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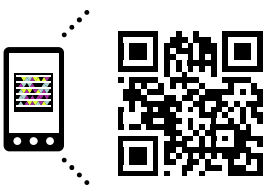
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Music, dancing, cars, food!



Nancy Moreira and Andy Fleming (RIGHT) dance the jitterbug on Adams Street lined with classic and antique cars during music night in Benoit Square in Fairhaven on Sunday, 8/13/23, when Eddie and the Exciters sang all the old tunes. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We have lots of fun stuff in this week's issue, including lots of events coming up in the next couple of weeks.

It's the middle of August, so it's time to get all those outdoor fun things in before you have to start worrying about school nights.

This weekend we have three fun events: The teddy bear parade on Saturday, the annual NFIA car show on Sunday, and a movie night courtesy of the Fairhaven Firefighters union, also on Sunday. All three events are free. See page 3 for details.

Our cover story is always a fun event to go to, the annual music night in Benoit Square (see page 12). Old cars, old music, and people of all ages enjoying the evening. What's not to like?

The Acushnet soccer kids made it all the way to the states this year. See page 11 for some recognition they got from the Selectboard.

Bottle rockets flew through the air this week. See page 14 for some cool pics by Jim Mahaney.

UMassDartmouth is leaving the Star Store building, and blindsided the city with the announcement (see page 4). That will be a big blow to downtown. The influx of students, starting 20 years ago, was a welcome anchor for downtown that was struggling to get people there. I remember I used to drive through downtown to make it look busy. Then, I avoided it because it WAS busy. Now, downtown New Bedford is a bustling place. Businesses are successful. People want to work there, live there, have fun there. It didn't happen all at once, but the students were a huge part of it happening at all.

Alas, it's always about the money, isn't it?

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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

Cars, teddy bears, movie on tap for this weekend

The weather this weekend is supposed to be downright gorgeous. And that's good, because we have some fun outdoor stuff happening. See pages 5, 6, & 7 for more events.

Teddy Bear Parade



Join the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, for the 38th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, Sat., 8/19, from 10 a.m. to noon. (Rescheduled from July.)

Bring your favorite teddy bear (or any stuffed animal), and enjoy the fun! Bring your bears to the Unitarian Church lawn, Walnut Street side of the Library. We'll march down to Our Lady's Haven and back. When we

return, Daisy D. Dots will be performing and painting faces.

We will provide snacks, or pack your own Teddy Bear Picnic to enjoy!

Car Show



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is teaming up with Legendary Street Rods car club for a car-truck-bike show on Sun., 8/20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Livesey Park, Fairhaven (Main entrance/Parker St.)

Registration fee for vehicles: \$20 plus one canned good for the food pantry. Featuring raffles, awards, food, music, and more. Free to the public.

Non-food vendors wanted. Contact

northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit local veterans organizations; food proceeds to benefit the NFIA.

Movie Night



Fairhaven Firefighters Local 1555 presents their second annual Movie Night, featuring *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, on Sun., 8/20, at Livesey Park in Fairhaven, 7:30 p.m.

Free admission, free snacks and more! Bring your blankets or chairs.

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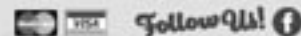
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UMassD to leave Star Store building in New Bedford

By Beth David
Editor

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell and State Senator Mark Montigny are both objecting to the decision by UMassDartmouth to vacate the New Bedford Campus of the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) in the Star Store building in downtown New Bedford. The campus, which helped to revitalize downtown New Bedford, began offering classes to students than 20 years ago. Its original 20-year lease ended in 2021, and negotiations apparently stalled.

“Minutes before his public announcement this morning, Chancellor Fuller called to inform me of his decision to relocate the CVPA from the downtown. To say that I reacted with surprise and dismay is an understatement. The CVPA has anchored the downtown’s cultural scene for over twenty years, extending the century-long work of its predecessor, the Swain School of Design,” wrote Mayor Mitchell in a statement on 8/14.

