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

Film fest raises money for Wounded Warriors



People file into the auditorium at Fairhaven Town Hall for the first annual Fairhaven Short Film Festival on Friday, 2/27. The event raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project. See page 12 for story, page 19 for letter. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

This week we have bad news. A town official was brutally beaten near his house in North Fairhaven. It is unclear at this point if the violence has any connection to his official duties as chairperson of the conservation commission or housing authority. The police will, hopefully, be able to get to the bottom of that. (See page 3)

In any case, it's something that should not happen to anyone. Jay Simmons is the quintessential regular guy. He has a relatively decent job, has had his ups and downs over the years, lives with his elderly father to take care of him, and has lots of people who love him, lots of people who like him, and his share of people who don't care for him too much. Just a regular guy, shoveling snow, beat up by the familiar unknown assailant.

Town officials are shaken by it, and his family is devastated as Jay fights for his life at the regional trauma center. His father is left wondering what happened.

Police detectives are working to find out who did it and why. Hopefully, it won't be long before they find out what happened.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Jay. It's a thoughtful and practical gesture. Like I said, he's just a regular guy. He doesn't have oodles of money hanging around while he takes months to recover from his injuries.

I've known Jay probably since I started the paper 10 years ago, maybe before. Our contact has almost always been due to newspaper business. We've had our differences, but we've also had lots of long talks and lots of laughs, too. He has been involved town business in various ways for years.

What happened to him should not happen to anyone.

I hope the police find that guy fast, and I hope he does some serious time for this crime.

That's it, Folks. I don't have the heart to babble on about meeting coverage or other stuff. My thoughts are with Jay and his family.

Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

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

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really?

Fairhaven official attacked, has life-threatening injuries

By Beth David
Editor

A Fairhaven town official is at Rhode Island Hospital with life-threatening injuries after he was attacked by an assailant wielding a spade-type shovel on Tuesday, 3/3.

Jay Simmons, 48, was shoveling near his home on Oxford Street in North Fairhaven when he was approached by a man wearing a hoodie. Mr. Simmons, who is chair of both the Fairhaven Housing Authority and the Conservation Commission, told police his attacker was a white male between 25 and 30 years of age with dark hair, dark eyes and a faint mustache. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and asked if Mr. Simmons needed help with his shoveling. Mr. Simmons replied that he did not.

The man then starting striking Mr. Simmons repeatedly with a shovel he was carrying.

"The handle was broken during the attack, and is described as a metal spade-type shovel used for digging not snow removal," Fairhaven police said in a written statement. "After

striking the victim approximately ten times, the attacker fled on foot east on Oxford Street, then north on Cherry Street."

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[police statement]

Police followed a trail in the snow and believe that the attacker fled in a vehicle from Cherry Street. Mr. Simmons told police he did not know his assailant and had never seen him before.

A neighbor called 911 after hearing

the commotion. Police and paramedics arrived and Mr. Simmons was transported to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. According to a family member Mr. Simmons was transported to RI Hospital in the early morning hours on Tuesday.

Other town officials expressed sadness and outrage over the incident. The possibility that the attack is related to Mr. Simmons's official duties also has some officials a bit shaken. Police have not made any such connection but are examining all possibilities.

"Robbery was not the motive," said Fairhaven Police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Kobza. "We're going to utilize all means at our disposal to find out who's responsible, and they will be prosecuted to fullest extent of the law."

Police say there is no evidence to suggest that a conservation related issue in Mr. Simmons's neighborhood had anything to do with the attack, but they are investigating the possibility.

"There's no way my brother was

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Selectboard to hold off on Bates Property Sale

By Beth David
Editor

After hearing from the Historical Commission, the Fairhaven Selectboard decided to hold off on selling the property it owns on the Bates home site in North Fairhaven. At its meeting on Monday, 3/2, the Selectboard met with David Despres, Chairperson of the Historical Commission and HC member Gary Lavalette.

Mr. Despres told the board that the stone wall inside the boundaries of the Bates property is owned by the town and is the oldest structure in Fairhaven. He said it was built in 1685 and should remain under the control of the town.

The board discussed various options, such as deed restrictions, but Mr. Despres pointed out that there had been a deed restriction on the property, but it expired in 2014. It needed to be renewed after 30 years, but no one knew about.

Mr. Despres said the only way for the town to maintain control of the property was to retain ownership.

"It's the oldest structure in town," said Mr. Despres. "It's an historical artifact."

The property is owned by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and was the childhood home of their founder, Joseph Bates Jr.

The property has fallen into disrepair and the church is undergoing a fund-raising campaign to restore it. After having the property surveyed, they found that a corner of the house sits on town property. The stone wall is about 24 inches from the house. The church has asked to buy or lease the parts that the town owns to clear up the title and move forward with renovations.

Mr. Despres said that the HC is willing to work with the church to showcase the wall, but the committee believes that it should be owned by the town.

At a previous meeting, the Board had decided to have the piece appraised and then decide if the town would sell it to the church.

The board discussed the various possibilities: an easement for the piece under the house, a deed restriction, a lease for the wall.

Selectboard chair Bob Espindola wanted to wait for the appraisal

before making any decisions. He said it might come back that the property is worth good money and he did not want to decide before knowing that.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth stressed that the piece was "landlocked." No one can get to it without trespassing onto the Bates property. He also said the church wants to renovate the property and make it a tourist attraction, so it will be open to the public.

Selectboard Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch also noted that the landlocked property would not be worth much.

He said the church wants to "showcase" the property to its members and the public.

He said the church just wants to protect the property.

Mr. Lavalette told the board that the property was in great need of

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structure in town.
It's an historical artifact
[David Despres]

repair. He said he felt the church's estimate of \$350,000 was about half of what would actually be needed. He said in view of that, they may decide they have to sell it and then the new owners could do what they want with the property, including taking down the wall.

"We just want it protected," said Mr. Lavalette.

Mr. Haworth suggested that the board lease the portion to the church for a \$1 a year.

Mr. Espindola said he still wanted the appraisal before making a decision because it might be worth a lot of money.

Mr. Haworth insisted it was not worth more than 10 or \$15,000 because it is landlocked.

