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Veterans Day parade returns to Fairhaven



Members of the Lions Club, veterans, and other volunteers carry the 30x50-foot flag down Main Street during the Fairhaven Veterans Day parade on 11/11/21. The parade was canceled last year due to the pandemic. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We had a parade!
After last year's cancellations, it really does feel good to go to these events this year. See page 12 for Fairhaven's Veterans Day ceremony, and page 13 for Acushnet's.

Our annual shopping issue is next week, so if you have a business and want to be included, you have to run a paid ad...yes, a paid ad. Other restrictions apply, so, email or call (see page 3 for details).

Acushnet will soon be in need of a new Town Administrator (see page 16). No news yet on how they will proceed. Don't worry, it'll probably be normal.

DaCunha's Dispatches is back this week. The column will only appear occasionally, now that school is getting back to normal.

We have events getting back up to speed...well, mostly.

The big Gridiron bonfire is next week, on Thanksgiving Eve. Now, that's a fun event. The fire department lights up a huge HUGE (did I mention huge?) pile of wood, pallets, all kinds of stuff. The band is usually there, and there's hot chocolate. I usually use the opportunity to buy a pair of Blue Devils sweatpants or sweatshirt.

Then, on Thursday our kids face off against the Dartmouth team. Y'know, our kids are pretty good this year. I think they might beat those Dartmouth Indians this year. In any case, it's fun to watch. See page 5, under the bonfire, for details. The game is in Dartmouth this year, so our kids are in enemy territory. We need to show up and give 'em some backup.

There's other stuff in here, of course...oh, right, PJ Keating says we made boo-boos in our story last week. I beg to differ. See page 4 for that.

Meanwhile, we are still plugging along, although any sane person would've shut down this thing years ago. We NEED reader support. We can't do it on advertising alone, or on reader support alone. We need both. So if you like the paper, appreciate the news in here, please donate, any amount. We have a convenient PayPal link on our website, or feel free to send cash. Until next week then...
Beth David

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To join a virtual informational

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Applicants will be chosen by lottery on 2/10/22. All applicants must meet the community's Resident Selection Plan criteria.

For more information or to receive an application, call 781-915-3-71; TDD call 7-1-1; email, oxfordschool@hallkeen.com

Applications are available at:

Millicent Library, 45 Center St.; Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St.; Fairhaven Housing Authority, 275 Main St.; Fairhaven Senior Ctr., 229 Huttleston Ave.; online, www.hallkeen.com/oxfordschool

Applications will be taken until Jan. 31, 2022.

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PJK responds to “inaccurate statements” in FNN article

Statement from

PJ Keating Company President

Your recent article entitled “Complaints about PJ Keating Increase,” released November 10, 2021, contains numerous inaccurate statements that we could have corrected if we had been given the chance to comment prior to publication. Unfortunately, the article left a false impression with readers about our company, which has been operating in Acushnet for more than 100 years. A more balanced account would have avoided the following errors:

- Your statement that “[o]ne of the changes (to the aforementioned bylaws) allows liquid asphalt to be stored in large tanks that can now be seen from the road” is inaccurate. These tanks cannot be seen from the road. The picture that you took is of something different, asphalt storage silos. Moreover, there was no change to any bylaw that “allowed the company to move the asphalt plant operation to the front of the property”. The property is zoned industrial and the current uses of

the property, including location of the asphalt plant and its components, are allowed by right.

- Your article states that “Several residents complained that their cars were damaged from tar”. PJK has investigated this — as the company does all complaints received from residents — and found that the ‘tar balls’ are naturally occurring artillery fungus (*Sphaerobolus stellatus*) and has nothing to do with PJK operations.
- Your articles says that “Mr. Smith asked about air quality monitors. He said the people who work at PJK or visit there are in their vehicles, but the residents are exposed to bad air.” PJK employees do not work in their vehicles; they are in the open air as well, in very close proximity to the asphalt plant, and have experienced no “bad air” or overwhelming odors. Furthermore, PJK has installed a system of air quality monitors at the perimeter of its property to track dust and particulates leaving its site.
- Your article quotes Mr. Smith as saying “wheels on the trucks

clearly have not been washed.” With the exception of the trucks entering and exiting the site solely for asphalt (which are driving only on paved surfaces within the site), it is mandatory that all trucks go through the tire wash system.

- The article quotes Cheryl Hall as asserting that PJK reported there was no silica in the air particles. PJK never claimed that there is no silica, which is a naturally occurring substance and literally all around us — in fact, every beach that you have ever visited is loaded with silica. What PJK has reported is that we test our employees for silica. Liberty Mutual Insurance conducts these tests as part of PJK’s Industrial Hygiene program.
- Your article quotes Mr. Thomas as saying that trucks line up outside P.J. Keating beginning at 5 a.m. In fact, no trucks enter the PJK property prior to 7:00 a.m., when the gate is unlocked. L&S Concrete may start earlier; however, that has nothing to do with PJK.

It is important that town residents

PJK: cont’d on page 21



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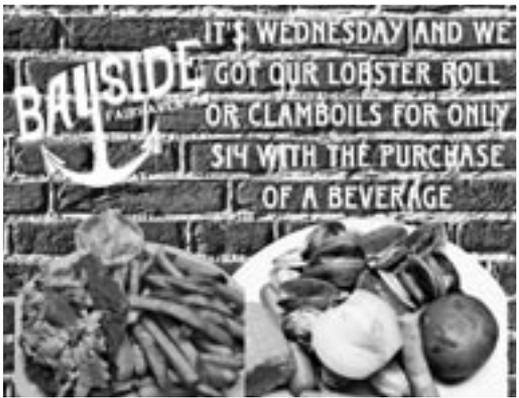
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Gridiron Bonfire

Come on out and join the Fairhaven Blue Devils for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire & Pep Rally, on Wed., 11/24, at 6:30pm at Cushman Park. This is a community event and all of Fairhaven is invited to attend and support FHS.

