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They've gone baaacckk!!



Leroy L. Wood School principal Amy Hartley-Matteson addresses students on the first day of school in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 8/29. First grade through high school started on Tuesday. The Wood School is an elementary school, with classes from preschool to fifth grade. "Every day is important," Ms. Hartley-Matteson told students as in the first assembly of the year. They start each school day with an all-school assembly in the auditorium. "We're going to do this 180 times," she announced. 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

School is back in session. And the weather decided to cooperate. Brrr...all of a sudden it feels like fall. I'm told by those who know, that we will get some warm weather again.

But, hey, no complaints, right? Poor Houston. Fifty inches of rain in some places. That's just impossible to manage.

See pages 8 & 9 for some online links to send money and other items to people in Houston.

For those of us in coastal communities like around here, it's a frightening thing to watch. Of course, flooding can happen anywhere, especially with those big rain numbers. But the coast is especially vulnerable. So, we need to help out our fellow Americans.

And, as for the weather, let's hope it holds out around here for our big feast weekend (see pages 3 & 22).

The Our Lady of Angels Feast is Fairhaven's answer to the bigger brother held on the other side of the river, except our malassadas are better, although I have to admit that the New Bedford gang made a pretty good malassada this year.

But ours are the best on planet earth...yup, planet earth, even if it's spelled a different way by everyone.

Malasadas, malassadas...they taste as good either way.

Labor Day weekend also brings the last of the West Island Improvement Association breakfast buffets for the season. That truly is a sign that summer is on the wane. But not over. As one astute, and frustrated, Facebook poster noted: Summer doesn't actually end until September 20th, so...stay calm, go the beach anyway, and think warm thoughts.

There's a whole bunch of other stuff in here, of course. We tried to get some kids crying on the first day of school, but kindergarten doesn't start until today. I did catch one mother in tears, though (see page 12). I saw one or two Facebook posts of little siblings crying to see their older sibs go, and that was kind of cute.

Ah well. Be sure to thumb through each page to find all the rest of it. And be sure to notice who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*. Without them, we could not exist. Without our readers, we could not exist, either. We need that mix of advertising and reader support. So, if you think the paper is worth \$20 a year, please send it along.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven's OLOA Feast this weekend

The 87th Annual Our Lady of Angels Feast will be held this weekend, Saturday through Monday, 9/2 to 9/4, on the Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven. A traditional Portuguese "festa." Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association.

Hours are: Sat. 5 p.m.–Mid., Sun. Noon–Mid., Mon. Noon–10 p.m. Procession on Main Street Monday at 1 p.m. For more info: 508-990-0502

Opening ceremonies, Sat., 9/2, 6 p.m., followed by a concert by Filarmónica do Senhor da Pedra of New Bedford. From 8–midnight, David Demelo & Sua Banda will perform.

Sun., 9/3, 2–6 p.m., music by Satna Cecelia band of Fall River; at 8 p.m. Eratoxica will perform to midnight.

Mon., 9/5, Mass. at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church; Procession at 1 p.m., followed by Auction; music by 7-Day Weekend from 6–10 p.m.

All three days: Portuguese and American foods.

Known in Fairhaven as the "Big Little Feast," the annual festa is a time for people to re-unite over food, dancing, and games.

The famed auctions are events in themselves, with people trying to outbid each other to benefit OLOA.

Activities include game booths and traditional Portuguese food and drink including Port wine, malassadas, lingua, carne espito, cacoila and bafana. You'll also find clamcakes, hot dogs, cotton candy and ice cream.

The beer will be cold and the malassadas warm, so be sure to make your way to the corner of Main Street and Jesse Street in North Fairhaven this weekend. Park at St. Mary's Church or on the street.

On Monday, the traditional procession starts at St. Mary's, travels up Main Street to Benoit Square and then back. The procession features marching bands, religious statues, clergy and politicians, and children, aka "angels."

The main attraction is a larger-than-life statue of our Lady of Angels, reputedly weighing about 800 pounds, that is carried on the shoulders of the men of the association.

Community access channel should be active soon

Fairhaven Comcast customers may have noticed the changes on channel 18. New equipment and livestreaming are also part of the mix now for government access programming in town.

What you may not know is that the "Community Access" channels are also about to be activated.

Known as PEGTV (Public, Educational, Government), the platform includes three stations: Public on channel 95 for members of the community have their own shows; Educational on channel 9 for the school department; Government on channel 18 for cablecasting meetings, such as Selectboard and Board of Appeals.

Channels 18 and 9 are active. Channel 95 should be "lit" soon, according to Cable Access Director Bobby Brusio.

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Rayburn nominated for judgeship

Governor Charlie Baker nominated Assistant District Attorney Katie Cook Rayburn to serve as an Associate Justice in the District Court. Gov. Baker also nominated James P. Harrington to serve as Associate Justice in the Bristol County Juvenile Court.

Ms. Rayburn has prosecuted high profile Fairhaven cases, including the recent Michelle Carter case, and the case of Joshua Silva, who murdered retired school teacher Joyce Howland in 2013.

“Attorneys Harrington and Rayburn are well-respected and experienced lawyers who will be committed to reaching just results for the litigants and lawyers who appear before them,” said Governor Baker in the announcement. “I am pleased to nominate both candidates for the Governor’s Council’s advice and consent.”

“I’m very happy to hear that ADA Katie Rayburn has been nominated for a district court judgeship,” said Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III in a statement. “Katie has worked tirelessly and effectively for victims in Bristol County for nearly a decade. Since April of 2008, I have personally assigned Katie some of the toughest and most high profile cases in the county. Through great effort, determination and skill, she has successfully prosecuted a number of very important cases for our office and the people of Bristol County.”

