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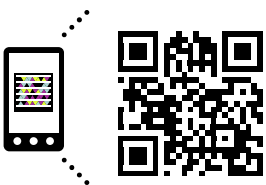
Fairhaven filmmaker Alyssa Botelho speaks to the audience during the Film Soiree at Fairhaven Town Hall on 8/25/23 to support her newest independent film, "Sweet Freedom," about 19th century New Bedford abolitionist and confectioner Mary "Polly" Johnson. See page 12. Photo by Beth David.

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

We've got a little bit of hometown pride in this week's issue. See page 12 for the scoop on local filmmaker Alyssa Botelho's latest venture.

She is onto her next film and she could use a little boost from her hometown cronies. This one is based on a real person, local abolitionist Polly Johnson. If you grew up around here, you've probably heard the name. I did, but why didn't I know she was a confectioner? I'm looking forward to Alyssa's film.

We have lots of other fun stuff in this issue, of course. The biggest little feast is this weekend (see page 3), where you can get the world's best malassadas, among other things.

Acushnet held a ceremony to give Purple Heart coins to some of the town's Purple Heart recipients. If you have a name you want to submit, please do. See page 13 for the ceremony.

We have some meeting coverage for you, too. See page 4 for more news from the last SB meeting.

Fairhaven wants everyone to fill out the internet survey (see page 5). Who knows, it might make state officials able to see past Beacon Hill.

Gracie made the team! Really, Grace made the UMassD volleyball team. She'll be hanging out with those tall women for a bit. That should be fun. See page 19 for a picture of Grace with her new best friends.

There's other stuff in here, of course. You'll have to look through to see it all. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are so you can tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# OLOA Feast this weekend

## OLOA Feast



Feast of Our Lady of Angels, September 2, 3, 4, Our Lady of Angels Feast Grounds, 7 Jesse St., Fairhaven.

Sat. 5 p.m.-Midnight, Sun. Noon – Mid., Mon. Noon – 10 p.m. Procession on Main St. Monday at 1 p.m. followed by auction.

A traditional Portuguese “festa” with live music, game booths, Portuguese & American foods, auctions, kids’ activities.

This annual event has been held since 1930. Sponsored by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Association. For more info visit the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071044533468>. Entrance to the grounds is free. You must purchase tickets for food and beverages. Portuguese and American food will be available for purchase all three days.

### Saturday, 9/2

- Grounds open at 5 p.m. Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. followed by concert by Banda Santa Cecilia of Fall River.
- 8 p.m.–midnight, music by 7-day Weekend

### Sunday, 9/3

- Grounds open noon to midnight
- 2–6 p.m., Adikted
- 8–midnight, Hardwire

### Monday, 9/4

- Grounds open until 10 p.m.
- Feast mass at 10 a.m., St. Mary’s Church, Main Street (across from feast grounds). Mass celebrant Ret. Monsignor Oliveira of the Fall River Diocese.
- 1 p.m.: Procession down Main Street from St. Mary’s to Benoit Square and back.
- Auction after procession.
- 6–10 p.m. Red Handed

## 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 of 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.



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# Fairhaven introduces new town planner

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison formally introduced the town's new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Paul DiGiuseppe, at the Select Board meeting on 8/21/23.

Ms. Ellison said he has "many, many years of planning and economic development."

He comes to Fairhaven from Middleborough, where he was Director of Economic and Community Development. He has also worked in the planning departments in Norton, Mass.; Austin, TX; and Tallahassee, FL

Mr. DiGiuseppe said it was a honor to be there and appreciated being in Fairhaven. As of that evening, he had been on the job for one week, and people have been "so friendly," he said.

He has been "exploring," he said. "This is as good as it gets."

Mr. DiGiuseppe told the board he was looking forward to working with the small businesses in town, looking at the Route 6 study, 40R zoning ideas, and at areas that could see redevelopment.

He noted there is not much vacant land in Fairhaven, but he had some ideas on how to get some of the vacant commercial spaces in town occupied by businesses again.

He emphasized that it was important to build personal relationships with people.

Ms. Ellison also made a point of thanking Cathy Melanson, chairperson of the Planning Board, who stepped in to help while the planner position was vacant.

"She cleaned up that office to the point that a new planner is in a good

spot," said Ms. Ellison, adding that Ms. Melanson "kept that department afloat."

"Well, I'm not done yet," said Ms. Melanson via Zoom.

The board also discussed a change in how emails to the board are processed. For awhile, SB office staff were answering emails or the chairperson would answer emails addressed to the whole board. SB member Bob Espindola had asked that any emails to the board's general email address on the website be forwarded to all board members.

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Ms. Ellison said she wanted to go back to the way it was because the current process was "cumbersome."

She said she "literally" has no sense of how emails area being managed. Emails get forwarded to her and she has no idea what they are about.

Ms. Ellison said any emails that go to the general SB email should go to her office and staff will have the board on the distribution list.

