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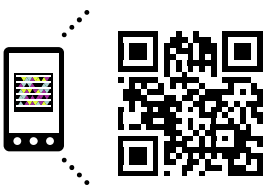
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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)



Fairhaven honors veterans with parade

Volunteers raise
the Big Flag at
Fairhaven High School
during a ceremony
after the Veterans Day
Parade on 11/11/23.
See story on page 12.

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

"The security of the Nation is not at the ramparts alone. Security also lies in the value of our free institutions. A cantankerous press, an obstinate press, a ubiquitous press must be suffered by those in authority in order to preserve the even greater values of freedom of expression and the right of the people to know."

From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh wow. Thanksgiving is next week. How did that happen?

We'll be running our annual shopping issue and going to the big game (see page 3). The football team has been doing great this year, so...look out Dartmouth, the Blue Devils are coming for you!

Fairhaven Town Meeting wrapped up quickly this week, and finally passed the change to make the town clerk appointed instead of elected. It has to go to the voters, next. The big spending bill, to upgrade the treatment plant, also passed. See page 4 for that and more.

Veterans Day was this weekend. Fairhaven had its parade, and Acushnet held its annual ceremony (see page 12). Thank you Jim and Margie for covering for me while I recovered from a cold and couldn't get there myself. Hopefully, I'll be all healed up for the big game on Thanksgiving Day.

Elizabeth DaCunha popped in this week with a story on the Unified Sports Team. See page 14 for that. You remember her, right? She kept us up to date on what was happening during the pandemic when she was a freshman. Now she's a senior! Wow.

And in Acushnet, young Noah Dionne has created a cool Eagle Scout project. See page 13 for how he and his troop are transforming the pollinator garden at the golf course.

And all the holiday stuff is gearing up. See pages 3, 5, 6, 7 for that. And stay tuned each week for more.

There are other fun things in here, of course. Thumb through to find it all. And while you're doing that, be sure to note 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

Bonfire, pep rally, planned before big game on Thanksgiving

Pep Rally/Parade/Bonfire

Fairhaven Gridiron invites the community to a Thanksgiving Eve Pep Rally, Parade and Bonfire., Wed., 11/22. Parade leaves from Fort Phoenix at 5:30 p.m. If you want to join the parade, please arrive at 5:15 to decorate your cars and line up for the parade.

Pep rally to immediately follow at Cushman Park.

This is a community event and all of Fairhaven is invited to attend and support FHS.

The Gridiron Club will be hosting this event with Hot Chocolate and Popcorn.

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Football Team this season and FIRE UP the Blue Devils before their big Thanksgiving Day Game!

For more information or weather cancellation: find us on Facebook or Twitter at Fairhaven Gridiron Blue Devils or on Instagram at FHS Blue Devil Football.

GO BLUE!

The Big Game

The next day, 11/24, at 10 a.m., the

Blue Devils will face their annual Thanksgiving Day Rival, Dartmouth High School, in Dartmouth, Slocum Road facility. All are encouraged to attend.

Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Thanksgiving 5K Turkey Trot, Thurs., 11/23. Gather: 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park near Bridge Street, Fairhaven. Join your family, friends, and neighbors to kick off the holiday on the right foot: running for a reason! Benefits the Shepherd's Pantry and SMEC.

First 400 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$25. Registration for children 10 and under is \$10 online.

Register at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13813>

You may also register in person the day before at the SMEC building, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, and Thanksgiving morning before the race. For more details visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.net> or email fairhaventurkeytrot17@gmail.com.

The traditional course starts at

Cushman Park on Bridge Street in Fairhaven, goes out to Fort Phoenix and returns to the park where it finishes on west end of the track.

Dedication in Honor of Joseph Machado

On Wed., 11/22, at 4 PM. There will be a memorial dedication of the old Fairhaven Boys' Club Gymnasium, currently the Northeast Maritime Institute, 32 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA, in memory of Joseph P. Machado Sr. FBC volunteer, director from 1964-1971. All our welcome to attend.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sun., 11/19, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Parish, 74 Spring St. Fairhaven

Please join with neighbors and friends to share in word, prayer and song as we enter this Thanksgiving season. Faith leaders from First Congregational Church of Fairhaven UCC, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Joseph's Parish will lead the service. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow.

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Fairhaven TM votes to change Town Clerk to appointed

By Beth David
Editor

The third time is the charm, they say. And so it seems for the attempt to change the Fairhaven Town Clerk position from elected to appointed. Town Meeting voted on Tuesday, 11/14/23 to have the change go to a townwide vote in April. The measure failed at the annual TM in May of this year and in 2018. It passed easily on Tuesday, although not without a bit of discussion on both sides.

In 2017 a town clerk study committee recommended the change.

Select Board member Stasia Powers read a statement from former Town Clerk Linda Fredette in favor of the change, arguing it is like any other department head position. But, the Town Clerk has to run for the position every three years.

"We have been very fortunate to be able to elect a qualified person, but our luck will run out some day," said Cathy Melanson. "It's time to leave the past in the past."

Barbara Acksen spoke against the change, saying intelligent voters can ask for the qualifications of those running for the position.

Jessica Fidalgo said it was the responsibility of Town Meeting to forward the matter to voters. Anything that TM is asked about that should go to voters, should be forwarded to a vote, she said.

"If we trust our voters," she said, TM members should allow them to vote.

Cathy Delano said it was important to have an independent professional in the position. She said there was no reason the person had to live in Fairhaven, and that Town Clerks of all the towns get together to develop best practices.

