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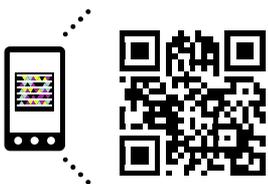
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

FHS graduates go off with a flourish



Fairhaven High School graduating seniors toss their caps into the air after receiving their diplomas on Sunday, 6/3/18. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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Judge Murray Gurfein, Pentagon Papers case, June 17, 1971:

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Oh no! It's crawl-under-a-rock time. It's "jibe," not "jive." Jibe. AARRGGHH!!!! Apologies to Aunt Nina, who probably cringed so hard she gave herself a headache.

We have a bunch of public hearings this week. See page 3 for the Selectboard. The Appeals board will be in next week.

There's been a troubling trend in Fairhaven in the past few months. The Selectboard meeting this week is a classic example.

The public hearings for three aquaculture farms went on with discussion and votes, and even asked the public for comment. But no one EVER said where the operations will be located. Honestly, I am not kidding.

No one, nada, zero, zilch, gave any indication if they were in North Cove, East Cove, Round Cove. I had to ask after the hearing was over to find out they are in Jack's Cove (see page 3).

So, here's Public Hearing 101: You're supposed to tell the public what's going on. If someone takes the time to watch the meeting, or get the minutes and read them, that person should be confident that he or she knows what's going on. You can watch that meeting ten times and you will still have no idea where the aquaculture farms are going.

It is not incumbent upon the public to have to do all kinds of research to find out the basics. Watching the meetings, or reading the minutes should be enough.

Public hearings are held for a reason, to inform the public and get public input. How are people supposed to know what questions to ask if they can't even get the basics?

Really. This stuff just seems like it should not have to be said out loud. It just seems so obvious. What IS the point?

Geesh...

PS: Somebody read this and tell Dan Freitas, okay? Because he won't talk to me, won't look at me, won't acknowledge me, 'cuz he's such a big grown-up. But don't stand too close to him, his super-thin skin might burst. Guess he doesn't think my readers count, huh?

This week's cover story is one of my favorites every year. The expression "fresh-faced" comes to mind as I sort through my (hundreds of) pictures looking for a few to publish. Check out our Facebook page. I'll be putting up a whole bunch more there.

It also helps when the event is held outside. It's much more free and open and there's literally, physically, room for the kids to move around and express themselves in fun ways.

I will say only one thing to the new grads. They got plenty of advice from the speakers, and I'm sure their relatives are all over them, too.

So I will say one thing: Choose your friends carefully.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Selectboard approves three new aquaculture licenses

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard approved three new aquaculture licenses at its meeting on Monday, 6/4. The meeting was held at the West Island Improvement Association community hall because the board also discussed the emergency preparedness plan, which is traditionally held at that site.

Matthew Loo, who already has a 1+ acre aquaculture farm in Fairhaven, Larry Fowler, and John Mills, were each approved for separate operations.

During the meeting, no one said where the three aquaculture farms were going to be located, except to say that they would not be near residences.

After the public hearing, Harbor-master Tim Cox said the three, two-acre farms would be located in Jack's Cove, near Fish Island, which is on the north side of Goulart Memorial Drive/Causeway Road.

All three have licenses to grow quahogs and oysters, but only Mr. Loo plans on growing oysters. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Mills plan on growing

quahogs, although they have the option to change that or mix product under their licenses.

Kayakers and other boat users will not be able to go over the oyster farm because of lines and buoys that allow the oysters to hang in the water.

The quahog farms are ground based, so people will be able to boat over them, but it will be off-limits for shellfishing, as the product will be owned by the aquaculture businesses.

Mr. Mills told the board that he has been quahogging since he was a teenager. A commercial quahog digger now, he said he saw the aquaculture farm as a "natural progression of what I do now."

He said he is getting older and feels the aquaculture farm will be better suited for him in the next few years.

Mr. Loo said he had the one acre farm and was looking to expand. He said the new area is "vital" to his business for that expansion.

Mr. Fowler said he echoed what Mr. Mills said, that he is getting older, digs commercially and has for years.

"I'm looking for something that I can do down the road," said Mr.

Fowler.

The board approved the provisional licenses, which will also have to be approved by the state. The exact location, buoys/markers, materials used, and other regulations will be overseen by the state and the Harbor-master/Shellfish department.

The initial license will be for two years with a one year extension. Then the three will have to re-apply for license renewals.

The board also discussed the emergency preparedness plan. The plan is being revamped this year, said Deputy Fire Chief Todd Correia.

The board did not go into detail about the plan and its command structure, except to say the fire chief is in charge of calling an emergency, and voting to make that change from the Town Administrator to the chief in a separate agenda item.

The board did not discuss the shelter, or if it will still be at Hastings Middle School. In response to a question from the public, officials did say that the town's shelter will still not welcome pets, but a regional

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Hoppy Sworn in

Robert "Hoppy" Hobson was official sworn in on 6/4 to start serving his term on the Board of Public Works. Mr. Hobson was locked in a tie for the second seat on the BPW after the April 2 election. The tie resulted in some confusion on how to proceed, and a recount ordered by the Superior Court.

Mr. Hobson told the *Neighb News* that the whole ordeal resulted in his getting a legal bill for \$1706, that he plans on giving to the town. He said it was the town's fault that he got wrong information, forcing him to get a lawyer.

He said he plans on informing the town that he will go to small claims court if they refuse to pay.

There was no official word on if he had actually submitted that bill by press time.

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Richard Gifford, Esq.

Robert E. Harding, Ph.D., President of DHAS

From the Delano Kindred Society

Muriel Cushing, Genealogist & Mayflower Historian
George DeLano, Editor & Past President

Join us:

Wednesday, Wednesday, June 13, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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FIA continues Beautification Project

A Special for Fairhaven Residents

Each year the Fairhaven Improvement Association offers the Voucher Program to help the residents to enhance the beauty of their property. How does the program work?

Send a check for \$20 to the Fairhaven Improvement Association, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You will receive a voucher that entitles you to purchase double the amount (\$40) of shrubbery at Kenny's Farm Stand on Huttleston Avenue.

The offer is available to Fairhaven residents only. One voucher per family is allowed.

