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Frigid cold postpones plunge



For the first time anyone can remember, Fairhaven's New Year's Day Polar Plunge was not held because of the cold. Organizers said it was just too dangerous to hold the plunge. The plunge will be held on Sunday, 1/28, at 10 a.m. Several other plunges also canceled, but one or two did carry on. ABOVE: Days of frigid temperatures, with wind chills reaching below zero, is starting to freeze up the cove at Hoppy's Landing, threatening to ice in the boats moored there. 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.

What a crazy way to start the year. The plunge got postponed. The first time in 13 years.

It's been the cover story for every single first issue of the year that we've run.

The weather is bananas. I'm under some kind of dark technology cloud that has all my gadgets, and my expensive stuff, too, all breaking down and giving out.

Which means, that as this storm is bearing down on us, the press people at my printer's are waiting for yours truly to hurry up and finish this baby.

So, it's a quick Happy New Year to all of you.
No profundities until next week.

You'll notice a couple of extra pictures thrown in for good measure.

That's it, yeah...I know, pretty skimpy, but I'm keeping a few guys from getting home before the storm hits.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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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.

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Free event: 22nd annual Moby Dick Marathon this weekend

Press Release

One of the world's best known live readings of Herman Melville's iconic American novel *Moby-Dick* returns to the New Bedford Whaling Museum, January 5-7, 2018. The 22nd annual Moby-Dick Marathon will draw readers and enthusiasts from around the globe to the Museum's campus and to the livestream reading online. Obsessive literary aficionados, local school children, and everyone in between, will travel back in time to accompany narrator, Ishmael, on the epic whaling journey and hunt for the elusive white whale. **The event is free and open to the public.**

Full details are available at www.whalingmuseum.org.

The Whaling Museum has marked the anniversary of Melville's 1841 departure from the Port of New Bedford and Fairhaven aboard the whaleship, *Acushnet*, with this mid-winter tradition since 1995. Melville would later pen *Moby-Dick*, publishing the famous novel in 1851. Moby-Dick Marathon weekend features the main 25-hour readathon — fueled by caffeine, warm local soups, theatrical

performances, and a fondness for the author's artistry — as well as two mini-marathons on January 6: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged *Moby-Dick*; and a children's version by Classic Starts.

Activities begin on Friday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m. with a reception and dinner well-suited for hungry sailors, followed by *Call Us Ishmael*, a documentary film by David Shaerf. This film is an intimate look at the world's obsession with *Moby-Dick* and its cultural legacy. The Melville Society Cultural Project will conclude the night with a lively discussion of the film. Tickets for Friday evening's dinner, film, and discussion are \$40 for Museum members and \$50 for non-members. The film screening is part of the ticketed event. To reserve call (508) 997-0046 x 100 or visit www.store.whalingmuseum.org.

Each year the Museum invites a special guest to launch the marathon. Alan Burdick, an author and staff writer at *The New Yorker*, will read the classic opening excerpt from *Moby-Dick* in 2018, beginning with the famous line, "Call me Ishmael."

The reading will move through multiple settings in the Museum, as well as the Seamen's Bethel, made famous by Melville in *Moby-Dick* as the "Whalemen's Chapel."

The event begins with readers and audience members nestled alongside the world's largest whaleship model, the *Lagoda*. Marathoners sit amongst the sails, lines, and whaling tools of the time while experiencing the first chapters. The next section of the book, beginning at chapter 7, *The Chapel*, is read, appropriately, at the Seamen's Bethel. Melville attended a service there shortly before he shipped out and heard a sermon by the chaplain, Reverend Enoch Mudge, who was the model for Father Mapple. Melville's pew in the Bethel is marked to this day.

The remainder of the book is read non-stop in a gallery with 180-degree views of the fishing fleet and other vessels lining New Bedford Harbor. The only exception will be Chapter 40, *Midnight Forecastle*, which will be performed in the Museum's Cook Memorial Theater by Culture*Park.

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Ice stretches all the way to Bella Vista Island from Causeway Road in this picture taken on January 3, 2018. The flotsam on the beach is a just styrofoam, not a boat. The frigid cold has broken a 100-year record. *Photo by Beth David.*



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Adopt me!



Meet Shane! He is a neutered Cocker Spaniel mix about six years old. A little nervous at first but warms up quickly. Gets along with other dogs. Loves to be around people more. If you are interested in adopting call the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, 508-979-4028.

Assistant ACO Hired

The town of Fairhaven hired a new assistant Animal Control Officer. Alexis Cambra was hired in November. She is a long time resident of Fairhaven. She graduated from New Bedford Vocational high school and has a degree from Fitchburg State. Ms. Cambra makes the jump from a volunteer at the shelter to paid employee, and needed basis.

Trash Collect. Delay

Because of the upcoming storm on Thursday and this being a holiday week, regular Wednesday collection will be picked up Friday and Thursday will be picked up Saturday in Fairhaven.

Story times

The Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, announced Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule. You do not need to register for Storytimes. Programs are held downstairs in the Auditorium (Meeting Room.) Stories and songs last for 30 minutes and are followed by 15 minutes of play time. Please try to arrive on time. If no one arrives by 15 minutes after start time, the program will not be held.

Toddlers (ages 1-3) meet from 9:30-10:15 OR 10:30-11:15 on Tuesdays,

Babies (0-18 months) meet Fridays from 9:30-10:15!! Big Kids (ages 3-5) meet Fridays from 10:30-11:15. Siblings are always welcome! Toddlers and Babies enjoy play time after stories, while Big Kids enjoy play time with an occasional coloring sheet.

We'll begin on January 9th and run through June 8th, then take a three week break followed by a different schedule for Summer Reading time. There will be no sessions There will be no Storytimes during February Vacation Week and April Vacation Week, as well as May 22nd and 25th.

Programs are held in the downstairs auditorium. The Millicent Library is handicapped accessible.

For further information, contact Jane Murphy at 508-992-5342 or at jmurphy@sailsinc.org

Snow parking ban

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

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

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

Looking for Classmates

The committee for the **FHS Class of 1968 50th Reunion**, which will be held June 30, 2018, is searching for the addresses and/or contact information for a few classmates. We have not been able to make contact with Barbara A. (Sylvia) Carr, Robert Carr, Anne M. (Ferreira) Medeiros and Barbara A. Neve.

We would appreciate any help in locating these class members. Please forward any information (address, email or phone number) you may have to our class email: fhsclassof68@aol.com or call 508-994-8627 and leave a message with a contact number.

If you were a part of our class before graduation, please know that you are welcome to join us! If you would like to be informed of the details about next year's reunion please use the same means as above to provide your name, address, and email.

Fairhaven Protecting Society

Fairhaven Protecting Society is looking for new members. There will be an organizational meeting on **Mon. 1/15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fairhaven Fire Department meeting room.** The Protecting Society was originally created in the mid-1800s to assist the fire department with preserving property at fire scenes. Today the role of the Protecting Society will be to preserve and protect the historic artifacts and apparatus of the town's fire service.

Nom Papers Avail.

Nomination papers for town elections are now available. The annual town elections will be held on Mon., 4/2/18.

