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

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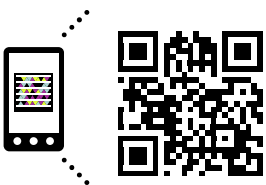
Fairhaven High School Head Football Coach Derek Almeida goes airborne after Grant Darmofal kicked a 42-yard field goal with two seconds left in the Thanksgiving Day game, breaking the tie so FHS won over Dartmouth, 24–21. See story on page 12. *Photo by Samuel Simoes.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, that was CLOSE. And I don't even mean the game.

But, let's do that first.

That was CLOSE! It was a tie score right till the end. The Dartmouth Indians almost pulled off a crazy play with no time on the clock, too. But, phew! See page 12 for details.

I have to say that the Thanksgiving Day game is SOOO much more fun when we win. And this was a downright thrilling game.

Welcome Samuel Simoes to the photographer pool. Look at that cover shot he got! Pretty cool, eh? I admit, I had no clue what everyone was screaming about. But I did get the shot of the kick. (Welcome to my world.)

Okay, the other thing that was close, because QR Codes SUCK! They didn't give us a program book with the players and their numbers. It was online only.

But, guess what? When it came time to write the story, I couldn't access the roster. "Access denied."

I am seriously hating QR codes right now.

THANK YOU to the FHS Gridiron Facebook page for getting a screen shot of it to me after I asked very late on deadline night. (Yeah, the roster's online, but it has duplicates...how can two kids have the same number?)

We have other good stuff in here, of course: Select Board on page 4; Acushnet had a bomb scare (page 3). And the Northeast Maritime Institute dedicated the gym to Joseph Machado. See page 4 for why.

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Until next week then, see ya

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Glory to the Heroes!



Publisher Beth David with Charlie, aka Evil Dog

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Acushnet schools receive hoax bomb threat

*Press Release*

Acushnet Superintendent of Schools Paula J. Bailey and Police Chief Christopher R. Richmond, announce that Acushnet Elementary School and Ford Middle School were swept by police, including police K-9 units, over the weekend after the school district received an emailed bomb threat.

On Saturday afternoon, Superintendent Bailey, through a school district website form, received an emailed bomb threat. Following established district safety and security procedures, she immediately notified Chief Richmond and School Resource Officer Derek Cathcart.

The schools were evacuated, and the only personnel working on campus at the time were custodial staff and employees of ServPro cleaning and restoration, which was performing a previously announced deep cleaning at Acushnet Elementary School.

Superintendent Bailey reported to campus, and an investigation was launched by Acushnet Police and their mutual aid partners, including



A Bristol County Sheriff's Office K-9 aids in the protective sweep after the Acushnet Public Schools received an anonymous emailed threat on Saturday, 11/25/23. Photo courtesy of Acushnet Public Schools.

K-9 units from the Massachusetts State Police and the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. A full sweep of both

buildings revealed nothing suspicious. Acushnet Police are also in contact with the State Police Fusion Center. It was determined that the email was a hoax, mirroring countless other threats received by school districts around the nation recently.

"Unfortunately, these kinds of anonymous email threats have become far too common nationally, but we continue to take every threat seriously and respond in a consistent manner," Chief Richmond said.

Police have determined that there is no danger, but out of an abundance of caution, families, students, faculty and staff may notice an increased police presence on campus.

"We are grateful to Chief Richmond and their law enforcement partners for their prompt and efficient response this weekend," Superintendent Bailey said. "We followed our district's safety protocols, and as always we take every threat seriously. The safety of our schools is paramount."

The cleaning at the Elementary School later resumed. Classes resumed on Monday.

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# Select Board gets pushback after making ZBA appointment

By Beth David  
Editor

At its meeting on 11/20/23 the Fairhaven Selectboard selected Andrew Romano to be a full time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which has an opening after the resignation of Peter DeTerra.

Mr. Romano, Patrick Carr, and Maria J. Carvalho all expressed interest in the position. Mr. Carr and Mr. Romano have been associate members of the ZBA.

Mr. Romano, a real estate agent, told the board that he was honored to be appointed as associate member. He is president-elect of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, and a Rotary Club member.

Ms. Carvalho told the board that she has 45 years of paralegal experience in real estate law, and served as recording secretary for the Fairhaven ZBA. She said she believed her experience could be useful to the board.

