasta House's video footage shows Mr. Silva walking between Jake's Restaurant and the Pasta House and "making a throwing motion towards the building."

A prescription sticker that was removed from a prescription bottle with Joyce Howland's name on it was



Joshua Silva, 36, of 26 Oak Street, New Bedford, was arraigned on a charge of first degree murder on Wed., 10/30, in the slaying of retired schoolteacher Joyce Howland. Ms. Howland's body was found on Tuesday, 10/15, by a friend who got worried after not hearing from her. Mr. Silva is being held without bail. A probable cause hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 2. *Fairhaven Police booking photo.*

retrieved from that spot.

Stephanie Lemay Vasquez, who said she is Ms. Howland's Goddaughter, said she was "relieved that they have the person who did it to her, and very upset about what was done to her because she didn't deserve it at all."

"I hope he rots in jail for the rest of his life," said Ms. Vasquez.

She said, through tears, that it was difficult to imagine what her Godmother went through before she died.

"You hope she didn't suffer, you hope it was quick. It doesn't even matter, because it's still just horrible that a person could do that to another person," said Ms. Vasquez. "The whole thing's basically sick."•••

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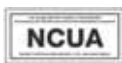
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- **Sat. Nov. 2: "Salt Marsh Exploration"** at Little Bay Marsh (1 Edgewater St. Fairhaven)
- **Sat. Nov. 9: "Forest Exploration" at the Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail** (100 Falmouth St. New Bedford)

Families Around the Bay is recommended for families with school-age children. The program is free; reservations are required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gracie Mullen-Thompson at mullen-thompson@savebuzzardsbay.org or (508) 999-6363 ext. 223.

Laramie Project

We're doing a readers theatre performance of "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" on **Saturday, 11/9, at 7 p.m.** at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven. Accessible. Directed by Bonnie-Jeanne Brault

It is **one performance only, \$15/pp**, with proceeds benefiting the Unitarian Society of Fairhaven No reservations are required, Call 508-984-1253 with questions.

"The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" depicts Moises Kaufmann and the Tectonic Theatre Company returning to Laramie, Wyoming to re-interview people in the community 10 years following Matthew Shepard's brutal murder. This is a follow-up to the original "Laramie Project" play, which Bonnie directed in the 2009.

Reading Award

Applications available for Nancy Bunnell Award

Fairhaven boys and girls, in grades K-5, are welcome to participate in a contest sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. The contest is funded by the Nancy Bunnell Memorial Fund. Cash awards are in two categories, K-2, and 3-5, will be awarded on Saturday, December 14th, at the Millicent Library.

The topic is: What is your favorite reason for coming to the Library? The grades K-2 can tell their reason with a

picture and a sentence underneath it. Is it the arts and crafts projects, story time, or the wide selection of the wonderful books you can find for your enjoyment?

Those in grades 3-5 can tell us in two or more paragraphs why you enjoy the library. Is it to use the computers, find books written by your favorite authors, or in volunteering to help the younger children with the arts and crafts projects?

Deadline for all entries will be November 16, 2013. Bring all entries to the Millicent Library, or mail to the Library, with Attention: Friends of the Millicent Library included in the address. Make sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and grade level. There will be one cash award in each of the two levels. Everyone will receive Certificates of Participation. Remember: Be Creative, Be Original, Be Yourself.

Hospice Volunteers

If you have the time and heart to share, you could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team.

Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy and music therapy.

Our volunteers visit patients in their homes and in nursing homes in Fairhaven and the surrounding area. Full training and ongoing support provided. Our next training begins in November 2013.

For more information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200

Vendors Wanted

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has announced that the **deadline is November 1 for Fairhaven groups** wishing to apply for a free booth at the Town Hall Shops during the Old-Time Holiday Weekend. Any Fairhaven-based **non-profit, civic, church or school group** may have a booth space.

Other crafters or merchants may apply for paid booth space at either the Unitarian Church Holiday Marketplace, 508-992-7081, or at the Brick Church Fair (First Congregational Church), 508-993-3368. Both of those events will be taking place on the same day as the Town Hall Shops.

To reserve space for the Town Hall Shops, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 after October 6 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com

Howland Service

A Memorial Service to Celebrate and Honor the life of Joyce N. Howland will be held on **Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 AM**, at the First Congregational Church UCC, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, 508-993-3368. Accessible.

Everyone who knew Joyce Howland and was touched by her presence is invited to celebrate her life at this Memorial Service. In the midst of our anger and fear and grief over her death it is important to remember who she was and how she lived. With music, readings, silence and candlelight we will remember Joyce and find ways to carry her spirit with us into the future.