While her departure will be a big loss for the office, she will be a great addition to the judiciary. I applaud Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito for nominating her.

Fhvn man convicted of raping minor

Bristol County DA Press Release

A 48-year-old Fairhaven man who raped a foster juvenile living in his home was convicted at trial last week in Fall River Superior Court, and sentenced to serve up to 13-and-a-half years in state prison, District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Benoit Leclerc was convicted by a jury of his peers of two counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14, rape, rape with force, posing a child in a state of nudity, engaging in sex for a fee, intimidation of a witness, and attempting to procure perjury.

The victim, a juvenile girl, was a foster child who was placed to live with her aunt and her boyfriend (the defendant) in April of 2011. In August of 2011 when the child was 15, the defendant first raped her in his bed. The sexual abuse of the victim continued until the child was removed from the home in March of 2013.

The defendant had used gifts, threats and violence to sexually abuse the victim and to keep her silent. At one point, the defendant secretly recorded himself having sex with the victim. Later, the victim disclosed to police what was happening after school officials noticed she had an injury to her face.

While the investigation was proceeding, the defendant secretly contacted the victim and attempted to have her recant her allegations by offering her gifts, jewelry and telling her that he wanted to marry her.

The case was prosecuted by



Benoit Leclerc was convicted of assault and battery, rape, rape with force, and other offenses for raping his girlfriend’s live-in, teenaged niece. *Fairhaven police photo.*

Deputy District Attorney William McCauley and the sentence was imposed by Fall River Superior Court Judge Karen Green. In addition to the prison sentence, Judge Green also ordered the defendant to be placed on probation for five years upon his release. The way the sentence is structured, Leclerc will have to serve a minimum of 11 years.

“This defendant took advantage of his role as a foster parent and 30 year age difference by committing despicable crimes against the victim,” District Attorney Quinn said. “The defendant more than deserves the sentences imposed by the court. I hope the victim can now find some peace and move forward with her life.”

The **Fairhaven VFW**, 109 Middle Street
presents **The Parts Unknown Band**
Sat., Sept. 2nd, 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.
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WI Breakfast Buffet

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Sun., 9/3, West Island Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven, 8-11 a.m.

By the West Island Improvement Association. Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12. Tickets at door. Accessible

OLOA Feast

Sat. through Mon. See page 3

Thrift Store Sale

At Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store, 34 Center St., Fairhaven. Half off shoes, clothes, & pocketbooks until 9/6/17.

Ft. Phoenix 5K

7th annual, Sun., 9/10, 10 a.m. Run/walk open to all abilities. Rain or shine. Benefits local nonprofits. Awards in various categories. Starts and ends at Ft. Phoenix. Visit www.jbrace.com

Runners and walkers of all abilities are invited to participate in the 17th annual Ft. Phoenix 5K Road Race/Walk. This 5k (3.1-mile) event will kick off on **Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 am and is open to runners and walkers of all ages. The race will be held rain or shine.**

The race net proceeds will benefit organizations as determined each year by the Race Committee within the following categories: Sports, Community, History, and Education.

Cash awards will be awarded to the top three overall male and female finishers. Medals will be awarded to the top three males and females in each of eight age divisions. Division winners will win a chocolate running shoe provided by Dorothy Cox Chocolates. T-shirts provided to pre-entries.

Participants can register on-line at <http://www.JBRace.com>. Runners and walkers can also sign up on race morning from 8:15 to 9:30 am at Ft. Phoenix State Reservation.

The race will start at Ft. Phoenix State Beach and proceed to Green Street. Runners will head north on Green Street turning left on to South Street. They will then travel two blocks and turn right onto Main Street. They will continue on Main Street, taking a right turn onto Bridge

Street, then a right turn back onto Green Street. They will stay on Green Street all the way back to Ft. Phoenix State Reservation. A water stop will be set up on Green Street.

Farmer's Market

Sunday afternoons, 1-4 through October, at Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Enjoy the local market with family and friends every Sunday afternoon through mid-October. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Committee.

Free Training Ride

On Oct. 1, hundreds of cyclists will tour through Southeastern New England, including Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Rochester, to raise money for clean water during the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 11th annual Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride. If you're interested in learning more about the Watershed Ride and would like to meet other local cyclists, join the Coalition and the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee on a **free 30-mile group training ride on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

During this training ride, which will begin at **Fort Phoenix State Reservation (Green Street, Fairhaven) at 9:00 a.m.**, the Coalition will give a brief overview of the Watershed Ride and answer questions from riders. Then longtime Watershed Ride participant and Fairhaven Bikeway Committee Member Geoff Sullivan will lead the 30-mile round-trip ride to Eastover Farm in Rochester and back.

This training ride is open to anyone registered for the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride or anyone who would like to learn more about the event. Friends and family welcome. All participants are required to wear a helmet and sign a waiver, which will be distributed at the start of the program. Pre-registration is requested for this training ride. To learn more and sign up, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/buzzards-bay-watershed-ride-fairhaven-training-ride-sep-10-2017/.

To learn more about the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride and register to ride on Oct. 1, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride or contact the Coalition at (508) 999-6363 x207.

Poker Run

4th annual Nopper Marine Poker Run will be on **9/9 at Earl's Marine/Down The Hatch**. Boat reg. is \$250 for crew of 4. Four ports, starts and ends at Earl's. Boats leave at noon and will line up at Hurricane Barrier.

All are invited to enjoy the other festivities, including food, entertainment, raffles, which will start in the afternoon and go well into the night.

Call Heidi, 508-971-1699 for more info or to sponsor.

Benefits Better Community Living Special Children's program and participants.