The current acting/interim town clerk, Elisabeth Horan, does not live in Fairhaven. She is serving out the term of the former clerk. If the change does not go to a vote in April, Ms. Horan will have to step down or move to Fairhaven. The Assistant Town Clerk is also not a Fairhaven resident.

"I think this is a no-brainer," said Phil Washko, saying it should go to the voters and it is a professional position.

Kathy Carter said it should remain an elected position because it is a "critical role, especially in this day and time."

"If you really believe the town voters should have a say, then let them vote in April," said Ann Richard, who was on the study committee in 2017.

"I would also like to call the vote [question]," she said.

"You can't do both, but I appreciate the try," said Town Moderator Mark Sylvia.

Eleanor Chew said that TM members were elected by voters in their precincts to represent them, not their personal opinions.

"Let the people decide," said Ms. Chew. "It's their right. Let the voters have their right to vote. Let's keep our personal opinions out of this."

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The vote passed easily. The voters will have to approve the change in a townwide vote.

Article 13 also got a lot of discussion, but also passed in the end with no amendments. It changes some language in the bylaw for the Capital Planning Committee.

Town Accountant Anne Carreiro said the changes were recommended by bond counsel because of conflicts in language with the Town Administrator Act.

Town Counsel Heather White said there was an issue getting a bond approved because of the bylaw wording.

Amy Desalvatore recommended an amendment, but it failed.

Cathy Melanson, who has been on the Capital Planning Committee for a few years, said the changes were just clearing up some language that should have been cleared up before. She said there were a lot of gray areas.

"This clears up all the gray areas," said Ms. Melanson.

The changes passed as presented in the warrant.

TM made quick work of the other 14 articles, adjourning at about 8:12 p.m., for a total of about an hour of deliberation.

The additional \$20 million in borrowing for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant passed with very little discussion.

Public Works superintendent Vinnie Furtado's video presentation included an explanation of the bids, the funding, and the amount of money that will be covered by other sources.

The WWTP needs to be upgraded to include removal of nitrogen, a new requirement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Furtado said they are pursuing a 0% loan, loan forgiveness, and other avenues to ease the burden on ratepayers.

Unfortunately, he said, there are no grants.

"It's an unfunded mandate," he said.

Ms. Desalvatore asked if the cost of a new recycling center is included in the cost estimates, because it will have to be moved to make room for the new/expanded plant.

Mr. Furtado said the costs do not include anything for recycling.

Town Meeting also approved \$75,000 in funding for easements for the Safe Routes to Schools program. Some utility easements are permanent, and some property easements are temporary to allow the work to go on.

The project will cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million, and the town has received a grant to cover the costs. The project will narrow Scoticut Neck Road and add other improvements from David Drown Boulevard to the Wood School.

Town Meeting also authorized the Select Board to enter into an agreement with Solect Energy to build a solar array in the parking lot at the Recreation/Senior Center building.

Town Meeting did not vote on article 15, a citizens petition to reconsider adoption of the nips ban.

Town Moderator Mark Sylvia said he ruled the article out of order because it asks for the Sustainability Committee to reconsider its support of the ban. Mr. Sylvia said it was more appropriate for the measure to be

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FHS Craft Fair

Please join us for our 3rd Annual craft and vendor fair, a fundraiser for the Fairhaven High School PTO and the Fairhaven High School Classes of 2024 & 2025. Fairhaven High School Blue Devil Craft & Vendor Fair, Sat., 11/18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at FHS, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, MA.

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop a variety of gift giving items from handmade Christmas decorations to uniquely knitted hats, scarves, mittens, socks, sweaters of all sizes including infants and children.

Come and enjoy lunch featuring Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and pastries as well as fresh lobster rolls, local scallops and fried chicken. Located at 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, MA where there is handicapped parking and accessibility.

Benoit Sq. Lighting

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual lighting of Benoit Square, on Fri., 12/1, at 6:3 p.m., at the intersection of Main Street and Howland Road, Fairhaven.

The lights will be turned on for the season and we will sing Christmas carols with Mrs. Claus and Friends. And you can even see Santa! Don't miss this fun kickoff to the holiday season.

Holiday Craft Fair

Join the Fairhaven Housing Authority for our first Annual Resident Craft Fair at Oxford Terrace, 275 Main St., Fairhaven, on Sat., 12/2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be door prizes, complimentary Popcorn, Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider. There will also be a baked goods table. Come on out and start or finish your Christmas Shopping.

Vendor & Craft Fair

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School PTO presents a winter craft & vendor market, on Sat., 12/2, at EHMS, 30 School St., Fairhaven, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To benefit all middle school students' enrichment programs. New vendors welcome. Sections are \$40 for 8 feet. Contact Liz, CCMBusiness@

yahoo.com

FHS Light a Light

At the end of the first month (October) of our annual Light-a-Light Fundraiser your FHS Alumni Association has received \$8,700 in donations from 113 alumni and friends of our high school. This puts us about 1/5 of the way towards our goal of \$45,000. Many of the donations have been very generously given in memory of deceased classmates and/or friends.

Our beautiful Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of F.H.S. will be lighted on the day after Thanksgiving with a bulb lit for every \$10 that has been donated, and our Light-a-Light Drive will continue until the end of December.

Donations can be made electronically using our Venmo user name: @FHS-AlumniAssociation or by Zelle using our email address: FHSAlumni12@gmail.com. Checks made out to "FHS Alumni" can be mailed to: FHS Alumni, PO Box 6, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Thank you for your loyalty to your FHS Alumni Association, as well as your generosity in supporting our efforts to support the students and staff of the high school as well as the restoration projects that we undertake.

