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## Blessing of the bikes draws 400



Motorcyclists line up to for the annual Blessing of the Bikes in front of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven on Sunday, 5/22. The event was postponed from last week due to the weather. Approximately 400 motorcycles participated in the event which included a two-hour ride through back roads and outdoor entertainment at the Ice Chest in Fairhaven. Proceeds of the event benefit St Joseph's School in Fairhaven. See page 16 for more photos. *Photo by Heidi Winnett. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com).*

# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Shoot. I'm still here. I got way behind on my work this week because I figured I'd ascend into heaven with the rest of the True Believers on Saturday.

I knew it was a hoax when I called my mother and she answered the phone. If she didn't get hauled up, no one did!

All my friends are still here. All my neighbors are still here. All my relatives are still here. Surely, there's at least ONE True Believer among us!

It's not the first time I've survived the end of the world. Maybe next time I'll have the sense to do my work first.

Meanwhile, there was a water main break on the neck this week. We didn't have any water for a few hours. What a pain that is. What is it about the human brain that insists on trying things it knows won't work? I must have turned on that faucet six times even though I KNEW there was no water yet. Such creatures of habit we are.

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend. Fairhaven has quite a few events commemorate the day on Monday. Before all that, though, on Saturday and Sunday, the Fairhaven Village Militia will be camping out at Fort Phoenix. If you've never gone to one of their encampments, you should definitely take the opportunity to go this weekend. Militia members in period dress keep the history of the fort alive with demonstrations on day-to-day life in 1778. This weekend, they will also fire the small cannon and their muskets. See page 6 for details.

For Memorial Day, the town is holding its annual parade and other ceremonies to observe the holiday which honors our fallen veterans. See page 3 for details on those events. If you can do nothing else, at least go to the parade on Monday. It steps off at 8:30 a.m. and travels from the center of town to Riverside Cemetery. It's a wonderful thing to see spectators lining the route....and, you might get in our photos. I'll be taking lots of them and posting the ones we don't use on our Facebook page. See you at the parade!

Until next week then....



Beth David, Publisher

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These empty clothes on a seat are obviously a hoax.

On Sat., 5/21/11, the Rapture was supposed to have taken up to heaven all the true believers, followed by five months of the "tribulations." The editor's mother, however, answered the phone at 9 p.m., proving that this year's Rapture, was clearly a hoax. The revised schedule, according to the Rev. Harold Camping, calls for the end of the world in October, with no Rapture as a warning: just The End.

## CORRECTIONS

Nothing? Really?

# Fairhaven plans Memorial Day events include parade

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven's Memorial Day events kick off bright and early at 7 a.m. on Monday, 5/30, with a flag raising at Fort Phoenix. Boy Scouts from troops 52 and 55, and members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will participate in a flag raising and reveille. The flag will then be lowered to half staff for Memorial Day.

The Flag Raising ceremony will be held in honor of Manuel T. Sylvia, World War II veteran who died in December, 2008, at 97 years old. Manny was a familiar sight at Fairhaven's parades, even in later years when he had to be pushed in a wheelchair. The flag used at Ft. Phoenix draped Manny's casket.

At noon, the flag at Ft. Phoenix will be raised to full staff. At 7 p.m. the flag will be lowered and taps played.

## Parade & Ceremony

The parade will step off at 8:30 a.m. sharp from the corner of Main and South Streets near Fairhaven's Center on Monday, 5/30. Marchers will proceed along Main Street to Riverside Cemetery. When they reach the high

school, the parade will stop for the raising of the big flag by the FHS class of 1961. Also at the high school, Mark Sylvia will announce the groups of marchers as they pass.

Anyone who wants to march should gather at South and Main Streets no later than 8 a.m. Veterans and active military personnel who wish join the parade but are not able to walk, should call Gerry Payette to arrange a ride, 1-508-237-4282.

The parade will conclude at Riverside Cemetery where a ceremony will be held. Services include the reading of General Logan's Orders, which created Memorial Day; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; a reading of Legion, VFW and town honor rolls; music and singing by the First Congregational Church and High School band; salute to the dead by the Fairhaven Village Militia; taps; remarks by American Legion Post #166 Commander Roy Brown and past Commander Gerald Stabel; opening and closing prayers.

Parade participants include veterans and active military personnel from all branches of the military;

police and fire color guards; local and state officials; Scout units; elementary, middle school and high school bands; cheerleaders; local organizations; sports teams and many others.

## Public Participation

Organizers are asking spectators to line Main Street and wave small flags as the parade passes. Home owners on Main Street are asked to place flags out front to show their support.

