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Fairhaven honor veterans with parade



A plane flies over the crowd at Fairhaven High School while the big flag flutters in the wind during a Veterans Day ceremony held after the parade on Friday, 11/11. The parade travelled along Main Street from Benoit Square to the high school where a short ceremony was held. Parade Marshall was Manuel Leite, 95, a Marine who served in WWII in the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific. 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

The Rogers School building is back in the news (see page 4). The consultants held a public meeting to get ideas on how to use the building.

Unfortunately, I think it was a lost opportunity. I love my readers, really, I do, but sometimes you're just too practical. That meeting was supposed to be the chance to give them all your pie-in-the-sky ideas. Then, they're supposed to go back and figure out if they are possible. But Fairhavenites were just being too pragmatic and kept asking questions about the costs of rehabilitating the building and asbestos and all that other stuff.

But, all is not lost. You can still submit your ideas in writing. See page 4 for details.

This is it, folks. The chance you've been waiting for with that building. The town still owns it. If you have a good idea...send it in! Really, anything goes.

Acushnet had its Special Town Meeting this week...NOT. Way to impress the new guy, Acushnet (see page 16). They couldn't muster up a quorum to spend about \$500,000. It was the first meeting for the new Town Administrator, too.

The meeting has been rescheduled for 11/21, so... you know what to do.

The drought has taken its toll on the trees this year (see page 10). The Douglass Tree Farm is not holding its annual Christmas tree sale because it's been too dry. So, keep that in mind as you shop for your trees.

While we're on the weather...

The supermoon was pretty cool, huh? Jim Mahaney got a great picture of it, too. See page 19 for that, along with a picture of the high tides that come with it by ML Baron.

Our cover story is one of my favorite events. Who doesn't love a parade? Veterans Day is a serious thing, too. It's important to remember that veterans have put it all on the line for our country. See page 12 for our parade coverage. See page 7, too, though, for some pictures from the Wood School veterans appreciation event.

All this means, of course, that the weather is getting cold. That means the food pantries are in need of donations (see letter on page 20). Next week is Thanksgiving, the national pig-out day for all Americans. Imagine not having enough food on that day.

While you're at it, please consider a donation to your favorite weekly newspaper. Without reader support, the *Neighb News* will simply not be able to continue publishing.

Oh...almost forgot. Next week is our annual shopping issue. So, if you have a business, you want to be in there. See page 3 for details.

Until next week then...see ya,

Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the 1976-78 FHS track teams, we misidentified one of the athletes, it should have been Ed Flurent, not Len. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

Shopping with the *NeighbNews* annual issue is next week

Next week is our annual Shopping with the *Neighb News* issue. If you have a business in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett or New Bedford, you do not want to miss advertising in this issue.

Our readers like shopping at local businesses and the Shopping with the *Neighb News* issue gives them options to choose from. But only our advertisers get mentioned in our annual shopping trek across the coverage area.

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Water main work on Causeway has begun



The support beam for the water main work to be done on Causeway Road in Fairhaven has arrived. The beam was placed at Hoppy's Landing (ABOVE) last week. According to public works superintendent Vincent Furtado, the contractor was waiting for the insulation to be delivered before installing the beam. The beam should be installed by the end of the week. Initially, Causeway Road/Goulart Memorial Drive was slated to be closed to traffic during the work, but Mr. Furtado said that one lane should be open while crews work, "except for a few minutes here and there." The beam should be installed in one day. ABOVE: The beam awaits installation at Hoppy's Landing on Monday, 11/14. Photos courtesy of ML Baron, www.westislanweather.com



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Residents give ideas on use of Rogers School building

By Beth David
Editor

Approximately 70 Fairhaven residents turned out in force on Tuesday night to give their input on the possible uses of the Rogers School building. Representatives from Kirk & Company, a consultant hired to research the possibilities, took explained that the meeting was to gather information from the public on what they would like to see occupy the building.

Town Administrator Mark Rees and Selectboard member Bob Espindola were joined by Brett Pelletier from Kirk & Company, and Albert Rex of MacRostie Historical Advisors.

Officials told residents not to concentrate on what their ideas would cost, but instead, asked them to focus on what they would like to see. The next step would be for K&C to analyze the costs of the various ideas so the town can decide which way to go.

"We will not be analyzing the ideas [tonight]," said Mr. Rees.

Mr. Pelletier said that historic rehabilitation is a focus, and said it

would be a long process to get the building in use again. He said they have toured the building and spent a lot of time talking to town officials. He said the building is structurally sound.

Residents need to tell K&C what they would like to see in the building, he said, and how it will fit in the neighborhood and the town. K&C will then see what economically feasible, and publicly acceptable.

"Obviously, there are pretty strong feelings in town," about the building, said Mr. Rex.

Ideas from the public included putting an elementary school back into the building, selling it for office space, keeping ownership with the town and renting it for adult education, using it as an annex to Town Hall, using it for school department administration offices, using it for a theater group or a movie theater.