Library tours

Newcomers to Fairhaven and longtime Fairhaven library patrons are invited to join the staff and Friends of the Millicent Library on **Saturday, September 9, to learn "What's Up at Your Library? More than Books."**

Tours of the library will be given at 10:00 and 10:15. Other events are scheduled throughout the day.

Refreshments will be served in the Community Auditorium from 1:30 to 2:30. Visit www.millicentlibrary.org or call 508-992-5342.

SAVE THE DATE

Fairhaven Town Auction

Fairhaven's Town Auction will be on 9/16, 9 a.m., at BPW building on Arsene Street.

NMI Graduation

Open to Public

Northeast Maritime Institute's College of Maritime Science is pleased to announce that Gwendolyn Sykes, Chief Financial Officer of the United States Secret Service, will be the keynote speaker at the College's 2017 Commencement Ceremony, which will take place on **Sat. 9/9, at 11 a.m., at the Fairhaven Town Hall**. NMI is proud to graduate 7 students from the Associate in Applied Science in Nautical Science Program. This event is open to the public.

Fairhaven High School's Bryan Young wins award

Submitted
As we rapidly approach the start of

the 2017-2018 academic year, the Fairhaven High School Music Department would like to highlight the most recent accomplishment of Bryan Young who is entering his 25th year of service in the Fairhaven Public Schools.

Bryan was named the "Performing Arts Teacher Of The Year" by Heritage Worldstrides. This is a huge accomplishment as Bryan was chosen from a pool of more than 2000 music educators across the country.

Bryan is currently the head of the music department at the Fairhaven Public Schools where he teaches Elementary Band, Orchestra, and High School Concert and Marching Band.

This past year,



FAR LEFT: Bryan Young, head of the Music Department in Fairhaven Public Schools, with the "Performing Arts Teacher of the Year" award that he received from Heritage Worldstrides. LEFT: Close-up of the award. Mr. Young has been with the Fairhaven Public Schools for 25 years. He was chosen from a pool of more than 2000 nation-wide. Submitted photos by Heidi Winnett.

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Fall hours!



Four vie for Acushnet Miss Apple-Peach title

By Beth David
Editor

Four contestants will take the stage on Friday, 9/8, to compete for this year's Miss Apple Peach title. Sponsored by the Lakeville Old Colony Acushnet Lions Club, the pageant competitions will begin at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet.

Hailey Brightman, 16 and a junior at Bristol Agricultural High School; Caroline DeCosta, 17 and a senior at Fairhaven High School; Julie Dextraze, 17 and a senior at FHS; and Camryn Reed, 17 and a junior at Old Colony High School, will compete in casual wear, evening wear, and will answer two on-stage questions.

At the end of the night, a new Miss Apple Peach queen will be crowned. She will kick off her year of service at the Apple Peach parade on Sunday, 9/10, the same weekend as the annual Apple Peach festival.

Tickets to the pageant will be available at the door beginning at 5:30 the night of the pageant. The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Cash, check

(payable to Apple Peach Pageant) or credit card accepted.

The night of the pageant we will be holding a People's Choice 50/50. The contestant who

people vote for the People's Choice will receive half of the monies raised with the other half going to the Lakeville Old Colony Acushnet Lions Club. Votes cost \$1.00 each.

Drinks and snacks will also be available for purchase the night of the pageant. No

outside food or beverage allowed.



This year's Miss Apple Peach contestants, clockwise from top: Hailey Brightman, Caroline DeCosta, Julie Dextraze, Camryn Reed. The pageant will be held on 9/8 at Ford Middle School. *Photo courtesy of Colleen Archer Photography.*



The 2017 Miss Apple Peach pageant will be held on Friday, 9/8, Ford Middle School in Acushnet. ABOVE: L-R/back: Victoria Kalisz, reigning Jr. Miss Apple Peach; Kelsey Pereira, reigning Miss Apple Peach. L-R/front: 2017 Apple-Peach Festival contestants Caroline DeCosta, Julie Dextraze, Hailey Brightman and Camryn Reed. *Photo courtesy of Colleen Archer Photography.*

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Hurricane Relief

New Bedford residents interested in contributing to hurricane relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey can make cash donations to relief agencies, with links available at the city's website: newbedford-ma.gov.

Many city residents have contacted city government to inquire about ways to provide aid to those affected by Harvey. While organizations in Massachusetts are collecting donations of tangible items, cash donations are effective and timely for the relief agencies in the field in the Greater Houston, Texas, area.

Mayor Jon Mitchell and the members of the New Bedford City Council suggest those interested in contributing to relief funds to consider the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

To donate to the American Red Cross, visit redcross.org or call 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669).

To donate to the Salvation Army, visit disaster.salvationarmyusa.org, or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769) or text STORM to 51555.

To donate to the Greater Houston Community Foundation's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, visit ghcf.org/hurricane-relief/ or text HARVEY2017 to 91999.

YTI Season Opener

Marc Camoletti's hit comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*; Your Theatre, Inc.'s 71st Season opens with an eight performance run on September 7. Directed by Your Theatre's Suzanne J. Houbre of New Bedford, the play runs **Wednesdays through Saturdays September 7-9 and 14-16, 2017 with a matinee Sunday, September 10 and 17. New Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee.**

*Don't Dress For Dinner Is
Comic Chaos*

The comedy centers around Bernard's plans for a romantic rendezvous with his mistress, complete with a gourmet caterer and an alibi courtesy of his friend, Robert. But when Bernard's wife learns that Robert will be visiting for the weekend, she decides to stay in town for a surprise tryst of her own... setting the stage for a collision course of assumed identities and outrageous

infidelity. The cook is Suzette, the lover is Suzanne, the friend is bewildered, the wife is suspicious, the husband is losing his mind and everyone is guaranteed a good time at this hilarious romp through the French countryside. -

The cast for *Don't Dress for Dinner* features Peter Ashworth, Lee Bonia and Rose Racine of New Bedford, Linda Costa of Fairhaven, Kelly Morrell of Somerset and John Sheppard of Taunton. Costume and set design are by Mark P. Fuller, Lighting design by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr, both of New Bedford, sound design by William Smith of Dartmouth with Mellanie Crowther of Fairhaven as Stage Manager.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County Street.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 71st Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their sixth year of strong support for the art arts and to First Citizens' Federal Credit Union for sponsorship of this production.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers (three show minimum), and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For further information call Your Theatre, Inc. at 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. The theatre's web site is www.yourtheatre.org.

