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FHS holds traditional graduation on the field



Graduates of Fairhaven High School throw their caps in the air after their graduation ceremony on Sunday, 6/6/21, a traditional ceremony held on the athletic field, in contrast to last year's pandemic ceremony that was a drive-through to pick up diplomas. See page 30 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Wow. It's a been a whole year. A whole COVID-crazy year since the last graduation.

This is our special graduation issue. Thanks to the school, we are able to publish all the senior pictures and their class picture (see page 18 to get started).

We have lots of pictures this year. We didn't publish all the speeches in full because the speakers got to speak, in person, on the field. And I got to be there to hear them.

It was hot, though. Really hot. But I don't think anyone actually fell down. I didn't. My camera, however, took a dive. But, I digress.

This is supposed to be about the kids.

I just looked back at my brilliance from last year. Not bad actually. But this year, I'm going to go back to an old standard of mine, and keep it simple: Choose your friends wisely.

This year we saw a lot of big events that had people getting pulled along to do things they would not have done had they been alone or with a better group of friends.

Choose people who will stick by you but will also tell you when they think you're wrong. Be a good friend and you'll find good friends.

We have other stuff in here. The Selectboard meeting is on page 6. Oh...how I could go on! But I'll wait until next week. All I will say is that the young people today will surely not understand why our town leaders are making as big deal about flying the pride flag at town hall. These kids are more accepting of each other with each passing year. Yes, I know some still bully and make fun of each other. But most of them get it. They know this anti-gay foolishness is just that: Foolishness.

I hope you enjoy this special issue. It was fun being back on the field, no masks, and able to have a normal conversation again.

We managed to get a couple of pages of happenings in, too. See pages 25 & 37 for that.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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Nothing? Really? That's a whole week in a row!

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Scholarship winners announced

Goytizolo Scholarship

The Fairhaven Historical Society announced that the \$1000 Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship recipient is Margaret Carroll, a Fairhaven resident who will be graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School in June. The scholarship honors

Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society.

Maggie is a member of the National Honor Society, is on the AP honor roll, has volunteered at Gifts to Give and



Fairhaven Historical Society awards the 2021 Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship to Margaret Carroll, L-R: Enrique Goytizolo, Ms. Carroll, Fairhaven Historical Society president Tim Evans. Submitted photo.

other charities, and is active in athletics. She intends to study history at Haverford College in the fall. Her application was one of many received and she was selected by the scholarship committee based on her essay, her academic and volunteer record, and her interest in history.

Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at Old

Rochester Regional graduation and at the Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting in June.

The \$1000 Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior whose primary residence is in Fairhaven. The scholarship requires the recipient to volunteer at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification.

The mission of the Fairhaven Historical Society is to promote the educational, cultural and civic welfare of the Town of Fairhaven by preserving its historical heritage by the preservation of historical structures and by encouraging renewed interest in Fairhaven history and culture.

The Society collects and exhibits documents, artworks, antiques, and relics relevant to Fairhaven history and presents them to the public in the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum on the second floor of the Academy Building next to Fairhaven

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High School. This year the Society will mount a new exhibit, Remember the Ladies of Fairhaven, featuring important female figures in the history of the town. The Fairhaven Historical Society Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information contact historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Recipients!

FDS Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship: Gabriel Monroe

FDS Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS: William Benoit

FDS Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS: Allyson Gamache

FDS Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship/FHS: Brian Poirier

FDS Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes: Margaret Carroll

Fairhaven High School Class of 1959 Scholarship: Brian Poirier

Fairhaven Improvement Association Scholarship in Memory of Sylvia M. Brunette: Shane McNamara

Fairhaven Improvement Association Jean Campbell Scholarship: Sydney Andersen

FDS Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II: William Benoit

FDS Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge I: Shane McNamara

FDS Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge II: Gabriel Monroe

FDS Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring Firefighters & Emergency Medical Responders: Margaret Carroll

Friends of Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship: Michelle Zhang

Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: Sydney Andersen

Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: William Benoit

Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: Shane McNamara

Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: Ian Conte

Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship: Gabriel Monroe

Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy

MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship: Colby Bolger

Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship: Gabriel Monroe

FDS Rob Shields Kindness Award: Gabriel Monroe

Rob Shields Memorial Scholarship: Brian Poirier

Rogers School Alumni Scholarship: Margaret Carroll

FDS Ronald J. Tavares Scholarship: Michelle Zhang

Mattapoissett Congregational Church Awards Scholarships

Two graduating seniors with ties to Fairhaven were awarded \$1000 scholarships from the Mattapoissett Congregational Church during worship on Sunday, May 16th. Elijah Burlinson, son of Alexandra Cain & Matthew Burlinson, is a senior at Fairhaven High School.

Margaret Carroll, a senior at Old Rochester Regional High School and daughter of Erich & Jill Carroll, is a Fairhaven resident.

Three additional students receive

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Continental Breakfast
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ing scholarships were introduced to the congregation: Margaret Berry, Ella Meninno and Rebecca Milde.

Margaret Carroll received the Dagmar Coquillette Memorial

Scholarship.

All of these star students are members of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church family, of whom we are most proud!

The service was followed by a brief reception on the lawn with cookies provided by the Committee.

2021 National Honor Society Inductees

Message from Mrs. Millette, Assistant Principal

To the Class of 2021,
 Congratulations on your graduation and soon to be future successes. I couldn't be more proud of each and

every one of you. Your class has meant the world to us.

You have endured so much and inspired us all to be resilient, no matter what. You have shown grace, strength, and maturity in the most

difficult of times. Your character shines and is all that makes our community great.

Once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil. Best of luck! Love, Mrs. M

Congratulations to our National Honor Society Seniors -

Joshua Alves
 Sydney Andersen
 Sebastian Antonio
 Lilliana Barresi
 William Benoit
 Sophia Bernardo
 Paige Blackburn
 Colby Bolger
 Sean Brown
 Elijah Burlinson
 Alyssa Cabral

Maggie Campopiano
 Kendell Chase
 Jillian Constant
 Kyla Conte
 Brady Coppa
 Benjamin Davignon
 Alexander deAlmeida
 Kate Ferland
 Charles Fernandes
 Gabriella Fernandes
 Riley Fortin
 Shanti Furtado
 Taylor Gall
 Allyson Gamache

Ethan Gomes
 Aaron Goulart
 Ryan Hartman
 Jian Knight
 Bailey Koestner
 Jarrod Ledvina
 Destiny Leger
 Adam Leidhold
 Victoria Leonard
 Fiona Marques
 Avery Medeiros
 Joseph Medeiros
 Kylie Medeiros
 Nina Medeiros

Rylee Mello
 Rylee Miller
 Aidan Milton
 Emma Moniz
 Gabriel Monroe
 Amelia Montgomery
 Lucas Morais
 Meghan Oliver
 Jake Ozcan
 Hannah Pacheco
 Isabelle Pacheco
 Kush Patel
 Olivia Pickup
 Chase Pinette

Brian Poirier, Jr.
 Shawna Raymond
 Peter Rocha
 Samuel Rocha
 Tahlia Salgado
 Grace Santos
 Alex Sarkis
 Audra Saucier
 Caleb St. Pierre
 Bradley Sylvia
 Zhishan Yu
 Michelle Zhang
 Winnie Zhao

Congratulations Xavier



We are very proud of you.
 May all your dreams come true.

Love,
 Mom, Dad

CONGRATULATIONS
 KYLA & IAN
 FHS CLASS OF 2021



You are and always will be our greatest joys!!
 Always be true to yourselves and live the lives that you have dreamed and that you deserve!!

We Love You to the Moon and Back

Mum & Dad

Dougal, Sno, Sushi, Dublin & Bailey

Selectboard denies LGBTQ flag & remote meeting participation

Jean Perry

Neighb News Correspondent

There will be no LGBTQ+ Pride flag flown at Town Hall, nor any other flag, declared Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas on June 7 ahead of a 2-1 vote to deny School Committee Kyle Bueno's request to hang the rainbow-striped pride flag for the month of August. Selectboard member Bob Espindola's motion to approve the flag was not seconded.

