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Fire on Arlington Avenue displaces multiple families

Nobody hurt in an early morning blaze that brought out dozens of firefighters

BY ETHAN HARTLEY

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A fire that broke out at 40 Arlington Ave. early on Friday morning, Jan. 26, brought out a large response of firefighters and resulted in multiple families being displaced.

While no residents of the 6-unit, multi-family home were injured as a result of the blaze, Warren Fire Chief James Sousa reported that a few cats were lost in the fire.

Sousa reported that the fire began at around 1:40 a.m. on Friday morning, bringing out all Warren fire apparatus, as well as mutual aid from Bristol. Fire units from Swansea and Barrington also responded to provide coverage for other areas of Warren while they handled the fire. In total, Sousa said around 40 firefighters were at the scene.

"The first crews were faced with

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A multi-family home at 40 Arlington Ave. in Warren caught on fire in the early morning hours on Friday, Jan. 26, bringing out around 40 firefighters to deal with the blaze, which quickly spread throughout the building.

RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Should Mt. Hope High School be a phone-free zone?

Administration, stakeholders continue conversation about benefits and concerns

BY CHRISTY NADALIN & ETHAN HARTLEY

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Mt. Hope High School principal Michelle King took a slight pause when asked how many students at Mt. Hope have a cell phone on them at any given point during the school day, but she didn't need to reference any tucked away report to give an answer.

"All of them," she said with a sense of slight weariness. "Some of them might have two."

Accordingly, Mt. Hope High School's administration has been investigating ways to enact a readily enforceable way of keeping phones away during school hours so that students can focus on being students.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, King hosted an open, virtual community conversation that included the school safety team, administrators, mem-

bers of the School Committee, teachers, parents, and students.

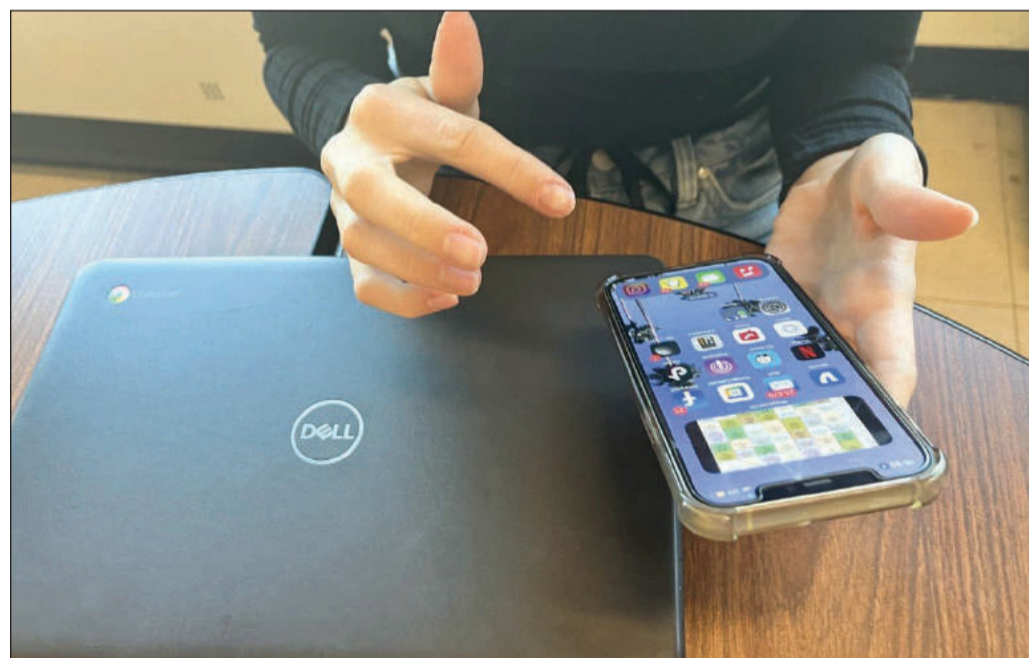
"This is a growing and rapidly increasing problem," said King. "And it's not just a Bristol Warren problem, it is nationwide...our students are suffering the consequences of this addiction that they have. Addiction is what I'm calling it, because the students are struggling."

King shared the results of a school-wide survey that revealed that 80% of MHHS faculty reported their students are distracted by their phones and devices, even while 80% of students insist they are not.

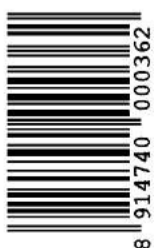
"We know that it is impacting our kids academically and emotionally, and we know that there are safety concerns," King said.

The potential harm resulting from overuse and abuse of social media by adolescents is well-documented, and the arguments against students having unfettered access to devices like phones and smart watches are persuasive.

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Should students have access to their phones during the school day or not? The subject brought lively discussion at a recent virtual meeting between school officials, first responders, and members of the school community.



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POLICE REPORT

Police make six arrests, including three teenagers

Monday, Jan. 22

A hit and run on County Road was reported at 9:07 a.m. No one was found in the area.

Police responded to Metacom Avenue for the report of a possible verbal fight between multiple people at 8:13 p.m. but they had all dispersed before they arrived.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Jovane C. Goncalves, 18, of 142 Brewster St., Apt. #2, Pawtucket, was arrested by Pawtucket Police at 12:59 a.m. on Roosevelt Avenue in that city for a warrant active out of Warren. He was charged with three counts of larceny under \$1,500, three counts of tampering with vehicles, and one count of misdemeanor conspiracy. He was arraigned and released after being transported to Warren PD custody later that morning.

Police responded to Asylum Road for a report of threats made at 1:57 p.m. A subsequent call indicated that Warren PD assisted Bristol PD with a check of a residence on Child Street for a possible weapon at 2:01 p.m.

A Nobert Street resident reported at 3:24 p.m. that a local oil company had been driving on the bike path nearby when delivering oil. Police said they would monitor the area for such activity.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

A Ridgewood Court resident reported falling victim to a scam at 6:59 p.m.

Multiple callers reported that the traffic lights at Metacom Avenue and Vernon Street were malfunctioning at 7:08 p.m. RIDOT was notified and they fixed the malfunction as of 9:14 p.m. according to the report.

A caller on Metacom Avenue reported a wire was smoking/sparking at 8:17 p.m., which brought out Warren fire personnel and Rhode Island Energy.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Jose M. Pacheco, 51, of 67 Buffinton St., Fall River, Mass., was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Child Street and Kinnicut Avenue at 12:00 a.m. He was charged with DUI of liquor (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal

to submit to a breathalyzer. He was arraigned and released later that morning.

Timothy S. Casto, 44, of 372 Child St., Apt. #1st F, Warren, was arrested following an incident on Child Street at 8:54 a.m. He was charged with assault on a person over the age of 60, causing bodily injury, and disorderly conduct. He was transported to court later that morning.

Rhode Island Energy was notified of power lines and poles that had gone down behind a building on Metacom Avenue at 10:24 a.m.

Police responded to Kelly Street at 4:14 p.m. after a mother reported their dog had bitten one of their children. A rescue was refused and the family said they would follow up with the animal control officer in the morning.

A Touisset Road resident reported having an argument with an Amazon delivery driver at 6:03 p.m. after the truck allegedly tore up his lawn.

A caller on Monast Street reported an Amazon driver got their vehicle stuck in their yard at 7:00 p.m.

Brandon M. Southworth, 47, of 28 Songbird Lane, Tiverton, was arrested following an incident on Child Street at 9:13 p.m. He was charged with two counts of domestic violence (family court violation of a protective order, and disorderly conduct, both first offenses). He was arraigned and released early the following morning.

Friday, Jan. 26

A fire on Arlington Avenue at 1:41 a.m. brought out all Warren fire apparatus as well as other departments from the surrounding area (see front page story for more details).

A resident on Barden Lane asked for extra patrols at 4:12 p.m., claiming that people use the road as a cut-through while driving at high speeds.