The Gridiron Club will be hosting this event with Hot Chocolate, Popcorn and a Blue Devil Gear table.

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Football Team this season and FIRE UP the Blue Devils before their big Thanksgiving Day Game!

For more information or weather cancellation: find us on Facebook or Twitter at Fairhaven Gridiron Blue Devils or on Instagram at FHS Blue Devil Football.

GO BLUE!

The next day, 11/25, at 10 a.m., the Blue Devils will face their annual Thanksgiving Day Rival, Dartmouth High School, at Dartmouth. All are encouraged to attend.

PTO Craft Fair

Please join us for our craft and vendor fair, a fundraiser for the Fairhaven High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Fairhaven High School Class of 2022, at Fairhaven High School gym, Sat., 11/20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free admission.

Come and support 50+ local crafters and vendors. Get a head start on your holiday shopping with unique gifts made locally. We will have a raffle table featuring items from our vendors. Join us for some fun and shopping for a great cause.

Visit our Facebook page for a list of vendors.

Door Decorating

The Fairhaven Historical Society is sponsoring a door decorating contest. See ad on back cover for details.

NMI Blog post

The Northeast Maritime Institute invites you to read their latest blog at <https://www.northeastmaritime.com/blog/>

Christmas Event

The Fairhaven Lions Club invites you to a Merry Little Christmas Event,

on Sat., 12/4, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St. Featuring All things Christmas rummage sale, Santa meet & greet, raffle table, children's craft making station, Christmas music, Gifts to Give with Children's gift packs. Masks required and enforced.

Family Fundraiser

The Red Hatters of West Island are raising funds and gifts to donate to a Fairhaven family in need for Christmas. The family has been chosen by the school system. They have four children.

Call Kathi Konicki for details, 561-866-3435.

Food Drive for Vets

Bask, Inc., a locally owned cannabis dispensary in Fairhaven, Mass., has announced plans for their 4th annual Food Drive for Veterans. Donations will be collected at Bask's adult-use and medical dispensary through Sunday, November 21st, at 2 Pequod Road in Fairhaven, MA.

Bask, which is Veteran owned and operated, continues its commitment to the community with donations going directly to the Veterans Association of Bristol County (VABC). The VABC provides resources including a food pantry, counseling services, and support to the area's Veteran population.

Bask will be collecting non-perishable food, hygiene products, and grocery store gift cards. Donations can be dropped off at either entrance during regular business hours. The medical entrance is open from 9am to 7pm and the adult use entrance is open from 9am to 9pm daily.

Sobriety Checkpoint

Thanks to a grant provided by the Highway Safety Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, a "Sobriety Checkpoint" will be held in

Bristol County, on Saturday, November 20, 2021 into Sunday, November 21, 2021

According to Colonel Christopher S. Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, the purpose is to further educate the motoring public and strengthen the public's awareness to the need of detecting and removing those

motorists who operate under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs from our roadways. It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary, safety will be assured, and any inconveniences to motorists will be minimized with advance notice to reduce fear and anxiety.

Light-A-Light FR

As we kickoff the 2021 Light-a-Light season, please help us light up the beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of Fairhaven High School. The generous donations from 501 donors last year totaled \$25,876, which is the second highest amount that we have raised in the 36 years of this fundraiser.

The funds that were raised helped the Fairhaven Alumni Association support FHS teachers with \$7,500 in mini-grants, \$25,000 to purchase a new multi-sport scoreboard at FHS Alumni Stadium which will host all the home games for boys and girls sports in the fall and spring seasons.

Your Alumni Association also distributed \$13,000 in scholarships to college bound seniors from the Class of 2021 with funds raised through the Light-a-Light project, as well as donations from some very generous alums.

Please help us as we strive to reach our goal of \$30,000. Donations can be made by writing a check to "FHS Alumni" and mailing it to: FHS Alumni, P.O. Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Also, this year donations can be made by using Venmo, PayPal or Zelle by using our email address: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com

Visit <http://fairhavenalumni.org> for details, including last year's donors.

You can follow our weekly progress on our Fairhaven High School Alumni Association Face Book page.

Alerts sign up

Some people did not get notified of the boil water order. To sign up to receive alerts on your landline, cell phone and/or by email, visit the Fairhaven Fire Department's web page, www.fairhavenfire.org and click on "Fairhaven Emergency Alert" and follow the prompts. Or call the Fire Department at 508-004-1428, or call the Fairhaven Senior Center and ask for Anne Silvia, 508-979-4029.



Thank You and Happy Holidays to all of our alumni and friends of Fairhaven High School who have donated to our 2021 Light-a-Light campaign!

To view the entire list of current 2021 Donors by YOG: fairhavenalumni.org/news

To make an online donation to help us reach our goal: fairhavenalumni.org/light or you can mail a check made out to “FHS Alumni” to:

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Play

Your Theatre Presents *The Good Doctor*, By Neil Simon, Directed by Robin Richard

A combination of Neil Simon and Chekhov, *The Good Doctor*, a comedy, is, by turns, charming, hilarious, sad, and touching. It centers around a writer who speaks to the audience and shares his writing with them, throughout one day. He presents them with a plethora of scenes: some are from his childhood, others are his family and friends, and still others are his own life experiences. The audience meets a variety of characters, all of whom are immediately relatable and strikingly human.