Seats up for re-election are: Bob Espindola on Selectboard; Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch on School Committee; Lindsay Gordon on Board of Health; Colleen Sylvia, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Robert Hobson and Keith Silvia for Board of Public Works; John Farrell and Peter Nopper on Planning Board; Gregory Tutcik on Housing Authority; a vacant, unexpired term on HA; Mark Sylvia for Moderator; Brian Bowcock for Tree Warden.

One third of seats in all precincts for Town Meeting members will also be up for election.

Interested candidates have until Feb. 8 to request nomination papers. papers for town-wide seats require 50 certified signatures; papers for town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from your precinct.

All nomination papers must be returned by Mon., 2/12.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, is the last day for town residents to register to vote in the town election. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day. For more info, contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4025, Ext. 3.

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Colonial Club hosts Fairhaven native

Submitted by Cindy LeBlanc

Colonial Club President

The Fairhaven Colonial Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 11 at Courtyard Restaurant in Fairhaven. Approximately 30 members attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet and a Yankee swap. Travis Rapoza entertained the members with beautiful violin music during dinner and a Christmas sing-along after the meal. Many thanks go out to Doreen Nelsen, Bethany Jones and Deborah Davis for coordinating the Festivities.

About Travis Rapoza

Travis Rapoza began playing the violin at age 10 through the Fairhaven Public School System's renewal of their string program under Keri Benson. Three years after his beginning and until the age of 17, he studied with the late Robert Brink, former teacher at the New England Conservatory. Unlike most of his musical peers, he decided to pursue three undergraduate degrees at Brandeis University in French, Political Science, and International and Global Studies.

Following his completion of these

degrees, he bridged the gap of not attending a conservatory by studying under James Buswell, world-renowned violin soloist and teacher of 30 years at the New England Conservatory.

Travis has since played with the New Bedford Symphony, the Phoenix Orchestra, the Atlantic Symphony, Indian Hill Symphony, Cape Cod Symphony, among others in venues stretching from the Zeiterion to Boston's Symphony Hall.

In addition recording the scores to multiple movies, video games, and Netflix shows in Boston's recording studios at WGBH, Travis regularly plays many solo recitals and chamber music concerts in the Boston area.

Beyond simply performing, Travis is also vested in teaching and spreading music to the younger generation which he is able to do by playing in a chamber music trio for the New Bedford Symphony's "Learning in Concert" series. Through this series, he travels to 60 schools all around the South Coast to perform an integrated learning lesson combining music and science. He plays on a Douglas Cox violin, kindly loaned to him by Daniel Stepner.

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ABOVE: Fairhaven native Travis Rapoza plays at the Courtyard Restaurant for the Fairhaven Colonial Club on December 11 for their annual Christmas Party. Travis is a working musician in the Boston area, but also helps spread the love of music in the Southcoast. *Submitted photo.*



LEFT: Members of the Fairhaven Colonial Club gather at the Courtyard Restaurant in Fairhaven for their annual Christmas party on December 11. RIGHT: Fairhaven native Travis Rapoza pauses from playing his violin for a picture with Doreen Nelsen, who has worked hard to keep the strings program in the Fairhaven Public Schools afloat. Travis was 10 years old when he picked up the violin for the first time through that program. Travis is a working musician in the Boston area, but also helps spread the love of music in the Southcoast. *Submitted photos.*



Selectboard accepts gift of Fairhaven photo from WHALE

By Beth David
Editor

Members of W.H.A.L.E. (Waterfront Historic Area League) presented a large framed photograph by Peter Pereira to the Fairhaven Selectboard at its meeting on Monday, 12/18/17.

The photo, a view of the town hall and Fairhaven center from a high point of the Unitarian Memorial Church, has no people in it, noted Mr. Pereira, which is rare for him, he said. An accomplished photojournalist with the Standard-Times, and a local celebrity, Mr. Pereira has won numerous awards, and his photos have appeared all over the world.

WHALE donated the photograph to the town in honor of former Fairhaven Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, due to his diligence in taking care of Fairhaven's historic town hall, said Phil Beauregard, who spoke on behalf of WHALE at the meeting.

"I really treasure this moment. I really do," said Mr. Pereira as he talked about taking the photo on a snowy day.

He said it was an honor to have his photograph hanging in a building



Photographer Peter Pereira (LEFT) talks about the photograph he took that was donated to the town of Fairhaven in honor of Jeffrey Osuch (RIGHT). Photo by Beth David.

with as much history as town hall.

"Photography is a visual record of our time," said Mr. Pereira. It gives people a glimpse into a moment in time, even from 100 years ago.

He said most of his photographs have people in them, so the one WHALE donated was rare.

Mr. Osuch said he appreciated serving the town for 28 years, and that preserving town hall was a team effort. He credited the janitors who did most of the work, except in only a couple of areas, where they had to hire specialists.

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Navigator breaks loose on Christmas Day



The crazy wind of Christmas Day, 2017, took a lot of people by surprise, and at least one boat. The 65-foot Navigator, owned by Northeast Maritime Institute, and docked at Union Wharf, broke loose in the wind around 9:30 a.m. The Fairhaven Fire Department, Harbormaster Department, and NMI owner Eric Dawicki and his son Morgan responded to get the boat tied up again. Christmas Day saw a variety of weather, including snow, wind, rain, and eventually sunshine in the afternoon. A wind gust of 64 miles per hour was recorded in Fairhaven just a few minutes before the call went out, according to ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station (www.westislandweather.com). The boat was stabilized around 10:15 a.m. LEFT: Eric Dawicki, president of the Northeast Maritime Institute, which owns the 65-foot Navigator, attempts to push the boat off the corner of the wharf while his son Morgan Dawicki prepares to lower a bumper to protect the vessel (and the wharf) from being damaged in heavy winds on a snowy Christmas Day, 2017, which saw wind gusts of up to 65 MPH. RIGHT: The Fairhaven Fire Department boat pushes the 65-foot Navigator away from the corner of Union Wharf in the heavy winds on a snowy Christmas Day, 2017, when wind gusts of 65 MPH were recorded. According to Fairhaven Harbormaster Tim Cox, the piling broke, causing the boat to break free. The piling is part of the new construction at the wharf. A new piling has been ordered. Meanwhile, Navigator is tied up nearby, with access by a small floating dock. Navigator sustained some damage, dents and scratches, but nothing major, according to Mr. Cox. Photos by James Mahaney

Moby-Dick Marathon

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Looking for Classmates

NBHS Class of '68 50th class reunion. Save the Dates: Fri. & Sat., 9/28 & 29, 2018. **Looking for classmates!**

Email John Thompson at johnwt1313@gmail.com with your email or residential address and any other classmates's email or addresses that you may know so that the committee can keep you up to date on this milestone reunion.

Improv Workshop

Your Theatre, Inc. announces the opening of a four week class exploring improvisational performance. The Improvisational Technique Workshops are to be conducted by Danielle Oliveira Gelehrter.

The series of four two-hour classes will commence at 7:00 pm Thursday February 8, 2018 and continue weekly ending on March 1, 2018. The last class will feature a showcase before a live audience by the workshop participants. All classes will be held in the YTI Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. in New Bedford.

