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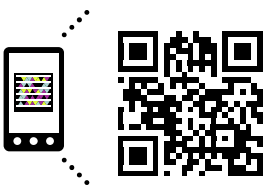
L-R: Malene Mattos, Abigail Hooley, and Carlie Francis have lots of fun singing the class song, “Wherever I Go,” by Hannah Montana, during the Fairhaven High School graduation ceremony on 6/1/25. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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

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



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Publisher Beth David with
Charlie, aka Evil Dog

Well, they made it! The newest Fairhaven Alumni are out in the world (see page 12).

Graduation day is always fun. The energy from the kids, the parents, and the crowd is just fun to be around.

I don't like to give big lectures (or even little lectures) to graduates. They are getting that from all sides. I will say one thing, though, that I think covers it all: Choose your friends carefully.

Your friends say more about you than you may know. Choose people who share your values, have your back, and will tell you if they think you are straying from the path.

Good luck, kids.

We have a little bit of meeting coverage for you (see page 4). The Planning Board finally reorganized...at its 4th meeting after the election? Or is it the fifth?

Really, the argument that the chairperson from the previous board, meaning the board that existed before the election, should run the meetings is ridiculous. But, hey, this is Fairhaven, and Mr. Carr wanted that spot, so they had to actually pay town counsel to write an opinion on it.

This, from the guy screaming about spending money on lawyers, when he's in the middle of half of 'em.

My favorite part was saying we have to change the bylaws to clarify. The bylaws are clear enough. There should not have been any reason to use town counsel, except one man would not use common sense because he wanted to hold the gavel.

This is how it works to anyone who pays attention. There is an elected board, they choose a chair, vice chair, and clerk. Then, there is an election, creating a new board. The old board does not exist after the election. It's gone, moot, vamoosed! The idea that you would continue to keep the old vice chair when the chair got booted out of her position by the voters, is ridiculous.

But, alas, this is Fairhaven. So, we paid Town Counsel to spend hours looking up stuff to say what we already know. Go figure.

Fairhaven lost a good one last week (see obituary on page 19). Bernie Roderick, the former superintendent of schools, died last week. I knew Bernie from newspaper business for 20+ years. I didn't always agree with him, but he was a true public servant. Bernie had his singular focus on what he felt was best for the school department (and everyone else be damned). He was a true advocate. We had not heard much from him the last couple of years. That's just kind of the way of the world.

In any case he will be missed, and the school department lost a friend. As one school committee member said: "It's the end of an era."

Rest peace, Bernie. You truly fought the good fight.

Ugh...barely room to rant about the Big Buffoon.

Now they're bragging they took 1500 people from Massachusetts and charged 50 of them with crimes. Fifty. Yeah, this is so obviously saving us all from criminals, right?

The thing is, every single one of the people they grabbed has authorization to be here. They got here, applied for legal status and were going through the process. That's how the government found them, you numbnuts. They were going to court dates, not for criminal offenses, but for civil proceedings, like, um, immigration stuff. One of those poor, unsuspecting souls was going to his citizenship test. The TEST! Do you have any idea how long it takes to get there, going through all the right steps? Of course you don't. The promise of America is dead. And you Trumpers killed it.

There's other stuff in here, of course. Please be sure to note who our advertisers are so you can let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then, see ya

Glory to Ukraine!
Glory to the Heroes!

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Scholarships awarded to graduates

A variety of academic scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors who are continuing their education beyond high school.

Livesey Club

The Thomas Livesey Club has awarded five, \$1,000.00 Scholarships to the following graduating High School Seniors

- Carly Bradshaw of Fairhaven High
- Allison DaSilva, of Fairhaven High
- Christopher Barney of Fairhaven High
- Jayden Taylor of Fairhaven High
- Elle McCormack of New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

We wish all the best in the future.

Fairhaven Historical Society

Thanks to a generous donor, the Fairhaven Historical Society this year is awarding two Enrique Goytizolo scholarships of \$1,500 each to college-bound seniors at Fairhaven High School.

- Carlie Francis. At Fairhaven High School, Carlie Francis captained both her Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams and was vice

president of the National Honor Society. She plans to enter the six-year pharmacy program at Western New England University.

- Adam Marashio. Inspired by the films using Fairhaven as a setting, and by the creativity of the town's own filmmakers, Adam Marashio hopes his college years will lead him to a career in film, adding to the town's screen presence.

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars

Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars held its annual Awards Ceremony on May 21, 2025 in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium. In front of family, friends, community partners, benefactors and guests, students were awarded 45 scholarships. Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, a 100% volunteer driven chapter of Scholarship America is a 501c3 that supports academic success in our community.

Congratulations to all the 2025 recipients!

- Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship: Cameron Burke
- Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky Memo-

rial Scholarship: Adam Marashio

- Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Heidi Hacking Memorial Scholarship: Savannah Morris
- Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS: Lila Carvalho, Abigail Hooley, Savannah Morris
- Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship: Melandia Coutinho
- FDS Curtis L. Lopes Memorial Scholarship: Ava Malatino
- FDS Scholarship Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes: Hayley Mimoso
- Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship: Carly Bradshaw, Amelia Breese, Allison DaSilva, Finley Reynolds
- Fairhaven Improvement Association Jean Campbell Scholarship: Amelia Breeze, Hayley Mimoso
- Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship in Memory of Ernest Lizotte: Carlie Francis
- Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS: Carly Bradshaw, Carlie Francis, Adam Marashio, Savannah Morris

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Planning Board chooses a new chair, vice chair

By Beth David
Editor

After receiving a letter from Town Counsel, Healthier White, explaining the flaw in their logic of the last meeting (5/15/25 issue), the Fairhaven Planning Board reorganized the board again, choosing a new chair and vice chair at its meeting on 5/27/25.

Dianne Tomassetti, who was chosen Vice Chair at the 5/13 meeting, opened the 5/27 meeting, and went through several items before getting to the election of officers.