"I don't think anything could convince me it should be sold," said Mr. Despres. "We had a deed restriction and look what happened."

The board instructed Mr. Osuch to hold a conference call with the church contacts and Mr. Despres to

tell the church of the town's concerns. He will report back to the board at a future meeting.

The board also reviewed in detail the town budget, cutting \$6,000 each from the fire, police and highway departments, and \$26,000 from the school department requests.

The goal is to trim down requests to meet the maximum spending goal of \$46,750,000.

"All departments can live within those cuts," said Mr. Haworth.

Board member Charles Murphy, however, said he did not want to vote on the school committee number until meeting with them as promised.

Mr. Haworth stressed that the total amount proposed to cut from the school department was less than 1% on the \$18.7 million budget, so the other three departments were taking a bigger hit.

Mr. Osuch reiterated a familiar complaint as they talked about "cuts."

He stressed that they were not "cutting budgets," but were cutting additional requested amounts over last year's budgets.

He said cutting \$6,000 from the fire department's new request still means they are getting more than last year.

"It's all easily absorbed," said Mr. Osuch.

The board scrutinized all budgets to trim \$275,00 to \$325,000 from the operating budget to have money for the town meeting article requests and stay within the targeted amount.

In other business the board:

- Met in executive session with Conservation Commission chairperson Jay Simmons to discuss the use of town counsel on a ConCom matter, and to meet with Finance Director Wendy Graves on a clerical union grievance hearing.
- Accepted a gift of a piece of property on Stone Street from the Buzzards Bay Coalition to be held by the Conservation Commission. The property abuts conservation land near the East Fairhaven School by a walking trail.
- Accepted a \$10,000 anonymous donation for the Council On Aging, creating a "Keeping Seniors Warm" program. The money will be used for fuel and other items to keep seniors warm in winter. "This \$10,000 will help out a lot of

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Rain Barrels

Rain barrels and compost bins and pails are available for purchase by Fairhaven and Acushnet residents. See page 12 for details.

Candidates Night

The Fairhaven Selectboard has announced a Government Access Candidate's Night on **Wed., 3/11, at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., at 6:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be available to purchase to benefit the Town's Social Day program.

Candidates have been notified. This year, members of the Town Government Study Committee will be active participants in the event.

The event will be broadcast frequently on Channel 18 after the event.

FBA Cand. Night

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. will be hosting its annual candidates night on **Thurs., 3/19 at 6:30 p.m., at the Carousel Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd.**

We are asking that anyone interested in asking any questions to please send their queries and the intended recipient to Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. c/o Charlene Conway, 14 Brookstone Drive, Lakeville, MA 02346. Also, they may be dropped off in an envelope at Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Ave.

If time allows, we may take additional questions from the audience. The moderators for the evening will be FBA members Dr. Brian Bowcock, of Fairhaven Chiropractic and Wayne Oliveira, of Mike and Wayne's. This event will be recorded and if possible broadcasted live. If you have any questions please free to contact Cathy Melanson, President of the FBA at 774-206-1132 or Charlene Conway, Vice President of the FBA at 508-996-4828.

Financial Literacy

PACE Child Care Works, Inc. of New Bedford is offering a Free Family Financial Literacy Event on **Tues., 3/24, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven.**

Please join us and learn more about teaching your family about finances, savings, good money management and much more. Registration is

preferred but not required.

For Further information, contact Julie at PACE Child Care Works, 508-999-9930 Ext. 102 or email jvareika@paceccw.org.

Free Political PR

The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the April 6 election.

DEADLINE: Friday, 3/6.

Send by email (preferred) at NeighbNews@comcast.net, or by fax, 508-991-5580, or mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Please put text in the body of the email. NO Word documents, please.

Call 508-979-593 or email with questions.

Spaghetti Supper

St. Joseph Parish Spaghetti Supper, **Thurs., 3/19, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street, Fairhaven.** We are celebrating the feast day of our Patron Saint, St. Joseph, with a Spaghetti Supper.

Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, homemade zeppole and assorted refreshments. 50/50 and assorted raffles.

Tickets will be sold after masses on Sun., 3/8, and the weekend of 4/15, or call to reserve tickets, 508-994-9714 or email secretary@stjosephparish.comcastbiz.net

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for 7-10 year-olds; under 6 are free.

The proceeds benefit a parishioner in need of intense medical care. Accessible.

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During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

The need for blood is constant. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-

800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

• **Wed., 3/18: 1:30-6:30 p.m., Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave.**

In honor of LCPI Matthew Rodriguez

• **Fri., 3/6: 1-6 p.m., Hampton Inn, 1 Hampton Way. Sponsored by the LCPI Matthew Rodriguez Memorial Foundation in honor of Matthew's 21st birthday. They asked everyone to raise a pint on 3/1 to celebrate his life and are asking for everyone to give a pint on the 6th to save a life.**

Fairhaven resident Lance Corproal Matthew Rodriguez was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13 while serving in the US Marines.

Boating Safely

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 is proud to offer *About Boating Safely* on **Sat., 3/21, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Flotilla 65, 80 Middle St., Fairhaven. Course Materials: \$45.00**

