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Teeming with information you need. (And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Fall weather moving in, boats slow to move out



Slowly, but steadily, the boats are leaving the moorings and docks around Fairhaven as the colder weather sets in. The Summer of 2017 brought only five thunderstorms. June was dry with near normal temperatures. July was cool and had only one day of significant rain. August was cool and dry as well. September ended up being the most Summer-like with haze, heat and humidity. The average temp for June-July and August was a tad below permal at 60 degrees. The remains of four tropical storms

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owners start pulling their boats from the water in larger numbers. Photos courtesy of ML Baron, westislandweather.com





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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND — A day late and many dollars short.

Fall is trying like crazy to get here. And I think I'm trying like crazy to stop it. Why else would I use a cover photo from July?

This is Columbus Day weekend. And that is a natural turning point for a lot of people.



Beth David, Publisher

As I write this, the wind is howling like crazy. Still, like many others, I am holding out hope that I can get the little boat out one more time (or two or three?).

It's also traditionally leaf-peep weekend, but I think you'll have to drive up north a bit to get the color. We've only got a few trees turning in these parts.

And that's good because we have a ton of great stuff going on this weekend.

The Manjiro Festival (see page 3), and the Fire Department open house that includes real honest-to-goodness fire (if it isn't to wind, anyway). There's also a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter this weekend. So, sticking close to home is probably a good thing this weekend.

There's all kinds of other stuff in here, of course.

We had a little earthquake in Fairhaven. Did you know that? Most people thought it was an explosion of some sort, but ML's go the scoop for us on page 22.

Now, let's move to a more serious subject.

We had a mass shooting of absolutely horrific proportions this week in our country. A man, who clearly spent a lot of time planning out his attack, shot and killed 59 people and injured hundreds as they enjoyed an outdoor concert in Las Vegas.

It boggles the mind to think that a regular human being with friends and family, and a guy who was pretty well off financially, too, could stand above a crowd and shoot at them from his hotel window high above. I do not understand. I do not pretend to have the capacity to even begin to understand.

I do know that this country has seen more than its share of shootings, random and targeted. I don't pretend to know the answer, not at all. But someone out there in the wider world must have good ideas. Why can't we talk about them?

People freak out if you start talking about guns after someone uses guns to kill a bunch of people. But, I ask, when are we supposed to talk about them?

There is a huge space between banning guns and unfettered ownership of all things that explode. Let's just keep that in mind for awhile, okay? Not everyone who owns a gun thinks everyone on planet earth should have the right to weapons of mass destruction. And not everyone who wants gun control thinks all gun owners are lunkheads or wants to ban all firearms.

Let's use our heads for once.

I know it's hard, these are emotional times. But, this is ridiculous. Can we just talk about it?

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The Fairhaven Police Department clarified that they did not "refuse" to name the officers involved in the car crash. The crash report is available and is a public document.

Manjiro Fest, Fire Open House, Animal Fund-raiser all on tap

By Beth David Editor

This weekend's festivities include Japanese culture, a live fire demonstration, and a chance to help the animal shelter raise funds, all in Fairhaven.

Manjiro Festival

On Saturday, 10/7, the 16th Manjiro Festival will fill the streets around Town Hall in Fairhaven with Japanese culture, food and demonstrations, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the corner of Center and William streets. The festival is held every other year in Fairhaven, and in Tosashimizo, Japan, on alternating years.

The Japanese-American festival commemorates Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, and the town's Sister City connection with Tosashimizu, established 30 years ago in 1987.

There will be Japanese and American music and food, martial arts demonstrations, taiko drummers, flower arranging, raffles, food and craft booths, a tea ceremony, and much more! There is free admission to the festival, the bus tour of the Manjiro Trail, Captain Whitfield's house, and the Old Stone School House. Demonstrations and some activities at booths are also free. Vendors will be selling food and a variety of other items.

Sponsored by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society. For more information email Gerry@ WMFriendshipHouse.org or call 508-858-5303.

Manjiro was 14 years old and stranded on an island in the Pacific when he and four companions were rescued by Capt. William Whitfield of Fairhaven in 1841. Young Manjiro returned to Fairhaven, where he was educated and learned advanced navigation. He became instrumental in opening up Japan to the west.

The two families kept their friendship alive, even through WWII.

Manjiro's story is kept alive in both Japan and the US. The Whitfield-Manjiro Frienship Society operates a museum at the Captain's house on Cherry Street in Fairhaven. Visit http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org/ or http://fairhaventours.com/manjironakahama/to learn more about Manjiro's story.

See page 8 for info on a Manjiro exhibit at the Whaling Museum.

Raise the Woof F-R

Fund-raiser to benefit the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, **20 Bridge St.,** Fairhaven, Sat., **10/7**, from **10 a.m.-2** p.m. Open House, yard sale, vendors, music and food. Help us raise \$5,000 for the shelter roof repair. For more info. call the shelter. 508-979-4028

Fire Dept. Open House and Safety Demonstration

The Fairhaven Fire/EMS is sponsoring the annual Open House in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, on Sun., 10/8, at Fire Headquarters, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Open and FREE to the public, this even will include a variety of activities for children, demonstrations and FREE pizza. Fire trucks and police vehicles will be on display for children to explore. Activities include: "Jaws of Life" demonstration, fire extinguisher demonstration, "Sparky the Fire Dog," Free balloons and Papa Gino's pizza, life fire practice session, staion tour, emergency medical services display, and much more. ALL events are free and all are welcome.

Manjiro Workshops

The WMFS is also offering a series of after school workshops for teachers and community members this fall.

 Wed. Oct. 18, 3:45–6:15 p.m. Making the Connection of Japanese Culture and the History of Manjiro and Capt. Whitfield at Capt. Whitfield's home, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven. 10 PDP's available to teachers at no extra cost; tea, fruit, and Japanese snacks are included. Tour of the Whitfield House, Kamishibai Theatre presentation of Manjiro's rescue with gift of the book Kamishibai Man by Allen Say. Learn common Japanese idiomatic conversation, Origami.

