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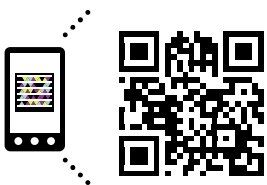
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

165 graduate from Fairhaven High School



Members of the Fairhaven High School Football team and Fairhaven Lions Club members carry the 50x30 foot "Big Flag" along Main Street in the Fairhaven Memorial Day Parade on 5/29/23 amid strong winds as they cross Route 6. See story on page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh...I love it when graduation is outside and not in the squeezatorium.

They took a chance, but it paid off. The wind was kind of fun, but the rain held off, just sprinkling a tad for good measure.

See page 12 for our story on Fairhaven High School's graduation and how one young woman got a memory that, well, she probably didn't want. But, I'm telling you Ms. Langevin, it will become a great family story.

Ah yes, graduation. I'm supposed to be profound. but, alas, it's very late and I didn't think ahead. The news today is filled with numbnuts trying to run the country. Heaven help us....well, maybe you kids will. Yes, you will. We're counting on you. We kind of messed it up. You fix it, okay? But, not yet. You go out and have some fun. The problems will be here when you're ready to take them on, I assure you.

I see so much promise in this generation. They grew up with freedom and tolerance. I hope they never settle for anything less.

The patriarch of the Cox family died this week (see page 17). He will be missed, but his family is still involved in so many things in Fairhaven. And the chocolate, well....yeah, there's chocolate. Enjoy the sweets where there are no restrictions, Mr. Cox.

In other news....the override failed, big time. See page 3 for the Select Board story and the override numbers. The voters have spoken, loud and clear.

There's all kinds of other stuff in here, of course. Be sure to read every word and let our advertisers know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then... see ya,

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Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven SB has jam-packed night, override fails — big time

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board had a long meeting on Monday, 6/5/23, with Acting Town Clerk Elisabeth “Lissa” Horan announcing in the middle of it that the Proposition 2 1/2 override question failed decisively at the ballot box.

At about 8:40 p.m. the board took Item I out of order for Ms. Horan to announce that approximately 16.6% of the electorate voted, with 690 voting to approve the override, and 1423 voting against it. The board simply thanked Ms. Horan for her work after she announced the results. Board members did not comment on the outcome. The numbers are unofficial and should be certified later this week.

The ballot question asked for \$450,000 to be added to the tax levy in an override. It would have added 11 cents to the current tax rate of \$9.73.

Because the question failed, the School Department will take a \$200,000 hit, and the other \$250,000 will come from other departments. The salary line item will take the bulk

of the hit, halting some raises and promotions.

During their meeting on Monday, the board did not hold a public hearing for an upweller system in Round Cove. The location of the project has changed, with the new proposal moving it to Hoppy’s Landing. The hearing will be held at the 6/20 meeting.

In her report, Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison alerted the board and the public to the placement of a 400x100 foot barge in the harbor to be anchored off Fairhaven for the Vineyard Wind project. Ms. Ellison said the barge would be there for about a year, while the second bay of the terminal is being built.

The project only has one bay to load and unload wind turbine parts. The barge will be anchored on the Fairhaven side of the harbor and will move to the terminal as needed.

“When one goes out, the other goes in,” said Ms. Ellison.

She said the company will pay the town for use of the area, but a fee structure had not been worked out yet, because it had never been done

before.

The barge will probably be in place starting in September or October, so this summer will not be affected, she said.

The board spent a considerable amount of time going over board and committee appointments.

The board has been trying to formalize appointments by requiring everyone to fill out the online form.

A number of names on the list had requested either reappointment or to be appointed for the first time to boards, but had not finished the process. After much discussion, the board decided not to appoint those people until they finished filling out the form.

The Conservation Commission got a lot of discussion due to recent problems with individual members overstepping their authority on properties. The behavior prompted a report by Town Counsel, part of which is public and available online, and part that is not, as it is being cited as a “personnel” matter.

The board decided to hold off on


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Rogers Cleanup

All are welcome to join us for a community clean-up of Rogers Grammar School exterior grounds, 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, on Sat., 6/10, at 10 a.m. (rain date 6/17). Bring your rake and gloves. It will be a fun time. Sponsored by the Rogers Re-Use Committee. All are invited to stop by and lend a hand.

Parade Signup

Let's have a party! Have you signed up to join in the fun for July 4th? If not, what are you waiting for?

We would love to have you join us as the Town celebrates our Nation's Birthday with a car cruise and parade followed by the Annual Independence Day Ceremony. It doesn't matter if you are a group or individual, team or club, neighbors or family, we would love to have everyone who would like to celebrate with us.

Please join the celebration by joining the parade with a vehicle, float, bicycle, costume or just "comfortable marching shoes" to say Happy Birthday America! If you are willing and able to participate in the parade, please note the time of assembly is 8:00 AM at Cushman Park. The parade will follow the car cruise down Green Street to Fort Phoenix. Once at Fort Phoenix, we will complete the celebration with the Annual Independence Day ceremony.

To join the parade, fill out the online application form at: <https://tinyurl.com/27d7zsnh>. Paper application forms are also available at the Fairhaven Visitors Center.

For further information email July4thParade@fairhaven-ma.gov. **The deadline to sign up is June 20.**

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the marchers, if you would like to help but are unable to participate in the parade.

Volunteers Needed

Disability Pride Event

Fairhaven Belonging Committee & Commission on Disability are planning the First Disability Pride Month event where we will celebrate our Unified Sports Athletes, families, and those leading the way to an inclusive community.

Disability Pride Month is celebrated annually in July, the

month that The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990. Disability Pride Month is a time for all disabled people to unapologetically celebrate our being as we are. Whether you are disabled or an ally, Disability Pride Month is full of so much to celebrate.