Questions should be directed to Roy Brown, Commander, American Legion Post #166, Main Street, Fairhaven; 508-993-0046; Gerry Payette, Officer of the Day, 1-508-237-4282.



The Fairhaven Villiage Militia fires muskets on Memorial Day, 5/31/10. Neighb News file photo by Beth David.

# Grand Opening

## Memorial Day Weekend:

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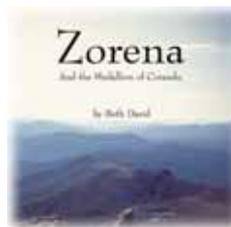
### Entertainment Schedule:

Friday, 5/27: **J Kelley Band**, 8-Mid.  
Sat., 5/28: **Shipyard Wreck**, 8-Mid.  
Sun., 5/29: **Chris Richard solo**, 8-Mid.  
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# Acushnet Company golf business selling to company in Korea

*Press Release*

Fortune Brands, Inc. (NYSE:FO) announced a definitive agreement for the sale of its Acushnet Company golf business, featuring the iconic Titleist and FootJoy brands, to a group led by Fila Korea Ltd., the owner of the Fila brand globally, and Mirae Asset Private Equity, the largest private equity firm in Korea. The purchase price is \$1.225 billion in cash. Fortune Brands estimates it will realize net proceeds of approximately \$1.1 billion after taxes and expenses.

Acushnet is the leading and most profitable golf equipment company in the world. Titleist is the #1 ball in golf and a leader in high-performance golf clubs. FootJoy is the #1 shoe and glove in golf and a leader in performance outerwear. Net sales exceeded \$1.2 billion in 2010, with nearly half of revenues generated in markets outside the United States. Operating income before charges was \$80 million in 2010, and operating income on a GAAP basis was \$89 million.

Established in Italy in 1911, Fila is a leading sport and leisure footwear and apparel brand that is distributed worldwide. The group led by Fila Korea and Mirae also includes the National Pension Service of Korea, the fourth largest pension fund in the world, and Korea Development Bank, Korea's largest government-owned bank.

This transaction is a very important milestone as we execute our proposed plan to separate our three strong businesses for the purpose of maximizing long-term value for our shareholders, said Bruce Carbonari, chairman and chief executive officer of Fortune Brands. Not surprisingly, the sale process for Acushnet generated broad interest from a range of prospective buyers and resulted in this agreement that reflects the superior performance and prospects of the business. The proceeds from this sale will strengthen Fortune Brands balance sheet and support strong capital structures for both Beam and Fortune Brands Home & Security as they look to the prospect of competing as independent companies later this year.

At the same time, we believe Fila Korea and Mirae will enable the outstanding team at Acushnet to continue pursuing the strategies that have made it the preeminent company in golf, including delivering advanced-technology new products and driving strong growth across Asia, Carbonari continued. We are grateful to all the associates at Acushnet who have built an industry leader and contributed to Fortune Brands success for so many years. I have no doubt they will take Titleist and FootJoy to even greater heights in the future.

According to Gene Yoon, chairman and chief executive officer of Fila Korea, Ltd., the acquisition of Acushnet transforms our platform with a stable of premiere world class brands. We are equally excited to embrace Acushnet's exceptional management team led by Wally Uihlein. With our extensive knowledge and reach in Asia, we believe that the Acushnet brands have incredible new opportunity for growth in the emerging markets in Asia.

We are very impressed with what Acushnet management and employees have accomplished so far. We will fully support the company to remain focused on its core golf expertise and continue driving the growth of the industry, said JH Ryu, the CEO of Mirae Asset Private Equity.

Fortune Brands initiated a sale process for Acushnet after announcing in December that it proposed to separate its businesses following a strategic review process conducted by the Board and management. The sale has been approved by the Fortune Brands Board of Directors as well as the Boards of Fila Korea and Mirae, and is subject to certain closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. The transaction is expected to close this summer.

The company also intends to spin

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## Seeking outstanding citizens of the century

*Press Release*

The Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee is seeking suggestions on who it should highlight as Outstanding Fairhaven Citizens of the Last Century. Short biographies of five to ten people who made substantial and outstanding contributions to the community between 1912 and 2012 will be prepared for publication in a bicentennial souvenir book and on the Bicentennial Committee's website.

In a program book published in 1962 for the town's sequicentennial, a number of living and dead people were honored as "People Fairhaven Remembers with Pride." Those noted were Capt. Alexander Winsor, Capt. Warren Delano, Capt. William H. Whitfield, Nathaniel Pope, Manjiro Nakahama, Thomas A. Tripp, F. Eben Brown and Henry Rogers Benjamin. A

separate story was published about Henry H. Rogers.

