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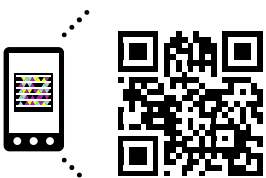
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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

So, ugly racists have struck in Fairhaven. Someone painted “F... N—rs” on the Rogers School (see page 4).

That bullshit should have no home here.

But, they are among us.

This stuff goes beyond hurtful. When this stuff rears its ugly head it makes people unsafe, real people, individuals who also live among us. That’s not okay.

When this stuff rears its ugly head, it hurts the psyche of the whole community. And that’s not easy to heal. That’s not okay.

When this stuff rears its ugly head, it can escalate. This....must...not...happen. When this stuff rears its ugly head, every single one of us must stomp on it and shove it back into its ugly little hole.

This stuff is not okay. It will never be okay. And we can’t tolerate it for even two seconds. There is no mitigating anything to look for here. If it truly ends up being people too young or too stupid to know how bad this was, then they need just as much ass-kicking as a white supremacist who knows exactly what he’s doing.

This is not okay.

We all need to have the courage to call it out when we see it and be a little humble when we miss it.

Meanwhile, I hope the people who were targeted by the hate are able to find others in the community who are not like that.

I personally, did not reach out to anyone. I had no clue what they were even talking about.

So, a little reminder: Facebook is random, people. Stop acting like if it’s on FB, we all know about it. We don’t.

On another note....the FHS football team is headed to the superbowl at Gillette Stadium on 11/30. See page 5 for that.

This is, of course, our annual Shopping with the Neighb News issue. Please support our advertisers. This paper costs more than \$1,000 a week, yes WEEK, to produce. We need them. We need you, too.

You all have a great Thanksgiving.

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

Holiday Happenings

Help Decorate Benoit Square Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year again!! The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be decorating our wonderful Benoit Square this coming Saturday, 11/25, at 9:00 a.m., 267 Adams St. (at the merger of Adams and Main Street at Howland Road).

If you have the following, please bring them with you: drill, step ladder, mallet.

Many hands make light work. Please join us.

The official lighting of the square will be on Friday, 12/1.

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

Spinner Authors

Small Business Saturday Book Sale & Author Signing! Sat., 11/25, Gallery X, 169 William St., New Bedford, 2-5 p.m.

Get your holiday shopping done and meet the authors of some of your favorite Spinner books. John K. Bullard, Catherine McLaughlin, David Cole, Joseph Thomas, & Jay Avila will all be on hand signing and personalizing books for everyone on your gift list!

This event is free and open to the public, no reservations or tickets required.

A wide array of books from Spinner's catalog will be available for

purchase including: *Hometown; Blue Collars; Paul Cuffe: His Purpose, Partners & Properties; A Picture History of New Bedford, Vol. 2; A Picture Postcard History of Fairhaven; Branded On My Arm & In My Soul;* and many more!

For questions contact Spinner Publications: spinner@spinnerpub.com, 508-994-4564

At the Mansion

The following events take place at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, 396 County St., New Bedford. Visit rjdmuseum.org

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon Tea in the Parlors, Tues., 11/28. Seatings at 2pm & 4pm


Enjoy tea and scones in the festively decorated double parlors of the mansion. Festive dress is encouraged. Your fee includes tea, desserts, and admission to the Museum. Tickets are \$25 for RJD Museum Members and \$30 for others. Advance reservations are required.

Nativity Scene

Fairhaven resident and artist, Luis

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Fairhaven SB addresses racist graffiti; penalizes Rasputin's

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Select Board welcomed six new firefighters, assessed penalties for violations at Rasputin's Tavern, and addressed racist graffiti at Rogers School at its meeting on 11/20/23. Someone painted "F... N—rs" on the Rogers School building a couple of weeks ago.

SB Chairperson Leon Correy started the meeting by thanking people who reached out to him and his family after the incident.

SB member Charlie Murphy ready a statement addressing the racist graffiti at the beginning of the meeting.

"This form of blatant hatred will not be tolerated in our town," said Mr. Murphy. "We can not and will not tolerate any form of hatred and to further marginalize people, more particularly as it relates to racist and sexist acts."

He said the incident speaks to the greater issue of acceptance and inclusiveness.

"We should not accept comments made upon leaders because of the color of their skin or their gender," said Mr. Murphy. "We are not that type of people."

Mr. Murphy also invoked the memories of his late mother, Kathleen Kobza Murphy; local author and activist, the late Myra Lopes; town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers who was noted for his generosity to Hellen Keller and other disadvantaged people; and Booker T Washington, who had a friendship with HHR.