The event will be on July 30 at the Fairhaven Senior Center/Recreation Center, hopefully inside and outside. Help us with the details by volunteering. If you are interested in helping with this event contact us at belonging@fairhaven-ma.gov

Town Yard Sale

NEW DATE

Fairhaven's Town Wide Yard sale is going to be 6/10 with a rain date of 6/11. We'll be putting together a google map that will show all yard sale locations. So far we have 60 yards participating. If people want to reach out and be added or request the map they can email us at oldtownfairhaven@gmail.com

Huttleston MP

Huttleston Marketplace is held every Saturday through September 30, 2023 (except the last Saturday in June), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring as many as 76 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is a MDAR certified farmers market, allowing certified farm vendors to accept WIC and Senior FMNP coupons. Held rain or shine.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/category/upcoming-events/> for more information.

Water Flushing

Water flushing is still ongoing in Fairhaven. You can be notified by phone, text, or email when your neighborhood is scheduled to be flushed. The process cleans out the pipes and can cause discoloration of water. You should not use hot water at all during the process. Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032 for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

Father's Day 5K

49th Annual Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race, Sun., 6/18, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

Online registration ONLY at www.FairhavenRoadRace.org

Reg: \$25/adults; \$10 for children under 13 and over 70.

Fitness In The Park

Fitness in the Park is scheduled FREE TO THE PUBLIC this summer for 10 weeks of Yoga and Exercise classes in Cushman Park, Green Street Fairhaven MA. The classes are taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am from June 20 to August 24.

For more information about call 508-287-2482 or email sgrace@encorent.com or jeff@sangha.newbedford.com.

Find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark

Blessing of the Bikes RESCHEDULED

St. Joseph's Blessing of the Bikes has been rescheduled to Sun., 6/25, 10 a.m. Kickstands up at noon. \$20/bike. Starts at Fort Phoenix, ride through the backroads, then ends at Ice House, 136 Huttleston Ave. for BBQ, beer trucks, outside bar and music by Living on a Bad Name Bon Jovi Tribute Band. Raffle: 2017 Harley Road Glide, only 250 tickets at \$100 each.

Walking Tours

HHR Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. now through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven.

This walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several several locations in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will include visits inside the Town Hall and the Millicent Library. It is held weather permitting.

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Class of 1948 holds 75-year reunion

By Beth David, Editor
Editor

The Fairhaven Alumni Association is pretty sure it's a record: a 75-year reunion of seven FHS alumni on 6/1/23. They have had a reunion every five years since graduating, making this year's reunion their 15th. Until the pandemic, they met every month for lunch.

"It was the the most unusual class Fairhaven High School ever had," said Bob Frates.

Why?

"I could not answer that," he said, adding that maybe it is the building.

The magnificent 1906, Elizabethan-influence design is by Charles Brigham and includes marble floors, oak paneling, and many other extraordinary features.

"It has always tied us together," said Mr. Frates. "People we never met, friends, family. There's no competition with this class with anything."

"It's a little piece of heaven," said Karen

Bob Wilson said he expected a gift for having traveled the longest distance, 90 miles, from Tewksbury.

The other weren't buying it.

Mr. Wilson said he liked to see everybody and get updated on what they're up to in their lives.

"I want to see how people are doing. See who's still kicking," said Ruth (Porter) Covill who taught at

Fairhaven High School for a while in the business department.

She had a contact list with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

And they're all looking forward to 2028.



In what is most probably a record, members of the Fairhaven High School class of 1948 meet for their 75-year reunion on 6/1/23 at Bocca in Fairhaven. L-R; Patricia (MacLean) Foster, Bob Frates, Barbara (Boucher) Machado, Betty (Karvonen) Gifford, Bob Wilson, Ruth (Porter) Covill and Ray Covill. Photo courtesy of Bob Foster.

CONGRATULATIONS FHS CLASS OF 2023!

Dear Class of 2023,

We are so proud of all that you have achieved. Best of luck in your future endeavors and always remember you are a Blue Devil!

Sincerely,

The Fairhaven School Committee

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

- Benjamin Franklin



Who's da boss?



Acushnet's comfort dog, Sunny, took over for Town Administrator Jamie Kelley for a bit on May 26, and spent a little time boosting morale among Town Hall employees. *Neighb News* sources say that Mr. Kelley is a little worried about his job, now. But it is our considered opinion that he doesn't have to worry unless Sunny learns a little more about the budget process, spreadsheets, and how the tax levy is calculated. By all accounts, Sunny brightened up everyone's day with her visit and she seemed to enjoy it herself. ABOVE LEFT: Acushnet's comfort dog, Sunny, poses for a photo with town hall staff on 5/26/23 when she visited Town Hall and took over for the Town Administrator for a bit. L-R: Tania Tavares, Administrative Assistant, Town Administrator's Office; Lien Marins, Finance Department Senior Clerk; School Resource Officer (and Sunny's handler) Derek Cathcart; Karen Amarello, Treasurer/Collector's Office Senior Clerk; Carla Mourao, Assistant Treasurer/Collector. LEFT: Acushnet Conservation Department Senior Clerk Joann DeMello hangs out with Sunny. ABOVE RIGHT: Sunny sits in the big chair, taking over for Town Administrator Jamie Kelley for a bit during a visit that spread some cheer and maybe made Mr. Kelley a little nervous. *Submitted photos.*

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

AHA! Pride Theme

Thurs., 6/8, at a variety of venues in Downtown New Bedford.

