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

Parade cancelled, camaraderie stays



Fairhaven's Veterans Day parade was cancelled on Wednesday, 11/11, because of the weather, but that didn't stop veterans and their supporters from getting together at the VFW in Fairhaven for some food, fun, and general hanging-out. The keynote speaker even gave her address to the crowd. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We got rained out! Bummer. Fairhaven's Veterans Day parade starts kind of early, and the weather just didn't want to clear up in time. That didn't stop the veterans and supporters, though, from getting together at the VFW for some free eats. See page 12 for that.

We also had a looooooong Selectboard meeting this week (see page 4). We included some of it in this week's issue, we'll probably include some of it in next week's issue, too.

Residents have started to voice their opinions on the proposals for the Oxford School. There's a community meeting tonight, organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association (see page 5), to talk about the proposals. The Selectboard held a hearing a while back. Both proposals are on the town's website, and on ours (go to archives). The board members really should hear from people so they have an idea what residents want. There are good arguments on both side of the issue, so let 'em know how you feel.

The first annual Run to Remember in honor of Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez was this weekend. It was a great, fun time, a nice way to remember someone who was taken way too young. "The Smiling Warrior," would have liked seeing all the smiles, I think. See page 13 for that.

It's that time of year when all the holiday stuff is starting to happen. This weekend there are a couple of Christmas bazaars, including my favorite: the one with the Lebanese food (see page 8). That one benefits my church, so, I'm a bit partial to it.

There are a few others, too, and more coming up each weekend. The season only lasts so long, folks, so be sure to enjoy it while you can.

It's also the season that the food pantries see a big influx of people. With the cold weather taking money for heat and the holidays coming up, more families rely on the food pantries, so keep them in mind as you do your shopping and plan your holiday giving.

The annual guided hike on Sciticut Neck Road is also this weekend (see ad on page 11). I know some people have wanted to explore those properties, but are afraid of getting lost. This is the perfect opportunity to explore without fear of getting all turned around and having to eat berries for dinner.

This is also the time of year for our annual shopping issue in two weeks. We will have a paper on Thanksgiving week, so if you are not advertising with us yet, you'll want to start now so you can be included in our special issue.

Looks like I'm at the bottom of the column. Time to break out the wine.

Until next week then...

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

SMCU sponsors veterans luncheon in Fairhaven

Press Release

For the 10th consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union, Fairhaven, MA, proudly sponsored a Veterans' Day Luncheon at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Thursday, November 6th.

Approximately 140 veterans, spouses and congregate meal participants along with Fairhaven Town Selectmen Charles K. Murphy Sr. and Robert Espindola enjoyed a hot meal served by the Southern Mass Credit Union's employees and directors.

"It is our privilege to partner with the Fairhaven Council on Aging in sponsoring this annual event for local veterans and their guests" stated Daniel Waltz, CEO of Southern Mass Credit Union. "We thank all of our veterans for their service, dedication and sacrifice they have made to our country and we thank Anne Silvia, Fairhaven Director of the Council on Aging for planning and organizing this wonderful event," continued Waltz.

Speakers included Dan Nadeau from the Veteran's Center of Fairhaven; Jim Cochran, Veteran's

Agent, Town of Fairhaven; Jim Gagne, Commander of the DAV, New Bedford and David Pinto, volunteer, DAV.

Veterans attending this year's luncheon included men and women from various divisions of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Several veterans attending the luncheon had dedicated up to 28 years of their lives serving this country.

Southern Mass servers included directors Richard Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer, Alfred Peccini, 3rd Vice Chairman, Mary Ellen Silva, Assistant Clerk Treasurer; employees Jo-Ann Rose, V.P. Corporate Services/ Human Resources; Debra Tower, V.P. Member Services, Richard Telesmanick, Operations/IT

Manager; Ricky Pimental, Collections Manager; Marian LaMarra, Support Services Manager and Debra Perrin, Marketing Manager.

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Mary Ellen Silva and Dick Telesmanick help serve lunch at the veterans luncheon sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union on 11/6. Submitted photo.

PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING

Alden Court Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center 389 Alden Road Fairhaven, MA 02719

On August 25, 2015, the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification (the "Department") received notification of a proposed change in ownership of Alden Court Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center. Gordon Operating Company, LLC, if deemed suitable by the Department, intends to purchase the nursing home from the current owner. There will be no changes in the bed capacity or the services provided by the Alden Court Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. A public hearing may be requested upon a petition by any group of fifty or more residents of HSA V. Such petition shall include the name, address and signature of each resident so requesting a hearing. Written comments concerning the facility's ability to provide quality long-term care services as a result of the transaction, and petitions for a public hearing, may be addressed to the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, Suitability Review Office, 99 Chauncy Street, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, for a period of 14 days following this publication. All written or oral comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records.



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN TAG SALES

Oxford School

Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 1 pm:
347 Main Street – Fairhaven, MA

Rogers School

Saturday, November 21 from 9 am to 1 pm:
100 Pleasant Street

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Visit our website for details:
RogersOxford.wordpress.com

Selectboard to Taylor: Put up \$50,000 or demo building now

By Beth David
Editor

After the November 1 deadline passed for Taylor Cultured Seafood to fix up the building at 53 Goulart Memorial Drive*, the Fairhaven Selectboard opted to exercise their right to demand a \$50,000 bond, regardless of the company's plans to build an oyster hatchery at the site.

At its meeting on Monday, 11/9, the board heard from architect Steven Kelleher who showed plans for a new, two-story building that would replace the existing dilapidated building, on the same footprint.

Taylor Seafood, founded by Rodman Taylor, operates a scallop aquaculture farm in Fairhaven waters on the north side of the causeway off West Island. The building is on the south side. Mr. Taylor has owned his business in Fairhaven since the mid 1980s.

Mr. Kelleher was joined by Todd Stressinger and Steven Grossman, who said they were investors in Mr. Taylor's business.

"We own the company jointly," said Mr. Stressinger.