SB member Bob Espindola also addressed the issue at the beginning. He said he reached out to people and learned about a variety of resources, most notably NotInOurTown.org, which offers a variety of resources, including toolkits to address hate crimes.

Mr. Espindola said although it is not always adolescents, it often is, and he said they should reach out to the school department and especially the School Resource Officer to provide more education.

Fairhaven Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison told the board that she addressed the racist graffiti with department heads, asking them to read the book, "White Fragility," by

Robin DiAngelo.

Ms. Ellison said when something like this happens in a community, it is important to address it. Anything can be explained away she said, but it should not be. If an abled bodied person can navigate a difficult road, no one argues it is okay to say that the disabled person should be able to as well.

She said the community has to let people know "it is not okay for our community."

Ms. Ellison said she has been surprised at the support she has received since the incident. Some people are reading the book, she said, and want to talk about it after they are done.

She said she hopes the community

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is open to and says "this is not okay."

"My biggest concern is not what happens when I am in the room," said Ms. Ellison. "It's what happens when I'm not."

Mr. Correy said it was not okay to just blame it on "those silly kids."

He said it is easy to scapegoat and makes it easy on everyone to handle it.

He said it is not graffiti, it is hate.

He also blamed the parents.

"Nobody is born racist," said Mr. Correy.

He said those words are arguably the "most powerful, most hateful, most hurtful" words in this country.

He will not allow it to be "dismissed as those silly kids," he said.

It affects people, it affects families, and people need to understand how egregious it is.

"This was flat out wrong," said Mr. Correy.

Mr. Espindola said he reached out to the police chief and also looked up some graffiti and hate speech online. Later in the meeting, Mr. Espindola

said it was important for private individuals to report all graffiti and not take it upon themselves to remove it. He said he learned that a lot of graffiti has hidden racist messages and it is important for the police to know and document each case.

Ms. Ellison agreed, and said no private citizen should be doing anything on municipal property without permission, not even cleaning up graffiti.

Mr. Espindola asked about more formal programs for staff. Ms. Ellison said she would draw on her former experience with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training.

However, it is not about policy, she said. It is about "people sitting in their discomfort," to be able to talk about it.

The Belonging Committee is doing the work, she said, but it cannot fall only on them for the whole town.

"So it has to be addressed," said Ms. Ellison. "It's about the act and how people were affected by it."

SB member Stasia Powers admitted she did not know what to do when she first heard about it.

"I really feel ill equipped to manage the racism and how to speak about it," said Ms. Powers. "I'm working on that. I'll continue to work on that."

She said she will read the book and has spoken to the Belonging Committee chairperson Jessica Fidalgo.

"I think we all just need to learn more about how to manage it," said Ms. Powers. "And how to support our fellow community members when things like this happen."

She pledged to do better.

"That's all anybody can ask for," said Mr. Correy.

In another matter, the board announced after meeting in executive session, that they had come up with penalties for Rasputin's Tavern for a variety of violations.

The board read each violation and penalty, settling on a six day suspension for each of five violations, for a total of 30 days. The bar will have to close for 10 days in December, 10 days in January, and 10 days in February.

The violations include serving alcohol after hours on more than one occasion, serving an underage person, serving an intoxicated person,

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

History Book Club

The Fairhaven History Book Club is looking for additional members. The Book Club meets once a month at the Millicent Library to discuss a book related to history.

There is no fee to be a member. Interested? Contact Lou Chagnon at lchaschagnon@yahoo.com

GOP Meeting

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!

All persons having anything to do as members or guests of the Fairhaven Republican Town Committee draw near, give your attendance and ye shall be heard.

Thursday, November 30th. at 6 pm. 32 Abbey Street, Fairhaven.

Most importantly our committee would like to wish all people peace, security and good health during this season of Thanksgiving.

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

Featuring 85+ vendors, outside and inside activities, food trucks, and

photos with Santa for everyone, including pets.

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.

Artists & Crafters!

Fairhaven's Unitarian Memorial Church Holiday Marketplace takes place December 9 from 10 – 2 in the Parish House, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.

Quality artists and crafters are invited to join the festivities. For

application and requirements, please contact Ashley Aadland-Lessa at office@uufairhaven.org, 508-992-7081 ext. 0.