AHA! Pride, Block Party, 4 pm, Custom House Square, 21 Barkers Lane. The Queer Arts Council of New Bedford presents the 5th Annual AHA! PRIDE BLOCK PARTY, a vibrant celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride with a street marketplace, stage shows, art activities, and a Nightlight DJ Dance Party. Additionally, there's a Pride After Party at the CO+ Creative Center for those who want to continue the celebration into the night. This event is supported by grants and funding from various organizations.

Rose Garden Tour, 5:30pm, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County Street. Rick Finneran, RJD's Lead Gardener gives a 45-minute tour in the garden, addressing rose propagation, and the history of the neighborhood. He'll also share his tips for drying roses. This event is free as part of AHA! night.

From the Islands with Love Concert, 6:30pm, 71 8th St (Unitarian Church). South Coast Children's Chorus, directed by Tianxu Zhou, performs "From the Islands with Love" with Cape Verdean singer Candida Rose, presenting original and traditional songs from Cape Verde, the Caribbean, and Newfoundland. Free admission, donations accepted.

NB Pride Events

Throughout the month, The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network will offer a wide range of activities for LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and allies focused on art, culture, health and wellness, and local businesses.

To learn more about everything on offer during this year's Pride Month, please visit <https://bit.ly/SouthCoastPride2023>.

Cleanup

Sat., 6/10, 9am - 12pm. Volunteers will be cleaning up West End neighborhoods. Please meet at the parking lot at St. Luke's Hospital, 101 Page St. New Bedford, MA.

You can pre-register online: <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

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Follow Operation Cleansweep on Facebook.

Summer Concerts

The Summer Sound Series presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell returns June 9 through September 15, offering a free concert every other Friday. Alternating between lower Union Street and Purchase Street, these block party events feature high-energy danceable varieties of musical genres and participation from local restaurants and organizations.

The Summer Sound Series will be in the heart of it all, with streets blocked off for the Friday concerts from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Concertgoers can purchase a beverage from participating establishments and experience great live music in a fun, festive atmosphere. This summer's lineup features an eclectic mix of artists.

UNION STREET (between N. Water St. and Route 18): June 9: Diane Blue All-Star Band with Ricky Russell

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

Auditions

Your Theatre, Inc. is holding auditions Sunday, June 11 at 1:00 P.M. and Monday, June 12 at 7:00 P.M. for all roles in the upcoming 2023-2024 Season production of Agatha Christie's "Murder On The Orient Express" adapted by Ken Ludwig. The performances will be held at the Steeple Playhouse when the building opens.

Visit <https://yourtheatre.org>

African Violets

Presentation on Growing African Violets by Christopher Paiva, June 12, 3 p.m., at Casada Saudade Library 58 Crapo Street, NB, 508-991-6218

Christopher Paiva grew up in New Bedford on County Street. He works as a Psychiatric Nursing Supervisor at Southcoast Behavioral Health. He has always enjoyed growing plants and he learned much of what he knows from his grandmother (vovo). She grew the most beautiful African violets. It wasn't until ten years ago that he began to grow African violets in his own home. Later on he joined the Bay State African Violet Society.

He is a member of the African Violet Society of America (AVSA). He has won Best in Show in 2017 for his African violet and many blue ribbons, and placed 2nd nationally for an article titled, "Making the Greens while Working in the Workplace" by the AVSA. Christopher Paiva has been highlighted in *Fairhaven Neighborhood News* for his African violet plants.

NB Science Cafe

New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 6/13, 6 to 8 p.m., at The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Our guest will be investigative journalist Leslie Kean, who has been reporting on UFOs — now called unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP)— for more than twenty years. Her topic will be UFOs and Government Acknowledgment: The Phenomenon is Real.

Kean wrote a 2010 best-seller on UFOs and co-authored a series of articles for The New York Times, beginning with a ground-breaking 2017 front page story revealing that the Dept. of Defense had a secret program investigating UAP. She will explain how this led to Navy pilots coming forward, dramatic new legislation, and Congressional hearings to address this mystery. Free parking is available behind the building.

Visit <https://newbedfordsciencecafe.weebly.com/> or find us on Facebook.

Free Film

New Bedford Creative, in partnership with the Immigrants' Assistance Center and Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, is thrilled to announce a special free film screening of "Utica: The Last Refuge" on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. This compelling documentary sheds light on the remarkable journey of a Sudanese refugee family as they settle in upstate New York amidst changing U.S. policies on immigration and resettlement.

Filmgoers will have the opportunity to experience the inspiring stories of resilience and hope depicted in the film, highlighting the challenges faced by refugees as they embark on

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a new life in an unfamiliar country. The screening aims to foster understanding, compassion, and support for immigrant and refugee communities.

As part of the evening, there will be a panel discussion and Q&A session following the film.

The event is free, but tickets are encouraged. Visit <https://www.zeiterion.org/events/utica#Info>

Wine Tasting FR

Join us for a wine tasting & food pairing stroll down William Street in New Bedford to support women and girls programming on the SouthCoast, on Wed., 6/14, from 6–8 p.m. Benefits Women's Fund SouthCoast, 65 William St., NB.

This is a 21+ Event. Featuring live music. Seven wine and food pairings at the following locations: Celia's Boutique, 111 William; April Evans Beauty Lounge, 109 William; Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery, 106 William; TL6 the Gallery, 100 William; The Drawing Room, 22 William; Lat41,

28 William; Women's Fund SC Office, 65 William. Discounts at each of the listed women-owned businesses.

Tickets: \$45.00 pp. Includes 7 wine tastings at 7 different women-owned businesses on William Street in New Bedford and a raffle entry for a gift card for 2 people to attend an evening at Farm and Coast Market's monthly wine club, valued at \$150.

