

4th Quarter 2022

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Segment times 17:30 unless otherwise indicated.

October 2 - Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Rob Galibois for District Attorney

Program description: Candidate for Cape and Islands District Attorney [Rob Galibois](#) (D) has been endorsed by Massachusetts Attorney General and candidate for Governor Maura Healey (D). Healey praised Galibois for aspects such as his legal experience and support for veterans. Both Healey and Galibois will be on the ballot in November for the general election. Healey will be facing former State Representative Geoff Diehl (R) in the race for Governor of the Bay State, while Galibois is vying for the Cape and Islands District Attorney seat against [Dan Higgins](#) (R).

Program Title: Dan Higgins for District Attorney

Program Description: Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O’Keefe has announced his endorsement of Attorney Dan Higgins as the next District Attorney. O’Keefe said in a statement that he waited until all candidates had an opportunity to present themselves for the role. “Dan has demonstrated over the years his leadership abilities in the office he now seeks to lead. I appointed Dan Chief of the five district courts in our jurisdiction in 2015. Recently I appointed him to a full time position in the Superior Court trying major felony cases,” said O’Keefe. “No one in this race can match his thirteen years of experience as a prosecutor. Above all else, this job requires judgment. I have observed Dan exercise sound judgment for many years. He has an understanding of the human condition.” O’Keefe also said that Higgins has the capability to determine which individuals are in need of diversion, treatment or other assistance and those who need to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Program Title: Concert for Ukraine

Program Description: The local “Giving With Your Hearts” concert by musicians from across the region will raise funds and awareness for the people of Ukraine this weekend. Event organizer Donna Murphy, music director and organist at West Parish of West Barnstable, said the music, including the Ukrainian national anthem, was chosen specifically to honor the challenges of those facing the conflict. “Some of the pieces that they’ve chosen to do are very inspirational, very appropriate to the efforts that we’re making and I think people will be very

moved by the concert and by the artistry,” Murphy told CapeCod.com. She added that musicians like acoustic guitarists Fred Fried and Steve Gregory were eager to help the cause. “They were responding immediately. They came back and said ‘yes I’d love to be part of this.’ Giving their time and their talents—it’s just amazing that we have such a great group and such a varied group of musicians to offer.”

October 9 - Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Jesse Brown for Congress

Program Description: Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito have both endorsed fellow Republican Jesse Brown in his bid for the 9th Massachusetts congressional district seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Baker praised Brown as the “common sense, fiscally responsible” candidate to represent the state in Washington, D.C. Brown’s experience in the military and in running a business were highlighted by Polito as important aspects to his perspective.

Program Title: Bill Keating Hosts Forum

Program Description: Falmouth Community Television (FCTV) is hosting a retirement benefits discussion panel hosted by Congressman Bill Keating. Several topics will be covered in the panel including maintaining a 401k, IRA, retirement plans for small businesses, and current suggestions for retirees, among others. Panelists include Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the Secretary’s representative for pensions and retirement at the Department of Labor. Keating encourages people to “Ask questions. Make sure you’re getting all the answers. Use the resources that are here, and whatever state you are – whether 20 and just starting work, someone in their 40’s, or whether you’re already on retirement, stitching together private and public, don’t just assume that there aren’t choices you can make.” The program can be seen on FCTV Government Channel 15 on Saturday, October 9 at 6a.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Monday October 10 at 3p.m.; and Thursday Oct 13 at 9a.m.

Program Title: Cranberry Harvest

Program Description: Despite ongoing drought conditions across the Cape Cod region and beyond, cranberry growers say they do not expect any shortage in crop this year. Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association Executive Director Brian Wick said that yields will be as expected, but the higher-than-average heat and low precipitation this summer is a challenge more common as the effects of climate change are felt. “With those difficulties it’s often increasing the costs. In the drought, if the grower fortunately had enough water but they had to use their pumps to get the water onto the bogs—it’s a higher-cost growing season when you have to run your pumps more often during a drought and we have more frequent droughts,” he said.