For a limited time Kenny has offered to add another \$10 allowance to your doubled voucher giving you a total of \$50 in buying power at his nursery. This offer will be honored to July 1, 2018. If you decide to use your voucher after that date, it will be good for \$40 but not for the special stated above. The voucher may be used for the shrubbery listed only. It may not be used for any other merchandise in the nursery.

New this year! We have added new

items to the selection of the available shrubs. The list now includes the following: Andromeda, Azalea, Boxwood, Butterfly Bush, Dogwood, Holly, Hydrangea, Lilac, Magnolia, PJM, Rhododendron, Viburnum and Wisteria.

The voucher will expire September 30, 2018. The program ends when all allocated funds have been depleted but no later than September 30, 2018.

Contact person: Monika Whalley 508.758.8223 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

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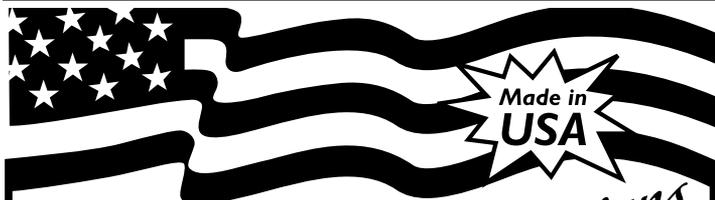
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Beach cleanup

World Oceans Day cleanup, Ft. Phoenix, Sat., 6/9, 9am. to noon. Meet near the cannons.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. The cigarette filters we collect will be sent to Terra Cycle and straws will be set aside for an art installation at the end of the Summer.

Please wear closed toe shoes, sunblock and bring a reusable water bottle. Gloves, bags, tools and refreshments will be provided. T-shirts while they last. For more information: www.facebook.com/pollutionsolution or bethesolutiontopollution@gmail.com

Fish Tourney

Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555, presents a Fishing Tournament on Sat., 6/9, at West Island Marina, Fairhaven, 56 Goulart Mem. Dr. Start time, 6 a.m., Last weigh-in, 2 p.m. \$45 per person (boat or shore). Prizes for largest striper and bluefish. Buffet lunch, prize giveaways, raffles, evening entertainment. Transient docking and fuel service available. For info, call Tony, 774-930-6431.

Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave, will be hosting a new program provided by Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson Office titled "Until Help Arrives" on Wed., 6/20. The 2 hour course, conducted by Colonel David Gavigan, will provide information and basic skills to keep someone safe in an emergency situation until help arrives. Topics covered include 911 calling, staying safe at the scene of an emergency, stop the bleeding, positioning the injured, providing comfort and preparing for emergencies. The program is open to citizens of all ages or community groups that have little to no emergency training. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029 by 6/18 to reserve a seat.

Homecoming Art Show

42nd Annual Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association, in Fairhaven Center, Sat., 6/30, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. More than 175

booths featuring artists & craftsmen from all over New England. Art exhibit, food, kids' games, fire engine rides, music & live entertainment for the entire family.

Free admission. Handicap parking available. Booth spaces and Art Show spaces are available. For information please email: fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit: <http://www.fairhavenimprovement.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/dFairhavenImprovementAssociation>

Bruso Scholarship

Bobby Bruso, Cable Access Director for the Town of Fairhaven, passed away unexpectedly in February. It was a combination of Bobby's personality, talent, vision and pure love for the Town he lived and worked in that truly brought Fairhaven to life. A director, teacher, employee and friend, Bobby Bruso will forever be missed.

Since Bobby was an avid teacher to those who wanted to learn, a Memorial Scholarship has been created in his name. Donations are now being accepted. If your company would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Bobby Bruso Memorial Scholarship. Contact bobbybrusoscholarship@gmail.com or send to: Bobby Bruso Memorial Scholarship, Attn: Amanda L. Blais, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Delano Kindred Soc

The Delano Kindred Society & the Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society present "Connections: Old, New and YOU!" Organized by the Delano Kindred Family Reunion on Wed., 6/13, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm, at Fairhaven's Millicent Library Auditorium, Walnut Street Entrance. Open to the public: \$15.00. Online registration at DelanoKindred.us to reserve space OR at the door only if space allows

Visit DelanoKindred.us for more details, or contact Cathy Delano, delanocath@aol.com 508 364-8688

Father's Day Road Race

43rd Father's Day 10K and 5K Road Races, Sun., 6/17. Begins at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven Start time, 9:00 a.m.

Online entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 13 and under and adults 70 and over, plus a service charge. For more info and to register, visit <http://fairhavenroadrace.org/> or call 508-997-9460.

SAVE THE DATES:

LCpl Matt Rodriguez F-R

Yard sale to benefit the Matthew Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, on 6/17. See ad on page 21.

Car Wash

MO LIFE car wash on Friday, 6/22, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Fairhaven fire department. Tickets are \$5 per car/truck. Get tickets at our office, 105 Sconticut Neck Rd, Fairhaven, and Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, 119 Alden Rd Fairhaven. Tickets can also be purchased at the time of the event.

Caring for Ellie

Please join us for a fund-raiser for Eleanor Art, Sat., 6/23, Noon-5 p.m., at the VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Four-year-old Ellie Art was diagnosed with leukemia in April, 100% of the proceeds from this event will go to her family. Door prize: two round-trip fast ferry tickets to Martha's Vineyard. Chinese Auction: Tons of great auction items, such as gift certificates to restaurants and other area businesses, gift baskets, etc. 50/50 raffle.

All Class Breakfast

Sunday 7/1/18, the Fairhaven High School Class of 1968 will host the annual "All Class Breakfast" buffet in the FHS Cafeteria from 8:30-10:00 A.M. Doors will open promptly at 8:30. The entrance to the cafeteria is across from the football field on the east side of the building. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Euro Store, corner of Main and Center Streets, at the Alumni Booth at the Homecoming Fair on June 30, or by contacting Janet Robert (jrobert711@comcast.net), phone 508-995-5187

Car Show

Come check out the Legendary Street Rods and vte on your favorites at our annual car show. It will be fun for the whole family! At Atria Fairhaven, 391 Alden Rd., Fairhaven, on Sat., 6/16, 11 a.m. Winners chosen at 2:30 p.m. Open to the public. Complimentary hot dogs, chips and drinks. See ad on back cover.