SAVE THE DATES:

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/>

Youth Vendor Fair

We will be hosting a youth vendor sale on 12/10 from noon to 4 p.m., at Fairhaven Recreation Center, and we are seeking kid-entrepreneurs to sell their goods. Youth groups, teams, clubs are welcome to join as well. Organizations supporting youth also encouraged to join (PTOs, athletic leagues, scholarship groups, etc.).

If you are interested in helping to organize or volunteer at the event, reach out as well.

Contact jessica.wilder13@yahoo.com, 774-634-7066.

Breakfast with Santa

St. Joseph School presents Breakfast with Santa on Sat., 12-09, from 9–11:30 a.m., 100 Spring St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$10 per person, includes breakfast and crafts. Also available: picture with Santa (extra cost). For more information or to purchase tickets, call 508-996-1983. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice.

All are welcome.

VFW Craft Fair

Sat., 12/9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fairhaven VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle Street, Fairhaven. Featuring jewelry, soaps, knitted items, concrete figures, and more. Table rental fees benefit the VFW. For more information, email Lori at loripare70@yahoo.com.

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Duffy-Baraybar, will create a large nativity scene on the second floor of the historic whaling mansion. Nativity scenes replicate Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus Christ. The installation celebrates one of the artist's family traditions.

The installation will be on view from December 1, 2023 through January 6, 2024. At the same time, visitors to the 1834 mansion will enjoy the seasonal decorations and decked halls.

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 11/24 & 25; Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m. on 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!

Holiday Pops

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents Holiday Pops, Dec. 10, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Bronsiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tickets: \$20-\$43, students always \$10.

Our perennially sold-out Holiday Pops concerts are something you and your family won't want to miss! The spirit of the season is alive and well with Yaniv, our musicians, and special guests, including The Showstoppers

and the Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestra. The festively-decorated concert hall and family-friendly atmosphere are just what everybody needs at this time of year. The matinee performance is perfect for children and the young at heart, while the evening performance features a bit more music but is still a treat for all ages. Both performances are about one hour long, with no intermission.

For tickets: <https://nbsymphony.org>

Jazz Fest

New Bedford JazzFest (NBjF) proudly announces its 11th Anniversary concert of regional and national jazz, on Sunday, December 3, from 2:00-6:00 pm. New Bedford JazzFest features 24 musicians, cash bar, and light fare for purchase. This year, New Bedford JazzFest is excited to host its event in its newly acquired venue, the historic Steeple Playhouse, located at 159 William Street in downtown New Bedford. There will be general admission seating and special close-to-the-stage cafe table seating.

General admission tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$35 at the door; café style seating tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door. All tickets are available at newbedfordjazzfest.com or by calling the Your Theatre Box Office at (508) 993-0772. The festival takes place rain or shine, as it is indoors. The building is completely accessible to all, and there is free parking on the street, as well as in the Elm Street Parking Garage and the Zeiterion Garage.

Holiday Market

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford is thrilled to announce the return of its annual Holiday Market, scheduled to take place on December 2, 2023, from 11 am to 4 pm. at the Parish House, located at 71 8th Street, and is open to all, promising an afternoon of holiday cheer, shopping, and giving back to the local community.

This festive event promises to be a delightful experience for the community, with a wide array of local vendors, a plant sale, light refreshments, and a special thrift shop opening on market day.

For more information, please visit

our website at www.uunewbedford.org or contact us at info@uunewbedford.org

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.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students, and children twelve years – two years. Children two years and younger are free. All proceeds from the ballet support the New

Celebrate the season with this classic holiday story that never gets old. Buy tickets at www.newbedfordballet.org. Contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

SAVE THE DATES: Clasky Common Lighting

Sun., 12/10, 5 pm, Clasky Common park, County Street and Pope Street

Enjoy famously spectacular holiday lights, with Santas from around the world, Santa's workshop, Santa's sleigh, reindeer, and much, much more, spread throughout half the park on the County Street end.

Remarks by Mayor Mitchell and others; music by Parker School Chorus; appearances by Miss New Bedford and Miss NB Outstanding Teen/

Downtown Holiday Stroll

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll, Sat., 12/2, noon to 5 p.m. Shop, eat, art, and explore your way through Downtown NB.

Featuring: Antique Fire Trunk Rides with NB Fire Museum, BuyBlackNB Holiday Market at The New Bedford Whaling Museum, Santa & Mrs Claus, Live Music, Local Shopping, Kids' activities, & MORE!

Visit <https://downtownnb.org/downtown-new-bedford-holiday-stroll-2023/>

HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

HS Superbowl

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) announced the matchups and schedule for the eight state football championships which will be played at Gillette Stadium for the 16th year on Wednesday, Nov. 29; Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1.