Although cautioned not to worry about the money aspect of their ideas, many residents did, indeed, ask questions about costs of rehabilitating the building, knocking it down or

knocking part of it down.

Residents also asked about putting the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Rex said that the Register is a "double edged sword" and might not be worth the restrictions on the building for the grant money available. He also said it does not save the building from future demolition.

Mr. Rex said there are many options for the town, including keeping ownership of the building and issuing a long term lease. Then the town could control what types of activities to on at the building.

He also said the town has different vehicles to use for control of activities on the site even if it sells it, such as deed restrictions and covenants.

Several residents spoke emotionally about attending the school as children and being disappointed that their own children would not be able to attend there.

Many also stressed that Henry Huttleston Rogers gave the building

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Turkey Trot

Thanksgiving Day, 11/24, at 8 a.m.
Start/finish, 56 Bridge St. (at Green).

Distance: 5K (3.1 miles). Adult Price (13 and up): \$20 online through Nov 21, \$25 in-person Youth Price (12 and under): \$10 always online and in-person. Race results: Runners' times are NOT recorded at the Trot, and times are not posted online.

Since 2010, the Fairhaven Turkey Trot has raised over \$50,000 and collected hundreds of pounds of canned goods to support local food pantries, including The Shepherd's Pantry, St. Anthony's, and MOLIFE.

Volunteer to help! The Fairhaven Turkey Trot is all about raising money for food pantries while we get people moving on Thanksgiving morning, and we couldn't do any of it without your help! From start to finish, we're looking for a few good men, women, and teens who can help check in runners, distribute t-shirts, marshal intersections, and a lot more. We hope you'll join us!

To volunteer, contact us at fairhaventurkeytrot(at)gmail.com today!

Register at <https://localraces.com/events/fairhaven-ma/fairhaven-turkey-trot>. Visit www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/

Art/Craft Fair

Art On Center invites you to its 3rd Annual **Small Works Show & Fine Craft Fair, Sat., 11/19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Local artists and artisans have created beautiful, unique items perfect for gift-giving. This special event combines an art show of original yet budget-friendly "small works" of art, all priced at \$250 and under, and a fine craft fair featuring a variety of handcrafted items made by local artisans.

The offerings include jewelry, stained glass, wreaths, ornaments, woodcraft, baskets, textiles and more. Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts sure to please your loved ones. You can avoid the "Black Friday" madness, support local artists and Art On Center, and enjoy complimentary gift wrapping too!

Art On Center is located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and is fully wheelchair accessible with

plenty of off-street parking. For the Center's regular hours and more information call 774-206-1709 or email info@artoncenter.org. Art On Center is a federally approved 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Holiday Bazaar

Saint Joseph's School PTO will be having their Holiday Bazaar **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sat., 11/19**. All are Welcome! Featuring Two Sisters food truck, Vendors, Yard sale, Holiday raffle, Visit by Saint Nicholas

At St. Joseph School, **100 Spring St., Fairhaven.**

Blue Devils Bonfire

Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire. Join the Fairhaven Gridiron Club for annual Thanksgiving eve bonfire/pep rally. This is a community event, and ALL of Fairhaven is encouraged to attend.

Athletes! Friends! Family! Alumni! Come one, come all! Fire up the Blue Devils. **Thanksgiving Eve, Wed., 11/24, Cushman Park, 5:30 p.m.**

Come join the fun, enjoy the DJ, food and games, and celebrate the accomplishments of all FHS fall teams and students

For more info or weather cancellation, find us on Facebook or Twitter: [facebook.com/FairhavenGridiron](https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenGridiron), [@GridironFHS](https://twitter.com/GridironFHS)

Toy Drive West Isl.

Once again, Cathi & Bob Konicki will dedicate their Toys for Tots toy drive to Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, the Fairhaven Marine who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

Please bring a toy for a child to our home, 151 Balsam St., Fairhaven, **before Dec. 10.**

Last year we collected over 250 toys. Let's try to beat that number.

Toys for Tots is a national program sponsored by the US Marines that provides toys to kids who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas. Your generous donation of a new toy or money to purchase a new toy will be greatly appreciated.

Bake Sale

At Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, Fairhaven, 508-999-4561. Join us on **Tues., 11/22, for our Thanksgiving Bake Sale, from 9:00 a.m. to Sell Out.** Donations welcome.

Proceeds benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven.

Yard Clean Up

Students of the Fairhaven High School music program are offering Fall yard clean ups at reasonable rates. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to defray the cost of their April 2017 trip and band competition in Toronto, Canada.

You can support these FHS music students by having them work for you. To schedule your yard cleanup contact the student by email at fhsstudentcleanup@gmail.com or call 508-951-5198.