Fairhaven resident is first woman to be student gov. president

By Beth David
Editor

A Fairhaven resident has been elected president of the Student Government Association (SGA) at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Rachel McNamara was installed in the position on Wednesday, 5/23, at an official Change of Command ceremony. She is the first female elected to the position in the institution's 127-year history.

Ms. McNamara is entering her senior year and is pursuing a degree in International Maritime Business. She was Vice President of her freshman class, Orientation Squad Leader and has been Social Chair on the Executive Board for the past two years. Ms. McNamara served her experiential learning in London, England, and was selected to assist underclassmen for this summer's trip to Norway.

According to the MMA's website, SGA is the students' voice in Academy affairs.

The MMA SGA has been elected to create the best environment possible for student life. It is a representative of the student body, and is an independent entity from the regiment of cadets. It is the liaison between the administration, regiment, outside organizations, and the student body.

Ms. McNamara said that the SGA at Mass. Maritime is different than at other state schools. In addition to being the president of the student body, she will also have regimental responsibilities, such as overseeing the assembly, inspecting underclassmen, upholding academy standards and traditions, and participating in



disciplinary hearings. Cadets at the school live on campus and undergo inspections, and formations, and other military style activities. She will oversee a budget of \$300,000, and will supervise and delegate to about 60 assembly members on a variety of committees for student activities.

"I am confident I can do a good job," said Ms. McNamara, citing her experience as Social Chair overseeing a \$90,000 budget.

As for being the first woman to be elected, Ms. McNamara said she does not think too much of it, but did say, "It's an incredible honor."

"It's just a mark in history," she said. "I was elected by my peers, not because I was a woman. But it's definitely an honor to go down in history."

When she was a freshman, the student body was about 10% female, she said. Now it is more, but by how much, she could not say.

"I have never had an issue," said Ms. McNamara, with being in the minority of women. "It's easy to be respected as a professional and an individual here."

The women at the school are there to work and focus on their careers, she said, and the work is hard. There's a saying at MMA: "It's a terrible place to



LEFT: Rachel McNamara of Fairhaven made history when she became the first woman to be elected president of the Student Government Association at Mass. Maritime Institute. ABOVE: Kerrie McNamara (left) and Mike McNamara pose with their daughter Rachel at the Change of Command ceremony on Wednesday, 4/23/18, when Rachel was installed as the first female elected president of the Student Government Association. Photo courtesy of Mike McNamara.

be, but it's the best place to be from."

"Being a female here has not been a challenge whatsoever," she said, and encouraged other women to attend, if that is something they are concerned about, don't be. "There's no reason to be afraid or discouraged. It's a very welcoming environment. Everybody who puts the work in is going to be respected."

Ms. McNamara's parents are Michael and Kerrie. Mike is on the Fairhaven School Committee, and Kerrie is a Real Estate Agent. ●●●



ABOVE: Fairhaven's Rachel McNamara is installed as the elected President of the Student Government Association at Mass. Maritime Academy at the Change of Command ceremony on Wednesday, 4/23/18. RIGHT: Signs supporting Fairhaven's Rachel McNamara adorn the windows at Mass. Maritime Academy before the election. Photos courtesy of Mike McNamara.



FHS Math Team is SC champ for second consecutive year

Press Release

The Fairhaven High School Math Team finished the 2018 season as the Southeastern Mass. Conference Mathematics League South Division Champions for the second straight year. The team was led by senior captains Matt Mitchell, Tony Truong and Jack Brown, as well as senior teammates Aaron Almeida, Julia Cabral, Kathryn Kenney, and Will Elliott. Strong contributions came from juniors Grace Davignon, Mira Yin, Isabella Furey, Reagan Dasneves, Elyse Rebelo, Nicholas Brown, and Phoebe Antonio. Also, key scoring from sophomores Jenna Correia, Christina Eckenreiter, Matt Elliott and Sean Brown was instrumental in several victories.

This group of seniors has had the most success of any class in school history. Not only were they the heart of the team during the consecutive South Division titles, they also led the team in scoring during the school's first overall SMCML League Championship season in 2017. Their leadership, work ethic and enthusiasm were exceptional. All of the seniors'



The Fairhaven High School Math Team is division champion for the second consecutive year. FRONT, L-R: Briana Chang, Jenna Correia, Alexis Petty STANDING, L-R: Grace Davignon, Mira Yin, Isabella Furey, Julia Cabral, Reagan Dasneves, Tony Truong, Elyse Rebelo, Kathryn Kenney, Matt Mitchell, Christina Eckenreiter, Aaron Almeida, Will Elliott, Matt Elliott, Sean Brown, Nick Brown, Jack Brown, Eddie Gonet, Phoebe Antonio. Submitted photo.

accomplishments were celebrated at an end of the year awards breakfast.

The team looks to be in good shape for next season as a strong group of juniors and sophomores returns

looking to defend the title.

According to the team's coaches, Mr. Harding and Mr. Francis, these current underclassmen enjoy the

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Fhvn Archivist at Fish Heritage Ctr

The Local History Guild conversation for **Thurs., 6/14, will take place at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel Street, 6-7 p.m.** The topic this month is "Local Fishermen: Their Lives and Legacies." Michael P. Dyer will sit down with Fishing Heritage Center Director Laura Orleans, and Fairhaven's Millicent Library Archivist Debbie Charpentier, to talk about the important work that Debbie has done to increase public awareness and access to the legacies of local fishermen, and Laura Orlean's pioneering work at the Fishing Heritage Center.

NB Jazz Fest

Treat yourself to a perfect summer day on **Sat., 6/9, from 2-7 p.m., when the seventh annual New Bedford JazzFest moves onto Pier 3** for a feast of art, food, drink, and non-stop live jazz, featuring the best the region has to offer. Nestled on the docks of New Bedford's colorful and historic waterfront, the rain-or-shine tented event features two stages of diverse jazz, local food trucks and a full bar, as well as the popular "Artists' Colony," a special section spotlighting local artisans and crafters.

Tickets \$25, and may be reserved through the Your Theatre box office 508-993-0772 or purchased online via the YTI website: www.yourtheatre.org. Kids 15U are free with an adult.