A maximum number of ten participants will be accepted. The class will be postponed if the minimum number of participants are not attained.

The fee for the course is \$100 non-members, \$90 for members, \$80 for subscribers. Please call 508-993-0772 to reserve your seat in the class.

This four week class will explore improvisational performance as a theatrical art form. Students will be encouraged to take risks in a supportive environment that fosters listening, creativity, fun, and acceptance. Topics of the workshop include the basics of improv, scene initiations, and open scene work.

Danielle Oliveira Gelehrter has participated in improvisational comedy troupes since 1993. As an improviser, she has performed in venues throughout the US and Canada. When she was a student at UMass Dartmouth, Danielle was a member of the Rational Anarchists

and Chux Cuzzin improv troupes from 1993 to 1998. She subsequently studied theatre at San Francisco State University (2001-2003) and took improv workshops at San Francisco Comedy College.

Upon her return to New England, Danielle became an active member of the Improv Jones apprentice troupe in Providence (2003-2005). During this time, Gelehrter also started the King Haku's Jesters improv troupe at Gallery X in New Bedford (2004-2005). She has trained extensively at Improv Boston (2010-present) and is a graduate of Improv Asylum's training center in Boston (2012-2013).

Danielle also trained in improv and sketch writing at the legendary Second City in Chicago where she participated in four intensive levels of improv and sketch immersion classes throughout the summer of 2017. While at Second City, Gelehrter trained with the likes of Anthony LeBlanc and Nicole Hastings.

Anastasia

Anastasia by Marcelle Maurette and adapted by Guy Bolton, a drama recognizing the 100th year anniversary of the mystery surrounding the last surviving daughter of Czar Nicholas II of Russia will open on January 11, 2018.

Directed by Your Theatre's Stephen R. Kay of Swansea the play runs Thursdays through Saturdays January 11-13 and 18-20, 2018 with matinees Sunday, January 14 and 21, 2018. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for all performances except the 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees.

IS ANNA PRINCESS ANASTASIA?

The play is about a young Anna discovered as an amnesiac in a Berlin asylum by a former Cossack prince 'turned-taxi-driver'. Anna is swept into a scheme to exploit the 'heritage' of 10 million pounds being held in trust for any surviving heirs of the Romanoff dynasty. As the conspiracy prospers, Anna is coached to success but for one last test: the Imperial Grand Empress is alive and her acceptance is essential.

In a famous 'recognition scene' of breathless suspense, Anna meets her grandmother and must convince the dowager that she is the long-lost Royal Princess Anastasia.

"Superb." - The New York Times -
"Theatre with a capital 'T'." - The New York Daily News.

The cast includes: from New Bedford: Lucy Bly, Lee Bonia, Suzanne J. Houbre, Stephanie Paquette, Ian Vincent and Al Vitale. Other regional actors cast include: Mellanie Crowther, Tony Oliva and John Softcheck of Fairhaven, Ann E. Flynn of Somerset, Bob Gillet of Fall River, Bob Goodwin of Bristol, RI and Dennis J. Smith of Tiverton, RI. Costume and set design are by Mark P. Fuller, Lighting design by Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr, both of New Bedford with sound design by William Smith of Dartmouth.

Performances are held at the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse located at 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, in the 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 arts and to Bristol County Savings Bank as a production supporter of Anastasia.

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

City Snow emergency

City offices will be closed Thursday, January 4, 2018 including City Hall, the public libraries, senior centers and the Buttonwood Zoo.

The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority plans to operate its routes as conditions allow on Thursday. If service is suspended due to weather conditions, SRTA will make that announcement. Riders should call (508) 999-5211 for information about the status of SRTA services. For more details visit www.srtabus.com.

The Sister Rose House (75 Division Street) will remain open for unsheltered residents. For more information, Sister Rose House's phone number is (508) 997-3202.

Bird Club Mtg

The Paskamansett Bird Club's January meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, in South Dartmouth. Skip Bedser will share his experiences on a recent birding trip to Peru. The trip featured a visit to a salt pond preserve on the west coast as well as a cruise on the upper Amazon River. Trip leaders included renowned bird experts Steve Hilty and David Ascanio.

Peru has over 1800 hundred species of birds, and the Amazon meanders through hundreds of different micro-climates, enabling the area to support a vast and wonderful variety of bird species. Skip will show a wide range of these birds through the photographs he was able to take during his visit.

Skip Bedser is a retired Electrical Engineer who did not begin to take pictures of birds until he started traveling outside the United States after he stopped working. His original motivation was to help him identify the unfamiliar birds he was seeing. He honed his skills through a class with Greg Stone at Second Half in Fall River, and the class prompted him to upgrade his camera to the one used for the photos that appear in his upcoming presentation.

Skip lives in Mattapoissett with his wife and his cat, and is currently a director of the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

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

Showstoppers F-R

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will once again be selling Dinner For Two Books as a fundraiser for their all-volunteer-run organization. The 2018 dining book features over \$1500 in free dinners, concerts, plays and cruises. The cost of the book is \$29.95 of which \$10 will be donated back to the Showstoppers by the Dinner For Two company. For orders, please call 508-758-4525 or email kzucco@comcast.net.

Friends of the COA

Everyone is invited to **join the Friends of the Mattapoissett Council**

on Aging, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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Your membership will be valid through the end of 2018 and allows you to vote at the January Annual Meeting.

For more information, contact Bob Kelley at 508-758-6311 or email r.kelley@ieee.org.

New Year, Health You

Community Nurse Home Care presents: New Year Healthy You!

A multi week healthy living program with Barbara Canuel, Registered Dietician held at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street. Learn how to establish attainable measurable goals which will promote lifestyle and behavior modification. RSVP to 508-717-0714.

Friday, January 5th, 10:00 a.m. My Plate & Portion Control. Learn the correct distribution and appropriate portion sizes for all nutrients when planning meals.

Friday, January 12th, 10:00 a.m. How to Maintain Taste. Don't sacrifice delicious food by making your meals more healthy.

Friday, January 19th, 10:00 a.m. Get Moving. It's not a diet alone! Learn important physical activity guidelines.

Friday, January 26th, 10:00 a.m. Dear Diary. Learn how to establish attainable measurable goals which will promote lifestyle and behavior modification.

Free, open to the public.

Memory Cafe Volunteer Training

Join us on Monday, January 8th, 1:30 p.m. at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street, to learn what it means to volunteer at a Memory Café and to

discuss helpful strategies for working with people experiencing memory loss. Training will be provided by Community Nurse Home Care of Fairhaven. Memory Cafés provide an inclusive, welcoming, non-judgmental gathering place for those personally dealing with memory loss and those who help care for them. Memory Café will be held every Friday morning, 10:00 a.m. in Acushnet beginning January 19, 2018. 508-998-0280 for more information.