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Selectboard gets update on Master Plan, opioid task force

By Beth David Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard received updates on the Master Plan and the town's participation in the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force on Monday, 10/2.

Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth and Planning Board Chairperson Wayne Hayward told the board that the Master Plan was on schedule and on budget. The town hired a consultant to help draft the plan that will direct a variety of areas, including building, zoning, and business bylaws in the town for the next 20 years.

The PB master plan committee was scheduled to hold its third public meeting on Wednesday, 10/4, past press time, to give members of the public a chance to weigh in on the various aspects of the plan, which is in draft form.

Mr. Roth said there would be other opportunities for residents to weigh in and have their voices heard before the plan is finalized.

The years-long process is reaching its final stretch, though, so residents are encouraged to learn about the plan and provide input to the town.

"So, this has been a process," said Mr. Hayward after tracing back to the start

The plan is comprensive, and will affect every aspect of town.

"It's amazing. Everything is tied to the next item," said Mr. Hayward. "Wehn you move ont thing, it affects another."

He said the project was right on target with the money and was 167 pages, and growing.

It has been 20 years since the town created a master plan.

However, the plan itself is the easiest part of the process, taking about 12 months, said Mr. Roth.

"It's the implementatin that will go on for years,' he said.

Mr. Hayward reiterated that the committee still needs input from residents, not just on Wednesday. People who cannot make it to meetings can still have their voices heard.

The various boards and committees in town will take the lead in the areas that their committees are responsible for. Those meetings will be open to the public.

"We need input," said Mr. Hayward. MP documents are available on the town's website at http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/Fairhaven MA_MasterPlan/index or through Mr. Roth's office, billr@fairhaven-ma.gov, or 508-979-4082 Ext. 122.

The board also heard from the Board of Health on the town's participation in the Greater New Bedford Opioid Task Force.

BOH chairperson Peter DeTerra, Vice chair Jeannine Lopes, and Health Agent Mary Freire-Kellogg, told the board that Fairhaven has been attending meetings and working with Seven Hills to learn about ways the town can combat drug addiction in town.

The group does not yet have a "formal charge" or written rules on how to operate, said Town Administrator Mark Rees, but so far has been working well to share information.

The Task Force is working on a variety of programs, including crisis intervention services and school programs.

"It's not just a family problem; it's a community problem," said Ms. Freire-

Kellogg.

The Task Force has set up a drop-in center for those struggling with addiction, family members and friends at the Pilgrim United Church, every fourth Thursday, from 6–8 p.m., 634 Purchase Street, New Bedford. Representatives from various agencies are available to connect people to local resources. For more information, call 508-993-6242. The Task Force also has a Facebook Page.

In another matter, the board approved changes to the rules governing quahog dredge boats in Fairhaven waters. Dredge boats will now be allowed to work seven days a week, instead of just Monday through Friday.

On the west side of Sconticut Neck, boats will also be able to go farther north than Baxter Avenue, up to Egg Island. They are still not allowed to dredge in water that is shallower than 12 feet at mean low tide in any given area.

Harbormaster Timothy Cox told the board that the state has "no issues" with the boats quahogging in the new area.

For details on the changes, contact the Harbormaster's office at 508-984-4529. Ext. 124

The board began the evening with a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting and for Ann Fostin, who was the mother of Town Hall custodian Frank Fostin and building inspector Wayne Fostin.

The board also met in executive session to discuss litigation strategy in a lawsuit against the town by a homeowner on North Street involving a right of way.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

EVENTS: cont'd from page 3

- Wed., Nov. 1, 3:45–6:15. Calligraphy. Simple calligraphy with brush, make a scarecrow face of Hiragama, Japanese alphabet, Geography of Japan. Whaling map activity with Captain's journal entries, Otedama (bean bag game), learn counting in Japanese
- Wed., Nov 15, 3:45–7:15. Visit to Manjiro's Old Stone Schoolhouse. Timeline of world events, Japanese language review plus "My name is...."/school words, songs, Bento box cooking class (inari sushi, maki, miso soup, edamame).

Cost: \$125 Payable to: WMFS (Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society) 11 Cherry St. Fairhaven, MA 02719 by Oct. 10th. For info, gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org

Manjiro Fest See page 3.

Fire Open House See page 3.

Raise the Woof

Animal Shelter fundraiser. See page 3.

Book SigningBook Reading and Signing on Sat.,

Book Reading and Signing on Sat., 10/7, noon to 2 p.m., at Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven

Fairhaven resident and historian Beth Luey will read from the chapter on Manjiro Nakahama from her new book House Stories: Meanings of Home in a New England Town. Admission is free. Copies of the book will be on sale for \$25. Sponsored by Friends of the Millicent Library. Handicap accessible via Walnut Street entrance. For more information email friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com or visit http://millicentlibrary.org.

Texting & Driving

Next week, Fairhaven High School students will get a first-hand look at just how dangerous it is to text and drive, when the Arbella Insurance Foundation's Distractology tour rolls into town.FHS will host this texting and driving simulator on the high school grounds from 10/10 to 10/13, from 7:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. each day. Students will have the chance to see how texting affects their driving ability. According to the CDC, ninepeople

are killed every hour and more than 1,000 are injured as a result of distracted drivers. Teens have the highest crash rate of any group in the US. Drivers who have completed Distractology are proven to be 19 percent less likely to have an accident and 25 percent less likely to receive traffic violations*.

Authors Invited

The Friends of the Millicent Library invite South Coast authors to participate in the **second annual Millicent's Book Fair,** to be held at the library during Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 to 2. Authors may sell and sign their books, and there will be slots for readings. Authors of books for adults and children are welcome.

There is no fee for the event, but space is limited. Applications are available by emailing friendsof millicentlibrary@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is November 1, 2017.