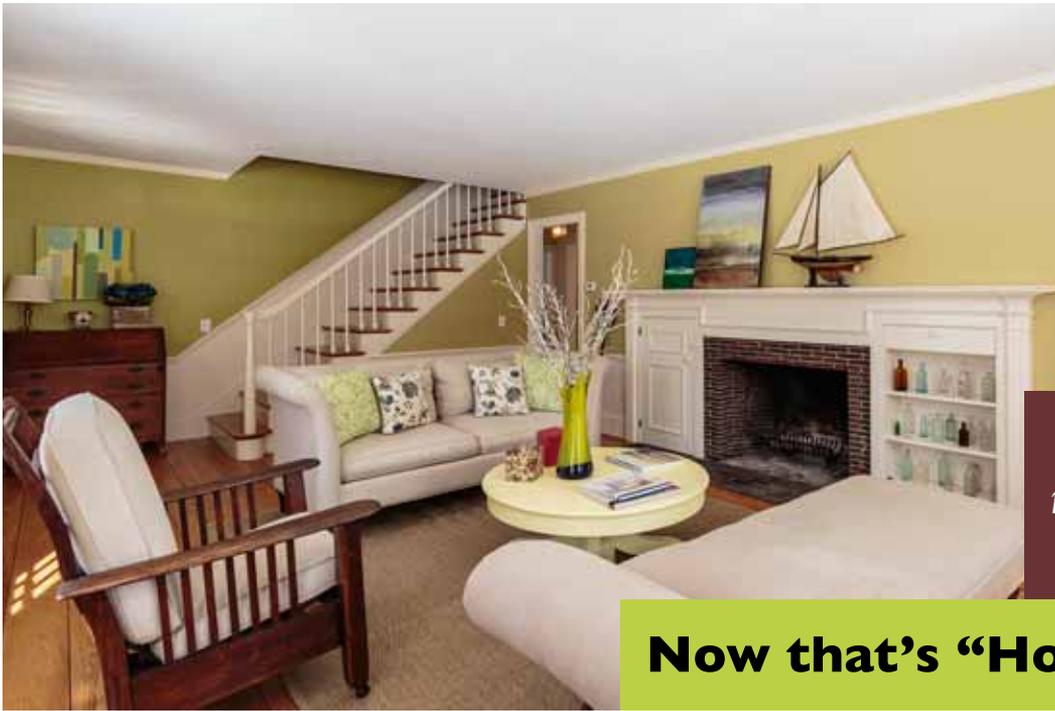
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New trash system in effect this week



ABOVE: The new trash cart system is in effect as shown by these brand new trash carts set out on Dogwood Street in Fairhaven on Monday, 3/2. The new system uses a mechanical arm that lifts the specially made carts and empties them into the truck. RIGHT: EJ holds the cart steady while John Fitzgerald does his best to smash down the trash to make it all fit. The new system requires that trash fit inside the carts. Many people with large families have already expressed concern that the 65 gallon carts will not be large enough. The idea is to encourage recycling, so officials will not rush to get additional carts to people. After the system has been in place for a few weeks, ABC Disposal will distribute extra carts to those who have called. So, if you need one, get your call in soon to get on the list. Call ABC directly at 508-999-2619. For other questions, call the Fairhaven Board of Health, 508-979-4023, Ext. 125, or the Department of Public Works at 508-979-4030. Above photo by Beth David. Right photos submitted.



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St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. Erin go Bragh! Here at Atria Fairhaven, we're all just a little bit Irish. Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day with entertainment by Bill Mulligan, and enjoy delicious Irish Soda Bread and Irish Coffee in the company of good friends. Does anyone know how to dance the Irish Jig? We can't wait to see you. RSVP by 3/13



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

NB Home show

The Greater New Bedford Home Show is this weekend, **3/7 & 3/8, from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.**

Attending the Greater New Bedford Home Show is a great way to get information and ideas from nearly 100 of the area's leading home and lifestyle professionals. Exhibitors are eager to answer your questions and help your vision become a reality!

The event features: Nearly 100 local companies that specialize in home improvement, design, landscaping, health & wellness, realty, and much more; Exhibitors offering special pricing, sales, deals and giveaways; Workshops and demos all weekend; **Antique appraisals Sat. from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** by Marion Antique Shop

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for children under 12. For \$2 off coupon visit: http://newbedfordchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2015_coupon.pdf

View the full schedule of seminars at www.newbedfordchamber.com

Slamtastic

The Harlem Wizards (tricks hoops and alley oops) will be coming to **New Bedford Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, on Wed., 3/10, at 7 p.m.** to play against the Acushnet Wildcats!!! Jordan Todman will also be there playing for the Acushnet Wildcats!!! Proceeds will benefit the Acushnet Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund.

People can get tickets at Acushnet Elementary School and by contacting Lisa Carvalho at 508-998-0255 ext 2108. **Advanced tickets for students are \$10 and adults are \$12.** Tickets at the door are \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. Court side tickets are \$25. Tickets are also available online at www.harlemwizards.com

There will be time for people to get souvenirs and meet with the Harlem Wizards as well as Jordan Todman!!

Mini-Grant Workshop

Do you have an idea for a project that will change your neighborhood,

school or community? United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini-Grants Program is looking for all-volunteer groups to submit innovative community projects that will bring people together while creating a positive impact in Greater New Bedford.

All-volunteer groups with total operational budgets of \$40,000 or less are invited to apply. Mini-Grants are awarded up to \$2,500 to improve strengthen and build local community. Not sure if your group is a fit for our program? Attend one of the three orientation sessions being offered in March to learn more about Mini-Grants Program and the application process.

All applicants are encouraged to attend an orientation session. Registration is required for the following sessions:

- **Tues., 3/10**, from 10–11:30 a.m. at The Salvation Army in New Bedford, 619 Purchase Street
- **Thurs., 3/12**, from 6–7:30 p.m. at the Wareham Free Public Library, 59 Marion Road (Rte. 6)
- **Wed., 3/18**, from 6 pm – 7:30 p.m. at The Salvation Army in New Bedford, 619 Purchase Street

To register for an orientation session please call 508-994-9625 ext. 13 or info@unitedwayofgnb.org.

Since its beginning in 1995, Mini-Grants has awarded hundreds of grants to area projects to make life better in Greater New Bedford. Last year, \$35,000 was awarded to 37 different volunteer groups. Be the change in Greater New Bedford, visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org to learn more about the Mini-Grants Program.

Sailor Series

The 25th annual Sailors Series celebrates its quarter-century mark with illustrated lectures covering a wide variety of experiences by individuals with lifelong commitments to sailing, boats, and the sea at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Accessible. **The evening programs begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Cook Memorial Theater, with a pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Family Gallery.**

On Thursday, March 19, John E. Conway will present "Tales of the

Buckrammer." Author John E. Conway has been boating and sailing in New England waters since 1960. Conway's lecture will feature accounts from his most recent publication, "Buckrammer's Tales," including ghost stories, near disasters, family boating misadventures and tales of buried treasure. His photo-rich presentation features a short history of the catboat and its importance to coastal commerce from the 1850's to the 1920's in addition to behind-the-scenes insights into several chapters from his new book. A meet-the-author book signing will follow the presentation with proceeds donated to the Whaling Museum. This program is sponsored by Norpel.

