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Community Notes

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Gov. Dukakis

Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis will be the featured speaker at the Falmouth Woman's Club Emma Barrow Memorial Scholarship Luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m. June 24 at the Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford St., Falmouth.

Dukakis will speak on "Public Service and Volunteerism in Today's Economy" and will be introduced by radio station WCAI-FM program host Mindy Todd. A brief question-and-answer period will follow.

A social hour will precede the luncheon, which will be followed by the program.

Tickets are \$40. Reservations are required by Wednesday by calling Christy Rhoads at 508-548-9588.

Another season

The Historical Society of Old Yarmouth reopens the Capt. Bangs Hallet House Museum on Thursday with a new exhibit of artifacts related to Yarmouth and the Civil War. The display includes the Snow family collection of Civil War documents and artifacts.

Guided tours of the museum will be lead by members of the society at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays until Oct. 11. The museum is located at 11 Strawberry Lane in Yarmouthport.

Admission is \$3 for adults, 50 cents for children and free to Yarmouth residents.

For more information, call 508-362-3021 or visit www.hsoy.org.

The Bourne Society for Historic Preservation opens Tuesday with a new exhibit of paintings by Bourne's artist-in-residence Charles Raleigh (1830-1925).

Raleigh was a practical painter and decorator also know for his marine paintings. His work can be seen in the society's Briggs McDermott House music room and includes a portrait of President Grover Cleveland, with whom he fished.

The museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays through Sept. 29 and is located at 22 Sandwich Road, Bourne. Admission is free.

'Welcome home'

Artist Robert John Cook, creator of the new local access cable TV show "Welcome Home," is calling on Cape Cod artists to take part in this program designed to introduce military veterans to art.

This weekly series, which debuted yesterday, features interviews of artists, professional and otherwise, skilled in painting, cooking, music, poetry and more.

The hourlong program airs at 1 p.m. Saturdays in Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich and Chatham on Channel 17.

To participate, send an e-mail message of interest to Cook at MayflowerStudio@aol.com or call 508-367-5571.

Child behavior

The Barnstable County 4-H Youth Development Afterschool program will present a seminar on "Handling Challenging Behaviors," noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, 31 Frank E. Hicks Drive, Mashpee. It will be led by Cindy Horgan, family support coordinator for Cape Cod Children's Place.

This program is open to parents, caregivers and anyone interested in learning new skills to help deal with challenging behaviors in children.

Participants should bring their lunch (beverages and dessert will be provided).

Pre-registration is required and may be made at www.capecodextension.org, click on afterschool to download a printable registration form or e-mail Suzanne Howes at showes@boysgirlsclubcapecod.org.

Father's Day

Children whose fathers are on active military duty are invited to take part in US Family Health Plan's Father's Day Writing and Drawing Contest. This contest offers children and youth in Massachusetts and Rhode Island the opportunity to express their appreciation for their fathers who serve in the military through art and the written word.

Children ages 6 to 11 are invited to draw a picture and/or write a short story about their dad; ages 12 to 14 may submit 400- to 500-word essays; and ages 15 to 18 are asked to write essays of 800 to 1,000 words.

Essays will be judged on the nature of the content and the quality of writing. One child from each category, in each state, will be selected as winners. Prizes include a family day outing near the families' hometowns.

The contest is open to any child whose father is serving in the military.

Essays should be typed double spaced and include the student's name, age, school, home mailing and e-mail addresses and phone number.

Submissions are due next Sunday and may be submitted to Andrea D'Iorio at andrea@teakmedia.com. Drawings may be mailed to: Andrea D'Iorio, Teak Media Communications, 416 West Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127.

Peace & stewardship

- Falmouth Peace, an organization thinking globally and working locally, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Falmouth Public Library, 300 Main St. Focus will be on supporting the formation of a U.S. Department of Peace. New members are welcome.
- The West Falmouth Society of Friends (Quakers) will hold an open seminar on recent ecological problems and new approaches to solutions at 4:30 p.m. today at West Falmouth Friends Meetinghouse, 572 Main St. (Route 28A). The seminar, titled "The Way Forward: Connecting to the Earth," will be presented by Maggie Geist, executive director of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod.

Donations

Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled are accepting donations for a yard sale it will hold 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25 at its new office, 106 Bassett Lane, Hyannis.

To donate items (no large appliances, TVs, computers or mattresses, please) or for more information, call Polly Sherman at 508-775-8300.

Volunteers

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands is hosting a volunteer recruitment session, 2 to 4 p.m. June 25 in the Bay Room of Falmouth Public Library, 300 Main St.

The agency is in need of money managers and long-term care ombudsman (particularly on the Upper Cape), Meal on Wheels and senior dining center assistance, office support, and volunteers to work on special projects and to serve on the RSVP Senior Service Corps and Elder Services' Board and Advisory councils.

For more information, call 508-394-4630, ext. 530.

The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod needs help with the 24th annual TD Banknorth Pops by the Sea concert on Aug. 2 on the Hyannis Village Green. Individuals are needed to set up before the concert, monitor parking lots, collect and sell tickets, lead group tours and more.

Complete job descriptions and registration instructions are available online at www.artsfoundation.org or by calling 508-362-0066.

Fundraisers

- Four Seas Ice Cream, 360 S. Main St., Centerville, is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a Scholarship Scoop-a-Thon to raise funds for Barnstable High School student scholarships. During this three-day benefit beginning Thursday, Four Seas will donate 50 percent of proceeds on Thursday and Friday to the Randall Mark Warren Scholarship Fund and on Saturday to the creation of a new fine and performing arts scholarship at the high school.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands will hosts its second annual Blooming Bids for Kids benefit, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Cape Cod Museum of Art, 60 Hope Lane, Dennis. This garden-themed fundraiser will feature an auction of planters created and donated by local gardeners and art, hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer, and music. Tickets are \$75 at the door or by calling Laura Lincoln, at 508-771-5150, ext. 105.

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