Leaf Pickup

This year's curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will be from November 7 through December 1. Leaves must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

Leaves will be picked up the day after your regular trash day. After a holiday collection will be one day later. Place leaves in boxes, barrels or paper leaf bags.

NO PLASTIC BAGS. Limit of 25 per stop. Brush and vines are NOT accepted. Contact the Board of Public Works office, 508-979-4031, for further information.

SAVE THE DATE:

Fairhaven Old-Time Holiday

Sat., 12/9, Various Locations. First organized by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism in 1998, the Old-Time Holiday is a cooperative effort between many of the town's non-profit, school, and church groups.

Fairs and marketplaces and other activities are held in the Town Hall, the First Congregational Church, the Unitarian Memorial Church, the Millicent Library, and the Northeast Maritime Institute in the historical center of town. Visitors can shop for arts and crafts, gifts, candy and sweets, food items, and enjoy a breakfast, holiday luncheons, a visits and photos with Santa and more.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/old-time-holiday/>

Support Hometown Filmmaker

Support Fairhaven resident Alyssa Botelho's newest project, SWEET FREEDOM: a short film set in 1839 New Bedford, MA about legendary abolitionist Polly Johnson. A woman who has yet to receive her due credit for sheltering countless escaped slaves, including Frederick Douglass.

With shooting underway now, we need all the help we can get!! If you'd like to help make this film a reality, please contribute here: <https://igg.me/at/sweetfreedom>

Tour Guides Needed

If you are confident speaking to groups in public, are able to communicate clearly, and are interested in local history, you might be just who the Fairhaven Office of Tourism is looking for. Tourism Director Chris Richard is looking for a few good people who could serve as volunteer guides or presenters for some of the walking tours and historical programs that his office provides to the public from spring through the fall. Don't worry about whether or not you know about Fairhaven history. That can be learned quite easily. More important is the ability to capture the attention of the audience and give them a fun and informative experience.

The Office of Tourism provides regularly scheduled public tours from late spring to early fall. Custom tours are also arranged throughout the year for groups including school classes, clubs, assisted living groups, scout troops and other organizations.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide, you may email Chris Richard at fairhaventours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call him at 508-979-4085.

Open Studios

Discover the creativity of local artists while doing your holiday shopping! You and your family are invited to visit three floors and two buildings of fine art / fine craft spaces at Hatch Street Studios, the longest-running professional art community in New Bedford.

Experience the talents of more than 50 creatives working in textiles, ceramics, wood, photography, painting, and more. This annual celebration includes exhibits, live music, food, demonstrations, and guest vendors.

Open three days: Friday, November 17 from 5 to 8 PM; Saturday, November 18 from 10 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday, November 19, 11 AM to 5 PM. Free admission, free parking, and staffed elevator available. We look forward to seeing you there! Hatchstreetstudios.com

Join us over at 88 & 90 Hatch Street New Bedford, MA 02745, bring your holiday shopping list, and support our local artists.

Turkey Shoot

Join us for a target shoot on Sun., 11/19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., NB. \$1/lucky targe/3 shots. All ages accepted, no license required. Door prices, auction, 50/50 raffle, food, fun prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities. Visit <https://www.nbrrc.com/>.

Shooting: 25 targets per relay, prizes awarded to the highest score per relay. So, there are prizes all day long. Children's sized rifles and ammunition supplied.

Dock-U-Mentary

Our free Dock-u-mentary series has returned! Hosted in partnership with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Dock-u-mentaries are hosted every third Friday at 7:00pm at the National Park auditorium at 33 William Street through March. They feature a wide-range of documentaries and films, with the majority focusing on commercial fishing and the working waterfront. On November 17, we will be screening the Nigerian fantasy film, *Mami Wata*, a critically acclaimed film that was featured at the Sundance Film Festival

and explores the relationship between people and water. *Mami Wata* is a special tie-in with our exhibit, Sea Monsters: Real and Imagined.

Orient Express

Your Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," at the new Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St., New Bedford, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on 11/17 & 18, and 11/24 & 25; Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m. on 11/18 & 19, and 11/25 & 26. Tickets: Gen Admission, \$25; Military, seniors, students, \$22. Pay at door. Run time, 2:30. To make reservations please call 508-993-0772 or email BoxOffice@yourtheatre.org. Card to Culture Program: Admission for EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders, is up to 2 tickets per eligible card for each Regular Production, \$5.00 per person

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer - in case he or she decides to strike again. This is the first Major Production at our new home Steeple Playhouse!

Free Open Rehearsal

Join the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra for a free open rehearsal on Fri., 11/17, 4-6:30 p.m. at Bronsiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. Visit <https://nbsymphony.org>

Seating is general admission, and no tickets or RSVP are required. Voluntary donations will be accepted at the door. Please note that this is a working rehearsal, and pieces may not be played in their entirety. A 20-minute break usually occurs between 5 and 5:30. Please save your applause for the end of pieces and/or rehearsal as to not interfere with the rehearsal process.

Short Plays Marathon

Sat., 11/18, 2-10 p.m., New Bedford Whaling Museum Cook Memorial Theatre, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.