For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

AHA! Night

Get ready for yarn bombs, potters' wheels and all things hand-made and hand-spun, when New Bedford celebrates "Hand to Hand" at March 12's AHA! (Arts, History and Architecture!) is a FREE family-friendly event held rain or shine on the second Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m. in historic downtown New Bedford — but feel free to arrive early and stay late.

The night is sponsored by Joseph Abboud Apparel Corp., representing New Bedford in the international marketplace in fabrics. For a full list of programming, visit aha.newbedford.org and be sure to download the print-friendly version of the schedule available the day of the event.

First time visitors may want to start AHA! Night at the National Park Visitor Center (33 William Street). Complete program flyers with maps are also available at all AHA! venues starting the Tuesday prior to each event.

Save the Date!

New Bedford Half Marathon coming up on 3/15. Visit <http://newbedfordhalfmarathon.com>. More details next week

Music at St. Anthony's on Sunday, 3/15. For more information visit www.MusicAtSaintAnthonys.org

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Attic Treasures Sale

Join us for our Attic Treasures Sale, sponsored by St. John Neumann Women's Guild, at St. John Neumann Parish Hall, located next to Cathedral Camp on Rte. 18/Middleboro Road, East Freetown, Mass. Accessible. FREE Admission.

Saturday, 3/7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Continental breakfast and delicious lunch will be served. Take Chace Road exit off Route 140.

Bird Club Meeting

The Paskamansett Bird Club's March meeting will take place at **7:30 p.m. on Wed., 3/11, at the Allens Neck Friends Meetinghouse, 739 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth.**

Our speaker is William Gil, longtime resident of Dartmouth and owner of Blisscapes Landscape Design and Nursery, who will provide information and advice about ways to attract more birds to our homes and gardens.

As a young birder, William was fascinated as he watched our native birds utilize plants for food, shelter and nesting. In his 30 years as a designer, he has learned which plants are the best for attracting native birds, and what kinds of environments will best allow these plants to thrive. He will share this knowledge in his talk.

Bill will also provide tips on setting up feeding stations, discouraging pests, and providing water and appropriate bird houses. Local birders who have visited Bill's own property can attest to the effectiveness of his advice: the spring and fall walks at Blisscapes are highlights for the club. His discussion will help his audience to have more birds, more kinds of birds, fewer pests and more satisfaction when they look out their windows.

Refreshments and informal discussion will follow the meeting, which is free, open to the public, and accessible.

Family Business Sem

The Southern New England Entrepreneurs Forum (SNEEF) and the Family Business Association of Massachusetts will host "Taking Dad's Picture Off the Wall," a seminar for family-owned companies on

Thurs., 3/12, at 5:30 p.m., at the Advanced Technology Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine St., Fall River. Admission free for members of SNEEF or Family Business Association, **\$15 for alliance members, \$20 for non-members. Students free.**

Register at www.sneef.org.

Fish for Lent?

If you are observing Lent this year and are interested in meatless meals, or simply like seafood, take a look at *Seafood 101* (available at <http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Seafood-101.pdf>), sponsored by the New England Fishery Management Council and its partners, NOAA Fisheries and the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries. It highlights a number of fish that are sustainably caught in the Northeast.

Dietary Guidelines Advise Eating More Seafood (<http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015-scientific-report/>) In a separate federal activity related to sustainable seafood, the Department of Health and Human Services published a scientific report from the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, urging increased seafood consumption and supporting the importance of sustainable fishing and aquaculture to meet global demand.

The public is encouraged to view the report and provide written comments through midnight E.D.T. on April 8, 2015.

Rabies Clinic for Acushnet Residents

The Town of Acushnet announces the Annual Rabies Clinic will be held **Sunday, March 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Town Barn/Recycling Center located at 700 Middle Rd., Acushnet.**

The One Year Rabies Vaccination will be administered by Dr. Gaumont & her staff of the Acushnet Animal Hospital for a fee of \$10.00 per animal. Also, on site, the Town Clerk's Office will be issuing Acushnet Dog owners the 2015 Dog Licenses. The final date of licensing for 2015 is Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Dog owners, who fail to license any dog (indoor and outdoor) by March 31st, will be subject to a \$25.00 citation and a late fee of \$10.00. for each dog. If

attending the clinic, all dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers.

Horticulture

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum hosts horticulture workshops, ongoing educational events, and landscape lectures.

HORTICULTURE On Wednesdays: Visitors can stop into "Ask the Gardner" and talk to horticulture staff about the Museum's unusual plant collection on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: **March 11 and 25**

ARTISTIC OPEN STUDIOS On Saturdays: There are open studios for visitors to explore their own creative, artistic process every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In March, it's mixed media, inspired by Artist-in-Residence Nari Ward.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Boston MA 02115. Hours: Open daily from 11 am to 5 pm and Thursdays until 9 pm. Closed Tuesdays. Admission: Adults \$15; Seniors \$12; Students \$5; Free for members, children under 18, everyone on his/her birthday, and all named "Isabella." \$2 off admission with a same-day Museum of Fine Arts, Boston ticket. Info Line: 617.566.1401. Box Office: 617.278.5156. Visit www.gardnermuseum.org

Tiara 5K Reg

Registration is now open for the 9th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K. Dust off your tiara, cape or both and join us for the Women's Fund Tiara 5K Mothers Day Race.

Race will be on Mother's Day, May 10, with 9:00 AM Kids Fun Run (3 years to 12 years old), and 9:30 AM 5K Run and Walk, at Oxford Creamery, 98 County Rd., Mattapoisett.

Register online at www.womensfundtiara5k.com

For sponsorship info contact Traci Calabrese at 508-717-0283 or tcabrese@womensfundsema.org.

The Women's Fund Mission is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern Massachusetts. We raise money to invest in programs that increase opportunities for women to earn a living wage. Visit <http://womensfundsema.org/> to learn more.