Mr. Kelleher told the board that the plan was to knock down the building after the permits are in place.

All three Selectboard members took issue with waiting once again before taking action against Mr. Taylor. They had the option of revoking his license or demanding a \$50,000 bond, which could be used by the town to demolish the building.

"To me this sounds great," said Selectboard member Charles Murphy about the hatchery. "But we've been promised a lot of things."

Mr. Stressinger said he had been an investor for a year.

Mr. Murphy countered that the building has been an "eyesore" for years and that Mr. Taylor had been given many chances to correct it.

"We're chanced out. At least I am," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Stressinger explained that the current site would be cleaned up and secured while the company applies for the permits and variances they will need for the new hatchery.

Board member Bob Espindola said the building was a hazard and that the town was worried about debris flying off in gale force winds.

Mr. Taylor was supposed to fix at

least the roof to prevent falling debris in the last year. It was at a meeting in August of 2014 that the town gave Mr. Taylor until 11/1/15 to clean up the site and fix the building.

Selectboard Chairperson Geoffrey Haworth read from an agreement that came out of that meeting, saying the town could demand a \$50,000 bond and could knock the building down with that money.

He said it was clear: Either post the \$50,000 or lose the license.

"There is no gray area," said Mr. Haworth.

He pointed to some photos taken around the building by building inspector Wayne Fostin on Monday, the same day as the meeting, and contrasted them with the one side of the building that the architect's plans showed.

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Mr. Haworth said the proposal was "excellent," and he thought it was a great idea, and he hoped they got their permits, but he was still going to vote to require the \$50,000 bond, or revoke the license.

He said the building needed to be put into shape so that it was at least not condemned.

However, Mr. Fostin said "it should be condemned" now.

"They've had more than enough time to repair it," said Mr. Fostin.

Mr. Haworth said that if the company fails to get the required permits, then the town will take the \$50,000 and raze the building.

Several neighbors attended the meeting to oppose the company's plans.

"This is a violation," said Matthew Thomas, speaking on behalf of the Cottage Realty Trust* on Goulart Memorial Drive and abutters to the Taylor Seafood building.

He pointed out that Mr. Stressinger said he was a partner for a year, yet "now at the twelfth hour," they have a new proposal.

He said the language in the contract itself also allows for the bond, not just the latest agreement, and it is payable on demand.

Mr. Kelleher said it took some time to get the team together. Not only does the team include Kelleher Architects, but it also includes CLE Engineering, and Mr. Stressinger and Mr. Grossman.

West Island resident Frank Coelho said the hatchery sounded like a great idea, but...

"It's like putting the cart before the horse," said Mr. Coelho.

He said there was no improvement at all to the building since the 8/14/14 meeting.

"He just keeps putting it off and off and off," said Mr. Coelho. "I told you at the last meeting that he would come on the last day, and he came after the last day."

Mr. Coelho said that it was still unclear what the company was doing with the shells. He said people have seen Taylor's workers putting them in the water, which is illegal.

"He says he's seeding," said Mr. Coelho. "He's not seeding."

"So he's not a very good neighbor is all I'm trying to say," said Mr. Coelho. "It's kind of a pig sty over there to be honest with you. It was never like this before."

"I'm not against the hatchery 110%," said Robert "Hoppy" Hobson, meanwhile, though, why can't they tear the building down? "The building is the problem."

The discussion then turned to whether or not it would be more difficult, or even possible to get the necessary permits for a new building if the current one is taken down.

The board decided that if the company opts to take it down, it needs to do it by the 23rd, because that's when the next meeting is and that's when the \$50,000 is due.

Some neighbors also asked about the hatchery and where the discharge would go. The beach on that side has very little wave action.

Mr. Taylor said the water going out would be cleaner than the water going in. He explained that the water

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Tag Sales

See ad on page 3

FALPT Guided hike

On Sunday November 15, at 10 a.m. join the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust on a guided hike on our Sconticut Neck properties. See ad on page 11 for details.

Flag raising

The flag raising at **Fort Phoenix** was cancelled on Veterans Day due to the weather. The same ceremony will be held on **Sun., 11/15. At 8 a.m. the Boy Scouts will raise the flag, and at 4 p.m. they will lower the flag** in memory of Private Ernest J. Benoit and Lance Corporal Patrick J. Gallagher, who both have memorials in their honor at Benoit Square in North Fairhaven. Activities at 4 p.m., include flag lowering, Taps, flag presentation and cannon salute.

Spaghetti Supper

Fairhaven Lions Club will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner, **Sat., 11/14, from 5-7 p.m. at St Mary's Church, 440 Main St., Fairhaven**

Spaghetti (meat or meatless), garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. **Tickets: \$8.** For Tickets call 508-996-3420 or 508-542-2484. Sponsored by Southern Mass Credit Union

Book Discussion

"The Light Between Oceans" is the book that has been chosen for the November 19th, Millicent Library's morning discussion group, 445 Center St., Fairhaven, at 10 a.m. in the Library's conference meeting room, lasting about an hour. All are welcome to come to talk and hear about the book. The meeting room is easily accessible from the Walnut Street entrance. "The Light Between Oceans" can be checked out at the Library, as well as reserved through the inter-library site, SAILS.

The story revolves around a couple who maintain a remote lighthouse off the coast of Australia. Unable to carry a child, and wanting to start a family, they discover a boat washed ashore with a dead man and a living baby girl. The consequences of deciding to keep the child without informing anyone is the gist of the story, filled with unique twists and

turns. In this beautifully written book, the writer superbly invokes the feeling of living by the ocean, an experience SouthCoast readers can appreciate.

Call Norma Markey, the discussion leader, with questions, 508-993-3745

Community Meeting

Meet with the potential developers of the Oxford School buildings. Both have been invited, but only Alex Stylos has confirmed that he will attend. Organized by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

At Our Lady of Angels Hall at 7 Jesse Street, 7 p.m., Thurs., 11/12.

NFIA wishes to thank the members of Our Lady of Angels for the use of their hall for this community forum.