Mr. Bueno shared some statistics about the vulnerability of the LGBTQ+ population, especially its younger members who face higher instances of bullying, depression, and suicide.

Noting how American culture has made great strides in awareness and acceptance, Mr. Bueno said, "Of course, there's still more work that has to be done."

He said flying the pride flag at Town Hall would show "that our town government fully supports and embraces diversity, it fully supports LGBTQ youth, individuals that live in our town ... and I feel, regardless of the visibility, if it impacts one person, if it impacts ten people, even allies who believe in full rights and protection of just anyone in general, that hanging this flag [at] Town Hall means something and it shows that government is for everyone — no matter who you are, no matter who you love, no matter where you come from — we show pride and we show that we care about our residents...."

Mr. Espindola felt flying the pride flag was especially important this year as the community emerges from a pandemic that has left a surge in depression, anxiety, and mental health issues in general. He remarked on the relative lateness of the request already one week into the nationally recognized Pride Month of June, but given that the flag policy all three current Selectboard members adopted in June 2020 requires a request 60-days before the requested flying period, Mr. Espindola noted that Pride Month in town would simply be postponed. However, Mr. Espindola was the only one at the table who would see it this way.

"The only thing I thought was different is having it in August instead of in June, regular Pride Month," said Selectboard member Keith Silvia.

"Everyone has a vote here, so we'll see what goes on."

Mr. Freitas said, "Every year we seem to go through this," and he continued, claiming, "and every year I've championed this. We didn't get it done this year in June."

Mr. Freitas further claimed to have received three requests last year to fly flags when the topic was still new and said he "begged the people not to do it because it was going to be something that was divisive.

"It seems to come up every year when this happens. I, personally, to me, it's a flag; if you want to fly it, that's up to you, but I have to look out for everybody in the town and look out for everybody's doing. I think we should have just had a flag policy that just said no flags. It would just [have] made our lives much simpler because, eventually, we're going to have to fly

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[flags] that people aren't going to like, and it's going to cause lots of problems around the town."

He offered to allow Mr. Bueno to fly the flag at Town Hall "for a couple of hours" one day in August, "But I'm going to be against flying the flag for the month ... and I'm going to be against any flag flying for a month.... This way, I don't have to deal with people coming up to me asking which flags they're going to fly — I'm going to be against any flag flying at all."

He called flying the Pride Flag "a slippery slope."

Mr. Espindola reminded Mr. Freitas that he and Mr. Silvia were both on the board when the flag policy was adopted, and after discussing Town Counsel Tom Crotty's several drafts across several meetings, the vote to adopt the policy passed unanimously.

He asked Mr. Freitas to share the examples of the flag requests he claimed he received, noting, "It's

interesting that people's requests only went to you (Mr. Freitas)," since nothing was formally requested by the board.

Mr. Espindola asked Mr. Silvia if he had received any requests; Mr. Silvia claimed he got one in person.

Mr. Espindola emphasized that Mr. Bueno followed the procedure with his request and added, "I don't see why we would just make a blanket statement that we don't want any flags flown."

According to Mr. Freitas, he received requests to fly a Trump flag and the "Don't tread on me" Gadsden flag, which originated before the Revolutionary War and popularized during the emergence of the radical conservative "Tea Party" movement. He said a third flag request was "one I don't even want to get into," and if the board allows flags such as the Pride flag to fly at Town Hall, "It would seem we had to (fly those other three flags) at that point."

The flag policy specifies that the board would only grant requests to fly flags acknowledging proclamations by the federal or state government. President Joe Biden and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker issued proclamations for Pride Month within the last seven days. The town's policy also states that requests to fly flags supporting political candidates or parties would be denied, essentially negating Mr. Freitas's claim that the town would be forced to fly so-called divisive flags.

"I understand where both of you are coming from," said Mr. Silvia, but he would not second Mr. Espindola's motion to fly the pride flag.

Mr. Freitas offered Mr. Bueno the two hours in August to fly the pride flag, which Mr. Bueno respectfully declined. Mr. Espindola invited Mr. Bueno to his next Office Hour to have a conversation about Pride Month, which Mr. Bueno accepted.

From now on, Mr. Freitas insisted, "I'm going to say 'no' to flags. We're going to end up having to fly a flag that we don't want to. End of story."

Earlier in the discussion, Mr. Bueno shared some comments he received from members of the community thanking him for leading the effort to fly the pride flag at Town Hall. One 71-

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year-old unnamed resident told him, "I plan on being there (for the flag-raising) — and I remember when [I thought] I would never see this happen."

They won't see it in 2021, either.

Also during the meeting, Mr. Freitas and Mr. Silvia both rejected allowing for continued remote public participation in Selectboard meetings via Zoom, effective June 15. Mr. Espindola expressed his support for continuing the remote access to meetings indefinitely before the 2-1 vote to end Zoom access to meetings.

Mr. Espindola said that while he opposes allowing for board members to attend remotely, he supports keeping remote access open to residents.

"I'm totally opposite," said Mr. Silvia, preferring in-person participation only and going "back to the old way," as he put it.

"I'm going to be against the remote participation," agreed Mr. Freitas.

He said throughout the town's use of Zoom during the pandemic he has seen "the nastiest comments" from viewers flash onto the screen, and he said the board has had to endure interruptions from residents on Zoom and other untoward behaviors that Mr. Freitas said residents are more unlikely to display when meetings are held in-person only.

"I've seen some nasty stuff," said Mr. Freitas. "People can say what they want because they don't have to look you in the eye...."

Mr. Espindola argued that, at a minimum, remote access should be allowed until the town lifts its face mask requirement for visitors to Town Hall.

Director of Cable Access Derek Frates said it has become increasingly difficult to facilitate hybrid in-person/remote meetings due to logistics and staff shortages; however, he said that he has already generated links to Zoom meetings throughout June.

Mr. Silvia motioned to end public access to meetings via Zoom on June 15, seconded by Mr. Freitas. It passed 2-1, with Mr. Espindola opposed.

In other business, members of the Rogers Re-Use Committee and representatives from the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) discussed the potential renovation/lease of the 1950s wing of Rogers School ahead of

an executive session to negotiate a leasing agreement.

"I am for this project," Mr. Freitas declared. He said he had received 15 emails against the project and 10 in favor.

Noting the ongoing mothballing effort of the old school wing, "If SMEC wants to use it and we can come to an agreement with them, then I'm for it."

He said he wants to avoid a potential \$2-3 million demolition of the newer wing and possibly use the main school building as a town hall annex, and lamented a \$50-60 million price tag for a new public safety building he said would include other town offices.

"I think we should start thinking about something along those lines," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Espindola, still cautious in his approach to the proposal, cited a June 2-3 thread of emails between

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him and Planning Board member Wayne Hayward. In that thread, Mr. Hayward accuses the board of "deviating from sound financial planning and prior Town Meeting wishes" by continuing town ownership of the old school. This latest proposal also includes an approximately \$700,000 cost-sharing of the renovation still under negotiation.

Mr. Hayward's argument further included, "This proposal is also a sweetheart deal for one side. The abutters on the committee. You lose money. Every year. The monetary risks of being a landlord to a Rogers school full of elementary children is why the school was abandoned in the first place by cooler heads."

He further argued that a 10-year lease means "no developer will ever want to pursue this property, even though we are in a heated real estate

market condition."

Mr. Espindola asked Director of Planning & Economic Development Paul Foley to chime in remotely in light of the recent development in federal stimulus money that could provide grants toward a project that would focus mainly on the historic portion of Rogers School. Mr. Espindola said he worried that a lease of the new wing to SMEC would indefinitely obstruct the possibilities.

"It's time to think about what the future looks like," said Mr. Espindola. "I think this is a good project," but he urged the board to hear Mr. Foley's input before finalizing a lease deal.