Recipe of the Week

Crunchy Baked Coconut Shrimp

1 lb. large shrimp, peeled, deveined
 1/3 cup cornstarch
 1 tsp salt
 3/4 tsp cayenne pepper
 2 cups flaked sweetened coconut
 3 egg whites, beaten until foamy

Preheat an oven to 400°. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Rinse and dry shrimp with paper towels. Mix cornstarch, salt, and cayenne pepper in a shallow bowl; pour coconut flakes in a separate shallow bowl. Working with one shrimp at a time, dredge it in the cornstarch mixture, then dip it in the egg white, and roll it in the coconut, making sure to coat the shrimp well. Place on the prepared baking sheet, and repeat with the remaining shrimp.

Bake the shrimp until they are bright pink on the outside and the meat is no longer transparent in the center and the coconut is browned, 15 to 20 minutes, flipping the shrimp halfway through.

From AllRecipes.com

2 boats rescued from ice in Quicks Hole

From press release materials

A Coast Guard crew responded to two fishing vessels last week trapped in ice in Quicks Hole Passage, Woods Hole, Mass., on Friday, 2/27, and one on Saturday, 2/28..

At about 10 a.m. on Friday, watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England were notified that the 69-foot fishing vessel *Misty Blue* was stuck in ice north of the passage.

A Coast Guard aids to navigation team from Woods Hole launched a 49-foot Stern Loading Buoy Boat to break the vessel and its three-person crew free. At about 11:30 a.m., they broke the *Misty Blue* out of the ice and escorted them out to sea where they continued their voyage.

"Our crew is prepared to respond to any scenario," said Chief Petty Officer Elijah Reynolds, officer in charge of Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Woods Hole. "Today's case illustrates how diverse our aids to navigation team's response capabilities are."

On Saturday, a Coast Guard crew responded to a fishing vessel trapped

in the same area of Quicks Hole.

At about 3 p.m., the crew of the fishing boat *Capt. RM Chase* notified watchstanders at CG Sector SE New England that they became lodged in ice while returning to New Bedford after a fishing trip.

A Coast Guard aids-to-navigation team aboard a 49-foot Stern Loading Buoy Boat from Woods Hole was breaking ice nearby and diverted to assist the four-person crew.

They arrived on scene, and at about 3:30 p.m., the Coast Guard crew freed the *Capt. RM Chase*.

"Even with today's higher temperature, ice still impacts southeastern New England waterways, making even routine transits hazardous," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Bethany Mock, an operations specialist at the Sector Southeastern New England command center.

The Coast Guard's domestic ice-breaking operations facilitate navigation within reasonable demands of commerce and minimize waterways closures during the winter, while enabling commercial vessels to transit through ice-covered critical channels.

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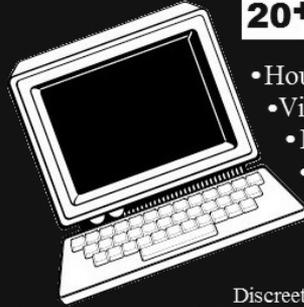
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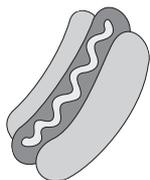
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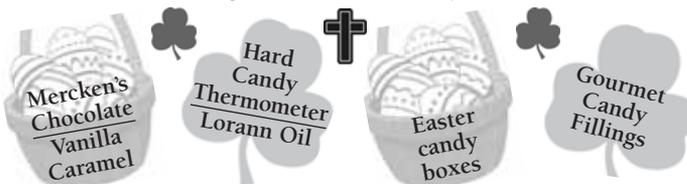
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First short film fest draws in crowds on frigid nights

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven's first short film festival drew in crowds from frigid temperatures in the center of town on Thursday and Friday nights, and warmed them up with laughter and drama on the big screen.

Ten films were showcased, including one directed by Fairhaven resident Adam Katz, and starring his brother Jeremiah.

Dipuc (look at it, you'll figure it out) is about a seemingly violent figure who shoots people when they least expect it. The dark tale takes a light twist when it turns out they are Cupid's arrows. The film was previously screened at the Buzzards Bay Film Festival.

Director Adam Katz said the film



was well received there, but it's not home.

"This is great," he said of showing the film in Fairhaven.

A carpenter by trade, he said it was great to be able to stretch creatively and not worry about the rules.

"In my regular job, there are a lot of rules and restrictions," said Mr. Katz, who also spent some time in Hollywood doing stunts in films. "This is fun, creative."

Some films made people laugh, others made people think, but the mood was generally light and the comments positive as people ventured out back into the frigid temperatures.

"It was excellent," said Barbara Pallatroni. "It was nice, so, so nice."

"It was wonderful. We should do more things like this," said another woman as people streamed out the door.



ABOVE: Tim Evans of Howe Allen Realty entertains at the piano before the Fairhaven Short Film Festival gets started on Friday, 2/27. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven resident Adam Katz gives a big, Hollywood smile for the camera. Mr. Katz had an entry in the festival that starred his brother Jeremiah. Photos by Beth David.

Sponsored and organized by Howe Allen Realty, the event raised more than \$3,000 (see letter on page 19), with net proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Mr. Allen said that it was successful enough to give it another try next year. He hopes to make it an annual event and a Fairhaven tradition. Asbury Shorts USA co-presented the show. Executive producers were Tim Evans and Howe Allen; producer was Anne Stein. Mina Greene of WBZ news emceed.

Rain barrels and compost bins/pails available

Press Release

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) and Fairhaven Sustainability Committee have teamed up to offer rain barrels, compost bins, and compost pails to residents of towns surrounding Buzzards Bay at a discount price.

Rain Barrels can help residents cut water bills by up to 40% and conserve water at the same time! The rain barrels are the products of the Great American Rain Barrel Company in Hyde Park, MA. Each UV protected polyethylene barrel is manufactured in the US from a recycled shipping drum that stands 39 inches tall by 24 inches wide and weighs 20 lbs. empty with a wall thickness of 3/16", resulting in a rigid, heavy duty rain barrel that will last virtually forever.