ServAThon

The third Annual Salvation Army & Mobile Ministries Serve-A-Thon is scheduled for September 9th. Our purpose is to raise funds for these organizations as well as make a positive impact in our community.

Our fund-raising is ongoing and we still seek businesses and individuals willing to contribute.

We also understand there are many in our community that would like to help but are unable to contribute financially. We wholeheartedly welcome you to join and labor with us at any of our service sites or special events. It would be great for you to simply show up on September 9th as a volunteer at one of the times and places listed below:

SERVE-A-THON LOCATIONS/

LEADERS: September 9, 2017

Fairhaven: Veteran's Park, Huttles-ton Ave., grounds restoration, 9:00 AM - 12:00. Al Peters, Chris Tapper

New Bedford: Hazelwood Park, Brock Avenue, Fence Painting. 9:00 AM - 12:00; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Kevin Cormier, Larry Avila

Acushnet: Gifts to Give, Titleist Way, Toys/clothes sorting. 9:00 AM - 12. Cynthia Bouley, Athena Tetrault

Dartmouth: YMCA Sharing the Harvest, 276 Gulf Road, harvesting, 9 a.m. noon, 1-4:00 PM. Bob Bouley

SPECIAL EVENTS

New Bedford: Unitarian Church County Street, talent show, 1-4 p.m., Ken Hartnett

New Bedford: The Oaks, Adams Street, Yard/Craft Sale, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lane & Deanne Wood

Fairhaven: Veteran's Ride, Bike Ride, September 2 & 9, 8:00 am. Steve Bouley

For more information, please see: <http://www.lift-in-love.org/Facebook: Lift-in-Love>

For all inquiries: Major BethEllen Parkhurst 508 9976561

Fall Festival

Fall Festival: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 235 N. Front St., New Bedford, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., 9/30.** Delicious Polish and American food and various booths. Free admission. Phone: 508-992-9378. Visit www.olphchurchnb.org

Coffee & Conv.

Coffee & Conversation on Thurs., 9/7, from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford MA; \$10 per person

Your senses will be awakened by the fun and lively format of Coffee & Conversation Breakfast Networking, a monthly event of the SouthCoast Chamber.

Join the Chamber's SouthCoast Young Professionals Network for an early-morning opportunity to increase your access to leads, build your book of business, and to encourage the meaningful professional relationships in Greater New Bedford....all while enjoying a delicious breakfast!

For more information, call Rebecca Laliberte, 508.999.5231 or email rlaliberte@southcoastchamber.com.

Cruise Night

Join us in the center of town for Acushnet's 8th annual Cruise Night, Thurs., 8/31, from 5-9 p.m. Check out the fabulous classic cars, enjoy some great food from our vendors, and dance to the oldies and today's tunes on the town green. Music by The Klassics. Sponsored by the Town of Acushnet and the Acushnet Celebration Committee. Music sponsored by the Acushnet Policement's Association.

Acushnet Farmer's Market

Join us for the 6th season of the Acushnet Farmer's Market at Stone Bridge Farm, 186 Leonard St., Acushnet. Every Sat., 9-1, rain or shine, 508-991-1551. Variety of vendors, cooking demos, music, raffles, and other activities.

Find us on Facebook or visit <http://acushnetfarmersmarket.com>

Acushnet Road Race/Walk

The Acushnet Road Race will be held on Labor Day, September 4, at the Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Rd., Acushnet. 3.2 mile walk steps off at 9:30 a.m.; 4.1 mile run steps off at 10 a.m.. Acushnet residents fee is \$12.00 or online at \$18; \$25 race day. Cash awards, raffles, t-shirts.

For more information, and to register, visit www.jbrace.com, call 508-998-2408, or email info@jbrace.com

Road Closure Faunce Corner Road

Segments of Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic overnight from Monday, August 28, through Friday, September 15.

Segments of Faunce Corner Road, from Route 6 to Cross Road, will be closed nightly from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. There will be no work scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 1 through September 4.

The closure is necessary to allow for final roadway paving and line stripping.

Access to businesses will be maintained at all times during

business operating hours.

MassDOT advises motorists to seek alternate routes during these times.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted should any sort of emergency situation occur.

Hurricane Relief

NPR has compiled a list of reputable places to donate for Hurricane Harvey relief. Visit <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/28/546745827/looking-to-help-those-affected-by-harvey-here-s-a-list> for the list.

Greater Houston Community Foundation: <https://ghcfdisaster.kimbia.com/hurricaneharveyrelieffund>

Global Giving: <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund/>

United Way of Greater Houston: <https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/flood/flood-donation/>

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The Salvation Army: https://give.salvationarmyusa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=27651&mfc_pref=T&27651.donation=form1

Send Relief and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: <https://missionaries.namb.net/projects/full/hurricane-harvey-response>

Samaritan's Purse: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/disaster/hurricane-harvey/>

Golf Scramble

The Livesey Club of Fairhaven announces that they will be holding their 20th Annual Golf Scramble at the Back Nine Club in Lakeville, MA on Sun., 9/10. We are looking for teams at \$400.00 per team which includes cart, golf and a meal. We are also looking for hole sponsors at \$50.00 per hole.