According to Mr. Foley, the available grants would not apply to a municipal building like a town hall annex, but more like a non-profit use of the old school. Regardless, in order to apply for grants that may apply, the town needs to be specific in what it wants to do.

Rogers Re-Use Committee member Susan Loo said the mothballing would preserve the main building for about 10 years. Committee member Doug Brady emphasized that the town would be collecting rent from SMEC and the town's investment would be returned through it. He cautioned against putting up roadblocks to the proposal that the committee has been working on since April and recalled the growing line of failed or rejected proposals leading to now.

Mr. Espindola said the town should still focus on the SMEC project but consider the potential risks involved. Mr. Freitas said he wished the new information on federal grants was known to him beforehand.

"I'm supporting this," said Mr. Freitas.

"I'm supporting it 100 percent," said Mr. Silvia.

Mr. Espindola said he would support it if risks are mitigated.

In other business, the board accepted the gift of a 5.57-acre parcel of saltmarsh at Boys Creek, formerly Eversource property, which will be under the care and control of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission. The Buzzards Bay Coalition facilitated the acquisition. Allen Decker of the BBC went before the board and said the acquisition was part of a

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2021 Senior Celebrations

2021 Prom



Gift Bags for Senior



Senior Weekend



Sweatshirts for Seniors



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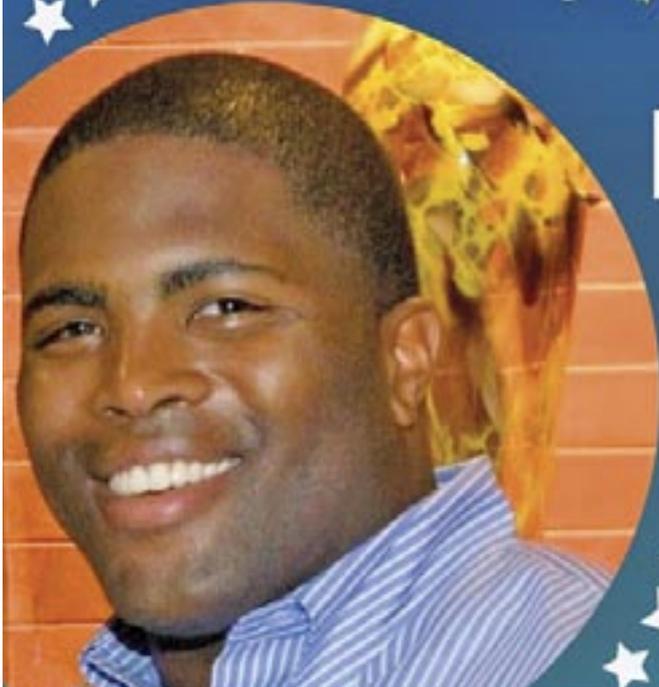
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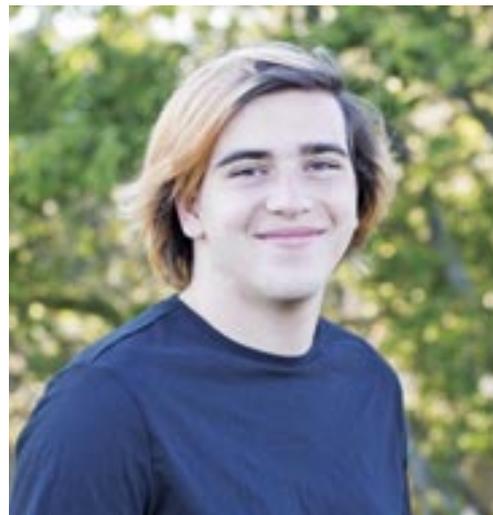
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Congratulations Nina & Joseph Medeiros



We love you and are all so proud of both of you on what you have both accomplished. You were both born with a contagious zest for life and we pray that God will keep you safe, true to yourself and surround you with faith, hope, trust and love that are essential on this new journey. May you always remember that we are your strongest supporters and will always be here for you both.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lila and Brady Medeiros





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*To our little mermaid
Sydney*



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graduation...
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possess your
adventurous spirit,
kindness, and grace.
More of your best
life awaits you!
We are all so very
proud of you!
Love you to the
moon and back
*Mum, Dad, Danica,
Calyn, & George*

Congratulations Jake!

I wish you
knowledge,
joy, love
and friendship
as you begin
your new
adventure at the
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Massachusetts
Amherst.
I am so proud
of you.

Love, Mom



Jake Ozcan
Fairhaven High School
Class of 2021

Memorial Day events held belatedly

By Beth David
Editor

Last week's storm caused the Fairhaven Lions Club to ditch their flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremonies, but that did not stop them from honoring the fallen. They just did it a week later.

On Sunday, 6/6, just a couple of hours ahead of the high school graduation, the Lions Club raised the big flag at the high school. Before that, at 8 a.m., they raised a special flag with a dedication to Angelo F. Puente who passed away on March 12, 2016. Angelo was a WWII army veteran serving with the 24th Coast Artillery Harbor Defense as well as an active member and past president of the Fairhaven Lions. His military flag was raised at the "Highway Memorial" on Main Street and I-95 in a brief ceremony marking Angelo's commitment to his country and many civic organizations in town.

Later on Sunday, at 4 p.m. the Lions retired Mr. Puente's flag in a formal service and final tribute to

him.

At 6 p.m., they Lions returned to the high school, lowered the big flag and replaced it with a new flag in memory of Mr. Puente. Guest speakers included Bill Moniz, current president of the Fairhaven Lions Club, and Bill Kligel, incoming president.

At the raising of the big flag at the high school, Ted Silva said they may have had to change the date, but nothing would stop them from having Memorial Day.

"God Bless America" played as they lowered the flag, and Emma Whynacht sang "The Star Spangled Banner" when the big flag was raised.

The Big Flag was a gift from the Fairhaven Alumni Association, and members of the community paid \$25 for a star to pay for it. It is 50x30 feet and makes a

spectacular sight in front of Fairhaven High School's original 1906 Elizabethan-influenced building designed by Charles Brigham.



ABOVE: The 50x30-foot "Big Flag" ripples in the breeze after being raised in front of Fairhaven High School on 6/6/21 in a belated Memorial Day Ceremony that was also on graduation day. TOP: Members of the Fairhaven Lions Club and other volunteers hold the Big Flag as it is being raised. Photos by Beth David.

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Acushnet standoff ends peacefully

By Beth David
Editor

The Acushnet Police Department notified the public on social media at about 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 6/7, that a standoff situation was in progress on Oliveira Avenue. A subject had barricaded himself inside the house by himself, no hostages.

At about 1:20 p.m., the department posted on its Facebook page that the situation had been resolved peacefully.

In a press availability after the incident, Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond said that the department received at least two 911 calls at 5:45 a.m. He said it was a domestic argument and that the department received calls from “both sides of the argument.”

According to the chief, one party was outside when police arrived. The other person approached officers, but then went back into the house.

Chief Richmond said the man who retreated back into the house was making threats.

The police “secured the perimeter

and called in the necessary assets to assist us,” he said.

They received mutual aid from Fairhaven and Rochester, and also the state police.

He noted that years ago, the police may have entered the house sooner, but police departments have learned that “time is our ally.”

He said they took time to talk to the subject involved and give him the time he needed to come out voluntarily.

Elements of the SWAT team were on standby because they are trained more in less lethal munitions, and they work with a negotiation team.

Word got around that the man had a knife. Chief Richmond said he was holding a knife at one point. He never actually threatened anyone with it, said the chief, but he was “holding it in a menacing manner,” but eventually put it down.

Chief Richmond said the department was still interviewing the other party involved and had not determined if charges would be brought, or what they would be.

“The main thing is we want to make sure this gentleman gets the help he needs and we’ll go from there,” said Chief Richmond, noting that “he ultimately came out on his own.”

Although these kinds of incidents do not happen often in Acushnet, the chief noted that mental health issues have been on the rise in the past year due to the pandemic.

“Unfortunately, they’re becoming more and more common,” he said.

