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OARS UP!

Members of Dharma Voyage rowing club lift their oars as they prepare to dock at the Hix Bridge boat launch on Sept. 16 in Westport after a morning row on the Westport River.

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A new chapter for bike shop

Business closing its 111-year Hathaway Road home

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NEW BEDFORD — After 111 years in business along Hathaway Road, Yester-year Cyclery is preparing to close its longtime home. But for generations of customers who have relied on the family-owned bicycle shop, the farewell comes with a promise: The name will live on. Kim Camara, 73, president of Yester-year Cyclery, plans to end operations at 330 Hathaway Road on Dec. 31. Two longtime employees intend to carry the business forward, with a new location planned in nearby Fairhaven. “Please don’t worry, we’re not going away, we’re just moving,” Camara said.

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Holy Trinity School Craft Fair in 2024. PROVIDED BY HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Your guide to fall craft fairs around SouthCoast

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Fall brings changing leaves, cooler days, and, for many local shoppers, the return of craft fair season. This time of year brings out plenty of local vendors and crafters, who spend the fall filling tables with handmade items, home décor, artwork, jewelry, baked goods, and other things you may not find anywhere else. Craft fairs can be a good place to start getting a jump on holiday shopping, find something for the house, or just spend a Saturday browsing the tables and seeing what catches your eye. Here are some of the craft fairs happening around the South Coast this fall.

- First Christian Congregational Church of Swansea**

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3

Where: 72 Main St., Swansea

A day of shopping, community, and buying handmade treasures from local vendors.
- Fairhaven Animal Shelter**

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4

Where: Whalers Inn, 500 Hathaway Road, New Bedford

Not only can you shop for unique handmade items, support small
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Team to probe potential Earhart plane wreckage

Institute, university to investigate possible remains of plane

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WEST LAFAYETTE, IN – After almost 90 years, Amelia Earhart’s story might be entering its final chapter. Members of the Archaeological Legacy Institute and Purdue University leave Los Angeles together on Oct. 3 to journey to Nikumaroro Island in search of Earhart’s lost plane. The search for the Electra aircraft has quietly unfolded in the background for two years. The team originally planned the project for last October but delayed it while awaiting proper approvals from the Kiribati government. Now, a small team of researchers, filmmakers, scuba divers and other specialists are packing their bags for an expedition across the globe. The team will investigate the Taraia Object, a large submerged “shiny metal thing” off the coast of Nikumaroro, believed to be the remains of Earhart’s plane. Before their journey, several key members of the crew participated in a Q&A video released on Sept. 28. The panel included Rick Pettigrew, president of ALI; Steve Schultz, Purdue’s senior vice president and general counsel; Sirisha Bandla, a 2011 Purdue alumna and astronaut; and Marc Hagle, a 1971 Purdue alumnus and as-



A team of specialists will investigate a submerged “shiny metal thing” off an island of Kiribati, thought to be the remains of Amelia Earhart’s plane. PROVIDED BY PURDUE UNIVERSITY

tronaut. Almost halfway between Australia and Hawaii, the island is “one of the most remote places on Earth,” Pettigrew said. “Which is what largely makes it so difficult to organize a project of this nature.” Still, the crew hasn’t been swayed by the desolate nature of the lagoon. Team members are in the process of gathering their personal belongings and securing crucial equipment for the trip ahead, he said. Schultz went ahead of the main expedition to Christmas Island to “pay a visit to one of the key ministries that championed our proposal in the Kiribati government, the Ministry for Line and Phoenix Islands Development,” he said. See EARTHART, Page 2A