Mr. Carr was not present at the meeting.

SB member Keith Silvia made motion to appoint Mr. Carr, but no one seconded so the motion died.

SB member Bob Espindola made a motion to appoint Mr. Romano, and the measure passed 3-1, with Mr. Silvia voting "no." SB member Stasia Powers recused herself from the discussion and vote saying a candidate volunteers for her organization.

Later on in the meeting, during the public comment period, Mr. Carr addressed the board to ask them to

reconsider their decision.

He asked what the criteria are for an associate member becoming a full time member.

Town Administrator Angie Lopes Ellison said associate members are generally favored to fill full time slots because they have been going to the hearings and, therefore, are able to vote on the petitions.

Mr. Carr asked how they came to pick Mr. Romano as a full time member. They are both associate members, he said, but he has been on the ZBA for more than a year, Mr. Romano has only been on for a few months.

Mr. Carr said he did not know he had to be present in order to be chosen.

The people who are in associate positions are waiting to become full time members, said Mr. Carr and are "paying their dues by doing that."

He said now they just "jumped over" him for "whatever reason," and he was not sure why.

"But I don't think that that decision you made tonight was the proper decision for the full time member," said Mr. Carr, and asked that they "open that up again," or revisit it.

He said he spoke with Nick Sylvia, another associate member who also applied for the spot, and Mr. Sylvia withdrew his application because, he wanted Mr. Carr to have it.

"Andrew also said the same thing," Mr. Carr told the board.

"It needs to be looked at," at another meeting, he said, and

possibly rescind the appointment.

Mr. Carr said the only reason they did not choose him is because he was not there in person.

"But I'm not sure why you would think that somebody who's been on the board for three months would have the same experience as someone who's been there for a year and a half and hasn't missed on meeting," said Mr. Carr.

Because it was during the public comment period, the board did not discuss it, and did not make any indication on if it would revisit the appointment.

In another matter, the board voted not to exercise the town's right of first refusal for two parcels of property on Sconticut Neck Road that the Buzzards Bay Coalition owns and is planning to sell. The two fields are near the water tower on SNR. Allen Decker of the BBC said he was hopeful the person buying it would keep it agricultural.

The BBC also asked for and received a transfer of a conservation restriction on the Douglass Farm from the BBC to the Fairhaven Conservation Commission. Mr. Decker said the BBC is buying the farm from the Douglass family and hopes to make an educational center there. He said the site will allow access to abutting protected properties that are difficult for the public to get to.

The BBC holds the CR on the property and cannot be the owner of the property and the owner of the CR so the transfer is necessary.

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## NMI dedicates gym to Joseph Machado

*Submitted*

On November 22nd, a heartwarming reunion took place at the Northeast Maritime Institute-College of Maritime Science's Founder's Hall gymnasium, the former Fairhaven Boys Club gym.

About forty men, once young attendees of The Fairhaven Boys Club during the 1960s and 1970s there, gathered to honor a figure who had significantly impacted their lives. The gymnasium was dedicated to Mr. Joseph P. Machado, Sr., a man who played a pivotal role at the Fairhaven Boys Club during one of America's most dynamic periods.

Joseph P. Machado, Sr. served as

the Volunteer Director of the Fairhaven Boys Club from 1964 to 1971. His tenure coincided with a time of social and political upheaval, marked by the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, and various cultural shifts.

Despite these challenges, Mr. Machado stood as a beacon of stability and guidance, earning the admiration and respect of countless young men who passed through the doors of the club.

Under his leadership, the Fairhaven Boys Club became more than just a place for recreation and socialization. It transformed into a nurturing environment where young

men found a surrogate father and mentor in Mr. Machado. His approach to mentorship was not just about supervising activities or maintaining order; it was deeply rooted in compassion, understanding, and a genuine desire to see each boy succeed. This personal investment in their wellbeing helped many navigate the complexities of adolescence and the societal tumult of the era.

The dedication ceremony was a poignant testament to Mr. Machado's lasting influence. The men, now grown, came together to celebrate the man who had played such a crucial role in their formative years.

**MACHADO: cont'd on page 11**

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Benoit Square Lighting & Singalong

Join the North Fairhaven Improvement Association for the annual lighting of Benoit Square, on Fri., 12/1, at 6:30 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.