Mr. Espindola said he would agree with a change, but did not want it to go back to the way it was when he was not receiving emails. He said if an email is meant for the board, it should

go to the board members.

SB chairperson Leon Correy said the office would respond and the board would get a copy of the email.

Ms. Espindola said he wanted it to be clear that the answer was coming from the TA's office and not the board.

SB member Stasia Powers said she did not believe individual board members should be restricted from responding.

Ms. Ellison made the distinction of an individual answering an email to him or her vs. a member answering for the board as a whole.

That is an important distinction, said Mr. Espindola, but wanted to make sure it was clear on any emails sent.

The board voted for the change.

The board also discussed a change to the name and charge of the Bikeway Committee.

Committee member Will Gardner told the board the committee's scope has changed.

"We're not just about the bike path," he said. "We are about promoting alternative transportation."

The proposed name is Fairhaven Livable Streets Committee.

Although board members general supported the idea, the details got them bogged down a bit.

Ms. Ellison said she was concerned that the propsoed change was too broad. It might interfere with the work of other committees and departments.

The board decided to table the item so Mr. Gardner can meet with the town planner to decide on language that would expand the scope of the committee's work without complicating matters for other departments.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## OLOA Feast

See page 3.

## WIIA Breakfast

Join the West Island Improvement Association for buffet breakfast on **Sun., 9/3, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., WI Community Center, 41 Causeway Rd., West Island, Fairhaven.** Includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, cereal, coffee and juice. **\$10/adults, \$5/children under 12.** Tickets at door. Accessible.

## Internet survey

To further its digital equity efforts, the Town of Fairhaven is pleased to collaborate with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) on a residential survey. All households are encouraged to complete the survey which is intended to assess internet accessibility, device and technical support availability, service affordability, and digital education needs within the community. Data gathered from this survey will be used to inform statewide digital equity efforts and ensure that forthcoming federal funding – administered by the state – will directly benefit local programs for Fairhaven residents.

The survey will be available online and in print, and will be provided in multiple languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Russian, Arabic, and Khmer.

To participate in the online survey visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrx5v6vt>

If you do not have access to the internet, printed surveys can be picked up and returned to the Fairhaven Select Board Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

## Climate Webinars

The August Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast meeting will feature Envision Resilience! The Envision Resilience Challenge is a semester-long design studio, developed by ReMain Nantucket, that connects interdisciplinary teams from university partners with coastal communities to envision adaptive and creative solutions to sea level rise. New Bedford/Fairhaven is the location for the 2023 Envision Resilience challenge. Come learn and find out how you can be involved!

Register at <https://bit.ly/3DfPr4Y>

Next Meeting: 9/4, 7:30 PM

## Old Stone Schoolhouse

After a brief hiatus, The Old Stone Schoolhouse, located at 40 North Street in Fairhaven, MA, will reopen to the public on select Saturdays through the rest of 2023. Opening hours will be 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following dates: September 2nd, 16th, and 30th; October 21st, November 4th & 18th, and December 2nd, 2023.

“We are extremely pleased to be able to once again open The Old Stone Schoolhouse to the public,” said Michael Kelly, a member of the Fairhaven Historical Commission. “This is a hidden gem that made a remarkable contribution to the history of the region, and we look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far.”

The Old Stone Schoolhouse is a one-room schoolhouse built in 1828 at a cost of \$520.01, and served as the first public School in Fairhaven, operating until 1896 when the nearby, and much larger, Oxford School opened.

Manjiro Nakahama, a fourteen-year-old Japanese boy who was rescued by a New Bedford whaleship after being shipwrecked on a small island in the Pacific Ocean, attended classes at the Old Stone Schoolhouse. Upon returning to Japan many years later, Manjiro Nakahama would play a role in the negotiations between Commodore Matthew Perry and the Empire of Japan.

For additional information, please contact The Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085.

## Tour Guides

If you are interested in a fascinating piece of local history, come join us to pass this information to the hundreds of visitors who tour our facilities each year. The first Japanese person to live in the USA was a young boy named Manjiro who was rescued from a small island near Japan by the John Howland whaling ship from New Bedford in 1841. He was invited by Capt. William Whitfield to obtain his first schooling ever in the USA. The school involved is the

Old Stone School in Fairhaven which is part of the Manjiro Trail.

We of the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society have been hosting visitors from around the world to the Captain's home (now museum) and the Manjiro Trail. We wish to invite you to join our efforts as we pass this unique piece of local history to those visitors who will join the 11,000+ who have made the journey to date.

Available to our volunteer tour guides are: complete instructions with demos, 20% discount at museum gift shop and “happy coat” uniform.

For inquiries and/or application, contact Gerry Rooney at the: Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House Museum, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven 02719 Office tel. 508-858-5303 or home: 508-995-1219 or cell: 508-269-4659. We can also be reached by e-mail at: [Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org](mailto:Gerry@WMFriendshipHouse.org)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## Dance Party

Riverside Beats, a series of two inclusive outdoor dance parties, is returning to Riverside Park this summer! Organized by local dance music crew New Moon Dance Party, Riverside Beats will feature multiple DJs bringing house, disco, funk, and techno vibes to the edge of the Acushnet River.