The Culture*Park Short Plays Marathon features a mix of 27 short plays or solo narratives by local, regional and global playwrights, including 50+actors and directors. Plays are presented as staged readings. Tickets are \$10. half day, \$20. full event, and will be sold at the door throughout the Short Plays Marathon. Full event line-up is listed on www.culturepark.org and [culturepark on facebook!](https://www.facebook.com/culturepark)

Voc-Tech Open House

Join us for our Open House and Middle School Presentation! Sun., 11/19, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02745

Discover what makes our high school special and get a glimpse of our innovative programs. You'll have the chance to: Tour our campus and classrooms; Meet our dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators; Learn about our extracurricular activities; Attend an informative presentation

Current students and families can meet with teachers 12:00pm-3:00pm

Whether you're a prospective student or a parent, this is the perfect opportunity to see all that our school has to offer. Don't miss it!

SAVE THE DATE:

A New England Nutcracker

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of *A New England Nutcracker* Dec. 9, at 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Keith Middle School Auditorium, 225 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, MA. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season.

Buy tickets at www.newbedfordballet.org. Contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Jewelry Sale

Friends of the Mattapoissett Library 2023 Annual Jewelry & Accessory Sale, Sat., 11/18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Member preview, Fri., 11/17, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at the Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoissett. Not a member yet? You can join at the preview sale or by picking up a form at the library. Membership good through December 2024. Donations accepted during library hours.

Membership forms are available at the circulation desk at the library.

Plymouth Parade

Sat., 11/18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pilgrim Memorial State Park, 79 Water St, Plymouth, MA.

The Saturday morning celebration festivities begin at 9:00am with Opening Ceremonies, the parade steps off at The Plymouth Rock at 10:00am on the Plymouth Mass. historic waterfront with an opening ceremony featuring a variety of top-quality entertainment.

For more than 25 years, hundreds of thousands of people from all walks of life have traveled to the historic Plymouth Waterfront to experience a bounty of authentic Americana through our Thanksgiving parade.

The celebration of Thanksgiving becomes history-brought-to-life as Pilgrims, Native Americans, Soldiers, Patriots, and Pioneers proudly climb out of the history books and onto the streets of Plymouth.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to join us now and become a part of the biggest event celebrating our history. This year's parade will once again be televised LIVE on WCVB.

Visit <https://usathanksgiving.com/events/parade/>

Craft Fair

Avoid mall parking lots! Don't get stuck in holiday traffic! Instead join the Mattapoissett Museum for our annual Craft Fair at 5 Church Street, Mattapoissett on Sat., 11/18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Shop for unique gifts – local, one-of-a-kind items. There will be a large selection of handmade creations available: art, notecards, glass, woolens, photography, jewelry, leather goods, food, and more.

Call 508-758-2844 or email curator@mattapoissettmuseum.org

Buoy a Tree Lighting

Help the Mattapoissett YMCA decorate our buoy tree. \$100 per buoy. Purchase your buoy, decorate, and return the buoy to the YMCA by November 30th.

Then join us for the lighting on Thurs., 12/7, from 5–7:30 p.m. at the Y, 38 Reservation Road, Mattapoissett, for a night of holiday festivities, beer and wine, food and family-friendly crafts and activities.

Your participation will ensure that your neighbors, friends and families all have access to the Y programs regardless of their financial circumstances.

Holiday Craft Fair

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd, Mattapoissett, Sun., 11/18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Art, Jewelry, Candles, Handcrafted Gifts & More!

Kids table to write “Letters to Santa”.

No entry fee. Accepting donations of non perishables to donate to a local pantry.

Theater Group

The MAC Readers' Theater Group will present a series of poems, skits, short stories, and excerpts on Monday, November 20 at 1:00pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center. This free event is open to all, with no registration required to attend the reading. For a small fee, guests can also enjoy lunch beforehand at 12:00pm. Those interested in joining the lunch must register by Friday, November 17 at 12:00pm. To register for lunch, contact the Community Center at 508-748-3570. The Community Center is located at 465 Mill Street (Rt. 6) in Marion. View online at marionartcenter.org/events.

The members of the MAC Readers' Theater Group volunteer their time to bring the theater experience to spaces outside of the Marion Art Center walls, in line with the MAC's mission to provide accessible programming to all. Would you like the group to present to your organization or perform in your space? Interested in participating in the readings? Email info@marionartcenter.org with “readers' theater” in the subject line.

SAVE THE DATES:

Bike Run/Toy Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club and the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/ Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/26. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation** (no stuffed animals please), **or non-perishable food donation** gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

Wreath Sale

The Friends of the Acushnet Public Library are presenting a WREATH sale on Sat., 11/25, from 10 a.m. to noon, on the Acushnet Public Library's Deck, 232 Middle Road, Acushnet.

Wreaths will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. 12-inch decorated wreath, \$30

Free Watercolor Class

Jim Parker, whose folk art watercolors are on display at the Mattapoissett Library during the month of November, will be providing instruction on how to paint a watercolor of the historic SouthCoast on Sunday, November 26. Parker has painted hundreds of paintings, and his goals and motivations for his folk art paintings are to recreate historic events, sites, and people's activities.

By illustrating the past, each painting supplements our history rather than just reading about it in a book. There will be two sessions: one for children from ages 6 – 12 (must be accompanied by an adult) from 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm and the other for teens and adults from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Sketch pencils, erasers, and watercolor paper will be provided and Parker's expertise and suggestions will be available to all. Attendees can then bring their masterpieces home and paint their sketches. Suggestions for what paints and brushes to use will be offered. Free to all.

At the library, 7 Barstow St., Mattapoissett.