Saturday, Jan. 27

A Franklin Street resident reported an ongoing issue with people leaving trash in their parking lot at 11:02 a.m. RIDOT

was advised of the issue.

A no trespass order was issued to a Child Street resident after an employee of a shop they had allegedly stolen from in the past called police at 3:52 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 28

Items were reportedly stolen from a vehicle on Asselin Street at 8:28 a.m.

A Ward Street resident called police at 12:17 p.m. to report that his vehicles had been tampered with, but police found nothing was taken from the vehicles.

Monday, Jan. 29

Two juveniles were arrested near Market and Parker Streets at 1:34 a.m. following a report of suspicious individuals in the area. A 16-year-old was charged with possession of a prohibited weapon other than a firearm and obstructing an officer in execution of their duty, and a 15-year-old was charged with possession of marijuana while under 17 years old, receiving stolen goods less than \$1,500, and obstructing an officer in execution of their duty.

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LEFT: Avery Furtado, a senior co-captain, performs on the beam. She is finally healthy after coming back from an injured back and is competing at a high level for the Huskies. **CENTER:** Sara Sustakowsky performs on bars. Her best event is on the vault and competes in all-around for the Huskies. **RIGHT:** Senior co-captain Caroline Nash has stepped up her floor and beam routines this season and is ready for the team to compete at states.

Pisasale leads Huskies gymnasts in tri-meet

Mt. Hope is now 5-2 in Division II

STORY AND PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE, JR.

Freshman Kara Pisasale leapt, twirled and flipped her way to a 9.0 on her floor routine and an led the Huskies with an all-around score of 33.7 as the Mt. Hope gymnastics team beat Prout/EWG Co-op and Chariho in a tri-meet last Saturday at Strive Gymnastics in Somerset and improved their record to 5-2 in Division II. The Huskies posted a team score of 128.225, while Prout/EWG Co-p scored a 119.575 and Chariho scored 104.575.

I can't be more proud," said Huskies head coach Nicole Daniello. "The team has improved with every meet."

Pisasale, who won multiple Orange Crate Derby's in Bristol as a youth and ran cross country this season, had the best all around score with a 33.7 and was the top scorer on floor with a 9.0, on vault with an 8.7, and on bars with an 8.1. She scored a 7.9 on beam.

"Kara's been a great addition to the team," said senior co-captain Avery Furtado. "She's just a freshman and is going to do some great things. Her floor routine is elegant and pretty. It's really fun to watch. I am super proud of how far she's come."

Pisasale has been a gymnast since third grade, according to Daniello.



Kara Pisasale performs a stunt during her floor routine at a recent meet.

"She has been competing with difficult skills on floor (back layout with a one and half twist) and scored a season high last Saturday with a 9.15."

Senior captain Caroline Nash placed second on the team with an all-around score of 33.325, with an 8.675 on vault, an 8.65 on floor, an 8.0 on bars and an 8.0 on beam.

Nash, a very consistent and pride-

ful gymnast, has stepped up her beam and floor routines this season with an assortment of difficult stunts.

"I have upgraded my jumps on beam and so far, I have stuck them all," she said, "My floor routine is the best that it's ever been."

The captains feel that the whole team has stepped up their routines this season. But Nash feels that to

compete at states, the Huskies have to keep striving to be their best.

"We have to keep working hard," she said.

"The team's improving. We've all gotten stronger and better," said Furtado, who is finally healthy and competing at a high level after injuring her back a few seasons ago.

"I've definitely come a long way," she said. "My back is stronger now

and I have gotten a lot better."

Furtado also has a new floor routine this season, that sports a front half, a round-off layout and a round-off cut. She tallied an all around score of 30.55, with an 8.25 on vault, an 8.0 on beam, a 7.85 on floor and a 6.45 on bars.

"Avery has been consistently improving all season long," said Daniello. "Her top events are vault and beam. She added a new skill to her bar routine, a sole circle half, which increased her start value and improved her score."

With her captains performing well and the addition of the new freshmen, Daniello feels that the team could contend for states this season.

"We will be very competitive with Caroline, Avery and Kara," said Daniello. "Freshman Sarah Sustakowsky, sophomore Isabella Brando and junior Madeleine St. Pierre all contribute to our team scores every meet. It has been a total team effort."

Sustakowsky is strong on the vault and performs in all the events. She had an all around score of 29.35, with an 8.6 on vault, 7.4 on floor, a 6.9 on beam and a 6.45 on bars.

Brando scored an 8.15 on vault, a 7.55 on floor and a 7.4 on beam. St. Pierre scored an 8.2 on floor, a 7.4 on beam and a 4.6 on bars. Cassidy Aeria scored a 7.9 on vault and a 6.2 on beam. Natalia Quezado-Grant scored a 7.4 on vault and a 4.8 on bars. Maxine Scott scored a 6.3 on floor and a 4.8 on bars.

The Huskies have just three more meets before states in February.

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PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Due to the severe damage from the fire, and the age of the home, the multi-family home was condemned the following day.

FIRE: Cause of the fire is still under investigation, house is condemned

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heavy fire on the first floor, which quickly spread to all floors of the home," he said. "The type of construction made it a challenge to attack based on the fire, which was traveling quickly through the walls."

Sousa said that the cause of the fire was still under investigation by the State Fire Marshall, and that due to the age of the building and the amount of damage sustained, it was likely the building would be a total loss.

One firefighter who was hospitalized as a precautionary measure after responding was

released shortly after being admitted with no issues, Sousa said. The fire response officially concluded around 5:30 a.m.

The Red Cross was called in to provide relief to affected families. Those who wish to help can donate clothes to a collection bin held within the lobby of police and fire headquarters in Warren (1 Joyce St.).

As of Tuesday morning, Chief Sousa said that the cause of the fire remains under investigation. According to the emergency call log of this week, it was revealed the building (as expected), was condemned the day following the fire.



ABOVE: The six-unit home had multiple families living inside. Thanks to fire alarms working as intended, nobody was injured, but multiple cats were lost in the fire. **LEFT:** Fire and police officials take in some air before going heading back in to an Arlington Avenue apartment building that caught fire earlier this morning in Warren.

Celebrated local chef to launch new endeavor

Eli Dunn and Rachel Lopes Almeida to open Folklore Provisions

BY CHRISTY NADALIN
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Eli Dunn's large local fan base will be delighted to know that he and his fiancée and business partner, Rachel Lopes Almeida, will be opening a cafe, Folklore Provisions, at 301 Hope St. They appeared before the Bristol Town Council at the Wednesday, Jan. 17 meeting, requesting a class B liquor license.

Dunn, who has become a bit of a Food Network veteran with three appearances on "Chopped" and one on "Beat Bobby Flay," learned his trade from the best — his mother was the proprietor of Phoebe's in Seekonk for many years. Dunn cooked at Warren's late Three Rivers Cafe and the Beehive Cafe in Bristol, before opening Eli's Kitchen, his much-loved establishment on Market Street in Warren.

He closed Eli's in late 2020, selling the business to Sam Duling and Joanna Ray. They opened Hunky Dory on the site, which quickly grew to be a popular and successful restaurant in its own right, featuring local food with a southern influence.

Since closing Eli's, Dunn shifted focus to private cheffing, an endeavor that kept him busy, and ultimately, reminded him why he loves cooking. He always suggested he



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Eli Dunn, on the line at Eli's Kitchen in Warren. Dunn sold that restaurant in late 2020, going into private cheffing. Now, he's back with a new restaurant concept coming to Hope Street soon.

was not done with the restaurant business, and it looks like 2024 will

be the year he returns. "So I'm coming out of retire-

ment," he said to the Council, "And we're going to open a European style cafe at 301 Hope Street, the former Angelina's, and Roberto's before that."