He said he offered to help negotiate a new agreement, but since

he was not asked to be involved, he thought it would just be a matter of time.

“The notion that the University’s decision ultimately hinged on whether a particular line item was included in the new state budget strains credulity,” reads the statement. “The failure to arrive at an agreement will now be felt by the students, faculty, residents, local businesses, and the City, which stands to lose a major anchor institution. The City will attempt to work with the state administration in the hope that this short-sighted decision can be rectified.”

Sen. Montigny, who led the legislative effort to get the campus in New Bedford more than 20 years ago, also stressed the importance of the campus in New Bedford’s downtown.

“This transformational project played an invaluable role in jump-starting the tremendous arts and cultural renaissance in downtown New Bedford that is evident today with thriving restaurants, museums, art galleries, and so much more,” said Sen. Montigny, adding that the lease

contained a \$1 purchase option that was signed into law last year.

He also also expressed his dismay at the decision.

“Despite objections, the university has decided to vacate the building that the legislature paid for with over 20 years of appropriations,” wrote Sen. Montigny. “I am deeply disappointed that DCAMM and the university neglected multiple opportunities to meet their basic responsibility to protect taxpayers and students by neglecting to secure the campus in accordance with my original legislation that created and funded this campus as well as state law signed just last year. As the lease and state law have required, the building should be immediately transferred for one dollar so that taxpayer money will no longer be squandered, and all the interested parties can work together to ensure Star Store’s long-term future in downtown New Bedford. I believe we can accomplish this goal, and I will continue working directly with the Healey Administration and Secretary

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Intergenerational Field Day

Join us on Wed., 8/23, for an international field day when seniors and the Kool Kids will face off in a fun filled field day from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., including: cookout, Dorothy Cox ice cream, games, magic show. At the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

Call to register by 8/18, 508-979-4029.

Short Film Soiree

You are cordially invited to a FREE short film soiree, a festive fundraiser for Emmy-Award winning director Alyssa Botelho's new short film, "Sweet Freedom," on Fri., 8/25, at 6 p.m., in historic Fairhaven Town Hall. Featuring sensational short films, fantastic live music, incredible raffles, and networking with local filmmakers. Will include films from Alyssa Botelho, Carley Byers, Jimmy Martin, Gabrielle Rosson, Noah Duarte. Wear your best historical costume, old Hollywood glam, or evening wear.

We have many raffle prizes for you to take a chance on, including gift certificates from local restaurants and gift baskets. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center for the Performing Arts. Refreshments provided by the Fairhaven Rotary Club and Fairhaven Improvement Association!

Lions Fundraiser

Dine-in or Take-out

Fundraiser for Fairhaven Lions Club, Wed., 8/30, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Frontera Grill, 214 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA 02719; 774-628-9723. You MUST let your server know you are there for the fundraiser and show the flyer that you can get at <https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenMALions>

15% of food sales will go to Fairhaven Lions Club. We will have chances to our 2023 calendar raffle available for purchase between 4 & 8 p.m.

Halloween Swap

Drop off clean, used Halloween costumes and decorations in the bin at Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, from now to October 13th.

On October 14th at Kids Fest, you can pick out items you might want

yourself at the Sustainability Committee's Halloween Swap booth!

Costumes should be clean, and non-violent (no gore). Don't limit yourself to just costumes. Jewelry, scarves, crazy hats, anything that can be used for a costume as well as decorations will be accepted.

Drop off Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven. A large bin is located in the entrance.

Contact Ann Richard, with questions: fairhavensustainability@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Conrad Memorial 5K

The second annual Conrad Roy III Memorial 5K will be held on Sat., 9/9 at 9 a.m. at Fort Phoenix Beach in Fairhaven, rain or shine. Sponsored by the family of Conrad Henri Roy III. Register online at www.racewire.com or on site at 8:15 a.m. Begins and ends at Fort Phoenix.

Contact Kim Bozzi, 774-319-7347 for more details or to volunteer.

Find us on Facebook/Conrad's Law.