October 16 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: State Representative Ballot Controversy

Program Description: Mislabeled ballots have led to court action by a candidate for First Barnstable District State Representative. Democrat candidate Chris Flannigan is incorrectly labeled as the incumbent in the race on ballots that went out to voters in the district, which Republican candidate Tracy Post says grants an unfair advantage to her opponent. “There is power of incumbency. It’s hard to quantify, but certainly there’s a benefit to somebody who is an incumbent or a candidate for reelection printed on the ballot. He didn’t earn that designation,” Post said. The incorrect ballots went to all three towns in the district, Yarmouth, Dennis and Brewster. Only the Dennis town clerk sent the ballots to voters before the mistake was discovered. The ballots were discovered to be incorrect in the other two towns before they were sent to voters. “They deserve to have correct information. They deserve to make sure that there’s integrity in the voting process,” said Post. New corrected ballots will be mailed out to voters, though the old mislabeled ballots will still be counted, according to the Secretary of State’s office.

Program Title: Cyr Gets Grants for Cape Cod

Program Description: A government bond bill of over \$5 billion recently passed in the Massachusetts State Senate, with \$2.5 million for local projects secured by Cape and Islands State Senator Julian Cyr. “I am thankful that we were able to secure funds for Cape Cod and Islands infrastructure projects to support the Town of Gosnold, advance wastewater research, and bolster our cultural sector,” Cyr said. Amendments championed by Cyr included \$800,000 for Gosnold that would cover projects like fuel storage, solid waste disposal, and climate change

preparedness work at the town's marina. Funds were also secured for the Cape Symphony that would allow for upgrades to the group's facilities. Another amendment would make it possible for the Lewis Bay Research Center to build a new net-zero watershed institute laboratory at the new Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

October 23 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Massachusetts Early Voting

Program Description: Massachusetts is starting its early voting process from October 22 to November 4. Those voting early are encouraged to check local early voting guidelines as each community sets their own schedule for the early voting process and voting may not be scheduled daily in individual towns. Mail-in ballots must be requested by November 1 by 5 p.m. They must be postmarked by November 8. For voters intending to return ballots in person the deadline is November 8 by 8 p.m. The last day to register to vote is October 29. Voters looking to register in person must do so at their local election office by 5 p.m. The online voting registration deadline will be 11:59 p.m. If one wishes to register to vote by post, your application must be postmarked no later than October 29.

Program Title: October Named Cranberry Month in Massachusetts

Program Description: Governor Charlie Baker has announced that this October is Massachusetts Cranberry Month for the third straight year. State and local officials will use the time to urge residents to purchase locally-produce cranberry products. Massachusetts is the oldest cranberry producer in the country. The state industry's revenue in 2021 was over \$60 million. One of the leading commercial crops in the Commonwealth, cranberries account for 25 percent of the nation's supply. In August 2020 the state announced over \$7 million in cranberry infrastructure upgrades. These investments included a new lab space and boosts to research in pest and nutrient management, along with enhancements to the commercial viability of the industry.

October 30 - Sunday Journal

Program Title: Massachusetts Jobless Numbers

Program Description: The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development recently announced that the state's unemployment rate rose by one tenth of a percent in October, bringing the total number to 5.3 percent. Calculations by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that Massachusetts gained 25,000 jobs in October, increasing the number of employed residents to 3,529,400, with 196,900 unemployed residents. The total labor force rose by 5,600, for a total labor force of 3,726,300, with a gain of 1,600 more employed residents while 4,000 became unemployed. The largest gains were in the Professional and Business Services Sector, which gained 9,700 jobs for a 1.6 percent gain. Leisure and Hospitality; Education and Health Services; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities each gained over 4,500 new jobs, with gains of 1.6, 0.6 and 0.8 percent, respectively. The Financial Services and Government sector lost 700 and 900 jobs, or 0.3 and 0.2 percent.