He would not answer if the person was “known to” police, saying he was not comfortable answering the question at that time.

He did confirm that both people are residents of the house.

The man did not make any “demands” as such, said the chief, but they did provide him with iced coffee and other things to keep the relationship going.

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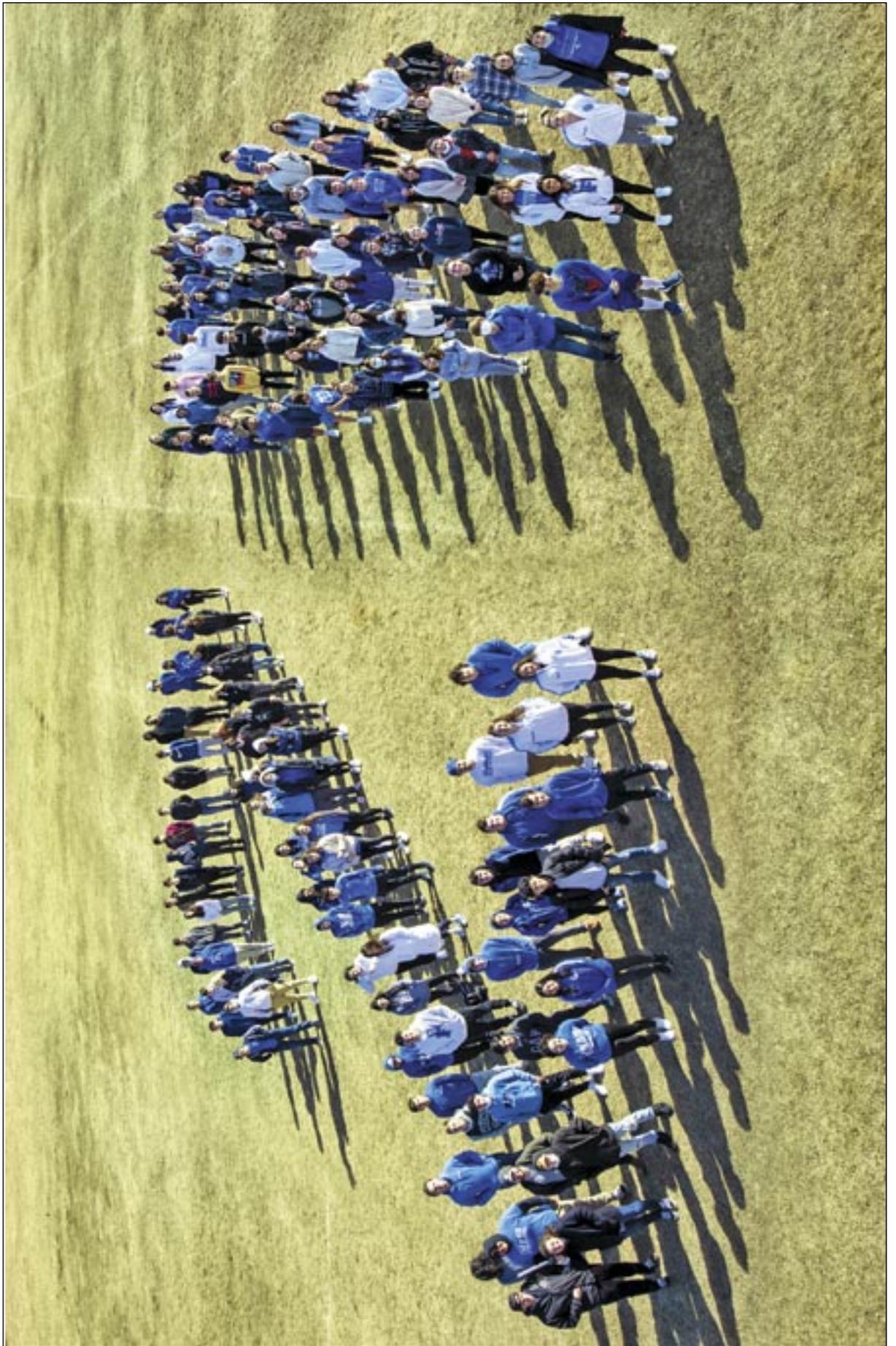
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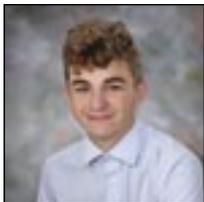
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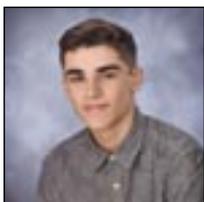
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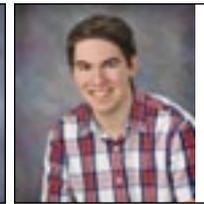
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Meet the Candidates Night will be on Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to make opening and closing statements within a three-minute time limit. The NFIA will serve as moderator and ask additional questions received from residents to candidates.

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THURSDAYS: Summer Bootcamp, begins June 24 with certified personal trainer (A.F.P.A.), Wayne Goulart. The Bootcamp class consists of various exercises that build functional strength and core stability with circuits utilizing light dumbbells and

body weight exercises.

Attendees to the classes should bring a mat for Yoga and a mat plus set of weights for Bootcamp. Classes take place weather permitting — cancellations will be posted on the Fitness in Cushman Park Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fitnessincushmanpark

Fitness in Cushman Park is presented free to the public thanks to the generous support of our community sponsorship team. Last summer's classes were another rounding success.

For more information call 508-287-2482 or email sgrace@encorent.com or info@jeffcostafitness.com

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Huttleston Marketplace

The Huttleston Marketplace will begin to be open on Saturdays through 9/18, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. on at the Fairhaven Visitors Center lawn/ Fairhaven High School lawn, 141 Main St., Fairhaven. Huttleston Marketplace is an outdoor bazaar featuring more than 65 vendors selling select hand made arts and crafts, quality antiques and vintage collectibles, upcycled items, fresh farm produce, and locally prepared foods. It is held rain or shine.

Contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or 508-979-4085.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuttlestonMarketplace/> or visit the website: <https://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace/>

COVID Testing

Fairhaven and Acushnet have partnered to provide COVID-19 testing on alternate weeks. Fairhaven will hold testing at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop), on June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; at the Fairhaven Emergency Management building, 150 Sconticut Neck Road on June 22.

Acushnet will hold testing from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Council on Aging, 59 1/2 South Main Street, on 6/12 and 6/26. Residents from both

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FHS Cheerleader Beats Cancer, Inspires School Community

Submitted

In May of 2020, as many Fairhaven High School (FHS) students were getting ready to transition into the summer after a trying year of remote learning and missing out on traditional social events, Cyriss Fareas, a junior at the time, was getting ready to fight for her life.

On May 26, 2020, Fareas was diagnosed with cancer, Stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. While her cancer diagnosis came at the end of the school year, with just a few weeks left, Fareas continued to work with FHS teachers to finish out her junior year, while being treated at Boston Children's Hospital for cancer.

FHS Athletic Director and Science teacher, Chris Carrig, said "Cyriss embodies what it means to be tough. She fights her battles, and stays committed to her teammates. She has been an inspiration to our whole school community."

The two-season cheerleader fought for two months through all of the changes cancer and chemo brought her, and on July 24, 2020, got the news

that she beat the disease.

At the last FHS football game, Fareas was recognized alongside her cheer teammates and coaches for her courageous fight.

"It has been incredible to watch

I want to become an oncology nurse that helps children fighting cancer because I know what it's like to be in that chemo chair not knowing if you're going to survive or not.

Cyriss's journey from the very beginning. She has remained so strong, positive and has been a true inspiration. She showed cancer that it picked the wrong girl. I couldn't be more proud to be her coach. I look

forward to seeing her put this horrible disease behind her and continue to grow into an amazing woman," said FHS cheer coach and former FHS cheerleader, Hannah Mattos.

Fareas is now eight months cancer-free and her fighting spirit continues to inspire her teammates, coaches, and school community on and off the field. She was celebrated again during Senior Night at the Fairhaven football game on Friday, 4/9/21 at the Paul Walsh Stadium.