Remaining date is: Sun., 9/3, 4-8 p.m. (rain date 9/10) New Moon, September's guest will be local DJ Ben Berte.

The Marie Equi Zine Library (MEZL) will be onsite again this year to provide the people of New Bedford with access to radical queer feminist zines and other publications.

Riverside Beats is supported in part by the Wicked Cool Places ARPA Grant by federal award number SLFRP1067 awarded to The City of New Bedford by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and is facilitated by New Bedford Creative at the NBEDC.

Riverside Beats is also supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## 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):

Sept. 15: East Coast Soul

Learn more at: [destinationnew](http://destinationnew)

[bedford.org](http://bedford.org)

## NB in Civil War Free Film

New Video Release: "New Bedford in the Civil War." Against a backdrop of downtown New Bedford's historic architecture tour guide Bruce Barnes examines the role that New Bedford played in the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865.

A story of valor and sacrifice, Mr. Barnes expounds the devastating impact that the Civil War had on the residents of New Bedford and the nation. New Bedford was a city of 24,000 and 10% of its population, more than 3,300, were sent to fight the war. Of those, almost 260 died during the war. New Bedford citizens participated in every theater of the conflict, on land and the sea, from the First Battle of Bull Run to Appomattox Court House.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4tzjbbpt>

## Road Closure

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing bridge structure and substructure repairs including painting on the bridge carrying Hathaway Road over Route 140 in New Bedford. Work will be performed Sunday through Thursday nights, starting each night at 8:00 p.m. and concluding the next day by 5:00 a.m. The work has begun and is expected to conclude in early October.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church presents our annual Lebanese Festival on Fri., 9/8, from 5-11 p.m.; and Sat., 9/9, from noon to 11 p.m., at our new home, 4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford (the former Our Lady of Fatima).

Featuring Lebanese food and entertainment with Mitchel Kaltsunas on Friday, and Rami Badr with Bashir El-Khoury band on Saturday. Food, bar, hookas, raffles, dancing. Free admission and entertainment; food available for purchase.

### Azorean Regatta

Join us for the 12th International Azorean Whaleboat Regatta, Sept. 8-10, in New Bedford. Free for

spectators. All at Clark's Cove, West Rodney French Blvd.

Fri., 9/8, 9 a.m.: Women and Men's rowing races.

Sat., 9/9, 9 a.m.: Women and Men's rowing races.

Sun., 9/10, 9 a.m.: Mixed boat rowing races.

Ticketed Events: \$35 pp

Fri., 9/8, 6 p.m., dinner and dancing, NB Sports Club

Sat., 9/9. Join us at the Food Truck Festa, Madeira Field

Sun., 9/10, 6 p.m. Awards Night, dinner and dancing, NB Sports Club.

Visit our website, [www.azoreanmaritime.org](http://www.azoreanmaritime.org) for more information about events and regatta sponsors.

To purchase tickets the dinners, contact Lara Harrington, [laralu78@gmail.com](mailto:laralu78@gmail.com)

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## Hip Hop

The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD), in partnership with 3rd Eye Unlimited & New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, presents the last of five monthly events exploring the Pillars of Hip Hop on Thursday, September 14, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Five Pillars include emceeing, djing, breaking/dance, graffiti, and knowledge. The event in the garden includes live music, spoken word, and art. Attendees of the event will find out more about the Five Pillars and the origin of these traditions.

Young people who might be interested in participating in this event can drop a line to 3rd Eye at: [info@3rdEyeUnlimited.org](mailto:info@3rdEyeUnlimited.org). This event is free as part of AHA Night and is open to all ages. For more information, contact the RJD at 508-997-1401, or visit the Museum's website: [rjdmuseum.org](http://rjdmuseum.org).

## 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.

# HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

## 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.

## Explore Mattapoissett Village

Are you curious about Mattapoissett Village's unique history? Please join Mattapoissett Museum Guides and tour the village to learn about its heyday as a shipbuilding center to the rise of summer recreation and the impact specific citizens had on the development of the town.

Tours begin and end at the Mattapoissett Museum at 5 Church Street. They follow Main Street to Shipyard Park and return via one of the historic side streets back to the Museum. The tour will last 45 minutes to an hour.

Remaining dates are:

- Thursday, September 7 at 5:30pm with Jenn McIntyre and Carole Clifford
  - Saturday, September 16 at 10:30am with Curator Connor Gaudet
- Free and open to the public.

## Training Ship Applicants

Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

Scheduled events include an annual Swim Meet, community service, parades, ceremonies, marksmanship training, skills competition weekend

at Joint Base Cape Cod and many other activities, as well as annual summer training, nationwide.

Training is conducted on alternating Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Mass. Maritime Academy.