It has been four years since Conrad's Law has been introduced, a law that would make suicide coercion illegal in Mass. and send a message to those who seek to hurt others that there will be consequences. Join us on Saturday, September 9 to walk/run, and remember Conrad, and to encourage Mass. legislators to pass the Law.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide or in emotional distress, call 988 or 911.

March with the Lagoa Committee

The Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee wishes to honor the Portuguese immigrants of long ago who settled in the Fairhaven area bringing their culture and traditions from the region of Lagoa, Island of St. Michael, Azores.

Therefore, the Committee will take part in the Our Lady of Angels procession, which steps off at 1:00 PM on Labor Day Monday, September 4, and wishes to invite everyone whose ancestors derive not only from Lagoa, but also from the Island of St. Michael to join the group. The invitation is extended to anyone in

the greater New Bedford area.

The tradition of the Feast of Our Lady of Angels was one the above-referenced traditions brought to Fairhaven by said immigrants from the town of Lagoa. Everyone wishing to attend, please look for the green banner identifying the Lagoa Committee before procession time at St. Mary's Church, Main Street, Fairhaven (across the street from the feast grounds), before the 1 p.m. step-off time.

Huttleston Mktplace

Saturdays, through September 30,, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Center Lawn/Fairhaven High School Lawn, 141 Main Street, at Route 6, Fairhaven

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. It is held rain or shine.

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Pirates & Privateers

Fridays, 10:00 a.m., through September. WEATHER PERMITTING. Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentation held 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. .

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

RJD Open House

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), in partnership with DATMA and the James Arnold Mansion, will be open for free visitation on Sunday, August 20, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The two mansions, connected by County Street and marriage (James Arnold married Sarah Rotch, daughter of William Rotch Jr.), are co-hosting a day of activities. Visitors to the RJD will have the opportunity to tour the house and garden, enjoy a refreshing glass of lemonade, and play lawn games. At the Arnold Mansion, visitors will tour the house and grounds (the original Arnold Arboretum), learn about the property's historic trees, and chat over fruit punch and cookies. Visitors can also learn more about DATMA's Shelter 2023 programming and public art exhibitions.

The RJD Museum is at 396 County Street, visit rjdmuseum.org; the James Arnold Mansion is at 427 County Street.

Sonata Saturdays

This free outdoor concert series, now in its third season, is a partnership between New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO), and The Drawing Room. The fourth Saturday of each month, small groups of NBSO musicians will delight the neighborhood and summer visitors with a variety of classical and popular music.

Sonata Saturdays will be held in the garden of the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center, located at 33 William Street, on the 4th Saturday of June, July, August, and September from 4-6pm. Musicians will perform twice each day, with programs beginning at 4-4:45 pm and repeating at 5-5:45 pm. Some chairs provided, but you may also bring your own to secure a seat.

August 26: The Horns of the New Bedford Symphony Present: Horns in Harmony

The Horns of the New Bedford Symphony perform a variety of works that celebrate the versatility and unique character of the instrument, with its rich and powerful sound being utilized in various ways throughout the program. The concert

begins with an arrangement of Mozart's uplifting and virtuosic Magic Flute Overture and continues with suites by Alfred Reed and Nikolai Tcherepnin, which showcase the different characters of the horn in short movements ranging from courtly tunes, to folks songs, to rousing hunting calls. The program concludes with four selections from Lowell Shaw's lighthearted and jazzy "Fripperies" for horn quartet.

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Summer Concerts

The Summer Sound Series presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell runs 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):

Sept. 1: Kabu Jazz Ensemble ft. Candida Rose

PURCHASE STREET (between Union and William streets):

Aug. 18: JAMMIN': A Tribute to Bob Marley

Learn more at: destinationnewbedford.org

Outdoor Theater

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) and Reverie Theatre Group (RTG) continue their partnership for the free summer program, Shakespeare in New Bedford. Seven performances of *The Tempest* will take place on the tented patio in the Museum's garden, 396 County St., New Bedford.