After graduation, Fareas plans to attend a four-year college and go into nursing school.

"I want to become an oncology nurse that helps children fighting cancer because I know what it's like to be in that chemo chair not knowing if you're going to survive or not. I know what those children are feeling and thinking, and with all this experience I know that this type of nursing will help me as a person share what that child is feeling to others. After that, I plan to work at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, and raise a family here in my hometown of Fairhaven."

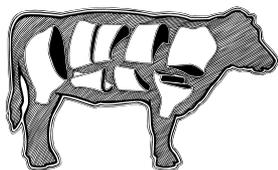
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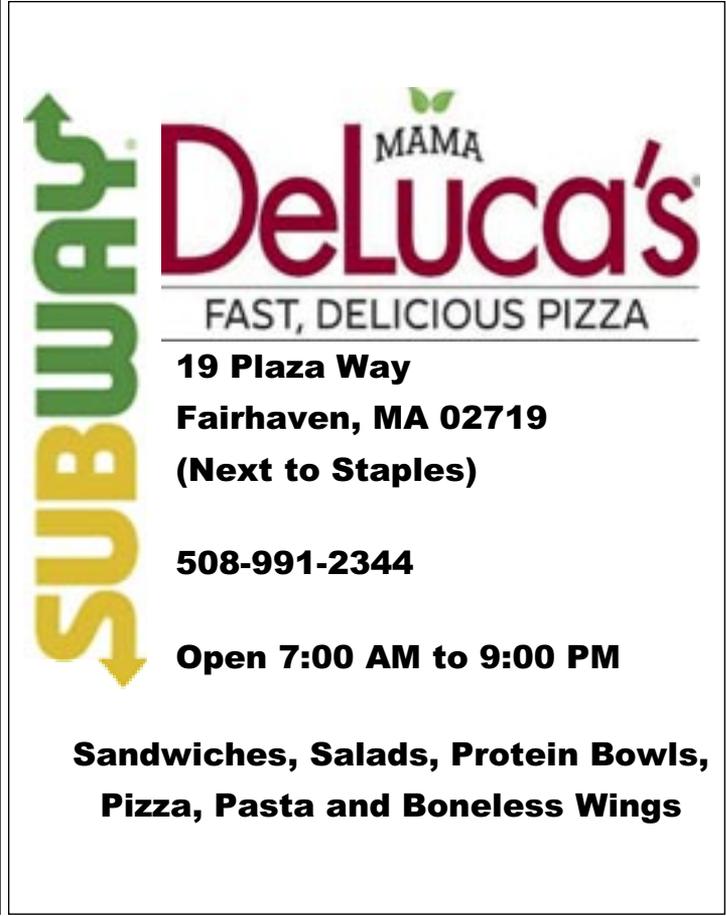
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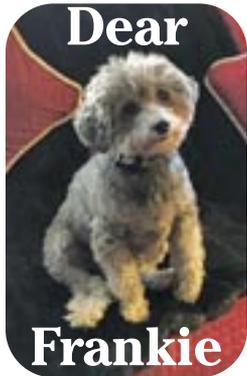
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Dear Frankie



Zoom Calls?

Dear Frankie,
Before the town closed the dog park because of Covid, I went to the dog park every day. The social isolation was devastating for many of us who were regulars.

Last month, the mother of King, a newcomer to the park, called to invite a few of my park buddies and me to be on a weekly doggie Zoom call. I was thrilled and jumped at the chance. On the first call, everyone introduced themselves because King, a German Shepherd, was a newcomer to many in our group. Missy started the conversation; King immediately interrupted and then went off on a tangent. Archie responded to King, and the conversation went on from there.

I felt terrible for Missy, so when I could get a word in edgewise, I asked, "What were you saying earlier, Missy?"

She responded angrily, "How can I remember?"

In response, King said, "Well, it couldn't have been that important."

On the next call, King started the discussion. Scooter asked King for a

source to back up what he was saying.

King shouted, "Who needs a source? It's a known fact, dummy."

During the encounter between King and Scooter, Missy screamed out on the top of her lungs, "Shut Up King."

At that point, my mom got on the call and reviewed the rules for participating in a Zoom call. On the next call, King got into an argument with Barney. The next day, several of the old gang had a conference call. We all agreed we wanted the Zoom calls to continue, but we weren't sure what to do about King? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Sincerely, Roscoe

Dear Roscoe,

It is challenging to be in meetings when someone dominates and isn't open to another dog's opinion.

But I'm surprised that your group is still on the fence on how to deal with King. He has been disruptive on three Zoom calls. How much bad behavior do you guys need to blackball him? In baseball, I think the expression is three strikes, and you are out. However, if the group wants to bend over backward and give him another chance, you might look to the committee for the presidential debates to see how they dealt with similar behavior. If you recall, they told the candidates they would mute their microphones if they were rude,

interrupted, or talked beyond their time limit.

If you don't have the technology to mute a speaker, another option might be a group intervention. An intervention requires each dog to tell King how uncomfortable his behavior makes them feel.

King also needs to be informed that he will not be allowed to participate if he breaks a rule on future calls. If he is up to his ole tricks on a future call, as I suspect he will be, a vote should be taken on whether he should be allowed to continue. It doesn't appear King will get many to vote in his favor, and that will be the end of King.

I must commend you and your fellow zoomers for all the efforts you made on King's behalf. I'm not sure I would have put up with him for as long as all of you did. So, kudos for giving King every chance to right his wrongs.

Best, Frankie

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Tree Warden update

see them please thank them for their work. I do every day.

I have two professional landscape architects who are volunteering their time to help me locate and choose species for tree plantings around town. We hope to get 16 more trees planted before the end of June. Then the weather dries out and planting becomes a bigger risk due to no rain for the new trees. For logistical purposes we have focused on the center of town. Next season we hope to get 50 trees in and I hope to place them all around town. If you have a location you would like to see a tree please send me an email at dcollasius@fairhaven-ma.gov or call at 508 922 1222. Please leave your name, address, phone number and planting location. And if you can take on the task of watering the new planting two times a week 5 gallons each time.

Lastly for now, I am teaming up

with several Eversource Foresters who are canvassing two of the 5 Eversource circuits in town. They are looking for dead, dying, problem trees that they deem a hazard to peoples, property, wires, etc. They will be putting a small blue dot on the street side of the tree base that they recommend for removal. If you see a tree with a blue dot you feel should stay please contact me. The dot is not written in stone and in some cases may be altered and the tree given a reprieve. Please note we are not taking out any healthy trees that do not pose a significant hazard. Teaming up with Eversource is saving the town tens of thousands of dollars.

We are doing a lot. A lot more needs to be done.

Thanks for your support,

*Don C. Colasius,
Fairhaven Tree Warden
Happy Summer*

Press Release

Greetings from the Fairhaven Tree Department. A lot has been going on and a lot more will follow.

I have responded to 73 requests for service. If you have made a request for service and not heard from me please reach out again. I am trying to keep up but some of you may have slipped thru the proverbial cracks. Sorry about that.

I have hired two professional tree laborers who have been able to attend to 5 emergency calls for service and 29 normal service requests. Some of the requests require the better part of a day and so some days we get to 4-6, and some days 2. The guys are currently working 2 days per week, Monday and Tuesday. They are sacrificing really good pay on those two days to help out the town whose pay of \$17 per hour does not even come close to what they normally make. So if you

CONGRATULATIONS FHS CLASS OF 2021!

Dear Class of 2021,

We are so proud of all you have overcome and achieved. You have matured and learned more in the past year than many learn in a lifetime. Best of luck in your future endeavors and always remember you are a Blue Devil!

Sincerely,

The Fairhaven School Committee

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FHS holds traditional graduation ceremony

By Beth David
Editor

After last year's drive-through ceremony to hand out diplomas to seniors, this year's traditional ceremony was a welcome return, albeit with a couple of changes. The ceremony took place on the traditional first Sunday in June, 6/6, but at 11 a.m. instead of 2 p.m.