Harvest Fun Day

5th Annual Harvest Fun Day, Sat., 10/14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. Enjoy some fall family fun at Harvest Fun Day on the lawn of the See ad on back cover/page 24.

Diabetes Cooking

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven presents, Cooking With Community: Diabetes Friendly Food with Barbara Canuel, Registered Dietitian, Community Nurse Home Care, on Wed., 10/18, at 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fun, interactive cooking demonstration and some delicious diabetes friendly food! Recipes will be provided for all items prepared.

Dessert provided by: NEXT Monitoring, Inc./Medical Alert

Please R.S.V.P. to 508-717-0717 by October 11th. Seating is Limited

Oktoberfest And Beer Swap

At West Island Improvement Association community house, **41** Causeway Rd., Fairhaven, Sat., **10/7**, 7–10 p.m. Tickets: \$10, contact Marc Dunn, 774-259-5561. Serving sausages & sauerkraut. Beer tasting and beer swap. Each person brings a six-pack

of unique beer. Every guest swaps beers with every other guest and suddenly each person has a six-pack of six different beers.

Halloween Party
The West Island Improvement

The West Island Improvement Association is hosting a Halloween party at the community center, 40 Causeway Road, West Island on Sat., 10/28, from 8 p.m.-Midnight, with music by Buzzard Blue band. Tickets are \$20 and that includes late night pizza. Get Tickets from Donna Curelop, 508-648-9241, or Shirley Hunter, 508-996-3473.

SAVE THE DATES

Zombie Walk at the Farm

To benefit the Fairhaven Association for Music Education (FAME). At 308 Mill Road (at the end), one day only, Fri., 10/20. Starts just before dark. \$5 per person, kids under 5 free. BEWARE: The Zombies rule at the farm.

Halloween yards

Our Halloween Trail issue will be 10/26. But at least one yard is ready for you now. Visit 8 Beech Street in Acushnet, off Lawson Ave. (from South Main Street), right at the town line with Fairhaven. Visit anytime after dusk.

If you have a Halloween yard that you want included on the trail, please email neighbnews@comcast.net ASAP. Deadline is 10/19.

HUGE Yard Sale

Multi-family yard sale on Sat., 10/21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Fairhaven High School.

Items include jewelry, clothing, handbags, books, shoes, doll clothes, dishes, glassware, linens and much much more! 100% of proceeds go the FHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which helps to provide additional programs and resources for students of FHS.

Halloween Horribles Parade

Halloween Horribles Parade, Sun., 10/29, 5 p.m. Starts at Benoit Square, Main St. & Howland Rd. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Prizes in a variety of categories, bags of treats for children, hot chocolate. FREE. Visit http://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com/

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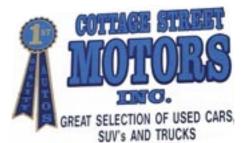
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Acushnet signs Community Compact agreement with state

By Beth David **Editor**

Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito met with Acushnet Selectboard members to sign the Community Compact on Tuesday. After the mutual praise session, town officials took the opportunity to put a bug in her ear about the traffic issues on South Main Street and mention how the abandoned Route 240 extension could solve a lot of problems for the little town.

The occasion was the signing of the "Community Compact," a voluntary agreement which gives the town access to state experts and grant money. The Compact allows towns to

POLITO: cont'd on page 20





ABOVE, L-R: Acushnet Selectboard member Roger Cabral, Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Selectboard memer Michael Cioper, and Acushnet Town Administrator Brian Noble discuss the details of the Community Compact before Ms. Polito and Mr. Gaspar signed it on Tuesday, 10/3. RIGHT: Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito addresses the residents of Acushnet directly before signing the Community Compact. *Photos by Beth David*.



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Chowder Fest

12th Annual New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival on Oct. 8, from noon to 5 p.m. in downtown new Bedford, featuring local Restaurants, Caterers and Assisted Living Facilities competing for your vote!

Come sample delicious chowders, soups and stuffed quahogs and cast your vote for your favorite one!!

Taste chowder, soup and quahogs from nearly 20 restaurants and caterers! The event also has live music, children's activities and the annual YMCA lobster race. Vendors will be serving local beers, specialty cocktails, soft drinks, ice cream and desserts.

TICKETS are \$15 in advance, \$18 day of, \$5 for children 6-12, free for 5 and younger. Get tickets at https://members.southcoastchamber.com/store or call Southcoast Chamber of Commerce at (508) 999-5231

Crafters Wanted

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church is seeking crafters and vendors for this year's **Annual Lebanese Holiday Bazaar** on Sat., 11/11 from 10-6 and on Sun., 11/12 from 10-3 at St, Mary's Church Hall in New Bedford.

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

Manjiro Exhibit

During a year when America and Japan mark the centennial of the Society, America-Japan new exhibition at the New Bedford Whaling Museum explores remarkable life and influence of Manjiro Nakahama (1827-1898), the first Japanese person known to have been educated in the United States. Shipwrecked off the coast of Japan in 1841, Manjiro was rescued by the crew of a New Bedford whaleship. He spent a decade in America or working as a whaler before returning to Japan, where he played an important role in establishing relations between the two countries.

Enlightened Encounters: The Two Nations of Manjiro Nakahama opens on Sun., 10/8 with a reception from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. This event is FREE and open to the public. Registration is recommended. Register at www. whalingmuseum.org or 508-997-0046.

A companion exhibition running concurrently with Enlightened Encounters also opens on October 8. The East Unlocks its Gates: American Whalers and Trade in Asia examines the broader connections between the eastern seaboard of America and Asia. The exhibition explores the lucrative trade in hard goods between New Bedford merchants and the treaty ports of China, routefinding through the East Indies, and the story of American whalers and the opening of commerce with Japan.

Manjiro's story is both a gripping historical narrative and a personification of larger humanities themes, including globalization of commerce and the benefits of cultural exchange. Manjiro's influence opened the doors to a rich exchange of ideas, cultural practices, literature, and art between the U.S. and Japan.