Program Title: State Tax Numbers Released

Program Description: The Massachusetts Department of Revenue recently announced that preliminary revenue collection for October 2021 totaled almost \$2.5 billion, a substantial increase from recent years. According to DOR Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder, the \$2.445 billion total is \$356 million or 17% higher than actual collection in October 2020, and \$197 million or 8.7% more than benchmark. Collections for the fiscal year-to-date totaled about \$11.197 billion, a number 1.858 billion or 19.9% more than collections in the same period during the 2021 fiscal year, and \$723 million or 6.9% more than the year-to-date benchmark. "October 2021 revenue collections increased in all major tax types in comparison to October 2020 collections, including withholding, non-withholding, sales and use tax, corporate and business tax, and 'all other tax,'" said Snyder. According to the DOR, some of the gains may have resulted from lessened COVID restrictions in recent months.

November 6 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Ballot Question #1

Program Description: The upcoming general election will ask Massachusetts residents to vote on a ballot question which deals with a tax increase for high-earning individuals. Question 1 would establish an additional 4% tax on incomes over \$1 million dollars. The ballot states the tax revenue would be used for public education as well as fixing roads and bridges. The measure

would go into effect in 2023 and the income level would be adjusted annually. A “yes” vote on 1 would impose the additional tax. A “no” vote would see no change related to income tax. The Fair Share for Massachusetts campaign is asking voters to choose “yes” on 1. The group claims that less than 3% of business owners in the state have taxable personal income over \$1 million that would be subject to the hike. “We need these investments in our roads and bridges and schools,” Communications Director for Fair Share Andrew Farnitano said, “and the very rich can afford to pay a little bit more to help improve our economy, create jobs, and make our whole economy work better for everyone.” The “yes” campaign has been endorsed by over 500 organizations including labor unions like the Massachusetts Teachers Association, businesses, and local government boards. The Coalition to Stop the Tax Hike Amendment is in opposition to Question 1 and is asking voters to vote no.

Program Title: Ballot Question #2

Program Description: Question 2 on the ballot this November will ask Massachusetts voters to weigh in on dental insurance regulation. A yes vote would regulate dental insurance rates, making companies spend a minimum of 83% of premiums on quality improvements and member expenses instead of administrative expenses. A no vote would make no change in the law related to regulations of dental insurance companies. Dr. Andrew Tonelli, a dentist in North Reading, said he is asking voters to support the question because it will mean better value for consumers. “It means that more dollars from your dental insurance are going to go towards your care,” Tonelli said. He added that the question also provided protections for the public with more transparency of how premiums are spent. “We don’t even know how dental insurers are using their dollars right now. There’s no transparency and no accountability for these dental insurers,” Tonelli said.

Program Title: Ballot Question #3

Program Description: Question 3 on this year’s ballot will tackle whether to expand the availability of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in Massachusetts. A “yes” vote would increase the number of combined licenses a single retailer could possess from 9 to 12 in 2023, to 15 in 2027, and 18 in 2031. It would also restrict self-checkout purchases of alcohol, limiting it to face-to-face transactions only. Beginning in 2023, the question would also set a maximum of “all alcoholic beverages” licenses one retailer could own to 7. Massachusetts Package Stores Association Executive Director Rob Mellion supports “yes” on question 3, adding that it would also require retailers to accept out-of-state ID’s. “That’s created a lot of problems for restaurants, for hospitality, and for liquor stores all across the state, particularly out on the Cape,” Mellion told CapeCod.com.