High School Play

This Fall The Fairhaven High School Drama Club is presenting *Fairhaven is Kinda Live*, a student created show. This is a **one night only show December 2nd at 7 PM. Tickets are not on sale yet but they will be \$7 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.**

Tickets on sale at the

Snow Park Ban

RESIDENTS OF FAIRHAVEN ONE SIDE SNOW PARKING BAN:

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

By Order of: Fairhaven Board of Public Works

Atria Fairhaven Fall Festival raises funds for Alzheimer's Assn.

Press Release

On October 29 Atria Fairhaven hosted the First Annual "Bite to Fight Alzheimer's" Fall Festival. We received over 50 donations of gift cards and gift baskets from local businesses, family and friends for our raffle. Along with the raffle we even had a frame full of \$99 worth of scratch tickets that were donated to

help us raise money.

We had a cookout, face painting, pumpkin painting, a pumpkin display, crafts to sell that were made by our residents, a car cruise provided by the Legendary Street Rods and more!

On behalf of our team here at Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven we would like to thank everyone for coming out to our Fall Festival.

Without our staff, volunteers, family, friends, businesses who donated, and the Legendary Street Rods, we wouldn't have been able to make this event possible.

We would like to announce that we exceeded our goal by raising \$1,475 that will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.



LEFT: Children and adults decorate pumpkins at the first annual "Bite to Fite Alzheimer's" Fall Festival at Atria Fairhaven. The event raised \$1475 for the Alzheimer's Association. RIGHT: Some elaborately decorated pumpkins helped set the atmosphere on Halloween weekend. Submitted photos.



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Wood School honors veterans



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Free At Whale Mus.

This year marks a century in which the Lagoda, the world's largest ship model, has been wowing visitors from around the world at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. **On November 19, from 10 am to 2 pm**, the Museum will be celebrating the centennial of the dedication of the Bourne Building, which was specially built to house the Lagoda, with a **boat-load of free, family-friendly activities. Admission to the Museum is free all day.** In addition to crafts, an inflatable whale tunnel, a green screen, and special activities in the Casa dos Botes Discovery Center, the day will include:

- **10 am: All Aboard the Lagoda** Dress as your favorite crew member and take an imaginary whaling voyage on the Lagoda! Experience the chase, learn the ropes, encounter foreign cultures and learn about whaling in New Bedford through role playing. Meet at the Lagoda.
- **11 am Re-enactment of the original Bourne Building Dedication** featuring Our Sisters' School students and New Bedford Whaling Museum High School Apprentices. Bourne Building main stairs.
- **11:45 pm Happy Birthday Lagoda** Cake in Jacobs Family Gallery
- **Noon: Venture below deck on the Lagoda**, the world's largest ship model, in Bourne Building.
- **12:30 pm Join a "Nantucket Sleigh Ride"** with a docent and discover the art of a Yankee Whale Hunt in Pursuit to Preservation.
- **1 p.m. Highlights Tour** Docent-led, 45-60 minute highlights tour of the Museum. Tour leaves from the front desk.

For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Spirit of Christmas Featuring Polish Food

At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 235 North Front Street, New Bedford, on **Sat., 11/19, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.** Photos with Santa 11-2

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Charity Meal

Join Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church for our

Free Community Charity Lunch on **Sat., 11/19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Lebanese Center, 89 Merimac St., New Bedford.** Prepared by the St. Joseph Sodality members. Sponsored by The Abou kheir Family

Open to everyone in the Greater New Bedford Community Serving a hot lunch Soup, Chicken & Rice Lunch, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Water and Juice

YTI Play

On November 10, Your Theatre, Inc. will open its 2nd show of its 70th consecutive season with an eight show run of *Born Yesterday*, by Garson Kanin. With a cast of eleven South Coast actors, the play is directed by Suzanne Bergeron of New Bedford.

Performance dates are **Nov. 17, 18, 19 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11/20, at 2:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum); students, seniors, and military personnel \$13.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at **136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford**, at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex.

For tickets and further information call Your Theatre, Inc., 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org

Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, New Bedford's most comprehensive group of artists, are pleased to announce **Open Studios, 88/90 Hatch St., on Sat. & Sun. 11/19 & 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** See ad on page 6

Turkey Shoot

At New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford. **Sun. 11/20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Shooting competition (no, we don't shoot real turkeys, you WIN a turkey).

Photo Reception

The Fishing Heritage Center is pleased to announce the opening of *New England Fishermen: The Photography of Markham Starr*, the first in a series of changing exhibits. **An opening reception will take place on Fri., 11/18, at 8 p.m.** The Center is

wheelchair accessible and located at 38 Bethel Street in New Bedford. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Center. This first exhibit will be on display through January 17th.

For more information, please contact the Fishing Heritage Center at: info@fishingheritagecenter.org or call (508) 993-8894.