The 2023 season runs Thursday through Saturday, August 17, 18, 19 and August 24, 25, 26 with a show time of 7:30 p.m. There will also be a sensory-friendly matinee at 2:00 p.m.

on Sunday, August 27. Admission is free; donations are accepted in lieu of a ticket fee. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Attendees will experience the comic tale of Prospero, the overthrown duke of Milan, who maroons his betrayers on a magical island where he creates spells and enchantments that toy with the evildoers until they promise to return him to his throne. RTG's Megan M. Ruggiero directs this classic story of romance, ambition, revenge, and forgiveness with a twist, as the action of the play will take place in a cybernetic wasteland and explore the intersection between cyberpunk culture and Shakespeare's most iconic motifs.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, and New Bedford Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Visit rjdmuseum.org; 508-997-1401.

Old Voke Reunion

Seeking anyone interested in an old Voke class reunion (Hillman Street) from 60-69. The more the merrier

Class of 1960 to 1969.

Call: Joe Glenn Costa (class of 64), 508-971-1859; Mary Gomes Rodrigues (class of 60), 508-996-9923.

Anyone interested in joining our reunion committee, please contact the above. Hope to see other classmates joining in the Old Voke class reunions.

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Hetty's Children

In 1916 when New Bedford's Hetty Green passed, she left between \$10 million and \$200 million (in today's money: \$27 billion to \$57 billion). The frugal Mrs. Green left her money equally to her son, Ned, and daughter, Sylvia. How did they handle the wealth and what amount remains today?

Those questions will be answered at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William St., at 1 p.m. on Sun., 8/27. All of the New Bedford National park presentations welcome everyone, and all programs are free from admission fees.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Concerts

Summer of Love Concert Series at the Onset Bandshell, 4 Union Ave., Onset, MA, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free live music on the waterfront. BYO Chair. Family friendly. Leashed, well behaved dogs welcome. Food and drink for sale within walking distance. Free on street parking along Onset/Union Aves. after 6 p.m. and at the Temple Lot on Union Ave. In case of rain, we move the shows to the Onset VFW, 4 Gibbs Ball Park Road, East Wareham. Livestream on Wareham Community Television.

Email: onsetvillage@gmail.com

Join us on Wednesdays, 8/23, Whiskey Saints/Rock, Country, Pop; 8/30, Fennario/A tribute to the Good 'Ol Grateful Dead.

Silent Movie

Enjoy an open-air silent movie at Munro Preserve in collaboration with the Mattapoissett Museum and the Mattapoissett Land Trust. The movie, *Down to the Sea in Ships*, will be shown 7:30-9:30pm on Thursday August 24th at the Munro Preserve on the corner of Water St. and Main St.

The film contains semi-documentary footage of whalers at work and was shot in historic locations in New England, most notably in New Bedford, at the Apponegansett Meeting House in Dartmouth, and on Water Street in Mattapoissett.

The authenticity of the whaling scenes are noted in the opening screen credits, which praise the bravery of the cameramen, "who, in small boats, stood by their cameras at the risk of their lives to photograph the fighting whales."

The Charles W. Morgan was one of the whaling ships used in the film.

Please bring your own blanket or chair, relax, and enjoy the show.

Apple Peach Pageant

Acushnet's Miss Apple Peach Pageant is seeking contestants for their 41st competition to be held on Friday, 9/8 as the kick-off to the weekend's Apple Peach Festival.

The Miss Apple Peach Pageant began in 1980, selecting their first winner, Kara Gagnon, and the most recent winner was Tori Kalisz, Miss Apple Peach 2019. Tori was the 40th

young woman to be selected as Miss Apple Peach and she is the current Miss New Bedford.

The pageant is open to all young women from Acushnet in grades 5-12. Students in grades 5-8 will compete for the title of Jr. Miss Apple Peach and students in grades 9-12 will compete for the title of Miss Apple Peach, the winner of which will receive a \$500 scholarship. In total, \$1,000 will be awarded and sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club.