November 13 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Small Business Film Screening

Program Description: A documentary about the struggles small businesses have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic will screen at Cape Cinema in Dennis. Hello, Bookstore centers on a bookshop in Massachusetts as it's impacted by the pandemic, prompting the community to rally together to save it. Co-founder and CEO of Love Live Local Amanda Converse explained why her organization wanted to host a screening of the film. "It's about how our small businesses are so integral to our sense of place and how much they mean to community character and community spirit," she said. Although the documentary was shot in Lenox, Converse said Western Massachusetts and Cape Cod have similarities because both regions have seasonal tourism and strong year-round communities. After the screening, there will be a panel discussion featuring small business owners from Cape Cod to address local economic challenges.

Program Title: Cape Cod Turkey Donation

Program Description: A local event that will provide Thanksgiving dinners to community members in need is seeking donations. Director of Client Self-Sufficiency at Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands Caronanne Procaccini said the group is preparing for its 2022 "Turkey for Cape Codders." St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable and other community partners also help with the annual event. Procaccini said the people who come this year will receive frozen turkeys and a supermarket gift card. In support of the event, Community Action Committee is seeking cash donations or supermarket gift cards before Thursday, November 10. The group is not seeking donations of turkeys this year.

Program Title: Cape Cod Veterans Donation

Program Description: The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation has received a donation from Home Depot of thousands of buckets filled with winter items ahead of Veterans Day. The 4,200 buckets, all packed with essentials like water, warm coats, and other winter gear, will be given to homeless veterans as a priority. The buckets are for the MMSF's "Coats4Vets Buckets" distribution event at the State House, which is being held on Wednesday, November 9 from 10am to 2pm. The event is sponsored by State Senate President Karen Spilka, Plymouth and Barnstable State Senator Susan Moran, Fifth Barnstable District State Representative Steven Xiarhos, and Second Barnstable District State Representative Kip Diggs. All state legislators can pick up the buckets at the event, then travel back to their districts to give them out to homeless veterans. This outreach also offers a chance to connect local agencies with veterans.

November 20 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Cape League Hall of Fame

Program Description: Current and former professional baseball stars will headline the newest class of inductees to the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame. The six people inducted were praised by league officials for their contributions, performance, and commitment to baseball across the Cape. The league’s induction announcement featured current Major League Baseball players Marcus Stroman, Ian Happ, and Justin Smoak. Former professionals Billy Wagner and Patrick Biondi were also elected to the Hall. Director of Broadcasting for the CCBL John Garner noted that Wagner’s case is an especially interesting one. The retired left-handed pitcher, who has the sixth most saves in MLB history, could also soon be elected to enshrinement into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, after multiple years on that ballot. “(Wagner) was the top vote-getter this past year who did not get in,” Garner said. “Unless you’re a top 10 talent, it takes a while.” Former executive for the CCBL Steven Wilson is also included in the class of 2022. His experience with the league spans more than 30 years.

Program Title: Holiday Travel Advice

Program Description: As the holiday travel season begins, local health experts are urging residents to use safe practices amid an expected surge in flu and COVID cases. “Most people are going to be spending more time indoors. The holidays are upon us, people are socializing and contagious viruses like COVID are going to spread considerably more easily,” Barnstable County Public Health Nurse Wendy Judd said. She said travelers should test for COVID before going on any trips, and stay home if they are positive. She also encouraged residents to continue mask-wearing and washing their hands often. As the healthcare system nationwide also wrestles with RSV this season, Judd said precautions against viruses are all the more important. She added that private insurance and Medicare will pay for up to eight COVID tests per month. “So basically, they would go to their pharmacies, some of them on the website are CVS, Rite-Aid and Walgreens—just to mention a few—which insurance will cover to get tests that way. We do encourage that,” Judd said.

November 27 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Turtle Stranding Season

Program Description: Turtle stranding season on Cape Cod has begun, with the New England Aquarium reporting that they're already treating over 170 washed-ashore reptiles. Director of their Turtle Hospital Adam Kennedy said this is the latest start to the season they have seen, which he attributes to many factors including weather and winds on the Pacific coast. "We know that the warming of the Gulf of Maine is definitely a climate change piece that's allowed for so many more turtles to come in the first place to Cape Cod Bay. But the stranding date we've seen fluctuate over the many years," said Kennedy. According to the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, the stranding season has existed since the late 1970s.