Hunger Heroes

United Way of Greater New Bedford is hosting its second annual Hunger Heroes Project: Families Helping Families. **Families are being encouraged to volunteer together on November 19th**, Family Volunteer Day, to help give other families a happy Thanksgiving. During this event, 500 Thanksgiving packages will be prepared to be delivered to food pantries in Greater New Bedford by United Way's Hunger Commission. Food has been donated through a variety of local food drives including Cans Across the Park, Acushnet Company, the Christian Fellowship Center and drives being held at several other organizations and businesses in Greater New Bedford.

Volunteers will work 2 hour shifts completing a variety of tasks including sorting the food from local drives, assembling the packages, wrapping the packages and repacking them onto the Hunger Commission Truck. We will also have Thanksgiving Card Making for kids that may be too young to help with the general packaging.

To help, volunteers must pre-register at www.volunteer-southcoast.org

This event is sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank, generationOn and Disney

Sat., 11/19, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, at Dennison Memorial Community Center, 755 So. First Street, New Bedford

Dock-U-Mentary

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Fri., 11/18, at 7 p.m. with *In History's Wake: The Last Trap Fishermen of Rhode Island*, a new documentary film by Markham Starr. In the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

Toys for Tots/Acush

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toys for Tots & Food Drive Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/27**. \$10 unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), and non-perishable food donation. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hil Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon.

Food Addicts Anon

A new 12-step support group has been started for people with food addictions: Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous. We meet **every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. At Smith Mills Congregational Church**, 11 Anderson Way, Dartmouth. Call Carol for more info at 508-992-4656

Animal F-R

Animal Advocates will be hosting its 20th Annual Four Paws Charity **Auction for Homeless Animals on Fri., 11/18, from 6-9 pm., at our new location at Rachel's Lakeside Banquet, 950 State Rd., Dartmouth, MA**. The Silent Auction for Animals is our largest annual fund raiser; it's a chance to meet with friends, have a fun evening out and support a worthy cause.

Admission is free. If you can donate an auction item, please call us at 508 991-7727, or 774 888-9008.

Proceeds from the Auction for Animals will spay and neuter homeless and abandoned dogs and cats and pets living in elderly, disabled or low-income households. Animal Advocates is committed to ensuring the health and welfare of homeless dogs and cats by promoting proactive, compassionate no-kill programs.

Plymouth Parade

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade, Sat., 11/19, in Plymouth, Mass. Opening Ceremonies, DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park, **10:30 AM. Parade Steps Off-Benny's Plaza Court Street, 11:00AM**

Celebration festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. on Plymouth's historic waterfront with an opening ceremony featuring a variety of top-quality entertainment.

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Music at the Museum

Enjoy string quartet music, candlelight tours, wine, cheese, and more at the Smith-Appleby House's presentation of "**Music at the Museum**" on **Sat., 11/19, from 6-9 p.m.; \$25 per person**, 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield, RI; www.smithapplebyhouse.org

The Col 'Areo Quartet will highlight the night, performing traditional string quartet music and featuring the museum's newly restored 1897 chapel organ. Attendees will tour the museum by candlelight, and enjoy wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres – along with special soup shooters served at the hearth.

Volunteers from the Historical Society of Smithfield, dressed as and portraying Colonial-era characters, will host the evening.

Reservations are required as space is limited. Call 401-231-7363, and leave a message. You will be contacted to confirm the details of your reservation. Payment in advance is encouraged.

Recipe of the Week

Cranberry Mousse Pie

- 1 cup cranberry juice
- 1 (3 ounce) package cranberry flavored Jell-O® mix
- 1 (16 ounce) can jellied cranberry sauce
- 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (9 inch) pie shell, baked

In a saucepan over medium heat, bring the cranberry juice to a boil. Remove from heat, add gelatin and stir until dissolved.

In a mixing bowl, beat the cranberry sauce for 1 minute. Add gelatin mixture and stir until well mixed. Chill in refrigerator for 2 1/2 hours or until thickened, but not set.

Remove from refrigerator and fold in whipped topping until mixture is thoroughly blended. Spoon into pie shell and chill until firm.

By Margie Earls at allrecipes.com

No tree sale this year due to drought

The Douglass Tree Farm on Scoticut Road in Fairhaven will not hold its annual Christmas Tree sale this year due to the drought. The Farm put up signs this week announcing the decision. On their Facebook page, Dick and Vivian Douglass wrote: "The cancellation is due to the drought we have had this year and its effect on tree health and needle retention. People expect to go home with a tree that can be up for weeks and weeks without excessive needle drop but I'm afraid we can't promise that this year." They added that the good news is that they have a "good inventory" for 2017, "weather permitting." The farm has donated all the money from the sale to ALS research. It is usually held the first weekend in December.



This sign announces the cancellation of this year's Christmas tree sale at Douglass Farm on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. The sale is usually held the first weekend in December. Photo by Beth David.

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Veterans Day parade in Fairhaven honors veterans

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven held its 11th annual Veterans Day parade on Friday, 11/11. The parade started at Benoit Square, and traveled along Main Street to Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag and a short ceremony. A plane also buzzed the high school twice as part of a planned flyover.