## Wreaths Across America

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Join the Fairhaven Veterans Services Office and volunteers to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. Meet at Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven on Sat., 12/2, at 10 a.m.

## Fab Over 40

### Support Fairhaven Resident

Support Fairhaven resident Erin Poyant as she competes in Fab Over 40, a national contest supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation. VOTE for Ms. Poyant and she could win a two-page spread in NewBeauty magazine, \$40,000 cash, and a spa-treat!

In addition to the Fab Over 40 cause, Ms. Poyant hopes to raise awareness and support for hATTR amyloidosis early intervention, a disease that has affected her and her family, and the community.

"Early testing allows for better outcomes and yet many are not aware until much later," writes Ms. Poyant on her Fab Over 40 page. "The second goal is to support my start up of Spicin' Life active apparel, to inspire multi ethnic children to live authentically not by what society may assume due to their features. Do what you love because variety is the spice of life!"

Vote for Ms. Poyant and learn more about her and her cause at <https://votefab40.com/2023/erin-poyant>. You need to hurry, though. Voting ends on 11/30 at 10 p.m.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:CCMBusiness@yahoo.com)

Featuring 85+ vendors, outside and inside activities, food trucks, and photos with Santa for everyone, including pets.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:loripare70@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto:lchaschagnon@yahoo.com)

## 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](http://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](http://www.uunewbedford.org) or contact us at [info@uunewbedford.org](mailto:info@uunewbedford.org)

## Buy Black Market

Buy Black NB has planned a festive and inclusive Holiday event that is free for the public. All are invited to bring their "shop 'til you drop" spirit for a curated selection of local Black-owned businesses while enjoying a live band, networking, and community building. The 3rd Annual Black In Business: Holiday Vendor Market features the outstanding Joaquin Santos & Friends performing a live show in the theater of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, Sat., 12/2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to receive giveaways while supplies last including gifts for children. There will be live entertainment and free admission. Visit <https://www.buyblacknb.com>

## 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.

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

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## 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](http://www.newbedfordballet.org). Contact the New Bedford Ballet Office at 508-993-1387.

## Science Cafe

Please join us for New Bedford Science Café, Tues., 12/5., 6–8 p.m., The Last Round Bar & Grille, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone. Free, save for the beer!

Laura Gardner, Co-chair of the local advocacy group Climate Reality Massachusetts Southcoast, will address "Going Green; Community Electricity Aggregation Programs." Laura is Teacher Librarian at Dartmouth Middle School.

Laura will discuss the importance of Community Electricity Aggregation [CEA] programs, which save residents significant \$\$ and boost the use of renewable energy. Launched in 2016, Massachusetts' CEA program is the 2nd largest in the country with 25 towns—including the entire South Coast—which allows towns to buy their electricity in bulk and keep prices stable. Laura & other climate activists hope that residents will "opt up"—that is, sign up for a higher percent of renewable energy. She'll explain why and how. She'll also touch on other ways households can confront global warming, including electrification options through the

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## STILL OVERTOWN

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### SAVE THE DATES: City of NB Parade and Tree Lighting

Sat., 12/9, 5-6 p.m., Downtown New Bedford, Pleasant Street in front of Main Library

- Join Mayor Mitchell for the annual tree-lighting celebration. This year's emcee will be Armand Marchand, executive producer for New Bedford Festival Theater.

- At 4:30 p.m., a parade will march from the bottom of William Street, near the Whaling Museum, to the library steps for the tree lighting. The parade will feature the New Bedford High School marching band and color guard, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and surprise guests.
- Remarks at the library by Mayor Mitchell will be followed by a sing-along with New Bedford Festival Theater. The sing-along will feature classic holiday songs and some new hits. Song books will be provided.
- Free hot chocolate will be offered

courtesy of Community Services and New Life Church.

### 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 Santa and Mrs. Claus.

## HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

### 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.

### Christmas 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.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Quinn at 508-758-8698.

### Holiday Stroll

Fri., 12/1, 4-8 p.m., Padanaram Village, corner Elm and Bridge Streets, So. Dartmouth. Join us for a magical evening of holiday cheer at our Annual Holiday Stroll!