The majority of those had made their civic contributions to Fairhaven during its first 100 years. The Bicentennial Committee wishes to remember those who have had an impact on the town during its second century.

The committee would like members of the public to nominate their top five suggestions for consideration. Nominees should be women and men who resided in Fairhaven for some period of time between 1912 and 2012 and whose contributions touched the lives of many residents and helped make Fairhaven a better place to live. (These particular honors are not intended for those who moved away from town and became prominent outside of the local area.)

They may be living or dead. They may have been active in business, education, religious life, athletics, government, the arts, civic improvement, etc. Because many of us remember the most outstanding citizens of more recent years, it is important to try to add some names from the earlier part of the century, too.

It should be emphasized that nominations from the public are suggestions only. The honorees selected by the history sub-committee of the Bicentennial Committee will be chosen for the scope of their contributions to the community, not by popular vote.

A maximum of five names may be submitted. Suggestions may be emailed to Fairhaven1812@aol.com or mailed to the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, 02719.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Memorial Day

See page 3.

## Victory Coffee Hse

Monthly Christian Coffee House, May 28, from 7-9/9:30 p.m. This month's performers are Parousia, at Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave., Fairhaven. Accessible. Refreshments. Free. All are welcomed to bring many friends and or family. Call 774-992-3047 for more information.

## Edible Art Night

Make your plans now to be at East Fairhaven Elementary School, 2 New Boston Road, Fairhaven, on June 1 when the school will hold its annual Edible Art Night contest and art show. Accessible.

Edible Art Contest is open to everyone in the community. Entrance fee is a canned good or dollar donation for the local food pantry. The artwork must be completely edible; any bought through a company will be disqualified.

For details on entering a display of edible art, contact art teacher Heather Cashman, [hcashman@fairhavenps.org](mailto:hcashman@fairhavenps.org) or call 508-979-4058.

The goal is to create a fun night that invites the public into the school to have a positive art experience by connecting the school to the community. Artworks from the year will be hung in the gymnasium for viewing to highlight the many great artists, as well as communicating how important the art program is.

## Encampment

On **Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29**, colonial men, women and children will return to Fort Phoenix when members of the Fairhaven Village Militia hold a weekend encampment.

Dressed in authentic period clothing, members of the group will reenact life in 1778 and talk to the public about the history of the fort. They will also be demonstrating campfire cooking, fire starting with flint and steel, musket ball casting, military drilling, loading and firing flintlock muskets and rifles, 18th Century dentistry and medicine, spinning wool and more.

Visitors may try their hands at tomahawk throwing and children's

games of the period.

The militia has issued a tentative schedule of the weekend's activities.

**Saturday, May 28.** 9:00 a.m. Camp open to the public; 10:00 a.m. Militia Drilling near the large cannon, Sewing & Spinning Wool in camp; 11:00 a.m. Cooking Demonstration near the mess tent, Gun Care in camp; 12:00 p.m. Mid-day meal for soldiers and camp followers; 1:00 p.m. Firing of the small cannon in camp; 2:00 p.m. Militia Drilling near the large cannon, Sewing & Spinning Wool in camp; 3:00 p.m. Gun Care in camp; 4:00 p.m. Cooking Demonstration near the mess tent

Throughout the day: Barber/surgeon demonstrations, tomahawk throwing, children's toys and games, and more.

**Sunday, May 29:** 9:00 a.m. Camp open to the public; 10:00 a.m. Militia Drilling near the large cannon, Sewing & Spinning Wool in camp; 11:00 a.m. Cooking Demonstration near the mess tent, Gun Care in camp; 12:00 p.m. Mid-day meal for soldiers and camp followers; 1:00 p.m. Firing of the small cannon in camp; 2:00 p.m. Militia Drilling near the large cannon, Sewing & Spinning Wool; 3:00 p.m. Camp closed

Throughout the day: Barber/surgeon demonstrations, tomahawk throwing, children's toys and games, and more.

The Fairhaven Village Militia, which is sponsoring the event along with the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, is made up of about a 25 members who hold programs at Fort Phoenix during the summer to pass along its unique history.

The overnight encampment will be cancelled in the event of rain. Weather permitting, the militia will set up camp on Friday evening. The public may visit the camp on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to sunset and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085.

## T-Shirt Sales F-R

"Cancer Sucks" is the message that the father of one teen with cancer wants to send to the world. JP Lemieux of West Island is hoping to offset some huge medical costs being incurred while his son Paul is treated

for a tumor on his spinal chord. The cancer has spread to the outer lining of his brain. Paul, now 16, has suffered many complications since his diagnosis, but is fighting the disease with all that modern medicine has to offer and a courageous spirit.