Hundreds of people lined the route waving flags and cheering on the veterans who marched.

Along the route, Kevin and Samantha Cormier said they were at the parade because their father was in the US Navy. They watched with their friend Tyler Vasconcelos, hoping to see big trucks, and to snag some candy that is inevitably thrown out along the route.

"I just like seeing all the trucks, the flags and the people," said Samantha.

Rita McLeod, 92, watched from a porch on Main Street. She said she was looking forward to seeing her great grandchildren who were marching with the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts.

At the high school, Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy recalled his father's service on a minesweeper in WWII.

He said whenever he thinks he has stress in his life, he tries to remember

that it "can't compare" to military service members.

He said people should say "thank you" to veterans.

"We are the home of the free because of all our veterans' bravery," said Mr. Murphy.

Keynote speaker Gerald Stabell, US Army, told the crowd that it was important to gather every year to

He said service members are the "best the country has to offer."

After the ceremony, Parade Marshall Manuel Leite, 95, said he was a Marine in the Second Marine Division and served as a machine gunner in World War II in the Marshall Islands, in the South Pacific.

"Think of your family first, and don't forget your country," said Mr. Leite. "We're always behind you since you were born."

After the war, Mr. Leite worked as a sewing machine repair person at mill that made bedspreads.

"I think it's wonderful," that he was parade marshall, said Mr. Leite's companion, Terry Patistea. "He deserves it. He is a wonderful man."

The ceremony also included the firing of the small cannon and a 21 gun salute by the Fairhaven Village Militia; taps by two high school band members, one from Fairhaven High and one from Apponequet; a moment of silence for fallen comrades; an

invocation by the Rev. Ellie Reed; Amazing Grace played by William Bullard on the bagpipes; and Lori Gomes and Chris Gazelle Arsenault singing Amazing Grace. Donald Leblanc was Emcee, George Brownell called the assembly to attention.



FOREGROUND: Parade Marshall Manuel Leite, his son Russell Leite (back seat), and Korean War veteran James Leal, ride along during the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on 11/11. Photo by Beth David.

give "heartfelt thanks" to those who served and are still serving.

He said veterans, with "steadfast resolve stand and fight for the American way of life."

Mr. Stabell also said it was important to "never forget the sacrifice of them and their families."



LEFT: Dorothea Machado, 93, WWII Veteran, US Navy, marches with other Navy veterans in the Fairhaven Veterans Day parade on Friday, 11/11. RIGHT, L-R: L-R: Ralph Tate, Army; Manny Costa, Army; Steve Murray, Marines; Alan Tate, Navy Seabee, watch the parade as it passes near Fairhaven High School. Photos by Beth David. See more photos next page and on page 18.

More scenes from the parade



LEFT, L-R: Siblings Kevin and Samantha Cormier with their friend Tyler Vasconcelos, wait for the parade to pass by on Main Street in Fairhaven on Friday, 11/11. RIGHT: Veteran Lenny Fleurent hands out flags to children along the parade route. *Photos by Beth David.*

SMCU sponsors annual veterans luncheon

Press Release

For the 11th consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union, Fairhaven, Mass., proudly sponsored a Veterans' Day Luncheon at the Fairhaven Council on Aging on Wednesday, November 9th.

Approximately 79 veterans, spouses and guests 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 provide lunch 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 for us and our families. Because of their service we enjoy freedom and privileges unlike any other country.

"We also thank Anne Silvia, Fairhaven Director of the Council on Aging for planning and organizing this wonderful event," continued Waltz.

S p e a k e r s included priest Al Gagnoli (who served 20 years as a marine chaplain), and Jim Gagnon [former] Commander of the DAV, New

Bedford.

Veterans attending this year's luncheon included men and women from various divisions of the U. S. Armed Forces who participated 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, employees Daniel Waltz, President/CEO; Jo-Ann Rose, V.P. Corporate Services/ Human Resources; Richard Telesmanick, Operations/IT Manager; Ricky Pimental, Collections Manager; Paula Travers, Member Service Manager; Debra Perrin, Marketing Manager; and Margaret Raposo, Accounting Manager.

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L-R: Richard Ellis, Paula Travers and Jo-Ann Rose, of Southern Mass Credit Union, serve lunch to the veterans at the annual veterans luncheon on 11/9. *Submitted photo.*

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Special Activities

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Wednesday, December 14th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning: Social Security Benefits (SSI and /or Social Security applications, denials, terminations, or overpayments) Subsidized housing matters, Public Benefits Cases, Physical and Financial abuse, Nursing Home related problems, This is by appointment only.