Remaining dates: Fri. & Sat., 11/19, 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 11/20, 21, at 2:30 p.m. at Your Theatre at St. Martins, 136 Rivet Street (County Street Entrance), New Bedford, MA 02744. Tickets - General Admission - \$18.00. Seniors and Students - \$15.00

To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email info@yourtheatre.org

COVID protocols in place, visit www.yourtheatre.org for details.

Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., New Bedford, welcomes the public to its annual Open Studio on Sat. & Sun., 11/20 & 21, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Preview night on Fri., 11/19, 5:30-8 p.m., includes reception for our current gallery show, Women of Hatch Street Studios.

Bring your friends, family, and a mask to come see masters of their craft, hard at work. You will find that many artists will have work available for sale with the holidays just a couple of weeks away.

Women in Fishing

In conjunction with its latest gallery exhibit, *Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore, At Home, In the Community*, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will present a variety of programs highlighting women in commercial fishing communities. All programs are free and open to the public, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford.

FILM SCREENING

Friday, November 19, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. A Fish Story a film about two women who lead their communities

in a battle against a coalition of national environmental groups for control of the ocean. Three hundred years of fishing tradition and the health of the ocean hang in the balance. The film features Angela Sanfilippo of Gloucester and Shareen Davis of Chatham, both of whom are included in the Center's exhibit. The film will be shown at the Center (38 Bethel Street, New Bedford).

VIRTUAL TALK

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. *Fisherwomen: An Illustrated Talk* by award winning Scottish photographer Craig Easton, about his project Fisherwomen that chronicles the work of the "herring lassies" of the past and the women who work in Scotland's fish processing today. Easton's work was recently featured in New Bedford as part of DATMA's Harvester's of the Deep. The program will be presented via ZOOM.

Please contact programs@fishingheritagecenter.org with any questions.

Transgender Remembrance Day

Transgender Day of Remembrance, afternoon vigil, Sat., 11/20, 2-4 p.m. NB Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., downtown, open to everyone. Streaming live on Facebook. Presented by the Southcoast LGBTQ+ Network.

West End Cleanup

Sat., 11/20, 8 a.m. to noon, Andrea McCoy Recreation Ctr., 181 Hillman St./Ash St., NB, by Neighborhoods United and Go Green Campaign. Meet at the dumpster.

COVID Testing

Local COVID-19 testing locations are changing their schedules next week to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Project Beacon, part of the state's Stop the Spread program and located at 1569 Airport Road, will add Wednesday hours from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 24, but will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 25.

Project Beacon will resume its normal testing schedule at the airport on Sunday, Nov. 28. Normal testing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays;

and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Appointments for free COVID-19 tests can be made at beacontesting.com. Airport officials ask that people reach the site via the airport's side entrance on Downey Street.

The free COVID-19 testing clinic at former Fire Station 11, operated by Seven Hills at 754 Brock Ave., also will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, as well as Friday, Nov. 26.

Other testing sites remain available in New Bedford and can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test.

Thanksgiving Week testing locations in New Bedford include:

Sunday, Nov. 21:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 22:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 23:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 24:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

World AIDS Day

First ever South Coast World AIDS Day Conference. on Dec. 1, 3-7 p.m. at UMass Dartmouth, Woodlawn Commons. The event's theme is "Forward Thinking," and it will feature exhibits and presentations from some of the area's leading authorities on HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment. It will also offer continuing education unit (CEUs) to assist professionals with maintaining their license in their profession.

Email andy@scslgbtqnetwork.org or call (774) 775-2656 for more information.

Thanksgiving Parade, 400th anniv

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration" Is Back For 2021 And Live On WCVB Channel 5! Join us in 2021 as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving!

Bring the entire family! The celebration of Thanksgiving becomes history-brought-to-life as Pilgrims, Native Americans, Soldiers, Patriots, and Pioneers proudly climb out of the history books and onto the streets of Plymouth, America's Hometown.

Sat., 11/20, 10am-noon: Starting at Plymouth Rock, continuing around Water Street to Main Street to Court Street, and ending at Benny's Plaza at 179 Court St. **(Opening ceremonies start at 9am at the Pilgrim Memorial Park on Water St).**

Encore showing of the parade on WCVB Channel 5 on Thurs., 11/25, Thanksgiving morning, at 9 a.m.

For related events from Thurs.-Sun., visit <https://seeplymouth.com/event/americas-hometown-thanksgiving-celebration/> for or call 800-210-1620; info@plymouthrock.org

Live Performance

In the early 1800s, Eleanor Eldridge went to court four times, twice to defend herself and her brother in cases that involved "mistaken identities," and twice more to reclaim her Providence house, stolen from her when she was ill. This powerful performance brings to life the remarkable story of a courageous Black business woman who learned how to navigate the Rhode Island legal system.

See the play, view an original copy of "The Memoirs of Eleanor Eldridge" and copies of her court documents, and talk with the actress/playwright afterward. Please wear a mask and be fully vaccinated!

Sat., 11/20, at 10 a.m., Stages of Freedom, 10 Westminster St., Providence. Tickets: \$20 - Limited Seating

Proceeds pay for swimming lessons for Black youth

Can't attend in person?

Register and receive a Zoom link.

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"Love Letters"

At long last, Rhode Island's oldest

community theater, The Community Players, is proud to announce their much-anticipated 100th Anniversary Season!

The season opens with a special presentation of A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters*. Performed by three different casts, this unique, touching, funny and imaginative theatre piece is comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together and went their separate ways, but continued to share confidences. Their lifelong correspondence begins with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards and continues through boarding school, college years, and married life.