GAME SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Division VIII

West Boylston vs. Carver 5:30 p.m.

Division I

St. John's Prep vs. Xaverian Brothers 8:00 p.m.*

Thursday, Nov. 30

Division VI

Salem vs. Fairhaven 3:00 p.m.

Division II

King Philip vs. Marshfield 5:30 p.m.*

Division III

Milton vs. Walpole 8:00 p.m.*

Friday, Dec. 1

Division VII

Uxbridge vs. Amesbury 3:00 p.m.

Division IV

Duxbury vs. Scituate 5:30 p.m.*

Division V

Hanover vs. Foxborough 8:00 p.m.*

*Game times are approximate, starting 15 minutes after conclusion of the previous game

Tickets for the MIAA State Football Championships are on sale now via Ticketmaster (<https://www.ticketmaster.com/miaa-high-school-football-tickets/artist/1801121>). No tickets will be sold at the Gillette Stadium Ticket Office. All tickets will be digital and will be accessible via mobile device only. Fans can access and manage mobile tickets via the Gillette Stadium App which is available on the App Store (for iPhone users) and Google Play Store (for Android users). It is recommended that fans add their mobile tickets to their Apple Wallet or Google Pay to beat busy network connections at the game. Additional information on mobile ticketing can be found at GilletteStadium.com/tickets/mobile/.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/senior citizens. Children 5 years old and younger will receive free admission. The ticket price includes parking, admission to the games and a game day discount of \$3

off adult admission at the Patriots Hall of Fame presented by RTX (must show game ticket). Wednesday's tickets provide access to both Wednesday games, Thursday's tickets provide access to all three Thursday games, and Friday's tickets provide access to all three Friday games. Please note that tailgating and reentry to this event is prohibited but fans are invited to visit Patriot Place before and after the games each day. For a full listing of everything Patriot Place has to offer, visit PatriotPlace.com/MIAAFOOTBALL.

All fans will enter the stadium via the Ticketmaster Field Gate in the Enel Plaza. The Patriots Foundation will also be accepting donations during the MIAA State Football Championships for their annual toy drive benefitting children in need. Fans can bring new and unwrapped toys to the blue and white collection bins located by the Ticketmaster Gate. Gillette Stadium's Clear Bag Policy will be in effect for all eight state championship games. For more information on the policy, visit GilletteStadium.com/bagpolicy/.

Acushnet lighting & Singalong

The Acushnet Fire Department invites the public to our annual lighting of the Christmas display and holiday sing-along on Sun., 12/3, 6 p.m.

Those attending can expect hot chocolate, cookies, music by the Ford Middle School Chorus, and an appearance from Santa who will once again arrive on a fire truck.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy so that we can stuff our emergency vehicles for those in need! Please no stuffed animals

Buoy a Tree Lighting

Help the Mattapoisett 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, Mattapoisett, 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.

Free Watercolor Class

Jim Parker, whose folk art watercolors are on display at the Mattapoisett 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., Mattapoisett.

SAVE THE DATES: Christmas by the Sea Bazaar

St. Anthony / St. Rita Parish will be holding its 56th Christmas by the Sea Bazaar on Saturday, December 2 from 9 am - 1 pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall at 26 Hammond Street in Mattapoisett.

This year's event will include handmade gifts & items by local artisans, a grand raffle, gift basket raffles, holiday wreaths & greens arrangements, a toy shoppe, games and crafts for the kids, a visit by Santa Claus, our parishes' annual ornament, malassadas, baked goods and beverages. All proceeds to benefit parish initiatives.

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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.

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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.

Space is limited. Please sign up at 508-979-4029.

Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior

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Recipe of the Week

Sweet Potato Casserole

- 4 1/2 lbs. sweet potatoes
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 1/4 c cornflakes cereal, crushed
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 400°. Bake sweet potatoes at 400° for 1 hour or until tender. Let stand until cool to touch (about 20 minutes).

Peel and mash sweet potatoes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°.

Beat mashed sweet potatoes, granulated sugar, and next 5 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth.

Spoon potato mixture into a greased 11- x 7-inch baking dish.

Combine cornflakes cereal and next 3 ingredients in a small bowl.

Sprinkle over casserole in diagonal rows 2 inches apart.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Remove from oven.

Sprinkle marshmallows in alternate rows between cornflake mixture. Bake 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

TIP: The sweet potato mixture will set up as it cools, but for an even thicker texture, you can add a spoon of cornstarch or flour to the filling before baking.