The barrel comes complete with overflow fittings, drain plug, screw on cover, and a threaded spigot with a choice of two ports to use with either a watering can or a garden hose. The

rain barrel comes in your choice of three colors: Forest Green, Earth Brown, or Nantucket Gray, and costs \$75 for residents of the Buzzards Bay area. **You can order rain barrels until April 10.**

Compost helps residents save money on fertilizers and cut back on yard waste and kitchen scraps. Seasoned gardeners know how valuable compost is for building soil and increasing water retention and fertility in a garden. The Number 1 selling backyard compost bin, the Earth Machine is made from recycled plastic, holds a large 80-gallon capacity, and is simply snapped together. They have a 10-year warranty and cost only \$50.

And to collect your kitchen scraps BBAC is also offering kitchen compost pails for only \$10. These 2-gallon pails are designed for convenient kitchen food scrap collection and are a mess-free, odor-free and easy-to-use food scrap pail that is easily

transported from the counter to your outdoor compost bin or pile. Snap lid with double rim minimizes odors. **Orders for compost bins and pails will be taken until March 10.**

To order rain barrels go to the website of The Great American Rain Barrel Company, click on 'Local Programs' and choose "Acushnet-Fairhaven"; <http://greatamericanrainbarrel.com/c-159-acushnet-fairhaven> or call 800-251-2352.

Compost bins pails can be ordered through your BBAC board member, available in your town hall, or call Merilee at 508-998-0202.

Rain barrels, compost bins and compost pails will be available for pickup on Sunday, April 19, at the Acushnet DPW Barn, 700 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA. Any leftovers from the sale will be available at the Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo at the Fairhaven Senior Center on April 25. With questions call Merilee at 508-998-0202.

Snow? What snow?



This fox has been spotted all over West Island this winter. And, the snow doesn't seem to bother him (or her) at all. In the picture at left he is trotting along with breakfast early on Monday morning, 3/2. It's difficult to discern if he's got a bird or a squirrel, and the photographer did not know either. *Photo courtesy of Tim Evans.* RIGHT: This is presumably the same fox, all curled up on a deck on Almond Street on West Island on 2/20. *Photo by David Armisted and used by permission.*

SIMMONS: cont'd from page 3

mugged on Oxford Street, especially in the middle of a snowstorm," said Mr. Simmons's sister Janine Simmons.

She said that her brother had been shoved on Monday, but she cannot say for sure if the two incidents are related, as Mr. Simmons indicated he did not know his assailant.

Selectboard member Geoffrey Haworth, who is also a member of the Conservation Commission, and who has had to take over when Mr. Simmons needed to recuse himself over the neighborhood dispute, would not comment on whether he felt the two incidents were related. He also would not comment on the Monday night executive session when Mr. Simmons asked the Selectboard for use of town counsel in the neighborhood matter. Mr. Simmons told the *Neighb News* before the executive session that the request was related to the North Street enforcement order.

"I think it's despicable," said Mr. Haworth of the attack. "There's no reason for it. Physical violence should never be an option no matter what it's about. Everybody gets mad, but there are plenty of ways to settle it without physical violence."

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said he could not comment on whether the attack had anything to

do with Mr. Simmons's official duties.

"It's terrible," said Mr. Espindola. "Any kind of violence that ends in this kind of injury is a terrible thing."

He said Mr. Simmons has been involved in the workings of the town in different capacities for a long time.

"I'm hoping he'll be back to doing those things," said Mr. Espindola. "There's a possibility that it's tied into his work with the town, but we don't have any way of knowing until we know who it was."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy, who is in the Fairhaven Rotary with Mr. Simmons and has had a lot of official and unofficial contact with him over the years, expressed outrage at the attack. He said that he and Mr. Simmons, although known to clash both publicly and behind the scenes, are friends.

"Jay and I have a unique relationship," said Mr. Murphy. "We tell it like it is and we get pretty heated sometimes, but he's such a good friend."

He would not comment on whether or not the attack had anything to do with Mr. Simmons's duties as a town official.

"That's crazy. I don't know what this world is coming to," said Mr. Murphy. "He wasn't robbed. It's just really disheartening, the whole

situation. Very disheartening. I mean, Jay's my friend."

"It's horrific," said Jay's sister Janine. "It's like I'm in an episode on TV. I don't know what kind of wack-job is walking around the neighborhood."

She said her parents bought the house there in the 1970s.

"There's nothing wrong with the neighborhood. This is not some random mugging. People can't get away with stuff like this. They can't think it's all right," said Ms. Simmons.

The investigation into the incident is active and ongoing. Anyone with any information about the attack is asked to contact Fairhaven Police Detectives at 508-997-7421.

Fund-raising page and fund-raising event set up

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help Jay pay for expenses incurred by the attack. To donate, visit <http://www.gofundme.com/nv5m30>

There will also be a fund-raiser for him on Saturday, 3/14, from 12-3 p.m. at the Pasta House in Fairhaven. Tickets will be \$25. Information on how to get tickets was not available by press time.

Both events were set up late on Wednesday. More information will be available in next week's issue.

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Save the Date!

Jeff Dougan from the MA Office on Disability will be at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Monday March 16th at 1:00 p.m. to present an in-service on Emergency Preparedness. He will be distributing backpacks with emergency supplies to Fairhaven Seniors 60 and older who attend the in-service. Please call to reserve your seat, 508-979-4029

Single Seniors

The Single Senior Supper Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for a nice meal and conversation. If you are a single senior 60 and over and would like to attend please call the Senior Center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Southcoast LGBT

The South Coast LGBT Seniors (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a nice meal and friendship for seniors 60 and older. Please call the senior center to sign up by the Friday before the event. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you want to learn to sew or maybe do a little quilting? Join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center and meet Debbie as she shares her sewing expertise.

Cops 'n Donuts

At the Fairhaven Senior Center with Det. Janice Bubluski, Elder Safety Office in Fairhaven. She has some important messages to share. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut of course. Call the Senior Center for the next date.

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Starting up Wednesday, March 4, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. \$3.00 per class. Please call The Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for more information.