Featuring the talents of popular comedian Frank O'Donnell and beloved television personality Kelly Bates Riley, directed by Patricia Hawkridge, who take the stage on November 19, followed by longtime members of the local theatre scene Lara Hakeem and Jeff St. Germain, directed by Marcia Zammarelli on November 20, and concluding with Community Players' audience favorite and past president Claire L. Beauregard, reunited with a very special guest artist, directed by Lynne Collinson on November 21, *Love Letters* is not to be missed!

Love Letters will be presented for one weekend only from November 19-21, 2021.

Produced at Jenks Auditorium located at 350 Division Street in Pawtucket, (across from McCoy Stadium), performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Individual tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students

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Bike Path Giving

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path, Inc. (the Friends) are requesting that interested members of the community consider a donation to the Friends in their Giving Tuesday and year end giving plans.

Thanks to the generosity of this

community, the Friends have supplied more than \$200,000 to support the construction of the bike path since its inception.

Below is the recap of the Friends accomplishments in 2021:

- Provided \$95,000 to help fund the Marion Connector which was completed early in the summer.
- Committed \$20,000 for amenities such as benches and bicycle racks which are scheduled for installation along the path in the first half of 2022.
- Partnered with the Mattapoissett Recreation Department to start a new initiative, Bikes for All, which refurbishes donated bicycles and makes them available free of charge to members of the community. In the first months of this initiative, our generous community donated over 150 bikes. The Friends has already refurbished and given fifty of these bikes to children and adults throughout our community who are enjoying them.

None of these accomplishments would have happened without our community's shared desire to help one another enjoy safe bicycling.

In 2022, the Friends will be working to support the Town of Mattapoissett to complete the few segments of the bike path which remain unbuilt. This will require an initial investment of funds to cover preliminary activities such as design, engineering, appraisal, and environmental work so that the Town is in position to make applications for available grants.

You can mail your contribution or donate online. By mail: make checks payable to the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Online: <https://mattapoissettrail.com/donate> or at our GoFundMe page. The Friends will use all funds received to support the completion of the path and path amenities unless designated for the Bikes for All program.

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Recipe of the Week

Caramelized Salmon

With just five ingredients, this Caramelized Salmon will be a great addition to your repertoire of healthy eats. The best part? You can have this tasty fish on your table in just 20 minutes.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons coarse sea salt, pulsed gently in a food processor
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 16 ounces salmon, cut into 4 fillets, with skin
- olive oil

Preheat the broiler to 450°

Mix together the sugar, salt, and black pepper into a shallow bowl. Dip each salmon fillet into the mixture and properly coat them.

Heat some olive oil in a pan over medium heat. Place fillets into the pan, skin-side down. Saute for five minutes.

Flip each fillet onto the other side and saute for another 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle more sugar onto the salmon fillets.

Place the pan into the oven, allowing it to broil for about 5-10 minutes. Allow the salmon to properly cool before peeling off the skin and serving.

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Dear Frankie



Mom is a Marathon Runner

Dear Frankie,
My mom is a health nut. Besides the organic food, toothpaste, cotton clothes, and probiotics, she also runs marathons. At least six months

before the race, she is out there pounding the pavements regardless of the weather.

My motto has always been, "To each his own." But that idea goes over with her like a lead balloon.

So, here's the rub, my mom insists I run with her four days a week. She says it's good for me, improves my breathing, expands my horizons, and it's a time for us to be together.

The last reason is a joke. After a half-mile, I can hardly walk, let alone run next to her.

Do you think it's appropriate for an eleven-year-old dog — that gets cracked paws and has a touch of arthritis — to be training with a marathon runner?

Lem

Dear Lem,

Talk about self-involved. Why in heaven's name would she think a dog

of your age and in your condition would be capable of running four days a week?

There are some strategies you might try to immediately stop an activity that borders on the cusp of animal abuse.

First, on the running days, hide.

Second, if she tries to tempt you with a cookie, don't fall for it. I know the cookie is going to take a lot of restraint. But think of the option.

However, if she is so hot about you going with her on a run, demand she buys you a stroller for runners. After all of this it should eventually occur to her that it would be best that she run alone.

Do remember to make a big deal when she returns to show her how much you missed her. You want to communicate it wasn't being with her that you objected to but rather the activity.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven Veterans Day parade returns

By Beth David
Editor

Organizers, veterans, parade watchers, and all comers expressed gratitude for being able to hold the Veterans Day parade last week in Fairhaven, after last year's parade was canceled due to the pandemic.

Emcee George Brownell noted that three parades were missed.

"I know that everyone behind me has been happy to march and come out today, especially on such a beautiful day," said Mr. Brownell.

He said this year is special because it marks the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Through all wars since 1921, a soldier has been added to represent each war. The Vietnam soldier was eventually identified through DNA.

If you were born after 1948, said Mr. Brownell, a sentinel has been guarding the tomb every second of every day of your life.

Deven Robitaille, Commander of VFW Tuttle Post 7239 in Acushnet told the crowd that she has organized the essay contest for students, but never wrote one herself, so this year she did. The topic for middle school students was "How do I be a good American?"

Cmdr. Robitaille said that first it means to show up.

"We need to become civically engaged, pick up litter, go to city or town hall meetings, interact with your elected leaders," she said, and hold them and yourself accountable.

Vote, she said, and noted the struggles women had to go through to get the right to vote.

Speak out against injustice and celebrate each other's accomplishments, said Cmdr. Robitaille.

"In order to preserve the American Dream and be good Americans, we as a general public must show up and be heard," she said.

High school students were asked "Where do we go from here?"

"I say UP," said Cmdr. Robitaille.

She said we need to respect each other and our differences and learn from one another. She also said we need to listen to each other.