Livesey Club has been supporting youth sports for 47 years. Being one of the largest sponsors in Fairhaven, they have supported: Little League teams, Fairhaven Pop Warner football, Fairhaven Girls Softball teams, Boys and Girls basketball teams. The Livesey Club has also,

when approached, supported individual athletes and teams when they have needed financial assistance in going to special sporting events as a contestant. Please contact: John Rodriquez, 508 962-2940 or Dave Sylvia at 508 287-6707

Plant Sale

Look for balloons on the lawn of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. The Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging are holding a Plant Sale on Sat., 9/9, from 10 AM to 12 noon on the lawn of the Library. The sale will mainly be Perennial cuttings, rooted and ready to be planted.

The plants may not bloom until next spring or summer. To help your green thumb, we'll tell you the name, (either Latin and/or known by) of your plant, whether it likes sun or shade, how tall it may grow and how much room it could take up in your garden. We will also have beautiful potted House plants and fragrant Herbs for sale.

Apple-Peach Fest

The 38th annual Apple-Peach Festival will be held on Sat. & Sun., 9/9 & 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet.

The parade will start on Sunday at 10 a.m. from Pope Park and go to the museum grounds.

Free parking and admission. Shuttle bus from Ford Middle School on Middle Road.

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SAVE THE DATE:

Rummage and Bake Sale

at Acushnet-Wesley Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet, Fri., 9/22 17 from 530-8 p.m., and Sat. 9/23, from 9 a.m.-noon

Clothing, household items and homemade baked goods! Check out tons of sewing items and old patterns. In search of some vintage items or find something for a Halloween costume. Come early for best selection.

Recipe of the Week

Greek T-Bone & Salad

2 T-Bone or Porterhouse Steaks, cut 1" thick (about 1 lb ea.)
 1 medium lemon
 1 tablespoon Greek seasoning
 1 med. cucumber, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into thin slices (about 2 cups)
 2 cups halved grape tomatoes
 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
 Salt and pepper

Grate peel & squeeze 1 tbsp juice from lemon. Combine Greek seasoning and lemon peel. Reserve 2 tps mixture for salad. Press remaining mixture evenly onto beef steaks.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 11 to 16 mins (over med. heat on preheated gas grill, 15 to 19 mins) for med rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, combine reserved 2 tps seasoning mixture, lemon juice, cucumber, tomatoes and cheese in med. bowl, stirring to combine. Season with S&P, as desired.

Remove bones; carve steaks into slices. Season with salt, as desired. Serve beef with cucumber and tomato salad.

From beefitswhatsfordinner.com

YTI starts with *Don't Dress for Dinner*

Press Release

Marc Camoletti's hit comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*, Your Theatre, Inc.'s 71st Season opener, is scheduled for an eight-performance run, opening on September 7.

Directed by Your Theatre's Suzanne J. Houbre of New Bedford, the play runs Wednesdays through Saturdays September 7-9 and 14-16, 2017 with a matinee Sundays, September 10 and 17. New Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Don't Dress For Dinner Is Comic Chaos

The comedy centers around Bernard's plans for a romantic rendezvous with his mistress, complete with a gourmet caterer and an alibi courtesy of his friend, Robert. But when Bernard's wife learns that Robert will be visiting for the weekend, she decides to stay in town for a surprise tryst of her own... setting the stage for a collision course of assumed identities and outrageous infidelity. The cook is Suzette, the lover is Suzanne, the friend is bewildered, the wife is suspicious,

the husband is losing his mind and everyone is guaranteed a good time at this hilarious romp through the

French countryside. The cast for *Don't Dress for Dinner* features Peter Ashworth, Lee Bonia and Rose Racine of New Bedford, Linda Costa of Fairhaven, Kelly Morrell of Somerset and John Sheppard of Taunton. Costume and set design are by Mark P. Fuller, Lighting design by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr, both of New Bedford, sound design by William Smith of Dartmouth with Mellanie Crowther of Fairhaven as Stage Manager.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church complex. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County Street.

Your Theatre, Inc. is grateful to our 71st Season Sponsor, Bank5, for their sixth year of strong support for the art, and to First Citizens' Federal Credit Union for sponsorship of this production.

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

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

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They've gone baaack!!!!

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Public Schools started up again this week, with staggered start dates. Grades one through 12 started on Tuesday, kindergarten and preschool were scheduled to start on Thursday, 8/31.

At the Leroy Wood School on Tuesday, a mix of emotions filled the air at the entrance as first graders through fifth graders, with adults in tow, waited for the doors to open.

Some students had their summer project posters all ready for the first day. Anderson, going into first grade, did his project on honey bees, and how they make honey.

The instruction was to wonder about something and then explain it.

Anderson said his favorite part was learning that bees "regurgitate" the honey.



L-R: Brenda Ferreira with her sister-in-law Andrea Barney taking a video of their children Braden Ferreira and Christopher Barney. The first cousins were on their way into the Wood School on the first day of the school year, Tuesday, 8/29. Photo by Beth David.

Sophia, going into the second grade, did her project on why rocks are hard.

She said he was excited to go back to school because she liked the things they did in class.

Jayden was looking pretty calm for a student who was starting his first day in a new school. Going into the third grade, he said he only knew one person, but he was not worried at all.

Parent Valentina Dacunha, however, was not so calm. She fought back tears as she watched her youngest through the glass inside the auditorium. She has one in high school, one in middle school and one in third grade. Emma looked fine,

mom...not so much.