Wampanoag Families of Westport

Wampanoag Families of Westport presented by R. Andrew Pierce 10 AM Saturday January 13 2018 at the Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport

R. Andrew Pierce will present research into the Wampanoag families of Westport and southeastern Massachusetts. 19th century New England genealogists largely ignored Native Americans, who despite centuries in the area, had been marginalized and forgotten. This missing history inspired Andrew Pierce and co-author Dr. Jerome Segel to compile comprehensive genealogies of Wampanoag families. The resulting massive two volume set "Wampanoag Families of Martha's Vineyard" is a definitive work presenting over 20 years' research at dozens of archives using vital statistics, census, land, probate, court missionary, military and maritime records. Suggested donation \$5.

Acushnet Library Delivers

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Recipe of the Week

Peanut butter snowballs

1 cup softened butter
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 tsp salt
2/3 cup chunky peanut butter
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup hot chocolate mix
3/4 cup confectioners sugar sifted

Preheat oven to 30°. In a large bowl, with mixer on med. beat butter, sugar and salt until light and fluffy. Beat in peanut butter, add flour and hot chocolate mix. Beat until combined.

Scoop and roll into 1" balls and place on parchment lined baking sheets. Bake in 350° oven for 12-15 minutes until bottoms are brown.

Let cool completely on baking sheets. Place confectioners sugar in a shallow bowl and roll cookies until coated.

By Sara Mello

Conrad Roy to run for suicide prevention

Conrad Roy, Jr., is running the 2018 Boston Marathon to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Mr. Roy's son, Conrad Roy III, committed suicide in July of 2014 when he was 18 years old.

He was found in the Kmart parking lot in Fairhaven with a spent gas-powered water pump in the back seat of the crew-cab. Police found thousands of texts and emails from Michelle Carter, a 17-year-old friend, encouraging him to kill himself, helping him research ways to do it, and berating him when he hesitated. Ms. Carter was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in August of 2017 by Judge Lawrence Moniz, who said her texts, emails and phone calls created the toxic environment that caused Mr. Roy's death, and, therefore, she had an obligation to call police or try to remove him from the dangerous situation. Instead, she told him to get back in the truck when he got out because he was afraid.

On his fund-raising page, Mr. Roy writes: "The circumstances surrounding my son's suicide, Conrad Roy III, have garnered international attention.

It is unimaginable to me that he was coerced into believing suicide was his only option. I can't believe that it happened and I cannot describe the pain I feel every moment of every day. I miss my son so very much. Less than year ago, I barely was able to run a half of a mile. I was inspired to get healthy and found running and fitness as a way to cope with the grief. Who would have thought that in March of 2017, I was able to run a half marathon in less than 2 hours. That achievement inspired me to set a goal of running a marathon in my son's honor. Suicide is preventable. I believe so strongly in the mission of AFSP and have set my fundraising goal of \$25,000. I hope that Conrad's death has an infinite impact. My son was wearing a Boston Strong t-shirt when he died. I truly feel that I was meant to run this marathon in his memory. I am thankful and humbled to have been chosen to run in the 2018 Boston Marathon for AFSP."

To contribute, visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/americanfoundationforsuicidepreventionboston2018/c321>

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Frigid cold postpones polar plunge

By Beth David
Editor

Facing frigid cold that broke a 100-year record, organizers of the Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge decided it was too risky and called it off, for awhile at least. Just before press time, organizers announced that the new date is Sunday, January 28, at 10 a.m.

“Happy New Year! We have a ‘do-over’ date!” they announced on their Facebook page. “Mass DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) has approved the request to hold the Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge on Sunday, January 28th at 10 a.m.”

Several other polar plunges also canceled, but Gloucester and Wareham held theirs as scheduled.

The stretch of cold weather, with temperatures at or below zero for days in a row, broke a 100-year record, according to several meteorologists.

This week, the area is expected to get blizzard-like conditions on Thursday, with bitter cold following for the weekend.

The Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge is free but raises funds for Scholarships by the sale of event t-shirts. Donations to benefit Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarships in memory of Fairhaven’s domestic violence victim can be sent, with check made out to: FDS Polar Plunge Scholarship, c/o 100 Cedar Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

To participate in this year’s plunge, you can register ahead or just show

up. If you aren’t crazy enough to jump in the water, join the hundreds of people who will watch from the beach.

This year’s theme is, your favorite Disney Movie. Put on your Mickey Mouse ears, Little Mermaid Costume, etc., have fun, be a plunger or a spectator!

Plungers will plunge on January 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. SHARP at DCR’s Ft. Phoenix State Beach Reservation

Net proceeds benefit scholarships in memory of Fairhaven’s domestic violence victims. Part of the Dollars for Scholars / Scholarship America Program (charity navigator 4-star charity rating).

The Plunge is a free event. For your safety, we are requiring that you register for the plunge. You can register on Plunge morning from 9 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

Checks can be made payable to the: Dollars for Scholars. Please note on check: Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge Donations of twenty-five dollars or more will receive a long sleeve T-shirt



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Bring towels, blankets and warm clothes to change into after the plunge. We highly recommend water shoes or old sneakers to protect your feet from rocks and cold. There are some unavoidable rocks in the area so be careful!

We will provide changing tents, Port-a-Johns, warming fire, and refreshments.

Email Kathy at lopeska@aol.com for more information.



TOP: Ice forms on the shore and all the way out to boats moored at Hoppy’s Landing in Fairhaven on January 3, 2018. The frigid cold of the last week broke a 100-year-old record. LEFT: The frigid cold and forming ice do not bother these ducks and seagulls as they continue to dive for food in the water at Hoppy’s Landing, by the Causeway and sandbar on January 3, 2018. RIGHT: The cold weather and forming ice causes some pilings to collapse at Earl’s Marina in Fairhaven on January 3. Photos by Beth David.

Acushnet has four fires in one week, three in one day

By Beth David
Editor

Fire destroys home on Gammons Road

An end-of-year fire completely destroyed a home at 2 Gammons Road in Acushnet. At 3:24 a.m. on Saturday, 12/30, firefighters responded to the report of a fire. Crews found that the occupants of the home had evacuated safely. Firefighters observed fire in the front, rear and through the roof of the building at the time of their arrival, according to a statement on the Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.

The fire was fought from outside the building due to structural concerns. It took firefighters 45 minutes, in single digit temperatures, to extinguish the blaze.

Mutual aid was received from the Fairhaven (ladder truck), Mattapoisett (engine), Rochester (tanker) and Freetown (station coverage) Fire Departments.

"We are very thankful that the occupants are safe and that there were no injuries to first responders," stated Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin A. Gallagher. "There was a tremendous amount of fire and ice".

Investigators from the State Fire Marshal's investigated and the Red Cross is provided assistance.

The home, occupied by David Hodges and Robin Perry, is owned by Ms. Perry, according to online town records. A GoFundMe page started by Mr. Hodges's daughter, Hannah Hodges, states that they lost everything. (Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/4xq0zrc> to donate.)

"My dad David Hodges, Robin Perry & their dog Hershey safely made it out okay but they are suffering the loss of everything," wrote Ms. Hodges on the page. "They lost clothes, food, cherishables, etc... I would like to try and help my dad get some extra money to get some clothes and other essentials that they might need. My dad and I don't always see eye to eye but I love my dad and want to do everything I can to help him and his girlfriend get their life and belongings back together."