Enlightened Encounters is timed to coincide with the 2017 centennial of the America-Japan Society, which was founded by U.S. and Japanese intellectuals to pursue educational and cultural exchanges between the two countries, and the 16th Annual Manjiro Festival, hosted by the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society in Fairhaven. This year also marks the 190th anniversary of Manjiro's birth and the 30th anniversary of the Sister City agreement between Fairhaven/New Bedford, and Manjiro's home town of Tosashimizu.

See page 3 for details on the Manjiro Festival on Sat., 10/7, in Fairhaven.

Hist. Cemetery Tour

The New Bedford Preservation Society is pleased to present New Bedford Artists and Artisans Rural Cemetery Tour on Sat., 10/7, from 1-4 p.m. Historic portrayals in period costume will take place at several of the grave sites of New Bedford's internationally famous artists and artisans including but not limited to; painters William Allen Wall, Robert Swain, Frances Gifford, Albert Cook Church and female painter Minna Grumbt Webb, early African American photographer James Reed as well as glass artisans Gundersen brothers Hjalmar and Robert. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by cash or check at the Grape Street Rural Cemetery gate on the day of tour. A \$2 discount will be given to New

Bedford Preservation Society members Fain date: 10/8

The NBPS recommends making reservations for this exceptionally popular program. Please call us at 508-997-6425, leave your name, telephone and number of participants. For more information visit www.nbpreservationsociety.org

New Bedford's Rural Cemetery was founded in 1837 and is the fifth oldest rural cemetery in the United States. Cemeteries have been called outdoor museums, windows to the culture of the past. They not only serve as a resting place for the departed, they tell us much about the times in which they lived.

Visitors will be guided to the family plot of Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902), Albert Pinkham Ryder, Robert Swain Gifford (1840-1905), and more.

Comedy at YTI As its 71st Season's first special

As its 71st Season's first special attraction, Your Theatre, Inc. will present two one-act comedies Thursday through Sat., 10/5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 PM and Sun., 10/8 at 2:30 PM., at YTI Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Church. Accessible

"The Weak Spot" is a satire illustrating how only too often superstition lies latent beneath the scoffing of the practical minded.

"The Case of the Crushed Petunias" is a short relatively unknown play by Tennessee Williams written in 1941

Tickets: \$12, \$8 for subscribers, \$10 for Members Council Members, senior citizens, students, and military personnel. Call YTI, 508-993-0772, or email info@ yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

Maritime Music

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center and the Community Economic Development Center are pleased to announce the next concert in their performance series. An Evening of Maritime Music with Debra Cowan will take place on Friday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m., at the FHC, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford. Accessible.

Tickets: \$8/members; \$10/non-members at the Center or on line at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3074933. For more info, please programs@fishingheritage center.org or call 508) 993-8894.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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Saturday, 10/7, 12 noon— 3 a.m. Timed for peak weekends for Monarch butterfly migration, a Monarch Tagging Station will be set up at the Allens Pond field station at 1280 Horseneck Road on the three Saturdays this fall. Learn more about the amazing Monarch butterfly, how to properly handle and tag them, and how to perform additional scientific investigations aimed at understanding their migration. Members \$10. non-mems \$12.

The mission of the Massachusetts Audubon Society is to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and for wildlife. Please register online at http://www.massaudubon.org or call 508-636-2437, as these are a weather-dependent programs.

Bird Club

The Paskamansett Bird Club's October meeting will be Wed., 10/11, at 7 p.m. at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, in South Dartmouth. Free and accessible.

Dan Berard will discuss how birds spend their winter vacations: where birds go in the winter, what habitats they prefer, the foods they find to eat, and the ways they interact with other species. Some of our local birds travel as far as Central and South America for the winter, while others go to the southern United States. Some even tough it out in New England, and there are also species that travel here to escape the harsher climates of the north.

Dan Berard is a lifelong birder for whom birds were a gateway into an overall fascination with natural history. He has led birding and natural history tours across the country.

At the Acushnet Library

The following events are being held at the Acushnet Library, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet; 508-998-0270.

Author Talk

Diane L. Finn, Wed., 10/11, 6 p.m.Witches Brew & Mother Crewe:
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Plymouth. Learn about Mother Crewe, and the Plymouth family she cursed. Hear the Plymouth legends of Bethia Hazel and Aunt Rachael. Find out about women actually accused of witchcraft in Plymouth Courts and their twist of fate. Discover some of the strange beliefs of the 17th and 18th century in New England.

Book Sale

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and Membership Drive 10/14-10/21 Stop by the Library and learn more about our fantastic Friends group, straight from them. There will also be a Book and More Sale happening in the Library's Community Room. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Acushnet Public Library.

Author Talk

Maureen Boyle, Sat., 11/4, 12:30 p.m. An award winning journalist who has been a crime reporter in New England for decades and was the first reporter to cover the serial killings in New Bedford, Mass., Maureen Boyle will talk about her first book, Shallow Graves: The Hunt for the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer.

Cranberry Fest
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Join us Columbus weekend and help us CELEBRATE a New England tradition and see the beauty of the cranberry harvest during our old-fashioned family festival on Oct. 7 & 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham. Ample free parking. Follow signs for parking in multiple lots. Shuttle buses will transport all guests to the event. Tihonet Road islocated near the intersection of Routes 495/25/195.

The Cranberry Harvest Celebration is a great way to see and learn about the picturesque cranberry harvest while enjoying some old fashioned family fun. Watch as we harvest the crimson berries continuously each day.

Children's activities include pony, paddle boat, train, wagon rides and much more.

The Harvest Celebration, which is co-sponsored by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' and Ocean Spray, are treated to demonstrations of the wet cranberry harvest, cooking demonstrations, an enormous tent full of juried crafters, paddleboat rides on scenic Tihonet Pond, food vendors, music, and more.

Admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and military, and children under 7 are admitted free. Admission includes continuous viewing of our wet harvest operations, animal demonstrations, live music, cooking demonstrations, and many children's activities. Some activities have fees and others are available by donation to the non-profit organizations that offer them. A portion of the admission fees go to local nonprofit organizations that help staff the event and to local food Parking and shuttle pantries. transportation are free. With the exception of service animals, pets and other animals are not allowed.

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Bikeway workshopsThe South Coast Bikeway Alliance

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 2017 Massachusetts Department of Recreation (DCR) Recreational Trail Building Grant. This "Trail Documentation, Stewardship and Skills Training" grant will engage people from all of the communities along the South Coast to take part in a series of workshops. These workshops will be taught by Peter S. Jensen & Associates.

The SCBA asks those who register for these free workshops pledge to volunteer one hour of service on the South Coast Scenic Greenway (Formerly referred to as the Northern Route) or other SCBA project in exchange for each hour of classroom hour attended.

To learn more and register your interest in participating in the Trail Building Workshops #1 & #2 detailed below visit http://www.southcoastbikeway.com/calendar-events.html . Workshop #3 will occur in spring 2018. Participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis with preference to residents of the South Coast Bikeway communities. This is a regionally focused grant and the participants should show a good representation of the region. Space is limited. Register NOW.

Recipe of the Week

Chocolate Chip Cake

1 cup softened butter 1/2 cup shortening

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 tbsp vanilla

5 large eggs

3 cups flour

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup milk

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 10" bundt cake pan or 2 loaf pans.

Combine butter, shortening, sugar and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy.

Add eggs and mix well.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt; stir into butter mixture, alternately with mil until blended.

Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, mix well.

Pour into prepared pan and bake in 350° oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes or until done.

Cool in pan 5-10 minutes, then place on dessert plate.

By Jenna Stone

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Sgt. Swain completes supervisor training

Press Release

The Justice System Training and Research Institute at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI, partnership with the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, recently recognized Sergeant Kevin Swain of Fairhaven, Mass., Police Department for the successful of the "Command completion Training Series: First Line Supervisor Course," a two-week comprehensive program training for police supervisory personnel.

Coursework addressed contemporary concepts management and leadership relevant to the responsibilities of first line supervisors in a modern criminal program, agency. The presented by experienced academics and law enforcement practitioners between September September 29, 2017, discussed topics including operational leadership and management principles, problemsolving, organizational and interpersonal communications, labor relations, disciplinary issues, and ethical decision-making.

Graduates of the session represented police departments from throughout New England and include Sergeant Swain.

Roger Williams University is a leading independent, coeducational liberal arts university at which students live and learn to be global citizens. With 41 academic programs and an array of co-curricular activities on its Bristol, RI, campus, RWU is committed to its mantra of learning to bridge the world. In the last decade, the University has achieved unprecedented academic financial successes continues to be recognized by "US News & World Report" as one of the top ten educational institutions in its class.

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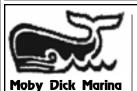
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Halloween Map

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we'll include you in our map of spooky yards,
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Community Connections holds walkathon in Fairhaven Record-breaking year for 10th Anniversary of Walkathon and Family Fun Day

Press Release

Community Connections, Inc. (CCI) held their 10th Annual Walkathon and Family Fun Day at the Fairhaven Recreation Center on Sunday, September 17th. This annual event helps bring awareness and funding to help individuals with disabilities who participate in CCI's programs across Southern Massachusetts and Cape Cod.

This year close to 450 people attended the event, the most the organization has seen thus far, and raised just over \$62,000, the highest amount in 10 years!

Some events of the day included a dunk tank, carnival games, raffles, vendors, face painting, and a bouncy house and of course the three-mile walk.

Community Connections would like to thank all donors, volunteers, and sponsors who helped contribute to the success of this event, especially HUB International for their generous donation and continued support.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 11th Annual Walkathon which will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018.



Community Connections has been providing life-enriching services that promote optimal independence for people with disabilities for over 30 years. They provide day habilitation programs and employment services

for these individuals from Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. Cape Cod locations include Mashpee and South Yarmouth. For more information about CCI visit www.communityconnectionsinc.org.





Scenes from the 10th annual Walkathon for Community Connections Inc. of Fairhaven include a dunk tank, face painting and variety of other activities. CCI provides life-enriching services that promote optimal independence for people with disabilities in Southeastern Mass. and Cape Cod. To learn more about CCI, visit www.communityconnections.org. *Submitted photos.*

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Maronite church in New Bedford celebrates 100 years

By Beth David Editor

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church in New Bedford continued the celebration of its 100th anniversary with a variety of events this weekend. The little church on the corner of Pleasant and Franklin streets in New Bedford was filled was religious star power, including: Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn; Bishop Michel Aoun, Bishop of the Eparchy of Jbeil, Lebanon; Chor Bishop Michael G. Thomas, Vicar General of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and a parishioner of OLOP; Chor Bishop Joseph Lahoud of Jamaica Plain; Chor Bishop Joseph Kaddo of Fall River; Fr. Fadi Rouhana, Pastoral Administrator of OLOP, Fr. Jack Morrison, former pastor at OLOP; Fr. Herbert Nicols, aka Fr. Nick; Fr. Brian J. Harrington.

The parish of about 200 families was founded by a small group of Lebanese immigrants (still called "Syrian" at the time) in 1917. They



Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron, Brooklyn, NY, spends some time with the children of Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church in New Bedford on Saturday, 9/30, at the parish's community center. Bishop Gregory would later tell parishioners that no time spent with children is ever wasted time. *Photo by Beth David*.

fought very hard to get their own parish and build their church. Most of the current parishioners are descendants of those families, and many newer parishioners are from the same villages in Lebanon as the founding families.