Interested applicants should contact Lt. Cdr. James McLoughlin at 508-759-8606. View us on Facebook at Gosnold Division.

## Author Talk

Mattapoissett resident and author Shirley Haley will talk about her new biography *Angel in Mink: The Story of Mary Lasker's Crusade for Research and the National Institutes of Health*. at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow St., Sun., 9/10, 2-3 p.m.

Mary Lasker is one of those amazing women who have affected our lives in a powerful way, yet few of us have ever heard of her. She was a wealthy socialite, who could have used her status to achieve whatever goal she aimed for, yet with intelligence, intensity and focused action her sponsorship turned the government's small, poorly funded medical research effort into the largest public funder of that research in the world.

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## SAVE THE DATES

### Apple Peach Festival

The Acushnet Apple-Peach Festival, celebrating 42 years, on Sat. & Sun., 9/9 & 9/10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Long Plain Museum, 1203 Main St., Acushnet. Great entertainment, crafts, food and fun! Free parking and admission. Shuttle bus from Acushnet Middle School.

Parade on Sun., 9/10 at 10 a.m., starting at Pope Park, along Main Street to the fair grounds.

### Entertainment

Sat., 9/9

- 10-10:45: Sharons Student Showcase
- 11-11:45: Mark Thompson
- 12-12:45: Shane Fitzgerald
- 1-1:45: Extreme Acoustic
- 2-2:45: The Stumblurs
- 3-3:45: Buzzard Blue
- 4-6: Neal McCarthy Problem

Sun., 9/10

- 10-10:45: Gonsalves Tai Kwon Do
- 11-11:45: All Along
- 12-12:45: Stephanie Lamb with Last Call

- 1-1:45: Gary Langevin Ensemble
- 2-2:45: Temporary Phase
- 3-3:45: Dirty Sanchez Band
- 4-6: Matt Borrello Band

## Artisan Fair

Sun., 9/16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Handy House Artisan Fair and Vintage Market, 202 Hix Bridge Road, Westport MA, 10 AM - 3 PM (Rain date Sep 17)

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Artisans and crafts include: blacksmithing, rug braiding, pottery, woodworking, and scrimshaw. Meet some authors of local history books, enjoy tasty johnnycakes and traditional music, and chat with Ruth and Abby, the 1850s Ladies. New for this year is Collectors Corner, showcasing some unique local collections and collectors! And for families, the fair offers special crafts for kids!

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The Fairhaven Social Day Program provides a fun day of activities for seniors who are in need of supervision or just want to spend the day socializing with others. The program is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-3:00. Lunch is provided and transportation can be arranged at an additional fee.

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### Monday Movie Matinee

Setp. 11, 12:15 p.m. Featuring "A Perfect Pairing." To win over a major client, a go-getter LA wine exec signs on to work at an Australian sheep farm, where she sparks with a rugged and mysterious local.

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### Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 9/6, Tiverton Casino; 9/13, Mashpee Commons; 9/20, Autumn Joy Flower Show/Special Trip, \$10.); 9/27, Wrentham Village.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Stuffed Cinnamon Rolls

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- flour, as needed, for dusting a work surface
- 1 can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 8 large marshmallows

*For the glaze topping:*

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 teaspoons milk
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped

Position a rack to center of oven. Preheat to 375°. Spray a medium-size muffin tin with cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine the granulated sugar and the cinnamon.

Add the melted butter to another small bowl.

Lightly dust a work surface with the flour. On the floured surface, separate the crescent rolls into 8 triangles. Dip the marshmallows into the butter and then into the sugar mixture, ensuring all sides are coated.

Place 1 of the coated marshmallows onto each of the dough triangles, roll them up and pinch the seams to tightly seal, ensuring the marshmallow is covered.

Roll each of the marshmallow rolls into the butter and then into the cinnamon sugar and place them into the prepared muffin cups.

Bake the rolls until they are golden, about 12-14 minutes. Allow the rolls to cool in the muffin tin for 2 minutes.

Use a butter knife or offset spatula to transfer the rolls onto a cooling rack covered with wax paper and let them cool slightly.

In a bowl, combine powdered sugar, the vanilla, and the milk and beat until the sugar has dissolved.

Transfer the rolls to a serving platter and drizzle them with the glaze. Sprinkle the rolls with the pecans. Serve warm.



# Dear Frankie

## Unfairly Accused

*Dear Frankie,*  
Recently, I lost a week of treats and watching Lassie reruns because I ripped a hole in one of my mom's new living room curtains. I think the punishment didn't match the

crime because it was an accident.

I asked my friend Roscoe what he thought about me being punished for an accident. He said he thought I got off easy for the damage I caused, and it was time to move on. I want to explain what happened and hear what you think.