Featuring Live holiday music to get you in the festive mood; Delicious treats and warm beverages; A joyful atmosphere that will make your heart glow with holiday spirit; A chance to connect with friends and neighbors in our beautiful community.

Invite your friends and family to join in the fun! Let's make this holiday season memorable together.

### 3rd Annual Buoy Tree Lighting at 7:00 PM:

As the sun sets and the stars twinkle above, gather with us at Maritime Center for the grand illumination of our 3rd Annual Buoy Tree. This enchanting tradition will fill you with the spirit of the season as we light up the night with our coastal-inspired holiday tree.

### La Salette Lights

Visit the spectacular Christmas Lights at La Salette Shrine, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA. FREE.

Lights are on every night, 5-9 p.m. through January 1, including Christmas night (when the shrine is closed).

The majority of the Christmas lights are on trees so they can be seen from (almost) everywhere on the property.

### SAVE THE DATE: Children's Mass and Storytelling

Join us on Sun., 12/10, at 12:10 p.m. for a very special Children's Mass at the Church of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

Tony McCaffrey, a remarkable professional Catholic storyteller, will share a story perfect for the Gospel readings of this 2nd Sunday of Advent. In the story, "The Greatest Christmas Toy Ever," the wind-up toys of an incredible toy store come to life every night during Advent to compete to see who is the greatest. When a Nativity set wind-up toy arrives, they learn who is really the Greatest.

This one-of-a-kind experience is intended to touch the hearts and ignite the imaginations of both our young participants and their parents. Faith is a journey that should begin at a young age, and what better way to start than with a Mass where your children may see, hear, and feel the tales of the Gospel in a vivid and memorable way?

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### Social Day Program

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

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: 12/6, Twin River Casino; 12/13, Hyannis Mall, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; 12/20, Warwick Mall; 12.27, Prov. Place & Whole Foods.

### Volunteers Wanted

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

## Cajun Drumsticks

- 10 chicken drumsticks
- 5 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a small bowl, stir together all the spices for cajun seasoning. Store in an airtight container until ready to use.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet with nonstick spray. Line up drumsticks on the prepared tray.

Sprinkle with cajun seasoning on both sides. Leave the side with the most meat and skin facing up.

Put a dab of about 1/2 tablespoon butter on the top of each drumstick, on the part that is most meaty. The butter will melt all over the meat and skin, keeping the meat juicy, and making the skin crispy.

Bake for 25-30 minutes in the oven until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F.

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# Dear Frankie



## Paying Up

Dear Frankie, At the vet's last week, a lady brought in a dog that was hit by a car.

After the vet examined the dog, the lady met with him to discuss the dog's injuries and treatment costs.

When she left the meeting, she was crying. My mom asked her what was wrong, and the lady said the doctor told her the dog needed a \$5,000.00 operation. The lady said she explained to the vet that she didn't have that kind of money, and he said that the dog would have to be put down.

Don't you think the vet was mean not to have taken care of that poor dog?

Louie

Dear Louie, I know the vet's decision sounds

cold-hearted, but what choice did he have? The dog was seriously injured and needed the kind of treatment that only he could provide.

If the lady couldn't pay for her dog's care, who do you suggest pay the vet for his services?

Veterinarian hospitals don't get financial support from the government like human hospitals. I know there is medical dog insurance, but it's also expensive.

Unfortunately, Louie, one of the hard facts of life is that not every problem has a solution.

Best, Frankie

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**MACHADO: cont'd from page 4**

They unveiled a beautiful plaque in the gym, which reads, "We, the Boys of Fairhaven, Dedicate this space in the name of Joseph P. Machado, Sr. – A big man, can cast even a bigger shadow."

This quote encapsulates the essence of Mr. Machado's impact — a man whose presence and influence extended far beyond his physical stature and official role.

The event not only honored Mr. Machado's legacy but also served as a reunion for those who shared a common bond forged in the

Fairhaven Boys Club under his guidance. The dedication of the gymnasium in his name ensures that his legacy will continue to inspire and influence future generations. It stands as a reminder of the profound impact a dedicated individual can have on the lives of young people, particularly during times of great social change and uncertainty.