Over the years the parish suffered from tragedy: The parish priest was

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ABOVE: Two Bishops, three Chor Bishops, and four parish priests concelebrated mass at Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church in New Bedford on Sunday, 10/1/17, to commemorate the parish's 100th anniversary. FROM L-R: Fr. Fadi Rouhana, Pastoral Administrator of Our Lady of Purgatory; Chor Bishop Joseph Lahoud, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanone in Jamaica Plain; Chor Bishop Joseph Kaddo, Pastor at St. Anthonyu of the Desert in Fall River; Bishop Michel Aoun, Bishop of the Eparchy of Jbeil, Lebanon; Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron, Brooklyn, NY; Chor Bishop Michael Thomas, Vicar General of the Eparchy of St. Maron, and a parishioner of OLOP; Fr. Jack Morrison, former pastor of OLOP and current pastor of Mary, Mother of the Light Mission in Tequesta, FL; Fr. Herbert Nichols (aka Fr. Nick) of the Diocese of Fall River; Fr. Brian J. Harrington, of the Diocese of Fall River. *Photo by Beth David.*

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Sun., 10/15. Cost \$40 per person. Deadline for registration: Oct. 7.

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Shopping and sightseeing in the Big Apple...why not? Enjoy a day in New York City as we travel in style in a luxury motor coach. The perfect opportunity to get that holiday shopping done early, visit local places of interest, check out a show, see the holiday decorations or just wine and dine. Drop off and pick-up at Bryant Park. Bus leaves from the Fairhaven Recreation Center where coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. We'll provide movies on the bus. To be sure that this trip can run pre-registration is required. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Date: November 25. Registration Deadline is November 18.

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Medicare Beneficiaries and Retirees

What's New for 2018, Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. This presentation is free, but reservations are requested. Call the COA (508-979-4029) for more information and to reserve a seat. Refreshments will be served.

General Loss and Grief Support Group

October 17th -5:00-6:30 pm 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Fairhaven Senior Center, The Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the

death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

S.H.I.N.E Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment, from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Appointments fill up fast call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Sand For Seniors

The Fairhaven Commission on Disability will be sponsoring the Sand for Seniors Program again this year. The program is an attempt to keep Fairhaven seniors free from falls over the winter months by providing a bucket of sand/salt mix to use on icy walk ways. If you already received a bucket in the past and need a refill OR if you would like to join the program and have a bucket delivered to your home, call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

Ongoing Programs Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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Acushnet approves betterment fee; will hire interim COA Dir.

By Beth David **Editor**

The Acushnet Selectboard met with neighbors on Tuesday, 10/3, who will be assessed a betterment fee for a sewer extension on Main Street up to, and including, 18 Wamsutta Avenue. An emergency at 225 Main Street prompted the town to assess the septic situation in the neighborhood.

The board voted at a previous meeting to do the work in house, with highway department superintendent Daniel Menard saying he was confident the Department of Public Works could handle the project.

If done by the DPW, the project will save residents a lot of money. Sewer betterment projects can cost tens of thousands of dollars.

A total of 15 homes will be responsible for splitting up the total cost of the project, which will place a stub, or hookup, in the street in front of each house. Each homeowner will be responsible for paying to tie into that stub from the house.

At the previous meeting, and reiterated at Tuesday's meeting, was the looming specter that project costs could go way out of whack if significant ledge is in the way.

Mr. Menard told neighbors that he estimated they would each have to pay \$9,500 to cover the cost of the project. The board added \$1,000, voting to approve the project with a betterment fee "not to exceed \$10.500."

Neighbors went back and forth a bit, because Mr. Menard said his \$9,500 estimate was on the high end.

"I'm a far bigger pessimist," said Town Administrator Brian Noble, who advocated for a 10% cushion. "I'm a far bigger pessimist."

He said if the price comes in under the estimate, they will be the "hero," but if it goes over, "We'll be a bum."

Mr. Menard noted that if he hits a lot of ledge, he will not have the equipment to handle the project and the estimate will not be valid.

Selectboard Chairperson Kevin Gaspar said that if significant ledge is found, the town will stop the project and reassess.

"None of us can see underground," said Mr. Gaspar, adding that the project was a test for the town.

He said if the DPW can do the project, it will save a lot of money for residents, and the town can look at other areas to use the DPW for sewer expansion.

"We're not trying to make money on this deal," said Mr. Gaspar.

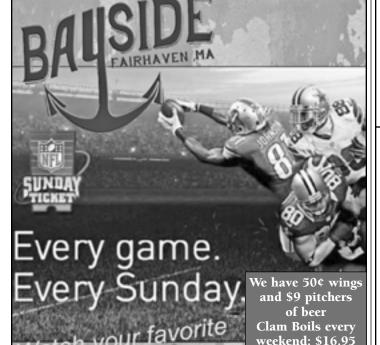
"It's a test," he said, noting that we was not "sugar coating" it. "We are testing the town's ability to lay sewer pipe and water."

Mr. Menard said he worked in the field for many years and could assure residents that the \$9,500 price tag was significantly lower than using an outside company. There will be no separate tie-in fee.

Mr. Noble and Mr. Gaspar also told residents they could finance the betterment, and provided a worksheet with examples of the payments and total payout at 5% interest for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. The rate is set by the state, said Mr. Noble.

Mr. Gaspar said the town would prefer that residents pay up front, on the other hand, the town was the financier for the project, so they would get the interest.