Before the vote, resident Eleanor Chew said she believed that a neutral person, such as a staff member, should run the meeting until they elect a chair. She said she was not sure it was legal the way they did it last time, with Patrick Carr, who was the Vice Chair of the previous board, running the meeting. Mr. Carr had been elected Vice Chair of the PB before the election. After the election in April, new board members were elected and the previous chairperson

was not re-elected. Mr. Carr ran the meeting on 5/13, saying it was “status quo” for him to run the meeting and to continue as interim chairperson.

That logic was questioned by a number of people, including the *Neighb News*, and Town Counsel was asked to give an opinion.

In her letter, Ms. White relies on the town’s bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order, which town boards also use as an operating guide.

In her letter Ms. White states: “Fairhaven’s General Bylaws, Section 316-1 ‘Planning Board — General Provisions’ provides in pertinent part as follows:

“A.

“Officers. The Planning Board shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk annually at the first Board meeting following Town elections.”

She said she could find nothing in Robert’s Rules of Order that would allow an officer “whose successor has been elected to continue serving in the role.”

“However, even if Robert’s Rules did so provide, in my opinion such

provision would yield to the requirements of the Bylaws that the Board must elect its officers each year, thereby ending the terms of the officers elected the previous year,” she wrote.

In the end the board elected Ms. Tomassetti chairperson, and Jessica Fidalgo as vice chair. Both votes were unanimous.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Carr said they should update some of the bylaws so there is no confusion, instead of going to town counsel, or people complaining. He said it should be mandated and written so they are not only going by Robert’s Rules.

They did not refer directly to, or read from Ms. White’s letter, which clearly quotes from the bylaws.

In other business, the board continued a receipt of plans for a two-lot subdivision at 0 Sconticut Neck Road, aka Island View Road, to 6/10.

The board also reviewed committee liaison assignments, but only made one change, with Sean Powers taking over the Community Preservation Committee from Ms. Tomassetti.

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Encampment

Step back in time as you experience a piece of living history at the very site where early American revolutionaries took their stand against the tyrannies of the British Colony!

Join the Fairhaven Village Militia at their Spring Encampment for a weekend of living history at Fort Phoenix! Walk among costumed reenactors as they demonstrate flintlock musket drills, military training, and colonial crafts such as tin smithing, leatherworking, sewing, and fire starting. Watch food being prepared over an open campfire and learn about life in 1770s Fairhaven. There will be a firing of the Fort's five large seacoast cannons at dusk on Saturday Evening (approx. 8pm).

There will be musket firing on the half hour and firing of a small field cannon on the hour throughout the day. The Fort Phoenix bunker will be open for tours.

The encampment will begin on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 10:00 am to Sunday, June 8, 2025 12:00 pm.

Evenings at the Fort

The Militia will also be hosting "Evenings at the Fort" for the 2025 summer season. The dates for the 2025 season are: June 18, July 16, and August 20. Time is 5-8pm

There will be a single firing of a large seacoast cannon at 6:30 pm

This immersive event each month offers a unique opportunity to explore the history of Fort Phoenix and the role Fairhaven played in the American Revolution. Talk to period costumed men and women about the Fort's history and life in the 1770s. The Fort Phoenix bunker will be open for tours.

Museum Open

The Fairhaven Historical Society Museum is pleased to welcome visitors every Saturday from June 14th through September 14th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Located in the Academy Building next to Fairhaven High School, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the town's past through a rich collection of artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia.

This summer, don't miss the special seasonal exhibit "A Taste of the Past: Fairhaven's Restaurant

History," featuring 20 archival photographs that celebrate local dining landmarks through the decades—from classic seafood spots to forgotten favorites.

In addition to the featured exhibit, the museum's permanent collection showcases the people, industries, and moments that have shaped Fairhaven's unique identity. Whether you're a history buff, a lifelong resident, or a curious visitor, there's something new to discover each week.

Admission is free and open to the public. Step inside and explore Fairhaven's story—one artifact at a time.

Old Stone Schoolhouse Open

The Fairhaven Historical Commission & The Old Stone Schoolhouse are pleased to present our 2025 Season opening schedule. The Schoolhouse, 40 North St., Fairhaven, will be open from 11am - 2pm on the following Saturdays: June 14, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 16, August 30, September 20, October 11, Nov. 1.

Find the Fairhaven Historical Commission on Facebook for updates and info throughout the season. Look forward to seeing you at the Schoolhouse!

Pirates & Privateers

Ahoy, mateys! Join Greybeard & Companie for a free, family-friendly Pirates & Privateers presentation every Friday morning, June through September at Fort Phoenix (weather permitting). Hear true tales of pirate lore, local privateers, and Revolutionary War history! Fun for all ages.

Starting 6/6, 10:00 AM – 11:20 AM
Fort Pheonix, Green St, Fairhaven, MA 02719

Free Movie

Mon., 6/9, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Use Walnut Street entrance. Doors open at 5:15, movie starts at 5:30.

Featuring "The Maltese Falcon" (1:41). Join us for a San Francisco-set, film noir classic! Dangerous criminals conspire, lie, double cross, and kill for a priceless statue they all want to possess. Private detective Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) gets pulled into

the mess when his partner becomes its casualty. Is his client, knock-out Miss Wonderly (Mary Astor), a victim of the sinister group or a femme fatale mastermind?

Open Air Market

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Next date; 6/10, 10 a.m.–noon.

Fr. Day Road Race

Annual Father's Day 5K Road Race, Sun., 6/15, 9 a.m. Starts and ends at Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven. Family, fun and fitness, a Father's Day tradition.

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Flagpole at Fort Phoenix replaced with severe weather pole

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Historical Commission held a ceremony to celebrate the installation of a flagpole at Fort

Phoenix, near the cannons, to replace one that had been broken for several months.

The new severe weather pole is rated to withstand winds of up to 180

MPH. The Apollo Series Severe Weather pole, made in New Hampshire, had the best performance record for the conditions encountered at Fort Phoenix, said FHC chairperson, Mike Kelly.

A small group of supporters showed up in very windy and cool conditions on Saturday morning, 5/31/25 to commemorate the event.