Get tickets at <https://womensfundsouthcoast.kindful.com/e/wine-on-william-1>

Sunfish Sailors

Are you looking for more "Sunfish" sailboat racing this summer, or want to get involved in this popular sport? The Fort Rodman Marine Education Association/Low Tide Yacht Club (FRMEA/LTYC) is looking for "Sunfish" boaters to form a "Sunfish Racing Committee" and become a part of our family sailing heritage. A meeting will be held at the yacht club at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., 6/28. This is a great way to meet old and new friends.

For further information call: Joseph Pacheco at 774-322-0558, FRMEA/LTYC, 1000B East Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA. 02744 (Located in Fort Taber Park)

Walking Tours

Walkways: Exploring the People and Places of Historic New Bedford will take place on AHA! Nights every second Thursday in June, July, August, and September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm unless otherwise stated. This series is made possible by the generous support of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council.

• *VIP V Walking Tour*: Notable People in New Bedford History June 8, 2023, 6PM. Gather at Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County Street. This Walking Tour will highlight people as well as places significant in the development of New Bedford.

To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit nbpreservationsociety.org.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Ribbon Cutting

Join us for the Mattapoisett Rail Trail Shining Tides Mile ribbon cutting on Mon., 6/12, at 11 a.m. The Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path will have a table at the Goodspeed Island Road circle from 9–11 a.m. to greet supporters. Parking for the event is at the Depot Street lot, and is allowed at the YMCA, 35 Reservation Rd., for this event only.

State Representative Bill Straus and Town officials will be there to officially open our beautiful new mile.

Boston Pride

Boston Pride is back! Festival and parade on Sat., 6/10. Parade kickoff, 11 a.m., Copley Square; 12 noon to 6 p.m., Main Stage Festival, Boston Common; Noon to 6 p.m., festival at City Hall Plaza (21+). The 2023 Festival is free to attend, no ticket required. Visit <https://www.bostonprideforthepeople.org>

Free Concerts

The Acushnet Public Library is pleased to announce the return of their outdoor Summer Concert

Series. Concerts will be held under the pavilion located at 232 Middle RD in Acushnet on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm from June 14 through August 2. The 2023 lineup is as follows:

June 14 Sinner's Pie: Their music is Americana with Folk and Bluegrass stylings. It embodies themes of unwavering love, heartache, murder, trains, more murder (on and off trains), unrequited love, angels, demons, and of course, sinners. Their vocal arrangements sate the appetite with edgy, soulful melodies, entangled with rich and mournful harmonies. Their instrumentation is spirited and true to the soul.

For more details, including artist description and music genre, please visit our online calendar at acupl.org. Concerts are held rain or shine. Please bring a blanket or chair.

Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sun., 6/18, at the Acushnet Sawmill and down the Acushnet River at 11–11:30 a.m. Proceeds from the race go to Mass. Lions Eye Research, Scholarships and other Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

At The MAC

Play

The Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St., Marion, presents its newest production, *Belles*, written by Mark Dunn and directed by Kate Sorensen-Young. Show dates are June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets, available now, are just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers and can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events.

Auditions

MAC open auditions on Saturday, June 10 from 10am-12pm and Sunday, June 11 from 7-9pm for the August production of *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*, written by Ken Ludwig and directed by Kate Fishman. Eight performance dates are scheduled August 4 through 20.

Learn more at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Recipe of the Week

Simple and Easy Portuguese Clams/Quahogs in Garlic

This is a really easy dish to make and is unbelievably flavorful and delicious.

- 2 lbs. of littleneck clams
- 2 tablespoons of minced garlic
- 1 onion chopped
- 1/2 cup Portuguese Olive oil

Wash the littlenecks in cold water to remove any dirt and sand.

In a large sauce pan add olive oil, just enough to cover the bottom of the pan.

Add the minced garlic and finely chopped onion, sauté on medium heat for about 1 minute.

Now add your littlenecks to the pan, cover it and cook on medium heat for about 8 minutes.

Serve.



Dear Frankie

Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Dear Frankie, I meet my boyfriend Roger two days a week at the dog park. The other three days, I hang out with my friend Reilly at doggie daycare.

Recently, Reilly had Covid and didn't come to daycare for two weeks. I was so worried about him and missed him desperately. I couldn't stop thinking about what my life would be like without him. That's when I realized my feelings for him were more than for a friend.

When Reilly returned to daycare, I told him how I felt about him. He said he was thrilled because he had fallen in love with me the first day we met and hadn't said anything knowing I had a boyfriend. It is clear to both of us that we were meant to be together.

Now I have to tell Roger, who is a good guy. I'm afraid it will break his heart.

Any advice on how to best tell him?

Sophia

Dear Sophia,

There is no easy way to break

up with someone. It is even more problematic when it's with a nice guy. There is no way around it: you must tell Roger what you told me.

It would help if you told him how terrible you feel and understand how difficult this news is for him. You might ask him if there is anything you could do to make the situation easier for him. If he asks for a follow-up conversation once he has had time to absorb your news, you owe him that.

You might also ask him if he would like you to change the time you go to the park, so he wouldn't have to see you for a while. You should assure him that you haven't told any of your friends about your decision out of respect for his feelings, and that you will leave it up to him to share the news when he is ready.

I told you it would be difficult. I had to do it once, and it was a real heart wrencher.

Best, Frankie

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appointments to ConCom until they can have a fuller discussion of how they want the makeup of that board to be.

During that discussion, former ConCom chairperson Jay Simmons told the board that they had to reappoint Amy DeSalvatore, who was in a meeting at the same time. Mr. Simmons said she was hearing new projects and if they took her off the committee, then the new person would have to abstain from voting on those hearings if they were continued, which is almost always the case. He referred to the Mullin Rule.