TOP: Family members of Joseph P. Machado Sr. pose with the plaque that dedicates the gym of the former Fairhaven Boys Club after a ceremony on 11/22/23, in the building that now houses the Northeast Maritime Institute. L-R: Mr. Machado's daughter, Pam Talbots; his wife Barbara, his son Joey. ABOVE: Family members gather with about 30 men who attended The Fairhaven Boys Club in the 1960s and 1970s, after the dedication. *Submitted photos.*

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# Dramatic finish puts Fairhaven over Dartmouth 24-21

By Beth David  
Editor

It's not looking like such an upset anymore, with Fairhaven High School beating Dartmouth in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game three years in a row now.

This year was a nail-biter, with Fairhaven's Grant Darmofal kicking a 42-yard field goal on a play that started with eight seconds on the clock and ended with two seconds left to play. Yup, TWO seconds.

The Fairhaven side when nuts (see cover), with everyone jumping up and down and declaring victory.

Dartmouth, however, had two seconds and they tried to make the best of it. They took the ball and tossed it around at least twice and then ran with it. It looked like they might even make it, with Hunter Bolarinho carrying the ball halfway down the field. But Fairhaven Blue Devil Jarod Frates, the very last guy between the ball and the end zone, tackled Bolarinho, ending the game in a double drama.

Fairhaven and Dartmouth have played on Thanksgiving day since 1923 (except for 2020 due to the pandemic). Fairhaven is usually

outmatched, but gives the Indians a run for their money.

In 2021, it seems the tide changed. FHS beat DHS 14-7; last year FHS beat Dartmouth, 24-7. A far cry from the 2019 game, when FHS lost 41-0.

This year, FHS went into the Thanksgiving Day game with a 10-1 record. And DHS was undefeated in the regular season, ending 9-1 after losing in the quarter finals.

The game is available on demand for free on the Dartmouth Community Media YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYm1blYlp3k>



ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven High School Blue Devil Colby Correia gets knocked out of bounds, but not before getting the first down in the 2nd quarter of the Thanksgiving Day game against Dartmouth at Dartmouth Stadium on 11/23/23. ABOVE RIGHT: FHS's Cameron Burke is taken down, but not before he gets the first down during the third quarter. BELOW LEFT: FHS's Richie Senna carries the ball for two extra points after a touchdown in the third quarter. BELOW MIDDLE AND RIGHT: FHS's Justin Marques breaks away from the last Dartmouth Indian and makes it all the way to the end zone for a touchdown that tied the game in the fourth quarter. BOTTOM LEFT: FHS's Grant Darmofal kicks a 42-yard field goal to break the tie with only two seconds left in the game at the end of the play. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fairhaven High School Blue Devils react after Grant Darmofal's 42-yard field goal attempt is successful. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Food/toy drive and motorcycle run fills the truck

By Beth David

Editor

The Acushnet Lions Club filled up the Adams and Adams 12K (GVWR) big box truck with toys and food during their annual food/toy drive and motorcycle run at the Rivers End on 11/26/23. All food and toys went to the Shepherd's Pantry where they will be distributed to the people who use the pantry on Saturday mornings.

Mark DeSilva, who owns the Rivers End Cafe, which hosts the event, said the Lions also donated \$1500 in toys and food. Businesses and individuals gave money, food, and toys. The

registration fee for each motorcycle rider was a donation of food or toys.

An anonymous donar gave 10 basketballs in memory of "B," who loved sports.

Miss Apple Peach Kelsey Peters, and her little sister, Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Kailey Peters, helped out selling raffle tickets for the Lions and just cheering up the place. Everyone was treated to coffee and donuts inside the Rivers End.

The pantry serves nearly 200 families each Saturday, about double the number from just a few years ago.

Donations from the public are

critical to the pantry's ability to provide food to families.

To donate food, look for the bins at the Millicent Library (Walnut Street entrance), the Acushnet Public Library, and Stop & Shop in Fairhaven.

Send check or MO to Shepherd's Pantry, P.O. Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The pantry is located at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet, and distributes food from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Find them on Facebook or call 508-763-9289.

The pantry is always looking for volunteers.