Mr. Kelly gave a summary of the demise of the old pole, saying that about six months ago the halyard snapped. That pole had been donated by Gail Isaksen many years ago. They could have replaced the halyard, but it was "costly" he said.



LEFT: Rick and Monica Martin listen to Fairhaven Historical Commission Chairperson, Mike Kelly, speak at a ceremonial flag-raising on the new severe weather pole that the Martins donated, at Fort Phoenix near the cannons on 5/31/25. RIGHT: Fairhaven Veterans Services Officer, Mike Jenney (LEFT), and Rick and Monica Martin raise the flag. Photos by Beth David.

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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: 6/11, Mashpee Commons; 6/18, Hyannic Mall & Trader Joe's; 6/25, Thames St., Newport; 7/2, Tiverton Casino.

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Monday Movie Matinee

June 16, 12:15 p.m. Featuring *Conclave*. Conspiracy Thriller/Drama. When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church..

Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you.

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Please join staff from the Registry of Deeds for an information meeting regarding Declaration of Homestead and Property Fraud Alert. The Bristol South Register of deeds and staff members will be here on to provide you with necessary information to protect your property from fraud.

We will review the Homestead Act as well as how to register for property fraud protection. Also, we will have homestead forms available, staff to help assist filling out the forms, looking up your deed reference, and a notary as well to notarize signatures. The fee to record the homestead is \$37.00. We can accept cash and check. We will also follow with questions and answers.

Coffee and pastries will be provided.

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Brazilian Soccer Clinic

Brazilian United Soccer Clinic is open to all kids aged 7 to 14, regardless of skill level. The program focuses on developing technical soccer skills through engaging cultural activities, mini-tournaments, and lots of fun. Participants will make friends, learn new skills from professional Brazilian soccer coaches, and receive a customized evaluation card at the end of the program. Adapted for each age group, the program promotes distinct personal and sports development with the #BeyondSoccer approach.

Date: July 21-25 Monday - Friday
All Day Camp: 8 to 14 years old (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Member \$200. Non-\$215. Half Day Camp: 7 to 14 years old (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Member \$170. Non-\$185.

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Recipe of the Week

Korean BBQ Beef (Bulgogi)

- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 green onions, chopped, dark green parts separated from white and light green parts
- 1/4 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsps toasted sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 tsp Korean red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 1/8 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 lbs beef sirloin steak, cut very thin using kitchen shears
- 1 teaspoon honey, or to taste

Whisk together all ingredients except honey and dark green parts of green onions in a large glass or ceramic bowl.

Add steak slices and toss to evenly coat. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour, or up to 1 day.

Heat a wok or large skillet over med heat. Working in batches, cook and stir steak and marinade together in the hot skillet, adding honey to caramelize the steak, until steak is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Garnish with dark green parts of green onions.



Dear Frankie

English as A Second Language

Dear Frankie, I didn't understand what my parents were asking me to do. My dad thought I had a hearing problem, but the vet said I could hear a refrigerator open a mile away. My brother said I was lazy and pulling their chain.

My mom wondered if it might be a language problem and enrolled us in an English as a Second Language class. The first thing the teacher said was that humans often were the cause of their dogs' communication problems. She said humans were notorious for mumbling, not speaking clearly, or the big offender — using different words for a command.

She was convinced dogs could follow commands if their families did the following: 1. Call the dog by name. 2. Establish eye contact before

speaking; 3. Consistently use the exact words and hand signals when giving a command, and 4. Give praise for a correct response.

You can't imagine how relieved my mom and I were to learn an easy solution awaited us. After four classes, we had every command down pat and graduated with flying colors. Now, the challenge is getting my brother on board.


Mickey

Dear Mickey,

Thanks for your illuminating letter on communication and the four-step Command Process. It will get my human readers thinking about how they may be the ones with the problem, and communication is a two-way street.

The process makes perfect sense and should be easy to follow, even for someone like your brother. The teacher's explanation of where communication breaks down between humans and dogs will greatly relieve my canine readers who struggle to learn commands and think it's because they are dumb.

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UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!

10 a.m. June 8: 'Joy Matters'
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FHS grads told to “carry it forward”

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven High School sent 144 newly minted alumni into the world on Sunday, 6/1/25, with speakers repeating the message to carry it forward as they move onto the next phase of their lives.

“We made it,” said Salutatorian, Christopher Barney, telling his fellow grads that leaving the halls of FHS does not mean leaving behind rigorous studies or challenges, or anything they experienced

“We leave a lot in the past,” he said, but they carry more into the future. “Carry it all forward.”

Valedictorian, Hayley Mimoso, said they stand as a strong class that made their mark on the school.

She did not know what to expect when she first entered the school.

“If high school taught me anything, it’s that life is unpredictable and incredibly short,” said Ms. Mimoso.

She said they cannot slow it down, but they can decide how to spend it.

“We can do great things,” she said. “Carry it forward.”

Superintendent of schools, Tara Kohler, told them they became a community. Most of them are from Fairhaven, but some are from Acushnet, and some from afar. Some have been there the whole four years, some transferred in.

But they got to know each other and became a community.

She noted that Mr. Barney called Ms. Mimoso his best friend when he introduced her.

Ms. Kohler said in some places it is about competition, but at FHS, it is

about “healthy growth as a group.”

“What we have in common is so much more than our differences,” said Ms. Kohler. “You will always be part of this community.”

“You are all Fairhaven High School graduates after today,” she said. “Wear it with pride and know we will always have your back.”

She told them to keep their community in mind, keep that spirit with them.

“We need people to stand up for what is right,” said Ms. Kohler, noting they grew up in a different time, facing social media attacks, and more. “You’re the cusp of the next generation.”

She told a story about a staff member who had a great impact on a student. She said it is not just



teachers, but all staff who are chosen for their attitude towards the students in mind.

To the parents, she said, “Just know that we believe in your kids even when it is hard.”

Principal Andrew Kulak told students they were there to celebrate not the end of their high school years, but the beginning of something bigger.