There is a \$30 registration fee and contestants will compete in four phases of onstage competition. No previous experience is required and there is no talent portion of competition. **There will be an orientation meeting for anyone interested on August 19th**, which is also the deadline for accepting applications.

To register or for more info, email MissApplePeach@gmail.com.

Apple Peach Parade

The apple peach parade is back and we are looking to make it bigger and better than it ever was. We are looking for anyone with old cars, tractors, horses, unique vehicles, local businesses to build floats and so on to enter. **THERE WILL BE NO WALKERS.**

The parade is going to kick off from Pope Park at 10am on Sun. 9/10 and will travel past the apple peach grounds down main St. Everyone that is entering, please be ready at Pope Park by 9:30 am on that Sunday so we can organize the parade.

Barrel Tasting

Join Running Brook Winery for our barrel tasting event. Sat. & Sun., 8/19 & 20, from -8 p.m., 335 Old Fall River Road, Dartmouth; 508-985-1998; www.runningbrookwine.com

Taste straight out of our barrels, offering our sweet barrel-aged dessert wine. Featuring live music, vendors, hay and pony rides. Family and dog friendly. Free entry.

Golf Tourney

Fairhaven's Livesey Club will hold this year's annual golf tournament on Sun., 9/10, at 8:30 a.m. at the Back Nine Club, 17 Heritage Hill Dr., Lakeville, MA. Register before 9/1: \$125

per player, four players per team. Price includes steak dinner. There are also sponsorship opportunities available for companies or individuals, \$50 per hole. Prizes to the top three. Proceeds benefit the club's youth sports and scholarship programs.

This is club's major fund-raiser, and because Homecoming got rained out (another main fundraising event), the golf tournament is even more important.

Make checks payable to Livesey Club, 11 Hopkins St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. Deadline: 9/1

For more information, call John Roderiques, 508-962-2940.

Free Concert

Acushnet joins Play Music on the Porch Day

Play Music on the Porch Day Concert featuring the Dave Richardson Band, Sat., 8/26, Noon-2 p.m., Acushnet Public Library Pavilion, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743

Celebrate World Play Music on the Porch Day with us! The Dave Richardson Band will be grooving on New Orleans Funk, Texas Blues, Classic Soul and driving Rock & Roll. Dave is joined by Jan Schmidt on vocals along with Nate Goncalo on drums and Bret Carlson on bass. Sponsored by the Acushnet Road Race Committee. This is a rain or shine event. For more information, visit acupl.org.

Play Music on the Porch Day. In 2018 thousands of musicians from at least 70 countries and thousands of cities participated and the movement continues to grow every day. Musicians from across the globe, regardless of their differences, are finding common ground through music. Play Music On The Porch Day knows that music is powerful and universal. It doesn't matter if you play an Oud, a Guitarrón, a Nyckelharpa, or a Guitar. When you pick up your instrument and start to play the world disappears and you get lost in the sounds.

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Lunch will be Lasagna Roll Up.

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On Mon., 8/14, at 10 a.m., David
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Recipe of the Week

Tomato Pie

- 1 (9 inch) deep dish pie crust
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- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 375°

In alternating layers, fill pie crust with tomatoes, bacon, green onions, basil, oregano, garlic powder, and red pepper.

Stir together cheese and mayonnaise in a small bowl.

Spread over the top of pie. Cover loosely with aluminum foil.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking for 30 more minutes.

Serve pie warm or cold.

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remember.

A few weeks ago, I was wearing my dance tights and carrying my ballet shoes when I came home from class. A few of my brothers' teammates were at the house. When they saw me, they started snickering and whispering to one another.

One of them asked my brother, "What's with the tights and shoes? Is the kid a wimp?"

Do you think I'm a wimp, Frankie?

Stevie,

Dear Stevie,

Of course, you are not a wimp, Stevie. These boys are cultural

Dear Frankie

Ballet

Dear Frankie,
My older brothers are jocks. I have never liked sports, but I have always loved to dance. I have been taking ballet classes and performing for as long as I can

neophytes and don't know what they are barking about.