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Kool KidS Thanksgiving Half day program Nov 20 & 21

Children can come to the Rec after school and do their homework, enjoy a snack and play a variety of games. Transportation from the schools to the rec center is provided.

Time 12pm-4pm. Instructor Fairhaven Rec staff. Cost \$25. a day for members \$30. a day for non-members.

Please note only elementary schools have half days Nov 20 & 21.

Pre-registration is required due to staffing, no drop ins allowed.

Registration deadline is Nov 15th.

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Start: Dec 2nd. End Jan 20th
Grades 1-4 8am-9am, Grades 5-8 9am-10am Saturdays at the rec Must pre register.

Kool Kids Christmas Vacation

This 4 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pilo pollo, floor hockey, dodgeball and arts and crafts. Kids need to bring their own lunch and snacks as well as a water bottle as we only have a water bottle filler. Come ready to have fun. Children will enjoy a pizza party on the last day of the program.

Grades K-6 Dates 12/26-12/29
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Fairhaven Council on Aging

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

Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$2. To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 11/22, Warwick Mall; 11/29, So. Shore Plaza; 12/6, Twin River Casino; 12/13, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 12/20, Warwick Mall.

Technology Classes

Smartphone apps for seniors. Must have Android phone. Nov. 13 & 15. Call 508-979-4029.

Memory Cafe

Nov. 30, 11:30-1:30. Please call to reserve a spot by 11/27.

A Memory Cafe is a gathering that

individuals with early to moderate Alzheimer's or other memory loss and their care partner, family or friends can attend. It's a time and place where everyone can interact, find support, establish friendships and share concerns without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood.

Entertainment will be Tony & Pat. Lunch will be turkey with gravy.

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Walking Schedule

Walk with friends at the Rec Center gym next door from 12:30-1 p.m., Monday-Friday. FREE

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The Fairhaven Senior Center is looking for volunteers to assist with various positions, including front desk, serving/cleaning at Supper Clubs, food box deliery, newsletter delivery.

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Recipe of the Week

Candied Yams with Honey & Brown Sugar

2 pounds sweet potatoes or yams, peeled and sliced into 1/2-inch thick rounds
 3 tbsps extra-virgin olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/2 tsp freshly cracked black pepper
 1/4 cup honey
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/3 cup chopped pecans
 Flaky salt, for serving (like maldon)

Preheat the oven to 450° with a rack in the center position. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil.

Toss the sweet potatoes on the prepared sheet pan with the olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread the sweet potatoes out in an even layer. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the bottoms are starting to brown.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, warm the honey, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg over medium-low heat, stirring often, until the brown sugar dissolves, about 2 minutes.

Remove the sheet pan from the oven, then brush the sweet potatoes with half of the honey mixture. Flip the sweet potatoes and brush with the remaining honey mixture. Sprinkle with the pecans and return the sweet potatoes to the oven. Roast for another 8-10 minutes, or until the sweet potatoes are browned and caramelized. Sprinkle with flaky salt to serve.



torso. My dad was a runner, so he takes great pride in Gillian's accomplishments in track.

I, on the other hand, have no athletic abilities. I'm a basset/corgi mix with a body built for comfort: short legs, a thick middle, and a stomach that hangs and sways when I walk.

My dad and I are fanatic football fans. We have caught every game in the last eight years when one of our teams played at the stadium or was on TV. My love of the game and companionship has been a great source of pleasure for my dad. But nothing close to the pleasure he gets

Dear Frankie

Measuring Up

Dear Frankie,
 My sister Gillian holds the record in our state for track. Why not? She's a whippet/greyhound mix with a body built for speed: long and lean legs, narrow hips, and a sleek

from Gillian's success.

Terrance

Dear Terrance,

Why can't you accept your father enjoys you and Gillian for your different strengths and qualities and leave it at that?

I think you are selling yourself short. It's not easy to find a suitable companion whose company you enjoy over time and who also shares your passion. Look at the 50% percent divorce rate in America. Many couples tire of one another after a few years.

Do you think your dad would have adopted you if he was looking for an athlete or adopted Gillian if he was looking for a buddy who was content to be a spectator?

He adopted each of you because you were different and had unique qualities, and the first time he saw you, you touched his heart. As my mother used to say, "Terrance, Enjoy yourself already, and stop making trouble."

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven, Acushnet recognize Veterans

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven honored veterans with its annual Veterans Day parade on 11/11/23. The parade began at Benoit Square and marched down Main Street to Fairhaven High School for the raising of the Big Flag and a ceremony.

Speakers included Fairhaven's new Veterans Services Officer Michael

Jenney; US Navy Senior Chief Larry Jones; and Fairhaven Select Board Chairperson Leon Correy.

The video will be available at FairhavenTV.com in the coming days, under Fairhaven Community Media.

Acushnet also held its annual ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on Main Street at Pope Park. The program included remarks by Selectboard chairperson Kevin

Gaspar; patriotic music by bagpipers and the Ford Middle School choir, as well as recorded music; the pledge of allegiance; laying of the wreath; a flyover by a US Coast Guard helicopter; and a moment of silence for a veteran who died this year.