Turkey Trot

5K Fun Run/Walk on **Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., 11/25, 8 a.m.** (rain, snow, or shine). Starts and Finishes at Nemasket Group, Green St. & Bridge St., Fairhaven Visit www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com or active.com

Adults: \$25. Youth (12 & under): \$10. T-shirts to first 500 adults registered and all volunteers!

All proceeds benefit local families. After party hosted by lead sponsor Rasputin's Tavern.

For more details and to register, visit www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com or active.com

Holiday Baskets

This year due to circumstances beyond our control, the Nemasket Group will not hold its annual bazaar, but will raffling off our Holiday Baskets to keep the spirit going and to meet the needs of the our longtime supporters with their holiday shopping.

The Holiday Basket Raffle includes nine themed baskets filled with great items that will please the people who win or receive them. This year we have a basket that contains an Apple Watch, and another with a Fitbit Charge and Fitbit One that is guaranteed to make exercise a fun activity.

We are selling the tickets at The Nemasket Group at 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven, MA, M-F from 10 to 4, online at our website www.NemasketGroup.org or you can access the brochure by going to our Facebook page. We will also have a

booth at the Old Time Holiday Fair in Fairhaven on Saturday December 12th from 10AM-3PM

Proceeds from The Nemasket Group's Holiday Basket Raffle will benefit individuals and families served by the Nemasket Group. Our mission is to offer personalized flexible support to families and individuals with disabilities to live, work and develop relationships within our communities.

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Tree Sale

On **Sat. & Sun., 12/5 & 6, from 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, the Douglass family will be selling Christmas Trees from their farm located on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, MA. All trees, priced at \$40 each, are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support the ALS research.

Holiday Bazaar

Saint Joseph School will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar on **Sat., 11/21, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Joseph School 100 Spring St., Fairhaven**

Vendors/crafters will be selling great holiday gifts. Check out the treasures at the Yard Sale, stop by the Classroom Tables selling crafts and raffle chances. Try your luck at the Chinese Auction, and bring the kids to the Holiday Shop where, with the help of adult volunteers, they can buy Christmas gifts for the whole family! The Holiday Cafe will include burgers, hot dogs, pizza, and more — then you can treat yourself to desserts at the Bake Sale!

All proceeds from this event directly benefit the students of St Joseph School. Admission is free.

Spaces are still available for vendors and crafters (\$40 fee). Call the school at 508-996-1983.

Blood Drive

The Red Cross is holding two blood drives in Fairhaven:

Wed., 11/18, from 1:30-6:30 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave

Wed., 11/25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Barley Family Healthcare, 270 Huttleston Avenue

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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Old Hammondtown Chorus Wed., 11/18, 3 p.m. Enjoy a delightful afternoon with the Old Hammondtown Chorus as they perform a variety of songs that will surely get you in the holiday spirit! *RSVP*

Western Day Boot Scootin' Party Fri., 11/20, 2:30 p.m. Howdy, y'all! Head on down to Atria for some Western fun. Enjoy live entertainment with David Valerio and some delicious chow. *RSVP*

Birthday Bash with Tom & Betty Tues., 11/24, 2:30 p.m. Join us as this dynamic duo returns to celebrate our residents with November birthdays. Don't miss this fun-filled afternoon. Refreshments will be served. *RSVP*

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Counting Fish

A film by Don Cuddy

New England groundfishermen are in trouble, with catch limits set so low that many boats remain tied to the dock. But the industry has little confidence in the NOAA survey that provides the raw data used for the stock assessment. Accurately counting fish populations in the ocean is a daunting task however and everyone agrees on the need for better science.

SMAST researcher Kevin Stokesbury may have found a solution. He and his team have been refining this technology on Georges Bank by conducting spring and fall surveys over the past three years; working in collaboration with the fishing industry.

Don Cuddy, program director for the Center for Sustainable fisheries in New Bedford, joined the crew for the May 2015 survey and captured the experience on camera, resulting in the 50-minute film, *Counting Fish*.

For a fascinating look into the world of marine research, join Cuddy, Stokesbury and the crew of the F/V Justice for the premier screening of *Counting Fish* at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, on Sunday, 11/22 at 1.30 p.m.

FHS student recognized

Press Release

Fairhaven High School principal Tara M. Kohler announced on November 5 that Jared Fredette has been named a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These



Jared Fredette has been named a Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program. *Submitted photo.*

students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on **Sat., 11/14, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sun., 11/15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** at St. Mary's Pastoral Center, 115 Illinois St., New Bedford. (Parking in St. Mary's Church Lot)

Traditional Lebanese Foods and Pastries. FREE Admission, Big Money Raffle, Sittoo's Attic, Caravan Auction (closes at 12:00 on 12/15/15), Games, Crafts and Much, Much More!

Christmas Fair

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 235 North Front St., New Bedford. Spirit of Christmas Fair, **Sat., 11/14, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.** Vendor booths, chances, baked goods, **Famous Polish Kitchen**, and American food. **Breakfast with Santa 11-1**

Holly Tree Fair

Pilgrim Women's Club of Pilgrim U.C.C., Holly Tree Fair and Luncheon, **Sat., 11/14, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, cor. Purchase & School Sts., N.B.**

Featuring Grannie's Attic, Plants, Silent Auction, Crafts, Jewelry, Raffles, Decorations, Gifts, Baked Goods Table & more! Homemade soups, Sandwiches, Desserts, Steamed Hot Dogs, Meat Pie & Veg.

To benefit church programs & club's Book Scholarship Fund

Scouts Food Drive

Boy Scout Troop 333 reminds **New Bedford residents in Ward Six** that the Scouts will be participating in the Scouting for Food Drive and collecting food items **this Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

Residents who received the red, white & blue hanger tags on their doors on October 31 are encouraged to place non-perishable food items such as canned goods and other items such as packaged pasta and peanut butter in plastic bags at their front door where visible from the street. Scouts will be walking the neighborhoods with their parents or Scout leaders until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Food collected will be donated to St. Anthony's Church Food Pantry for distribution to area families.