Unfortunately, they are not a rare breed. Some of the most revered and famous ballet dancers are men. If your brothers' friends think ballet dancing is for wimps, let's see them leap into the air six times across a stage and, between leaps, land in perfect form. These jocks have no idea how much strength, stamina, and ongoing practice it takes to be a dancer.

It's great you are pursuing your passion. At your next performance, break a leg. That's a human expression for good luck.

Best, Frankie

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Acushnet youth soccer teams recognized by SB

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Selectboard recognized the coaches and players of two Acushnet Youth Soccer teams that both won the South Shore Soccer League championship and made it to the Final Four in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions. The Boys 7/8 Division 1 and Boys 12/Post Grad

Division 1 both finished in the top 4, and the Boys 12/PG also received the state sportsmanship award at the tournament.

At its 8/8/23 meeting, the board handed out citations to all the players and the coaches of the two teams.

Selectboard member David Wojnar said it was great to see the accomplishments on the soccer field, but

what impressed him most, he said, is how Acushnet players “always handle themselves.”

The citation notes the “exceptional athletic excellence” of the players and coaches.

The teams then posed for a group photo with the coaches and board members on the steps of Acushnet Town Hall.



Members of the Boys 7/8 Division 1 (LEFT) and Boys 12/Post Grad Division 1 pose for a photo with Acushnet Selectboard members on 8/8/23 on the steps of town hall after receiving citations recognizing their winning the South Shore Soccer League Championship and making it to the Final Four of the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions. *Screenshot photo from Acushnet YouTube channel video.*



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Music night brings old cars, old music, dancing to N. Fhvn

By Beth David
Editor

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual music night filled Benoit Square on Sunday, 8/13/23, with hundreds of people listening to Eddie and the Exciters, and filled the street with people dancing to the old tunes. More than a dozen classic and antique cars also lined Adams Street, which was blocked off to traffic.

The NFIA sold malassadas, hamburgers, hot dogs, and other goodies, while people also had a chance at a 50-50 raffle.

Nancy DeSousa of Acushnet was the lucky winner of the \$282. She said it was her first time attending music night and she bought a ticket to "support the cause."

The NFIA sponsors several free events throughout the year. Their next event is this Sunday, a classic car

show that will feature music, raffles, vendors, and children's activities. See page 3 for details.

The organization meets the third Thursday of every month at the old fire station in Benoit Square. They are always looking for members and volunteers. Contact northfairhavenimprovement267@gmail.com; visit <https://northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com> or find them on Facebook.



ABOVE LEFT: Eddie of Eddie and the Exciters sings an oldie under the gazebo in Benoit Square in Fairhaven during music night on Sunday, 8/13/23. ABOVE RIGHT: The Cooks L-R: Rosanne Cordeira, Andrew Romano, Laura Britto, of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, give a quick hello to the local free sheet while they prepare the food during music night. BELOW The crowd fills the square to the north (LEFT) and east (RIGHT). *Photos by Beth David. More photos next page.*



More pictures from music night



ABOVE LEFT: Women dance to the oldies by Eddie and the Exciters in Benoit Square in Fairhaven during the North Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual music night on Sunday, 8/13/23. ABOVE RIGHT: Antique and classic cars line Adams Street. BELOW LEFT: Miabella dances while her adults, Joni Gaudiello and Leo Maxfield, encourage her. BELOW RIGHT: A 1959 Edsel is one of about 16 classic and antique cars on display. BOTTOM LEFT: A typical car hop meal is on an antique car. BOTTOM RIGHT: 50-50 raffle winner Nancy DeSousa of Acushnet (MIDDLE) shows off her prize after it was presented by NFIA members Andrew Romano (LEFT) and Jodi Duval (RIGHT). *Photo by Beth David.*