“You made it to this day with more resilience, humor, energy and Tik Tok scrolling than any other class before you,” said Mr. Kulak to much laughter. “You kept our staff on our toes since day one.”



He told them they grew up in a time of extraordinary change and saw history made in real time. They weathered the obstructions, pivoted through uncertainty and still showed up day after day, class after class.

“That takes strength. That takes heart,” he said. “And now you get to take that strength into the real world.”

He said they are defined not by the challenges they faced, but by the way they responded to them. They grew up in a world of “constant flux,” including the pandemic, climate change, cultural changes and the rise of technology.

“You mastered digital fluency, but never lost your emotional intelligence,” said Mr. Kulak.

He talked about their resilience, perseverance, and how they helped each other.

“And now you carry all of that, all of that growth with you, into wherever your journey takes you,” he said.

They carry a lot of high school with them, he said, and pointed out words in their class song, “Wherever I Go,” by Hannah Montana: “You’re in my heart just like a tattoo. I’ll always have you.”

He said to think of that as a reminder that no matter how far takes them, the experiences of high school will go with them.

“They are a part of you and in a way, binds you together.”

He told them the road ahead will not always be smooth.

“But when you hit those bumps and barriers, remember who you are and where you came from,” said Mr. Kulak. “Fairhaven High graduates don’t flinch at obstacles. They keep moving, Dunkin’ in one hand and



ABOVE: Isaiah Benoit is all smiles as he approaches the stage to receive his diploma from Fairhaven Select Board chairperson, Charlie Murphy, during the Fairhaven High School commencement ceremony on 6/1/25. TOP: A graduate gives the thumbs ups after receiving her diploma. MIDDLE: A graduate sports a mortarboard decorated with colorful flowers. Photos by Beth David

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determination in the other.”

Mr. Kulak also told them that some day they will remember high school as the “good old days.”

He thanked their parents and teachers and staff for their parts in helping them get to this point.

He thanked the students for filling the classrooms with “kindness, creativity and fun.”

So, take the next step he told them.

“Wherever you go, go with intention, go with boldness, go with pride,” said Mr. Kulak. “And knowing that you are ready. Not because everything ahead will be easy but because everything behind you made you stronger.”

The program included the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, The “Halls of Ivy” by the FHS Concert Choir, Presentation of the class gifts, and the class song, “Wherever I go,” by Hannah Montana.

After the ceremony, students and family members hung around to take photos and soak in the moment on a sunny, albeit kind of windy, Sunday.

“It’s been a pleasure in all honesty, going here to this historic place,” said Isaiah Benoit. “My whole life is ahead

of me and my journey awaits.”

He said he will be attending Bridgewater State University for Sports Management.

Rafael Burgos said he felt pretty good, “a little sad,” and “pretty awesome.”

He will be attending UMass Dartmouth for Business.

Jared Reardon agreed with the sentiments of his friend. He will be attending Curry College for Criminal Justice.

Brooke Bradbury-Ursini said she felt, “good” and “excited.” She will be attending Bristol Community College for Nursing.

Brilynn Gunderway was taking pictures with a few different family members. She said she will be attending MTTI for HVAC.

Jae-Lea Diaz was taking pictures with friends and relatives. She will be attending UMassD for ceramics.

Her mother, Jessica Cavalieri, said she was “emotional. I’m proud of her.”

Meaghan DuCharme said she had “no idea” what she would be doing next, except, presumably, enjoying



Jason Perry and Hansen Zhao greet each other with a trendy handshake after Mr. Perry receives his diploma during the Fairhaven High School graduation ceremony on 6/1/25. Photo by Beth David.

her summer.

Her friend, Victoria Fraga, has a plan, though, to go Bridgewater for Psychology.

“I’m really happy that I was able to graduate,” said Ms. Fraga, who teaches at an after school program, and will continue that through the summer.

Fairhaven High School Top Ten Grads

Here are the top ten Fairhaven High School graduates for 2025.



1: Hayley M. Mimoso, UMassD, medical laboratory science



2: Christopher W. Barney, Brown University physics



3: Jayden M. Taylor, University of NH, music education



4: Finley P. Reynolds, Bowdoin College, mathematics



5: Amelia E. Breese, UMassD, bioengineering



6: Tracy Zhao, UMass Amherst, business management



7: Davis S. Jones, U of So. Maine, linguistics — speech & language sci.



8: Carlie J. Francis, Western New England University, pharmacy



9: Anthony J. Monteiro, Worcester Polytechnic, mechanical engineering



10: Ayla R. Guillotte, UMassB, philosophy, law and ethics

Howe Allen Realty announces new location

Press Release

Howe Allen Realty, the locally-owned boutique real estate firm that you have known for its dedication to Fairhaven and surrounding towns, is pleased to announce the opening of their new location at 47 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Their location in the Center of Fairhaven reiterates the company's commitment to serving the community with personalized service and local knowledge.

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and beauty that natives respect and has attracted like-minded people who want to become part of the community.

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In keeping with its values, Howe

Allen Realty remains committed to giving back. A portion of every closing is donated to local organizations focused on community activities such as Fitness in the Park; and fundraisers for worthy causes such as the West Island 5K and the TurkeyTrot as well as cultural and historical groups like the Fairhaven Historical Society among others.

"Rather than flashy billboards and vanity advertising, we focus our investment back into our town," said Mr. Allen.

Their new office location continues in observing and embracing the history of Fairhaven. Formerly built as the parsonage for the minister of the Unitarian Church, the Harrop Center now is utilized for educational purposes, meetings, therapeutic wellness and of course Howe Allen Realty.