Visit www.CCTroop333.com.

Auditions

Your Theatre Inc. to hold callbacks and Auditions for "And Then There Were None" on **Tues., 11/17, at 7:00 PM. Your Theatre 136 Rivet St. New Bedford, MA 02744, 508-993-0772.**

Auditions consist of a cold reading from the script. Acting experience is not necessary, but role seekers should have a desire to share the experience of and commitment to live theater and the enjoyment of collaborating with other talented individuals.

There are the 11 characters, 7 men and 4 women. Everyone will be expected to eventually learn the correct British accent for their character. Accents are not necessary at auditions.

Visit www.yourtheatre.org/ for characters and more information.

NB Open Studios

November is New Bedford Open Studios month.

Visit The Ropeworks, 123 Sawyer St., **Sat., 11/14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun., 11/15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** Special Exhibit by Love The Ave muralists.

Experience Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., **Sat., 11/21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., & Sun., 11/22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.** **Friday opening, 11/20, 5-9 p.m.** Live music, preview building expansion

The NB Open Studios tour is free. It is funded by member artists with special thanks to the New Bedford Cultural Council. Art and arisan work will be available at all locations. Visit www.NewBedfordOpenStudios.org

Wrestling Fundraiser

House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling in association with the VFW Poirier Post presents Veteran Slam, **Sat., 11/14, at VFW Poirier Post, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford. Doors Open 6 p.m. Bell Time 7 p.m.**

Featuring HoB Heavyweight Champion "The Brick" David Baker; HoB Southern New England Champion "The Goddess Of Beauty" Ramona Romano; Special guest ring announcer Host of The Tim Weisberg Show and Spooky Southcoast on WBSM, Tim Weisberg; Rematch from Flashback Friday Night "Powerful" Pat Garrett vs Chris Cruise 2

Unsanctioned by HOB Double Retirement Match, Colossus vs Big

Dawg Wilson; Making their return since May of this year, Monster Mack and Trainee #1. Mack Attack Member of the New England pro wrestling Hall of Fame "Sweet" Scott Ashworth; Nick Steel & Vain The Whaling City Wrecking Crew; Steven Broad vs Steven Lust The Middlesex Express; Robbie "The Giant" Araujo; "Kid Reflex" Eric Dylan; PLUS MUCH MORE

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Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/392336727633785/> www.HoB.Wrestling.com

Cartography Conf

A first-ever cartography conference at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, on Nov. 13-14, will feature experts in maps, navigation and exploration as they explore the world of maps and charts in a lineup of presentations, with additional opportunities to delve deeper into the subject with a hands-on workshop and offsite tour.

On Sun., 11/15, additional related programming will be offered, including a family friendly workshop with separate pricing. Also on Sunday, an extension trip to Mystic, CT, for the "Ships, Clocks & Stars" exhibit.

For details & to register visit: store.whalingmuseum.org/collections/events/products/cartography-conference, or call 508-997-0046.

Dracula

Dracula, the classic gothic thriller is being performed by Your Theatre Inc., on **Nov. 12, 13, 14 & 19, 20, 21 at 8:00 p.m., and Nov. 15 & 22 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$15, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for students, seniors, and military personnel.**

At the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free parking.

For tickets call 508-993-0772, or email to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org. A special **discount ticket of \$10** is offered for the two Saturday night performances for those who **"Dress Up for Dracula."** Wear your best Vamp attire and makeup and receive the discount on Nov. 14 & 21 only.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Civics Quiz Nights

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring a Civics Quiz Night at **The Inn on Shipyard Park, 13 Water St., Mattapoisett, Wed., 11/18 from 7:30-9:00**. Why not put together a team of 2-4 friends or family and compete for a \$25 gift certificate to the Inn? The winning team will also be able to donate the proceeds from the event to their favorite charity. **Registration fee for each team is \$10.00**. Whatever your political affiliation, we hope you will come and enjoy the fun. You can pre-register your team by emailing your team's information to mattdemtc@gmail.com or by registering at the door the night of the event. If you have any questions or need further information, please email the Mattapoisett committee at mattdemtc@gmail.com.

Bird Club Mtg

The Paskamansett Bird Club's November meeting will be at **6:30 pm on Mon., 11/16, at the Westport Free Library, 408 Old County Road, in Westport MA**. Shawn Carey will bring us to the Land of the Midnight Sun — Iceland — and the birds that can be found there. This program is supported by the Westport Cultural Council through a grant from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust. It is free and open to all. (Members please note date change.)

For additional information see www.migrationproductions.com.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

Twilight Workshop

Join the Southeastern Mass. Agricultural Partnership as we continue our 2015 Twilight Workshop Series! This workshop will take place at **Lawton's Family Farm in Foxboro, MA on Sun., 11/15, from 2-4 p.m.** Lawton's is a state licensed raw milk dairy. Retailing has become the mainstay of the farm. From the raw milk retail sales, Lawton's diversified into cheese, selling both pasteurized and raw cheese. We will take a brief tour of the milk storage area and then move to the cozy cheese making room. We will also offer some cheese sampling after.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/1KW2Nhh> for details and registration.

Storytime

Storytime guests will explore different nature topics by reading nature-themed books. Live animal demonstrations, specimens to observe and touch and crafts bring nature themes to life.

This program will take place on Sat., 11/14, from 9:30am – 10:30am. Participants are to meet at the Lloyd Center's Visitor Center located at 430 Potomska Road in Dartmouth. The cost of Storytime is \$5 per child for Lloyd Center members, and \$6 per child for non-members. Space is limited to 20. All ages are welcome. (Please note that an adult must accompany children during the program.)

To learn more about this event, call the Lloyd Center Event Line 508-558-2918 or simply visit www.lloydcenter.org. Pre-registration is not required. If you have specific questions regarding the program, call Jen Wimmer, Lloyd Center Outreach Specialist at 508-990-0505 ext. 14.