"I feel I need therapy," said Dr. Dacunha. "Oh my God, my kids are getting old. I'm getting old."

Inside the auditorium, the room got quiet as principal Amy Hartley-Matteson put up two fingers, signifying quiet.

"It feels like we haven't even left," she told the students, adding that the only thing that was different, was where they were all sitting, each a row to the fifth graders, the "leaders" in training."

She told the students that they had a new janitor, that Mr. Cunha had moved on to a new role in charge of all custodial services in the public schools.

"We are sadcited," said Ms. Hartley-Matteson, and reminded the students that "sadcited" was a made-up word

Time for hugs



LEFT: Patrick Sweeney hugs his daughter Aubrey, as she enters the fourth grade at Wood School in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 8/29, the first day of school. RIGHT: Muriel Carle gives her daughter Vera a hug as she heads off to her first day of fifth grade, making it her last year at Wood School. Photos by Beth David.

created by a Wood School student.

The word explains that they are sad to see him go, but excited for his new opportunity. In a followup email, Ms. Hartley-Matteson credited former Wood School student Katie Sobieraj with created the word.

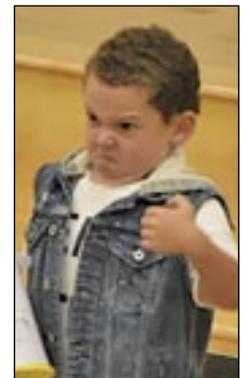
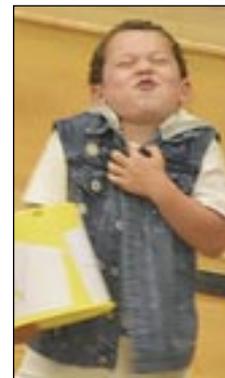
Ms. Hartley-Matteson told students to give Mr. Cunha a high five when he comes around on his supervisory rounds, and she introduced them to Mr. Lewis.

"You're gonna love him," she said. Ms. Hartley-Matteson welcomed students into their new grade level, telling them, "This is going to be a good year," because they behaved so well in the assembly.

She noted that it was the first assembly, and, "We're going to do this 180 times."

"Every day is important," said Ms. Hartley-Matteson to her 500+ charges.

The many faces of Alexander Comeau



Alexander Comeau entertains his classmates as he holds the bucket for fourth grade during the first assembly of the school year at Wood School in Fairhaven on Tuesday, 8/29. Photos by Beth David.

Fairhaven Lions award Randy Durrigan, win two of their own

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Lions can keep a secret, or so it seems. Members honored Randy Durrigan with the Melvin Jones award at the club's breakfast on Sunday, 8/27.

Mr. Durrigan, 73, lost most of his sight after a bout with shingles in 2004, but continued to serve his community. Today, he serves the blind in the local area.

"Lions Clubs world-wide recognize outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones," the club wrote in a statement. "This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideals consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism."

Mr. Durrigan was named the

Standard-Times Fairhaven Man of the Year in 2016 and is active volunteering for veterans, including blind veterans. He was Fairhaven's wire inspector for many years.

The Fairhaven Lions Club also received two rewards of its own recently, for being the "Best Small Club in Massachusetts" from Lions International; and the "Outstanding Club in Multiple District 33S" from the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund for the club's support of the district.

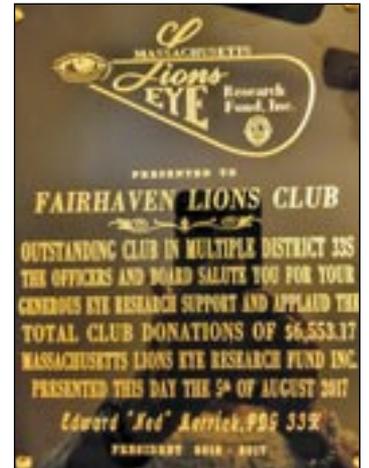
The Fairhaven Lions Club donated \$6,553.17 to MRLEF.

"We truly have to thank everyone who has donated to our cause at the Homecoming Fair, Spaghetti Dinners, everywhere we show up in the Community, and our Donation Jars at many local locations," said the Fairhaven Lions Club in a statement. "All proceeds do go to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund."

The fund has helped to establish three major research centers in Boston: the Howe Laboratory at Mass. Eye & Ear, the Mass. Lions Eye Research Laboratory at Boston University Medical Center, and the Lions Laboratory for Genetic Research at Schepens Eye Research Institute.



ABOVE: Donna Durrigan pins the Melvin Jones award on her husband Randy at the Fairhaven Lions Club breakfast on Sunday, 8/27. BELOW LEFT: Lions District 33S Governor Deb Grassi presents the Melvin Jones award to Mr. Durrigan. BELOW: Mr. Durrigan's award. Photos submitted.



The Fairhaven Lions Club also received two awards of its own. LEFT: Club president Bill Moniz accepts the "Best Small Club" award from Sharon Audette, past district governor of Mass. Lions District 33S. ABOVE LEFT: The Best Small Club award, ABOVE RIGHT: The Outstanding Club award. Submitted photos.

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Monday afternoons beginning October 2nd from 1-3:00 p.m. Beacon Hospice of Fall River has invited the Fairhaven Senior Center to participate in a truly heartwarming activity that is sponsored by caring hospice. Beacon provides the veteran's who receive hospice services with a hand knitted or crocheted blanket in the color of red, white and/or blue. Beacon supplies all the materials including yarn. If you can't make it to the Fairhaven knitting / crocheting group and would like to participate. You can pick up the supplies at the Senior Center and knit/crochet at home. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 if you would like to share your talent and provide a veteran with this small token of comfort.