Last month, it rained for three weeks straight, so I couldn't go to the dog park. I'm an only dog, and three weeks without canine companionship was getting me down. When I told my mom I was lonely and had nothing to do, she suggested I look out the window and tell her if anything

interesting was happening in the neighborhood. When I went into the living room, I found the curtains, which are behind the couch, closed. So, I tried to open them by standing on the couch and pushing them apart with my paw. Unfortunately, I lost my balance and fell, and on the way down, my nails got caught in the curtain.

When I told my mom what happened, I thought it was unfair of her to punish me because it was her idea to look out the window, and I didn't mean to rip the curtain.

*Louis*

*Dear Louis,*

Accidents have consequences. An example might help you understand the reason why. Say your mother rear-ended a car when she was driving. Similar to your situation, it was an accident; she didn't mean to hit the car, but she did. In the eyes of the law, she is at fault and responsible for paying for the repairs to the car she hit.

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# Construction begins on new pickleball courts at Livesey




On the morning of August 22nd, the construction of the Livesey Park Pickleball Courts was finally underway by the Fairhaven BPW. In a coordinating effort the Fairhaven Pickleball Association backed with the funding of the Community Preservation Committee has brought the project to fruition. The four courts will be adjacent to the present basketball and tennis courts allowing the growing number of pickleball players more court availability in town. ABOVE LEFT: Jeffrey Lucas (CENTER), chairperson of the Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee, is flanked by Fairhaven Pickleball Association members Al Valle (LEFT) and Ken Pottel (RIGHT) during a ground breaking ceremony for new pickleball courts at Livesey Park in Fairhaven on 8/22/23. ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Al Valle and Ken Pottel of the Fairhaven Pickleball Association pose for the cameras curing the ceremony. BELOW: Officials from the Town of Fairhaven and members of the Fairhaven Pickleball Association pose for the camera. *Submitted photos*





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# Film Soiree raises money for new indie movie

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven filmmaker Alyssa Botelho is starting another project. And with a \$10,000 grant from New Bedford Creative, she's well on her way to making it a reality.

"Sweet Freedom" is a 25 minute film based on local historical figure Mary "Polly" Johnson, a prolific 19th century abolitionist and confectioner from New Bedford. The story follows Polly as she prepares for the largest party of her career while fighting to protect the fugitive slaves in her home.

Ms. Botelho held a "Film Soiree" in the Fairhaven Town Hall auditorium on Friday, 8/25/23, which featured 10 short films, from two minutes long to 24 minutes long.

Admission, snacks, and refreshments were free, and the 50 or so patrons had a chance to buy raffle tickets for a variety of services and products donated by local businesses.

Ms. Botelho said she is co-producing this latest film with a team. In addition to the \$10K from NB Creative, she needs to raise another \$15-20,000. The funds will be used to compensate cast and crew, secure local and historically accurate locations, pay for equipment costs, meals, lodging, etc.

Carter Goodrich drove from Danbury, CT, to support his friend



Lionel Jeffries, who is part of the production. He said he expected to see some good films during the night.

His companion, Claire Sorti, said she was not sure what to expect specifically.

"Just a lot of creative people showing off their stuff," she said.

At intermission, Bill Farrell said they were good so far.

"I liked some better than others," he said.

Friends and crew members Elsie, Bianca, Claudia, Kaitlyn, and Emma said they wanted to support the movie and Alyssa.

"I love all of them," said Claudia about the Soiree films.

Barbara Acksen of Fairhaven said she attended to show support to Ms. Botelho and other local talent.

"They're quite good," said Ms. Acksen during

intermission. "Interesting. And I love the dancing," she added, referring to the film "After Closing."

The final film of the evening was Ms. Botelho's last short film, "To Dust All Return," which has won a number of awards. Ms. Botelho is working on a full length film based on the short.

Liam Sivertsen wore his best old-time Hollywood attire, complete with suit and fedora. He won a tour for 10 at Westport Winery in the raffle. A self-described "budding filmmaker," Mr. Sivertsen said he believes the area will have more movies being filmed here.

"This area needs more filmmakers," he said.

"It went very well," said Ms. Botelho at the end of the night. "It's awesome to see the community get together to support local film," she said, adding it helps all local filmmakers.

Ms. Botelho said she has done some traveling related to her film work, and it reinforces that this is a special area, a special community where people want to support the arts.

After the event, Ms. Botelho said they evening raised \$1148.

"And the FOUR \$2 bills gifted for 'good luck' were not overlooked," Ms. Botelho wrote on her Facebook page

The production will set up a crowdfunding page at <https://www.indiegogo.com> soon so anyone can contribute. Ms. Botelho said it should be live in a couple of weeks and will be announced on Instagram at: [https://instagram.com/sweetfreedom\\_film](https://instagram.com/sweetfreedom_film)



TOP: Liam Sivertsen is in his best old time Hollywood character after winning a raffle for a tour of Westport Rivers Winery during the Film Soiree at Fairhaven Town Hall on 8/25/23 to support Alyssa Botelho's newest independent film, "Sweet Freedom," about 19th century New Bedford abolitionist and confectioner Mary "Polly" Johnson. ABOVE LEFT: Jay Michaels, President of the Historical Harp Society, plays the harp during the event. ABOVE RIGHT: Some friends take their star shot by the curtain during the Film Soiree: L-R Back: Elsie, Bianca, Claudia, Kaitlyn. Front: Emma. Photos by Beth David.