From southernliving.com



Dear Frankie

Lonely Times

Dear Frankie,
My life is so dreary compared to my friends. Most of them come from a two-parent family and have several siblings. They have one another; there's always someone to talk to, play with, or go for a walk.

I live with a single dad who is a computer game designer. His idea of socializing is chatting online with his geek friends who, like him, live, eat, and breathe computer games.

My dad isn't a bad guy or mean to me; he's just clueless about my social needs. When he's onto a new game design, he barely notices me. If it weren't for Cindy, the dog walker who takes me to the dog park to see my friends a couple of times a week, I would probably crack up.

It's really tough being an only dog.
Clancy

Dear Clancy,
Being an only dog in a home like yours does sound lonely. It makes me wonder why people like your father chose to adopt a dog in the first place.

What do they get out of having a dog they ignore? Perhaps having a warm body around is enough.

Loneliness is a significant issue for many canines and, for that matter, humans. Some humans keep their TV on all day to hear another human voice. It's so sad.

I often think about the dogs who spend 10 to 12 hours in a crate, week in and week out, when their owners are at work.

As for your situation, would your dad be willing to have you invite a friend or two over for a play date? How about talking to your friends at the park and letting them know you are open to invitations? Have you thought about learning to text as a way to keep in touch with your friends? Your dad probably has an iPad or iPhone you could use.

It might amuse your ole man to see

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Town holds social/networking event for Fairhaven businesses

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Economic Development Committee hosted a social/networking event for Fairhaven businesses on 11/16/23 in the town hall auditorium. Members of the committee and other town officials joined about 20 local business owners and representatives of organizations that support businesses to share ideas, network with each other, and connect with services.

Fairhaven Director of Planning and Economic Development, Paul DiGiuseppe, said the idea was to show support for local businesses, to let owners know the town wants to support them, and to let them network with each other.

He handed out a list of agencies that offer free help to businesses, from mentoring to finding financing. The list is on the website.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said the town planner and his office are there to help businesses succeed in Fairhaven. She said the evening was to give business owners



LEFT: Samia Walker of EforAll, speaks to the group at a social/networking event for Fairhaven businesses in the town hall auditorium, hosted by Economic Development Committee, on 11/16/23. RIGHT: Fairhaven's Director of Planning and Economic Development, Paul DiGiuseppe, speaks to the group. Photos by Beth David.

a chance to get to know town officials and let the town know what businesses need to succeed.

"It's about establishing relationships," said Ms. Ellison. "Thank you for putting your business in Fairhaven."

"We want to be a resource," said Mr. DiGiuseppe.

He said Fairhaven has a very

strong business community.

If you have challenges, some to us and we can help out," he said, by connecting businesses to organizations that can help.

Samia Walker from eForAll said the organization offers mentoring and business plans. They offer webinars and other instructional products to

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Shopping with the *Neighb News*

A decidedly biased piece by
Beth David
Editor

It's time for one our favorite annual stories: Shopping with the *Neighb News*!

After the Thanksgiving Day feast is over and you're looking for a way to work off some of it, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest-to-buy-for relative.

Here, you will learn how you can find gifts for everyone on your list, a few things for yourself, and spend some fun time exploring all that *Neighb News* advertisers have to offer.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up. The drop-off center is open, so you can swing by with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

Don't forget the outside. Decorate with flags and banners with all kinds of fun stuff on them. Take a peek at the selection of old favorites and original designs from **Brewer Banner Designs**. It's the simplest way to dress up the outside to match the inside, and show your holiday spirit to the world. And don't forget a banner or two for the indoors of that young'un who just got an apartment.

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got a great spot for you.

Mac's Soda Bar is our go-to place for breakfast anytime. And lunch, too (but let's not get ahead of ourselves).

They also cater, and you can get great holiday meals, so you have the special dinner without all the hassle.

And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the hometown spot for you. Visit **Alltrust Credit Union**. They offer car loans and CDs. Now *that's* a great gift!

Speaking of cars....

A&A Auto has a great selection of used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask. Of course, they also do repairs, and have gift certificates. An oil change or A/C recharge is a great gift for the person who has everything.

Looking for that home-town New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around.

Nothing says Christmas better than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with

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you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're still in the vicinity, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These spectacular buildings were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers. Hmm...what about a picture in front of one of them for your annual Christmas card?