As Dunn described it, Folklore Provisions will be a daytime concept European style cafe inspired by Almeida's Azorian heritage; a fusion of Dunn's coastal New England culinary background and Almeida's Azorian culinary background. "Really good espresso, sandwiches, salads, and a Sunday brunch," he said.

The plan, for now at least, is to only serve alcohol for Sunday Brunch, so they can offer mimosas, Bloody Marys, and other brunch cocktails.

As is standard, the Council will hold a public hearing at their next meeting, and the license, if granted at that time, will be a 6-month provisional beer and wine license that will be expanded if there are no negative incidents in the provisional period. So, initially, mimosas may be offered, but the bloodies will have to wait.

"I'm very happy to to see you back in town," said Councilor Mary Parella. Councilor Tim Sweeney concurred. "I'm super excited to have you, and have you occupying that empty cafe," he said. "It's been empty for a while, so it'll be nice to see the lights on."

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Opinion

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Town's right to govern itself has not been infringed

To the editor:

With regard to the proposed development of income-restricted rental housing on Child Street, the Chair of the Planning Board is quoted saying that the State's affordable housing law "completely ignores the right of a town to govern itself."

I disagree. The Comprehensive Permit application introduced in 1991 by the Low-Moderate Income Housing Act sought to incentivize private development of income-restricted housing units by, in part, streamlining and consolidating municipal regulatory procedures. One change was to assign the municipal Planning Board as the sole reviewing body for Comp Permit applications, including zoning matters. Recent experience in Warren has shown that the Planning Board has performed this task in a thorough and professional manner. The ability of the town to "govern itself" has not been compromised.

Moreover, the regulatory relief granted by the Low-Mod Act is not available to applicants in municipalities where 10% of the housing stock is restricted by deed to tenants and owners based on clearly defined affordability standards. The Town has had over 30 years to reach this goal, and it has not. Had it done so, we would not be discussing Comp Permit applications at all.

Warren, like the rest of the region, has a severe housing crisis. Rental and home prices have skyrocketed, and an inadequate supply of all homes, especially affordable homes, is crippling our ability to thrive. We need a policy shift that will promote housing options (multi-family apartment buildings, accessory dwelling units, mill and institutional conversions, town homes, pocket neighborhoods) that will accommodate a wide range of housing needs. The Penny Lane development is one of those options.

How can a long term policy shift be realized? I believe that Warren's zoning ordinance is a primary obstacle to the creation of new housing. With its focus on single-family zones, its onerous lot area minimums, its prohibitions against multi-family and mixed use development, and its outdated building coverage and parking requirements, the zoning ordinance needs a reboot. I live on Water Street in a legally non-conforming dwelling. The overwhelming majority of lots and residences in my neighborhood are also non-conforming, yet this is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in town. There's a lesson there.

In the short term, projects like Penny Lane need to be embraced, and more like them encouraged. It has a highly regarded local non-profit development team with a track record of successful projects in adjacent communities. It features an attractive, low-rise design, and the proposed apartments will be available only to households earning not more than 60% of the Area Mean Income, or about \$44,400. According to the latest report by Housing Works RI, the average cost of a market rate two-bedroom apartment in Warren requires a household income of over \$93,000. Penny Lane's 40 units (8.9 units/acre) will significantly "move the needle" toward the 10% minimum. There is no down side.

How does it make sense for the Planning Board to have denied the Penny Lane project based on "excessive" density, while at the same time approving the 20-unit Liberty Street application, with just 5 income-restricted units and a density of more than 30 units/acre? I suggest that the Board focus less on a perceived encroachment on its regulatory authority and more on the values that strengthen our community.

John Mensinger
67 Water St.

Town has no say on affordable housing developments

To the editor:

This letter concerns the pending affordable housing project "Penny Lane" proposed for farmland on Child Street. I call it a "housing project" because it truly is the building of the Warren Projects. Forty units being built on a site suitable for five residential homes is just too many units for one residential neighborhood. Anytime you put that many people that are struggling financially into a rental situation there is a high probability that there will be a social breakdown.

Crime: Densely compacted affordable housing will increase crime and decrease safety.

Tax burdens: While the new hous-

ing will increase the tax base - historically, these projects require additional services for police and medical outweighing any tax increase.

Schools: Building dense, affordable housing will burden the local school system and lower standardized test scores.

Property values: In the immediate neighborhood property values will decrease.

I do have empathy for people who find themselves in this situation but it is not the government's job to impose housing at the detriment of the surrounding area. The developer stated that it does not make financial sense for 25 units instead of 40 units.

Sounds like they are doing this to make money not to help families. "Follow the money" is a very wise mantra. We are being forced to let these people abuse the new Affordable Housing Laws.

While it seems this project is going to move forward much to the dismay of the people of Warren my question is where were our representatives that are supposed to speak on behalf of the citizens of Warren? Why do we have a Comprehensive Plan if it is merely usurped by the State? Who is watching out for us? Warren does not want this development in this form.

Brian Mellor
21 Colonial Dr.

Attention Warren Planning Board

To the editor:

If you as an entity tasked with looking out for the interests of the town of Warren, as well as the residents therein, you have only one solution that meets these obligations in consideration of the planned Penny Lane development. You can vote to disapprove the plan.

Mr. Massie expresses his dismay that the town cannot seek an amended plan with a lower density due to laws protecting comprehensive development plans. I am skeptical. If he were truly considerate of the public, he and his comrades on the plan-

ning board would vote to disapprove the plan. The vote was cast to approve based on a density reduction to 25 units. However, in light of "new" information, the reduction is not allowed under comprehensive plan guidelines. This does not default to project approval, it requires another vote because the previous vote was based upon erroneous information.

This is also another opportunity for the planning board to do what is right, just and in the best interest of the town and deny project approval. Anything short shows a disdain for the public interest and disregard for the

rights of abutting property owners.

We as a town are under no obligation to EBCDC to grant them approval. In a free market economy, EBCDC took a risk purchasing property in the hope of building a questionable and undesired high-density low income housing project in middle of single residence homes. This was a calculated risk, but a risk regardless, they have no legal basis to strong-arm the planning board for approval. Shame on you if you capitulate to such manipulation.

Peter Jannitto
618 Child St.

Washington Bridge...what's next?

To the editor:

So, it looks like East Bay's chickens are coming home to roost. Amidst swirling rumors RIDOT admits now that the 195 bridge, at best, will take several months to fix, if not need to be demolished and rebuilt. Millions of dollars of expense will blow a significant hole in the budget and commuters will be subjected to traffic tortures for months if not years.

How did we get here?

Last week our East Bay legislators filed a collective letter to RIDOT, demanding updates to themselves(!), so they can inform frustrated constituents. Why such a

move from people, who are barely in touch with town governments, never mind voters? Well, elections will be upon us soon and maybe this time the electorate will see that our representatives do not represent us much.

For years, questions had been raised about East Bay (and the state as a whole) infrastructure — power, roads, flooding mitigation. And for years those were brushed aside as non-important, with budget money constantly allocated to everything else, from digital security labs to soccer stadiums. Meanwhile critical infrastructure, like the 195 bridge,

was shoddily inspected and shoddily repaired. Here is the result.

When we had issues with Deloitte, or child services, or when our legislature was in hiding during Covid and two governors acted like dictators, voters kept silent and put the same people in office. Now we have Issue affecting all of us, and our legislators once again proved to be useless, except to write a letter and have a Zoom meeting with the head of RIDOT.

Expect same behavior in the future, but what will fall apart next?

Sergei Sharenko
Bristol

COMMENTARY

Patience

BY FREDERICK MASSIE

The sky weeps. The pressure drops.

And the kayak's hull remains stationary on the storm swept shore.

While a pair of mergansers patrol the coast.

The male's ruffled rust topknot

flagging their passage.

And a mallard couple - accompanied by an odd-duck-out uncle - dabble in the chilly shallows.