ABOVE: Acushnet Lions Club members, volunteers, and motorcycle riders pose for the local free sheet after delivering a truckload of food and toys to the Shepherd's Pantry during the Acushnet Lions Club annual food/toy drive and motorcycle run on 1/26/23. BELOW LEFT: Ayla DeMelo sorts the toys collected. BELOW RIGHT: Mark DeSilva hands a case of canned goods to Linda Taylor who will take it into the Shepherd's Food Pantry. BOTTOM LEFT: Ben Medeiros carries toys into the Shepherd's Food Pantry. BOTTOM MIDDLE: A volunteer carries a case of canned goods into the Shepherd's Food Pantry. BOTTOM RIGHT: Miss Apple Peach, Kelsey Peters (LEFT), and Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Kailey Peters (RIGHT), who are sisters, pose for the local free sheet with members of the Lions Club. *Photos by Beth David.*



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Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Sealed bids for Construction of: **FORCE MAIN ACCESS MANHOLES – PHASE 1 – CONTRACT 29** for the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, acting by its Board of Public Works will be received at the Office of the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, until 2:00 o'clock P.M., prevailing time, on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and at that time opened publicly and read aloud in the adjacent meeting room. A required Pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. on Microsoft Teams.

The proposed work to be done under this contract includes installing two access manholes on the South Street force main system and ancillary work including wastewater bypass pumping, environmental protection, and traffic management. The Contract includes a Bid Alternate for installing one access manhole on the Taber Street force main system and ancillary work including wastewater bypass pumping, environmental protection, and traffic management. The Bid Alternate work also includes installing bypass piping, valves, hydrants, fittings, service replacement and trench paving.

It is the intention of the Owner to award the Contract to the lowest qualified responsive bidder. The bidder must submit a bid on all items in the Schedule of Prices. The Owner reserves the right to award the Contract based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Bidders are responsible for assessing the actual field conditions at all the areas in which the work will take place prior to preparing and submitting a bid on this contract.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be examined at the Office of the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and at the office of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 45 Blue Sky Drive, 3rd Floor, Burlington, Massachusetts, on and after Wednesday, November 29, 2023, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge at [www.accentblueprints.com](http://www.accentblueprints.com). Copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or by calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Printing located at 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 (978-362-8038), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are nonrefundable. For addition to the project

plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent to access the documents.

Each Bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, treasurer's check, or cashier's check drawn on or issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Town of Fairhaven. The amount of such bid security shall be five per cent of the value of the bid.

No bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days (not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays), after the date of opening thereof.

Contracts for work under this Proposal will obligate the Contractor and subcontractors not to discriminate in employment practices.

Attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the contract.

All bidders shall comply with the requirements set forth in "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Modified Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program," "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program Contract Compliance Procedure," and the "Town of Fairhaven Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise Program" (see Appendix).

A Performance Bond, and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the Contract price will be required.

Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Deputy Director of Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards, under the provision of the M.G.L. Ch149, ss. 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

Liquidated damages in the amount of *One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)* per calendar day shall be affixed in accordance with the liquidated damages requirements stipulated in the Agreement.

The Contractor shall complete all work called for under the Contract Agreement in all parts and requirements within 360 calendar days as specified in the Proposal.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit documentation that all employees to be employed in the work subject to this bid have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of successful completion of a course in construction safety and health approved by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is at least 10 hours in duration shall be subject to immediate removal.

Bids for this contract are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids received and to award the Contract to any of the contractors bidding on the work if, in the Town's opinion, the best interests of the Town will thereby be promoted.

Board of Public Works for Fairhaven, MA  
FNN 11/30/23

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be at 40 Center Street, and it is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. MGL, Ch. 30a, § 20(f) requires anyone that intends to record any portions of a public meeting,

either by audio or video, or both, to notify the Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

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or CALL 1-929-205-6099  
Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076  
Passcode: 633695

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. **SE 023-1432, CON 023-380: 18 Almond Street, Map 43B, Lot 012** Notice of Intent filed by Jeffrey White to install a concrete pad within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to the Coastal Bank, Salt Marsh, Coastal Beach, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), and FEMA Flood Zone VE, (EI. 16' & 17'), located at Assessor's Map 43B, Lot 012.

2. **CON 023-381: 58 Balsam Street, Map 43C, Lot 012** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Adam Gibson to construct an open deck along the north and west sides of the existing house to connect a landing to an existing open deck. The property is located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), Land Under the Ocean and within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.19'). Work to take place at Assessor's Map 43C, Lot 012.