There will be a light luncheon following the service in Babbitt Hall at the church where everyone can share stories about Joyce and express their thoughts to friends and family alike. For more information, please call the church at the above number.

Save the Date

Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving

Join your family, friends, and neighbors to kick off the holiday on the right foot: running for a reason! Burn calories while raising funds and food for local pantries. The 5K race is at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, visit <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com>

Save the Date

Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11/11. See letter on page 24.

Save the Date

Jewelry Sale at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, on Friday, 11/8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit the residents.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Crafters Wanted

Our Lady of Purgatory Church is now seeking crafters for their annual Lebanese Holiday Bazaar!

It will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 9-6, and on Sunday, November 17th from 9-1:00 at St. Mary's School on 115 Illinois St. in New Bedford.

Please contact Sharon Tripp @ 508-971-3804 for more information.

Dog Adoption Day

The Lighthouse Animal Shelter will hold the first of its weekly adoption days on on Sat., 11/2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the shelter on 596 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, 508-999-PETS (7387)

See the dogs online at www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org. Also visit our Facebook Page and like us.

Friends of Ruth & Emily

Friends of Ruth & Emily Elephants — At the Movies. **From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2**, join the Friends of Ruth & Emily Elephants at the Lawler Library meeting room as they present short films on how to move elephants to a sanctuary. Watch as the Toronto Zoo elephants make the journey to PAWS, the Performing Animal Welfare Society sanctuary in sunny San Andreas, CA.

Free and open to the public, kid-friendly, light refreshments. At Lawler Public Library, 745 Rockdale Ave., New Bedford

Mystery Dinner

Holy Family Holy Name School is going Hollywood! What can you expect from an audience participation murder mystery? Fun the minute you walk in the door! **Doors open at 5:30 pm on Nov. 1 & 2; dinner served at 6 pm.** You'll enjoy a delicious fresh garden salad, tender roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, and dessert. The main show starts after dinner, at 7 pm. Proceeds will benefit Holy Family Holy Name School.

Tickets for the dinner and show are priced at \$20.00. This is a limited engagement of only two performances on Friday, November 1 at 6:00 pm, and Saturday, November 2

at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Holy Name School located on North Street in New Bedford. For info and reservations, call 508-993-3547. Seating is limited.

Artist Reception

Crowell's Fine Art and Framing is proud to present a collection of recent works by the talented and acclaimed Swain School grad, Donald Beal: Selected Works.

"The artist, Beal, is first and foremost, a colorist. He uses his pigment and brushwork to build and develop his scenes, but it is the manner in which color emulates each image that gives his work a dreamy aura. Figures emerge from his paint, seemingly unbidden at times, as if appearing from a fog.

"Whether he constructs a landscape, a still life or a figure study, his paintings all create a semblance of time and reality outside our ordinary consciousness. These are beautiful, contemplative compositions that will augment any living space they embellish."

Janice McDonough, Gallerist

Beal will be attending the artist's opening reception of the show on **Thursday, November 7th from 5pm-8pm at Crowell's Fine Art and Framing, 382 Acushnet Avenue, Downtown New Bedford.** Travessia Urban Winery will be present for a wine tasting and food will be served at the reception. The gallery display will run from November 6th, 2013 to November 30th, 2013. The opening reception and the gallery display are open to the public.

St. Anthony's Music

The Music at St. Anthony's 2013-2014 concert series has a special dual performance planned for **Sunday, November 3, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.** Not only will Richard Hill play a recital on St. Anthony's the church's Historic 1912 Casavant Frères pipe organ, but he will share the day with Zefiro, a chorus of professional singers from Cranston RI, will perform a new work by Kurt Leland.

Music at St. Anthony's is the fundraising program to fully restore the now 100 year old instrument. Freewill donations will be accepted to support the organ restoration fund. Because this event is planned to coincide with the parish Christmas

Bazaar, lunch is available before the concert in the church hall.

For more information, please call the rectory at 508-993-1691. Information about the concert series is available on the internet at www.saintanthonynewbedford.com.

Weight Loss info

Southcoast® Center for Weight Loss will offer a free weight management informational sessions during the month of November.

The informational sessions will review the different non-surgical weight loss options offered at the Southcoast Center for Weight Loss. The sessions will include information on Optifast, a weight loss program which combines lifestyle education, meal replacements, medical management and individual and group counseling. The sessions will also include information on a non-meal replacement option program called 3C's for Success (Commit, Challenge, Change).

The next seminar is on Monday, November 4, at 4:30 p.m., St. Luke's Hospital, Knowles Auditorium, 5th Floor, 101 Page Street in New Bedford

For more information or to register call 508-525-3114.