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- Henry Dadnielli Scholarship - FHS PTO: Hayley Mimoso, Jayden Taylor
- Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship: Carlie Francis
- Leroy L. Wood School PTO-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: Carly Bradshaw, Amelia Breeze, Teylem Cogswell, Davis Jones, Jake Macolini, Ava Malatino
- Linda J. Meredith Memorial Scholarship: Abigail Hooley
- NFIA Community Service Scholarship: Hayley Mimoso, Jayden Taylor
- Nick Iddon Scholarship Fund: Jayden Taylor
- Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship: Allison DaSilva, Davis Jones
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- Leader Scholarship: Amelia Breeze, Finley Reynolds
- Rob Shields Kindness Award: Kole Pinto
- Rob Shields Memorial Scholarship: Cameron Burke
- Rogers School Alumni Scholarship: Gavin Austin
- Ronald J. Tavares Scholarship: Ava Malatino

SC Community Foundation

On May 20, the SouthCoast Community Foundation hosted the 24th annual Jacobs Family Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, honoring five outstanding New Bedford high school seniors for their academic excellence, leadership, and community commitment.

The ceremony honored the generosity and legacy of Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs, a New Bedford native, co-founder of Qualcomm, and globally recognized philanthropist. Dr. Jacobs returned to his hometown for the occasion and addressed the audience with reflections on his journey from New Bedford High School to

pioneering achievements in technology and philanthropy.

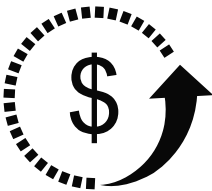
Each of this year's Jacobs Scholars will receive a \$40,000 scholarship to support their college education:

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- Jaelyn Rodericks, New Bedford High School: Harvard University
- Bao Ta, New Bedford High School: Bridgewater State University
- Veronika Horsky, Global Learning Charter Public School: UMass Amherst
- Ian Lopes, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School: Roger Williams University

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I get countless letters from dogs who blame themselves for all sorts of problems and never consider that they may be due to the failings of their human families.

My human readers might also find the steps helpful when giving directives to one another.

Best, Frankie

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Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 7/1, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Commission on Disability

Thurs., 6/12, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Mon., 6/16, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Council on Aging

Tues., 6/10, Sr. Ctr., 9 a.m.

Economic Development

Wed., 6/11, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Lagoa Friendship

Mon., 6/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Livable Streets Comm

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

Marine Resources

Thurs., 6/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/11, FHS Lib., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

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

Sustainability

Tues., 6/17, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Acushnet

Beautification Comm.

Thurs., 6/5, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Comm

Wed., 6/11, Police Station, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 6/16, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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

	June 2025	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	5	0413	1647	1118	---
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Saturday	7	0605	1826	0103	---
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Sunday	8	0647	1904	0143	1200
Monday	9	0725	1941	0216	1231
Tuesday	10	0804	2020	0139	1304
Wednesday	11	0844	2101	0205	1343
Thursday	12	0928	2144	0244	1429
Friday	13	1012	2227	0325	1518
Saturday	14	1056	2312	0404	1605
Sunday	15	1144	---	0442	1650
Monday	16	0001	1236	0523	1739

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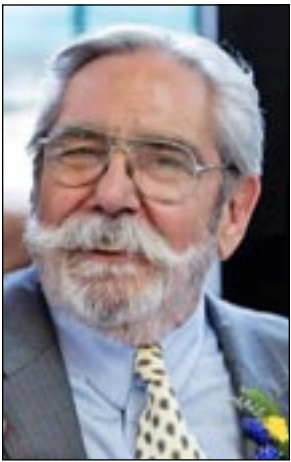
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Obituary: Bernard F. Roderick



Bernard F. Roderick

April 1, 1937 – May 29, 2025

Bernard F. Roderick, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated educator, passed away peacefully on May

29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 88 years old.

Born on April 1, 1937, in New Bedford, Bernie grew up in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and was a proud graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1954. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College and later a Doctorate from the New England School of Law. Though trained in law, his heart found its true calling in education.

Encouraged by friends who

recognized his innate talent for teaching and leadership, Bernie began his educational career in 1968 as a science teacher at Hastings Middle School. His natural leadership was acknowledged when he became vice principal in 1972, principal of East Fairhaven Elementary School in 1975, and ultimately Superintendent of the Fairhaven School Department in 1990. He served as Superintendent for over a decade and continued contributing to the community after retirement by serving on the Fairhaven School Committee and various town committees.

Throughout his 32 years of service to Fairhaven schools, Bernie remained steadfast in his belief in the power and promise of education, and shaped the minds and hearts of students and colleagues alike. One of his most cherished professional accomplishments was the renovation and expansion of Fairhaven High School, a project that seamlessly united the school's historic roots with a modern, state-of-the-art addition. In recognition of his tireless dedication to Fairhaven, the school

library now bears his name.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Margaret "Peggy" Roderick; his three children, John F. Roderick, Amy L. Roderick, and Mary M. Roderick along

with her husband Eddie Saldana; and his cherished granddaughter, Kelli Brissette, and her husband Zachary Brissette. He also leaves behind many beloved furry, four-legged grandchildren who brought him great joy.

A man of quiet strength, deep integrity, and genuine kindness, Bernie lived a life centered around family, community, and service. He found joy in life's simple pleasures: hunting trips with his son John, Sunday breakfasts with his daughter Amy, sharing his love of musical theater with his daughter Mary, retreats to his camp in Maine, clamboils with family, and sneaking treats to the family pets. He especially loved planning and tending the summer garden with his wife Peggy.

Bernie often said, "Do the right thing because it is the right thing to do," a philosophy he not only taught but lived by. His integrity, courage, compassion, and gentle guidance leave a legacy that will continue through the many lives he touched.

Calling hours are Friday, June 13, 2025 from 4-7 PM in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Bernie's memory be made to Operation Smile, MSPCA-Angell, or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, causes that held a special place in his heart.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET

There will be an Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Ford Middle School in the Auditorium, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743.

Board of Selectmen
David Wojnar, Chairman
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New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Public Meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a virtual public meeting on June 10 from 6:00PM-7:30PM via Microsoft Teams. In addition to reviewing the cleanup work completed in 2024 as well as what is planned for 2025, EPA will present the draft seventh Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) proposing to modify the upper and lower harbor remedy (Operable Unit 1) for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

The Agency is soliciting public comments on the draft ESD7 during the 30-day public comment period starting on June 11, 2025, and ending on July 10, 2025. Comments on the draft ESD7 and Administrative Record can be submitted via <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID No. EPA-R01-SFUND-2025-0131). All comments are reviewed and responded to in writing by EPA prior to selecting a final alternative for the ESD. Meeting materials will be posted prior to the public meeting on <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven

Conservation Commission

Monday, June 16, 2025 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.