"Take care of each other, and be kind," said Cmdr. Robitaille. "Kindness is free. Free to give and free to receive, so start spreading it because the world needs more of it."

She also urged the public to support veterans, noting that the VFWs and American Legions have lost about 100,000 members a year for the last 10 years. Veterans are one percent of the population that toed the line and "selflessly devoted themselves to our freedom."

"If it wasn't for them, we couldn't be us," she said. "Engage them, support them and thank them. Let's go up together as one united country."

The ceremony also included Fairhaven Veterans Agent Brad Fish reading the proclamation from the governor for this year's veterans day, the National Anthem, taps, and an invocation by Senior Chief Larry Jones.

The public was invited to a free brunch at the VFW on Middle Street



after the ceremony.

Along the route, which started at Benoit Square and ended at the high school, people of all ages watched as the parade marched by. A couple of hundred people joined the ceremony at the high school, which included the raising of the "Big Flag," the 30x50 foot flag commissioned by the Fairhaven Alumni Association.

Dan Morris, a Marine veteran, said he was there to show support for veterans as he waited for his young grandson to arrive. Mr. Morris said he marched in his share of parades in the past.

Siblings Daniel, Quinn, Noah and Blake, ages two to five years old, were excited to see the parade. Only Daniel, the eldest, had an "inkling" of what Veterans Day and the parade actually mean, said his mother Meghan. Daniel is just starting to learn about Veterans Day in school, and about all the people who keep us safe.

Daniel simply said he was there "to see the parade."

A video of the event is available on demand on the Fairhaven Community Media website at FairhavenTV.com



TOP: Veterans and members of the Fairhaven High School Class of 1957 have been marching in the Veterans Day parade for years, and this year, 11/11/21, is no exception. L-R: Steve Drew, Navy; Dick Claflin, Air Force; Larry Roy, Air Force; Dennis Duval, Army; Charlie Tripp, Army National Guard. LEFT: Deven Robitaille, Commander of VFW Tuttle Post 7239 in Acushnet, addresses the crowd at the ceremony after the parade. RIGHT: Siblings Daniel, Quinn, Noah and Blake show their support for veterans as they wait for the parade to reach their spot near Fairhaven High School
Photos by Beth David.



Acushnet holds Veterans Day ceremony

By Beth David
Editor

Acushnet held a Veterans Day ceremony at the town's Veterans Memorial on 11/11/21.

Selectboard Chairperson David Desroches noted that last year's event was canceled, saying he was glad they could be there.

Mr. Desroches said he was humbled to be in the presence of veterans, "Someone who wrote a blank check to the United States."

He said everyone knows at least one veteran who served with honor, others know some who never returned. Still others know some veterans who returned scarred, physically, emotionally, or both.

"We meet in quiet remembrance of an historic day," he said, November 11, 1918, which not only signified the end of World War I, it signified "the beginning of peace."

"In world tormented by tension and the possibilities of conflict, our experiment continues in our present day, still imperfect, still short of its responsibilities," said Mr. Desroches. "But it does offer hope that some day nations can live in harmony."

Veterans Day is the day to thank all veterans, he said.

"We cannot and should not take freedom and liberty for granted," he said.

He quoted past national VFW Commander Richard Eubank: "Remembering the true meaning to sacrifice and service, millions of American lives were forever altered because they donned the uniform to protect the freedoms and rights we take for granted. We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to them. And acknowledging veterans day is the time that debt comes due. It's our way of keeping faith with our former defenders."

Turning to the crowd, Mr. Desroches said, "And to all the veterans standing here in front of me, I thank you for your service."

The ceremony included several songs with bagpipes and drums, taps, the National Anthem, and other prerecorded songs, and the reading of the last letter of Union Army Major Sullivan Ballou of Smithfield, RI, "My



Five veterans representing all five branches of the military salute after raising the flag at the Acushnet Veterans Day ceremony on 11/11/21: Gilly Cabral, Navy; Tom Costa, Air Force; Bob Pepin, Coast Guard; Cliff Hathaway, Marine Corps; Joe Costa, Army. Screenshot from Acushnet Cable online video on YouTube.

Very Dear Wife."

"Never forget how much I love you, nor that, when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name," wrote Major Ballou to his wife.

To see the whole ceremony, visit the town of Acushnet YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8WO8eSA8Rw>. To read the full text of Major Ballou's letter, visit <https://www.nps.gov/articles/-my-very-dear-wife-the-last-letter-of-major-sullivan-ballou.htm>

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Acushnet Selectboard delays tax rate; TA Hebert leaving 12/31

By Mary Chasse

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Tuesday 11/9 the Acushnet Select Board briefly met with State Representative Chris Hendricks, and also discussed the tax rate for the upcoming year.

The board met with Mr. Hendricks about ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act). He said that some of the money is going towards safety upgrades for the housing authority's , Presidential Terrace complex. He said there are a few things for residents with special needs that need to be done, and some upgrades to fire alarms etc.

Another part of the ARPA money would be going towards the town conducting a water study.

Mr. Hendricks also told the board that the state legislature's redistricting plan moves him out of representing Acushnet. Reps. Bill Straus and Paul Schmidt will split Acushnet.

"It's going to suck," Mr. Hendricks said. "For lack of a better word.....to see Acushnet go."

Selectboard member David Wojnar said that within the next year that Mr. Hendricks is still their representative hopefully they can use some of the transportation money to start work on Slocum Street.

Mr. Hendricks agreed and said Mr. Straus would be a huge help with that.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar thanked Mr. Hendricks for all his help and for always being present and showing his face around town.