In any case, be sure to have your camera with you to get some great shots of our architectural wonders.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so mosey on over to **Wah May's Restaurant** while you're in the neighborhood. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

Or head on over to **Subway/Mama DeLuca's** for a fresh sandwich or a pizza. Did I mention gift certificates yet? Perfect spot for the young'uns and those on the go to grab a bite that's healthy and fresh.

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

And now that they've got all upgraded electrical, they can plug in all their gadgets. New house, new electric, they definitely need new gadgets too, or at least an upgrade. But it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and make sure the security software is up to date and all the other stuff that makes you just want to scream. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix what you've got, or fix you up with new stuff.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so, now that you've got all those new, shiny gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do those other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

Or give **Fynal Touch** a call. He does it all, too, including decks and fun outdoor spaces.

We have other choices for the exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, roof, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too. If so, they'll be using up a little more fuel than they like for a year or two until they can replace that antique. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill up the oil tank. Now *that's* a gift!

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That old yard will definitely need some clearing out.

Fairways can take care of those neglected spaces and trimming back those bushes that are wildly out of control in that yard. And they do snow removal, too. How about a winter's worth of snow plowing? Oh yeah. That's a good one.

Check out **Fitzgerald Tree Service** to see what they can do about clearing out some of those old trees. Of course that wood won't be ready for burning just yet, and an old house like that is sure to have a wood stove or fireplace. So grab a cord of seasoned wood from them to make Christmas morning nice and toasty.

Before you burn it, though, call **Jake Fleurent** to make sure the chimney is in tip top shape, and while he's there, have him work on that old stone wall, or have him waterproof the basement.

Now for the inside. Don't forget, the **Neighb News** sells pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

Or, if you want some original paintings, visit **Moniz Gallery**. Not only do they have fabulous artwork and prints, they can reframe an oldie that you like. Or maybe the kids have one they like, but want a more modern look to it.

Do they have a puppy? Will they be getting one now that they have their own place? Well, pooches need tending to, for sure. Call **Harborside Hounds** to get the newest four-legged family members all spruced up.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the **Fairhaven Office of Tourism**. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff and places to go.

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski**, which

specializes in elder law. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

While we're on the subject, you know you're thinking of all those who have gone before us, and the last time you visited, you noticed the grave-stones getting pretty yucky looking. Give John at **J&L Cemetery Plot Maintenance** a call. He'll clean up the stone and plant something really nice for the holidays there, too.

Let's see, electronic gadgets, food, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Howe Allen Real Estate** and they'll find the perfect house or apartment for your prodigal relatives. **Jane Paul** can also help you and yours find a spot to call

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home.

Maybe you've decided to buy that house next to the kids? (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding* anyone?) Well, both of them can help you make the purchase and make sure it goes smoothly.'

Maybe your wayward relatives want to move back but are getting up there in age and don't want the hassle of home ownership. Take 'em on over to **Fairhaven Village**. It's right on the bus route to shopping or heading out of town.

Or, quite possibly, they need a little help in their day-to-day lives. Check out **Atria Senior Living**. They have elegant accommodations for seniors who just need a little help to live independently.

Or, if they need more than that, take 'em for a tour of **Alden Court**

while they're in town. They have some fun activities that you can join in on. You don't have to live there to enjoy some music.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces.

The **Bayside Lounge** is the place to see someone you know, like the old jingle...where they know your name. You can eat, drink, maybe dance or sing, even, all while you brag about how you got almost all your shopping done at all local places. They have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Hmmm...I think that's everybody.

Oh, wait, what about you yourself and your holiday visits. Whatever shall you take with you?

Fear not, dear reader, we have you covered.

For your alcohol visits, you can get anything you need at **Stevie's Wine & Spirits**. They've got wine to die for! And they have people there who can help you pick the perfect one for that really hard-to-buy-for relative.

Have a few non-alcohol households you're visiting? No problem. How about some farm fresh local products, including meats and dairy? Then look no farther than **K's Meats**. They've got you covered with stuff you'll be proud to add to anyone's freezer or barbecue.

How about some nice affordable scoops of candy? No, really, just like the old penny candy stores, **Fairhaven Pharmacy** has candy for the kids, and I hear from a little birdie, they might have ice cream sodas one of these days. Yum.

If you still need stuff and you're looking for unique offerings, be sure to check out the shops during the Old Time Holiday in Fairhaven's Center on 12/9; and other vendor fairs that weekend, like the youth vendor fair on 12/10.

No, we didn't forget about one of our favorite Yuletide traditions. What's Christmas without a heart-warming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island. If you have a Nook or Kindle, you can get my short story, *Who Makes the Magic?* with a shorter, bedtime version for younger children.