Program Title: Veterans Services on Cape Cod

Program Description: A local nonprofit has launched a transportation program to help veterans with rides to medical appointments and other essential services. Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center Executive Director Jim Seymour said the client program provides rides to older veterans who are no longer able to drive or who cannot find another means of transportation. "If you're not taking care of yourself with your primary care or your dental work or any of that, that leads to physical breakdown, and you become less independent," Seymour said. He added missing appointments can be very challenging for clients since some medical offices book out 90 to 180 days in advance. The organization is partnering with livery and medical transportation services for the initiative. In addition to the rides program, Seymour said they have raised their community profile over the course of 2022 with other vital services. "In the last year, we've expanded from four food pantries a month to thirteen," he said. Seymour said he wants to explore more mental health counseling programs in 2023.

December 4 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Cape Cod Canal Bridges

Program Description: Three local organizations ranging from commerce to environmental protection have partnered to establish the Canal Bridges Task Force as plans move ahead to replace the aging Sagamore and Bourne Bridges. The task force is a collaboration between the Cape Cod Commission, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and the Association to Preserve Cape Cod. Officials said the initiative will assist with outreach efforts, collect and coordinate input,

and advocate for replacement plans that best suit the long-term interest of the region. “This once in a century project will impact the ability of the region’s transportation system to meet the current and future needs of Cape Cod’s residents, businesses, and visitors who depend on safe and reliable canal crossings,” said Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori in a statement. Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO Paul Niedzwiecki also highlighted the economic importance of the bridges, which see over 38 million vehicle crossings yearly. “The Bourne and Sagamore bridges provide the economic link between Cape Cod and the rest of the Commonwealth. The reliability of the bridges directly impacts the long-term viability of the region’s economy and the ability of local businesses to survive and thrive.” The new bridges are anticipated to cost about \$4 billion, however a specific source of federal funding has not yet been secured. Planners have been primarily eyeing funds through President Joe Biden’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Program Title: Transportation Transition Team

Program Description: Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority Administrator Tom Cahir is among regional transportation experts joining Governor-Elect Maura Healey’s transition team. Cahir said that in addition to highlighting the bridge replacements and bikeway improvements to the next administration, he will also advocate for integrating the Cape into the state’s existing transportation systems. “I’ve long advocated for a commuter rail to be extended from Middleboro to Buzzards Bay. That 18 miles already has welded rail in place, so I’m going to hopefully be able to talk about that little bit,” said Cahir. “Also, with all the activity pending with the building of two vehicular bridges over the canal in the next couple of years, there’s going to be other issues that impact that construction,” said Cahir. He said that an extended railway would be transformative for the Cape, with the Buzzards Bay region already benefiting from its more easily-traversable transit planning.

December 11 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Big Brothers Big Sisters

Program Description: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands is continuing to seek volunteers for their program as the holiday season continues. Regional Director J.R. Mell said that the organization has seen the need for mentors significantly rise since the fall, adding that roughly 1.2 children are being referred to the organization per day. They’re especially seeking male volunteers to mentor young kids across the region. Mell attributes that need to the model of their program. “Boys are just referred to us at a rate close to four times greater than girls are,” Mell said. “On the other side of things, women are four times more likely to sign up

for an opportunity like this.” These efforts come as BBBS sees a large backlog of families seeking mentors for their children; Mell noted that there are more than 50 children in the area awaiting a match. Mell said that reservations people often have prior to mentoring, including the time commitment and lack of experience, can be alleviated once they take the jump and volunteer. “For a kid who doesn’t have that additional adult in their corner,” Mell said, “it makes all the difference in the world knowing that: ‘Hey, there’s a person who’s showing up for no other reason than just to take me out to do some cool things for a few hours twice a month.’”