Flotsam and jetsam carried far beyond the wrack line by gale force winds and waves punctuate the shoreline narrative of the empty beach.

Color leaches from the land and sea. Merging into a uniform grey.

Mind drifting to sunnier more colorful climes and times.

Then returning to revel in the moment.

Enjoying the silence and solitude of life along the winter water.

Until the coming of spring.

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Mt. Hope track has another strong showing

Thea Jackson wins three events, girls place second at divisions

BY RICHARD W. DIONNE, JR.

Thea Jackson placed first in three events and the Mt. Hope girls indoor track team placed second in the Dwyer Division with a team score of 94 points during the division championships at the Providence Career and Technical Academy on Saturday. St. Raphael Academy won the division with a score of 125.5.

"I've never been more proud," said head coach Renae Cicchinelli. "They really rallied this evening. Our team wasn't complete going into the meet and some of the events didn't go our way, but the girls were able to overcome their disappointments and keep their head about them and continue to fight. They showed they were true champions. So many set personal and season bests."

Jackson, a sophomore speedster, was phenomenal, winning the 55-meter run with a blazing time of 7.39 seconds; the 55-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 9.3 seconds; and the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 6 inches.

"Thea is a competitor and has the instinct of a champion," Cicchinelli said. "One of her earlier events didn't go as expected and she was



PHOTOS BY JULIE FURTADO

Thea Jackson competes in the long jump event, taking first place in her division.

able to keep her head about her and salvage what she could. She composed herself, moved past it and came out with three top finishes. I don't know too many young athletes that can do that."

Sophomore distance runner Jessica Deal placed second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:36.12, just .56 seconds behind winner Rory Sullivan, a senior at St. Raphael Academy. Deal placed sec-

ond in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 5:11.41 and placed fourth in the 1,000-meter run with a personal best time of 3:17.80.

"Jess had an outstanding night and left everything she had out on

the track," said Cicchinelli.

Senior Kali Rocha placed second in the high jump with a bound of 4 feet, 10 inches. The co-captain also placed second in the high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 10 inches. Rocha placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 9.5 inches. Hannah Rezendes, a senior co-captain, placed fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.90 seconds.

Freshman Emma Goglia placed third in the 300 meter dash with a personal best time of 45.21. Goglia ran a great qualifying heat in the 55 meter hurdles, but was disqualified in the finals for pushing a hurdle.

Lilliana Redman placed seventh in the long jump with a jump of 14 feet, 5 inches.

Relay teams run well

The Huskies' relay teams also ran strong and earned points towards the team's second place finish. The 4x800 relay team of Sarah Bissonnette, Chloe Carreiro, Avery Walsh and Haley McCormick, placed fourth with a time of 12:35.79.

The 4x200 relay team of Hannah Rezendes, Lilliana Redman, Thea Jackson and Emma Goglia, placed fifth with a time of 1:57.03 and the 4x400 meter relay team of Sarah Bissonnette, Hannah Rezendes, Emma Goglia and Lilliana Redman, placed fifth with a time of 4:47.42.



Emma Goglia races ahead of a Central opponent while competing in the 300 meter event.

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PHONES: Police say that more phones during a crisis is not helpful

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The benefits, including increased academic performance and engagement, better sleep quality, and reduced anxiety and depression, are just as well documented.

Just last year, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a public warning about the risks of social media to young people, citing a "profound risk of harm" to adolescent mental health and urged families to set limits and governments to set tougher standards for use.

Didn't this happen already?

The recent meeting was not King's first foray into trying to curb cell phone usage at Mt. Hope.

Shortly after becoming the interim principal in 2022, a newsletter went out towards the end of the summer in August, stating that classrooms would be "cell phone free" during the upcoming year. That communication said it would extend to the use of earbuds. The email said this was not a new policy, but a new standard of behavior that was expected of students.

So what happened with that?

"Nothing happened to it. We're still doing that," King said in a recent interview. "That was sort of an initial setting of the stage in my opinion. It was important to begin this process. We set a tone, and we continue to have

that expectation of creating learning environments that are free of distractions, primarily the cell phone. This is taking it a step further."

King made it clear that, at this point, nothing has been decided or purchased or enacted into official policy. The purpose of the meeting on Jan. 18, rather, was to examine a few possible ways to logistically prevent students from having access to their phones without requiring teachers to become enforcement officers.

One such method is smart phone and watch locking devices, which have been gaining traction in recent years in schools as well as entertainment venues, weddings, and events.

Yondr is an industry leader in that space, offering a pouch that allows students to retain their phone during the course of the day, albeit locked away and inaccessible. At the end of the school day, students can unlock their pouches on the way out the door.

"Phone-free schools feel different," said Andrew Richards of Yondr, who offered a brief presentation on how the pouches work and what the impact has been on schools that have adopted a phone-free environment.

"One of my favorite parts of this job is to see how impactful it really is on students," Richards said. "You can expect to see some very positive changes happen very quickly."

Yondr is currently being used in over 3,000 schools, serving over a million students, with

nearly 600 of those schools in the northeast, including several large urban districts.

"We have the capacity and the logistical ability to do this on a district level," said Richards. "And we have seen that once you take the smartphone out of the equation, it makes the school day a lot easier not only for the students but also for the faculty and staff."

Studies also show an increase in instructional time and an improvement in positive social interactions, as well as learning and engagement.

King said on Friday that she was interested in looking into possible grant funding to see if that could assist with the purchase of these types of services, if that was the chosen route.

"I would want to know realistically, could I get it outside the budget with some grant funding, and then from there figure out what the process looks like and is that realistic for us," she said. "From there, look at what a policy looks like, and then we start talking about policy."

Public safety weighs in

Speaking as both a parent and a public safety officer, Bristol Police Lt. Steven St. Pierre was clear that in the final analysis, cell phones do not belong in classrooms.

"The impression that [cell phones] increase safety is not the reality," he said. "When we look at response to active threats or natural disaster threats or civil unrest threats or any impending crisis that might impact the scholastic setting, the use and possession of cell phones does not enhance the student safety in any measure and actually...inhibits the safety and mitigation plans for those crises rather than increasing the safety of the students."

He offered local examples where the presence of cell phones worked against enhancing student safety. In one instance, just last year, a group of students seeking to create dysfunction in the school called in a threat.

"Most of the students received that threat and passed that threat along to other students within the school with their cell phones while they were in class," St. Pierre said.

The threat was not real, but according to St. Pierre it disrupted the entire student body for a protracted period of time while law enforcement and school officials followed the existing plan for how to deal with a threat on campus.

"Whenever we're dealing with those types of situations, the school has plans in place that have been worked out in advance with the district and law enforcement agencies," St. Pierre said. "For those plans to be effective they call for very rapid and immediate conveyance of information to law enforcement through predictable and reliable sources

to initiate a predictable and reliable response."

According to St. Pierre, the presence of cell phones can negatively affect police response when, instead of students rapidly engaging with the emergency plan and following it, they would be bombarding dispatchers with calls and information that may not be accurate.

"What that it is doing is slowing down their response time," he said. "It's stopping them from initiating the safety plans that the staff and the faculty need them to initiate to keep the rest of the student body and themselves safe."

Reaction mixed from parents and students

Several parents and students weighed in with concerns about the application and impact of a phone-free policy on students with special needs ranging from ADHD to anxiety disorders.

"I have a child that has ADHD and listening to music is something that actually helps him focus better," said one parent. "So if he's not able to access his phone, is that something that we can accommodate through another device so that he may be able to use that in school?"

"My daughter loves her art classes because it gives her an opportunity to put her headphones on and listen to the music that she likes that helps her stimulate the creative juices," said another. "I'm in favor of this plan more or less

but I think that there are times that we need to make exceptions and I would love it if your plan involves ways to help students use their phones when it's useful to them and not harmful."