Fish Meeting

Participate in a workshop hosted by the Mass. Marine Fisheries Institute (MFI) on "Reference Points and Uncertainty Buffers" on **Nov. 6-8 at the Waypoint Event Center in New Bedford (185 MacAuthur Boulevard, New Bedford; <http://www.eventsbylh.com/venues/waypoint-event-center/>).**

The MFI is coordinating an End-to-End Review of New England Groundfish Stock Assessments, and this workshop topic was identified at a recent scoping meeting in that process (report attached). An executive summary of the first workshop on environmental change is also attached as an example of the expected output from the second workshop.

The meetings are open to all interested parties who register by contacting Emily Keiley, ekeiley@umassd.edu. **Please register no later than Friday, November 1st.**

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Legion Clamboil

American Legion Post 265 is holding a clamboil on **Sunday, 11/3, at 2 p.m. at the Post, 71 Hope Street, Acushnet. Tickets are \$20.** Call Post 265 for tickets: 508-998-6938

Christmas Bazaar

St. John Neumann Womens Guild is Sponsoring their Christmas Craft Bazaar featuring Guest Crafters to be held at St. John Neumann Parish Hall, located next to Cathedral Camp on Route 18/Middleboro Road in East Freetown. **On Sat., Nov. 2nd, From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE ADMISSION.** A Hearty Lunch will be served. Accessible. For more information visit www.sjnfreetown.org

Humane Soc Gala

The Humane Society and Shelter SouthCoast 10th **Annual Gala on Sat. Nov. 2** celebrates over 100 years of caring for homeless and helpless animals.

The Gala will be held at 31 Ventura Drive, No Dartmouth. Accessible. Tickets are \$85 each. For further information, call the Shelter at 508-995-6661 or e-mail mventura@HSSSC.org or visit www.hsssc.org.

Elder LGBT Lunch

Bristol Elder Services is inviting Lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender seniors to join us for lunch at LePage's Seafood in Fall River on **Wednesday, November 6th.** This casual event will allow LGBT seniors in the area to meet other LGBT seniors. We ask that each person pay for their own lunch. We hope people will also come with ideas about what LGBT senior services they would like to see developed in the area and how they are able to help. Please feel free to share this flyer with LGBT seniors you may know. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on November 6th!

Contact: Patricia Foster, Coastline Elderly Services, Inc., 1646 Purchase Street, New Bedford, 508-742-9138

Cocktail Party

MO LIFE presents its 10th annual Cocktail Party on Thursday, 11/7, from 7-11 p.m. at the Century House in Acushnet. Accessible. There will be

an open bar from 7-9 p.m., hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and music by Candida Rose. Tickets are \$50 pp. All proceeds go to consumer support needs.

For more information on this fundraiser or future fundraisers, please contact MO LIFE at 508-992-5978, or visit www.molifeinc.com

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Lombardi at OSTC

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), which recently launched its first full season in its new state-of-the-art theatre in Warwick, is proud to present Academy Award-winner Eric Simonson's new American play, *Lombardi*. The New England premiere presentation, with additional support provided by Healthrax Fitness & Wellness, will enjoy a limited run at Ocean State Theatre from Nov. 6-24.

This original work brings the audience into the life and times of one of America's most inspirational and mercurial personalities, Hall of Fame football coach, Vince Lombardi. Though football's Super Bowl trophy is named for him, few know the real story of Lombardi the man — his inspirations, his passions and his ability to drive people to achieve what they never thought possible. Based on the best-selling biography *When Pride Still Mattered: A Life of Vince Lombardi* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss, *Lombardi* is a powerful family drama that tells an inspiring story of one of the greatest football coaches of all time, whose fame and influence spread far beyond the gridiron.

Lombardi will be presented at Ocean State Theatre from November 6-24. The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Tickets are \$30 for preview performances and \$34-\$49 for all other performances. Discount rates for groups of 20 or more are available by calling (401) 921-1777 x112. \$25 "Rush" tickets are available on a limited basis one hour prior to curtain on the day of the performance. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain time on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at

www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

Alternative Gifts

An Alternative Gift Fair – believed to be the first for the Tri-Town area – will be held in Mattapoisett **on Nov. 9** to benefit several non-profits.

The fair provides space for each non-profit to set up exhibits and receive donations. In addition to outright donations by cash or check, some of the organizations will offer gifts for birthdays, Christmas and other special occasions.

For example, the Mattapoisett Land Trust will offer T-shirts and other merchandise, gift memberships as well as conduct a silent auction. SERRV, a national organization, will offer special Fair Trade gifts from around the world. Other non-profits invited include Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Bike Path, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Heifer Project International, Sanga Sangai and Smile Train.