Flight to Freedom

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold their November meeting on **Thurs., 11/19, at noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street**. Our program will include a talk by Lee Blake, Program Administrator UMD and President, New Bedford Historical Society.

What do you remember from your school days and American History? The internet has some interesting information about the Underground Railroad and many of the slaves, freedmen and women and abolitionists who helped escaped slaves to freedom. One African-American slave who escaped to the north was Harriet Tubman: In ten years Harriet Tubman made 19 trips and guided her parents, siblings, relatives and friends for a total of approximately 300 slaves. She was nicknamed "Moses" by abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison and carried a handgun for self-protection; neither Tubman nor the slaves she guided were ever captured.

What part did the people in the New Bedford area play in hiding and aiding slaves who had escaped? Did you know that Frederick Douglass lived in 3 homes in New Bedford? Please join us for Ms. Blake's

fascinating presentation of *No Trains, No Tunnels: New Bedford and the Underground Railroad*.

We welcome interested residents of all nearby towns to our meetings. You do not have to be a Mattapoisett resident to be a part of our Woman's Club. Questions, to reserve a spot, or ask for a ride, call Barb at 508-864-5213.

Toys for Tots

Members of the Massachusetts State Police and United States Marine Corps Reserve urge the public to support Toys for Tots through donations of toys or money. The donations will assist charitable organizations that provide children's gifts for Massachusetts families in need.

This year is the 68th anniversary of the Marine Corps' leadership of the Toys for Tots Program. The Mass. State Police have partnered with the Marines on the program for the last 31 years.

Donors are asked to give new, unwrapped, non-violent toys, designed for either boys or girls, ages newborn to 14. As in years past, toys can be dropped off at **any State Police Barracks through Wed., 12/16**.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation can mail a check made out to Toys for Tots MA and mail it to MSP Toys for Tots Coordinator, 124 Acton Street Maynard MA 01754 or they may visit the program's website at www.toysfortots.org.

The Massachusetts State Police will also be holding their sixth annual "Fill the Cruiser" event, where troopers will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots at ten Toys 'R' Us locations across the state, on Saturday, December 5th, 2015.

Art Trail Pass

Give the gift of creativity, culture, and adventure this holiday season through the Connecticut (CT) Art Trail's Art Pass! **A \$75+ value, priced at only \$25, the Art Pass** grants pass-holders one-day admission to each of the 19 museums and historic sites that are part of the CT Art Trail within one year's time.

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Visit www.ctarttrail.org for details.

Recipe of the Week

Spiced Pork Chops

- 1/2 c. all purpose flour
- 1-1/2 t. Garlic powder
- 1-1/2 t. ground mustard
- 1-1/2 t. paprika
- 1/2 t. celery salt
- 1/4 t. ground ginger
- 1/8 t. dried oregano
- 1/8 t. dried basil
- 1/8 t. salt
- Pinch of pepper
- 4 pork loin chops 3/4" thick
- 1-2 T. oil
- 1 c. ketchup
- 1 c. water
- 1/4 c. Packed brown sugar

In a shallow dish combine the first 10 ingredients; dredge pork chops on both sides. In a skillet, brown chops on both sides.

Place in a greased 13x9x2" baking dish. Combine ketchup, water and brown sugar; pour over the chops and bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350. Soo yummy

Enjoy!! Bevy Lussier

Electric aggregation deal set

Press Release

Community leaders from across southeastern Mass. on Tuesday announced the launch of a regional Community Electricity Aggregation program. Organized by municipal leaders, the program allows participating residents and businesses to significantly reduce electricity rates through a bulk-purchasing contract.

"Spiking utility costs over the last two winters have placed a real burden on household budgets," said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell. "New Bedford and the other participating communities have worked closely with SRPEDD and consultant Good Energy, to secure a fixed-term contract that will help to protect area residents and businesses from future spikes in electricity prices."

Under the new contract, beginning in January 2016, the rate per kWh for electricity supply will be fixed for 24 months at \$0.0949/kWh. Based on this new rate and historical utility usage data, the group is expecting to see an estimated \$15 million in aggregate savings in the region when compared to the current Eversource and National Grid published winter utility rates.

be no early termination fees at any time for those who wish to leave this new program, as compared to many other competitive supply offers.

Working with the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), 23 communities in the region succeeded in using their combined purchasing power to establish new power rates that will bring savings to area residents and businesses in participating communities this winter.

Communities participating in the SRPEDD program include Acushnet, Attleboro, Carver, Dartmouth, Dedham, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Northbridge, Norton, Plainville, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Westford, and Westport for a combined 225,000 eligible households and businesses.

Ross Perry, Director of Municipal Management at SRPEDD said, "We started looking into this last year and managed to get through the regulatory approvals process in record time. We had a lot of support and guidance from State elected officials, the Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Public Utilities and we're very excited to get the program underway in time for January winter rates."

To learn more about the program, contact (844) MASSCEA (627-7232), info@masscea.com or visit MASSCEA.com. ...

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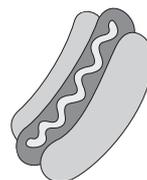
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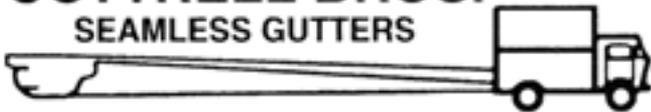
These properties (225 acres) contain many diverse ecological areas including tidal flats, salt marsh, upland maritime forest, wooded swamp and open fields.

Meet at the Shipyard Farm sign on the east side (left) of Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, five miles south of Huttleston Ave. There is ample parking along the side of the road.

The Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization. As such, it depends on membership fees to function.

For more information about the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Preservation Trust, contact Cora Peirce at 774-634-7959, or visit our website at www.falpt.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/falpt.

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Parade cancelled, but veterans still gather on special day

By Beth David
Editor

Organizers cancelled Fairhaven's Veterans Day parade because of the foul weather on Wednesday, 11/11.