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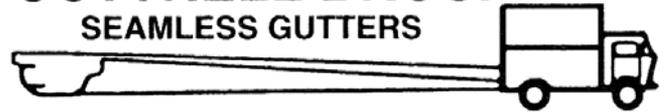
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Police ask help with fund-raiser

Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release

A fundraiser has been set up with TCI America to benefit the Fairhaven Police Union.

They will be coordinating a comedy show at the **Seaport Inn on Friday, March 27th, 2015 at 8:00 pm.** They began the fundraising efforts Tuesday, February 24th.

The fundraiser will go until the night of the show. **Tickets are \$10** and there will be three comedians performing. The comedians are from within the Boston to New York comedy circuit.

If you receive a phone call or a representative visits you at your home, it is a legitimate fundraising effort to support your local police department. Your contributions and involvement with this event are greatly appreciated.

Have something to say?

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Change clocks this weekend

This Sunday marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time in these parts. Push your clocks forward one hour after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

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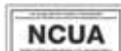


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Acushnet news

Scholarships available for Acushnet residents

In order to assist Acushnet residents in continuing to build their academic futures, the Acushnet Teachers Association annually awards scholarships. Residents of Acushnet enrolling in a full-time college program in 2015-16 are eligible.

In addition to A.T.A. scholarships, the Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the following scholarships: Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship. By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they are eligible.

Visit www.acushnetteachers.com for printable application forms and more information about the ATA Scholarship Program. Hard copies are available in the Ford Middle School main office at 708 Middle Road, Acushnet. Applications and required paperwork are due on May 1.

For questions, please contact

Kristine Daniels, A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, at kdaniels@acushnet.k12.ma.us or 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

Rain barrels/compost bins

Acushnet residents may now buy rain barrels and compost bins

Rabies Clinic

The Town of Acushnet announces the Annual Rabies Clinic will be held Sunday, March 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Town Barn/Recycling Center located at 700 Middle Rd., Acushnet. The One Year Rabies Vaccination will be administered by Dr. Gaumont & her staff of the Acushnet Animal Hospital for a fee of \$10.00 per animal. Also, on site, the Town Clerk's Office will be issuing Acushnet Dog owners the 2015 Dog Licenses. The final date of licensing for 2015 is Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Dog owners, who fail to license any dog (indoor and outdoor) by March 31st, will be subject to a \$25.00 citation and a late fee of \$10.00. for each dog. If attending the clinic, all dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers.

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A special thanks to Hoppy.

Chris David, Fairhaven

First Short Film Fest a success

Fairhaven's first Short Film Festival this weekend collected in ticket sales and donations \$3228, with net proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

We also wish to thank Amanda Quintin for Playbill design, Reynolds DeWalt for Printing, OCD Beverage and Catering, and Asbury Shorts for donating their time and effort.

We also want to thank all the

attendees for braving the weather and making this a fun evening for all. We are encouraged by the responses and hope to do this again next year.

Howe Allen, Tim Evans, Anne Stein Howe Allen Realty, Fairhaven

RFPs received

The town of Fairhaven received two responses to the Request for Proposals for disposing of the Oxford and Rogers School buildings.

The deadline for proposals was Wednesday, 3/4, and were opened at town hall in the afternoon.

According to Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola, the town received one proposal for each building.

Eric Dawicki, owner of the Northeast Maritime Institute, bid \$1 for the Rogers School to use for educational purposes.

The Stratford Group offered \$325,000 for the former Oxford School property for 50 units of affordable housing.

"The Board of Selectmen and their appointed review committee will need to determine if the proposals meet the parameters of the Request for Proposals and determine next steps," Mr. Espindola wrote in an email.

Both buildings need extensive reconstruction work, possibly costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring them up to code.

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Scholarships available for high school seniors

Press Release

High School graduating seniors are urged to apply for a number of scholarships now available through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA). Full information and applications for most of these scholarships are available at the CFSEMA website, www.cfsema.org/scholarships; exceptions are noted below.

Online applications for the following scholarships are due April 30 unless otherwise noted.

The Daniel P. Bergeron Scholarship Fund was established by Maureen and Russell Bergeron to honor the memory of their late son, Daniel P. Bergeron. The fund provides a minimum of one \$500 scholarship annually to a senior attending Fairhaven High School. Preference will be given to a student with financial need and interests in sports and/or music.

The Fairhaven High School Centurion Scholarship Fund provides one four-year scholarship of at least \$250 each year to a graduating Fairhaven High School senior. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need, 25% on academics.

The Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira Scholarship Fund was established by Kathleen and Matthew Oliveira to honor the memory of their late son, Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira. Several \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to seniors attending Fairhaven High School. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate strong community service, leadership qualities, and athleticism.

The George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship Fund provides several scholarships of at least \$1,000 annually for tuition assistance to students pursuing an LPN, RN or BSN Nursing Degree while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university. Applicants must be **residents of Acushnet, Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett** who are graduating from either Fairhaven, New Bedford, Bishop Stang, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical or Old Rochester Regional high schools or a graduating senior from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The criterion for

selection will be weighted 75% on financial need and 25% on academics.

The College Club of New Bedford Scholarships were established to support young women who are seniors in high school and plan to attend a four-year college or have completed at least one year in a four year college. Applicants must be **residents of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven or Acushnet** and be attending or have graduated from New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Bishop Stang, or Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech. The minimum \$500 scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement as well as financial need. Applicants who have successfully completed at least one year at a four year college should have at least a 3.0 average; preference will be given to women who have previously received a scholarship from the College Club

The Freitas-Rebello Fund awards a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition assistance to students of Portuguese descent attending an accredited college. Applicants must be **residents of the Greater New Bedford** area and enrolled seniors at either Bishop Stang High School, Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech or New Bedford High School.

The Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to returning students and graduating high school seniors of **Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes and Plymouth counties**. The Fund provides several scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$2,000. Scholarships are granted for one year only, although recipients may reapply annually. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 30% on academics and 20% on personal circumstances. Students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) above \$16,000 are very unlikely to be selected for this scholarship.

The Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship is awarded to students **residing in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Wareham, or Westport**, who have been accepted or are currently enrolled at Harvard University. Scholarships are based on financial need and academic excellence. The total amount to be awarded is \$4,200 to one or two

recipients. The online application deadline is to be announced.