Another GoFundMe page, at

<https://www.gofundme.com/robin-perry-house-fire-recovery>, created by Kaiya Kaye Madeira, is also raising money for the couple.

"Robin is an amazing person with a heart of gold and although she is not asking for help, I am trying to get her and her family some help due to this tragedy," reads the page. "Please consider donating today to help them get on their feet in this new year... even \$5 would be a generous gift."



The Acushnet Firefighters Association will also accept checks dropped off at the fire station to give to the couple.

In a follow-up phone interview, Chief Gallagher said the cause was electrical and started in the bedroom.

Fire destroys garage on Leonard Street

A fire on January 2 destroyed a garage at 189 Leonard Street. The structure was fully involved upon arrival at about 9:55 a.m. Initial hose lines were used to protect the residence, which was only 10 feet away from the burning garage. Two windows in the home broke from the heat, otherwise the residence was not damaged. There were no injuries

Rochester Fire Department provided a

tanker with 3,000 gallons of water while the Fairhaven Fire Department provided station coverage. There are no hydrants near the home.

The cause of the fire was determined to be a charger that was charging an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), Chief Gallagher said in a phone interview. The property belongs to John DeTerra.

All contents of the garage, including the ATV, lawn mower and other equipment were destroyed.

Chimney fire causes delays on Main Street

On Tuesday, 1/2, at 4:20 p.m., the Acushnet Fire Department announced delays, due to closing Main Street from Saucier Street to River Road because of a chimney fire at 17 Main Street. Fairhaven Ladder #1 provided mutual aid assistance. The home is owned and occupied by Frank and Cheryl Ramos, and also occupied by Donna and Francis O'Brien according to town records.

Rochester Fire Department also provided mutual aid.

Acushnet responds to garage fire on Rochester line/Robinson Road

Also on January 2, at about 1:30 a.m., Acushnet responded to a garage fire on Robinson Road that was on the Rochester line. The detached garage, two motorcycles and a passenger vehicle were destroyed in the fire.



TOP: A fire fully engulfs the home at 2 Gammons Road in Acushnet on 1/2. ABOVE: Acushnet Firefighters fight a blaze that destroyed a garage at 189 Leonard Street on 1/2. The Department responded to four blazes in a few days, with three on one day, 1/2/18. *Acushnet Fire Department photos.*

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Monday, Jan.15th, Friday, Jan.19th 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Computer/Software, Windows 10.* Instructor Kraig Perry. Monday, Jan. 22nd and Friday, Jan. 26th 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Ins and outs of E-Mail.* Wednesday, Jan.31st 9:30-10:30 a.m. *Connect on Facebook.* Space is limited to 15 participants. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at (508-979-4029).

AARP Drivers Safety Training

Fairhaven Council on Aging, Monday, February 5th, 12:00-4:30 p.m. **\$15.00 for AARP Members/\$20.00 for non Members.** Checks made to AARP Drivers Training.The training enables drivers to refresh their driving skills and understand how to adjust to age-related challenges such as hearing, vision, and reaction time. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at (508-979-4029).

Healthy Cooking Classes

The Fairhaven COA will be hosting Healthy Cooking Classes provided by Coastline through a grant from Tufts. In this class you will learn new ways to prepare healthy food, participate

in the preparation of the foods and enjoy your finished meal. Program is also open to those who have previously attend. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029, Mondays 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning January 8th.

General Loss and Grief Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:00-6:30 pm at The Fairhaven Senior Center, The Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

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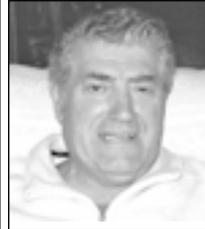


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Pipes freeze at EFS, school closes early on Tuesday

The East Fairhaven School sent students home early on Tuesday, 1/2, because the cold weather caused a pipe to burst.

The school announced on its Facebook page that students were sent home early.

"We have had a pipe burst in a classroom that has affected the heat in many classrooms," the school announced. "As a result, we have relocated students to large, warm,

safe areas. We are doing an immediate release to people on the emergency form. Another call/email will be sent with an exact time buses will be leaving the school. We will not release any child off the bus unless a person on the emergency form is present at the stop. If a person is not present, students will be returned to the school and in a warm place."

At around 5 p.m., the situation was resolved and students were back in

school on Wednesday.

Because of the impending storm for Thursday, though, school was cancelled throughout the district on Thursday.

The Wood School also had a minor issue with heat, but it did not delay the start of school or interfere with classes.

The East Fairhaven School was built in 2007 and the Wood School was built in 2013.

HAPPS: cont'd from page 5

Roof Giveaway

Care Free Homes, a local home improvement contractor, will kick off their 3rd annual roof giveaway, New Year, New Roof, on January 1, 2018.

Care Free Homes will install a GAF Timberline HD Roofing System at absolutely no cost to one deserving homeowner from the SouthCoast Massachusetts, Cape Cod, or Eastern Rhode Island area.

Whether it is someone who lost their job, a family struggling with medical expenses, or a single parent working to make ends meet - Care Free Homes wants to hear their story.

Family, friends, and neighbors are invited to nominate a homeowner between January 1, 2018 through January 8, 2018. Care Free Homes will select three finalists from the nominees and the community will vote online to choose the winner. Voting begins January 13, 2018. The winner will be revealed on January 24, 2018. Past winners include Kari Miller of Fairhaven, MA and Sherri Watkins of New Bedford, MA.

Care Free Homes is partnering with GAF, America's largest roofing manufacturer for the roof giveaway. Community partners, United Way of Greater New Bedford and Cape &

Islands United Way are helping Care Free Homes connect with qualified homeowners. Black Tie Cookies, a Dartmouth, MA baking company, will provide gourmet cookie bouquets to the finalists and the winner.

Members of the community can learn more about the New Year, New Roof giveaway and nominate a deserving homeowner by visiting www.carefreehomescompany.com.

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Two bodies recovered from the F/V Misty Blue

By Beth David
Editor

(Related story on page 18)

After many delays, divers were able to recover the bodies of the two fishermen who went down with the Misty Blue on December 4, 2017. Michael Roberts 49, of Fairhaven, and Jonathan Saraiva, 32, of New Bedford were found not able to get off the boat as it sank in waters 10 miles south-east of Nantucket. The bodies were recovered on December 18.

Services for Mr. Saraiva were private, and were arranged by Boulevard Funeral Home in New Bedford.

A memorial service was held for Mr. Roberts on Saturday, 12/30/17, at Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford. His burial will be private. Arrangements were handled by Rock Funeral Home of New Bedford.

In a statement after the sinking, Mr. Saraiva's family asked for privacy. They said Jonathan was a very private person who listened a lot more than he spoke and was a deep thinker.

"These are qualities his family has always respected and admired about

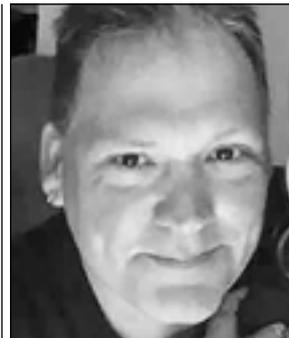
him," they wrote. "The mutual love between him and his family was, and still is, unconditional and undeniable."