"The weather was just not going to cooperate," said Parade coordinator Gerry Payette.

Fairhaven's parade steps off at 10, which is a little earlier than some other local parades, so the weather had not cleared by the time participants would have started gathering. The rain ruins band instruments, and the wind could ruin the big 30x50 foot flag.

"It was a tough decision to make," said Mr. Payette. "I'm sorry we had to cancel it. But it was for the safety of all concerned."

He said he had added motivation not to cancel, because it is his last year as coordinator, but, he felt they had no choice.

Mr. Payette said he wanted to thank the people who have helped him get the job done over the years, noting it takes a lot of people, a lot of effort and a lot of coordination.

The cancellation did not deter a group of veterans and supporters from gathering at the VFW in Fairhaven. Parade attendees were going to be invited after the speechmaking anyway and the VFW saw no reason to stop that.

The volunteers made the food and a group of veterans posed for a group shot.

Gayla M.D. Reilly, who served more than 20 years in the US Navy, was the scheduled keynote speaker. With some prompting from people in the hall, Ms. Reilly gave the address she

had planned to give at the parade.

She said that people who choose to serve in the military have always come from all walks of life, but they all possess three things: courage, pride, and dedication to duty.

She said during World War II, 10% of the US population served.

"They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves," said Ms. Reilly, adding that they were "just ordinary people," like those in the room.

"Our gathering at the VFW in Fairhaven is just one small flame that sparks across this nation," she said.

"If you know a World War II vet, take the opportunity to thank them," she said, reminding everyone that WWII veterans are dying at a rapid rate. "And God bless America."

Sharon Fernandes's father, Russell Edge, was a WWII veteran who died only two weeks ago on his 88th



birthday. Ms. Fernandes said he left high school to serve, then came back, got his diploma, and signed up again.

She asked the VFW if they would fly his flag on the special day and she was thankful that they agreed.

"He fought for his country, was a



darned good father and a loving grandfather," said Ms. Fernandes. "He cared for everybody. He'd help anybody."

Rick Baptista, who was a Navy Seabee, said he was probably not going to march in the parade, but had planned all along to go to the VFW.

"Because it's Veterans Day, and what better place to spend Veterans Day than at the VFW," said Mr. Baptista. "I wouldn't have it any other way. It's the best place and the best people."

Bruce Ingham, 66, and Vincent Shurtleff, 54, both retired from careers in the service.

Mr. Ingham served for 21 years and Mr. Shurtleff served for 35; he joined right out of high school. Both served in the US Army, but Mr. Shurtleff served in the Marines first, then left, then went back in.

"If I didn't join the military, I'd probably be dead," said Mr. Shurtleff, who stood looking trim and tall in his uniform. "Because they disciplined me."

He served overseas in Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said he was responsible for making sure the "aircraft would fly the next day."

Maintenance had to be done at night because the aircraft were too hot to handle during the day.

He said he lost track of the many training programs, classes and courses he took.

"I got so much education from the

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TOP: Susan Fernandes poses under her father's flag flying at the VFW in Fairhaven on Veterans Day. MIDDLE, L-R: Gayla Reilly, a 20-year US Navy veteran; Jim Leal, a Korean War Veteran; Dolores Leal. ABOVE: The volunteers at the VFW. RIGHT: Rick Baptista raises his drink to someone across the bar. Photos by Beth David.

First "Run to Remember" registers more than 200

More than 200 runners registered, and 198 actually took to the streets to remember Lance Corporal Matthew R. Rodriguez on Sunday, 11/8, at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven.

Proceeds from the first annual Run to Remember 5K race will go to the memorial fund in his name.

"It's great, the weather's beautiful, the turnout is beautiful," said Matthew's sister Lauren Rodriguez Webber. "We're all here to honor Matthew and that's all that matters. The numbers don't matter. It's all about the honor."

LCpl Rodriguez was killed in Afghanistan on December 11, 2013. The Marine was 19 years old.

William Benoit, at the tender age of 13, beat all runners, crossing the finish line in 21:19. First woman over the line was Linda Solomon in 21:49.

Boston Madden, the youngest runner at age 6, said it was "hard."

"Just how long it was," he said.

His father said the goal was just to finish. It was Boston's first race and his father even had a trophy made up with his name on it. He said they "did a little walking," because it was a bit

longer than they usually run.

The race did not give out cash prizes or medals, but instead gave "challenge coins," like the ones they give in the military.

Ms. Webber told the crowd it was their own "spin" on the coins.

"Now you can always have the Smiling Warrior with you wherever you go," she said, referring to her brother's nickname.

For race results, visit www.racewire.com. To learn more about Matthew and the foundation, visit www.TheSmilingWarrior.com



ABOVE LEFT: William Benoit, 13, is first over the finish line in the first annual Run to Remember in honor of Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven on Sunday, 11/8. MIDDLE: At 6 years old, Boston Madden was the youngest runner finishing in 48:21. RIGHT: Eva Washko, 9, and her dad Phil come over the finish line together in 29:16. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Janet Shurtleff and Lindsey Shurtleff raise up American flags as they cross the finish line. MIDDLE: Two young'uns travel in style as they get pushed over the finish line. RIGHT, L-R: Matthew's sister Lauren Rodriguez Webber, Mackenzie Connor, and Matthew's mother Lisa Rodriguez take a moment to pose after the race. *Photos by Beth David. Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/ NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events. Individual photos are available for purchase. NOTE: Some information was taken from www.racewire.com*



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Youth Basketball

Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Registration: Nov. 7th & 14th from 8AM-2PM Cost:\$10. Age is determined as of December 1, 2015. Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers;

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Attention!!!

Calling all basketball enthusiasts! We are looking for motivated, committed individuals to volunteer as basketball coaches for this league. We are also in need of officials for the league, pay is roughly \$15 per game. For more information and to fill out a volunteer application please call or stop by the Recreation Center during league registration hours



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If you are a Senior/Fairhaven Resident and would like to join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center for Thanksgiving Dinner November 26, from 11:30-1:00 p.m., please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 to reserve your seat by Friday November 20th. Transportation can be arranged for those in need.