Just visit www.zorena.com for info on all my fiction and travel pieces.

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Fairhaven Select Board welcomes six new firefighters;

By Beth David
Editor

Interim Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan swore in six Fairhaven Firefighters at the Select Board meeting on 11/20/23. Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia said the six had come on board, graduating from either call of full time firefighting academies in the last six months.

The new hires are: Ian Thatcher, Kyle Tevault, Chad Fitzgerald, Brad Johnson, Ryan Langlois, Jake Gallagher.

The meeting is available on demand at www.fairhaventv.com



ABOVE:
Fairhaven Interim Town Clerk Elisabeth Horan swears in six new firefighters at the IFairhaven Select Board meeting on 11/20/23, L-R: Ian Thatcher, Kyle Tevault, Chad Fitzgerald, Brad Johnson, Ryan Langlois, Jake Gallagher.

LEFT: Six new Fairhaven Firefighters pose with the chief after being sworn in at the Select Board meeting on 11/20/23.

FRONT L-R: Fairhaven Fire Chief Todd Correia, Jake Gallagher, Ryan Langlois, Brad Johnson;

MIDDLE L-R: Chad Fitzgerald, Ian Thatcher;
TOP: Kyle Tevault.

Photos by Beth David.

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disturbance of the peace more than once.

The remedy also includes changes to the license including that the bar must always have an ID scanner in working order to keep out underage patrons; must maintain a log of security personnel; must keep to a

schedule of security personnel that includes two people in the later hours on busy nights; must keep a manager log, and a variety of other measures. All information, including surveillance footage needs to be kept for varying amounts of time and be made available to the police when they ask

for it. The bar must have a security person outside at closing time to keep people moving along.

No dancing on bars, chairs, and no body shots.

The board voted unanimously to pass all items related to the Rasputin violations.

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There's my fantasy novel, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*, (no, I haven't finished the sequel yet...I'm working on it!).

And then there's the one on my trip to Lebanon available for Kindles and Nooks. If you don't want to read my ramblings about my summer vacation, there are about 200 photos that make it worth the \$2.99.

Be sure to keep an eye on my Amazon author page because I've been working on some other stories that I hope will be ready soon. And I'm working on turning a couple of those ebooks into hardcovers.

Yeah, I know, would've been perfect for Christmas, but, well, that seems rather ambitious. However, keep your eye on these pages. You never know, a

little Christmas magic might just happen to make it all so.

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday December 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
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWpKTFBEUmluT1pWSctiVzJCQT09>
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Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259

- REF#: ZBA-023-041: 77 Adams Street, Map 25, Lot 30D. Applicant: Ahmet F. Dirican. Owner: Congregation of the Sacred Hearts. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to convert the existing building into a convalescent home, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-15 Use Regulations, C. (1). — Readvertised with revised information.
- REF#: ZBA-023-047: 83 Hedge Street, Map 16, Lot 38E. Applicant: Alicia Pimental. Owner: Eugene Pimental, Trustee of the Eugene P Pimental Revocable Trust. Applicant seeks a Special Permit to authorize housing chickens on the property in an RA district, not to exceed 12 chickens and not to include any roosters, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-16, Use Regulation Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-048: 9 Sebec Street, Map 28A, Lots 87-88. Applicant: Derek Camara. Owner: Derek & Stacy Camara. Applicant seeks an approximate 4 ft. 4 in. ± Variance for the addition of a new covered front porch to be 15 ft. 8 in. from the front property line as compared to the minimum 20 ft. setback, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18 Intensity of Use Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-049: 20 Mulberry Street, Map 11, Lot 83. Applicant and Owner: Cathleen Travassos. Applicant seeks 1. A Variance for the lot coverage of an existing non-conforming lot to be 61% after building a rear deck as compared to the maximum 50% allowed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule. 2. A Variance for the building coverage of an existing non-conforming lot to be 42% after building a rear deck as compared to the maximum 30% allowed, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18, Intensity of Use Schedule.
- REF#: ZBA-023-050: 36 Francis Street, Map 12, Lot 135. Applicant and Owner: Jessica Whiteley. Applicant seeks a Variance for the conversion of the detached garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit on

an 8,504 sq. ft. lot as compared to the minimum 22,500 sq. ft. lot size requirement, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.1 Accessory Dwelling Units, A.