Anyone wishing to access the meeting via remote means may do so in the following manner:

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In-person attendance is permitted for the public at Town Hall at 40 Center Street

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:

- a. **CON 023-510, SE 023-1505: 7 Silver Shell Beach Drive, Map 41, Lot 47** Notice of Intent filed by Cornelius Minihan to replace failing septic tight tank. Edge of tank will be located 20' from the edge of wetland/marsh area. Minor filling & grading to take place within disturbed area. Work to take place within Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Marsh & FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI. 20').
- b. **CON 023-511, SE 023-1506: 51 Association Road, Map 29, Lot 33B** Notice of Intent filed by Joshua & Katie Cardoso to propose a 24.2' x 28.2' carport with studio/loft area & proposed elevated deck to service the existing single-family dwelling located within FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17') & Buffer Zone to BVW.
- c. **CON 023-512: 2 Mark Drive, Map 32, Lot 19G** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Tyler Bates to install new 15' x 50' concrete driveway in existing front lawn area. Parcel falls within Buffer Zone to BVW.
- d. **CON 023-513: 15 School Street, Map 24, Lot 161** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by William Ryan to install fence on west side of property. Parcel located within Buffer Zone to BVW.
- e. **CON 023-514: 0 Point Street, Map 28B, Lot 131** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Heather Skrutski to permit existing camper and gazebo on property. Parcel located within Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach & FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.16').
- f. **CON 023-515: 73 Nakata Avenue, Map 43, Lot 097** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Joseph Dupre to install 8' x 18' x 6"-thick concrete pad on the north side of garage for lawn equipment storage. Parcel located within Coastal Beach & FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.18').
- g. **CON 023-481: 29 Shore Drive, Map 29C, Lot 613 - Heard January 27, 2025, February 24, 2025, March 24, 2025, April 7, 2025 & April 28, 2025 - readvertised due to May 19, 2025 agenda omission.** After-the-fact Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Brian Reis to raise flooded driveway area with gravel located within Flood Zone VE (EI.17').

The agenda will be posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans 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 under current filings.

Brandon Estrella, Chair
Fairhaven Conservation Commission
FNN: 6/5/25

Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

- **Case #2025.05.20A (Continued from May 20, 2025 Meeting)** A case of Meet in the Middle, LLC for property located on 474 Middle Road, Map 23, Lot 1, Area 27.14 Ac, Seeking a Special Permit for a proposed Storage/Warehouse use in the Residence A (RA) district per Section 33.3.3.B.14 of the Zoning Bylaw. The stated reason for the petition is that the subject property is suitable for this low density use given the overall parcel

size and the use of this land for contractor storage is compatible with the uses in the project vicinity.

- **Case #2025.06.17A** A case of John Lenhard for property located on 195 Perry Hill Road, Map 8, Lot 22, Area 2.55 Ac, Seeking a Special Permit for the operation of a "retail store" with adequate off street parking pursuant to Section 3.3.1B 11 of the Town zoning bylaws. In addition, a Variance is also required to permit an oversized sign pursuant to Section 3.6.C.1.
- **Case #2025.06.17B** A case of Three Kings Marine, LLC for property located on 42 South Main Street, Map 15, Lot 271 & Sigvny Street, Map 15, Lot 270. The petitioner is appealing a letter from the Building Commissioner to Cease and desist all activity on the premise.
- **Case #2025.06.17C** A case of Lori Elias for property located at 199 Leonard Street, Map 19, Lots 29B & 30A-1. The Applicant requests a variance from the zoning bylaws Section 3.3.1 A, to temporarily have two single-family dwellings on the property for a period of one-year or until an occupancy permit is issued for the new dwelling. The Applicant requests that the ZBA allow her to relocate the existing mobile home on the property so that she can continue to live in it while the new house is constructed, at which point she will remove it from the site.
- **Case #2025.06.17D** A case of MD Southcoast Properties, LLC for property located at 72 Middle Road, Map 24, Lot 35. The Applicant requests a Variance from Section 3.3.7C. Standards 1. Tract size requirement that the property contain a minimum of 150 feet of frontage on a Public Way. The property contains 141.97 feet of frontage on Middle Road, a public way, which is short 8.03 feet of the minimum requirement.

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

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ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room, located at the Acushnet Police Station, 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts.

- **Public Hearing - NOI - Jose Castelo, Deep Brook Estates LLC / Lot 11 Park Drive SE 001-0605 A** Notice of Intent was filed by Jose Castelo for property located at Lot 11, Park Drive, Map 17, Lot 84. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated septic system, drainage, grading and utilities. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated April 15, 2025.
- **Public Hearing - NOI - Jose Castelo, Deep Brook Estates LLC / Lot 12 Park Drive SE 001-0606 A** Notice of Intent was filed by Jose Castelo for property located at Lot 12, Park Drive, Map 18, Lot 88. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated septic system, drainage, grading and utilities. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface Sewage Disposal System New Construction" dated April 15, 2025.
- **Public Hearing - After The Fact RDA - Kathleen DeBarros / 56 Hathaway Road** An After the Fact Request for Determination was filed by Kathleen DeBarros for property located at 56 Hathaway Road, Map 14, Lot 4C. The work consisted of the removal of historical fill piles using an excavator and dump trucks. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan - Site Plan for Hathaway Road" dated January 19, 2022.

Mark Minton, Acushnet Conservation Agent
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Get tickets by searching for New Bedford Oysterfest on Eventbrite.com. Ticket \$40 and include a sampling of seven local oysters, a complimentary craft beverage and a souvenir shucking knife. Additional oysters will be available for sale at \$2 each. Ticketholders will have a two-hour window to enjoy the event, either from 12-2 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m. Proceeds will support the Fishing Heritage Center and its mission to preserve and promote New Bedford's rich fishing story as the nation's most valuable fishing port.