However, the Mullin Rule (Chapter 39, S23D of Mass. General Law) states that a new member shall not be disqualified from voting on a matter solely due to the member's absence from a single session of a hearing. A new member agrees to review all the materials and watch all the proceedings, and attests to that in writing, and then is able to vote on the matter. The SB members did not question Mr. Simmons and agreed to keep that in mind.

The board also had a bit of discussion around two Planning Board members, Ruy DaSilva and Patrick Carr, who also asked to be on other committees. They both asked to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and Mr. Carr also asked to be on the Rogers Re-Use Committee.

Cathy Melanson, who is the chairperson of the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee spoke rather passionately about allowing PB members to serve on other boards.

Ms. Ellison said there was no statutory conflict for members to serve on both boards, but they would have to abstain from voting if a

project came before a board and they had already voted on it while sitting on another board.

In the end, the board appointed both Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Carr to the ZBA, with Mr. Espindola voting "no," and supporting Andrew Romano, who was not appointed.

In another matter, Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition appeared before the board asking for a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the Salt Winds property at 732 Scoticut Neck Road. The property had a Chapter 61A restriction on it for agricultural use for years, giving the owners a tax break. So when they sold it, the town had the right of first refusal to buy the property. The town assigned that right to the BBC to preserve it.

The BBC sold part of the property, the field on the south side of the main house, to the abutter and, as part of the deal, the owner is placing the Conservation Restriction on the that 3.3 acre piece that will be held by the BBC. There will be no public access to that portion of the parcel.

The other part of the parcel, 5.5 acres, will be owned by the BBC and will allow public access. Mr. Decker said he will be in front of the board later this year to have a CR placed on that property that will be held by the town.

Mr. Decker said the two deals will prevent further development of the property. There are some existing structures on the property, he said, but they cannot be expanded or enlarged. Although there is no public access to that portion, he said it is preserved for the long term.

"That's a good thing in our mind," said Mr. Decker, because it is "prime agricultural soil" and is in agricultural

use, as "primarily a hay field" that a local farmer cuts and uses.

The board voted to support the CR 4-0, with SB member Charles Murphy absent that evening.

The board also voted to allow Fairhaven Firefighters Union, Local 1555 to "flock" town properties for the Muscular Dystrophy Association fund-raiser, "Flock-A-Thon for MDA."

The group will place lawn ornament flamingos on lawns of residents, which challenges the resident to donate to the MDA and choose the next participant. Maggie Rocha from Local 1555, wrote a letter asking the board for permission to "flock" town hall and the public works building to build a following.

The board also met remotely with Zachary Fentross of Marcum LLP (formerly Melanson), which conducted the annual audit of basic financial statements for the town for the Fiscal Year ending in 2022.

Mr. Fentross told the board that the town was in a good financial position with the funds in the various accounts. He made a number of recommendations.

SB member Bob Espindola asked that the whole report be posted online. Ms. Ellison said the management letter was online but would not agree to post the whole report. She said they are trying to clean up the website and reorganize it.

There's "no sense of order," she said, so for now, she did not want to post it. She said if anyone wants it, they can request it from the Town Administrator's office. It is a public document.

The board held a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for Francis Cox, who died earlier that day (see page 17).

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Fairhaven High School sends 'em off into the world!

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven High School class of 2023, at 165 strong, stepped into the next chapter of their lives on Sunday, 6/8/23, with a ceremony outside under threatening skies. But the rain held out.

The struggles of the pandemic, that upended about half of their four years in high school, were prominent in the speeches. With everyone acknowledging that the students pulled through with resilience and strength.

Salutatorian Weslee Tyler told her classmates that they would remember the struggles and the good times.

The school has seen the “very best and worst of me,” she said, and told her classmates that they are not the same people they were four years ago. They are stronger and wiser, she said.

“We will never stop growing,” said Ms. Tyler. “Becoming better versions of ourselves.”

Valedictorian Kate Magalhaes said they not only overcame every obstacle, but they did it with grace. They remained focused, keeping their eyes on the prize.

She spoke about a teacher who taught her the valuable life skill of self advocacy.

She told her classmates to consider those who taught them valuable lessons.

Ms. Magalhaes said they were entering a world of “endless

possibilities,” but told them to stay grounded.

She left them with an Edith Wharton quote, “There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

Superintendent Tara Kohler said this was the first time she had a child graduating, so it was a bit different this year, after about 20 graduations and 12 speeches.

She told parents that this time, she actually really did know how they felt.

Ms. Kohler told students they knew what it was like when life gets shut down, literally, in ninth grade. But they picked themselves up.

Bad things happen in life, she said, as they know. And they handle it.

“Even when it’s hard, you look for the silver lining,” she said.

For some it was easy, for some it was hard. For some it was exceptionally hard. And some did not know if they would get there until as late as last week. But they did it.

They are all now alumni of Fairhaven High School. Some will go to jobs, college, military service, and it’s okay, she said, they did it.

This next part” will be all on your own,” she said.

“Be kind and keep that smile on your face,” said Ms. Kohler. “Try to see the bright side.”

Whatever part of the world they tough, she said, “Make a difference to someone.”

Then she gave the last announcement that they have all been waiting to hear: You will have no school

tomorrow.

And the students let out some big hoots and hollers.

Principal Andrew Kulak told the graduates they were no longer students, but alumni “of this remarkable high school.”

He said nothing was normal for them, and we all struggle to identify what normal is now.

The job of educators, he said, is to teach them to think critically so they can make good decisions. He said they probably did not teach them everything, but they were challenged to and forced to make informed decisions. They also learned perseverance and developed the ability to overcome challenging obstacles.

“That is what will certainly help you to be successful,” said Mr. Kulak.