Please call 508-979-4029. This is funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

Help Support Our Troops

The Fairhaven COA and Southern Mass Credit Union will be collecting personal hygiene and non-perishable items to send overseas to our troops

for Christmas. Any donations can be dropped off at the Fairhaven Senior Center or Southern Mass Credit Union by November 11th

Walgreens Flu Shots

A pharmacist from Walgreens Fairhaven will be giving flu shots, anyone 18 and older at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Tuesday Nov. 15th and Nov. 22nd from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Please bring your Insurance card with you, if you do not have insurance the cost is \$31.99. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be having a Thanksgiving dinner for Fairhaven seniors on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th from 11:30-1:00. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pies (pies donated by Our Lady's Haven) will be served. If you would like to join us, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to **reserve your seat at 508-979-4029 by Friday November 18**. There is no cost for this dinner.

Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Oct. 3 & 17, from 1-3:00 p.m. and, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

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Acushnet Special Town Meeting fails to meet quorum

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet could not hold its Special Town Meeting as planned on Monday, 11/14, due to lack of a quorum. Town Meeting requires 75 registered voters, but only 49 showed up.

Town Moderator Robert Francis waited until about 7:30 before cancelling the meeting. The new date is Monday, 11/21, at 7:15 at the elementary school. Town Meeting is usually held at Ford Middle School, but

there is an event scheduled there that night. The elementary school is just across the parking lot on the north side of the building.

Mr. Francis told everyone he appreciated that they showed up, then he made a plea for them to come back on 11/21 and: "Bring a friend."

The town will execute a reverse 911 call to remind people. Any registered voter in Acushnet is allowed to vote at town meeting.

The warrant has 21 articles with

nearly \$500,000 in spending to be decided.

One article will ask for permission to change the town charter to eliminate the residency requirement for Town Administrator. The Selectboard hired Brian Noble last week. He is not a town resident. The state legislature must vote on changes to the town charter.

Mr. Noble did attend the meeting on Monday, along with interim TA Kevin Paicos.



LEFT: The room is nearly empty at the Ford Middle School on Monday, 11/14, when Acushnet was supposed to hold a special Town Meeting. The meeting was postponed to 11/21 due to lack of a quorum. Only 49 registered voters showed up, 75 are required. The Meeting on 11/21 will be at the elementary school because the middle school has an event scheduled. Any registered voter in Acushnet can go to town meeting and vote. BELOW LEFT, L-R: Newly hired Acushnet town administrator Brian Noble, interim TA Kevin Paicos, Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar (standing), Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe, Selectboard member Michael Cioper, wait, hoping for more voters to show up to meet the quorum. BELOW RIGHT, L-R: Newly hired Acushnet Town Administrator Brian Noble and interim TA Kevin Paicos pass the time waiting for a quorum. Photos by Beth David.





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ROGERS: cont'd from page 4

to the town and said it must be used as a school. HHR was the town's benefactor who donated the high school, town hall and library to the town. The Rogers School was the first building he gave to the town.

Karen Vilandry said that the town might consider putting the cable access studio in the building. She said the plans to renovate the building on Sconticut Neck Road proved that there is money to be found for such projects.

"It's a very important public building," said Ms. Vilandry. "We need to retain the Rogers School. Period. It is not a pile of bricks."

Several other people echoed that sentiment.

There was also some discussion of student population growth or decline, with the clear intent of trying to continue to use the 1885 building as a public school again.

"I could come up with all kinds of scenarios," said one woman. "If I hit the lottery, but that's not what people are doing here."

Mr. Rex said that a lot of the uses people might assume will work there would not be ideal because it is a

"really inefficient building."

He said that just getting the building on the tax rolls is not necessarily the thing to strive for. Some nonprofits might fit in better with the neighborhood. Their analysis will try to figure out the marketability of the building.

He said it might sound good to say they want medical offices there, but there has to be a need for it.

Neighbors also voiced concern about the playground. They said it is a very busy spot and they do not want to lose it.

Doug Brady asked what the "long term vision" is for the building.

Mr. Espindola said the point of the meeting was to "help create that vision for what you want to do with that property."

"We will crunch the numbers based on your input," said Mr. Rex.

After hearing ideas about retail, offices, and other commercial uses, Michael Ristuccia stressed that the school is in a residential neighborhood. He said any commercial use would be wrong.

"This is a neighborhood," he said the playground should stay a park and the public works department

would continue to mow the grass.

Mr. Ristuccia is chair of the BPW.

He said he did not believe that the building needed to be used as a school to preserve the town's history. He said retaining the building and its characteristics is what would be important.

"We should be keeping that building," said Mr. Brady, who lives across the street from it. "The wrong developer will destroy that neighborhood."

Many people said they were against public housing at the site.

Carolyn Tyler said she would like to see education again in the building.

"It's very crucial to the integrity of the town," said Ms. Tyler. "We should nurture our history."

She said residents needed to put their heads together to come up with a viable use, or "who knows what will happen? If we lose control....it could be public housing."

The next step is for K&C to create a preliminary report. The next meeting date has not been set.