Visit www.NewBedfordJazzFest.com

Dig Quahogs Lesson

Learn how to harvest your own quahogs during this fun and educational event with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the New Bedford Parks Recreation and Beaches Department on **Sat., 6/9, from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at Ft Taber Park.** At this free event, you'll learn the basics of quahogging: what you need, how to do it and where to go. This is a catch-and-release event unless you have a New Bedford shellfish permit. We will provide rakes, peck baskets and some waders, but participants can bring their own. Please wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and sandy, as we will be wading into the water up to our waists.

Pre-registration is required. Visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/learn-to-quahog-new-bedford>

jun-09-2018/ or call 508-999-6363 x 219.

Free Happy Talk

The New Bedford Wellness Initiative invites the community to attend a FREE talk on the "science of happiness" with nationally recognized Yale University Professor and New Bedford native, Laurie Santos.

On Tues., 6/12, from 6:30- 8 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

Santos made national media headlines with her signature course at Yale titled "The Science of Well-Being." Join Santos to discuss her research, speak about her course, and provide audience members with real takeaways and new approaches they can start to implement in their own lives. The course is also available for free at www.coursera.com.

Heath Bike Run

Second Annual George A Heath Bike Run, **Sun., 6/10, 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.** Benefits the Greater New Bedford Vocational Educational Foundation. Ride followed by a Cookout, Live Music, Raffle, Auction and More. **\$20 Rider/\$10 Passenger; \$10 Walk-In**

Starts at GNB Voc-Tech, 1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, ends at The Pines at Lafayette, Bay St., Taunton. Call Rosemary, 774-240-0505.

Coffee in the Dell

The Friends of Buttonwood Park invites neighbors and friends to come out on **Sun., 6/10, from 10 a.m. to noon for a casual "Coffee in the Dell" event. Free to the public. All are welcome!**

Come by, relax, enjoy a cup of free coffee and donuts, read the paper and meet some new friends. Experience the beauty of Spring unfolding in Buttonwood Park. There will be tables and chairs for relaxing, selection of newspapers, guided tours of the beautiful arboretum. Refreshments are provided by Dunkin Donuts, 1091 Kempton St., NB. Go to the Dell, across the road from the warming house, west of the Greenhouse. Rain date is June 24.

The Friends of Buttonwood Park is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that serves as stewards of Buttonwood Park, the largest and

most visited public park in New Bedford. Its mission is to maintain a peaceful park where people can relax and escape the stresses of urban life.

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Sleeping Beauty

New Bedford Ballet brings drama and romance to the Zeiterion Theatre stage with its performance of the classic fairytale *Sleepy Beauty* on **Sat., 6/9, at 2 & 8 p.m.** Set to Tchaikovsky's regal score and the choreography of artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, along with ballet instructor Eugenia Zinovieva, dancers of all ages will enchant the audience in this whimsical interpretation of good vs. evil and the redemption of true love. **Reserved tickets are \$22; general admission prices are \$17 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students and children.** Special group rates are available for non-profits. Get tickets by contacting New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.

Visit www.newbedfordballet.org.

Seafood Cooking

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center and New Bedford Port Authority are teaming up to present a series of free seafood cooking demonstrations and classes. Funded by a grant from the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries, these programs are designed to promote the NB Seafood brand; educate the public about local, abundant and underutilized species; and inspire local residents to explore a wider variety of seafood choices while building a market for these species.

The first demonstration is at **Kyler's Seafood Market, 2 Washburn St., Sat., 6/9, at 2 p.m.** Chef Maria Lawton, author of *Azorean Cooking: From My Family Table to Yours*, will demonstrate a recipe for Fresh Hake poached in onion, garlic, and tomato sauce (Bacalhau fresco escalfado com molho de tomatecebola, alho).

Signed copies of Ms. Lawton's book will be available for sale. Additional demonstrations featuring local cook Rhonda Fazio will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Fri., 7/13, at DeMello's Market (redfish) and Thurs., 8/9, at the New Bedford Farmer's Market (scup).

For more information, contact the Center at 508-993-8894 or programs@fishingheritagecenter.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

FREE Fish Tourney

For kids 5-13. We provide the bait, you'll need your own tackle. **On Sat., 6/9, at Lake Street recreation area in Acushnet, from 7 a.m.-noon.** We break at 11 for FREE hot dogs, prizes, trophies.

Assessors Out

Assessors Are Out in the Town of Acushnet. The Assessor's Office would like to inform the public that there will be two gentlemen performing property inspections throughout Acushnet. They are from Patriot Properties and have identification on them and a letter from our office. Please call us with any questions. 508-998-0200 X 4206

Flag Day/Acushnet

Join the town of Acushnet at the **Council On Aging, 57 1/2 So. Main St., at 10 a.m., Thurs., 6/14,** to commemorate Flag Day.

The Ducks Are Back!

The annual Acushnet Lions Rubber Duck race is fast approaching.

We have 1000 ducks that need adopting, \$10 each. All money goes to eye research. The race will be held at the **Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sun., 6/17, at NOON.** Buy tickets at practically anywhere in town, including Town Hall, River's End, or call Duckmaster Glenn Costa, 508-971-1859. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet. 1st Prize, \$1,000; 2nd Prize, \$500; 3rd Prize, \$250; Gift Certificates.

Chicken Dinner

Join us on Sun., 6/10, at 4 p.m., at FW Post 6643, 89 Middleboro Road, E. Freetown, for a fried chicken dinner/dance, with music by Johnny Angel. Tickets: \$15 for chicken, side dishes, dessert, beverage, entertainment. Benefits the VFW and its charitable work. For more information, call 508-763-2292

Boston Gay Pride

Celebrate LGBTQ pride with Boston. The 45th annual Boston Pride Parade will be held on Sat., 6/9. Steps off at noon from Copley Square and

ends at City Hall Plaza. For details on the parade route, spectator info., etc., visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/parade/> The festival will be going on from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Boston City Hall Plaza and includes vendor exhibits and entertainment. Visit <http://www.bostonpride.org/festival/> for details.

Pride week includes a variety of events celebrating gay pride. Visit <http://www.bostonpride.org> for 2018 Pride Guide.