The board also met with Principal Assessor Kelly Koska for a Tax Classification Hearing for the 2022 tax rates. Ms. Koska presented to the board a slide show with the tax rates for previous years, the growth they have seen for properties in the past year, and options for tax rates for the upcoming year.

Ms. Koska said that last year the levy base was around 19.2 million dollars and the FY 2022 maximum allowed levy is 20.5 million dollars. She said that with the way the housing market has been they have seen a lot of growth in value of residential homes and the growth will be even more significant next year.

Ms. Koska said that last year the Selectboard decided to go with the levy limit and not the levy maximum.

Mr. Gaspar said last year they chose the limit because the town saw a lot of growth and had free cash, so the board did not want to crush tax payers.

Ms. Koska said the recommended tax

rate for property tax for FY 2022 would be \$13.70 per \$1000 of value for residential properties. That number is based on the 20.5 million dollar levy, which can be decreased if they do not tax to the max.

Mr. Wojnar asked if industrial properties could be taxed separately from commercial and personal property.

Ms. Koska said no. Ms. Koska explained that residential properties have one tax rate and personal, commercial and industrial have an another rate, but industrial cannot be a different rate than commercial and personal.

Ms. Koska said the board can choose to shift the tax burden more to the personal, commercial, and industrial properties to take the tax burden off of residential properties.

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Mr. Wojnar said that with the housing market the way it is now they might need to micromanage the percentages more.

Chairperson David Desroches suggested taking more time to analyze the data and documents before making a decision.

Mr. Wojnar agreed and said he is worried that the property values might drop.

Ms. Koska explained that if they increase the tax rate and value goes up that is not good. Ideally, if the tax rate is up, the value is down and vice versa.

Ms. Gaspar said he would like more time to analyze everything and make a decision at the next meeting.

Ms. Koska informed the board they she would like to have the tax rate decided and all the documents in before Thanksgiving.

The board will meet on Friday 11/19 at 1 p.m. to vote on the tax rate.

In another matter the board motioned unanimously to cancel the January town meeting.

At its meeting on 11/5, the board met briefly in open session to read a letter of resignation from Town Administrator Julie Hebert.

Mr. Desroches read the letter, then convened in executive session to discuss non-union personnel issues, presumably the TA position.

In her letter, Ms. Hebert said she is accepting a position as Finance Director for the town of in Plainville, Mass. Ms. Hebert was the Finance Director/Town Accountant in Acushnet before becoming Town Administrator.

"...after careful consideration I have decided to take this opportunity to step back from the stress of being a town administrator, while also maintaining a family life with four young children," wrote Ms. Hebert. "It has been an absolute pleasure working for the town of Acushnet over the last five years."

She noted some of the accomplishments she is proud of including improving financial practices that led to an upgrade in the town's credit rating, encouraged the town to invest \$1.3 million the stabilization fund, improved social networking presences to better communicate with residents.

"I feel confident the town of Acushnet is poised towards continue growth and success over the next years," read Mr. Desroches. "I appreciate the opportunities that were presented to me during my tenure with the town. It has been a remarkable experience for me with many highs and lows and has taught me valuable lessons that I will take with me unto my future pursuits."

Mr. Desroches said he appreciated her work over the last five years and said she was put into "interesting situations," including PJ Keating, COVID, department heads, and the day to day operation of the town.

"We're going to miss having you here," said Mr. Desroches.

"I concur," said Mr. Gaspar.

"I had a chance to work with Julie last year. It's an easy job," said Mr. Wojnar, noting COVID and "all of the above. She did the best she could under the circumstances."

The board has not announced any plans on how they will proceed to fill the position.

Beth David contributed to this report.

DaCunha's Dispatches



News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha

Special to the Neighb News

Sports are Back

Hello All!

DaCunha's Dispatches is finally back at it in your favorite *Neighb News!!*

Now that Fairhaven High is back to normality for the most part, our student athletes finally have been able to have the Fall sport season they have so desperately missed during COVID times.

This edition of my column will be focusing on the reflections of our school's athletes on what was a memorable season for many, especially with our athletic program being so restricted with last year's abnormalities.

Starting off with football, our team just recently had a major win against the Old Rochester Bulldogs, which junior Colin Pacheco remarked was, "definitely a highlight of the season... [and] a big win that helped put us in the playoffs."

Though losing to number one seed North Reading High, the Blue Devils have had a season to remember that has shed light on the future of Fairhaven football.

Next, I'd like to talk about the Lady Devils Volleyball team.

Junior Abby Thomas, a key player for the team's success this year, shared this season's experience compared to last year's modified

season: "A highlight of the season would probably be making it to the second round of Tournament. Even though it was the last game, it was still super fun and a great way to go out, especially since last year there was no tournament due to COVID."

Unlike last year's, which Ms. Thomas referred to as a "fake season," the re-addition of Tournament in this season, "added a visible goal for our team and gave us something to push for."

Senior Diya Patel also shared her favorite moments of her last season saying, "This year's team had this pop of energy that we've struggled to have in the past which has led to some great wins like the ones against Bourne and Falmouth High."

Thomas, Patel, and the other players I spoke to have reflected on

...players I spoke to have reflected on this season with joy saying it was nice to finally get on the court

this season with joy saying it was nice to finally get on the court and have as close to a real season as possible, especially with a team so talented.

Fairhaven's field hockey team had a good season as well, which Senior Captain Katherine Tortorella gave some insight to.

She compared this wonderful season to last year's saying, "COVID season did not compare to this fall as COVID-19 shut down the end of our season last year with multiple teams contracting the virus."

"I believe that we [the team] became a tight knit family; one I will never forget," added Ms. Tortorella. "We all feel a love for the sport... and

I am proud to say that this was the best fall season I have had in my time here."