After his body was recovered the family released a statement saying they had been praying for two weeks to bring Jonathan home.

"It is like reliving his loss all over again," wrote the family. "We want to thank the Massachusetts State Police Dive Team, the Coast Guard and everyone who's been involved for helping to bring our son Jonathan and Mike Roberts home. We also want to thank everyone for all the prayers and support during this most difficult time for our family."

Mr. Roberts's wife Tammy, posted a letter on Facebook from their four-year-old granddaughter Aaliyah, to her "Papa."

"Aaliyah gives a picture to you. Papa loves me. Aaliyah loves you back," reads the letter. "I am looking



LEFT (photo from GoFundMe page): Mike Roberts, 49, of Fairhaven and RIGHT (photo from Facebook page): Jonathan Saraiva, 32, of New Bedford, were killed when their clamming boat, Misty Blue, rolled over while fishing Nantucket Shoals on Monday, 12/4/17. The bodies were recovered on 12/18. (See page 18 for related story).

at your picture holding a fish. My Papa knows I am good. And Papa will always be my angel. Papa knows hen I am bad and bood. I miss my Papa. I love you Papa. Papa always went everywhere with me and Papa always hugged me."

The letter and picture were included with the body when it was cremated. A family friend set up a GoFundMe page for the Roberts family at: <https://www.gofundme.com/4tffqo8>



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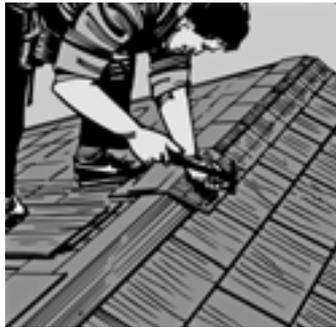
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Mike Roberts remembered by family and friends

By Beth David
Editor

(Related story on page 17)

Big. That's the word that kept popping up. Everything about Mike Roberts was big. He was a big guy. He had a big heart. He was a big teddy bear.

Mr. Roberts, 49, was killed when the boat he was on, the fishing vessel Misty Blue, went down 10 miles southeast of Nantucket on December 4, 2017. His body was recovered on December 18.

His heartbroken wife Tammy, their little granddaughter Aaliyah, friends and family gathered for a memorial service on Saturday, 12/30/17, at the Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford. The little chapel filled up, despite the frigid temperatures and the falling snow.

"Big Mike," said the Rev. Kenneth MacMillen as he asked to hear stories about the man who was clearly passionate about the things he loved.

"The man could cook," said a voice.

"I'm gonna miss him," said another.

"He was my light. He showed me that not every guy was bad," said his stepdaughter Kalie Brum.

He was accepting...of everyone.

The Rev. Mr. MacMillen told the crowd to look to the scriptures for strength in hard times, especially John 14:1-6, Let not your heart be troubled...Believe in Me.

And Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd...

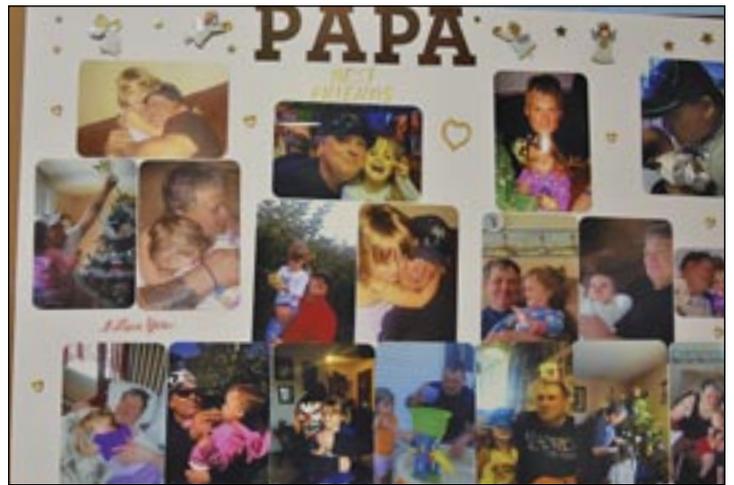


TOP: This collection of photos focuses on the special bond Mike Roberts had with his four-year-old granddaughter Aaliyah. Photo by Beth David. ABOVE: Mike shows off a few of his big catches. Mike Roberts was killed when the clamming boat he was on, the Misty Blue, sank 10 miles southeast of Nantucket on December 4, 2017.

Stacey Carreau read a letter from Tammy thanking everyone for their support, and saying the whole ordeal seemed "surreal."

"You were a good man with a very big heart. You were my Archie Bunker, but also my Teddy Bear," reads the letter.

Tammy and Mike met in a record store when she was 16 and they soon were inseparable, she said, sharing a love of music. Then they were on and off for a few years, she



If he loved you, he loved
you with his whole heart.
And when he hugged you,
he never left any doubt
that you were hugged.

[Bob Roberts]

wrote.

"But somehow we always found our way back to each other. Time separated us for awhile. We lost touch. Fate had it out for us and we found each other again."

She said the "very best times" of her life were spent with him, and the most challenging, too.

"Thank you for treating my kids like a dad and calling them yours. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being the best papa a little girl could ever have," she wrote about their granddaughter Aaliyah. "You showed her true and unconditional love."

She promised to keep his memory alive for Aaliyah

They had their struggles, she said, but never gave up on each other.

"I have no idea how to go on

without you. I pray you never leave my side. Watch over us," she said, adding it is not goodbye, but "until we meet again."

"Meet me at the gates. Until we meet again, you will live in my heart. I love you. Love forever and always, your Baby Doll."

Many in the crowd wept openly as the letter was read.

After the service, family and friends met at St. Joseph Church in Fairhaven for food and refreshments.

"He always accepted me," said Tammy's daughter Kalie Brum, 22. "I always appreciated it. It truly means a lot. He was the light after the dark for me."

Bob Roberts, who said he adopted Mike when he was an adult, traveled up from Alabama for the ceremony.

When Mike had cancer in 1997 and needed a place to recover, he turned to his mother, who died this summer, and Bob.

"He had a heart of gold," said Mr. Roberts. "If he loved you, he loved you with his whole heart. And when he hugged you, he never left any doubt that you were hugged."

He said Mike had no trouble showing his feelings and emotions.

"He wasn't just a tough fisherman," said Mr. Roberts. "He had a very good soul. He took to my kids like they were his sister and brothers."

Mike's stepson Ryan Pereira said that Mike had a "special bond" with Ryan's daughter Aaliyah.

"That's what hurts," said Mr. Pereira. "She misses him. They spent a lot of time together."

And Mike was there for his mother, he said, something he appreciated.

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Notes from Visitors Center

by Chris Richard
Director of Tourism

January 2018

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The year 2018 did not start out as expected, because it was too cold to safely hold the annual Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge. Kathy Lopes and the committee made a wise choice to play it safe for the health and wellbeing of both the participants and volunteer staff. As I write this, the new date for the plunge has not been set, but watch Facebook and the local news outlets for updates as soon as they are available.

Now let's take a look back at 2017.