He is now in the middle of a course of radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The family did not have medical insurance for part of the time that Paul was being treated. Their medical bills have become insurmountable. Paul lives in Texas with his mother.

The high quality t-shirts are embroidered and available in sizes from medium to 2X. All sizes are \$22 each. Call JP directly at 774-263-1417 to order.



## Rogers Tours

The story of Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry H. Rogers and the magnificent architectural gifts he gave to his hometown are the subjects of H. H. Rogers Walking Tours presented on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, beginning June 2.** The tours start at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, weather permitting. They will be held twice a week through September.

Rogers was born in Fairhaven in 1840 and graduated from the town's original high school. In 1861 he went to Pennsylvania where he and a partner started a small petroleum refinery. Eventually Rogers became a part of John D. Rockefeller's vast Standard Oil Company and became an extremely wealthy man.

Beginning in 1885, Rogers began giving Fairhaven gifts of enormous importance — schools, a library, a town hall, a public water system, and a lovely park. The H. H. Rogers Tour lasts about 90 minutes and is presented free of charge by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism.

For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com).

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## GNBVT looking for Vets, WWII-Vietnam

If you left school to serve in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School may be looking for you.

GNB Voc-Tech is looking for students who left the day program at New Bedford Vocational High School to serve in the armed forces and never came back to get their high school diplomas.

Each year, GNB Voc-Tech awards honorary diplomas to veterans who left high school to join the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

World War II veterans who left New Bedford Vocational High School to go to war and failed to get their diplomas should contact Mrs. Enos at (508) 998-3321 by May 26.

This year's graduation at GNB Voc-Tech will be held on Wed., June 1.

## Cat Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats is holding a Cat/Kitten Adoption Day on **Saturday May 28th, from 12:00 to 3:00 at 1322 Ashlely Blvd., New Bedford.**

All cats & kittens are spayed/neutered, are up-to-date on shots, and have tested negative for feline leukemia. Adoption fee is \$100 for adult cats, and \$120 for kittens five months & younger.

Adoption application and contract are required. Pets must travel in a pet carrier. Call 508-961-2287 or visit [www.HabitatforCats.org](http://www.HabitatforCats.org).

## Golf Tourney Volunteers

Elaine L. Howland Mother & Child Center in New Bedford is holding its first Annual Golf Outing at Allendale Country Club in New Bedford on Monday, July 18th! The Mother & Child Center provides diapers and clothing for babies & parents in the Greater New Bedford area at Centre Trinity United Methodist Church on a bi-weekly basis; the center runs strictly on grants, donations, and fundraisers!

Golfers can participate for \$125/pp. Shotgun at 1:00p.m.

We are in desperate need of

volunteers to help that day. For info, call 508-992-2224 & leave a message.

## Wellness Road Race

The Second Annual Bridge to Wellness 5K Road Race will be held on May 29, starting at 10:00 a.m. The unique route starts in historic downtown New Bedford, crosses the Fairhaven Bridge, and returns to New Bedford. Registration fee is \$25. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Racers can register on-line at [www.jbrace.com](http://www.jbrace.com) or they can download the application and mail it in. Information is included on the website regarding the schedule, T-shirts, cash awards, ribbon awards, and age groups.

Proceeds from the race will go to support Wellness Connection programs at the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center. The WC offers education, support, and reinforcement on weight loss, diabetic self-management, smoking cessation, and exercise.

For more information, please call 508-992-6553 X419 or e-mail [mgonzalez@gnbchc.org](mailto:mgonzalez@gnbchc.org). You can also visit the Health Center website at [www.gnbchc.org](http://www.gnbchc.org).

## Military free at WM

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is proud to participate for the second year in the Blue Star Museums Program.

The program provides free admission during the summer season, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, to families with a parent or spouse serving in the military, especially focusing on the approximately 1 million children who have had at least one parent deployed. The program offers these families a chance to visit museums this summer when many will have limited resources and limited time to be together.

Free admission is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members, and up to five immediate family members.

For the full list of participating museums, visit [www.arts.gov/](http://www.arts.gov/)

[bluestarmuseums.com](http://bluestarmuseums.com). The program ends Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2011.

## NB Preservation

The New Bedford Preservation Society will hold its Elm Award Ceremony on Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. in The Sea Loft at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford. LaFrance Hospitality, developers of the Fairfield/Marriott, will receive an Elm Award for the Baker-Robinson Whale Oil Refinery, located at this site. The public is cordially invited to attend.

For more info, call 508.997.6425 or visit [nbpreservationsociety.org](http://nbpreservationsociety.org).