Bottle rockets fly through the air



Approximately 50 children and their adults got some hands-on lessons in making and firing off bottle rockets at the Millicent Library on Monday, 8/14/23. Toby Dills explained the science behind bottle rockets, and attendees got to construct their own rockets and blast them off on the lawn of the Unitarian Church across the street. The systems uses water and compressed air from a bicycle pump to propel the plastic bottles into the air. Helpers secure the launch pad with their feet, while the rocketeer works the release cord. Each rocketeer created his or her own rocket, adding nose cones and fins for stability. ABOVE LEFT AND MIDDLE: Toby Dills explains the science of bottle rockets and how to construct them on the lawn of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven on Monday, 8/14/23. ABOVE RIGHT: People start gathering up the materials they will need to construct bottle rockets after the presentation. BELOW LEFT: Children and their adults are all business as they construct their bottle rockets. BELOW MIDDLE: Children get water in their bottle rockets. BELOW RIGHT AND BOTTOM: Success! Bottle rockets fly through the air. *Photos by Jim Mahaney.*



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benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2023-2024						
Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	1,264	93,536	7,795	1,799
Each additional person:	+6,682	+557	+129	+9,509	+793	+183

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at the front **office in each school, or 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven or online at https://www.fairhavenps.org/our_district/lunch_information**.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact **Barbara Loranger** at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Barbara Loranger will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to **Mark Balestracci, Asst. Superintendent of Schools, 128 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02747 or mbalestracci@fairhavenps.net**.

When known to **FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to **FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as: Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call **Barbara Loranger at 508-979-4000 x 4135 or e-mail at bloranger@fairhavenps.net**.

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Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **Public Hearing – NOI – Norman and Maria Fredette / 185 Mattapoissett Road, Map 10 Lot 12A SE 001-XXXX.** A Notice of Intent was filed by Norman and Maria Fredette for property located at 185 Mattapoissett, Map 10, Lot 12A. The applicant proposes to construct a new dwelling and complete the connection to an existing septic system. The applicant is represented by David Fredette of Fredette Engineering. Plan name is "Notice of Intent

Submission Plan" dated August 8, 2023.
• **Public Hearing – Amended Order of Conditions – Nelson & Nancy Viveiros / Tripp's Way, Map 8 Portion 25, 25D, 25E & 25FSE 001-0581.** An Amended Order of Conditions was filed by Nelson & Nancy Viveiros for property located at Tripp's Way, Map 8, Portion 25, 25D, 25E & 25F. The applicant requests changes to the house, driveway, septic system, barn, swimming pool and grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan" dated March 22, 2023 revised August 7, 2023.
• **Public Hearing – RDA – Estate of William Burtch / 5 Tillie Way, Map 14, Lot 4A.** A Request for Determination was filed by the Estate of William Burtch for property located at 5 Tillie Way, Map 14, Lot 4A. The applicant proposes to install a Title 5 compliant septic system which includes a new septic

tank, pump chamber and leaching area within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan" dated August 7, 2023.

• **Public Hearing – RDA – 7 Tillie Way, LLC / 7 Tillie Way, Map 14, Lot 4K** A Request for Determination was filed by 7 Tillie Way LLC for property located at 7 Tillie Way, Map 14, Lot 4K. The applicant proposes to install a Title 5 compliant septic system which includes a pump chamber and leaching area within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan" dated August 7, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
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Hacking resigns for health reasons

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Board of Health member Heidi Hacking has resigned her position due to health reasons.

In a video posted on Facebook, Ms. Hacking told voters that she has been diagnosed with a glioblastoma, an aggressive brain tumor. She said she will be undergoing treatment of a palliative nature including radiation and chemo.

"So at this time I feel it's in my best

interest and the town's best interest for me to step down so that the position can be filled," said Ms. Hacking on the video. "I'm hoping that people will step up and participate in the process."

Ms. Hacking said the BOH is an active and supportive board and an important one to belong to. She said she is leaving it in "very capable hands" with current staff and board members.

"I believe we have brought a level of civility to the board that was our goal," said Ms. Hacking. "People in Fairhaven should feel confident in their Board of

health."