The video is available on the town's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS42-7Tr2vY>



ABOVE LEFT: Veterans of the US Navy march in the Fairhaven Veterans Day parade on 11/11/23. ABOVE MIDDLE: Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer Michael Jenney speaks during the ceremony after the parade. *Photos courtesy of James Mahaney.* ABOVE RIGHT: Chuck "Hell On Wheels" Cromwell rides his scooter in the Fairhaven Veterans Day Parade on 11/11/23. *Photo by Margie Green Joseph.* BELOW LEFT & RIGHT: Members of Fairhaven Boy Scout Pack 52 and Troop 52 march in the parade. BOTTOM LEFT: The Rolling Thunder Motorcycle club makes sure POWs and MIAs are not forgotten with this float in the parade. BOTTOM MIDDLE: Veterans of The U.S. Coast Guard march in the parade. *Photos by Margie Green Joseph.* BOTTOM RIGHT: US Navy Senior Chief Larry Jones speaks during the ceremony after the parade. *Photo courtesy of James*



Eagle Scout project cleans up approach to golf course

By Beth David
Editor

People tend to agree that the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course is a town gem. So, when the approach to the course got overgrown and unsightly, something had to be done.

Some years ago, a couple of volunteers, Merilee Kelly and Cynda Williams, created a pollinator garden at the turn from Main Street to go to the course. Over the years, the site has become overgrown. Boy Scout Troop 11 used the site off and on for their service hours, but there was not a concerted effort for its upkeep.

The Golf Committee contemplated mowing it all down because it was not a good look for the town's gem.

Seventeen-year-old Noah Dionne said....not so fast.

The Eagle Scout candidate advocated before the appropriate boards to get permission to spruce up the lot. The town agreed to let the Boy Scouts give it a try.

Mr. Dionne said the weeds were eight feet high and very thick. He said he did not want to lose the spot as a place for the Scouts to get in some service hours. If the two women were no longer able to maintain the site, he thought, the Scouts should do it.

"So I decided to do it as my Eagle Scout project and bring the garden back to life," said Mr. Dionne.

All of Troop 11 mobilized to make the transformation a reality.

"We shrunk it a little," said Mr. Dionne. "But it's still a pollinator garden."

He carefully chose plants that will bloom at different times to keep the various pollinators busy. It will also keep the Scouts busy. They will maintain the garden, using it for their service hours.

"It was a nice place for hours," said Mr. Dionne, adding that it will be again. "For generations of scouts, hopefully."

A group of his fellow Scouts helped him out on the project on a bright Saturday morning, November 4. They pulled up old weeds, planted new flowers, painted the bench and chairs; and installed a pretty cool looking steel gate in front of the gravel walkway.

"It was all just five-foot weeds," said Mr. Dionne.

The Scouts also got a couple of old chairs and a bench, and fixed them up, painted them so people can sit and enjoy the garden.

"We repurposed old stuff," he said.

Most of the flowers, mulch, and other stuff was donated by area



Eagle Scout candidate Noah Dionne plants a Key Lime Mum in the pollinator garden at the approach to the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course on 11/4/23, as part of his Eagle Scout project. Photo by Beth David.

businesses.

Future plans include a tool shed and replacing some of the statues that mysteriously disappeared.

"They were stolen," said Mr. Dionne.

He said he wants the space to be welcoming to the public. He wants people to go, sit, enjoy the space. And, if they want to pull some weeds while they are there, "feel free."

"I want it to be a place anyone can come," said Mr. Dionne.

The golf course is owned by the town and the pollinator garden is open to the public.



ABOVE LEFT: The pollinator garden at the approach to the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course has lots of new plantings like these planted by Troop 11 as part of Noah Dionne's Eagle Scout project on 11/4/23. LEFT: A variety of colorful seating will make people feel welcome in the pollinator garden. ABOVE: The garden sports a nifty new steel gate installed by Troop 11. Photos by Beth David.

DaCunha's

Dispatches

News from the high school world

By Elizabeth DaCunha



Special to the Neigh News

Hello Everyone! Welcome back to DaCunha's Dispatches.

Although the weather is getting colder, I have a heartwarming story to share about the Fairhaven Unified Basketball Team.

Special Education teacher Ms. Allaire and Phys. Ed. teacher Ms. Stahowiak combined forces to create the Unified Sports Program a few years back, bringing the opportunity for inclusive sports to Fairhaven High. This program has helped the school promote inclusion, empowerment, and camaraderie amongst the athletes and mentors.

The school community, along with town members, came together on Wednesday, 11/1 to support our Unified Basketball team on their Senior Night against Old Rochester Regional High School.

Coach and Program Leader Ms. Allaire reflected on her players' performance saying, "Everyone played really well, and worked hard. The mentors and athletes have come together to play as a true unified team, and I'm proud of all of them and this amazing season."

I spoke to several of the Unified athletes who shared what it felt like to

play their last game of the season, and for some, their last Unified Basketball game ever.

Senior Maddie Moura reminisced on her Senior Night: "Seeing the community come and support me was exciting and made me want to play my hardest. My teammates and I had a great time and worked well together."

A top scorer for the Blue Devils this season, Isaiah Benoit, shared that, "Everyone felt included, the fans were amazing, and I miss the seniors already."

Austin Gooden spoke on the rollercoaster of emotions felt by the players Wednesday night: "I thought last night was fun. I was excited to play, especially because there was a lot of hype around the game. Seeing so many people from school and the community supporting my team made me feel really special."

It's true. The smiles that lit up everyone's face when our home team scored, the high fives shared between our players in between quarters of the game, and the loud cheers of support from the crowd filled the gym with an energy and excitement that makes the Fairhaven Unified Program

so special.

Senior mentor Taylor Desmarais stated: "Getting to play on this amazing team has been such an honor. I'm so sad it's come to an end."