He joked about using AI for his speech (no, he did not), but noted that access to information has become quite easy.

“I believe it will be your generation that will be forced to make some of the most important, life changing, world changing, and even humanity changing decisions that any generation has every had to make. The world is a complicated place and it doesn’t seem to be getting any less complicated,” said Mr. Kulak. “It’s a bit ironic that we as educators were preparing you for the challenges of the world, and we as adults, essentially, created many of those challenges.”

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LEFT: Alyssa Langevin gets a huge round of applause from her fellow graduates as she wipes away tears while walking back to her seat after receiving her diploma last because her name was inexplicably not called in order at Fairhaven High School’s graduation ceremony on 6/5/23. RIGHT: Alyssa, diploma in hand, and her dad, Michael, are all smiles just a few minutes later. *Photos by Beth David.*

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He said he hoped the school did a good job preparing them to meet those challenges, and “all in all, I think we did.”

“The class of 2023 is ready to take on any challenge that the world puts in front of you,” said Mr. Kulak. “As you leave Fairhaven High School and travel your path, whatever challenge you face, remember to be safe, make good hard decisions, and wherever you end up, tell them that Fairhaven High School sent you.”

Before Mr. Kulak spoke, after the presentation of diplomas, he apologized to Alyssa Langevin, whose name he neglected to call during the presentation of diplomas.

Ms. Langevin, a bit teary-eyed, received her diploma at the end.

“One more memory from Fairhaven High School,” said Mr. Kulak.

Her fellow graduates gave her a huge and loud round of applause.

After the ceremony, Ms. Langevin was all smiles, no trace of the tears from just a few minutes before.

“No way did I not graduate,” said Ms. Langevin. “I was so scared.”

So, during the class song, she called her father, Michael, on his cellphone. Mr. Langevin told a staff member who somehow got work to Mr. Kulak.

“It’s a little last memory,” said Ms. Langevin. “I was so mad.”

Kaylei Joseph said she was sad,

but excited to go to college. She will be attending Bridgewater State University majoring in Biology.

Sophia Murray said she was “very excited” to start the nursing program at Queens University in Canada.

Hunter Gibbs said he was “relieved” to have graduated. He will be joining his father’s roofing business full time.

Ethan Nault said it felt good to graduate.

“It’s been a long journey,” said Mr. Nault, adding he was happy to “finally be done with high school and move on.”

He will be going to Plymouth State University for meteorology, and be “one of those guys” who “point at things,” and tell you the weather.

He said he “just knew” the weather would hold out for the ceremony.

“Good, excited, and obviously said, too,” said Gretchen Kohler. She will be attending Mass. College of Pharmacology in the Dental Hygiene program.

“I’m a little numb. Because I do this year after year, and it’s a lot more special,” said Gretchen’s mom, Superintendent Tara Kohler.

“I’m excited,” said Ruthie Smith. “I



think I’m really prepared to go on. I’m sad to leave, but I know I will see all these people again.”

She will be attending Emmanuel College majoring in Secondary Education and Math.

“I’m excited,” said Samantha Cormier. “But sad that school’s over. But I’m excited to be starting something new.”

She will be attending Bridgewater State for Business Management.



TOP L-R: Cousins Lily and Pearl LaFountain pose for pictures after Lily received her diploma at Fairhaven High School’s graduation ceremony on 6/5/23. ABOVE LEFT L-R: Ethan Nault, James Westgate, and Tobias Lawrence pose for photos after the ceremony. RIGHT: L-R: Kaylei Joseph and Sophia Murray pose for the local free sheet after receiving their diplomas. *Photos by Beth David.*

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For more information, please call 508-993-9455 and ask for Sally Bourke.

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June 12, 12:15 p.m.: *Book Club*. Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading *50 Shades of Grey* in their monthly book club. Please sign up for the movie. If you would like to come for lunch prior to the movie, lunch will be served at 11:30, \$2 donation for lunch.

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FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday June 20, 2023, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following *Unacc ST Disc* application (s): 1) **SD23-01**-Alex and Jean Easterday, the owners of the two parcels of land, (270 Sconticut Neck Rd and Thompson Avenue) separated by a paper road, Torrington Road. They are looking to discontinue the road only for the area that divides their two properties. The property is located at Map 29A, Lots 96, 97, and 101-106. 2) **SP23-02**-Ecogy MA XI, LLC, Ecogy Energy, is seeking a Special Permit to allow a proposed rooftop solar PV system, for the OSJL

building on 11-39 Berdon Way, which will be a 190 kW AC front-of-meter solar system. The property is located at Map 27, Lot 030.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to view the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8126 or go to: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions>

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 06/01/23 & 06/08/23.

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws that an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall, which is located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA, in the meeting room on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to approve a transfer of a Package Store All Alcohol License from Silveira Company, Inc. (d/b/a Jason's Variety) to Akant, Inc. (d/b/a Liquor Palace), (Hevan Patel, Manager) (w/Pledge of License.) The premises consists of three rooms on the first floor of a one story building with stock in the rear room at premises situated on the east side of Main Street and numbered 270 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr., Chairman
Robert J. Hinckley
David E. Wojnar
Board of Selectmen
FNN, 6/8/23

ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **NOI – New Bedford Reservoir (Lakes 1, 2, 3, & 4) – Map 4, Lot 49 & Map 19, Lot 32 – SE 001-0583** – A Notice of Intent was filed by Jamie Kelley, Town of Acushnet, for property located at the New Bedford Reservoir – Lakes 1, 2, 3, & 4. The applicant proposes to control nuisance and invasive plant growth, utilizing regular monitoring and registered aquatic herbicides. The applicant is represented by Andrew Felter of SOLitude Lake Management. Plan name is "New Bedford Reservoir" dated April 5, 2023.
- **NOI – 352 Main Street – Frank P. Joseph, Jr./352 Main Street, Map 11, Lot 28 – SE 001-XXXX**. A Notice of Intent was filed by Frank P. Joseph, Jr., for property located at 352 Main Street, Map 11, Lot 28. The applicant proposes to upgrade the septic system using an Advantex Mode 3B Treatment System within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David Fredette of Fredette Engineering Services. Plan name is "Proposed Septic System Upgrade" dated March 13, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 6/8/23

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spoke to her.