## Ft. Taber Grand Ope

Elected officials and community leaders will join the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Historical Society in celebrating the completion of the expansion project at the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum. The 1,860 square foot expansion, made possible by a generous donation from Bank of America, more than doubles the museum's display area and will enable it to showcase artifacts from the American Revolutionary War through the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**On Monday, 5/30, at 2:00PM, Fort Taber Park, 1000 S. Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02744**

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The Buzzards Bay Rowing Club will host its sixth annual "Buzzards Bay Open Water Challenge" (formerly known as Row for the Bay) on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM.

Registration for the three-mile race, which will begin and end at beautiful Fort Taber Park in New Bedford, begins at 8:30 AM, the day of the race. To pre-register, visit the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club web site at [www.buzzardsbayrowing.org](http://www.buzzardsbayrowing.org) or call 508-961-5955. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person and includes water, juice, fruit and refreshments for rowers at the end of the race. T-shirts will be given to the first 50 registered rowers. Awards will be presented to winners in various categories.

For more information, registration **cont'd next page**

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form and directions, log on to our website [www.buzzardsbayrowing.org](http://www.buzzardsbayrowing.org) or call (508) 961-5955.

## Auditions

Your Theatre is holding open auditions on Thursday, June 2 at 7:30pm at the Theatre, 136 Rivet Street, New Bedford, MA, for Paul Rudnick's comedy "I Hate Hamlet." The production is scheduled to run September 15-25, 2011. Rehearsals

will begin in July.

All roles, three men, one - 30 - 40's; one 30's; one 40 - 60's and three women one - 30's; one - 40's and one - 50 - 60's (German accent).

Audition will be a cold reading from the script.

For further information call Director Larry Houbre, 508-993-0772 or email [ytinc@verizon.net](mailto:ytinc@verizon.net)

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## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Lakeside Fest

St. John Neumann's 27th annual Lakeside Family Fest will be held this weekend: Fri., 5/27 through Mon., 5/30, at Cathedral Camp on Long Pond, Route 18 (Middleborough Road) in East Freetown. FREE ADMISSION. Events include amusement rides, American and ethnic foods, midway game booths, raffles, renowned GIANT Barn Sale, silent auction, home baked goods. Big Top entertainment will feature a wide assortment of acts, including the Varsity Girls from 5-6 p.m. on Saturday.

Classic Car show registration fee is \$10. Call John Remedies, 508-763-0576 for info.

Festival hours: Fri., 5/27, 6 p.m.-11 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., noon-11 p.m.; Mon., 5/30, noon-5 p.m.

For complete festival details visit [www.sjnfreetown.org](http://www.sjnfreetown.org)

### Land Preservation Workshop

The Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts and several other conservation organizations will sponsor a free workshop open to the public to inform private landowners about conservation of privately owned lands. Landowners will learn about various options to conserve their private lands, save money with valuable tax incentives currently available to private landowners and important considerations related to estate planning that can help make it easier to pass family land to the next generation.

Speakers to include an estate planning attorney, landowners, and land conservation professionals.

Date: Thursday May 26th, at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Trowbridge Tavern and Canal Club, 100 Trowbridge Rd., Bourne, MA 02532

Conservation restrictions and estate planning can be an important tool for landowners to meet their goals for their private lands. Workshop participants will receive a free copy of the new publication "Your Land, Your Legacy," as well as other helpful resources.

Your land is a part of your legacy. Deciding what will happen to your land after you are gone may be the most important step that you can take as a landowner — not just for your own benefit, but for the benefit of your family, our community and for the land itself.

The workshop is free and the public is welcome. For more information or to register, contact Brendan Annett at (508) 999-6363 ext 214 or [annett@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:annett@savebuzzardsbay.org).

### Giant Yard Sale FR

Habitat for Cats will be holding its annual Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale on **Saturday May 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sunday May 29, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at The Smith Mills Congregational Church on Anderson Way in Dartmouth.**

The proceeds from last year's yard sales enabled us to spay and neuter almost 40 cats, which in turn helped prevent the birth of hundreds more from being born into a world in which there simply are not enough homes.

Call 508-961-2287 for information, or visit [www.HabitatforCats.org](http://www.HabitatforCats.org).

### Fishues Meeting

The Northeast Fisheries Science Center will hold a pre-Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee

(TRAC) industry meeting with fishermen, interested parties and the public to present data (landings, discards and resource assessment surveys) through 2010. The information will be used during 2011 Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder stock assessments scheduled for the June 20-25 TRAC in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

When: June 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MA Division of Marine Fisheries, Gloucester Office, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. For more info visit <http://www.nefmc.org/>

### Tree-Care Book

The Arbor Day Foundation has a handy tree-care booklet that is designed to help people plant and care for trees. Anyone can receive the Conservation Trees booklet just by giving a \$3 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

Conservation Trees is an easy-to-use booklet and features illustrations, colorful photos and easy-to-understand descriptions.