Visit <https://explorenewbedford.org> and <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>

SC Pride

South Coast Pride in New Bedford's Buttonwood Park takes place on Sat., 6/7, from noon-5:00 p.m. With a wide range of entertainment, activities, and food options that the whole family can enjoy, as well as dedicated spaces for LGBTQ+ youth and older individuals, the afternoon promises something for everyone. Drag artist Crystal Diamonds returns to emcee the festival, where there will be a full slate of performances, including one from NB Rude Boys, the festival's marquee act. DJ Eddie will provide the day's soundtrack.

For more information about The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network, contact Andy Pollock, president of The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network, at (508) 775-2656, or email andy@sc-lgbtqnetwork.org. Visit <https://www.sc-lgbtqnetwork.org>

Cleanup Palmers Isl

Volunteers needed, Sat., 6/7, 9 a.m. to noon. Six-acre Palmers Island, located on the Acushnet River on the west side entrance to New Bedford Harbor has been the scene of great heroism and tragedy. The lighthouse was once considered one of New England's most picturesque.

Palmers Island is now home to a

local park and offers beach access in need of some TLC, "Trash & Litter Control". Many volunteers are needed to make Palmers Island the beautiful island nature intended it to be.

This will be a combined cleanup with Operation Clean Sweep and Be The Solution to Pollution.

You can pre-register online.

Free t-shirts to all volunteers; Gloves and tools provided; Wear closed-toe shoes; Review the safety notes; Walk-ins Welcome; Free pizza from Dominos!

Sign up at <https://operationcleansweep.net/cleanups-operation-clean-sweep/>

Carnival

Join the NB Carnival, Thurs.-Sun., 6/5-8, 730 Belleville Ave, NB. Ride unlimited rides during our discount ride promotion days, enjoy the sights and sounds of the midway with our 15+ rides and make memories with your whole family! Visit www.fiestashows.com

The carnival opens Thursday and Friday at 6pm, Saturday and Sunday at 1pm. The carnival closes typically between 10pm-11pm nightly, with Sunday being slightly earlier. Partial proceeds will benefit Day of Portugal.

Admission: \$5.00. Megapass for unlimited rides from \$35-\$45. See website, or find them on Facebook.

Free Movie, Concert

At the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. Fri., 6/7, 6-9 p.m. Get tickets at <https://www.whalingmuseum.org>

Concert. As part of the museum's First Friday event series, enjoy live music by Joaquin Santos & The Dope Lotus, known for their dynamic blend of funk, soul, R&B, and pop. Attendees can explore the Museum's galleries after hours, sip cocktails from the cash bar, and enjoy complimentary snacks in a truly unique atmosphere. Free. Registration encouraged.

Movie. Sunday, June 8, at 3:30 p.m. In honor of World Oceans Day, International Congress of Maritime (ICMM) member organizations from around the world have united to jointly screen *Oceans with David Attenborough*, supported by the Minderoo Foundation. The film dives into the beauty and complexity of the

world's oceans, emphasizing the urgent need to protect marine ecosystems for future generations. Free. Registration is encouraged.

Harbor Meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 6 pm -7:30 pm on Microsoft Teams to update the community on the cleanup work completed in 2024 and what is planned for 2025. EPA will also present the draft seventh Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD7) proposing to modify the upper and lower harbor remedy (Operable Unit 1) for the Site.

A link to join the meeting and resource materials are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/new-bedford-harbor>.

AHA! Pride

June is PRIDE MONTH which means it's time for AHA! Pride on Thurs., 6/12. That's when you can enjoy the 7th Annual Pride Block Party in collaboration with the Queer Arts Council of New Bedford.

In addition, businesses and organizations across downtown will host musical performances, art exhibits, demonstrations, conversations, tours, kids karaoke, open mic poetry and so much more.

For full schedule, visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

Climate Summit

Mass Humanities is hosting All Hands On Deck: A Day of Storytelling About Climate and Resilience on Wed., 6/11, at 5:00 PM at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.

The inaugural Climate Story Summit will focus on the power of community storytelling as a tool for combating climate change, featuring a short film screening, musical performances, and the presentation of the Massachusetts Storyteller Award to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe represented by David Weeden.

Registration is free, and attendees are invited to join in celebrating the essential role of storytelling in fostering resilience and community connection.

Register at <https://masshumanities.org/events/climate-story-summit/>

Mothers of Multiples

The Southcoast Mothers of Multiples Group (formerly known as Greater New Bedford Mothers of Twins) is excited to announce their 50th anniversary celebration on July 20th from 12-4 at the Back Nine at Heritage Hill Golf Course in Lakeville, MA. Both former and current members are warmly invited to join in honoring five decades of friendship and support.

This non-profit support group is dedicated to mothers of multiples—twins, triplets, and beyond—residing in the Southcoast Massachusetts area. We encourage anyone with multiples to reach out and become part of our group! Our monthly meetings include various activities such as outings, guest speakers addressing parenting topics, holiday parties, family gatherings, and plenty of laughter.

If you were a past member and haven't been contacted, or if you're interested in joining, please don't hesitate to reach out for more information at southcoastmothersofmultiples@gmail.org or on Facebook at Twins & Triplets & More (Southcoast Mothers of Multiples). We look forward to being a source of friendship and support as you navigate parenthood.

Climate Webinar

Friday, June 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST. Hybrid format: register to attend in-person or as a virtual attendee

In-Person Location Hosted by: Foley Hoag LLP, 155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, MA 02210

Virtual attendees receive login via confirmation and reminder emails.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/5yhhrw9>

Protecting Our Communities: A Whole-Society Approach to Resilience. When disruptions arise, it is often our neighbors, families, and local networks who step up first. In this Forum, we explore how communities can strengthen the ties that hold them together before, during, and after climate-related events. Featuring voices from across sectors who are community leaders, planners, and practitioners, this discussion will examine how local collaboration, trust, and shared

responsibility can help ensure no one is left behind when it matters most. We'll also explore how to support and sustain our informal networks, "zero responders", who often prevent challenges from becoming full-blown crises.