Another parent was truly conflicted, commenting that she has one student with anxiety who reaches out during the day as a safety net and another student with ADHD who would benefit from a phone-free environment. One student said that her anxiety is such that socializing through her phone is often the extent of what she is comfortable with; another suggested that the Yondr system would create a safety hazard in its application, as students would be trampled in the melee resulting from the rush to unlock their phones at the end of the day.

Another parent questioned what would happen in the event of the worst-case scenario, an active shooter in the building.

"If we're relying on students to contact 911, our system has totally broken down and we have failed and we have much bigger problems than the students having access to their phones," said St. Pierre. "That's probably the least likely event to happen, as opposed to a natural disaster or an environmental crisis or some type of behavioral crisis within the school." Richards confirmed that if it is absolutely necessary, in a true emergency, to open the pouch, classroom scissors will be up to the task.

King confirmed that this was the first of many discussions, and that there would be many more. The earliest that such a policy would be implemented, if the school does decide to make MHHS a phone-free space, would be the 2024-2025 academic year.

"We still have work to do on this, which is why we're still in the information gathering and sharing phase," said King. "This is this is a big process; it isn't something that we can do overnight."

Lt. St. Pierre is happy to share a power point containing the relevant school safety data with anyone who is interested. He can be reached at the Bristol Police Department at 401-253-6900. For more information on the Yondr system, visit www.veryondr.com.



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Free Family Fun Day on Saturday; Touisset, Prudence Isl. programs

January is the perfect time to head outside in the frosty air and have some fun at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., on the Warren/Bristol town line and at other Audubon locations.

The Nature Center and Aquarium in Bristol is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden remain open from dawn to dusk.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4 and members.

Unless noted, registration is required for all programs. Register online and view a complete listing of programs around the state through the events calendar at www.asri.org/calendar.

■ **The monthly Free Family Fun Day** is on Saturday, Feb. 3. The center and aquarium is open to the public for free on the first Saturday of each month.

Families can explore environmental exhibits representing Rhode Island's diverse habitats, enjoy the nature trails, and participate in programs listed below, which are free.

Activities are from 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. The trails and pollinator garden are open from dawn to dusk.

Join Audubon for crafts, nature stories, animal discoveries, hikes and more. The theme this month is "Downy Ducks." No need to register.

— 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Craft table

— 10 a.m.: Nature story

— 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.: Animal interview

— 1 p.m.: "Downy Ducks." Join Audubon naturalists to learn about the migratory ducks that spend the winters in Rhode Island. Discover what they eat, where they can be found, and how they survive the bitter cold temperatures.

■ **Morning bird walks** are offered for ages 14 and older from 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday in February. The walks are in small groups with naturalist Laura Carberry. Each week a new birding destination is chosen.

Advance registration is required. Locations are determined weekly. The fee is \$10; \$5 members. Register through the events calendar at asri.org.

■ **"Winter Wildlife on Prudence Island"** is on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. It's an all-

day adventure exploring the island. Target species will be harbor seals, which are often seen hauled out on rocks just offshore, and a variety of waterfowl that inhabit the protected coves, marshes and ponds of Prudence. If the seabird spotting is slow, explore the pine barrens and forested uplands. Expect to walk upwards of three miles over the course of the day.

The fee is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children; \$7/\$6 for members. For more information on Prudence Island programs and to register, visit the events calendar at www.asri.org.

■ **"Winter Wonderland at Touisset"** is on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Touisset Wildlife Refuge in Warren. It's a morning tour, looking for the wildlife that lives on the refuge during the winter months. Learn how animals adapt to the cold temperatures, observe animal tracks and listen to the sounds of nature in winter.

It is for ages 12 and older. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable and warm shoes or boots. The fee is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children; \$10/\$6 for members. Register online at asri.org/calendar.



PHOTO BY JASON MAJOR

The monthly Free Family Fun Day is on Saturday. The theme this month is "Downy Ducks." Pictured is a Common Goldeneye.

■ **"Seals and Society," a new traveling exhibit**, is open through March 1 during regular hours. Dive into the world of harbor and grey seals, two local and abundant species in our region.

The temporary exhibit, created by the New Bedford Whaling Museum,

includes multiple pop-up screens, stunning photographs, and up-to-date research that brings you into the seals' watery world.

Learn how different people and cultures relate to seals, how these mammals forage, sense their world, where they travel, and more. It is free with admission.

AROUND TOWN

Final weekend for 'The Big Show'

Imago Foundation for the Arts (IFA) presents "The Big Show," an open community exhibit, open through Feb. 4 at Imago Gallery, 36 Market St.

As part of IFA's ongoing celebration of its 20th anniversary, BankNewport is sponsoring cash awards, with selections to be made by guest juror Michael Rich, a Rhode Island artist and professor of visual arts at Roger Williams University. This year, the exhibit exceeded past community exhibitions by attracting 103 artists and 232 artworks representing a wide array of media, styles and subject matter.

Gallery hours are Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. IFA is a nonprofit organization run by artists for artists.

AARP chapter to meet on Thursday

The local East Bay AARP chapter serving, Bristol, Warren, Barrington and East Providence will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverside Library. The guest speaker will be from the East Bay Community Action Program. A new list of activities for 2024 will be distributed at the meeting. Come and see the exciting plans they have. New members are always welcome.

Questions? Call President Ken at 437-2289 or Vice President Diane at 573-5093.

The Collaborative has new exhibits, classes

The Collaborative, an arts nonprofit, is open at 4 Market St. Hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturdays and from 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays.

An exhibition, the ninth year show, features the eclectic work of The Collaborative's 12 artists members, along with featured artist Charlotte Collins.

The featured youth artist is Xueer Zhao, a R.I. School of Design student.

Established in 2016, The Collaborative is an unjuried and uncensored creative space where visual artists, musicians, writers, poets and storytellers can exhibit and share their talents. For more information, visit <https://thecollaborative02885.com>.

Duckpin bowlers needed for Sundays

A mixed duckpin bowling league is in need of a few more bowlers on Sundays at 6 p.m. at Dudek Lanes in Warren. It's a fun night out with cash prizes, special monthly events and bonus cash prizes during the year.

They also have a banquet at the end of the season. Call Dave at 254-9779 for more information.

County chorus inviting new singers

The Bristol County Chorus invites all to sing with them. Under the leadership of Nicholas Rocha, the community-focused ensemble based in Bristol performs a broad range of classical and contemporary repertoire. As a non-auditioned ensemble, the chorus is an opportunity for singers who are simply passionate about making music with friends.

In its 42th season, the chorus is preparing for its annual spring concert, including music inspired by American pop music of the '60s. The concert is scheduled for early in June.

They welcome interested singers at an open rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 300 High St., Bristol.

Nominal ability to read music always helps, but a good ear and a desire to learn are more important. The chorus is in need of basses, tenors and sopranos. Dues are \$50. Look for them on Facebook.

Meeting Tuesday for farmers, landowners

The Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District (ERICD) will hold a Local Work Group Meeting for Eastern Rhode Island farmers and landowners on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at Greenvale Vineyards, 582 Wapping Road, Portsmouth.

It is an open forum meeting for Bristol and Newport counties to provide feedback and input on ongoing resource concerns and mitigation efforts.

Through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), ERICD provides financial and technical assistance to address natural resource concerns through an array of conservation practices.

Local Work Group Meetings are a part of the NRCS's planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within their county.

Farm and forest landowners and managers, as well as the general public of Bristol and Newport counties, are invited to attend. It is free and open to the public. RSVP online at easternriconservation.org. Questions? Contact Natalie Ducharme-Barth at nducharmebarth.ericd@gmail.com.

Food pantry open at St. Mary of the Bay

The St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall at 645 Main St.

They offer Client Choice, where guests can choose their own food items. They also have meat and dairy items, fresh produce, bread and pastries, as well as non-food items, such as toiletries or paper goods.