School officials did not exactly give a reason for the change, but since the weather was forecast to be close to 90 degrees, no one complained about the earlier time slot. It was still extremely hot out on the field, but another change also shortened the ceremony: The reading of individual scholarships was done at an earlier date and recorded, instead of being done at the ceremony.

This year, 186 seniors graduated, and the theme of the day was the challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruptions to the school year.

Last year, school buildings shut down in March, forcing seniors to lose the last couple of months of their final year, the prom and the traditional ceremony.

This year, school was mostly remote, with hybrid models, and students finally getting back into the classroom in April.

Sports also took a hit, with the seasons at all different times, abbreviated, and COVID protocols in place.

Through it all, the students continued on.

"We are thankful for your class, grace, resilience and we are beyond proud of you," reads a statement in the program book. "What you have

endured in the last year and a half and how you have handled adversity has allowed your character to shine. Your fortitude has proven that you can achieve your goals in the most challenging of times. It is our hope that this year has taught you that you can endure anything, that you are resilient. You are inspirational. We are so proud of all of you. Congratulations and best of luck in your future endeavors!"

In his speech to his classmates,



Salutatorian Chase Pinette said he never could have imagined making a speech in front of such a large crowd.

"Time is a living thing, yet very abstract," said Mr. Pinette. "It's an inanimate object that animates our lives into motion. As time progresses, we progress. We learn. We create. We make memories."

He quoted a "wise man" he knows, Herbert Botelho, who said "The body ages, not time. All that matters is what you do with the time."

And that means spending time doing what makes you happy, and doing what you love in life. He wished for his fellow graduates that they end up doing something they love, even if they do not know what that is yet.



ABOVE: Fairhaven High School Class of 2021 officers, with president Nina Medeiros at the microphone, announce their class gifts to a variety of groups on Sunday, 6/6/21 during a traditional graduation ceremony held on the athletic field, a contrast to last year's pandemic ceremony that was a drive-by to pick up diplomas. BELOW: Valedictorian Sean Brown walks back to his seat, holding his cap, which flew off during his remarks. BOTTOM: Salutatorian Chase Pinette addresses his classmates. Photos by Beth David.

"But all that matters is that you spend your time doing what you love, and I believe to the fullest extent that you will be happy with the end result if you choose the right path," said Mr. Pinette. "And of course, having lots of fun along the way."

He said he believed he spent his time well in high school, despite embarrassing moments.

He invited the class to reflect on their time at FHS.

"Did you make mistakes, but learn and grow from them," he asked. "And most importantly, did you spend your time wisely?"

He ended by thanking those who helped him along the way.

Valedictorian Sean Brown told his fellow graduates that he researched some speeches and found one by a valedictorian who regretted stressing out over all his difficult classes. Mr. Brown, however, said he was proud of standing in front of them because he did not regret any of the work he put in over the last four years. He said he would not change anything.

He quoted Albert Einstein saying that life is like riding a bicycle: "To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

"During high school, my life was always moving between school, sports, having a job, and creating countless memories with my friends, and I don't regret any of it," said Mr. Brown. "My lesson for you all is to

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balance your life with things that make you happy and to always keep moving forward.”

He said most of them are ready to move on, but he could not help looking back at all the memories they have made. Freshman year it seemed that graduation would never come, and now, “high school has flown by.”

Mr. Brown said being from Acushnet he had many high schools to choose from, and he will always look back at his decision to choose FHS as one of the best he ever made.

“I think we will all remember Fairhaven for the crazy spirit weeks, homecomings, sporting events, and our prom that we were finally able to have, but most importantly, I’ll remember Fairhaven for the amazing teachers and great friendships that I have made over the years,” said Mr. Brown, and he launched into a list of events from various clubs. “It’s sad to me to think that making memories with this class could all end today,

but I am glad that I made the most of it while I had the chance.”

He told them he had faith that they would “do great in life” because of community support, and told them to use the strengths they have to be successful in life.

Mr. Brown wished them luck as they go off to college and living on their own for the first time, but told them not to be afraid to ask for help and not to forget the people who helped them along the way.

Superintendent Robert N. Baldwin told the graduates that he had a saying on his wall: Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well.

“All is really well for each and every one of you,” he said. “And we deserve this day.”

He told them they learned to adapt during the pandemic and “roll with the issues.”

None of it happens without the faculty, staff and friends who had a “mindset for growth.”

Dr. Baldwin said the school community worked to put students first, and that the seniors led that.

He gave them three messages: one from a coach, one from a comedian, and one from his mom.

The coach said “do right,” and everything will fall into place.

His mom says, “Be nice, be kind. Just be nice.”

Being nice works, doing the right thing works, said Dr. Baldwin.

And comedian Jerry Seinfeld explained his success by saying, “Just work. Just do the hard work.”

“Do right, be nice, and just work,” said Dr.



Baldwin. “And everything will fall into place for you.”

He also quoted from a Dan Fogelberg song, “Part of the Plan.” When things seem not to be going right, when life is difficult, it’s all part of the plan.

“Love when you can; Cry when you have to; Be who you must; That’s a part of the plan,” read Dr. Baldwin. “Await your arrival; With simple survival; And one day we’ll all understand.”

He read off the last phone message, telling them they did not have to arrive at school anymore.

“Be nice, do right, just work, and be well,” said Dr. Baldwin.

In the closing remarks, Principal Andy Kulak told graduates they were now alumni of “this remarkable high school.”

He said he did not want to talk about COVID 19 because they are all ready to move past it, but it goes with the point he wanted to make. He said 15 months ago they learned that life can change in a day. COVID, with all its new terminology, became part of everyday life.

“As students, some of you struggled at times through all this, and some of you flourished, but all of you sitting on this field were resilient and persevered through it all to make it to this point,” said Mr. Kulak.

He said everyone can agree that education over that time was hard for everyone. Everything was different.

“But Education is not always about the details you learn in class. Honestly, a lot of those details you’re not going to remember,” said Mr. Kulak. “The function of education and



TOP: Fairhaven High School Class of 2021 president Nina Medeiros directs classmates to stand at graduation on Sunday, 6/6/21, in a traditional ceremony held on the athletic field, a contrast to last year’s pandemic ceremony that was a drive-by to pick up diplomas. ABOVE: Three graduates pose for pictures before the ceremony. Photos by Beth David.

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The board approved the on-street handicap parking sign requested by Scott Hyman of 54 Bayview Drive, despite a prior recommendation that the request be denied due to the presence of a driveway and a garage at the address. Mr. Hyman stated that he has been disabled since an automobile accident and needed another parking spot for his vehicle

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because he was already using his driveway and garage to store his other vehicles.

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Fairhaven

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Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/14, Arsene St., 3 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 6/14, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

Council on Aging

Mon., 6/14, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 6/17, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee

Thurs., 6/10, Remote, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources

Thurs., 6/10, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 6/9, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/21, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 6/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 6/12, Remote, 9 a.m.

Acushnet

Board of Appeals

Tues., 6/15, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 6/21, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

TIDE TABLE

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The mortarboards speak



Students get their messages across on their mortarboards at the Fairhaven High School graduation on the field at 6/6/21. *Individual photos and photo montage by Beth David.*

Hey, look what I did!



Graduates react in fun ways after receiving their diplomas at the Fairhaven High School graduation on the field at 6/6/21. *Photos by Beth David.*

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1. Case #2021.04.20B A continuation on the case of Daniel Furtado who is requesting two Variances from the Board for construction of a two-car garage with

living space above located at 22 Ludlow Street, Acushnet; owned by Barbara Piche. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 "E" (3) and 3.3.1 "E" (5).

2. Case #2021.06.15A A case of Tiago Oliveira, of 104 Cushman Road, Acushnet who is petitioning the Board for a 9-foot setback Variance for construction of a second floor living space. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.4 "Minimum Setback".

Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.
 FNN, 6/3/21, 6/10/21

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Fairhaven Wendy L. Graves, Collector of Taxes Office of the Collector of Taxes Notice of Tax Taking

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on Thursday the 24th day of June, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. at the Tax Collectors' Office, 40 Center Street, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Fairhaven the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed To ALVES JOHN III & ANNICE L. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.267 Acres located and known as 13 BROWN STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 23-100 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1759 on page 472 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$30.48
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$6.06
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$50.00
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$108.44
2020	Sewer Lien	\$385.00
2020	Tax	\$2,630.07
2020	Water Int Lien	\$92.23
2020	Water Lien	\$255.24

Assessed To APOLITO CHERYL A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.138 Acres located and known as 16 FISHERMANS ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43A-249 and being part of the premises recorded in book on page on document number and certificate of title number 24860 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner BROWNELL CHERYL A as TRUSTEE REVOCABLE TRUST

2020	CPA	\$29.97
2020	Sewer Bett	\$333.75
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$6.06
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$50.00
2020	Sewer Int Bett	\$66.75
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$84.95
2020	Sewer Lien	\$210.00
2020	Tax	\$2,604.63
2020	Water Int Lien	\$80.77
2020	Water Lien	\$172.62

Assessed to BASSETT ANNA MARIE & BOUCHER WILLIAM H & STEP. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.061 Acres located and known as SHORE DRIVE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 42A-271 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1925 on page 665 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$159.52
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Assessed To BERNARD M PATRICIA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.275 Acres located and known as 12 NONQUITT AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 32A-159 +170 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5706 on page 9 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$26.78
2020	Tax	\$1,861.27

Assessed To BRIEZE MILDA H. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.119 Acres located and known as WORTH STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 02-070 + 071 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1430 on page 210 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$72.46
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Assessed To BURKE MATTHEW JR. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.241 Acres located and known as 28 SCOTT STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 27-214 thru 215, 220 thru 221 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11719 on page 250 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$25.05
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Assessed To ESTRELA JESSE M & HEATHER L. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.181 Acres located and known as 12 MORGAN STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19-293 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8588 on page 99 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$197.66
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Assessed To FARIAS JOHN THOMAS & MARY. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.246 Acres located and known as 190 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-111 thru 113 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1331 on page 533 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$15.15
2020	Tax	\$1,511.94

Assessed To FLYNN JAMES F. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.177 Acres located and known as 3 ROCKLAND STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28B-258 + 259 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5538 on page 18 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$26.39
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$6.06
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$50.00
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$214.76
2020	Sewer Lien	\$1,687.00
2020	Tax	\$2,425.46
2020	Water Int Lien	\$219.79
2020	Water Lien	\$1,780.22

Assessed To FOLEY RONALD F SR & BARBARA A. A condominium located and known as 304 NASKETUCKET WAY shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier NATO-304 and being part of the premises recorded in book 2401 on page 139 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$32.01
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$1.92
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$25.00
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$26.95
2020	Sewer Lien	\$351.41
2020	Tax	\$2,706.38
2020	Water Int Lien	\$14.70
2020	Water Lien	\$191.62

Assessed To FREITAS ROBERT J & BARBARA A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.248 Acres located and known as 86 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 28D-001 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1956 on

page 58 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$16.69
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$6.06
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$50.00
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$103.33
2020	Sewer Lien	\$192.50
2020	Tax	\$1,357.13
2020	Water Int Lien	\$45.37
2020	Water Lien	\$127.62

Assessed To GORDON KEVIN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.211 Acres located and known as 400 ALDEN ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 22-023 + 024 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4730 on page 320 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$33.63
2020	Tax	\$2,496.26

Assessed to GOULART MICHAEL L JR AS TR OF GOULART JR REVOCABLE TRUST. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.241 Acres located and known as 440 BRIDGE STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 38-016R and being part of the premises recorded in book 11496 on page 48 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$77.88
2020	Tax	\$5,000.23

Assessed To HEATH CINDY E. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.118 Acres located and known as WILBUR AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43-184 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12544 on page 309 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$62.49
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Assessed to JENNEY MARJORIE E & WILLIAM L TRS OF WIDE MARSH FARM REALTY. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.67 Acres located and known as 431 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29-018 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17630 on page in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner TRUST

2020	Sewer Bett	\$2,116.37
2020	Sewer Int Bett	\$634.91
2020	Tax	\$299.79

Assessed To KENDALL KENNETH D & ADELIA D. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.193 Acres located and known as 5 WEEDEN PLACE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 32-060 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3813 on page 312 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$12.35
2020	Sewer Capital Int	\$3.03
	Lien	
2020	Sewer Capital Lien	\$25.00
2020	Sewer Int Lien	\$61.48
2020	Sewer Lien	\$93.59
2020	Tax	\$878.86

Assessed To LICHTENBERGER ANITA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.24 Acres located and known as 47 HUTTLESTON AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12-222 + 223 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11855 on page 323 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$129.44
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Assessed To MALY JAMES BRIAN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.162 Acres located and known as 29 MAIN STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07-060 and being part of the premises recorded in book 13118 on page 263 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner C/O KANE PETER & MARILU & LAMB JOHN & COURTNEY
 2020 CPA\$13.81
 2020 Tax\$951.83

Assessed To PACHECO JOHN D. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.198 Acres located and known as 18 PRINCE STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 30C-035 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12460 on page 324 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$40.72
 2020 Tax\$3,142.15

Assessed To PARK SUL SA LUKE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 19.957 Acres located and known as COPELAND STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34A-008 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11156 on page 148 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$26.44
 2020 Tax\$1,844.56

Assessed To PARK SUL SA LUKE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.355 Acres located and known as HUTTLESTON AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34A-021 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11156 on page 148 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$5.96
 2020 Tax\$820.46

Assessed To PARK SUL SA LUKE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.359 Acres located and known as 364 HUTTLESTON AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34A-022 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11156 on page 148 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$8.09
 2020 Tax\$927.21

Assessed To PARK SUL SA LUKE. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.679 Acres located and known as COPELAND STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34A-027 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11156 on page 148 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax\$418.57

Assessed To PERRY RODNEY J & DONNA M. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.094 Acres located and known as 5 WINSOR STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19-328 and being part of the premises recorded in book 1861 on page 1067 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$8.28
 2020 Tax\$1,123.97

Assessed to PROVENCHER ROLAND J & ARRUDA. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.122 Acres located and known as 2 ACADEMY AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12-062 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8425 on page 201 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$9.84
 2020 Tax\$1,470.18

Assessed To RISTUCCIA MICHAEL P. A parcel of registered land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.689 Acres located and known as BASS CREEK ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 43C-286, 287, 291, 293-293 and being part of the premises recorded in

book on page on document number and certificate of title number 25123 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds. Supposed Present Owner C/O NEW ENGLAND PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT LLC
 2020 Tax\$22.75

Assessed To SANTIAGO ADELAIDA & VEGA LUIS. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.668 Acres located and known as 420 HUTTLESTON AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 34A-396 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12520 on page 42 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 Tax\$698.28

Assessed To SHURTLEFF NORMAN. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0 Acres located and known as 51 ALDEN ROAD shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier FCB- 051 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12934 on page 119 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner C/O 51 ALDEN ROAD LLC
 2020 CPA\$41.53
 2020 Tax\$2,183.72

Assessed To TUBBS ROBERT T & JUDITH A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.636 Acres located and known as 294 HUTTLESTON AVENUE shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 31B-060B and being part of the premises recorded in book 9524 on page 174 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$30.58
 2020 Tax\$2,343.57

Assessed To WRIGHT MICHAEL A. A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.09 Acres located and known as 35 MIDDLE STREET shown on the Town of Fairhaven Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 09-072 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3744 on page 198 in the Bristol Registry of Deeds.

2020 CPA\$13.76
 2020 Tax\$976.60

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the process of learning is much more than the details.”