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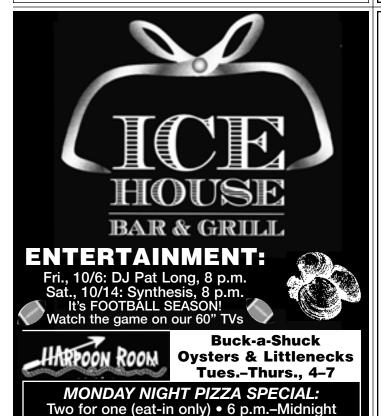
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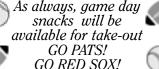
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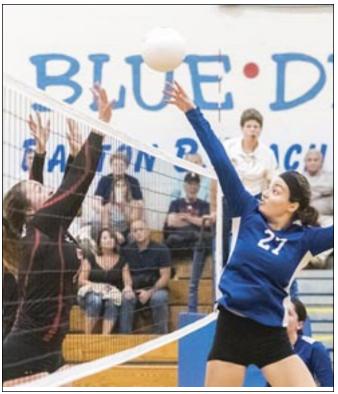




The Lady Blue Devils picked up their first victory of the season when they beat Old Rochester 3-1 last week on Wednesday, 9/20. After falling in their first five matches, Fairhaven is on a roll winning four of their last six matches. ABOVE LEFT: Josie Pimental goes up for the spike in Fairhaven's 3-1 victory over Old Rochester. ABOVE RIGHT: The Lady Blue Devils celebrate the point by Laela Pepin (11). BELOW LEFT: Alexandra Stuessi makes the save for the Lady Blue Devils. BELOW MIDDLE: Laela Pepin spikes it for the point for Fairhaven. BELOW RIGHT: Molly Antone pops it up and over the Old Rochester blockers. *Photos by Ryan Feeney*.







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killed in the hurricane of 1938, the church burned down, and the parish had no home of its own for 16 years.

Throughout the weekend, with a variety of events, parishioners and clergy reflected with nostalgia on the small parish's past 100 years, recognized the church's current accomplishments and challenges, and showed hope for the future.

On Friday, parishioners were invited to a free event at the Whaling Museum for a multi-media presentation that included many old photographs, a history of the parish, and a little bit of Lebanese music and folk-dancing. And food, of course. Lebanese people always have food.

Parishioners of all ages mixed and mingled with the clergy at a Grand Hafli at the Venus de Milo in Swansea



on Saturday that featured world renowned Lebanese singer Tony Issa.

On Saturday, parishioners also attended the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and an informal get-together with the children of the parish and Bishop Gregory Mansour.

On Sunday, the two bishops, three chor bishops, and three priests concelebrated the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at OLOP, and then gathered for a breakfast buffet at the Century House in Acushnet.

In his remarks, Bishop Gregory told parishioners that he enjoyed his time at the parish, especially his time with the children on Saturday. He said no time spent with children is ever wasted time.

A commemorative DVD of the weekend's events, including the presentation, "100 Years of Sights and Sounds," will be available for purchase at OLOP's annual Christmas bazaar on November 11 & 12 at All Saints Catholic School on Illinois Street, across from St. Mary's Church in New Bedford.

For more information on OLOP, visit http://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org/ or find them on Facebook. For more information on the Maronite Rite and the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, visit http://www.stmaron.org/



ABOVE: L-R: Bishop Michel Aoun, Bishop of the Eparchy of Jbeil, Lebanon; Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron, Brooklyn, NY; Chor Bishop Michael Thomas, Vicar General of the Eparchy of St. Maron, and a parishioner of OLOP, concelebrate mass at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford on Sunday, 10/1, to commemorate the church's 100th anniversary. *Photo by Beth David.* LEFT: Parishioner James Kalife of Fairhaven carries the picture of Our Lady of Purgatory during the procession into the church on Sunday. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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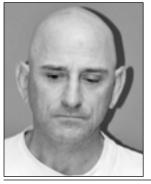
Fairhaven man charged with human trafficking

From Press Release Materials

On Thursday morning, 9/28, officers from Fairhaven Police, Sandwich Police, and Falmouth Police, State Police troopers assigned to the department's High Risk Victims Unit, and the FBI executed search warrants at four locations and placed a Fairhaven man under arrest for human trafficking.

Officers, troopers and an FBI agent executed warrants at three massage parlors located at the following addresses: 71 Route 6A, Suite 3, in Sandwich; 460 Waquoit Highway in East Falmouth; and 39 Alden Road at the Ancient Chinese Wellness Center in Fairhaven. The fourth warrant was executed at 15 Shirley Ave., Unit 2, Fairhaven, the residence of Mark Clinton, 49, the operator of the parlors.

Clinton was arrested for an outstanding warrant charging him



Mark Clinton, 49, of Fairhaven, was charged with human trafficking after search warrants were executed at three massage parlors he owns and his house. Police photo.

with human trafficking. The Falmouth Police Department applied for the warrant through Barnstable District Court. The investigation is active and ongoing, and additional complaints are expected to be sought.

Clinton was booked on the Falmouth warrant at the Fairhaven Police Department and transported to Third District Court in New Bedford.

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"We're going above and beyond here," said Mr. Gaspar. "We're borrowing against ourselves."

He said the town will use money from the sewer enterprise fund to pay for the project.

Mr. Menard will meet with homeowners to determine the placement of the stubs and to advise them on the best way to hook up from their homes.

He said he hopes to start digging on 10/16.

In another matter, the board voted to allow Mr. Noble to hire an interim Council on Aging Director. Paula Rossi-Clapp resigned to take a new position in another municipality. She was appointed to the position in October of 2015.

The next meeting will be on 10/24 and the board will hold the annual tax classification hearing, when they will set rates for the next fiscal year.

The board began the meeting with a moment of silence for victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting •••

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partner with the state to implement "best practices." There are 10 areas to choose from, and towns can choose up to three areas.

Acushnet chose to partner with the state on Information Technology (IT), to help the municipal side of government and the school department consolidate IT functions where possible.

The town also chose Human Resources, to develop a formal wage and classification plan, which will evaluate salaries and job descriptions and make sure that Acushnet's employees are being paid fairly. The town received an \$8,400 grant to hire a consultant for this area.

The town also chose to partner with the state to create a Capital Improvement Plan. The town will study the condition of all capital assets, such as vehicles and other large ticket items, and create a timetable and budget plan for replacing them. The idea is to be able to plan ahead for replacing cruisers, fire trucks, computers, and other capital equipment that can seriously blow a budget.

The Compact allows the town to have access to the "Community Compact Cabinet," which is a group of professionals that the town can rely on for assistance in their various fields of expertise. The state may also give grants for some tasks, said Ms. Polito after the meeting, if a particular area would be better served by an outside consultant, such as the grant for the wage and classification plan .