# Acushnet recognizes Purple Heart recipients

By Beth David  
Editor

The town of Acushnet recognized individual Purple Heart recipients at a ceremony on 8/26/23 at the American Legion in Acushnet. The event was originally planned to take place at the Veterans Memorial, but was moved indoors due to the threat of rain.

American Legion Commander Mike Jenney emceed the proceedings, telling the approximately 30 people there that August 7 is Purple Heart day, created by President George Washington for those killed in action. It was expanded to include anyone injured.

Cmdr. Jenney said without the service of our military, we would not enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today.

Selectboard chairperson Kevin Gaspar kept it short, saying he was honored to be there.

"Thank you very much for your service and your sacrifice to our country," said Mr. Gaspar.

Veteran Bill Kligel said the coin being presented was presented in the field, so there is a secretive way to hand it over. He said the presenter would put his thumb over the coin so no one could see it if they were watching from afar, and then he would shake hands with the recipient, who would take the coin, drop it in



his pocket and then salute.

He presented the coins in that manner to the Purple Heart recipients in the room including Roger Fredette, Mike Janson, and Patrick Robitaille.

Cmdr Jenney admitted they did not even know the number of Purple Heart recipients in Acushnet.

"We're asking for information from the public," said Cmdr. Jenney, adding he did not want anyone to be forgotten.

"Veterans take care of veterans," said Mr. Kligel, encouraging anyone who knows a Purple Heart recipient to let them know, even if they are not Acushnet residents.

"We are all brothers and sisters of

the same cause," said Mr. Kligel. "Let's not forget each other."

Gil Mastera, a veteran who drove from New Hampshire to be there, reminded everyone that 22 veterans a day die by suicide.

Deven Robitaille, the commander at the Acushnet VFW said she loved hearing about traditions she did not know about.

"I hear your traditions," she said to the older veterans in the room. "It is my duty to pass on your traditions."

She said 22 veterans is too much.

Louise Quintin, who is a Gold Star sister, said her brother was killed in Vietnam, so she was there for him.

"If he wasn't killed in Vietnam, he'd be here," she said.

Rick Janson, who received a coin, said it "means a helluva lot to me."

The town has the following list of Purple Heart recipients who will receive coins. If you know of anyone who should be on the list, contact the Select Board office at 508-998-0200: Barry Alves, Raymond Barlow, James Ferro, Roger Fredette, Rick Janson, Leonard Picanso Jr., Patrick Robitaille.

The ceremony will be available on demand for viewing on the town's YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/3p5h38fx>. It had not been uploaded by press time.



TOP: Acushnet American Legion Commander Mike Jenney speaks during a ceremony to present coins to Purple Heart recipients at the Legion hall on Saturday, 8/26/23. ABOVE LEFT L-R: Rick Janson receives the Purple Heart coin from Bill Kligel using a surreptitious handshake during the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: Patrick Robitaille receives the Purple Heart. Photos by Beth David.

# Haircuts and school supplies make for a fun event

Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555 and Fairhaven Select Board chairperson Leon Correy, held the "Too Cool 4 School" event on Sunday, 8/27/23, offering free haircuts and school supplies to boys and girls.

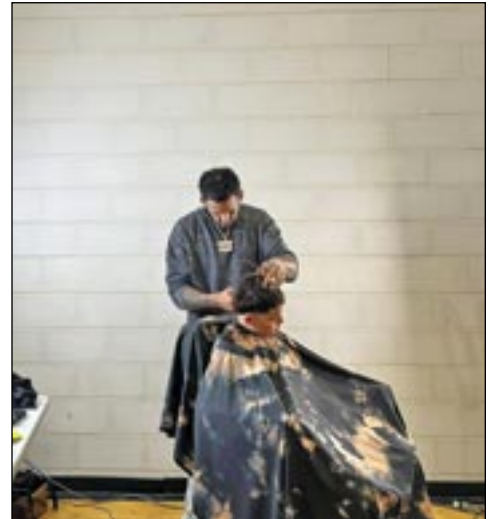
"Huge thank you to Leon Correy for Fairhaven Select Board, and all of the sponsors for today's event!" wrote the

FFA on its Facebook page. "Today we were able to make a difference in the community we serve. Great job by all involved in this event."

Held at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, the Too Cool 4 School event also included a DJ.

"To say 'Too Cool 4 School' was a success would be an understatement," wrote Mr. Correy on his

Facebook page. "A sincere thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, family, friends and neighbors who selflessly donated to help make a difference in our community. We look forward to next year."