Residents are encouraged to email Planning and Economic Development Director Bill Roth at broth@fairhaven-ma.gov with ideas for the building.♦♦♦

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Scenes from the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade



Above photos by Beth David. Photos below courtesy of Tori Tepe.



Now that's some moon and some tide!

Yard fit for a king



LEFT: The King Tide was merciful this Tuesday morning at the high tide cycle at 8 a.m., 11/15. The yard, under water, is part of the property that abutts Almond Street on the west shoreline of West Island. Full Moon tides are at their highest this time in the Fall and around the first week of Spring when the sun and moon exert a double gravitational pull, creating higher tides than usual. Add a storm system with a southerly wind direction, and tidal surges can get much worse along Southern Mass and Buzzards Bay. The hurricane barrier has been busy with scheduled closings and very likely will continue over the next few cycles. *Photo courtesy of MLBaron, <http://www.westislandweather.com/>* BELOW: This week's full moon, known as a "supermoon," rises at Fort Phoenix on Monday, 11/14. A full moon or new moon that coincides with the moon's closest approach to earth is a supermoon. There are usually 4-6 supermoons a year. This week's supermoon, however, is the closest and, therefore, the brightest it has been in 68 years, since 1948. *Photo courtesy of Jim Mahaney. Find him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/james.mahaney.9?ref=ts>*




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From our readers

Food pantry needs support

It's that time of year when the Shepherd's Pantry's annual Holiday Fundraiser is again in full swing. For the past 13 years, volunteers at the Shepherd's Pantry, located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet, are asking the generous public for their continued financial support in keeping the pantry in business so they can continue helping out the less fortunate in our area. The volunteers' main objective is to never turn away needy individuals who come looking for help each Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

As you know, hunger is a daily struggle for some families. Even though some of these families have two wage-earners, it is sometimes not enough for them to be self-sufficient in feeding themselves or their loved ones. This is where the Shepherd's Pantry, and its many dedicated volunteers and donors, make a difference for families like these who are struggling to make ends meet.

This hand-out is a safety net that these families have come to rely on, appreciate and be thankful for.

To help you better understand what this pantry does, I've asked, Blanche Pepin, its administrator, to give me some statistics of what the pantry has provided for the area's needy in 2015. More than 5,000 families have been served, (that's 16,500 individuals) and \$63,000 has been spent to purchase food. So far this year, 3,500 families have been helped with 177,000 items of food distributed for those in need.

So you see folks, the pantry's very existence and success depends largely on all who can contribute any amount of monetary donations and/or volunteerism to help the pantry run smoothly. For those who would like to donate non-perishable food items year round, the kind folks from the Millicent Library and Stop & Shop, both located in Fairhaven, are nice enough to have a donation bin.

You can send your tax-deductible contribution to the Shepherd's Pantry at P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

And as always, together, we can make a difference for the less fortunate. God bless.

Gerry Payette, fundraiser coordinator

Local Disabled Veterans chapter is all volunteer

Around the holiday season many organizations are reaching out for contributions since statistically, they have approximately a 62% chance of being successful.

Almost all of these organizations have administrative expenses that have to be satisfied before the dollars reach the people that they are trying to help.

The Disabled American Veterans is one of the few, non profit organizations that every penny that is collected is spent on their Chapter's mission of helping veterans obtain health care and disability benefits. But what most folks don't realize is the following:

1. All of us at the New Bedford Chapter volunteer our time without any form of compensation, not even mileage reimbursement.
2. The Federal Government (Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration) provides no financial assistance.

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Public Hearings/ Legal Notices Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Matthew Roderiques, RE: 48 Glenhaven Avenue, Plot 22B, Lot 157; Book 11512 and Page 64. 198-16 Special Permit required for livestock raising under 5 acres in an RA District.
- Petitioner: Chad & Claudia Pompella, RE: 177 Ebony Street, Plot 43B, Lot 312; Book 29 and Page 463 and Cert. #5926. 198-18: Short 15' south side and 3' short on west side of 30' front setback on corner lot and 15% over max building coverage of 15% within an RR District
- Petitioner: Lucilia Fonca, RE: 21 Elmwood Avenue, Plot 30A, Lot 121; Book and Page. 198-22-A-1: 1,500 sq. ft. over max of 700 sq. ft. for an accessory structure.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on November 28, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Notice of Intent Applicant Wayne D. & Linda J. Gallant Location 357 Bridge Street Plot 30 Lot 19H Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and within the Nasketucket River Basin.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Frances Rego Location 19 Silver Shell Beach Drive Plot 41 lot 42 Purpose repair septic system within a VE flood zone and within 100' to BVV.

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Fairhaven Conservation Commission

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	Nov. 2016	HIGH	LOW
		a.m. p.m.	a.m. p.m.
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Monday	21	0107 1329	0814 2048
Tuesday	22	0202 1423	0933 2154
Wednesday	23	0258 1522	1037 2250
Thursday	24	0358 1623	1129 2334
Friday	25	0452 1713	---- 1214
Saturday	26	0535 1755	0008 1256

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/6, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/21, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Community Preserv. Com.