It was a year ago I began these monthly columns in the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*, thanks to the cooperation of Beth David. "Notes from the Visitors Center" is also posted on Facebook and on FairhavenTours.com a day or so after they run in the paper. The idea is to keep you informed of what the Office of Tourism is working on through the year and to provide information about some of the upcoming events held in town. It is also in keeping with the Board of Selectmen's policy goal to make your government more open and accessible. (At some point you also might see periodic reports from other Town departments posted on the Town of Fairhaven website.) I hope that you have been finding these columns useful.

Last year there were weather issues with a few of the regular annual events. The spring and fall Fort Phoenix encampments both got off to wet starts. The Father's Day Road Race was wet, too. There was a very rainy beginning to the Homecoming Day Fair. One of the Monday Morning Fun programs at the Visitors Center was rained out and Harvest Fun Day was a very soggy (but fun) day. The last night of the Haunted Academy had to be canceled because of a very windy storm. However, there were many bright spots (besides the sun coming out for Homecoming afternoon). The morning of the Fourth of July was very nice. The Manjiro Festival did not have to be moved indoors this time. The light snow during the Old-Time Holiday seemed to bring out more people than ever.

If we're lucky, we'll end up with weather patterns this year that are a bit more favorable for our outdoor events.

During the summer of '17, the Pirates and Privateers presentations at Fort Phoenix, then in their second season, were very well attended and generated many positive comments. More people are learning this kid-friendly "histor-tainment" is a fun thing to do on a Friday morning. I'm hoping to find a couple of additional reenactors so that there can be even more piracy this year.

Seven of the eight Monday Morning Fun programs in July and August were great, too. Lots of children and their parents or guardians stopped by for games, ice cream, and some great guest presentations. We had zoo animals, the ArtMobile, chocolately goodness from Emma Jean's, music with KJ Tunes, and much more. The program that was rained out — the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center — will be rescheduled in 2018.



The Fairhaven Office of Tourism is introducing Huttleston Marketplace which will be held on Saturdays in the summer at the Visitors Center.

I'll be planning some new activities and we'll also see the return of some of the favorites from previous years. A lot of thanks needs to go to the business, organizations, and individuals who made donations to bring these programs to you.

Bob Foster and I had a great time guiding tours again last year. Watch for the schedules of this summer's H.H. Rogers Walking Tours, Fairhaven High School tours, and Riverside Cemetery tours. (This is another area where some more volunteer help would be nice. If you have ever thought it would be fun to be a tour guide, let's make it happen. You just need a good clear speaking voice and a good pair of walking shoes. Get in touch.)

A lot of what went on last year will be repeated in 2018, but there are some changes coming, too.

First, Green Fairhaven/Fairhaven Sustainability will no longer hold a

Farmers Market on Sunday afternoons. According to organizers, increased competition from other markets, decreasing attendance, and other factors led to this decision. It was a good run for ten years. Everyone who volunteered at the market should be commended.

Second, the Old Stone Schoolhouse will not have regular Saturday afternoon hours during the summer of 2018. It can still be opened by appointment for school field trips and other visits by interested groups, but there were just not enough people showing up on Saturday afternoons to make it worthwhile to open every week.

Third, as a result of the two things mentioned above, the Office of Tourism is planning to run a new weekly marketplace for arts, crafts, antiques, and nostalgic collectibles on Saturdays from mid-June to Labor Day on the lawn of the Visitors Center. It will be called Huttleston Marketplace, with hours tentatively set for 10 to 4.

In addition to the arts/crafts/antiques component, there may be some locally made food products and farm produce as well. There will be rules in place for vendors to keep the standards high with regard to what can be sold, so it does not turn into a common flea market. Crafts will have to be hand made in New England. Original art, photos and prints will be from local people. Antiques and collectibles will have to meet certain age, condition, and collectability requirements.

Right now, the fee schedule for Huttleston Marketplace vendors is still being considered, but most likely there will be one fee for the full season and another fee to set up for one week at a time. People interested in being vendors can email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov to be put on the email list or to offer any comments or suggestions.

As always, anyone with ideas, feedback, or interest in helping out can contact me by calling 508-979-4085, via email at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov, or by stopping by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. The hours of the Office of Tourism are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon. There are some reserved parking spaces in the high school lot closest to the Academy Building. ●●●

Public Hearings/Legal Notices

NOTE: All legal notices are available on the Neighb News website, www.NeighbNews.com, under the "Legal Notices" tab on the top of the main page. Legal ads are also available at <http://masspublicnotices.org>, search under "Fairhaven Neighborhood News"

Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Meeting Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Town will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The purpose of this third public meeting will be to present and receive feedback on the Town's final draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. This includes a review of proposed actions to improve emergency preparedness and reduce the impact of natural hazards such as hurricanes, floods, and severe winter storms. All members of the community are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Bill Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, at (508) 979-4082 Ext. 9 or billr@fairhaven-ma.gov. To learn more about this project and review draft plan documents, please visit the Town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee website at http://fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_Hazard/index. 1/4/18

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on **January 23, 2018**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Rezone** — The applicant, *Albert Roderiques* is seeking to rezone his property located at 273 Alden Road, Map 37A, Lot 538, containing 19,050 square feet, from Business District (B) to Single Residence Districts (RA). 2) **Special Permit** for the installation of Small Cell Equipment-V#SC05 — located

on Utility Pole #46/10 in the Town right-of-way on Center Street, adjacent to 46 Center Street. The applicant, *Celco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless*, is requesting a Special Permit, to use the existing 29.5-foot tall utility pole. The Small Cell Equipment will be located at a height of 12.5-feet, the meter box will be located at a height of 8-feet, and the Antenna base will be located at a height of 19-feet and will have a top height of 24-feet.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board
1/4/18 & 1/11/18

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Town of Fairhaven Rules and Regulations Governing Aquaculture, will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018 at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on the application of Matthew Loo and Thomas Loo, 42 Taber Street, Fairhaven, MA, for an aquaculture license to operate a shell fish farm on approximately 1.82 acres of public water located in the vicinity of Shaw's cove on the Fairhaven-Mattapoisett Town Line, filed on October 25, 2017. The coordinates of the area of operation are:

41.628333, -70.843500
41.628222, -70.844472
41.628944, -70.844417
41.627427, -70.843306

A copy of the complete application can be found on the Town's website: www.fairhaven-ma.gov and clicking on "Documents and Contracts"

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From our readers

Pantry says "thank you"

This letter of thanks goes out to all the generous people who contributed money and/or non-perishable food to the 14th annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser. With a monthly expenditure of around \$6,000.00 used to purchase food that is either running low or out of completely, monetary donations are necessary to keep the pantry running smoothly.

According to Blanche Pepin, the pantry's administrator, hard working and dedicated volunteers handed out thousands of food items to over 6,000 families during this past year. Broken down, that's over 16,000 individuals helped; with 33% of this total going to children and an average of over 95 families that come looking for help each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m.

A BIG thank you for this year's success goes to the much needed and appreciated newspaper articles from *The Standard-Times*, *The Fairhaven/Acushnet Advocate* and the *Fairhaven Neighborhood News*. Also, a BIG thank you to some of the area's businesses, churches, schools and

non-profit groups and organizations that have donated their time and money towards our yearly venture. I'd also like to acknowledge the donors who have visited our web site, shepherdspace.org, and felt inspired to help our cause.