LEFT: Volunteers pose with the school supplies they will be handing out at the Too Cool 4 School event in Fairhaven on 8/27/23. RIGHT: A youngster gets a complimentary haircut during the Too Cool 4 School event. Photos courtesy of the Fairhaven Firefighters Association.



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### Fairhaven Town Auction

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### Pickleball Clinic

The Fairhaven Pickleball Association will be holding a beginners clinic on Saturday, 9/16 and Saturday 9/23 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Both sessions will be held at Cushman Park. To sign up email Fairhaven

pickleball@gmail.com. The clinic cost is \$30 which includes both sessions. Enrollment is limited.

For more information on the Fairhaven Pickleball Association go to our website: <https://www.fairhavenpickleball.com/>

## Fairhaven CPC Accepting Apps

The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for the FY25 funding round. The FY25 Community Preservation Submission Guidelines and Application Forms are available on the Town's Community Preservation Committee Webpage - <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>.

The public hearing for the FY25 Community Preservation Plan will be held on Wednesday 9/20/23. Since 2006, the Fairhaven CPC has appropriated over \$8,400,000 that have created 126 affordable housing units, supported another 362 affordable housing units, protected over 750 acres, created and

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## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room  
or via Zoom

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- REF#: ZBA-023-028: 137 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lots 82 and 83. Applicant: Holly and Jean Lemieux Owner: Holly Tree Realty Trust c/o Jacqueline Hobson. Applicant seeks a Variance to build a 14 ft. x 26.3 ft addition attached to the existing dwelling 16.6 ft. from both the north and south side property lines as compared to the minimum 20 ft. side setbacks, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-029: 3 Birchfield Street, Map 24, Lot 280. Applicant: Brian Slowik Owner: Slowik Family Trust. Applicant seeks a Special Permit for storage of a mobile home and for occasional occupation longer

than forty-eight (48) hours consecutively, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16 Use Regulation Schedule, footnote 8. In accordance with Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-8 Special Permit, A, this permit shall be subject to additional conditions, safeguards and limitations on time, space, and use as the board may reasonably require.

- REF#: ZBA-023-030: Golf Street, Map 28B, Lots 335-340. Applicant and owner: Adam Oliveira. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a 28 ft. x 25.6 ft. two story garage with 716.8 sq. ft. of floor space as compared to the maximum 700 sq. ft. of floor space allowed for an accessory building, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-22 Accessory Buildings and uses, A. (1).
- REF#: ZBA-023-031: 26 Rodman Street, Map 10, Lots 28. Applicant and owner: Stephen A. Farrell. Applicant seeks a 15.2 ft. Variance to construct a 10 ft. x 6 ft. porch 4.8 ft. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. front setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-032: 21 Oliver Street, Map 37A, Lots 353-356. Applicant: Robert Roderiques Owner: Muriel A. Roderiques Revocable Trust. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance to change the existing lot size and shape, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-

17 Intensity of use regulations, B and 2. A Variance to reduce the overall lot area by 2606 sq. ft. from 12,800 sq. ft. to 10,194 sq. ft. as compared to the minimum 15,000 sq. ft. in the Single Residence District, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA  
FNN: 8/24/23, 8/31/23

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- DRAFT FY25 FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN** The Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing to receive information and public comment on the Draft FY25 Community Preservation Plan.

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the Office of Planning & Economic Development in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, and on the Fairhaven CPC website: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Jeff Lucas, Chair of the  
Community Preservation Commission  
FNN 8/31/23, 9/7/23

## Seeking Veteran of the Year nominations

### Press Release

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Mass. Veterans Housing Program, Inc., known as Veterans Transition House (VTH), is welcoming nominations for the 2023 Veteran of the Year Award sponsored by BankFive. The Veteran of the Year Award is presented to a regional veteran in recognition of their outstanding contributions to veterans, veterans' issues, and the community as a whole. This year marks the 28th annual award.

VTH seeks nominations from the public between now and September 30. The nomination form is available at <https://www.vetshouse.org/veteran-of-the-year-application/> and can be requested by emailing [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or calling 508-992-5313 x 2. Completed forms can be emailed to [info@vetshouse.org](mailto:info@vetshouse.org) or mailed to Veterans Transition House, 1297 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. If you know a veteran who is deserving of special recognition, VTH encourages the submission of your nomination as soon as possible.

The Award will be announced in October and presented at a special event sponsored by BankFive. Profishant, Inc., Vantage in Philan-

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The 27th Veteran of the Year Award (2022) was presented to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rachel Mann, USA (Ret). Ms. Mann deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2013. While serving with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, she sustained an injury to her right foot which resulted in an amputation. Ms. Mann retired after 11 years of service. Due to a microvascular condition, Ms. Mann courageously had her left foot amputated in 2020 and turned her experience into a way to serve disabled veterans, youth and adults. She serves as vice president of Mission Working Dogs and performs outreach with the Spaulding Adaptive Sports Center.