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Recipe of the Week

Easy Pumpkin Bundt Cake

- 1 yellow cake mix (I use Duncan Hines)
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- 4 eggs
- 1/4 c. Water
- 1/4 c. veg. oil
- 1 c. Libby's can pumpkin
- 2 t. pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 350.

Beat all the ingredients together on low for 30 seconds, then on Med. for 4 minutes.

Pour batter into a greased and floured fluted tube pan. (I use a bundt pan).

Bake for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert onto cooling rack until completely cooled.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar or frost with a cream cheese frosting or a glaze made with powdered sugar and milk.

Glaze is the powdered sugar and milk mixed together until a thin consistency. Drizzle over cake.

Easy and Yummy!!! Perfect dessert anytime.

Enjoy! *Bevy Lussier*

Cross Country Update

Fairhaven High School girls placed 2nd/7 with 55 points (22:21.47 ave. time). FHS Boys placed 7th/7 with 177 points (21:03.06 ave. time) . op 7 score for team. Bay Gammans finished the season undefeated in the SCC and was named SCC Player of the Year.. Alex Charette and Kacie Carvalho medaled for SCC Top 15 All Stars

Place/Grade/Name/Time			
<i>Girls</i>			
1st	2	Bay Gammans	20:07.65
11th	12	Alexandra Charette	22:41.67
12th	11	Kacie Carvalho	22:45.29
17th	12	Danielle Charette	23:04.24
18th	11	Mollie Medearis	23:08.47
22nd	11	Aryana daSilva	24:12.90
33rd	10	Kylie Stupalski	24:44.10
52nd	10	Michelle Cabral	27:28.11
<i>Boys</i>			
54th	9	Kamryn Lanzoni	29:03.05
60th	11	Brooke Seguin	30:12.92
63rd	10	Rumaisi Quraiishi	31:40.90
67th	10	Kenzi Philabaum	33:08.39
16th	11	Kenneth Borges	17:56.43
31st	10	Robert Mitchell	19:39.60
37th	12	Griffin Desmarais	19:51.03
48th	9	Ryan Ruccolo	23:14.26
49th	12	Michael Eckenreiter	24:33.94

Bikeway comm. holds last ride of season



The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee did something special for its final weekly ride of the season. The Committee hosted a joint ride with the Fall River Bike Path Committee on October 20. The combined group of 15 riders took advantage of a spectacular fall day to cycle a 28-mile loop, stopping at Ned's Point in Mattapoisett for a mid point break. ABOVE: The Fairhaven Bikeway Committee and the Fall River Bike Path Committee stop for a break at Ned's Point in Mattapoisett on their last weekly ride of the season on Oct. 20. Photo submitted.

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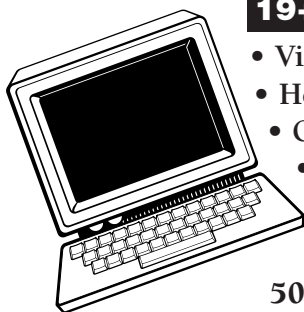
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Acushnet BPW water rate forum brings out angry crowd

By Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

Ever since they opened their water bills, a number of Acushnet water users have been wondering how their charges could have increased about 300% since last year. On 10/28, nearly 100 residents showed up to the Acushnet Council on Aging, blue water bills waving, to call-out the Board of Public Works on the increase that residents agreed was done without any effort to give residents notice.

Selectboard members initially intended to have a joint meeting with the BPW to host the public forum, but with none of the Selectboard members present, the four BPW members faced residents on their own.

Water users are predominantly upset over a new base rate \$168 water delivery charge, billed quarterly in \$42.07 increments, which Former Selectperson Leo Rousseau called it a "drastic decision" and a "lousy call," adding that advertising for the public forum-style meeting that evening was "piss poor."

"You gentlemen missed the boat," said Mr. Rousseau. "You should have called (the meeting) before the board changed the water bill."

Residents in attendance expressed as much confusion as they did hostility toward the four board members.

One resident compared the BPW to a dictatorship, with its utilitarian policy of charging all water users the same \$168 base charge, regardless of water consumption.

BPW Chairperson Jeffrey Schuster, raising his voice to speak over the multitude of shouting voices from the crowd, tried his best to explain the roots of the new base charge, which went in perpetual circles throughout the evening until the crowd thinned

out over time and the meeting adjourned two and a half hours later.

Mr. Schuster explained that, last year, there was a shortfall in the budget due to an overestimation of water usage by water users, thus funding to cover the budget fell short. The board decided to avoid that scenario in the future by shifting away from funding the budget with water consumption revenue, to covering the budget with the revenue collected from the base charge.