The program is voluntary, but 306 of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts have signed up, said Ms. Polito. She said the Baker-Polito administration was committed to making sure they would not be "directive." The program is not only voluntary, but it is funded.

"Because unfunded mandates don't work," she said.

She said that the state is number on in a variety of areas.

"We want people to feel they live in the number-one state no matter were they in Massachusetts," she said.

Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar praised the administration and the program, saying it was not just a grant-making program, but provides practical help for towns.

He thanked her for "doing it the right way."

After the handshakes were over, Lt. Gov. Polito listened as Selectboard members and Mr. Noble told her briefly about the trials and tribulations of neighbors near the PJ Keating

quarry. They said opening up Route 240 to the rear of that property would alleviate a host of problems for residents.

The state took down some signage that the town had placed on South Main Street that, town officials admitted, they had put up illegally in desperation.

Ms. Polito said that they were smart to take advantage of her presence to talk about a pressing issue, even if not related to her visit.

"I'm here," she said.

Ms. Polito also took time to praise town workers, politicians, and especially the fire and police chiefs. She said their work was important and that the state was working with schools to try to get more students involved in local government work.

"I grew up with the idea you have to have good people to give back," said Lt. Gov. Polito.

The event was recorded by Government Access TV and will run again on Acushnet Cable Channel 18, and will be available online through a link on the town's website, www.acushnet-ma.us, or at http://50.252.230.113/Cablecast/Public/Main.aspx?ChannelID=1

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Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 10/16, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 10/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Wed., 10/11, Senior Ctr. 9 a.m.

Planning Board

Tues. 10/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 10/11, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 10/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Council on Aging

Wed., 10/11, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

Planning Board

Sat., 10/14, Corner Pembroke & Labonte Streets, 9 a.m. Site visit for 3 proposed lots Thurs., 10/19, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.

Selectboard

Tues., 10/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tax Classification Hearing

TIDE TABLE

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

Oct 2017		HIGH a.m. p.m.		LOW a.m. p.m.	
Thursday	5	0810	2031	0112	1341*
Friday	6	0853	2116	0154*	1429*
Saturday	7	0939	2204	0241*	1519*
Sunday	8	1028	2253	0330*	1606*
Monday	9	1118	2346	0416*	1652*
Tuesday	10		1214	0502*	1741*
Wednesday	11	0046	1316	0554	1844
Thursday	12	0150	1418	0702	2012
Friday	13	0250	1518	0832	2203
Saturday	14	0352	1623	1038	2337
Sunday	15	0459	1728		1205
Monday	16	0559	1823	0031	1258
Tuesday	17	0647	1908	0114	1346
Wednesday	18	0729	1949	0151	1433
Thursday	19	0809	2030	0213	1513
Friday	20	0849	2111	0216	1523
Saturday	21	0930	2153	0240	1524
Sunday	22	1011	2235	0312	1549

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

Small tremor rattles Fairhaven-Mattapoisett

By ML Baron

West Island Weather Station

A small tremor with a magnitude of 1.6, startled residents in parts of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, Saturday night about 11:09PM.

From Tracie Blanchard, Adams Street, Fairhaven: "Such a loud bang. I thought something hit the house!"

From Nancy McGrath-Jorge,

Mattapoisett: "It was an earth shattering boom, not only shook our houses but also had an explosive sound. Holy Smokes, If thats a mild tremor, I pray to the Lord I never experience a real quake. It was like an explosion that shook our house. The sound was deafening."

The tremor was recorded at Weston Observatory in Boston.

A more potent tremor occurred on Feb 11, 2014 at 548PM, and registered 2.5. The center was near Dartmouth.

These are rare events but not unexpected according to seismologists.

Link to Weston Observatory: http://aki.bc.edu/cgi-bin/NESN/24hr_heli

"Cod Father," Carlos Rafael gets 46 months

US Attorney's Office Press Release

The owner of one of the largest commercial fishing businesses in the United States was sentenced on Septebmer 25, in U.S. District Court in Boston for falsifying records to the federal government to evade federal fishing quotas and smuggling a portion of his business' proceeds to Portugal to avoid U.S. taxation.

Carlos Rafael, 65, of Dartmouth, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young to 46 months in prison and three years of supervised release, during which time he is banned from working in the fishing industry. The Court also ordered Rafael to pay a fine of \$200,000 and restitution to the U.S. Treasury of \$108,929. Rafael may also be subject to forfeiture of a portion of his fishing fleet, but the Court held that issue for further consideration.

In March 2017, Rafael pleaded

guilty to one count of conspiring to commit offenses against the United States, 23 counts of false labeling and fish identification, two counts of falsifying federal records, one count of bulk cash smuggling, and one count of tax evasion. He was initially arrested and charged in February 2016.

Rafael, the owner of Carlos Seafood Inc., based in New Bedford, Mass., owned 32 fishing vessels through independent corporate shells and 44 permits, which amounted to one of the largest commercial fishing businesses in the United States.

The charges arose out of an undercover investigation in which federal agents posed as organized crime figures interested in buying Carlos Seafood. From 2012 to January 2016, Rafael routinely lied to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) about the quantity and species of fish his boats

caught in order to evade federal quotas designed to guarantee the sustainability of certain fish species.

that During period, misreported to NOAA approximately 782,812 pounds of fish, telling NOAA that the fish was haddock, or some other abundant species subject to high quotas, when in fact the fish was cod, sole, or other species subject to strict quotas. After submitting false records to federal regulators, Rafael sold much of the fish to a wholesale business in New York City in exchange for duffle bags of cash. During meetings with the undercover agents, Rafael said that in his most recent dealings with the New York buyer he received \$668,000 in cash. Rafael smuggled at least some of that cash out of the United States to his native Portugal, hiding it there to evade federal taxation on that revenue.



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