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Acushnet Sawmill open to the public

Press Release

On Friday, 11/6, The Buzzards Bay Coalition and representatives from the federal government, state government, town of Acushnet and city of New Bedford celebrated the opening of The Sawmill, a former industrial lumber yard on the Acushnet River that has been transformed into a public park and restored natural area.

The Sawmill sits at the edge of New Bedford's urban North End, along the banks of the Acushnet River. Over the past three years, this 19-acre property has been restored as a public park that protects the river's health, provides better habitat for fish and wildlife, and gives local residents a beautiful place to explore the outdoors just steps away from the city.

The Sawmill is now open to the public every day from dawn to dusk for recreational activities such as walking and hiking, fishing, canoeing and kayaking, picnicking and birdwatching. The Sawmill is located at 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet.

"The completion of The Sawmill restoration opens a new chapter in the life of this river and our community's connection to it," said Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. "With outstanding support from many levels of government and the people of this community, we have undone much harm and created a much brighter future here. We look forward to watching new generations experience an entirely new river at The Sawmill."

The Acushnet River is one of the most important rivers draining to Buzzards Bay, and historically the most abused. The river was particularly broken at the site of The Sawmill, where a large dam blocked

passage by migratory fish.

Working with contractors, the New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure and hundreds of community volunteers, the Coalition removed acres of pavement and buildings, restored natural river banks, replanted a red maple swamp and wildflower meadows, and built nature trails and scenic overlooks along the river.

Funding for the ecological restoration at The Sawmill came from the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council, which awarded the Coalition \$1.2 million in penalty funds following the chronic release of hazardous polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into New Bedford Harbor. The New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council is composed of representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The Sawmill is located in the town of Acushnet, which was a strong partner in the restoration of The Sawmill. Students from Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School assisted with carpentry and electrical work in the Hawes Family Learning Center, which sits at the entrance to The Sawmill and interprets the history, ecology and restoration of the property and the Acushnet River.

The city of New Bedford also played a major role in restoring The Sawmill. Workers from the Department of Public Infrastructure removed acres of pavement, cleared overgrown vegetation and rebuilt street curbing. Additionally, students from Greater New Bedford Regional

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Acushnet petition still circulating

Acushnet residents are still being asked to sign a petition to get school monitors back on the buses. The School Department cancelled the bus monitor program starting this fall.

Leo Rousseau, a former Selectboard member, said that he and others are still collecting signatures. He is scheduled to turn in the petition sheets at the next Selectboard meeting, so he is encouraging all residents who want to sign, to do so soon.

Petition sheets are available at Bonville's Market on So. Main Street and at Flying Cloud Orchard on Main Street.

COA Holiday Fair

The Acushnet Council on Aging will hold a Holiday Fair at the senior center, 59 1/2 So. Main Street, Acushnet, on Saturday, 11/21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christmas Tea

Join us for a Christmas Tea with Donna and Ron Lasko.

America's Tea Couple present, "The History of Santa Claus" on Sat., 12/5 at 1 p.m., at Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church 67 Main St., Acushnet.

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Saturday at Sawmill

Join "Saturdays at The Sawmill" from 9 a.m. to noon. Features a free family-friendly program at 10 a.m., at Acushnet Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet.

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from Louise Dupre

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Vocational Technical High School connected plumbing in the Hawes Family Learning Center.

The Sawmill's learning center is dedicated to the Hawes family, which owned the industrial lumber yard located on Mill Road for nearly 150 years. In 2007, the Hawes family sold this property to the Coalition for permanent conservation.

"Since 1865, generations of the Hawes family have been stewards of the property on Mill Road," said Mary Ellen Hawes Lees. "The dedication of this Learning Center is a wonderful way to share the unique beauty and historic importance of this site with the community for future generations. We thank the Buzzards Bay

Coalition for its commitment to this project and especially to Mark Rasmussen for his vision for the Acushnet River watershed and Sara da Silva Quintal and all the others for their dedication to complete the physical transformation."

The Hawes Family Learning Center will be open to the public



ABOVE: A sign gives people information on the life in the Acushnet River at "The Sawmill," the site of the old Acushnet sawmill on Middle Road in Acushnet on Friday, 11/6. The Buzzards Bay Coalition owns the 19-acre parcel which is open to the public and will also have regular programming in the Hawes Family Learning Center. The Hawes family owned the sawmill for generations. BELOW: Helena and Ken Hartnett lead the way as people attending the grand opening on 11/6 head out to explore the grounds of The Sawmill. *Photos submitted.*



on Saturday mornings in November and December, when the Coalition will host "Saturdays at The Sawmill" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. "Saturdays at The Sawmill" will feature a free family-friendly program at 10:00 a.m. each morning hosted by Coalition staff and service members.

To learn more about The Sawmill and see the full "Saturdays at The Sawmill" schedule, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/acushnetsawmill.



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From our readers

Food pantry sees increase in families this time of year

This letter is to remind people that the 12th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser is now going on.

The Shepherd's Pantry serves over 120 families each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 am at the Long Plain United Methodist Church located at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet. However, at this time of year, the total number of families who come by looking for help increases dramatically.

This particular fund raiser receives monetary donations that the pantry's dedicated volunteers use to restock the shelves of food items that are running low or are out completely.

With the pantry's monthly expenditures running in the thousands of dollars in food purchases, you can clearly see the need for this yearly venture.

In all of the years that this tradition has been continuing during both Thanksgiving and Christmas, thousands of dollars have been collected to augment the donated non-perishable food that is given out each week to the area's needy families.

If folks would like to help, please send your tax-deductible contributions to the Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Together, we can make a difference for the less fortunate.

Gerry Payette, Fund raiser coordinator

Be creative with gift giving

When we think of gifts, most of us think of giving or receiving one. Rarely do we think of ourselves as the gift to give.