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. Also included are tips on how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, create a living snow fence, and to learn how to plant the right tree in the right place.

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# Recipe of the Week

## Avocado and Papaya Salad

- 2 avocados, peeled, halved, and pitted
- 2 papayas, peeled, halved, and seeded
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Slice the avocados lengthwise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Slice the papayas width-wise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Arrange overlapping slices on a serving platter, alternating slices of avocado and papaya.

In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Spoon the dressing over the avocado and papaya. Serve immediately.

*Submitted by Leilah Moses Silveira*

# A Little Bit of Sports

*By Bob Hobbs*

## Special to the Neighb News

### Baseball: FHS 4-Coyle 2

The Bluemen of Fairhaven High School beat Coyle-Cassidy 4-2 in 8 innings. Billy Lessa was winning pitcher. Ryan Baldwin's two-run double in the eighth gave Blues the win. Sean Allaire, Ryan Magano and Zack Leblanc were outstanding for FHS.

### FHS Track

The FHS track teams were beaten by Apponequet. Emma Robidoux was double winner taking 100 hurdles and 400 hurdles. Kelsey Faunce won shot put. Ashley Perreira won the 800. Ed Ruel led the boys with wins in shot put and discus. Seth Guilotte won the mile and Garrett Nicolas won javelin for the Blues.

### Girls Lose Two, Win One

The Lady Blues lost a toughy to Connolly, 1-0. Courtney Girouard pitched a super game. Case beat the Blues Wednesday 8-3. The bats went silent all week. Ashley Brown, Kayli

Moniz, Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Kiyana Alfaiate and Kay Mullen were outstanding for FHS.

On Friday they beat Connolly 6-1. Courtney pitched a two-hitter and had three hits. Kelsey Perron-Sovik, Brittany Teixeira led the hit parade.

### FHS JV Baseball

In a game played at Livesey Park, still the best baseball field in town, FHS JVs looked good under Coach Reedy, but lost to Case, 11-9. Andy Casteal, Matt Meyers, Cam Charette, and Tyler Pereira were outstanding for the Blues.

### Prose on Pros

Sox on their way back with big come-from-behind win over Os. Tito Francona is being compared to Casey Stengel. Nice to see Cubs at Fenway. Babe Ruth won two World Series games for Sox in 1918 as pitcher.

I thought the old uniforms were great, taking us right back to 1918.

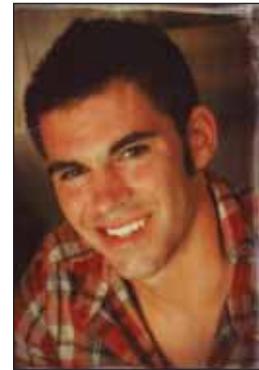
Yanks got hitting problems, Steinbrenner brothers should dump GM Cashman.

Go Bruins. Go Mavericks and Bulls.

### Dillon Duarte: US Airforce Academy

Dillon has been accepted to the Air Force Academy, where he will study engineering and play football for the Falcons.

He will graduate from Tomball High School in Tomball Texas. Dillon is the grandson of former Fairhaven police officer Donald Duarte.



Dillon Duarte has been accepted into the Air Force Academy upon his graduation from Tomball High School in Tomball, Texas. Dillon is the grandson of Former Fairhaven police officer Donald Duarte. *Submitted photo*

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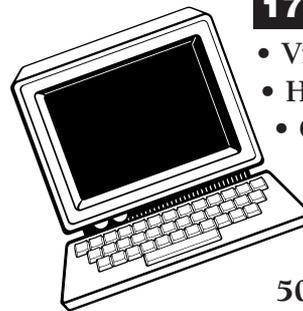


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# Fairhaven woman doesn't have heart to eat heart-shaped potato

By Beth David  
Editor

Mary Anne Polchlopek was just making Easter dinner, traditional Polish fare: Polish ham, hard-cooked eggs, kielbasa, vegetables, and mashed potatoes.

When she got to the potatoes, she stopped short. In the pile of potatoes to be peeled and cooked, she found one shaped like a heart.

It was Easter, and she had just returned from Easter Sunday services. She also has a special devotion to the Divine Mercy, a special observance created in 2000 by Pope Benedict XVI when he canonized St. Faustina Kowalski, a young Polish nun.

St. Faustina's meditations inspired the five practices of the Divine Mercy devotion. The special observances coincide with Easter and include Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Easter. This year it was on May 1.