S.H.I.N.E Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to

offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Appointments fill up fast call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Sewing Circle

With Debbie Rock. Please come and join the fun, we have the sewing machines, just bring in your material, etc. The Sewing Circle will meet at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Aug. 24, 31, from 6-8 p.m.; and 8/28, 9/11, 8/18 from 1-3 p.m.

If you have questions please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

Cooking for One

Presented by Stephanie Boulay Dietician at Coastline, join us for a cooking demo and great tips when cooking for one! Wednesday Sept.6th at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven COA. Please call the COA to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029.

Chair Yoga

Starting September 21st. We will have Elizabeth doing chair yoga on Thursdays from 10:15-11:15 a.m. for more information please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

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Poker Run to benefit Better Community Living

Press Release

Better Community Living (BCL) is excited to announce its first-ever Poker Run! This "boat race" fundraiser will raise monies to support BCL's Children's Services which serve children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities throughout Southeastern, Massachusetts. The event is the 4th Annual Poker Run sponsored by Nopper Marine. Better Community Living is proud to have been selected as this year's charitable beneficiary. Additional contributing sponsors include Earl's Marina and Down the Hatch.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 9th with registration in the morning and the official run starting at 12 noon, lasting through 5 p.m., with four ports as stops. The race will be followed by dinner, live music, and awards at Down the Hatch at Earl's Marina from 6-8 p.m.

Persons with boats are encouraged to register and participate. Organizers also recommend area residents to take in the sights by watching the race along its route.

BCL is a premier, not-for-profit human services agency dedicated to providing person-centered services to adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area.

The Poker Run will support BCL Children's Services, which provide support to individuals ages 3-22 and their families. The purpose of these programs is to maintain the family unit and avoid the out-of-home placement of a child. Programs emphasize positive behavioral supports for youth with unique needs to help them develop skills, reach their unique goals, and achieve their fullest potential. Diverse supports are provided directly by program staff, or via referrals to partner resources in the community. These help meet individuals' needs in varying areas that include medical, social, educational, housing and transportation. Families also receive direct quality supports to help them navigate the daily responsibilities and requirements of caring for a child with a disability.

Details

Sat., 9/9: Earl's Marina (Down the Hatch), 56 Goulart Memorial Drive, Fairhaven, MA Early Registration Fee: \$250.00 (up to four crew members). Additional Crew: \$25 each

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11 a.m.: Captain's Meeting
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West Island Improvement Association does scallops right



The West Island Improvement Association held a special scallop dinner fund-raiser on Saturday, 8/26, featuring the culinary talents of Chef George Karousos, who made five different dishes with fresh, non-processed, aka "dry," scallops, courtesy of Captain Ray Starvish. ABOVE: Capt. Ray Starvish (foreground, right) at the family table, where he had a place of honor for donating the scallops. LEFT: Chef George Karousos explains a little bit about his special dish, with chef's helper Rob Rizzo (right). RIGHT: People line up to fill up with the five different scallop dishes created by Chef Karousos. *Beth David photos.*

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FHS Boys Soccer getting ready for the season



The Fairhaven High School Boys Soccer team has been partaking in pre season practices since Thursday, August 24th. The team is gearing up for their first game of the season when they will host Apponequet on Wednesday, 9/6, at Hastings Middle School.



TOP LEFT:
Noah Barton dives to make the save low and to the corner during pre season practice for the Blue Devils.

TOP RIGHT:
Matt Mitchell traps the ball at practice for the Fairhaven Soccer team.

LEFT:
Nick Almeida fires on net during practice.

RIGHT:
Will Elliott smashes the shot on goal.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: David Tomasia, RE: 15 Grinnel Street, Plot 31A, Lot 97, Book 8962 and Page 345. 198-22 – A1-A2: 1,028 sq. ft. over max allowed of 700 sq. ft., 5' over max height of 20' for accessory buildings.
- Petitioner: Robert & Judith Tubbs, RE: 294 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 31B, Lot 60B, Book 9524 and Page 174. 198-18: Short 70' of required 200' frontage, short 72,233 sq. ft. of required 100,000 sq. ft., short 5' of required 50' rear setback, short 42,233 sq. ft. of required 70,000 sq. ft. of contiguous upland and 19% over max lot coverage of 50% all within an RC District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
8/24/17, 8/31/17

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2017 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.

- Notice of Intent Applicant Sylvester Vercellone location 4 Balsam Street Plot 43C lot 38 Purpose construct a 18'x20' addition, expand deck and add stairs within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Robert S. Davis III location 905 Sconticut Neck Road Plot 43 Lots 148 & 149 Purpose perform soil evaluations for new septic system within a VE flood zone.

- Request for Determination Applicant April Briner Location 30 Alder Street Plot 43A lot 15 Purpose construct 16'x32' garage and 8'x14' shed within a VE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Alison Olson Location 10 Charity Stevens Lane Plot 38 Lot 8A Purpose 3 run in sheds 10'x12' for horses within the NRB ONLY.
- Request for Determination Applicant David M. Boswell Location 8 Lloyd Farm Lane Plot 37 Lot 26D Purpose install 14'x28' in-ground pool.
- Request for Determination Applicant Cathy Tremblay Location 6 Antone Drive Plot 38 Lot 7J Purpose install 18'x 34' in-ground pool and 16'x24' shed within the NRB ONLY
- Notice of Intent Applicant Erik Johnson Location 185 Balsam Street Plot 43B Lot 151 purpose raise existing house within existing foot print 4' within an AE flood zone.

Jay Simmons, Chairman
8/31/17

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Conservation Commission

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Historical Commission

Wed., 9/6, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/13, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Health

Tues., 8/29, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety Comm.