A focus on one of the many names for the One who created us may help in this regard. The divine descriptive, Adonai, means owner of my life, the One who gives gifts and equips. This position and condition of relationship with our Creator opens a special package of His potential goodness that can be unleashed for the benefit of those around us; many in need and longing to receive. The question then becomes – How will we do that? The answer is simple, but certainly not ready made or easy.

A personal assessment identifying our unique talents is step one. Step two is to encourage ourselves to share our gifts with others. For example

- the high school math whiz who can tutor maybe one or two struggling kids in the neighborhood.
- the "Vinny Laser Vision" who can shoot free throws and give some shooting tips to the kids playing on the neighborhood basketball court.
- the handy Andy willing to tackle neighborhood jobs for fees he can

pledge to the Salvation Army.

- the painter or sculptor or ceramicist can offer classes in their studios to those who want some know how to discover their own inner artistry.
- the reader who doesn't have to be a William Shakespeare to recite poetry to people wanting to hear extraordinary language.

Get the idea? God is generous with His gifts. He creates athletes, carpenters, plumbers, tool and dye makers, auto mechanics, watchmakers, sailors, singers, seamstresses, tailors, dancers, orators, actors, and ballerinas. He created you and me, giving each of us unique talents or traits. They can be converted not just for making a livelihood but for making a better community, a better city, and even a better world.

What atmosphere is more fitting than the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons for us to take time and look within, discover our gift(s) and put it or them into action for others to receive? In the process, we just might discover something of inestimable value we didn't realize we possessed. It may bring us closer to our neighbors, to ourselves, and to the awesome God who created us. It may transform us into being an even greater gift to give!

Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven

Social Day Programs celebrate Halloween



LEFT: The Westport Social Day and the Fairhaven Social Day got together and "BOO"ged the afternoon away at their Halloween Party recently. RIGHT, L-R: Connie, Westport Social Day Coordinator; Cathy, Westport Assistant Social Day Coordinator; Joyce, Fairhaven Social Day Coordinator; Sue, Fairhaven Assistant Social Day Coordinator. *Submitted photos.*

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military," he said, education he said he would not have been able to afford.

He said he'll be doing some woodworking in his retirement.

Mr. Ingham served in the Army and in the National Guard. He was drafted in 1971 and was an engineer, so he worked in the US on building projects. He said he left after his first few years, but then joined the National Guard because "we had a conflict."

VFW Commander Jeff Cardoza said the VFW always has free food after the parades, thanks to volunteers who do the cooking.

He said the organization has come out on the other side of some financial difficulties, but everything is looking good now and they have had several successful events, including a Veterans dance last week.

"We're bringing people back," said Mr. Cardoza.

The flag raising at Fort Phoenix, was postponed, not cancelled. The Boy Scouts will perform the ceremony on Sunday (see page 5 for details).

no changes in the bed capacity or the services provided by the Alden Court Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. A public hearing may be requested upon a petition by any group of fifty or more residents of HSA V. Such petition shall include the name, address and signature of each resident so requesting a hearing. Written comments concerning the facility's ability to provide quality long-term care services as a result of the transaction, and petitions for a public hearing, may be addressed to the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, Suitability Review Office, 99 Chauncy Street, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, for a period of 14 days following this publication. All written or oral comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records.

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Community Preserv. Comm

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Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Rogers/Oxford Study Comm

Thurs., 11/12, OLOA Hall/Jesse St., 7 p.m. (At NFIA Community Meeting)

School Committee

Wed., 11/18, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Selectboard

Mon., 11/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m..

Library Trustees

Fri., 11/13, Russell Mem. Lib., 3 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 11/19, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Agricultura Commission

Thurs., 11/19, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday	17	1147	----	0424	1700*
Wednesday	18	0023	1246	0521	1802
Thursday	19	0120	1342	0634	1911
Friday	20	0216	1441	0749	2014*
Saturday	21	0317	1545	0859	2115*
Sunday	22	0420	1647	1014*	2218*
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Peter Ricard asked about the chlorine they use to clean the tanks and how that would affect the beach.

"The chlorine is very diluted," said Mr. Taylor, adding it does not go in "like a Clorox bottle," and is further neutralized before it is discharged. "What we're talking about is pristine seawater."

He said the Environmental Protection Agency would not give him a permit otherwise.

Mr. Haworth assured residents that there would be many hearings at other boards before a hatchery would be built.

In the end, the board voted to require \$50,000 by 11/23 or the license will be revoked, unless the company tears down the building by then.

In another matter, the board received a petition with 200 names in favor of putting senior housing at the old Oxford School building in North Fairhaven.

The board has received two

proposals for the building, one for senior housing and one for a mixed use that will cater to nonprofits, and possibly house a school or day care.

Mr. Murphy, a North Fairhaven resident, has made it clear he will not support more housing in the neighborhood.

Mr. Haworth said that after asking for input from residents, he heard from people and it was split half and half for each proposal

He also said he wished people would have been more specific, telling him why they preferred one project over the other.

Resident Nick Costa, who presented the petition, said that the Fairhaven Housing Authority has a waiting list, so the need for senior housing is clear,

"Mixed use scares us," said Gary Lavalette.

He said people will be coming and going all day, creating more traffic and congestion. He also said a food pantry will bring all kinds of people hanging around. And while the old school was only busy with traffic twice a day, the mixed use could

mean anything.

Daniel Freitas told the board that he didn't see how the mixed use proposal would make any money with nonprofit tenants.

"I don't see how they're going to pay the mortgage with a food pantry and a gym," said Mr. Freitas, adding that a gym would be detrimental to the town's Recreation Center, a charter school would be detrimental to the school system, and a food pantry could have a lot of trucks unloading at all hours.

"Who's going to be hanging around there?" he asked.

Linda Therrien said she also supported senior housing there. She said once the building is sold, the town would have no say in who rented the space, including maybe a "methadone clinic."

The board set aside December 3, at 6:30 p.m., for a special meeting to discuss the proposals.

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