Program Title: Barnstable Land Trust

Program Description: 2022 was a big year for local environmental conservation, according to officials with the Barnstable Land Trust. Executive Director Janet Milkman said that in addition to more outreach on local trails, the new 22-acre barn property they acquired in Marstons Mills will go a long way towards expanding their conservation efforts. “It’s going to be the location for all of our land stewardship equipment, storage and maintenance. It also has a beautiful space for workshops and education. For ourselves as well as partner organizations,” said Milkman. Alongside the acquisition of the barn property, Milkman also highlighted the Land Trust’s proposed alternative designs for the 40-acre Twin Brooks Golf Course development in Hyannis which she says would incorporate both housing and green space for one of the largest housing projects in the area. “There’s really, really a critical need for housing everywhere on the Cape. There should be a way to provide that housing without losing forever some really important ecological resources,” said Milkman.

December 18 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Cape Cod Fire Department Staffing

Program Description: Firefighters were stretched thin December 9 when an early morning fire at the Christmas Tree Shops in Orleans coincided with a local medical call demanding the attention of all on-duty Orleans Fire Department units. Though no injuries were reported, it’s an issue local fire chiefs say is becoming more and more common and is putting the public at risk. Orleans Fire Chief Geof Deering said a typical day sees four to five firefighters on duty, though the department has seen increasing call volumes and a concerning rise in simultaneous incidents. “We have some data to suggest that 30% to 40% of the time, we have at least two calls going on. And with four people, we don’t have sufficient personnel to manage those calls without either calling in personnel from home, which doesn’t always happen, or relying on mutual aid,” said Deering. He says that the lack of staff is a Cape-wide issue, but Orleans is hit particularly hard by it, oftentimes calling in assistance from other towns more often than it provides help to others.

“That’s where it becomes problematic, because it’s not completely ‘mutual.’” Brewster Chief Robert Moran said that like other industries across the Cape struggling to find employees, the issue can be traced back to lack of affordable housing. “Housing costs in this region are out of control,” said Moran.

Program Title: Shark Season Recap

Program Description: The shark research season has drawn to a close with 31 animals tagged with acoustic receivers—fewer than last year. But shark researcher Dr. Greg Skomal said it was still another important step in understanding marine life just off the Cape’s coast. The figure makes for 277 white sharks total and over 300 across the nation. Skomal, who performs much of the tagging each summer, says the work the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy does is not only scientifically impactful, but is also vital to furthering coexistence with the animals widely recognized as top predators. “Educate the public not only about the presence of these animals, but when they’re most likely to be there, what’s their seasonality, and where their locations are. Translating the science we’re collecting into public outreach opportunities is really what the Conservancy is all about,” said Skomal. This research season saw the addition of aerial drones, which Skomal says may be able to better see shark behavior.

December 25 – Sunday Journal Program

Program Title: Cape Symphony New Year’s Concert

Program Description: The Cape Symphony will celebrate the start of 2023 with its New Year’s Day Party this weekend. The show will follow the tradition of the annual Vienna New Year’s Day concert, including Strauss waltzes and polka, as well as Broadway tunes, some opera and more. The concert will also feature soprano Kristen Watson, who has made solo appearances with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Boston Baroque and the Handel & Haydn Society. “I am somebody who has always been a lover of performing many styles of music. I am somebody who grew up listening to a lot of different styles. I never wanted to pigeon-hole myself, so doing a concert like this is really a dream for me,” said Watson. Watson will be opening the concert with “Laughing Song” from Die Fledermaus by Johan Strauss, as well as performing other pieces including Mozart’s “Alleluja.” She will also join new vocalist to the Cape Symphony; tenor Mathew Anderson. The pair will be performing “Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)” by Irving Merlin. Cape Symphony Artistic Director and Conductor Jung-Ho Pak said the annual concert is an opportunity to experiment with different styles and leverage Watson’s wide-ranging musical experience.