But, although the Unified Basketball season has finished, the opportunity for inclusivity at Fairhaven continues through the Unified Club and Unified Spring Track Season that is available for all students to participate in.

Within the Unified Club, students from the Special Ed. programs are able to engage in different fun activities such as making paper snowflakes around the winter holidays, and Bingo or Trivia Night with mentoring students of the Fairhaven community.

Similar to the Unified Basketball program, the Unified Track team has allowed for the program to further develop as it gives our Unified athletes the chance to take part in sports for multiple seasons, and build even greater bonds with the student mentors. The team participates in various track competition events ranging from shotput to the 400m.

Overall, the Unified Program has become an asset to the Fairhaven

community, bringing us together in a way that celebrates each and every individual's differences. Although the Bulldogs pulled out a win over the Blue Devils by the skin of their teeth, Ms. Stahowiak noted that, "If you had fun, you won."

And so, the Blue Devil Unified Athletes have won in our hearts, and have accomplished the greatest victory of all by changing what inclusion means at Fairhaven High forever.

Until next time,
Elizabeth DaCunha



Members of the Fairhaven Unified Basketball Team pose for a photo on their Senior Night, 11/1/23, when they lost to ORR. Photo courtesy of Angela Allaire.

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taken to the Sustainability Committee, not Town Meeting because it asked for no action from TM. The contract would be for 25-30 years.

Town Meeting also

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- Approved a transfer of \$395,959.45 from sewer retained earnings to

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- Authorized a contract for water storage tank maintenance;
- Approved \$70,000 from free cash to replace the fire alarm panel in Town Hall;
- Approved \$12,700 to purchase eight poll pads for the elections

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- Amended the FY23 Whitfield Manjiro Cultural Center project to include exterior renovations, with no additional funding;
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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

• **Public Hearing – Stormwater – Robert Roderiques/Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15, Lot 372.** A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by Robert Roderiques for property located at Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15 Lot 372. The applicant proposes to construct four (4) residential homes with driveways and stormwater management facilities. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schnieder, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Site Plan Village Green at Hayes Street & Garfield Street dated July 28, 2023.

Patrick J. Hannon, Conservation Agent
FNN 11/16/23

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

The following public hearing will be held

1. **Case #2023.11.21A** A case of Brett & Sarah Pelletier, of 45 Mayflower Road, who is petitioning the Board for a special permit for an accessory apartment to be included in the construction of a single-family dwelling located on Tripp's Way (assessor's plat 8, lot 25). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.4B.

*** Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours ***

FNN, 11/9/23, 11/16/23

FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday November 28, 2023, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home **Log on to:**

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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following application: **SP23-09** – 240B LLC Bridge Street. The applicant, Carricorp Industries, LTD., is requesting approval through the Special Permit review process to build a 5,850 sq. ft. commercial style building. The proposed site is located at Fairhaven Map 30A, Lots 87 & 87A.

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

Cathy Melanson, Chair, Planning Board
FNN: 11/9/23, 11/16/23

Request for Proposal Town of Fairhaven

146 Washington Street
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Is accepting proposals (RFPs) for Ambulance Billing and Collection Services. Specifications can be obtained on or after November 1, 2023, at the Fairhaven Fire Department office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Requests for specifications can also be requested via email at fireadmin@fairhaven-ma.gov.

The Town of Fairhaven reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Proposal submission will be closed on November 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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From our readers

Support the Food Pantry

This is to remind people that the 23rd annual Shepherd's Pantry holiday fundraiser is now going on.

The Shepherd's Pantry serves around 90 families each Saturday between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet. However, at this time of year, the total number of families who come by looking for help increases dramatically.

This particular fund raiser receives monetary donations that the pantry's dedicated volunteers use to restock the shelves of food items that are running low or are out of completely. With the pantry's monthly expenditures that run in the thousands of dollars in food purchases, you can clearly see the need for this yearly venture.

In all of the years that this tradition has been continuing during both Thanksgiving and Christmas, thousands of dollars have been collected to augment the donated non-perishable food that is given out each week to the area's needy

families.

If folks would like to help, please send your tax-deductible contributions to the Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Together, we can make a difference for the less fortunate.

Gerry Payette, Director/
Shepherd's Pantry

The Great American Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout is Thursday, November 16 — a great day to remind friends, co-workers and family about quitting smoking or vaping. Developed by the American Cancer Society, the Great American Smokeout is a day for people who use tobacco and nicotine to start their journey toward a nicotine-free life. It is a perfect opportunity to think about quitting and its many benefits — physically, mentally, and financially, and maybe even plan a quit attempt.

Remember, quitting can take many tries and help is always available for anyone who uses tobacco or nicotine and who wants to quit, whether on November 16 or at any other time.

Stopping smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco or nicotine products takes time and courage. Encourage people to take the first step by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) to talk with a FREE quit coach or by enrolling online at mass.gov/quitting. 1-800-QUIT-NOW is Massachusetts' tobacco and nicotine Quitline. The Quitline is open 24 hours each day, seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) and experienced coaches are ready to help. They'll share strategies to curb cravings, handle life's big and small stresses, and tackle relapses.

In addition, 1-800-QUIT-NOW has a dedicated Spanish line (1-855-DÉJELO-YA) and interpreter services are available for 200 other languages, so language doesn't need to be a barrier to getting support. And specialized supports are available for people who use menthol products, for pregnant people and for people facing mental health challenges.