Learn to Fish/FREE

Have you ever wanted to learn how to fish? Now's your chance! Let the MassWildlife Angler Education Program be your guide, in partnership with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, **on Thurs., 6/14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mary's Pond, at the end of Perry's Lane in Rochester.**

At this FREE event, you'll learn the basics of freshwater fishing, from casting out to baiting up. Come try your hand at this great pastime — you'll be guaranteed to catch some fun! We will provide fishing equipment, terminal tackle and live bait for participants to use. Beginner anglers of all ages are welcome.

Pre-registration is required for this program, and is limited to 25 people. To RSVP or to get more information, visit <http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/learn-to-fish-jun-14-2018/> or call 508-999-6363 ext. 219 or bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org

AUTHOR EVENTS

Local Author In Mattapoisett

Catherine McLaughlin will be signing copies of her first novel "Blue Collars" in a **pre-release event on Tues., 6/12, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barsow St. Accessible.** Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Set in the South End of New Bedford, "Blue Collars" is the story of young Fiona "Finn" Kilroy who lives in a diverse immigrant neighborhood alongside other families whose relatives work in the mills. A terrible secret haunts Finn's childhood, and her determination to survive and forgive is tested in this heart-wrenching and heartwarming story.

McLaughlin grew up in New Bedford, and now lives in Dartmouth.

She taught English and writing for 40 years at Framingham State University and UMass Dartmouth.

Local Author in Acushnet

The Acushnet Public Library welcomes local author Cheryl Aguiar, who will share her book *Great Horned Owlets Rescue: Where There's a Will, There's a Way...* **on Wed., 6/13, at 6 p.m. in the Library Community Room, 232 Middle RD, Acushnet.**

Award winning author, Cheryl Aguiar, rescues a pair of Great Horned Owl babies after tragedy leaves the family homeless. The frightened young owlets are left stranded on the ground, unable to defend themselves from predators that roam the woods. Cheryl and her husband Jim attempt the dangerous task of relocating the owlets and provide the family with a new home. Surprisingly, these Great Horned Owls also known as raptors, with a reputation of being extremely aggressive, show a different side when faced with sudden adversity. Cheryl shares her emotions in this captivating, personal narrative as she observes this family in the wild. She documents the details of the rescue, the journey of the two owlets and the heartwarming outcome of a courageous and remarkable rescue.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Visit www.acupl.org

Falmouth Author in Mattapoisett

Celebrate a song of America. The **Mattapoisett Free Public Library is very excited to present a free program on Wed., 6/13, from 6:30-7:30 pm** by author Melinda M. Ponder, who will discuss her new book, "Katharine Lee Bates: From Sea to Shining Sea."

Bates (1859-1929), who grew up in Falmouth, wrote "America the Beautiful," which was put to song and resonates for many people as the most patriotic & beloved American anthem. Her words speak of the beauty and love of our land, our people, and our country — a nation full of hope and possibility.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Registration is preferred but not required. To register call 508-758-4171, or email rsmith@sailsinc.org, or sign up in the library, 7 Barstow Street. Accessible.

Recipe of the Week

Smoked Bluefish Pâté

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 4 ounces crème fraîche
 4 ounces Greek yogurt
 1 lemon, zested and juiced
 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
 1 tablespoon tarragon, chopped
 1 teaspoon Sriracha
 1 teaspoon chili flakes
 1/4 cup chives, finely chopped
 1/2 pound smoked bluefish,
 skinned and deboned, meat
 flaked

Grilled bread or crackers for
 serving

Blend cream cheese, crème fraîche, and yogurt in a bowl with lemon juice, parsley, tarragon, Sriracha, chili flakes, and half of the chives.

Gently fold the flaked smoked bluefish into this mixture, then sprinkle top with remaining chives and serve with bread or crackers as an appetizer.

From www.chowhound.com

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

FHS using innovative science program

Press Release

Over the span of nearly three decades, The Amgen Biotech Experience (ABE) — at no cost — has provided more than 28,000 students in Massachusetts and 600,000 students around the globe with the opportunity and tools necessary to explore science in a hands-on and empowering way. The innovative science education program enables teachers to bring biotechnology to their classrooms. ABE provides teacher professional development, curriculum materials, and research-grade equipment and supplies to secondary schools.

At Fairhaven High School, biology teacher Amanda Pedersen has reached more than 225 local students with ABE over the past four years.

“I’ve had previous students come back and tell me the Amgen labs were not only the most memorable part of biology, but that they are also doing great in their college biology labs because they have experience with the equipment and understand the

technology and procedures because of ABE.”

Amanda has found particular success using the ABE program with her English-language learners (ELL) due to its hands-on design.

Through professional development, curriculum materials and research-grade equipment and supplies, ABE opens the exciting world of science to all students, galvanizing them with the experience, tools and passion needed to pursue and succeed in STEM fields.



Fairhaven High School teacher Amanda Pedersen uses an innovative science program. Submitted photo.

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Fairhaven High School sends 145 into the world

Text and photos by Beth David
Editor

Student speakers at Fairhaven High School's graduation on Sunday, 6/3, told their classmates that their dreams will come true with hard work, expressing a mixture of sadness



Benjamin Miller got a big round of applause from his classmates.

at leaving high school, and happiness to embark on the next phase of their young lives.

Salutatorian Jack Brown said they learned a lot more than academics, they learned "practical wisdom" at FHS, about finding success and harmony in their lives.

"Bad habits will suck you down in a violent whirlpool," said Mr. Brown, while good habits will lift you up like a life jacket.

As life becomes more chaotic, it is easy to procrastinate, but it takes hard work to do anything worthwhile.

It is true, he said, that there is an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other. Listen to the angel, he said, "unless that devil is a Blue Devil."

The Blue Devil is the FHS mascot. "Adapt, adjust, overcome."



Nathaniel Horta shares his cap with his little brother Ben.

Valedictorian and class president Eliana DaCunha said that she and the other class officers kept a "cry count," but told her classmates not to cry because it was over, "smile because it happened."

She gave a crash course in how to apply high school lessons to life. School was rough, she said, and caused many late nights and early mornings.

"Eh, I can sleep when I'm dead," said Ms. DaCunha, noting she did not have a normal social life. "Pain is temporary, GPA is forever."

Ms. DaCunha shared four lessons.

One: Shoot for the moon, if you miss, you'll land among the stars, and credited Mrs. Jardin with the lesson.