The Fairhaven Cross Country team had a memorable year that senior captain Kaci Bieu captured in her statement: "So many of the members of the team had significant personal records, and the growth in confidence on the team was excellent which as a captain, I was pleased to see. I'm so proud of everyone and what we accomplished together."

Our Girls and Boys Soccer teams both had a great season as well.

Tenley Dakin gave her take on this season for the Lady Devils: "For a young team who went 9-8-1, we are in great shape for next season. Our team has never been so close, and being a part of it has been so fun. We gave it our all this season, our coaches pushed us, and we were dedicated and determined to become the best we could be."

Some highlights of the season from Tenley included, "our first game on the new turf, which was played against GNBVT, being one of our hardest and closest games which we won 1-0. Our senior night was one to remember, beating Case, though our biggest win I have to say was against Bourne who we beat 6-2."

Eleventh grader Tyler Chang highlighted the young boys' soccer team's season as well saying, "The biggest win for our team would be against Apponequet High School because it was our first home game on the new turf field. Being down a 2-0 deficit and coming back for the win gave us the never-give-up mentality."

And it is this mindset that Fairhaven's athletic program has instilled into our athletes that has allowed for such a successful Fall 2021 season.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room
or via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJCQT09>
or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

- Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard re:** 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. (Application attached) – **Continued** from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Previously continued to December 2, 2021.**
- Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane re:** 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the Mixed-Use zoning regulations. (see attached-Exhibit 3) – **Continued** from December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Previously continued to December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-009: **123 Weeden Road. Applicant and Owner: Aguiar, Kyle.** The applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 1,200 sq ft addition; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6. – **Continued** from October 5, 2021 and November 2, 2021. **Previously continued to December 2, 2021.**
- REF#: ZBA-2022-022: **184 Balsam Street. Applicant and Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan** Applicant seeks to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-32.2(c)(3)(a) – Docks and Piers.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-023: 17 Studley Street. Applicant

- and Owner: **Michael Rotondo.** Applicant seeks a Special Permit for garage conversion for the purpose of an in-law suite, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198.16.
- REF#: ZBA-2022-024: 2 Elliot Lane. **Applicant and Owner: Sandra Gifford.** Applicant seeks a Special Permit for an addition, two floors for the purpose of an in-law suite, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198.16.
 - REF#: ZBA-2022-025: 2 Oxford Street. **Applicant and Owner: 2 Oxford Street, LLC.** Applicant seeks: (1) Special Permit, pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-32.2, for a proposed 70' fixed pier, 30' gangway and four (4) floats totaling 2500 sq. feet; (2) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 3(b) to exceed the 150' maximum pier length to the proposed 215' length; (3) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 7 to exceed the 300 sq. ft. total area of any and all floats to the proposed four (4) floats with 1500 sq. ft. of area; (4) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 8 for an increase from the maximum amount of boats not to exceed two (2) as the four (4) floats will accommodate several boats.
 - REF#: ZBA-2022-026: **149 Pleasant Street. Applicant: Adam Perry. Owner: Adam and Nancy Perry.** Applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 13' x 12' three season room on the existing deck; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.
 - REF#: ZBA-2022-027: **182 Ebony Street. Applicant and Owner: Enrico G. and Linda M. Picozza.** Applicant requests: (1) Special Permit pursuant to Section 198.21 (d) to demolish existing and construct a single-family dwelling with 1,630 sq. ft.; and (2) Variance pursuant to Zoning By-Law 198-9, requesting a Variance from required front setback to Ebony Street of 30 feet to 20.5 feet.
 - REF#: ZBA-2022-028: **44 Capeview Street. Applicant and Owner: John DeSimas.** Applicant seeks a finding from the Board that the existing non-conforming structure may be extended to include a proposed 20' x 10' three season room on the presently existing deck measuring 4' x 6'; and that the alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood pursuant to MGL 40A, Section 6.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 11/18/21, 11/25/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR CPA FUNDING

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct Public Hearings to review five (5) applications for FY23 CPA funds that the CPC is considering for recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting in 2022. The following applications will be reviewed on Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

- Library Sidewalks Phase 2 (Department of Public Works). Proposed second phase of funding for restoration of brick sidewalks on William and Walnut Streets. Request Amount: \$93,000.
- Spring Street Firehouse Renovations (Fairhaven Historical Commission). Proposal to restore the exterior of the firehouse. Request Amount: \$17,000.
- Pickleball at Livesey Park (Ken Pottel). Proposal to build six (6) new Pickleball courts at Livesey Park. Request Amount: \$240,000.
- Whitfield-Manjiro Carriage House Repurposing (Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society). Proposal to "repurpose" the carriage house. Request Amount: \$60,000.
- BMX Paved Pump Track at Macomber Park (Chip Hawthorne) Proposal to relocate and expand the current dirt track away from the wetlands and pave. Request Amount: \$150,000.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Town's CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee/pages/cpc-fy23-applications-received>

Paul H. Foley, Director, Department of Planning & Economic Development
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many of the low wage Americans.

This is a sinister plot by the Democrats to ensure their control. They know that if these illegal immigrants get to vote, they will vote for them.

These socialist Marxists despise the soldiers, police, working men and women. They want to tear up the Constitution, abolish the Bill of Rights, and establish their form of government where they have all the power and control like Russia, China, Cuba and Venezuela.