What the hell is a sewer delivery fee? What, are you delivering sewer to our house?
[Donna Boucher]

"It's the only way we could cover the budget without guessing," said Mr. Schuster. "It (the new base charge) is fair across the board. Everybody pays the same and the budget is covered. Everyone likes to turn on their water and see water come out."

He said the system of estimating water usage the board had been "always" using was wrong.

The formula for the base charge was the total water department budget divided by the number of water connections in town, which equaled \$168 per water customer.

That concept was rejected by some angry water users and misunderstood by others.

"How do you justify a 300 percent increase in just fees?" asked Donna Boucher. "That's a lot of money."

"That sure is," replied Mr. Schuster. "What is it paying for, Ms. Boucher asked."

"You're paying for the budget," said Mr. Schuster

Some called for the board to take a vote on the spot and rescind the decision to enact the base charge, but Mr. Schuster stated he did not think the board had the authority to do so at that time and said he would look into it.

Sewer users in attendance also complained about the "second whack" they got with a \$70 sewage delivery change that appeared on their bills this year, as well.

"What the hell is a sewer delivery fee?" asked Ms. Boucher. "What, are you delivering sewer to our house?"

Mr. Schuster said that charge was always there, but it was just included in the sewer rate and now has its own line, reflecting a decrease in the sewer rate.

"This is up front and right in your face," said Mr. Schuster, not like having higher rates in past years.

Mr. Schuster admitted that he did not agree with the \$70 sewer charge, and one resident suggested the board rescind the charge right then and there, but Mr. Schuster chose instead to wait in order to "make sure it's our decision to make."

The crowd was not having it though, and many people in an uproar shouted and spoke over Mr. Schuster.

"You don't want us to come at you with torches and oil and whatever," one resident shouted out at the board.

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Horribles invade North Fairhaven

By Beth David
Editor

The Halloween Horribles of North Fairhaven came out in force on Sunday, 10/27, to scare the neighbors and each other. The annual Halloween Parade has been sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association since 1950.

This year, about 200 people marched down Main Street from

Benoit Square to the back parking lot of St. Mary's Church. Judges scrutinized various age groups for Most Beautiful, Most Original and Most Horrible costumes. From toddler to adult, the dressed up horribles paraded around.

Free candy and hot chocolate for all, plus a special bag of goodies for the winners rounded out the evening.

But this is a tale best told in

pictures.

Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.

The Nerd Twins



The Minions



Office Zombie



The Cheerleaders



Holy Horribles, Batman!



More Horribles photos



ABOVE: Both of these acts won for Most Original in their categories: Gavin Bourgoise and Kalie Nickel in the covered wagon for the toddler to age 4 group; and Debbie Camacho for the adults as a deviled egg ("and that's no yolk!!!"). BELOW LEFT: These three also won in their respective categories, L-R: Most Beautiful/Kaylee Frias-Martin as 80s Girl (we think); Most Original/Page Alexander as rubber ducky (1st place); Most Original/Alison Ferreira as speed bump (3rd place). BOTTOM RIGHT: Most Original/Madison Medeiros as cannibal buffet (2nd place). *Photos this page by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com. Visit us at www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase.*



Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Strategy

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. on November 4, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public comment on the Town's Community Development Strategy, including potential target areas for community development activities. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard.

*Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Chairman
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Neighborhood Forum Community Development Strategy FY 14 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Neighborhood Forum at 6:30 P.M. on November 6, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to take in Public input on the Town's Community Development Strategy and discuss the Town's intention to apply to DHCD for up to \$900,000 to continue its Housing Rehabilitation Program and reconstruct a Street within one of the proposed new Target Areas, North Fairhaven or Anthony School Neighborhood. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum, where the Town will be available to answer questions. The Town will also be taking applications for the current housing rehab program. The rehab program is first come first served. Those unable to attend the forum may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, broth@fairhaven-ma.gov or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning Department.

*William D. Roth, Jr., Director
Planning & Economic Development
Department*

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on November 12, 2013, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and Public comment on the following application. The applicant, *OpenCape Corporation*, is requesting a Special Permit to add antennas to the existing cell tower located at the former AT & T building. The location is 200 Mill Road, Map 36, Lot 11A.

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

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the
Planning Board*

Telephone pole snaps on Union St

*By Beth David
Editor*

A bizarre event caused the outage of nearly 700 Fairhaven residents in the center of town this week.

A telephone pole on Union Street snapped, with no real reason for it going down at that time.

"One pole fell. It appears to have been a pole that had some rot at the bottom," said NSAR spokesperson Michael Durant. "We don't exactly know why it fell over when it did, but when it fell it took another pole with it."