"Hard work never, EVER goes unrewarded," said Ms. DaCunha, and explained it scientifically with a chemistry rule: "Energy can neither be created nor destroyed."

Lesson two: Stay humble, stay hopeful, and don't be afraid to change.



Valedictorian Eliana DaCunha gives a shout out and a wave to "babushka," her grandmother who traveled all the way from Moscow, Russia, to be there.

"Don't let your success or failure consume you," said Ms. DaCunha and credited her mother with saying, "Angels fly because they take themselves lightly."

For lesson three, she said that as they change and grow, she hoped they never lose their bond as a class, and quoted Audrey Hepburn: "The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."

Life will change, and they will face adversities, she said, but they have helped each other through and they will find others to help them through in the future. She thanked a litany of teachers for teaching her different



Olivia Nunes lets out a big roar after receiving her diploma.

things, and her parents and sisters, "and my grandma for making it here all the way from Russia!

Then she gave a shout out, a wave and a big "I love you" to her "babushka."

"Don't ever abandon those who love you because no one will ever be there for you like they will," said Ms. DaCunha.

Lesson four: *Carpe Diem*, seize the day, the motto of the school. She explained the long list of conditions that had to be perfect for earth to sustain life, another science lesson.

"So here we are, by some miracle, living on this beautiful blue planet," she said. "Our life here is truly a gift. The days we have here are truly gifts, so seize them. You came to be on this earth through extraordinary means, so, please, lead an extraordinary life."

To thank the universe for your existence, refuse to simply exist, she said.

"Seize the day, do what you love and make your endeavors worthwhile," Ms. DaCunha told her fellow classmates. "Don't live in fear of

GRADUATION: cont'd on page 20



Chance Negallia singing with style and passion.

2018 Fairhaven High School graduating seniors

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Honors
 Nicholas J. Almeida
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Honors
 Rylie A. Baumgartner
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Honors
 Kaelyn M. Bourgeois
Highest Honors
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High Honors
 Jack R. Brown *Salutatorian*,
Highest Honors
 Olivia M. Buckles
Honors
 Kyle M. Butler
 Julia D. Cabral
High Honors
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 Terrence J. Cahoon
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 Abigail C. Charpentier
Honors
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 Nicholas M. Chouinard
 Daniel E. Christ
 Catherine A. Clark
 Summer G. Cleveland
Honors
 Enrique L. Colón
 Robert T. Conlon, Jr.
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 Bailey L. Cormier
Highest Honors
 Kaitlyn E. Costa
Highest Honors
 Kayci M. Cournoyer d
 Eduardo D'Abruzzo
 Makenna N. DaCosta
Honors
 Eliana A. DaCunha
Valedictorian, Highest
Honors
 Klarisa R. DaSilva
 Mitchell E. DaSilva

Tysean D. Dargis
 Caroline E. DeCosta
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High Honors
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 Rhianna E. Dimock
 James P. Donohue
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High Honors
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Honors
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Honors
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Christopher Tavares does a little dance. *Beth David photo.*

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A different sport or game will be played each class session. Don't miss out on this great program. It's a favorite! Held at Cushman Park inside the track! Held Outdoors. Ages: 3-8, Monday & Wednesday 6-7:15 p.m. Start Date: July 9. Cost: Free with play card/\$40 without End Date August 1st. Instructor: Staff

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6/20: Plymouth Shopping

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Special Activities

Sewing Circle

Monday 1-3:00 p.m. June 4th & 11th, and Thursday 5:45-7:45 p.m. June 7th, 14th & 21st.

Computer Technology for Seniors

New classes starting June 4th, 9-10:00 a.m. please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up. New classes starting Jun 4th.

Until Help Arrives

Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., Wednesday, June 20th, 6-8:00 p.m. Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson is pleased to announce a new program entitled "Until Help Arrives". The 2 hour course, conducted by Colonel David Gavigan, will provide you with basic skills to keep someone with life threatening injuries alive

Until help arrives if you happen to come upon an emergency situation. Topics covered include 911 calling, staying safe at the scene of an emergency, stop the bleeding, positioning the injured, providing comfort and preparing for emergencies. The program is open to all citizens and community groups

that have little or no emergency training. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 by June 18th to reserve your seat.

The Savvy Caregiver Prog.

This is a free six-session training for family and friends who are active caregivers, caring for those living with Alzheimers or related dementias. Offered by Coastline Services Beginning Wednesday, May 16, 2018 through Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 5:30-7:30 p.m. At Stop and Shop 25 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, 2nd floor conference room.

Have a fund- raising event coming up?

Listings for non-profits are free in the *Neighb News*.

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Events are listed as space allows, in our format. If you require specific wording, layout, and dates, call for advertising rates.

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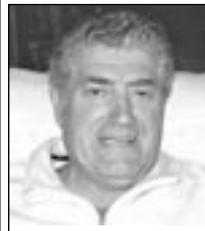


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Acushnet Selectboard adopts IT policies, rejects pothole bill

By Pattie Pacella

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on 6/5, the Acushnet Selectboard heard from Christopher Oliver, Director of Technology & Information Systems from the School Department about IT Policies that he is writing for the Town.

Mr. Oliver stated he was reviewing the second reading of the Town's Policies that included a General Information Policy, an Asset Management Policy, a Social Media Policy an IT Resource Policy, and an Access Control Policy.

He said he hoped the policies would be adopted by the Board and implemented throughout the Town. He agreed to do a six month follow up with the Board on how the Policies are working. The Selectboard agreed to adopt the IT Policies, saying it was long overdue.

The Board also heard from Aleksandra Strapczynski of HRS Consulting who gave a presentation of their Wage & Classification Study Results. Ms. Strapczynski stated that their company did a compensation analysis and classification plan with a new salary structure for Acushnet non-union jobs. She said that Acushnet had nothing like it in place so it was the first step in the right direction.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar stated they just received the report the day before and although he has

started to review it, they really needed more time to absorb it.

He asked Ms. Strapczynski how many other communities her company has worked with in Mass.

She told him they have worked with almost all towns and cities in Massachusetts.

The Board members decided to review the information and agreed that it definitely points them in the

[Mr. Gaspar] said that pothole damage to any vehicle is very hard to prove.

right direction.