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*P.J. Keating Company
Jonathan Olson, President*

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Our article was a report on a Board of Health meeting held on 11/6/21 that included a public comment period for neighbors of PJK. We reported accurately on what was said at the meeting. The error about the "tanks" is a matter of semantics. The "silos" have only recently been located at the front of the property, and one of the three "tanks" is indeed shown in the picture that was taken from the road. It is located right in the middle of the photo on the left side of the building that is blocking most of the tank but not all of it, as the tank rises above the roofline. Hence, it can be seen from the road. As for the bylaw change, we stand by our assertion that the bylaw distinctly allowed the company to move the asphalt plant closer to the road and residences. The new bylaw rezoned the property to industrial, allowing activities that the company was already engaged in, and therefore "grandfathered in" for; but the passage of the bylaw changes made the activities at the site a "by-right" use.*

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Thurs., 12/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Fri., 11/24, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/29, Arsene St., 6:15 p.m.

Charter Committee

Thurs., 11/18, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 11/17, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., 11/18, Remote, 4 p.m.

Select Board

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

Acushnet

Planning Commission

Thurs., 11/18, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 11/19, Town Hall, 1 p.m.

Tues., 11/23, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday	24	1059	2334	0337	1614
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Sunday	28	0214	1434	0735	2000
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From our readers

Staffing Shortages and Vaccine Mandates

As a social work student, I am concerned for my fellow state agencies and other social service agencies that are losing staff by the minute. I am even more worried about the children that may be forgotten.

The vaccine mandate that was put into place by Governor Baker has left many agencies short staffed and some of these places of employment are very important and necessary.

The Department of Child & Family Services in particular was already short staffed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, but now they are severely suffering. Caseloads for the remaining employees will nearly double, making it even harder to manage. The higher the case load, the more burnt-out employees are, and the less beneficial care and attention given to all clients. Situations like this is when accidents occur, or things get overlooked and these children and families are not being provided with the most attentive and thorough care.

More than five hundred state workers have been suspended or lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Yes, the vaccine has helped to lower the number of hospitalizations and cases, but individuals are still catching COVID-19 even while being vaccinated.

So, is it fair that we are forcing people against their beliefs and opinions to get it? It is not going to stop the spread completely, because as mentioned people are still testing positive and spreading it while being vaccinated.

Massachusetts can make this right; we can call on legislators to put through a more reasonable exemption process and allow these individuals to have a voice. Or allow alternate options like some agencies are doing. Specific local agencies are requiring unvaccinated individuals to test weekly if opting out of the vaccine. But other agencies are giving an ultimatum; vaccine or you are fired/let go from your position. With a lack of staff, it will make it harder for the Massachusetts population to be serviced adequately by social workers.

*Abigail Tavares, Fairhaven
Social Work Student*

Freedom vs. Socialism & Marxism

I believe no one can deny the devastating effect the 2020 election has had on our country.

Everywhere you look we are in a rapid state of decline. Joe Biden is the perfect Trojan Horse for these socialist Marxists to instill their radical policies.

Almost without exception these socialist Marxists never served in the military and actually fought for our country or held a real job where they had to compete and struggle for their livelihood. The Joe Bidens, Nancy Pelosis, AOC, Omar, Kamala Harris are all alike. Their mantra is power and control by any means possible. Do as I say, not as I do.

Biden's executive orders have had a devastating effect on our country. I would like to point out a few.

He stopped the Keystone Pipeline, banned all drilling and exploration on public lands, as a result prices are in a free fall, fuel supplies will run short.

Inflation is running rampant, wages can't keep up. The government is printing money with no controls. Why work? The government will take care of you.

The Afghanistan debacle, the withdrawal of American troops was a complete disaster. We left as many as 500 Americans behind as well as many more Afghans who supported us. As a result, our prestige and pre-eminence in the world is at an all time low. Our enemies are emboldened.

The COVID crisis

It is largely because of Trump the COVID vaccines were developed as fast as they were. He stopped all incoming flights from China in January 2020, thereby saving many lives. He initiated the program Warp Speed to speed up their development and paid for them before they were developed to speed up the process.

Critical race

This is an attempt to indoctrinate students with a very biased, one-sided view of American history which focuses on the negative. The plan of these socialist Marxists is to sow division and hatred among the races. Little is written about that we are the bright and shining star of hope for the rest of the world. At no time in history have so many enjoyed the freedoms and opportunities we have.

More importantly, students should be taught the price by which these freedoms were secured. It is only by the sacrifice and blood of the men and women of all races and nationalities who fought and died for our nation we have these freedoms.

Start with the Pilgrims who came here for religious freedom. Move on to the war of independence where we fought the British to break the tyranny of British rule.

Our founding fathers established a government that is ongoing throughout world history, with a focus on individualism, freedom and responsibility. Most of them had a strong belief in God. Many were ministers. This was recorded in the preamble to the Constitution: All men are endowed with certain inalienable rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Yes slavery is a black mark on our history, but look at it in the view of world history. It has always existed. To this day many are enslaved. Do you think that the citizens of Russia, China, Cuba and Venezuela are free? They are enslaved by socialist Marxists governments where all freedom is suppressed.

I don't believe the real history of the Civil War is being taught in our classrooms. It took the toll of Black and White abolitionists and the deaths of 600,000-700,000 Black and White soldiers to abolish it.

But for the courage and bravery of the Union Army who fought off the Confederate forces at Gettysburg and the bravery and conviction of President Lincoln and generals like Ulysses S. Grant the south would probably have been able to secede and there would be no United States.

You have to respect the bravery of the southern troops who for the most part were not fighting for slavery but to defend their homeland.

The Border Crisis

No nation can exist without borders. Presently we are a nation without borders. Our border with Mexico is wide open. Along with the massive number of illegal immigrants, drugs, gang members like MS-13, child sex exploiters, are pouring in. None are being tested for COVID 19. They will overwhelm our health and education systems. They will displace

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