The two poles had equipment on them, including a transformer.

Mr. Durant said that 690 customers lost power at about 5:30 p.m. on Monday, 10/28. In just over an hour, NSTAR had restored power to all but 30 customers. About 5.5 hours later, there were only 18 customers still without power. By the time the post office opened on Tuesday morning, all customers had power restored.

Mr. Durant said one of the transformers specifically served the post office.

He said there was no indication as to why the pole snapped when it did.

"This is extremely rare," said Mr. Durant. "We are responsible for tens of thousands of poles in southcoast alone and this is...extremely rare."

He said no injuries were reported. "The good news is, power is restored and everything's back to normal with two new poles," said Mr. Durant.



ABOVE: A telephone pole with a transformer on it snaps on Union Street in Fairhaven on Monday, 10/28, at about 5:30 p.m., taking a second pole down with it. Power was out for nearly 700 residents, but was restored by the morning. *Photo courtesy of Matt Winnett.*

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Mon., 11/4, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/14, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Cultural Council

Mon., 11/4, Nemasket Bldg., 6 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs. 11/14, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 11/6, Academy Bldg., 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/12 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/13, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/18 with Selectboard
Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Planing Commission

Thurs., 10/24, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/4, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

NB fish landings still tops

NOAA Press Release

U.S. commercial fishermen landed 9.6 billion pounds of fish and shellfish in 2012, valued at \$5.1 billion, according to Fisheries of the United States 2012, an annual report released by NOAA today.

The value and pounds of fish and shellfish caught remain higher than the average for the previous ten years of 9.2 billion pounds and \$4.1 billion, although this represents a small decrease from the high level of landings and value in 2011.

The report also shows that the Alaska port of Dutch Harbor led the nation with the highest amount of fish landed — primarily walleye pollock — for the 16th consecutive year. Dutch Harbor fishers landed 752 million pounds, up from 706 million pounds in 2011.

For the 13th consecutive year, New Bedford, Mass., had the highest valued catch, due mostly to the highly valued sea scallop fishery. Sea scallops accounted for more than 80 percent of the value of New Bedford landings.

Nearly 9.4 million recreational saltwater anglers in the United States took more than 70 million marine fishing trips in 2012 and caught almost 380 million fish, releasing 63 percent alive.

Spotted seatrout was the top catch for recreational anglers, with 42.6 million fish caught in 2012. Atlantic croaker, black sea bass, summer flounder and red drum were the other most common catches for saltwater anglers.

While the commercial and recreational trends remain high, aquaculture contributes only five percent of production. Washington and Maine lead the nation in marine finfish farming, primarily Atlantic salmon. Washington, Virginia and Louisiana lead in shellfish farming, primarily oysters.

The report also shows that the average American ate 14.4 pounds of fish and shellfish in 2012, a four percent drop from the 2011 figure of 15 pounds. Altogether, Americans consumed 4.5 billion pounds of seafood.

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*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Seniors Puzzle Making Contest



One of the many ways that the clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day use to stimulate their minds is by making puzzles. A puzzle-making contest was held at the Senior Center recently, and the clients competed against each other. The winners, pictured, finished in record time. *Submitted photo.*

Dressing for the Fall Festival



Clients of Fairhaven Senior Social Day spent time helping the Council on Aging Director, Anne Silvia, prepare for the Fall Harvest Festival held in Fairhaven on October 12. The clients helped dress a Ma and Pa Scarecrow for the scarecrow contest. Pictured left to right Gilbert Alves, Anne Silvia and Lorraine Damm. *Photo by Joyce Cookinham.*

Seniors and youngsters enjoy a day of fun



The Fairhaven Supportive Social Day participants enjoyed an inter-generational morning of fun crafts with the Moms' Group of Fairhaven. Several different Halloween crafts were created including pictures of hand prints and foot prints. The event was made possible through a United Way Mini-Grant awarded to the Moms Group and enjoyed by both seniors and children. *Submitted photo.*





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From our readers

Faltus fund-raiser was great success

The committee for the LOVE FOR JESSICA would like to thank everyone for their support! Our fundraiser on October 6th was a tremendous success. It is not possible to thank each and every individual or business for all they have done. Our goal was to raise \$8,000 for Jessica and we surpassed that goal.

The day was exciting with everyone having a good time. Compliments to Jevon Malcom (Mac's Soda Bar) from everyone; Monaghan Printing, for our posters, tickets, and all the printing needs we had. You were wonderful.