They also offer pet food every other week.

If you or someone you know needs

food, come by or call them at 245-7000, ext. 19. The only qualification is your need for food. The church hall can be accessed by the ramp on the left side of the church.

Women's club to meet next week

The Barrington Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at noon at St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington. A light lunch provided by club members will be followed by a general meeting, at which past presidents will be honored.

Following the meeting, this month's program is a presentation by Dr. Charles Clarkson, director of avian research for the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, on the threats and possible solutions to the declining bird population.

Members come from all over the East Bay. If you are interested in attending as a guest, contact Nancy McBride at 447-0894.

Domestic violence support services

The Women's Resource Center has free and confidential domestic violence support services every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 624 Main St., Warren. Just drop in. Or, call the 24-hour hotline at 800/494-8100.

'Artwork by 18' to open at Imago Feb. 8

Imago Foundation for the Arts exhibiting artists and guest artists Mary Jane Andreozzi, John Jacob and Kristi Maharjan will be featured in "Artwork by 18" at Imago Gallery, 36 Market St., from Feb. 8 through March 10.

A complimentary public reception for all the artists is on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. with musical accompaniment by guitarist Chris Monti. All are welcome.

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Matinée showing of 'Shock and Awe'

East Bay Citizens for Peace is hosting a matinée showing of the feature film "Shock and Awe" (rated R) on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. at Rogers Free Library, Herreshoff Room, 525 Hope St., Bristol.

The 2017 American feature film directed by Rob Reiner, and starring Woody Harrelson, Rob Reiner, Tommy Lee Jones, Mila Jovovich and Jessica Biel, follows a group of Knight Ridder's Washington Bureau's journalists in their investigation into the Bush administration's rationale for the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The film will be followed by discussion and is free and open to the public.

East Bay Citizens for Peace is a grassroots organization committed to peaceful solutions to conflict and to social and economic justice through the promotion of open, respectful dialogue. Visit www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org; info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org.

Scary stories of Warren walking tour

Bristol Haunted Walking Tours is presenting "Scary Stories of Warren," a walking tour of about one hour around the downtown area. Warren is the Sowams area for the Native Pokanoket Wampanoag tribe. Burial grounds and battles from King Philip's War are prevalent in Warren. Hear the stories, see the architecture and maybe see a ghost.

Tours run nightly and reservations

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URI names fall dean's list students

Warren students were named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Included are Tom Abendroth, Julia Borges, Kyra Boucher, Thea Brum, Isabelle Correia, Christian Dame, Hannah de Jesus, Jack Dolan, Sophia Harper, Edward Joseph, Thomas Kirker, Robert Leone, Lauren Luk, Tyler Mendonca, Benjamin Prew, Jordan Quinn, Mikayla Ricks, Isabel Savinon, Alex Soares and Colin Weldon.

ACHIEVEMENTS

NATE RAMOS of Warren was named to the fall semester dean's list at Springfield College where he is majoring in physical education.

AT THE EAST BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WEBOND meetings

WEBOND, a women's networking meeting, is on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 9 a.m. at the Chamber office. There is a \$5 admission.

Then, the next meeting is on Feb. 20.

Monthly Mingle

The Monthly Mingle is at Fenwick & Oliver, 474 Thames St., Bristol, on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. It is \$10 for guests; \$5 for Chamber members. Register online.

Business launch

Celebrate the launch of Ward's Manufacturing, a women-owned metal fabrication business that fiber laser cuts and CNC press brake bends custom metal parts. Kelly and Kiffin Ward, sibling co-founders, invite you to tour their facility, and support local business

A Launch Party is on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 4:40 p.m. at 84 Cutler St., Suite 7, Warren.

The East Bay Chamber of Commerce is at 16 Cutler St., Suite 102, Warren. To get tickets for events, visit www.eastbaychamberri.org/events or call 245-0750.

AROUND TOWN

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are required. Call 286-1209. Spend the night with Joan, a historian and paranormal researcher who appeared on the Travel Channel's "Kindred Spirits" show.

Blood center urgently needs donations now

The R.I. Blood Center is in need of blood and platelet donations. Local drives are sparse; but, the donor centers around the state are open and you can make an appointment to donate blood at your convenience.

All types are needed; but, there is an additional need for blood types O, O-, A-, B-, AB-.

To schedule an appointment, visit donate.ribc.org or call 453-8360. The closest center in the East Bay is the Aquidneck Donor Center in Middletown.

Meals are available; drivers are sought

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island provides a nutritious meal, well-being check and social visit to 1,500 homebound seniors statewide.

For more information about the meal program or how to volunteer to deliver meals, visit www.rimeals.org or call 351-6700.

AT THE LIBRARY

Family event - Storytime

Penguin Storytime is on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m. Join youth services librarian Michaela for a special storytime all about penguins. She will share books and music and lead a simple craft. Online registration is open.

Thursday Tech Help

Weekly Tech Help is back from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 245-7686 or mail reference@georgehail.org using the subject heading "Tech Help Appointment."

Include a brief description of what you'd like to cover during your appointment. If they are unable to help with your problem, they will send you off with a referral.

Friday Favorites

Friday Favorites Book Group is on Friday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. for adults. Share reading suggestions in a community of readers. Enjoy some coffee or tea, snacks and good conversation.

Join in either in-person or from home via Zoom. Call the library to register and get the Zoom link.

Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 11 and up are invited to play Dungeons and Dragons. Players of any experience are welcome.

Ages 11 to 13 meet at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays (except when there is a Monday holiday, then they meet on Saturday at 1 p.m.). Ages 14 to 20

SENIORS

AARP tax help, trip to Newport Playhouse

The Warren Senior Center is at 20 Libby Lane. Visit the center on Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 247-1930.

Membership is open to anyone 55 years of age or older or those disabled at a cost of \$7 a year. Membership fees help to support the many programs and classes held at the center. For a membership application, or more information, contact Kyra at 247-1930.

Look into joining some of the center's weekly classes in the new year. They have multiple fitness offerings, cribbage, cards, 500 Rummy, mah jongg, coloring, crafts, ceramics, knitting/crocheting, and beading. If you have an interest and would like to lead a class, call Kyra in the office.

AARP tax preparation is offered at the Warren Senior Center on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 1. Appointments are now available. Call Betty or Pat at 237-0551 to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins.

A Valentine's Day luncheon is on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 11:30 a.m. On the menu is vegetable soup, shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes, and a cookie. Suggested donation is \$3. Sign up by Monday, Feb. 12, at 10:45 a.m. Everyone gets a Valentine treat!

The birthday celebration luncheon is on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. Celebrate all those with a birthday in February. On the menu is veal patty with mushrooms, roasted veggies, sweet potatoes, and peaches. Suggested donation is \$3. Sign up by Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 10:45 a.m.

Local artist Bill Reidy will perform on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. Come and listen to his live solo performance of famous love songs. A professional musician since 1970, Bill plays several instruments, including guitar, dobro, harmonica, trumpet, trombone and percussion. As a studio musician for Ark Albums, he has played on the CDs of local musicians, and as a side man for the live performances of several local singer/songwriters. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10:15 a.m. New readers are always welcome. Call for the book title this month.

A trip to Newport Playhouse is on Thursday, March 14. Take a bus to Newport for lunch, a

meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Registration is required. Sign up at the library or call to request a spot.

Teen Advisory Group

The Teen Advisory Group will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Meet with Michaela for pizza and discussion about what you want to see happen in the library. For ages 12 to 18. No registration required.

Junior Chess Club

The Junior Chess Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. The club is open to anyone interested in chess, from brand new players to those on their way to Grand Master status.

Members will learn from and sharpen their skills via a variety of sources including the youth services librarian, videos, other club members and experienced chess players.

The club meets every other Thursday. No registration required. For kids ages 7 to 13.

Books on Main Book Club

The Books on Main Book Club meets on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. This month the group is reading "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott.