Ms. Hacking has undergone surgery to remove most of the tumor, and is undergoing other treatments to slow its growth.

Her BOH Facebook page is still active and supporters may use that to reach out to her at <https://www.facebook.com/HeidiHackingforFairhavenBoardofHealth>

Ms. Hacking won her seat in a huge upset last year, when she beat long time incumbent Peter DeTerra in the 4/4/22 election 1725 to 822.

In the video, Ms. Hacking said she is very proud to serve the town and thanked everyone who voted for her. She said her campaign crew was "awesome," and it was a great experience to knock on doors and meet residents.

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Gorzkowicz to protect the public's long-term investment with integrity and transparency.”

In his letter to staff and faculty, UMD Chancellor Mark Fuller said since 2001 the state has fully funded UMD's presence in the “historic Star Store Building in downtown New Bedford,” which serves about 200 students.

He said the state budget released last week does not fund the campus and so they will move the students to other facilities.

Dr. Fuller writes that even if the building is gifted to the university, it cannot afford to operate it without state assistance, “much less make the most urgently needed repairs and begin to renovate it to meet the needs of the next generation of students.”

“Our two decades in the Star Store have enriched our campus community, as well as the City of New Bedford, immeasurable,” wrote Dr. Fuller. “It's heartbreaking to leave this wonderful facility that has formed a vibrant nexus for the arts at the heart of downtown.”

He said the school will still have a presence in New Bedford with its other programs, such as the School of Marine Science and Technology, the Law School's Justice Bridge program, and the Worker's Education Program.”

Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Public Works

Mon., 8/28, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 8/24, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 8/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 8/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 8/30, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 8/22, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Aug. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	17	0920	2136	0254	1443
Friday	18	0959	2214	0312	1521
Saturday	19	1037	2252	0341	1558
Sunday	20	1116	2333	0413	1634
Monday	21	1159	----	0446	1712
Tuesday	22	0019	1248	0522	1756
Wednesday	23	0111	1342	0606	1853
Thursday	24	0205	1435	0703	2003
Friday	25	0300	1533	0810	2110
Saturday	26	0402	1639	0914	2219
Sunday	27	0513	1745	1022	2332
Monday	28	0613	1839	1134	----
Tuesday	29	0704	1927	0031	1237*
Wednesday	30	0751	2014	0121*	1334*
Thursday	31	0840	2104	0211*	1434*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft
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Off-duty Firefighter/paramedic jumps into action for neighbor

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Firefighter/paramedic Jesse Lacerda was in his back yard at around 4:15 on Saturday, 8/12/23, when he heard a panicked yell for someone to call 911. He jumped over his fence towards the voice, where he found a young child who had drowned and was receiving CPR.

FF Lacerda offered his assistance and was able to communicate to the department that CPR was in progress and that he was on scene. Soon after, that, the department received the update that the child was now breathing.

Both the child and parent were subsequently transported to St. Luke's Hospital where the child received further evaluation, according to a press release from the Fairhaven Fire Department.

"Our department commends the actions of Firefighter Lacerda, an Army veteran, who not only was adjacent to where the incident was occurring, but took immediate action," wrote the department in a press release.

Initially, there was some conflicting information on social media posts about who did what during the incident.

The Fairhaven Fire Department noted in a subsequent statement that the family pulled the boy out of the pool and started CPR.

Independent sources tell the *Neighb News* that the child will be okay thanks to the quick work of family members.

CPR is a simple but vital skill that people can learn and that can save lives. In a situation where someone has stopped breathing, seconds count. The sooner CPR is started, the better

the chances of a full recovery.

The Red Cross and many local organizations offer CPR training. Visit RedCross.org or call the New Bedford office at 508-996-8286 to learn more.



Fairhaven Firefighter/paramedic Jesse Lacerda, who is being recognized for springing into action when a child drowned in his neighborhood, poses with his wife Melissa Lacerda. Photo from Jesse Lacerda's Facebook page.

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