Dave and Lisa Sylvia and their friend Sharon Lizotte for braving the chilly weather and sitting outside for many hours with their petting zoo. The adults as well as the children loved it! To our musicians, you were all amazing. A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their facility. A big thank-you to all who donated prizes, and gift certificates for our auctions.

Jessica is doing well, but has a long road to go until the words "YOU are CANCER FREE" will be heard. We are still asking for prayers for Jess.

Donations are still being accepted. Please write checks to Jessica Faltus Perkins c/o 26 Bay View Ave. Fairhaven, MA 02719

Deb Eddleston, Fairhaven

Planning Board Member wants to set record straight

In your October 24, 2013 article, "ConCom continues hearing on solar farm," Louise Barteau is quoted as stating, "We're cutting down trees to put up solar arrays."

Clear-cutting within five years of a solar application is NOT allowed in the Town of Fairhaven for solar installations per the by-law passed this spring.

On May 4, 2013 at Special Town Meeting article 8 approved the Town of Fairhaven Zoning By-Laws 198.29.6 Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facilities (SPF)

Section G(8) clearly states:

"Clear cutting of trees and natural vegetation, within 5 years, shall be prohibited for the construction, operation and maintenance of the solar photovoltaic facility."

While I cannot and do not speak for

the rest of the board, as a Planning Board member I was proud our board included section G(8) which was approved at town meeting.

I hope this clarifies Ms. Barteau's concerns over the trees.

*Kaisa Holloway Cripps
Planning Board Member*

Plan not for Veterans Day Parade

Veterans Day is fast approaching and with it comes the need to remember and thank all of the men and women who served our country. Especially those who served during war time and remained in harm's way for any duration.

This country declared November 11th as a day to honor those who served and asks us all to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served in uniform to help keep our country safe and free.

Although our foreign policies have sometimes proved to be less than desired, our men and women in the military took an oath to preserve and defend this country with honor and bravery and did so voluntarily.

This year's Veterans Day marks the anniversary of many notable wartime events in our history. Two such events will be so noted in our 8th annual Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on Monday November 11.

One of these anniversaries marks the 60th year of the end of hostilities of the Korean War. To mark this event, there will be Korean War re-enactors marching proudly alongside a U.S. Army jeep from the Korean War. Riding in this jeep will be Fairhaven's very own Jim Leal, who distinguished himself on Pork Chop Hill as an army medic which proved to be one of the bloodiest battles of that war, and earned himself a Bronze Star for bravery. He will honor us by reciting a little history of that war, followed by a prayer to mark the beginning of ceremonies that will be held in front of the Fairhaven High School immediately following the parade.

The other notable anniversary event that will be remembered at our parade will be the 150th anniversary of the reading of the Gettysburg Address that followed one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Our keynote speaker this year, who will remind us of this historical event, will be Fairhaven's own Dennis Duval.

With him, both Victoria Leong and Madeline Major, both 6th graders from Hastings Middle School, will share the reciting of the Gettysburg Address.

Do you realize that there are over 1,000 World War II Veterans dying each day? With them goes the memories of their sacrifices to our country that need to be remembered and revered.

According to VFW Commander-in-Chief, John E. Hamilton he states in the January 2013 edition of the VFW Magazine, "With the war over in Iraq for more than a year and operations in Afghanistan receiving less attention, it is inevitable that public interest will plummet even further. After 11 years the public flag-waving patriotism is less visible and the enthusiasm diminished.

"But GIs are still serving up front, combating the Taliban and their allies in treacherous mountains and valleys. Their duty is arduous and downright deadly. The need to support them is every bit as real today as it was a decade ago."

So you see folks, the need to show support for our troops serving today as in past years is very important. One of the ways that you can show your support is by attending the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 11th. The parade will start at 10 a.m. from Oxford School, march down Main St. to the Fairhaven High School where there will be a short dedication. All veterans and active military personnel are cordially invited to march in our parade. If you can't march for any reason, transportation will be provided. Parade participants need to meet in back of Oxford School near Livesey Park by 9:15 a.m. The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m..

And finally, I'm hoping that a U.S.C.G. helicopter will do a "fly over" again this year over the parade route to honor all those in attendance. I'm keeping my fingers crossed on that one. See you at the parade.

Gerry Payette, Parade Coordinator

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"It's not my job to make everybody happy," suggested Mr. Schuster. "It's my job to make it fair for everybody and nobody pays more and nobody pays less."

He added that the new system will work better because the board will not have to worry about how much water they sell or do not sell. "We have to cover the budget. It's not an option."

Mr. Schuster added that the water budget has remained level-funded for the past seven years, despite rising prices. He suggested that if the residents did not like the water budget, they should attend Town Meeting and vote it down.

Well, what do we get for the fees we pay, asked several residents.