He quoted Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

“So, what I ask you to take away as graduates is that not only were you able to adjust and adapt to a world that can change in a day, you have proved, through the collective sum of your education, that you have learned what it takes to change the world. That’s what you are now equipped to do. Be proud of that amazing achievement,” said Mr. Kulak. “So, as you move on to whatever path you take, remember to be well, be safe, and know that you already have what it takes to change the world.”

The program also included “The Halls of Ivy” by the FHS Concert Choir; The class song, “Lean On Me,” by Bill Withers; and the presentation of the class gifts, which were all monetary donations this year.

In her vespers message, given at Fort Phoenix the morning of graduation (and provided to the *Neighb News* in writing), class

president Nina Medeiros told her classmates not to let fear stop them from doing what they want to do. They have shown what it is to be resilient and persistent, she said.

“Being able to graduate during times like these shows what kind of person you are and how much you truly care about your future. This year, we truly faced what it means to be an adult,” said Ms. Medeiros, noting that many of them had jobs in addition to school.

The year taught them they could face the unexpected and not let it push them back.

“In this time before we graduate, let’s not think about what we are leaving behind but rather what is ahead of us. Do not think of this as an ending, but rather the beginning of a new chapter,” she said, but also remember the good memories.

“I want you to always remember that it is okay to be afraid of what is ahead and of the unknowns. It’s human to not want to dare put yourselves in a position to be heartbroken or face failure,” said Ms. Medeiros, but said failures teach them lessons to “make us who we

are.”

She implored them not to let fear set them back, but “push you to take action towards achieving your goals.”

There will be bumps along the journey, she said, but they will get to their destination. And the bumps will leave them with the knowledge of how to go about achieving their goals.

“And just like Main Street in Acushnet, these bumps and potholes teach you how to go about the street smoother the second time around,” said Ms. Medeiros. “These bumps along your journey will stick with you and help you make better choices whether it be in that goal or a different goal. So don’t let fear dictate your path, let your desire to achieve your goals decide your end results.”

“Class of 2021, it is now our time to show the world what it means to be a Blue Devil; to be resilient and relentless in achieving our goals. I cannot wait to see what you all achieve in the future; I know you will all do great things,” said Ms. Medeiros. “Thank you all for making these past four years ones to remember. I am proud to have been a member of the Class of 2021.”

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towns can use either site.

Residents can get tested, and can also get walk-in vaccinations at Walmart and Stop & Shop pharmacies. Call them for details.

Walking Tour

Henry H. Rogers Walking Tour, Tues. & Thurs., 10 a.m. through end of September. Tours begin outside the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. WEATHER PERMITTING

Tour size limited to 25 people. Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional.

This shortened "pandemic-friendly" walk outlines the life of Standard Oil Co. executive Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent public buildings that he donated to his hometown. You'll stop at several "off-the-sidewalk" spots in the village area where one of the nation's most powerful businessmen grew up while you learn about his boyhood, rise to riches, and the gifts he bestowed on Fairhaven. The tour will not go inside any buildings this season. It is held weather permitting. Free.

Tuesday tours guided by Bob Foster. Thursday tours guided by Chris Richard.

For more information, call or email the Office of Tourism, 508-979-4085, FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Pirates & Privateers

Fri., 10 a.m., through September, Fort Phoenix, south end of Fort St., Fairhaven, MA. Presentations take place near the cannons. WEATHER PERMITTING

Wearing face coverings for public safety is optional. Social distancing is suggested.

Hear tales of pirates, Revolutionary War era privateers, and historical Fort Phoenix, presented by Greybeard, an 18th century gunner from the privateer sloop Broome, Abigail Black, a ship's doctor who grows herbal remedies in her village garden when she's not at sea, and Caleb the Powder Monkey, a lad who knows how to load and fire a cannon.

Learn which pirate lore is really just myth based on fiction and what stories are true.

This fun interactive presentation includes a demonstration firing of a black powder swivel cannon, a demonstration of early medical

practices and more. While being fun and informative for adults, it is also appropriate for children, particularly age seven and up.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov.

Farmers Market

The outdoor New Bedford Farmers Market holds three markets every week through October: Mondays at Brooklawn Park, Thursdays at Buttonwood Park, and Fridays at Clasky Common. All markets will operate from 2pm - 6pm and accept cash, credit cards, SNAP, HIP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons.

To learn more about Coastal Foodshed and all of the different ways you can shop local, you can visit their website at coastalfoodshed.org, or find them on social media at @coastalfoodshed.

Pride Month

Happy Pride 2021! The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network exists to create and support a thriving LGBTQ+ community on Massachusetts' South Coast where members across the age spectrum can freely, safely, and joyously celebrate their true selves and realize their full potential. Join us for a month of Pride togetherness! Visit <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/pride-2021.html>

Beyond the Binary, Films

June 15. *No Ordinary Man* is an innovative documentary that uses fiction and non-fiction storytelling to explore the life of the legendary transgender jazz musician, Billy Tipton, and his continued legacy today. Featuring Q&A with writer Amos Mac and cast member Marquise Vilsón.

Get tickets (\$10) at <https://zeiterion.org/all-shows/>

NB Offices Open

As part of the ongoing reopening process across the city and state, New Bedford City Hall and other city buildings will return to normal business hours beginning Tuesday, June 15, in conjunction with the lifting of the state emergency in Mass. City offices, including City Hall and elsewhere, will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Libraries will resume

their regular hours, which vary by location.

For much of the past year, portions of the City government workforce have operated remotely due to the pandemic; employees will return to their usual in-person work schedules as well on June 15. Masks will still be required in public areas of buildings owned and operated by the City until June 30.

Music in the Garden

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's Concertmaster Jesse Holstein and musician Ealian McMullin will perform in an afternoon concert for strings in the garden of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) on Sun., 6/13, at 2 p.m.

The program will include a number of works for two violins.

Purchase a ticket by visiting the Museum's website, www.rjdmuseum.org. The fee for Museum members is \$10; the public may purchase a ticket for \$15. This concert takes place on the Museum's tented patio (rain or shine).

Duck Race

Annual Acushnet Lions Club Duck Race The Ducks Are Back! The annual Acushnet Lions Rubber Duck race is finally here! We have 1000 ducks that need adopting, \$10 each. All money goes to eye research. The race will be held at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet, on Sun., 6/20, at NOON. Buy tickets at practically anywhere in town, including Town Hall, River's End, or call Duckmaster Joe Costa, 508-971-1859. Lots of fun, lots of great places to watch the ducks float down the river from the Sawmill to the finish line at River View Park in Acushnet. 1st Prize, \$1,000; 2nd Prize, \$500; 3rd Prize, \$250; Gift Certificates.

Vax Sites change

CIC Health will now offer vaccinations at Andrea McCoy Recreation Center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, mobile vaccine clinics will be held at locations including grocery stores, schools, and with community partners. A full schedule of supermarket and community-based walk-up vaccination clinics will be announced.

NB Voc-Tech holds graduation and Hollywood night



Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School held its graduation outside on the athletic field on Saturday, 6/5/21. Some semblances of the pandemic life enroached: graduations could only have four guests, and chairs were spaced out on the field. More than 500 students graduated. One of the top ten graduates, Sabrina Arruda, is from Fairhaven. ABOVE: Graduates and family members of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School assemble on the Jeffrey E. Riley Football Stadium for the graduation ceremony on Saturday, 6/5/21, with some lingering restrictions due to COVID 19. *Photo from GNB Voc-Tech Facebook page.*



On Friday, 5/28/21, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School held an AMC Hollywood Night at AMC in Dartmouth for the Class of 2021 instead of a prom. Due to CDC guidelines and restrictions, a traditional prom would not be feasible due to the size of the senior class. Students voted on an AMC Hollywood Night rather than a prom. ABOVE & BELOW LEFT: Groups and individuals pose for the camera at GNB Voc-Tech's Hollywood Night at AMC in Dartmouth on 5/28/21. BELOW RIGHT: The night included games and other activities. *Photos from GNB Voc-Tech Facebook page.*



Congratulations to the Class of 2021



**We welcome you as the newest members of the
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