Applications for the following scholarship are available through the school guidance offices:

The Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society Scholarship provides scholarships for high school seniors and current undergraduates who have one or more of the following: documented family ties to the sea, have received an acceptance letter from a Maritime Academy, or will major in maritime science. First consideration is given to families of descendants of seamen. Applicants must be **residents of the Greater New Bedford area, defined as of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester**. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need and 25% on academics. Please contact the school's guidance office for details and an application.

The Albert F. Carr Scholarship provides scholarships totaling about \$45,000 annually to current or former New Bedford High School graduating seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Scholarship payment is made directly to the institution of higher learning and is contingent upon the successful completion of the first enrolled semester after the scholarship award is made. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

The Frank and Eleanor Gracie Family Scholarship was created by Frank Gracie, Jr. to honor the memory of his wife Eleanor and sons David and Paul. The fund provides a minimum of one \$800 scholarship annually to a senior attending New Bedford High School. The criterion for selection will be weighted 50% on financial need, 50% on academics. Apply online at www.cfsema.org/scholarships.

The Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship Fund was established by Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs, co-founder, Board member and former CEO of QUALCOMM, Inc., and his wife, Mrs. Joan Klein Jacobs. Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs was born in New Bedford and graduated from NBHS in June 1950. The Fund provides up to \$35,000 scholarships to graduating

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seniors," said Selectboard member Charles Murphy. The COA will have discretion on how to spend the money.

- Sent to town counsel the contract with Good Energy to aggregate electric costs. The measure was approved at Town Meeting. The chair will sign the documents if town counsel has no issues with the wording.

Fairhaven Meetings

Beatification Committee

Wed., 3/18, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 4/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Capital Planning Comm.

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 3/5, 5 Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Thurs, 3/12, 5 Arsene St., 7 p.m.

Government Study Com

Thurs., 3/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 3/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

DATE & TIME CHANGE

Tues., 3/10, FHS Library, 6:00 p.m.

Selectboard

Thurs. 3/5, Arsene St. at FinCom, 7 p

Mon., 3/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Conservation Commission

Wed., 3/11, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee

Wed., 3/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Library Trustees

Fri., 3/6, Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Park Commission

Tues., 3/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 3/12, Parting Ways Bldg., 6:30

Selectboard

Mon., 3/9, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Mar. 2015	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
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Friday	6	0811	2032	0122	1337
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Wednesday	11	0017	1242	0526*	1739*
Thursday	12	0110	1337	0615	1830*
Friday	13	0205	1432	0718	1936
Saturday	14	0300	1529	0826	2044
Sunday	15	0401	1634	0931	2150
Monday	16	0507	1739	1038	2300*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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seniors of New Bedford High School, New Bedford Global Learning Charter School and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School who will major in engineering, mathematics, or science, including computer science, at an accredited college or university. **Apply online; deadline is April 1.**

Lipsky-Whittaker GLBTO Scholarship was established to celebrate the lives of John Lipsky and George Whittaker. The scholarship provides tuition assistance to current or former New Bedford High School graduates who identify as LGBTQ and have demonstrated their commitment to addressing issues of homophobia and LGBTQ inequality in their schools and/or community, or have been raised in an LGBTQ household. A minimum of \$5,000 will be given out each year, possibly divided between several recipients. Students must be under the age of 25 at the time of the award. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

The Louis M. Rusitzky Scholarship hopes to inspire its recipients to return to New Bedford and establish a business. It provides an annual scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a graduating senior at New Bedford High School. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year college or university and major in an area of business studies. The scholarship is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative grade point average of B or better. Apply online.

The Nate King Memorial Scholarship was established by his family in 2010. Nate was a 2009 graduate of New Bedford High School, where he was a standout swimmer. He also worked as a lifeguard at the New Bedford YMCA and shared his passion for swimming by teaching children. The intent of the scholarship is to provide one \$500 scholarship to one or more graduating seniors from New Bedford High School's swim team for tuition assistance while attending a two or

four year accredited college or university. Apply online.

The New Bedford High Class of 1960 Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to provide tuition assistance to graduating seniors whose parent or grandparent was a New Bedford High School graduate. Criterion for selection emphasizes need with consideration given to academic performance and extracurricular activities/community service. This scholarship awards a minimum of one scholarship of \$450 or more annually.

The Kathleen Joyce Nelson Scholarship Fund was established by David and Joyce Nelson in memory of their late daughter, Kathleen Joyce Nelson. Kathleen Joyce Nelson was only 33 years old and living life to the fullest when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. This fund provides an annual college scholarship of at least \$2,000 to a New Bedford High School senior, with preference given to students who have struggled with cancer or have an affiliation with the cancer-stricken population through community service, employment, volunteer work, or family involvement. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an application.

The New Bedford Half Marathon Scholarship Fund was established at the Community Foundation in 2009 and awards college scholarships to graduating seniors who are runners participating in track, cross country or a related interscholastic athletic program from **New Bedford High School, Dartmouth High School and greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.** These scholarship recipients shall be selected annually by the Coach(es) and Athletic Director from each of the three named schools for tuition assistance during the first year of a two and/or four year college, university, or technical school. Contact the New Bedford High School guidance office for details and an

application.

The New Bedford Women's Club Scholarship provides an annual scholarship up to \$500 each to **New Bedford High School and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School graduating seniors** for tuition assistance for the first year of attendance at a two or four year college or university. The New Bedford Women's Club was founded in 1909 to promote civic improvements and to provide an organized social center for women in the Greater New Bedford area. After more than a century of charitable work, the assets of the New Bedford Women's Club were transferred to the Community Foundation. Apply online.

The Katherine Hassan Penton, New Bedford High School Class of 1948 Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation in 2006 for NBHS seniors who plan to major in business at a four-year college or university. A New Bedford native who became a successful businesswoman, Katherine Hassan Penton established the scholarship in grateful appreciation for the opportunities her education at NBHS and her life in New Bedford have afforded her. The Fund offers an annual scholarship of at least \$3,000 to a New Bedford High School graduating senior who intends to study business at a four-year accredited college or university. Apply online.

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