"What is this, Mayberry?" he asked.

The only negative thing she would say about Deb, said Ms. Longworth, was that she refused to give up the location of a real haunted house in Fairhaven.

That mystery continues.

"I feel very honored," said Ms. Charpentier. "I would never expect anything like this."

She said she missed the archives, which now has a plaque near the door declaring: "Millicent Library. The Debra A. Charpentier Archives and Special Collections."

"I can't believe the people that have come," she said. "All people who

frequented the archives, and friends."

Millicent Library Director Kyle DeCicco-Carey said Ms. Charpentier's research skills have provided historical and genealogical answers and provided research for the historic house plaque program.

He said her "tireless work" resulted in the digitization of the entire run of the Fairhaven Star newspaper (1879–1967). The online searchable content gives the community "a window into life in the community going back over 140 years."

The Lost Fishermen Database documents area fishermen who died at sea from 1912 to the present.

"Debra's love and dedication for preserving and sharing local history

will benefit many generations to come who will be fortunate to have access to a unique collection of local history," said Mr. DeCicco-Carey.

Ms. Charpentier received Massachusetts History Alliance's Star Award this year, which goes to "local history heroes," who have made "outstanding contributions to the research and interpretation of the history of their communities."

To learn more about MHA, visit <https://masshistoryalliance.org/>

To learn more about the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, and visit the many online collections that Ms. Charpentier created, visit <https://millicentlibrary.org>

Francis Cox of Dorothy Cox Chocolates dies at 86

By Beth David
Editor

The patriarch of the Cox family, Francis Cox Sr., died on 6/5/23 after a period of declining health. He was 86 years old and the husband of Geraldine (McGrath) Cox.

Mr. Cox lived in New Bedford and Fairhaven most of this life and was a graduate of Fairhaven High School. He served honorably in the US Air Force.

Mr. Cox was well known in Fairhaven as the owner and operator

at Cox's Candies, later Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, for many years until his retirement. Even after retirement, he spent many days hanging out at the store, greeting customers or helping in the back as the next generations took over daily operations.

He was a member and past president of the Fairhaven Rotary Club, member of the New England Retail Confectioners Club, member of Retail Confectioners International, past chairman of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational

Technical High School, past chairman of the Fairhaven Council on Aging, and board member at St. Joseph's School.

Gimp loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed watching the Red Sox and Patriots, listening to Frank Sinatra and spending time visiting candy stores all across the United States.

He is survived by three children, Francis Cox, Jr. and his wife Shirley,

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Library archives room dedicated to Debra Charpentier

By Beth David
Editor

The Trustees of the Millicent Library and library staff gathered on 5/30/23 to dedicate and rename the archives room in honor of Debra Charpentier, who recently retired after 34 years as the archivist.

Former library director Carolyn Longworth told the group of about 30 a few stories about Ms. Charpentier and touted her “detective skills” and her loyalty.

Ms. Longworth said that even if Ms. Charpentier did not agree with a person, she would be supportive. And co-workers knew it, spending many a break downstairs.

The archives room was like the character in the “Peanuts” comic strip, said Ms. Longworth: The doctor is in.

When an out-of-town contractor was outside the building with Ms. Charpentier looking at some work to be done, everyone who went by knew her and

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TOP: Millicent Library Director Kyle DeCicco-Carey (LEFT) and former library director Carolyn Longworth (RIGHT) unveil the plaque bearing the name of former archivist Debra A. Charpentier (MIDDLE) during a ceremony on 5/30/23 to dedicate the archive room to Ms. Charpentier. ABOVE LEFT L-R: Former Millicent Library Director Carolyn Longworth, former archivist Debra A. Charpentier, and Ted Charpentier, give big smiles after unveiling the plaque. RIGHT: Debra Charpentier (LEFT) is surrounded by family as she looks at the plaque that bears her name. L-R FRONT: Debra Charpentier, her daughter Melissa Cormier, and granddaughter Samantha Cormier; L-R BACK: Ms. Charpentier’s husband Ted, son-in-law Kevin Cormier, and grandson Kevin Jr. Photos by Beth David.

Obituary



Marilyn Louise Mortensen (Hann)

Marilyn Louise Mortensen (Hann), 85, passed away on May 26, 2023 after

a brief illness. A lifelong resident of Fairhaven, MA, and a Fairhaven High School graduate, Marilyn was born in New Bedford, MA on Jan. 22, 1938 to the late Randall James Hann and Emma Violet Hann. The middle child of three, she was preceded in death by both her sister Dorothy Donnelly (Hann) and brother James. Together, with her late husband, Kenneth S. Mortensen, she was a proud mother of three, and will be missed by all.

She is survived by: her partner of over 40 years — Donald Sargelis; her children — Kimberly Ann Quinlan (Tim), Kenneth Randolph (Karen), and Kristine Louise Raines (Bradley); her grandchildren — Kendra

(Ashley), Kenny (Erica), Katie, Erin, Andrew (Kathleen), and Matt; and her great grandchildren — Jackson, Luke, and Elliot.