3. **SE 023-1433, CON 023-382: Frederick Avenue, Map 29A, Lots 151-152** Notice of Intent filed by Michael Livingstone proposing the construction of a 38-foot by 38-foot single-family dwelling on the parcel. The property is located within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.16') and within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at Assessor's Map 29A, Lots 151-152.

4. **CON 023-383: 685 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 42, Lot 014B** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Steven Koczera to pour foundation for a 25-foot by 28-foot garage with 8 sonotubes and replace the rear deck. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17') located at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 014B.

5. **CON 023-384: 55 Goulart Memorial Drive, Map 42, Lot 023A** Request for Determination filed by Tim Cox for excavation and backfill of a trench for an electrical cable to run from the existing building to a fenced in area on site of approximately 250 feet in length, 2 feet in depth, and 1 foot wide with associated erosion controls. Power cable required to power lights and security cameras in the secure storage area for Harbormaster/Marine Resources. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), the Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach, and adjacent to (but not within) the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Priority Habitat located at Assessor's Map 42, Lot 023A.

6. **CON 023-385: 120 Balsam Street, Map 43A, Lot 023** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sarah DeWalt to install an 8-foot by 14-foot shed secured with four helical piles elevated 6" above the pre-existing lawn. Also requesting to relocate parking area from the front of the house to the right with crushed stone; will add native perennial garden and a pervious paver walkway with cobblestone edge. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF), FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.18'), Coastal Beach and Coastal Bank at Assessor's Map 43A, Lot 023.

7. **CON 023-386: 110 Middle Street, Map 12, Lot 17** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Uday Patel for the installation of twelve sonotubes with "Big Foot" footings. The sonotubes will anchor a new tent at the outdoor function location adjacent to the marina at the end of the rear parking lot. Work to take place within FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL.6') and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) at Assessor's Map 12, Lot 17.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the applications are on the Town Website.

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
FNN: 11/30/23

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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=MXp0VWpKTFBEUmluT1pWScTlVzJCQT09>  
or call 1-929-205-6099  
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 &

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- 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*

## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/11, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Community Preservation

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

#### CDBG Hearing

Thurs., 12/7, Arsene St., 6:00 p.m.

#### Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Planning Board

Tues., 12/12, 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.

### TIDE TABLE

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

	Dec. 2023	HIGH a.m.	LOW p.m.	LOW a.m.	LOW p.m.
Friday	1	1022	2253	0316	1557
Saturday	2	1111	2347	0353	1630
Sunday	3	----	1206	0434	1713
Monday	4	0042	1259	0527	1812
Tuesday	5	0132	1349	0645	1916
Wednesday	6	0221	1440	0758	2006
Thursday	7	0314	1537	0857	2051
Friday	8	0410	1634	0957	2137
Saturday	9	0459	1722	1045	2223
Sunday	10	0541	1802	1123	2307
Monday	11	0620	1842	----	1201

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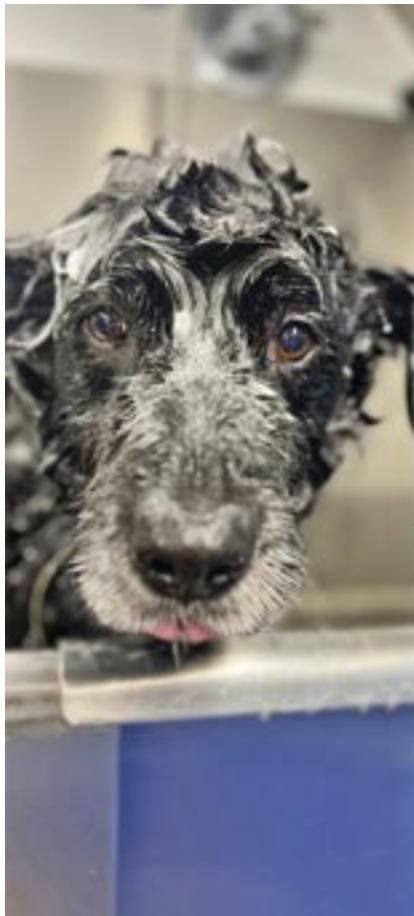
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