Family event - Snowman Factory

A Snowman Factory is at the library on Friday, Feb. 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Have you ever wished you could bring your snowman inside

play, and a cabaret during dessert. It is \$75 per member (all fees included). Bus space is limited. Once full, you will need to carpool or make your own ride arrangements. (Take \$5 off the price if not taking the bus).

Sign up with Kyra in the office. A deposit of \$25 is due at signup and final payments is due no later than Feb. 28.

Information on storm-related closings will be posted on the local news stations. And, there will be an outgoing message by 8:30 a.m. if they are closed for the day at 247-1930.

The dining room is open with hot lunches on Monday to Friday. The suggested donation is \$3. Lunch reservations can be made between 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

Senior bus transportation is available Monday to Friday at no cost to Warren residents 60 and older for shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy visits and transportation to the senior center for lunch and activities. For more information, or a schedule, call Kyra at 247-1930.

Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHIP) is available at the center by appointment with a qualified SHIP counselor who offers assistance with health insurance options, prescription drug plans, prescription assistance programs and eligibility. Call Maria at 261-0550 for an appointment.

An Accessing Homes Americore member serving with HEZ is available to help at the senior center. Megan Conway offers assistance with SNAP for food shopping dollars, LIHEAP help with oil or gas costs, and ACP for low-cost home Internet.

She is also a wealth of knowledge with resources in the local community. Megan is scheduling appointments for Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Call her at 259-7350.

Check out the monthly newsletter (available at the center, the library or online at www.townofwarren-ri.gov or <http://www.oursenior-center.com>).

Ongoing events

Recreational bowling is at Dudek's Bowling Alley on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. It is \$4 per member, which includes three games of bowling and shoes. Sign up with Kyra.

Bingo is on Fridays at 1 p.m. with a variety of games with cash prizes (\$20-40) and refreshments. Arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Coloring is at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The Walk With Ease group is on Mondays

with you? Well, now you can. Stop by the youth services room to visit the Snowman Factory (running for one day only).

Use unmeltable glittery "snow" to build your friend, and then decorate it with any of the available supplies. Best for ages 2 to 10. No registration required.

Knitting group

A knitting group meets in the Reading Room every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. No registration or skill required.

Daily book sale

A daily book sale is in the back entrance with a variety of adult and children's titles. Sales are by donation only.

Space is limited. If you wish to make a book donation, check with a librarian first.

Museum open Thursdays

The Charles Whipple Greene Museum is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

George Hail Library is at 530 Main St. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a disability and need special accommodations, contact the library 24 hours prior to an event so they can assist you. For more information, call 245-7686 or visit www.georgehail.org. The library is a member of the Ocean State Library Consortium.

and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Join them for some stretches and a fun group walk now through Nov. 20.

Functional Fitness classes with Deb Gagnon are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:40 a.m. Classes are offered to members for \$1.50 a class.

Ceramics is at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Knitting/crocheting is at 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

Mah jongg is played at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. New players welcome.

Play Rummy 500 at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, high-low-jack at 9 a.m. Thursdays and cribbage at 1 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Fridays.

Crafts are with Joan Allen on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. No experience necessary. Sign up with Kyra.

Chair yoga is at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays with Patricia Fox. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

David Jameson is available to help seniors in need of smart phone or computer assistance on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call David at 617/800-3379.

Strength training and balance is on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. with Valerie Tavares. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

Bingo on Wednesdays at Tenants Association

Bingo is played from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Kickemuit Tenants Association, 20 Libby Lane. Doors open at noon.

Food packages for low-income elderly

The food pantry at St. Mary of the Bay Church at 645 Main St. works with the R.I. Community Food Bank to offer the USDA's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to qualified seniors.

The program works to improve the health of low-income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with a monthly box of nutritious USDA foods.

If you are interested in receiving this free box of food for yourself or a member of your family, call the food pantry at 245-7000, ext. 19, or come to the pantry to fill out an application during their working hours on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall. The program is open to all Rhode Island residents who qualify based on age and income.

OBITUARY

Ashley H. Pereira

Ashley H. Pereira, 48, of Warren, R.I., passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024. A daughter of Steven and Christine (Hulton) Auerswald and the longtime partner of James "Jimmy" Carter, Ashley grew up in East Longmeadow, Mass., before moving to Warren to attend Roger Williams University, where she has remained for the last 25 years.



Ashley was adored by all who knew her. She was known as an extremely personable, generous, kind and very, very funny person. She had a sparkling personality that would light up whatever room she entered and just made everything she was involved with beautiful.

Ashley really enjoyed the summertime and spending time on the beach. She would often brag that she lived in the most beautiful place around since she was right by the beach in Warren. She loved being out in the sun; not only at the beach, but also out with her many plants and to enjoy the many sunsets she got to share with the love of her life, her light and pillar of support, Jimmy.

Ashley had the gift of brilliance - she would always lift up those around her and would calmly influence others to follow the right path. Most of all, she loved her family, especially her nieces and nephew, and friends. She was an amazing caretaker, cook and shared her vivacious radiance with everyone. She was deeply loved and will be missed by anyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

In addition to her parents, Christine and Steven, and the love of her life, Jimmy, Ashley is survived by her brother, Andrew Auerswald of Oakham, Mass.; her sister, Sara Faria and her husband Leonard of Dighton, Mass.; her nieces, Zoe Auerswald and Elliana Faria; her nephew, Anthony DeChristoforo; and several aunts and uncles.

Services are with Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, R.I., where the family will receive relatives and guests for visitation on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from 3 to 6 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later date. For directions or tributes, please visit: www.wjsmithfh.com.



The area of the project includes the open space to the north and northwest of the existing basketball and tennis courts at Jamiel's Park, which will include finishing the capping of the former landfill and restoring a section of eroding coastline, as well as improving public access in the area.

Town seeks 'third leg' of funding for Belcher Cove project

After receiving \$1.25M from Infrastructure Bank, DEM's Brownfield money doesn't come through

BY ETHAN HARTLEY
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The Town of Warren is pursuing its options to find a final source of funding to finish the roughly \$2 million last phase of a coastal restoration project near Jamiel's Park that is more than 20 years in the making.

Last week, the Town learned it had received a \$1.25 million Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, which goes along with a \$400,000 grant from the Southern New England Program (SNEP) received in October of 2023.

But the third piece of the anticipated funding - \$350,000 from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM)'s Brownfield program - did not come in as

hoped for, according to Herb Durfee III, Warren's Town Planner.

"[T]hat would have served as the third leg of the funding stool for the Jamiel's Park Restoration Project," he wrote in an email on Monday, adding that the Town was pursuing its options on securing that additional funding needed.

Durfee said, however, that the Town would still be able to move ahead with aspects of the project with the money they had secured to this point, while looking into ways to fill the funding gap.

"For instance, there is updated engineering design work that needs to be carried out and there are some permitting/planning tasks that need to be conducted (e.g., CRMC Category A Assent Modification; RIDEM RIPDES Construction General Permit and Water Quality Certification; updating the Town's: RIDEM Remedial Action Work Plan, Landfill Closure Plan, Environmental Land Usage Restriction, and Beneficial Use Determination; and, preparation of a Quality Assurance Project Plan)," Durfee wrote. "Also, besides engineering

design and permitting/planning work, the Town can coordinate with RI Energy regarding the electrical transmission lines that transect the project area and the Town can prepare Construction Plans and bid the overall project. All of this work is 100% reimbursable and can be covered under the awarded grants."