"It's water!" replied Mr. Schuster. "It's water! It doesn't show up by magic."

Ms. Boucher said 90% of the problem residents have with the base charge is the lack of communication with the water customers before instituting the fee. One resident asked why a reverse 911 call was never made, and suggested the board utilize the service in the future.

"If we had done this four months ago, people would understand better," said Ms. Boucher.

What followed was an itemized break-down of the water and sewer bills so that customers could understand each charge and fee.

"I don't understand," said several residents throughout the 30 minute crash course in water bill decoding.

Many residents noticed the absence of any Selectboard members, as well as Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, who have all been outspoken in their criticism of the BPW in recent weeks.

In a follow-up phone interview with Selectboard Member David Wojnar, he said he opted not to attend the meeting simply because it was a BPW meeting.

"I didn't want to politicize the meeting," he said.

Mr. Wojnar said he hoped the BPW would rescind their prior vote on the \$168 base charge, saying the board could do that because it sets the rates, as well as the policy.

"We (Selectboard) have limited dealings with the BPW," stated Mr. Wojnar. "Rarely do they collaborate with us on those issues."

That is precisely the problem, some residents at the BPW meeting implied.

"There seems to be a battle going on between the selectmen and the board," one resident in the room commented.

Before leaving the meeting, resident Roland Lavallee announced, "I'm putting together a recall petition to recall the whole board,"

"Let me sign it," said Mr. Schuster. "Bring it over to me and I'll sign it."

"I don't think anybody wants your seat at all right now," said Ms. Boucher.



TOP LEFT: After making his anger known at an open forum on Monday 10/28, Homer Bergeron listens intently to Acushnet Board of Public Works members explaining why water and sewer bills jumped up this year. Some people are paying 300% more than last year because the board instituted a \$168 annual base rate. ABOVE: The Acushnet BPW members, L-R: Norman Fredette, Darrin Pinto, Phil Mello and chairperson Jeffrey Schuster. ABOVE RIGHT: Rick Hilsman makes a point during the forum. Photos by Beth David

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Trunk or treat scares and delights East Fairhaven students

By Beth David
Editor

The students of East Fairhaven School and their adults got treated to a night of Halloween fun on Friday, 10/25. The Mad Scientist entertained in the gym while 21 trunks got set up

for the big scare after the show.

Parents and grandparents decorated trunks of cars and pickup trucks with creative flair. The stops on the Trunk or Treat Trail included everything from scary pirate ships to Candyland. After the show inside, the

students and adults filed out and traveled along the trunk trail in the parking lot for their treats.

Paris Lees, 10, decided that being outside to greet her schoolmates suited her better than watching the magic show. Dressed as a pirate next to her pirate trunk, she practiced her 'aarrs' for the press.

Ronald Allison dressed up his trunk to "scare" and "entertain" his grandchildren's friends.

Kurt Houghton decorated his pickup truck like a hayride, complete with pumpkins, stuffed figures and candy.

According to EFS principal Wendy Williams, there were 21 trunks this year, compared to 6 or 8 last year.

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ABOVE LEFT: Olivia Pickup checks out the strange creature on the grounds of East Fairhaven School on Friday, 10/25, for the annual Trunk or Treat event. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Marina Torres, Nadia Torres and Savannah Morris make their way from the magic show to the trunk or treat parking lot. BELOW LEFT: Paris Lees practices her "aarr" before her schoolmates get outside. BELOW RIGHT: Kurt Houghton created this hayride in his pickup truck. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at www.NeighbNews.com.



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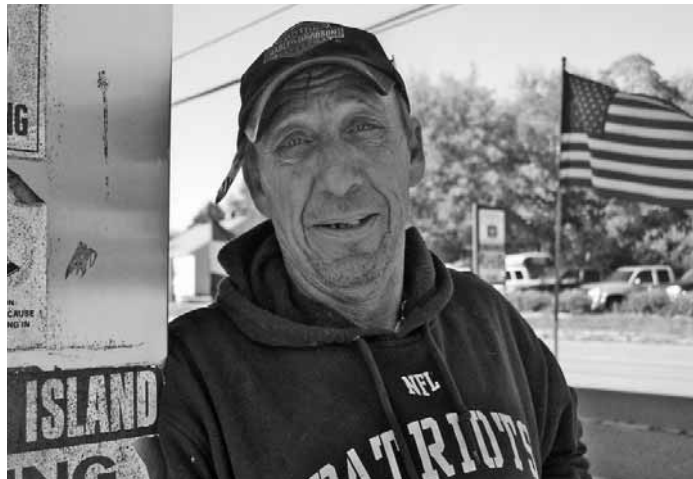
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