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Agricultural Commission

Thurs., 11/10, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Ford Middle School Council

Wed., 11/30, Ford MS, 3 p.m.

Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Mon., 11/21, Police Sta., 9 a.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 11/21, Elemen. Sch., 7:15 p.m.

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4. The City of New Bedford and all of the adjoining Cities and Towns, do not provide financial assistance. (The City does allow us to use the building because it was donated by a veteran for this purpose)
5. The only organization that does provide financial assistance is the National Disabled American Veterans. They provide approximately \$100 per month.

Having said that, we sell hats and look for donations to help with our operating costs, i.e., electricity, gas, telephone, internet, security, building maintenance, etc.

Just to be perfectly clear, the Veterans Administration personnel, and the National Disabled American Veterans are paid staff.

Sad to say, some local DAVs have had to close their doors because they could not continue with their fiscal responsibilities, coupled with a decline in membership.

In closing, I have had veterans completely break down during the interview process when they reflect on their past service and even express their guilt for applying for help, because other veterans never made it home. I constantly remind them that when they were young men, they raised their right hand and swore to defend the constitution... then they gave their government a blank check that was payable up to, and including, their life.

Your local DAV is the Dr. C.E. Bert Chapter 7, 19 Willis St., New Bedford; 508-992-3766. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you,

*Rodney Hunt, Chapter Commander
David Pinto, Certified Service Officer
Roger A. Mello Certified Service Officer*

Looking back on this Veterans Day

Veterans Day, 11/11/2016

As I sit back and look over my day there is one conclusion....I had a very nice day!

It began this morning at 8:00 a.m. at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association was having a memorial flag raising event in honor of Korean War Veteran Ernie Lewis, a long standing

resident and member of the NFIA. It was Ernie who helped me get my first job in 1954. The ceremony was truly a memorable event.

At 9:00 a.m., I proudly marched behind the Fairhaven Lions Club Float honoring Vietnam Veterans from all branches of the service.

The parade concluded at the Fairhaven High School for a brief ceremony and the raising of the Big Flag. It is always a moving experience and especially today as it was raised in front of all those Veterans who served defending it.

At 11:00 a.m., I marched with the Fairhaven Lions Club in the New Bedford Veterans Day Parade down Union Street from Buttonwood Park to City Hall. Once again there was great pride in honoring our Veterans!

It was back to Fort Phoenix at 4:00 p.m. for the lowering of the Flag that was raised in Ernie Lewis' memory. Boy Scout Troop 52 performed the moving ceremony as the sun was lowering in the sky. How can I forget Ernie and this great tribute?

The Big Flag was scheduled to be lowered at 4:30 p.m. A small crowd had gathered to help. The Flag was stored with ritual and the daily Flag hoisted into place. Yes, the ending of a great day.

Besides all these wonderful events, I met people throughout the day who had worked and joined together in a Veterans Day to cherish.

I had a very nice day! I hope you, too, were able to experience the pride of honoring our priceless Veterans.

*John Medeiros, Member of Fairhaven
Lions Club and North Fairhaven
Improvement Association (NFIA)*

Boston should not be a sanctuary city

Not long ago, I received a call from a Border Patrol Agent in San Diego who told me, on average, they were apprehending 20 illegals every day attempting to enter our country. The agent went on to tell me that many of these illegal immigrants were headed to Massachusetts, because the word in the illegal community is that, because of the number of Sanctuary Cities here, they would have a much better chance of avoiding detection and going about their business, whether it is lawful or unlawful.

That's why it's so surprising and

shocking to hear the recent comments from a Boston City Councilor who wants the capital of Massachusetts to become a Sanctuary City. Or the recent remarks from the Mayor of Providence, who vowed to protect illegal immigrants in his city and in the Ocean State.

Those elected officials in our country who declare their communities sanctuaries for illegal immigrants are undermining law enforcement, violating Title 8 of the U.S. Code, and setting up the citizens of their communities and beyond to become victims of domestic crime or catastrophic terrorist events.

Under Sanctuary Cities, local law enforcement are "prohibited" from working with federal law enforcement, such as ICE, to identify and/or share information about someone who they know to be in the country illegally.

Title 8 of the U.S. Code clearly states that it is a violation of federal law for anyone to harbor or conceal someone they know to be in the United States illegally.

As elected officials, we are sworn to protect our citizens and legal residents, and to enforce our laws. Giving law enforcement less opportunities to cooperate with other agencies, effectively taking tools out of their toolboxes that could help to protect innocent victims from crime or victims of terrorist attacks, is unacceptable and in direct conflict with the duties and core values of public service.

*Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff,
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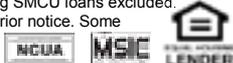


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