According to an article in the Fall River Diocese's newspaper, The Anchor, Jesus revealed five special ways to live out the response to his

mercy.

Recognizing that the mercy of Christ is greater than any sins, is the main message of St. Faustina's life.

Ms. Polchlopek actively participates in the special Divine Mercy Sunday devotions. To her, she said, it is the heart of Christ that is at the core of the devotions.

On Easter Sunday, she was making



Mary Anne Polchlopek didn't have the heart to eat the heart-shaped potato she found while making Easter dinner last month because it reminded her of Sr. Faustina Kowalski, a Polish nun who inspired the creation of Divine Mercy Sunday, observed the Sunday after Easter. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

dinner for her family, including her parents who are in their 90s.

She said when she saw the heart while she was thinking about her love for her parents, she got very emotional.

"I just had to share it," she said.

Our Lady of Fatima Church and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, both in New Bedford, hold Divine Mercy devotions.

For more information on St. Faustina and her message, visit: [http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/saints/ns\\_lit\\_doc\\_20000430\\_faustina\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20000430_faustina_en.html)



## New sign at Leach Gym



The Gymnasium at Fairhaven High School has a new sign reflecting the name change in 2007 to the "Barton B. Leach Gymnasium." A dedication was held on 12/14/07 and a plaque with Mr. Leach's likeness was unveiled. The new sign, installed last month, is intended to make it clear, the moment spectators walk into the gym, that it is the "Barton B. Leach Gymnasium." It was placed on the wall opposite the spectator entrance, under the big "Blue Devils" on the wall, on Wednesday, 4/20/11. The 20-foot vinyl-on-aluminum sign was installed in three sections, and can be removed if work needs to be done to the wall. The sign was anonymously donated by FHS alumni and uses the Blue Devil blue on a white background. Photo courtesy of Signs For Everything. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

## Atria at Animal shelter



Residents of Atria Assisted Living recently enjoyed making doggie treats for their friends at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. They had a very nice visit with the staff and, of course, the dogs. The dogs loved the treats so much that residents decided to make more. Hats off to the staff and volunteers who take such good care of the animals. ABOVE: Residents of Atria Assisted Living post with staff at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, after giving home made treats to the dogs. Submitted photo. See it in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

# FHS prom goes to Venus, then back to FHS



Fairhaven High School Students on wait on the bus before going to the Venus De Milo in Swansea for the prom dinner and dance on Friday, 5/13. The students then returned to FHS for the after-prom party. Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)

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## Rain holds off for annual Blessing of the Bikes

The rain held out for the annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday, 5/22. The event was scheduled for the week before, but was cancelled due to anticipated rain, which never materialized. The especially rainy spring has made every dry day a special occasion in these parts.

On the 22nd, approximately 400 motorcyclists gathered at Ft. Phoenix and then rode to St. Joseph's Church in

Fairhaven to have their bikes blessed by Fr. Tom McElroy and Fr. Al Dagnoli.

Motorcyclists then went on a two-hour ride through back roads, and returned to Fairhaven for outdoor entertainment at the Ice Chest.

Proceeds of the event are to benefit St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven.



LEFT: In front of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven Fr. Tom McElroy (L) and Fr. Al Dagnoli bless motorcyclists on their way to a two-hour ride through the back roads, and then back to Fairhaven for outdoor entertainment at the Ice Chest. Approximately 400 bikers showed up for the annual event. Proceeds are to benefit St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven. RIGHT: motorcycles gather at Fort Phoenix before the ride begins. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## Fairhaven Village Militia members train for cannon firing



The Fairhaven Village Militia is seeking to increase the number of members certified to fire cannons. Militia members fire the big cannons at Fort Phoenix and the smaller cannon pictured here at special events and parades throughout the year. The state regulates the firing of the cannons. Jeremiah Katz, Chad Bourgeois and Amy Smith each took turns with each step of preparing and firing the cannons. LEFT: Jeremiah Katz lights the cannon. RIGHT: Smoke fills the air after the cannon goes off. Amy Smith looks on. *Photos by Heidi Winnett. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

# Officials urge safe boating practices

## Press Release

With Memorial Day and Safe Boating Week approaching, the Massachusetts Environmental Police are urging boaters to make this a safe boating season.

In addition to wearing lifejackets, state officials recommend that boaters take a boating safety course, operate boats only while sober and make sure their boats have the required safety equipment onboard. Massa. Environmental Police Director Col. Aaron Gross also cautions boaters that water temperatures are still cool and boaters should take precautions to prevent hypothermia.