Tues. 9/5, Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/5, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Saturday	9	1051	2313	0352*	1621*
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Tuesday	12	0104	1336	0610*	1900

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Notes from the Visitors Center

by *Chris Richard*
Director of Tourism

September 2017

Greetings.

It's feast time in North Fairhaven! The Feast of Our Lady of Angels takes place September 2, 3, and 4, at 7 Jesse Street. Hours are 5:00 to midnight on Saturday, noon to midnight on Sunday and noon to 10:00 p.m. on Monday. Monday afternoon at 1:00 the procession will be held on Main Street, from St. Mary's Church to Benoit Square and back.

Although public school has already started in Fairhaven, the feast traditionally marks the end of summer vacation. It's a fun time with lots of food (1,500 lbs. of caçoila alone), drink, and socializing. It's also the only place in town where you see a watermelon or a loaf of sweet bread auction off for \$50 or \$75, followed by the cry, "Cut it up for the kids!"

The entertainment lineup for the feast looks like this. On Saturday at 6:00 p.m. there will be an opening ceremony followed by a concert by Filarmónica do Senhor da Pedra from New Bedford. Then 8:00 p.m. to midnight will be David Demelo & Sua Banda. On Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. it's the Red Handed Band, followed by the Santa Cecelia band of Fall River. After a break (probably filled by an auction), Eratoxica will be onstage from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. On Monday evening there will be a performance by 7 Day Weekend, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Also this weekend, on Sunday, September 3, the West Island Improvement Association holds its last breakfast of the summer at the island's Community Center, 41 Causeway Road. It runs from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Before continuing with the "special" events, let me remind you that the regular tours and presentations offered by the Office of Tourism continue through the end of September. Henry H. Rogers Tours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00, starting outside the Town Hall. Pirates & Privateers Presentations are Friday mornings at 10:00 at Fort Phoenix. They're all free.

The 17th Annual Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race will be held on Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. Registration is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the race. There are cash prizes

for the winners, T-shirts for those who register in advance, and food and drink for all runners. Proceeds benefit local charities. Online registration is at <http://www.jbrace.com>. For more information you can contact Race Director Kathy Lopes at 508-991-2194.

This year's last Riverside Cemetery Tour is Sunday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. I'm not sure yet whether Vanessa Gralton or I will be guiding it, but it's just as interesting either way. The tour lasts about 90 minutes and is free of charge.

At the end of the month, the Fairhaven Village Militia and the Office of Tourism co-sponsor the Fall Historical Encampment at Fort

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Phoenix. It's Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. You can visit an authentically recreated Revolutionary War camp to see all sorts of activities from cooking and military drilling to tin smithing and leather working. At 6:30 p.m. on the Saturday evening the fort's five big cannons will be fired. (Smaller cannons and flintlock muskets will be demonstrated throughout the weekend.) The camp is open to the public free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Now some other Office of Tourism news. You might recall that two years ago I got permission from the School Department to build a stage platform on the lawn of the Academy Building to be used for outdoor performances by community groups, students, etc. At that time, the plan was to honor Natalie S. Hemingway for her many years of dedication to Fairhaven, both

as a music teacher and as a member of the Tourism Committee.

Volunteers came forward to build the stage if funds were raised to pay for the supplies. Several hundred dollars were collected in the Tourism Gift Account specifically to build the stage. Donations dwindled before the goal was reached and the project was put on the back burner.

As you most likely know, Natalie died in June at the age of 87. Since then, interest in building the stage has been revived and the Hemingway family recently donated some funds. We still need more to put us over the top and to maintain the stage once it has been built. If you would like to contribute to the cause, please send a check, payable to Town of Fairhaven, to the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Note that the donation is intended for the stage.

In other news, the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society is looking for vendors who want to participate in this year's Manjiro Festival on Saturday, October 7. There are also ad spaces available in the program book. Visit the society's website for more information: <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org/>.

For Harvest Fun Day, October 14, sponsored by my office, the vendor list has reached 43 booths and there's a waiting list. I'm probably going to hold the line there. It will be just about the size of last year's fair, which nicely fills the lawn of the high school and Academy Building. There will be a variety of items for sale, food, and activities for the children. Ken Souza will be the DJ throughout the day. It will be fun for all.

If you like to think really far ahead, I'm looking for ideas and suggestions for Monday Morning Fun Programs for the summer of 2018. And I'm also looking for ideas of another weekly event to be held at the Visitors Center on Saturdays next summer. In both cases, the idea is to give people fun things to do in Fairhaven during the traditional tourist season.

That's it for now. As usual, I welcome your comments, questions, or suggestions. You can email the Office of Tourism at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, call 508-979-4085, or stop by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street.

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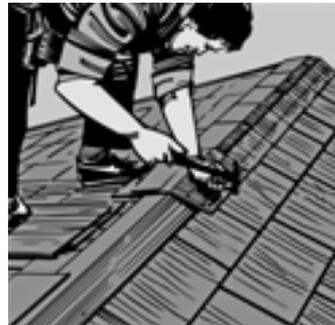
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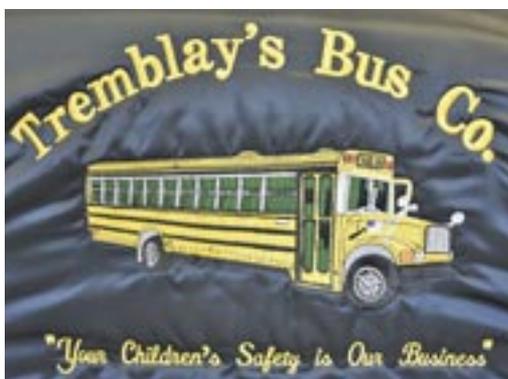
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