In other business, Mr. Gaspar asked that Dan Menard of the Department of Public Works be brought to their next meeting to discuss Eversource and the mess that they are creating when they open up streets and do not repave properly.

Town Administrator Brian Noble agreed to add Mr. Menard to the next meeting's agenda.

In his report, Mr. Noble briefly spoke about the choking of the vegetation at the Lake Street ponds. He told the board that the ponds

actually are owned by the City of New Bedford and the city was in favor of Acushnet providing the service and paying for the remediation of the pond vegetation, however it seemed New Bedford wanted to maintain ownership of the ponds.

Mr. Noble said he was not happy that New Bedford did not seem like they wanted to help with the vegetation issue. He said he would look into grants that could help pay for it, but needed to clarify who would be applying for them.

In other business, the Selectboard read a letter from Roger Mason who sent a bill to the town for damage to his vehicle stating that it was from a huge pothole on Peckham Street. The bill was in the amount of \$551.24.

Mr. Gaspar stated there was no police report attached to the bill and because he is in the business of repairing vehicles he was not sure how valid the bill was by reviewing it. He said that pothole damage to any vehicle is very hard to prove. He said he spoke to the Board of Public Works and there was no report from them, either. The Board voted to deny paying the bill.

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Friends of Millicent hosts NE First Amendment Coalition

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The Friends of the Millicent Library and the New England First Amendment Coalition sponsored free panel discussion on Wednesday evening, May 23, in the library's Community Auditorium: "The First Amendment, Freedom of the Press, and the Right to Read."

Ed Fitzpatrick, Director of Media and Public Relations at Roger Williams University, moderated a distinguished panel: Karen Bordeleau, Retired Executive Editor, Providence Journal; Chris Daly, Journalism Professor, Boston University; and Gregory V. Sullivan, Media Attorney, Malloy & Sullivan.

Some of the topics discussed were what the First Amendment is and isn't; the meaning of "fake news"; how we can become better-informed consumers of news; the limits on freedom of speech and the press; and the history of press freedom.

At the end of the session, the panel was asked to rate the threat to First Amendment from 1 (nothing

to worry about) to 10 (time to lose sleep), and their ratings averaged out to about 10.5.

The discussion followed the annual meeting of the Friends of the Millicent Library, at which officers and board members for 2018 to 2020 were elected.

The 2018 officers are President, Beth Luey; Vice President, Linda Kushner; Treasurer, Wendy Drumm; Corresponding Secretary, Eleanor Crowell. Board members are: Mark Badwey, Martha Berg, Kathleen Clement, Kenneth Lipman, Marianne Muray, Mary Beth Yarmac, Janice Randall.

NEFAC was formed in 2006 to

advance and protect the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment, including the principle of the public's right to know. We're a broad-based organization of people who believe in the power of an informed democratic society. Our members include lawyers, journalists, historians, academics and private citizens.

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Members of the panel included (LEFT): Ed Fitzpatrick and Karen Bordeleau; and (ABOVE) Gregory Sullivan. Photos courtesy of Justin Silverman

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Southcoast Pride event fills Buttonwood Park with fun



The South Coast LGBT Network sponsored the second annual SC Pride event on Saturday, 6/2 at Buttonwood Park. The day long, family friendly event featured live entertainment, food vendors, artisan booths and a Kids Zone. The free event was open to the public, and, despite the threat of rain, many people from the LGBT community and supporters showed up for the fun event. The day included yoga in the morning and a wellness walk around the park. TOP LEFT: Someone holds a rainbow umbrella while watching the entertainment at the South Coast Pride day at Buttonwood Park on Saturday, 6/2/18. ABOVE LEFT: A group of young people watch the entertainment at South Coast Pride. ABOVE RIGHT: L-R Brenna and Shadeow let their flags fly at the 2018 South Coast Pride day on 6/2/18 at Button Wood Park in New Bedford. Left is the gay pride rainbow flag, right is the rainbow colors with marijuana leaves. BELOW LEFT: Sister Funk performs. BELOW MIDDLE: "Pound" entertains. BELOW RIGHT: Crystal Diamonds of Queens of Southcoast takes the stage at the second annual South Coast Pride day at Buttonwood Park on Saturday, 6/2/18. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. Vinny, The Bubble Guy, makes giant-sized bubbles for children to chase and pop at South Coast Pride. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

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Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, to hold the following public hearing(s).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Case # 2018.04.03A** A continuation on the case of Ms. Anita Davis, of 1528 Main Street, Acushnet who is Requesting a Special Permit in order to have an accessory apartment on the property. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "B" (1) Uses allowed by Special Permit, Accessory Apartment and Section 3.4 Special Permit Requirements "A" and "B" Accessory Apartments. This request is being made to provide existing living space with a bedroom on an accessible level for personal use..
- **Case # 2018.06.12A** Mr. Ronald Oliveira, of 5 Archer's Way, Acushnet is requesting a 25 foot variance to be able to construct a detached garage to be located outside the established 75 foot set back line for retreat lots on Map4 Lot 39H. This request is being made under the provisions of local Zoning By-law article VIII and Massachusetts General Law 40A.
- **Case # 2018.06.12B** Ms. Leanne Pereira, of 8 Cushman Street, Acushnet, is petitioning for special permit to be able to build an accessory apartment for her son. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 Residence A District, and Section "B.1" Accessory Apartments.

*** Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

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OPENING ON FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD

The Fairhaven Planning Board currently has a vacancy following the recent resignation of one of the eight members.

This elected position will be on the ballot in 2019, but in the interim, the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen must appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next election. This appointment would end in 2019, when the person holding the office would have to run to finish out the full remainder of the term, which ends in 2021.

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of development applications for subdivisions and special permits, as well as long-range planning for the Town, including the recently completed Master Plan, Zoning Bylaw amendments, and recommendations on housing. The Board also sends representatives to other town committees, such as the Community Preservation Committee and the Economic Development Committee.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk by June 22, Eileen@fairhaven-ma.gov, or 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

GRADUATION: cont'd from page 12

anything other than failing to cultivate your potential. Live the life you've been dreaming of because we're not here nearly long enough to spend our whole lives fantasizing."

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Baldwin, told the seniors that they had started their journeys together. He became superintendent in 2005, the same year they started kindergarten, and he could not be any prouder of their accomplishments.