- REF#: ZBA-023-051: 58 Ocean Avenue, Map 29C, Lot 249-250. Applicant: Jacob T. Galary. Owner: Daniel Gibbs Jr. Applicant seeks an Administrative Appeal of the Building Commissioner's November 17, 2023, determination that the lot is considered to be unbuildable, pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-21 Nonconforming Uses, A.

Kenneth Kendall, Acting Chair, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 11/23/23, 11/30/23

Public Notice

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26-53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for Park Drive Solar Array Project to install a new solar array by Syncarpha Park Drive, LLC., 250 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10107, on a site located at 14-47 Park Drive in Acushnet, Massachusetts for renewable energy. Additional information may be obtained from Weston & Sampson Engineers (Attn: Megan Kearns), 55 Walkers Brook Drive, Suite 100, Reading MA 01867 at 978-548-6301. Written comments should be sent to MassDEP Southeastern Regional Office, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, at 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville MA 02347 within twenty-one days of this notice.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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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.

FNN: 11/9/23, 11/16/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23

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Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing

FY 24 Community Development Block Grant
Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Board of Public Works Building Conference Room,
5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA

Public Hearing in person or via ZOOM:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88170271524?pwd=oe9msfCjS5Y7GUQFigUa4735N3C7oV.1>

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The Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Town's FY2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application which will request funding for reconstruction of Hedge Street (Phase 4), from approximately 70 Hedge Street to Adams Street.

Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard. Written comments may be submitted to Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Planning & Economic Development, pdigiuseppe@fairhaven-ma.gov, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The meeting room is handicap accessible and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to BPW@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Fairhaven Planning Department
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help businesses grow.

Rob Anderson of MassDevelopment said economic development is about relationships. Networking events help business owners find ways to collaborate, he said

"Our goal is to help someone who wants to invest in the state," he said. "The state is here to help."

"This is great," said Dianne Tomassetti, who is in real estate and is on the Planning Board. She used to run a bed & breakfast in Fairhaven,

moved away and then moved back. "It's nice to be part of Fairhaven again."

"I think it went really well," said Mr. DiGiuseppe, noting that people were still there after a couple of hours, talking and getting to know each other and their businesses. "That's success."

But it is just the beginning, he said. "We need to continue to grow and provide more resources to the group."

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Contact MassDevelopment at 275 Martine St # 201, Fall River, MA 02723; 508-678-0533.

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you take a page out of his book. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Best, Frankie

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better by the company with whom it is shared. It is around the table that wisdom is passed along as a legacy of love."

The Rev. Leslie Lopes Foster was born in New Bedford and raised in Fairhaven. She is now retired and resides with her husband, the Rev. Todd Foster, in Stratford, Connecticut. She was the vice president and prom queen of the Fairhaven High class of '73. Her late father, Anthony "Jep" Lopes, (class of '45) was a gridiron star and member of the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame.

After 46 years of marriage, 43 years of parenting, 16 years of grandparenting, 12 years of teaching in Connecticut public schools, and 18 years as an associate pastor, Leslie offers unique, valuable insights. This is her first book.

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Mon., 11/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

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Wed., 12/6, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 11/30, Town Hall, 6:30 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., 12/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/13, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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				----	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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The Rev. Leslie Lopes Foster, a 1973 graduate of Fairhaven High School and that class's vice president and prom queen, holds a copy of her first book, "Nana's Gift." Submitted photo.

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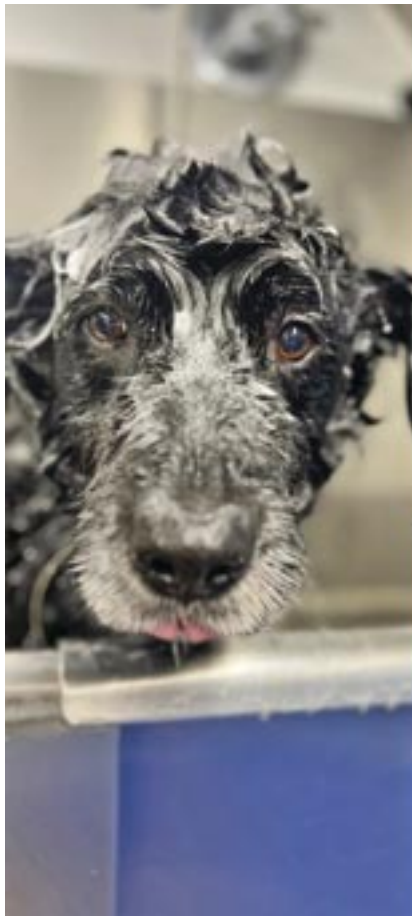
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