The family would like to acknowledge Fairhaven Community Health Care and St. Luke’s Hospital medical staff for their exceptional care and compassion.

There will be a graveside memorial burial service sat Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven on July 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven.

For memorial register please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

Fairhaven High School Class of 2023

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Dorothy Cox, and Timothy Cox and his wife Tina; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His Funeral will be held Friday, June 9, 2023 at 9 AM from the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford, followed by his Funeral Mass at 10 AM at St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven. Burial will follow in Cushing Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Francis' memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Thurs., 6/8, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission
Mon., 6/26, Town Hall, 6 p.m.
Lagoa Friendship
Thurs., 6/1, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Marine Resources
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
At Select Board meeting
Planning Board
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
School Committee
Wed., 6/28, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.
Select Board
Mon., 6/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Sustainability Comm
Tues., 6/20, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Planning Commission
Thurs., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Selectboard
Tues., 6/20, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point

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Friday	9	0044	1323	0617*	1843
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Sunday	11	0242	1517	0844	2200
Monday	12	0339	1616	0948	2329
Tuesday	13	0442	1718	1058	----
Wednesday	14	0545	1812	0029	----
				1159	----
Thursday	15	0636	1857	0120	1238
Friday	16	0720	1939	0211	1304
Saturday	17	0802	2020	0304	1330
Sunday	18	0845	2103	0346	1403
Monday	19	0929	2146	0406	1443
Tuesday	20	1013	2229	0355	1525
Wednesday	21	1056	2311	0413	1604
Thursday	22	1141	2356	0441	1642
Friday	23	----	1230	0514	1722
Saturday	24	0046	1322	0552	1810
Sunday	25	0137	1410	0639	1913
Monday	26	0226	1457	0736	2020

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech holds graduation

By Beth David

Editor

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School held its 46th graduation exercise at Jeffrey E. Riley Football Stadium on Friday, 6/2/23, at 6 p.m.

"A diploma has a date and credentials on it it has weight; however, the heart and mind is etched by the journey exacting eternal weight!" reads a quote by Principal Warley Williams in the program book. "Be driven by the journey. What is gained along the way is irreplaceable."

The school sent 447 off into the world, with 40 from Fairhaven and the rest from New Bedford and Dartmouth.

Valedictorian Amber Hooda told her classmates that this is the evening they have all "anxiously anticipated."

"And it is hard to believe that it's finally here," she said.

Mia O'Donnell sang a heart-felt rendition of the National Anthem.

Superintendent-Director Michael P. Watson began with his favorite quote: Day by day, not much changes, but when you look back everything is different.

Because of COVID, their high school experience was different and gave them many challenges. But they persevered, he said, and have all shown a desire to get the job done.

"Every day you have been a

shining example of what Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech represents," said Mr. Watson, adding they have shown resilience in an ever changing world.

"I hope your experience here is one that you cherish," said Mr. Watson.

"I am 100% confident that the young men and women before me are going to contribute to our region, our state and our country, and we are very proud of each and every one of you," he said, adding that as they leave for their jobs or school or military. "Do so with the knowledge that you are a highly skilled artisan, part of the Voc-Tech family, and the education you have will lead you into

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NB Voc-Tech Fairhaven graduates

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Thalia Benique
Lyla Berg
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Fairhaven PC Grad honored

Press Release

Autumn Tangney, a resident of Fairhaven, MA who was awarded a bachelor's degree during Providence College's commencement ceremonies held on May 21, 2023, was recently honored for her academic achievements. She double majored in health policy and management and political science and minored in sociology.

Autumn, who graduated Summa Cum Laude, received the Gerard D.'73 and Nathaniel S.'07 Downing Award in American Politics.

She was also student body president and was a member of the Phi Sigma Tau (International Philosophy), Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science), Dirigo Leadership and Charles V. Chapin honor societies.

After graduation, Autumn will be pursuing a master's degree of science in public health at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Founded in 1917, Providence

College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,100 students and offers degrees in 56 academic majors.

Since 1997, Providence College consistently has been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."



Autumn Tangney of Fairhaven raises her mortar board for her picture on the balcony about a week before she graduated from Providence College on May 21, 2023. Submitted photo/Harkins.

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the future."

Dartmouth Select Board Member Stanley Mickelson told students that their COVID experience was different and will become stories they will tell.

"Society worried about you," he said, but they proved up the task.

He said it was a "truly fantastic time" to have graduated from Voc-Tech. Jobs are plentiful for them, their skills are needed everywhere.

The COVID difficulties will be forgotten, he said.

"You have so much promise and opportunity," said Mr. Mickelson, telling students to choose to be optimists.

In her address, Ms. Hooda told her

classmates that the past four years had molded her as though she were a piece of clay. Everything they experienced played a part in the creation of who they are.

"We all experienced the formation of ourselves," said Ms. Hooda.

She said their hard work and ambition paid off and their class knows quite a bit about hard work and ambition.

She spoke about the obstacles from the pandemic and the normal challenges of high school.

"Our class has persevered," said Ms. Hooda. "Those of us who made it here can be proud of where we are on this green field."

"Our class is full of accomplishments," she said, adding they have represented their school in many places.

She told them, "We have only started our journey of growth," adding that the "monumental process goes throughout life."

Ms. Hooda told her classmates to think of the great memories and "unforgettable experiences" that happened in high school, but not to dwell too much on the past, because they are beginning their future.

Salutatorian Kelsey Urel emceed.

The ceremony is available on demand at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SX_ljzIEPFY

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No reservations are required. Free.

Tour Guides are Bob Foster and Christopher Richard who alternate weeks.

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Pirates & Privateers

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near fort flagpole and cannons. Also presented by appointment for groups

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical practices and more. .

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