"Who you are far outshines your accomplishments," said Dr. Baldwin. "And your accomplishments had a far greater effect on our district and community as a whole."

He then listed some of their accomplishments, such as hours of community giving, and creating an environment that makes other students want to attend FHS.

"Keep making strides and growing for the next 13 years of your life and you will find yourself in your thirties," said Dr. Baldwin, eliciting gasps from his audience.

He borrowed from author Clayton Christenson's "How Will You Measure Your Life," and told the graduates that he hoped they woke up every morning thinking how lucky they are to be doing what they are doing, that they have meaningful work that teaches them new things.

He read the lyrics of a Luke Bryan song, "Most People Are Good."

He left them with another piece of knowledge: People are obsessed with snow days and school closings. He noted that someone stopped him in a restaurant saying "that voice, that voice," the voice that woke him up at 6 a.m. to announce snow days.

So he gave them one final message: "Due to the fact that you are ready to become independent, productive, and successful adults, there will be no school anymore in the Fairhaven Public Schools for the Class of 2018. Please stay safe! Best of luck and thank you for everything that you have done for us."

School Committee chairperson Brian Monroe handed out the diplomas; the class officers presented gifts to the advisors; the seniors sang two songs, and then threw their caps into the air. Three students entering the military were also recognized, and scholarships were announced for each graduate, with the total a whopping \$2,201,000.

After it was all over, students and their family members lingered on the field and around the school, taking pictures and saying goodbyes on a warm and sunny, but very windy, day.

Sydni Armstrong, who is going to major in Elementary Education at Bridgewater State University, said she felt sad, but also, "proud of myself."

"I can't wait to see what the future holds," she said.

Abigail Tavares will be attending Framingham State University for Criminology and Psychology. She felt good, she said, "and excited for new beginnings."

"Really emotional," said Molly Antone, "But it's exciting at the same time."

Nathaniel Horta, whose little brother Ben insisted that his big brother carry him, is going to major in marine Biology at the University of New Hampshire.

"I feel great," he said. "It's awesome. I'm very excited. It's going to be great. It's going to be even better than today."

"I'm so proud," said Lidia Dubrovina, the now-famous babushka of valedictorian Eliana DaCunha.

Ms. Dubrovina traveled all the way from Moscow, Russia, to see her granddaughter graduate, and got a call-out from the podium by the valedictorian.

She noted that Eliana and her sisters speak Russian.

"They're perfect," said Ms. Dubrovina. "She was always a hard worker, and helps her sisters. She's awesome." ●●●

FEA awards 12 scholarships

Because of the strong support of its members, the Fairhaven Educators Association awarded \$5850 in scholarship money to 12 high school seniors, 11 of whom graduated from FHS on June 3rd.

Scholarship recipients are: Kaelyn Bourgeois, Kaitlyn Costa, Kaitlyn Duarte, William Elliot, Abigail Horan, Luke Lariviere, Jan MacGregor, Alexandra Mitchell, Hannah Niemi, Olivia Nunes, Carissa Rego, and Kayci Sniezek.

Each plans to attend college in the fall with majors ranging from nursing and business to engineering and marine biology.

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MATH TEAM: cont'd from page 7

competition and are eager for practice to begin next fall.

Mr. Francis commented, "We will miss these seniors, especially Matt Mitchell who was one of the best scorers in FHS Math Team history, but our team now expects to win and they're willing to work for it," said Mr. Francis. "We're quite confident, because while our team members are the nicest kids you'll ever meet, every one of them is exceptionally intelligent and very determined when it comes to math competition. You do not want to be sitting across from them! We're on to 19."

The SMCML includes 16 high schools in SE Mass.

It is "very competitive, and high-level math," said Mr. Harding.

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Selectboard

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Fri., 6/8, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Tues., 6/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 6/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 6/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Sunday	10	0550	1815	1056	2348
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Tuesday	12	0723	1945	0039*	1239*
Wednesday	13	0810	2033	0129*	1329*
Thursday	14	0901	2125	0223*	1425*
Friday	15	0955	2218	0319*	1523*
Saturday	16	1048	2311	0410*	1617*
Sunday	17	1143	----	0456*	1707*
Monday	18	0007	1243	0544*	1803
Tuesday	19	0106	1343	0645	1927

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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shelter in New Bedford will allow pets. They said the town is working to get a pet-friendly shelter in place.

Lt. Correia said that most of the changes were done. Three departments, Senior Center/Council on Aging, Recreation Department/Rec Center, and the School Department are still not done, he said due to details of an evacuation plan.

The School Department and the Police Department will be working on threats of violence to the schools all summer.

"It's not just about hurricanes anymore," said Lt. Correia, but about violence, rain/flooding, earthquakes, evacuations, and other disasters. "So the plan grows."

The FD's webpage has been revamped and now re-routes to the town's website page. It includes

emergency information, including a link for residents to get on the reverse 911 list. Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/fire-department-ems-ema> and click on "CodeRed"

The plan will be available on the website when it is completed.

The board also briefly discussed the need to send out another request for proposals (RFP) for the Rogers School. Town administrator Mark Rees said that town counsel advised creating and publicizing an RFP because the Rogers Committee has a proposal it wants to approve. But the contractor, who is the grandson of Board of Public Works member Mike Ristuccia, who served on the BPW with Daniel Freitas, who is the Selectboard chair and is on the Rogers School Building Committee, is not someone who contacted the town from either of the other two RFPs.

Mr. Freitas said he believed the town did not have to do another RFP, but Mr. Rees said that town counsel

Thomas Crotty was very clear that one was needed.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola, who was involved with the previous RFPs and the subsequent efforts to find a taker for the building, explained that the earlier green light to talk to developers about the building, was for those who had contacted the town, not new ones.

Mr. Freitas said he was concerned because the Rogers Committee had already committed to a schedule with the developer. The matter will need to be before Town Meeting. A special TM was scheduled, that same night, for November 13.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Assistant Town Clerk Carolyn Hurley to be Acting Town Clerk when Eileen Lowney retires on 6/30. Ms. Hurley will have to run for the position in the April 2019 election.
- Approved the appointment of Derek Frates as the new Cable Access Director. He is currently the Cable Access Coordinator for the town of Dartmouth.



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