At Acushnet Library

The following events are at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road. Visit <https://acupl.org>

Saturday, June 7 at noon Lewis & Ferri - Songs and Stories of the American Songwriters 1960-1975. Enjoy nostalgic music from the most influential singers/songwriters from 1960 to 1975.

Monday, June 9 at 2 pm - Movie Matinee *Conclave* follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. 2024 PG (2 hours)

Tuesday, June 17 at 11 am - Play & Learn- a PACE CFCE program. Play and Learn is just what it sounds like: We play while we learn, and we learn while we play! Registration recommended.

Medieval Fest

Step back in time and celebrate community, tradition, and spirit at Whitsun Ale, a lively, medieval-style parish festival hosted by St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 8, beginning with a special Pentecost liturgy at 3:00 PM.

This event marks the parish's first-ever Parish Ale, a joyful tradition rooted in centuries of church history. Originating in England and throughout Europe, Parish Ales were festive fundraisers held in celebration of Whitsunday (Pentecost), bringing people together for food, drink, music, and fellowship—all in support of the church's general fund.

The day will begin with a specially crafted liturgy inspired by the Church of England.

Immediately following the service, the grounds of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church will be transformed for the Whitsun Ale, featuring: Live music & medieval entertainment; Children's activities & crafts; Food & drink, including non-alcoholic options; Artisan and produce vendors

Vendor spaces are still available for local crafters—just \$25 per table. Interested vendors can contact Jenny Lime at stgabrielsmarion@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Come celebrate Whitsunday the old-fashioned way—with joy, laughter, and a touch of medieval flair!

Salem Arts Fest

Join us for the 17th annual Salem Arts Festival, June 6-8, in historic downtown Salem, featuring a vibrant celebration of local art, music, dance, and theatre performances across outdoor stages.

This free, family-friendly event showcases our community's creative talent through interactive art-making, a makers' marketplace, pop-up exhibitions, a live mural slam, and public art installations, drawing over 7,500 attendees annually. Visit <https://www.salemartsfestival.com>

Tennis Players

The MCTA, Community Tennis Association which serves the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, Fairhaven, Rochester, and Wareham, is seeking adult men and women as new members to play in their Summer tennis drop-in league.

We currently have about 24 active participants and about 50 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer at a central location on Rte 6. New players should play at a level of 3.5 or higher.

We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing in the U.S. Open and also enjoys having a good time with many sociable people as well.

For further information please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen at 978-844-1117

FHS graduate, Gabriel Monroe, gets commission in US Army

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Courtesy of Clemson University

Clemson University's Army and Air Force ROTC units held a joint ceremony to commission 37 Second Lieutenants at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The ceremony occurred on main campus at the newly renovated Memorial Auditorium in

Tillman Hall. Twenty-two students received commissions into the U.S. Army, and 15 students received commissions into the U.S. Air Force.

Following the commissioning ceremony, the newly appointed Lieutenants participated in a Silver Dollar Salute on Clemson University's Military Heritage Plaza above Bowman field. The ceremony marks the

first salute received by the officer from an enlisted member. As a sign of mutual respect, the officer presents the enlisted member with a silver dollar.

The commissioning candidates for the May 7 ceremony include Fairhaven High School graduate, class of 2021, Gabriel Joseph Monroe of Fairhaven, who received commission into the United States Army.



LEFT: The parents of Second Lieutenant, Gabriel Monroe, pin his bars on him after he was commissioned at a ceremony at Clemson University on 5/7/25. L-R: Keri Monroe (mom), Elaine (sister), 2nd Lt. Gabriel Monroe, Brian (dad), Naval Academy midshipman Adin Monroe (brother). RIGHT: Gabriel Monroe receives his first salute as a Second Lieutenant. *Submitted photos by Ken Scar courtesy of Clemson University.*

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"The fact was that the previous pole had reached the end of its service, and the decision was made to replace it," said Mr. Kelly.

The challenge for the commission, of course, was that they did not have the \$3,000+ for a severe weather pole. He said they went home from their meeting with several ideas but no firm decision. Not an hour later, he said, Rick Martin, a commission member, emailed him.

The email said he would not wait to see what "pans out."

"I have spent my entire adult life serving our country and flag and persons that gave their life for it. I will happily contribute the full amount to get our flag proudly flying again!" Mr. Martin said in the email.

"And with that, our project was fully funded through this incredible donation, which brings us to where we are today," said Mr. Kelly.

It was only fitting, he said, that Rick and his wife, Monica, raise the flag on the new flagpole.

The generosity of FHC members did not end there, he added. Additional contributions were made at the same time to supply special, severe weather flags, as well as toward Phase 2 of the project, which is installing new lighting at the base of the pole to "ensure Old Glory is properly illuminated throughout the night."

Donations came from Nate Bekemeier & Penny Brewer, Alyssa Botelho, Michael & Michelle Kelly

"I think most of us would agree, for one reason or another, that these are difficult times for our great country," said Mr. Kelly. "I hope this moment of raising the flag over Fort Phoenix, which so famously rose from its own ashes to continue the fight for liberty, will remind us all that civic engagement, personal commitment, and collaboration among neighbors are essential components to holding our great nation together."

Fort Phoenix is the site of the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War

in May of 1775. After that, Fort Nobscoot was built there. In 1778 it was destroyed by the British. It was rebuilt after that and named Fort Phoenix after the mythical bird that rose from its own ashes.

The pole was purchased from and installed by Bete-Fleming of Mattapoisett, said Mr. Kelly in a follow-up email.

"We also appreciated that it was both locally made (New England) and installed by a local company (Mattapoisett)," he said.

After the ceremony, Mr. Martin said he did not want to "dilly dally around" for months while the commission tried to fund-raise or otherwise find the money for the pole.

He said his ancestors fought in the American Revolution and felt he had an obligation to them and to his new home of Fairhaven. He has lived here for about two years.

The event will be available on FairhavenTV.com under Community Media

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