The 26th Veteran of the Year Award (2021) was presented to Dean

Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence served 21 years in the U.S. Army. He served in Operation Desert Shield from 1990 to 1991, a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia from 2000 to 2001, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. Mr. Lawrence has served the community as a New Bedford police officer for over 20 years.

Founded in 1990 Veterans Transition House has provided more than 3,000 SE Mass. homeless veterans with transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive supportive services. VTH owns seven properties across New Bedford with the capacity to house 85 homeless veterans. An additional 90 veterans and their families are served within a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. Opened in 2021, the new Anthony C. and Salvatore H. Alfiero Outreach Center is staffed with licensed clinicians and outreach staff to serve more than 1,500 veterans in our community who are at risk of becoming homeless, experiencing food insecurity, in need of human services, and require assistance with healthcare and employment. Visit [www.vetshouse.org](http://www.vetshouse.org) to learn more or to make a tax-deductible donation.



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**FRANKIE: cont'd from page 10**

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*Best, Frankie*

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Comments and letters can be sent to Frankie at [dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email [neighbnews@comcast.net](mailto:neighbnews@comcast.net), request their name be added to the email list or visit [www.neighbnews.com](http://www.neighbnews.com) to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 9/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Conservation Comm

Tues., 9/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Economic Development

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

#### Select Board

Mon., 9/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 9/19, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Sept. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	1	0931	2154	0301*	1531*
Saturday	2	1020	2243	0346*	1618*
Sunday	3	1109	2332	0426*	1659*
Monday	4	----	1201	0503*	1741
Tuesday	5	0026	1257	0543	1836
Wednesday	6	0123	1354	0631	2110
Thursday	7	0220	1449	0747	2235
Friday	8	0317	1548	1026	2343
Saturday	9	0420	1654	1148	----
Sunday	10	0528	1754	0034	1239
Monday	11	0620	1839	0118	1321
Tuesday	12	0700	1917	0157	1355
Wednesday	13	0736	1952	0229	1347
Thursday	14	0812	2029	0158	1349
Friday	15	0848	2106	0202	1419
Saturday	16	0926	2144	0230	1455
Sunday	17	1004	2223	0304	1533
Monday	18	1042	2303	0340	1610
Tuesday	19	1124	2347	0416	1649
Wednesday	20	----	1213	0454	1731

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# Young Gracie makes the UMD team

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's own Grace Pacella, well known around town for her big smile, has been chosen to be an official team member of the UMass Dartmouth Women's volleyball team. The two-year commitment was made possible by Team IMPACT, an organization that matches children facing serious illness and disability

with college sports teams, creating a long-term, life-changing experience for everyone involved.

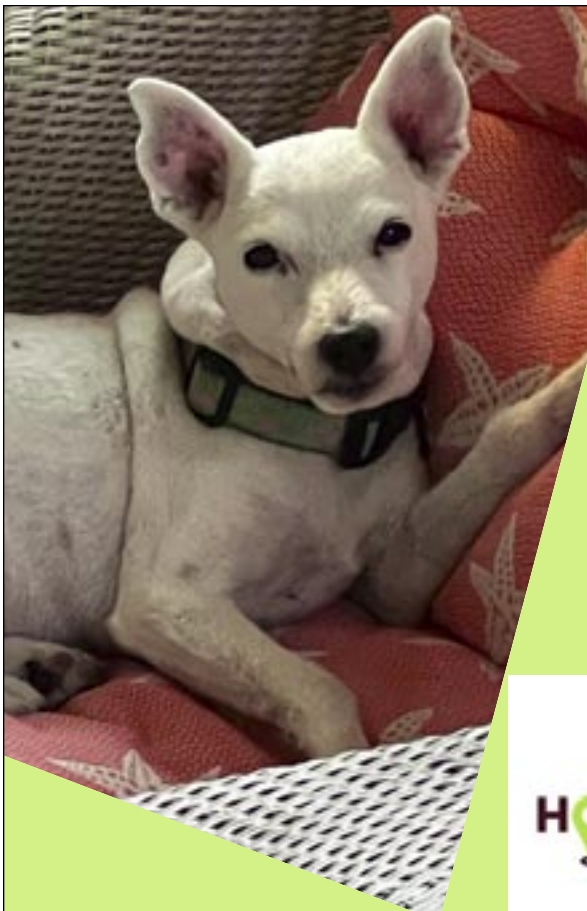
According to Gracie's mom, Pattie, the process involved an application, parent interview and memorandum of understanding for the two-year commitment. Both the college and the family had to commit to Team IMPACT rules, not just to be team member with the college, but to

inspire each other and create relationships.

"The young women, both spring volleyball and now as we are going into Fall volleyball, have welcomed Grace with open arms, getting to know her and her special abilities," said Grace's mom. "They are already in love with her infectious smile and we are happy to be a part of their family as well."



Grace Pacella (CENTER) at her signing day, 8/27/23, with the UMass Dartmouth Women's Volleyball team, a post she got with some help from Team IMPACT. Submitted photo.



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