This year, May 21-27 is Safe Boating Week. In 2009, more than 74 percent of all fatalities nationally from boating accidents were due to drowning, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Of those who drowned, 71 percent of the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

Most boating fatalities occur as the result of boaters failing to wear a lifejacket or not having the appropriate lifejackets on board the vessel. There were 51 reported boating accidents in Massachusetts resulting

in ten fatalities in 2009, down from 64 reported boating accidents that resulted in 11 fatalities in 2008. Drowning was the number one cause of fatalities in both years, and none of those victims wore life jackets.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, there were 736 boating fatalities nationally in 2009, down from 924 in 1991.

Operating any vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited. Boaters are also prohibited from operating within 150 feet of a public or private swimming area. All boaters are reminded to operate their vessels at reasonable speeds based on the existing conditions, including traffic density, weather and visibility.

Under Mass. law, boaters under the age of 12 may not operate a motorboat unless accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children between the ages of 12 and 15 must complete an approved boating course.

Children under the age of 16 may not operate a personal watercraft. Personal watercraft operators

between the ages of 16 and 18 must pass an approved boating safety course prior to operation. All boats are required to carry life preservers, fire extinguishers, and navigation lights. A paddle or an oar is required on boats less than 16 feet long

The Environmental Police also cautioned inland boaters about swift moving rivers, which can lead to unpredictable water hazards, including floating debris. In addition, water temperatures in coastal waters and rivers and lakes at this time of year can be as cool as 40 degrees, a temperature that can cause hypothermia and offset even a strong swimmer's ability to swim safely to shore.

All boating accidents must be reported to the Mass. Environmental Police at 800-632-8075. The Environmental Police encourage boaters of all ages and experience to take a safe boating course. For more information on safe boating courses, contact the Environmental Police Boat and Recreational Vehicle Safety Bureau at 508-759-0002. Visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/courselist.htm> for course information. \*\*\*

## Water on neck shut off while break in main is repaired



Water gushes out of cracked pavement on Scotcut Neck Road between Grape and Edgewater Streets in Fairhaven on Monday, 5/23. The water department shut water off at about 9:30 a.m. and repaired a broken main.

An estimate on the number of homes without water was not available, but water from Grape Street south to Wilbur's Point, including West Island, was shut off until approximately 4 p.m. The department initiated a reverse 911 call to residents informing them of the break and telling them they could take containers to the public works department on Arsene Street and get water.

Those who did not receive a phone call may visit [www.pcsdma.org/communicator.asp](http://www.pcsdma.org/communicator.asp) and click on the self registration portal to be added to the list, or to add a cell phone number.

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# ML's Eye on the Weather



A weekly weather report from ML Baron of the West Island Weather Station: [westislandweather.com](http://westislandweather.com)

## Hurricane Season Around the Corner

Forecasters continue to predict an above average hurricane season similar to last year. The last major hurricane to impact Southeastern MA was Bob, on August 19, 1991. Bob was one of the earliest recorded hurricanes to impact the area. For those who lost water service last Monday for a few hours, imagine being shut-off for days and maybe even weeks if you decided to ride out a hurricane on West Island. Add to that the loss of power and other vital utilities and this is when the reality of complacency will hit home.

Soon town officials will meet on West Island with their usual hurricane preparedness plan for islanders who decide to stay with

four basic words: "You're on your own."

I've had islanders as old as a 100 say they're going to stay. It is not out of the question to assume that as many as 1,000 people could be stranded out here after not heeding voluntary evacuation advice.

Although some boast they are fully prepared to remain with generators, supplies and even a spare car on the neck to row over to if the causeway is washed out, the majority won't be. The lack of medical and emergency services would also add to an already complicated scenario.

[Westislandweather.com](http://Westislandweather.com) has several hurricane albums completely scanned for those to be reminded of the magnitude of full blown major hurricanes from the past featuring Carol in 1954, The 1938 and 1944 Hurricanes. The causeway to West Island is about four feet above sea-level. The link to the albums is <http://www.westislandweather.com/hurricanephotoalbums.htm>

The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1st and here's the list of selected names:

Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, Whitney

## Forecast

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows around 60. Chance

of rain 40 percent. **Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows around 60. Chance of rain 40 percent.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows around 58. Chance of rain 30 percent.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows around 60. Chance of rain 30 percent.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Lows around 62. Chance of rain 20 percent.

**Monday, Memorial Day:** Partly Cloudy. High: 64° **Monday Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 61°

**Tuesday:** Partly Cloudy. High: 66° **Tuesday Night:** Mostly Cloudy With Scattered Light Showers Possible. Low: 61°

**Wednesday:** Partly Cloudy. High: 66° **Wednesday Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 61°

**Thursday:** Partly Cloudy. High: 64° **Thursday Night:** Partly Cloudy. Low: 58°

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