Another big contributor this year was when both *The Greater New Bedford Track Club* and *Union Running* from Fairhaven had agreed, back in August of this year, to take over the responsibility and the hard work to promote and run our annual *Turkey Trot* road race. This annual Thanksgiving morning event brought in 890 registered runners, a new record. After expenses, over \$20,000 and over 2,500 lbs. of food that was donated, because of the road race, found its way to the *Shepherd's Pantry*.

Also, another big thank you to the *Stop & Shop Bakery Department* workers, located in Fairhaven, who hand me outdated bread and pastries on Friday afternoons to be given out the next morning to the needy who frequent the pantry.

And finally, the food bins located at

the *Millicent Library*, and *Stop & Shop Supermarket*, both located in Fairhaven, where generous people have dropped off thousands of pounds of non-perishable food this past year, will continue.

If you have any questions about the pantry located at the *Long Plain United Methodist Church* at 1215 Main Street in Acushnet, please call 508-763-9289.

Sincerely, Gerry Payette
Holiday fund raiser coordinator and
Executive Director

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He said he understood why Mike had such fun with Aaliyah.

"He was a kid," said Mr. Pereira. "He was very playful. Like a little kid. And he took care of my mother."

"He was a helluva hard worker," said Mike's stepson Kevin Brum, who fished with Mike on the Misty Blue a few times. "He was a bull. He was a very fun guy, down to earth."

He said Mike helped everybody and never had a problem with anyone. He also noted that Mike was a great cook. He was a five-star chef before he started fishing.

Mr. Brum works on an offshore lobster boat, but said he has no second thoughts about going out.

"He'd want me to go back out," said Mr. Brum. "I won't stop it."

Mr. Brum's friends also had a few good things to say about Mike.

"He was always in a good mood," said Sean Reynolds.

"He was accepting like anything," said Trinity Lyford. "He made me feel like family the first time I met him."

"He was always giving," said Tammy of her husband. "He was a good guy. He loves his granddaughter. He had a big heart, a very big heart."

"He was a big teddy bear," said Sandy, a family friend.

"But he was a damned Yankees fan," laughed Tammy, saying they had a little rivalry in the house about it.

He loved the Cowboys, and they watched NASCAR races together. He also loved his rock n roll music.

A family friend created a GoFundMe page for Mike's family at: <https://www.gofundme.com/4tffqo8>

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Wed., 1/10, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

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Mon., 1/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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TIDE TABLE

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Friday	19	0916	2142	0211	1446*
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The entire marathon is peppered with fun Melville-inspired activities, including opportunities to chat with scholars from the Melville Society Cultural Project (MSCP) and even a chance to “stump” the scholars by testing their Melville knowledge. The Whaling Museum, in collaboration with The Melville Society, is the established home of the MSCP and the Melville Society Archive, which is housed in the Museum’s Research Library. The archive constitutes one of the best collections of Melville scholarship and resources anywhere in the world.

The few hardy souls who brave the voyage by staying awake through all 136 chapters of the great American epic — from Etymology to Epilogue — will receive a prize when the marathon comes to an end on Sunday.

The main marathon program highlights are below. Times are approximate and are dependent upon the reading pace of the marathon. **All Saturday and Sunday events are free and open to the public.** Guests may come and go as needed through the Museum’s main entrance.

Friday, January 5

- **5:30–9:00 p.m.** Pre-marathon dinner, film, and discussion (**Ticketed event**)

Saturday, January 6

- **10 a.m.** **Stump the Scholars** Audience brings their most

challenging Melville-related questions and tries to stump Melville scholars.

- **10 a.m. Children’s Mini-Marathon:** abridged version of *Moby-Dick* by Classic Starts
- **11:30 a.m. Extracts** read by the Melville Society Cultural Project
- **12 noon Main Marathon begins**
- **2:30 p.m. Chat** with Melville scholars
- **3:00 p.m. Portuguese Marathon:** Tiago Patricio’s abridged version of *Moby-Dick* in Portuguese
- **3:00–5:00 p.m. “Above it All” Artist Demonstration:** See art in action at the National Whaling Historical Park as artist, Peter Michael Martin, pulls a large-scale woodblock print, designed for the Moby-Dick Marathon.
- **4:00–5:00 p.m. Artist Jacob Mark signs copies** of the poster he designed for the marathon
- **5:00–9:00 p.m. Cousin Hosea’s Chowder House and the Decanter Taproom:** Re-charge and warm up with New Bedford’s finest chowders and soups from local restaurants — Destination Soups, Freestone’s City Grill, Tia Maria’s European Cafe, and Quahog Republic Whaler’s Tavern. Moby-Dick Brewery will be serving up local brews in the Decanter Taproom.
- **7:00–7:30 p.m. Culture*Park’s performance** of *Midnight, Forecastle* (chapter 40)

Sunday, January 7

- **8:00 a.m. The 20th-hour Feast** A tasty morning treat to fuel readers in the home stretch
 - **9:30 a.m. Chat with Melville scholars**
 - **1:00 p.m. Epilogue** and prizes for the hearty souls that stay awake through the entire voyage
- The entire marathon will be broadcast via livestream in a couple of venues within the Museum, as well as online, so enthusiasts around the globe can follow along. Visit www.whalingmuseum.org for more information.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world’s most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of human interaction with whales through time, and the history and culture of the South Coast region. The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city’s historic downtown. Museum hours: January through March, Tuesday–Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; April through December, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is open until 8 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Admission is: Free for Museum members and children aged three and under; adults \$17, seniors (65+) \$15, students (19+) \$10, child and youth \$7. For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

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“It takes a team effort,” he said, adding that he gave direction and got the funding, but it was town employees who did the work.

He recalled that the town hall auditorium had been deemed unsafe, but he got a structural engineer to take a look. They discovered it was safe, and restored it. Now it is a beautiful space, with large, stained glass windows and a magnificent ceiling. It is used throughout the year for a variety of events, including concerts, plays and films. It is also now being used as the cable access television studio.

The photograph will hang in town

hall, but the exact spot has not been decided yet.

In other business, the board appointed seven members to the newly created Town Clerk Study Committee, which will study the pros and cons of keeping the town clerk position as elected, or making it an appointed position. Members of the committee are: Mark Badwey; Kyle Bueno; Town Treasurer/Finance Director Wendy Graves; Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley; Town Clerk Eileen Lowney; Ann Richard; Bernie Rodericks; and Anne O’Brien as the town hall representative.

The board also approved a letter to

John Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, asking that he “take swift action” to get the fishing vessels and crew members of Sector 9 back to work. Mr. Bullard shut down the sector completely because of the criminal activity of Carlos Rafael, who owned all the permits and boats in the sector. Mr. Rafael is serving 46 months in a federal prison for his crimes.

The ruling by Mr. Bullard prohibits 21 vessels and 80 crew members from fishing, with repercussions of that ban affecting more than 300 other workers that support the ground fishing industry.

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