Thanks for supporting people who use tobacco and nicotine on November 16 and any time. Quitting

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can take repeated attempts and it all starts by taking the first step. With the help of the Quitline and your support during the Great American Smokeout, anyone can become tobacco and nicotine free, beginning a journey to better health.

To see a video about the Massachusetts Quitline, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C55YK8rryNA>. Visit mass.gov/quitting for more information and to access online or phone support.

Contact Colleen Kennedy-Mello at the Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, ckennedy@sevenhills.org, to learn more about the impact tobacco has on your community.

Colleen Kennedy-Mello, M.Ed. (she/her), Program Manager, Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

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Community Preservation

Thurs., 11/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 11/20, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 11/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/13, Media Ctr/Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 11/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

Thurs., 11/16, Library, 12:30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	Nov. 2023	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	16	0939	2209	0232*	1518*
Friday	17	1031	2304	0321*	1603*
Saturday	18	1129	----	0409	1653
Sunday	19	0007	1232	0507	1759
Monday	20	0109	1332	0628	1917
Tuesday	21	0207	1431	0757	2025
Wednesday	22	0308	1535	0929	2130
Thursday	23	0411	1638	1056	2233*
Friday	24	0507	1731	1150*	2320*
Saturday	25	0554	1817	----	1237*
				----	2359*
Sunday	26	0637	1901	----	1327*
Monday	27	0721	1946	0037*	1415*
Tuesday	28	0806	2032	0117	1447
Wednesday	29	0852	2119	0159	1507
Thursday	30	0937	2205	0239	1529

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Obituary



Ernest C. Lizotte

After a brief illness, our family regrets to announce the loss of our Pa, Ernest C. Lizotte, 92, of Fairhaven.

Born in New Bedford, to Loretta Cruz (Vient) and Ernest Lizotte, Ernest was a proud resident of Fairhaven for more than 60 years.

At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Upon graduation from communication technical school, he was assigned overseas where he honorably served his country during the Korean War.

After his military enlistment, he moved home to marry Mary A. Lizotte (Candage, predeceased). They had a long and happy marriage with a kindness and respect for each other that prospered throughout their lives which included raising their son, Jeffrey F. Lizotte of Florida.

Ernest worked meticulously for 35+ years as a custodian for the town of Fairhaven where he proudly worked to restore, maintain, and clean the town's middle school then town hall until his retirement in 2018.

He was actively involved in his community. To this day, his name is still very familiar to many Fairhaven residents who have fond memories of he and his wife as avid volunteers with The Fairhaven Drum and Bugle Corps.

A true patriot, he was an active and devoted member of the American Legion for more than 60 years. Not only did he travel the state serving in a variety of roles (Past Post Cmdr., Past Bristol County Cmdr., Past Dept. Aide to the Cmdr., and Dept. Vice Cmdr.), but he also traveled the country committing to the Legion's mission of taking care of those who served.

Ernie spent his retirement years deeply gratified with being surrounded by his grandchildren, Jeff E. Lizotte of Savannah, MO and Donna L. Gibson and spouse, Derek Gibson of Rochester, MA. He truly enjoyed every moment he spent with his family: From a bud or a white zin on the cottage porch, or a Sunday drive around town with his grandson Jeff, to attending breakfast, running errands, and visiting his granddaughter's house in Rochester, Ernie felt truly blessed being around loved ones.

Watching his great grandchildren Derek, Nathan, and Andrew Gibson of MA and Cheyenne Stocking and Ashlie Lizotte of MO grow was the highlight of his life. He was so proud

of them.

The coldest hockey rink, the rainiest Friday night of high school football, and the longest baseball game would not stop him from an event where his great grandsons played, nor would he miss an opportunity to visit with his great granddaughter. He relished Saturday breakfasts with Nathan, and showed patience for teaching everything he could to all of his great grandchildren.

He always enjoyed playing tour guide and restaurateur to his beloved Maryland family, specifically finding a good bowl of New England Clam Chowder for Denise.

Whether you called him Pa, Ernie, Uncle, or Mr. Lizotte, or whether you knew him recently or years ago, he always left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was reliable, giving, helpful, and kind. All that knew him were better for it. He will be sorely missed.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven.

His visitation will be at 10am on Monday, November 20, 2023 with a funeral service following at 11am at Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Burial will be immediately after at Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA. For memorial register or facility directions please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

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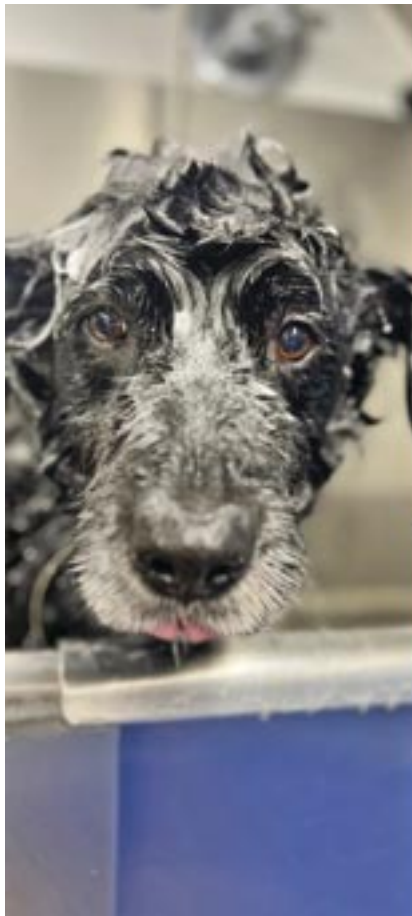
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