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WARREN PROBATE COURT
514 MAIN STREET 9:30 A.M.
PROBATE JUDGE, ANTHONY DESISTO
PROBATE CLERK, SANDREA J. SPERONI, CMC

Goodine, Zoraya Rose a/k/a
Goodine, Zoraya R. Est.# 24-05
Petition for Minor Guardianship to be heard on February 8, 2024
January 24, 31 & February 7, 2024

Goodine, Riley Joseph a/k/a
Goodine, Riley J. Est.# 24-04
Petition for Minor Guardianship to be heard on February 8, 2024
January 24, 31 & February 7, 2024

Souza, Pauline F. Est. #23-25
Miscellaneous Petition for Fiduciary and Attorney's Fees to be heard on February 8, 2024
January 24, 31 & February 7, 2024

Gorodetsky, Sanford Herman a/k/a
Gorodetsky, Sanford H. Est.# 23-50
Barbara D. Blossom has qualified as Executrix. Creditors must file their claims in the Clerk's Office in the time required by law beginning January 24, 2024
January 24, 31 & February 7, 2024

Souza, Matthew Daniel Est.# 24-06
Petition for Guardianship to be heard on February 8, 2024
January 24, 31 & February 7, 2024

Bianchino, Carol Marie. Est# 24-03
Francis J. Reavey has qualified as Executrix of the estate. Creditors must file their claims in the Clerk's Office in the time required by law beginning January 31, 2024
Jan 31, Feb 7 & 14, 2024

McCanna, Katelyn Susan Est# 24-01
Karen McCanna has qualified as Administratrix of the estate. Creditors must file their claims in the Clerk's Office in the time required by law beginning January 31, 2024
Jan 31, Feb 7 & 14, 2024

Chacon Suchite, Pedro Waldemar Est. 23-67
Carlos W. Chacon and Norma Donila Chacon have qualified as Co-Administrators Creditors must file their claims in the Clerk's Office in the time required by law beginning January 31, 2024
Jan 31, Feb 7 & 14, 2024

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. 245-7340 or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WARREN TAXPAYERS QUARTERLY PAYMENT

3RD QUARTER DUE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024

LAST DAY TO PAY: FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

WARREN HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HAIRDRESSING SERVICES BY LICENSED HAIRDRESSER

Notice is hereby given that, Warren Housing Authority, Warren, Rhode Island hereinafter called the "Owner" or "WHA", will receive sealed Proposals for "Hairdressing Services by Licensed Hairdresser", at Kickemuit Village, Warren Housing Authority, Warren, Rhode Island.

Interested parties are invited to submit Proposals in sealed envelopes labeled "Hairdressing Services by Licensed Hairdresser". The sealed proposals shall be delivered before 10:00AM, local time, on Friday, March 1, 2024, to the Warren Housing Authority. Proposals received after the above time will not be accepted. Warren Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Proposal specifications will be available on or after January 31, 2024 at Warren Housing Authority, Main Office Lobby, 20 Libby Lane, Warren, Rhode Island 02885 or on the Warren Housing Authority website at <https://www.warrenhousing.org/opportunities/>.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Warren Housing Authority at (401) 245-7019 seventy-two (72) hours prior to the bid opening.

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Many of today's corporate practices cannot uphold those same standards of care. He is fiercely proud of the way his practice is devoted to patient-centric care.

"We treat our patients like family, and we have entire families, for generations, who have been patients here. I have patients who were once kids, and now they're having their own kids come here," he said.

Dr. Asaro can provide a full suite of services, rather than referring patients

out all the time. Besides routine checkups, x-rays, cavity fillings, and hygiene cleanings, Dr. Asaro is skilled with restorative care, crowns, implant surgeries, deep cleanings, gum surgery, and cosmetic or aesthetic treatments. He performs surger-



ies from simple extractions to surgical and wisdom teeth extractions, and periodontal treatments.

"We provide comprehensive dental services, so we don't have to routinely send patients out of this office. They can come here and get

virtually everything done at our location. Patients appreciate the convenience and having one team responsible for their care" Dr. Asaro says. "I believe we do what a dental office should do."

Another source of pride at Asaro Dental

is the consistency within the practice. Their team, from office manager to hygienists, have been there for many years. "Our staff is incredibly consistent," Dr. Asaro says. "You know who you're going to see when you come in here."

Having lived here his whole life, the dentist is also a proud member of the East Bay community. His practice is the longest-running sponsor of the Barrington Little League. He is a devoted sailor who will be competing in his 13th Bermuda Race this June. His daughter is a Barrington High School student, as he was, and his wife is a professor at URI.

He loves this region, loves his job, and is proud of the reputation he has built in this community.

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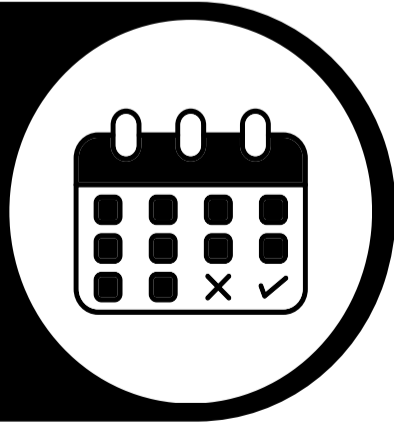
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POLI-TICKS



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

A view of the Washington Bridge that once carried motorists over the Seekonk River along I-95 West. It has been shut down for seven weeks, its future uncertain.

Accountability is sorely lacking in the I-195 fiasco

The condition of the west bound lanes on I-195 and the subsequent snarl of traffic has unleashed a furious fusillade of accusations and excuses by those in charge. Tens of thousands of daily commuters are stuck in traffic because - OOPS! - the structural integrity of that side of the bridge is undermined. Well, the chickens have come home to roost!



Arlene VIOLET

For almost 40 years I have either as Attorney General charged and convicted contractors for substandard but billed work that was never done or written in this column about the continuing saga in this state where politicians and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) wink at the construction companies' noncompliance with engineering standards.

Before there was an I-195 westbound lane problem, there was the Route 403-Davisville access road fiasco. The Providence Journal revealed that its construction had key structural parts below specifications, which led the federal highway administration to refuse to pay its allocation. Eight times RIDOT overlooked the pounds per square inch (PSI) requirements at a substantive level.

The then-RIDOT supervisor shrugged off the unsafe work by saying that requiring adherence to the specifications would result in the project being delayed! Route 403 had 17 other key structural deficiencies that flunked AASHTO (American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials). The contractor also put in defective abutment footings far below minimum standards on an off-ramp from Route 403. A concrete beam was 25 percent below standards and was one of only four beams to hold up the off-ramp.

The IWAY itself had chunks of the con-

crete deck falling into the Providence River because the cement was sub-standard. The contractor also installed defective railings and then turned around and billed the state for at least two and a half years for jersey barriers to prevent drivers from hitting the railing and landing in the drink. WPRI reported that the steel reinforcement bars were apparently cut and that anchor bolts were installed AFTER the reinforcing steel was already in place.

So now we have this circus where no heads will roll except for the noggins of the commuters. The villain of the above IWAY mistakes blew the whistle on the fact that for three years Rhode Island has known of the problem with its repair strategy that would ultimately result in the "pins" to fail. The engineering report warning of the problem is part of the record, so political obfuscation isn't working.

Also, am I the only one who is chagrined about the fact that Massachusetts-based Barletta Construction Company, who has

won many of the largest construction contracts, got this no-bid contract to "repair" the bridge after it was civilly charged by federal authorities with dumping contaminated soil in an inner-city neighborhood? Attorney General Peter Nehrona has also charged the company criminally for the dumping, which didn't prevent the favored treatment of this malefactor.

Such is the mentality in this state on transportation projects: "Cut corners, get paid anyway and come back for more goodies."

Instead of being accountable and acknowledging any mistake for this failure, the Governor embarked instead on a quasi-political campaign, using public funds, where he urged citizens to buy local. Of course, this could have been averted if people simply did their respective jobs.

Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.

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Dr. Mark Alano

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I'm ready to sell my house, now what?

1. How should I prepare my house before selling it? First impressions matter, especially in real estate. Anyone walking through a house or touring it virtually will be looking for ways to pass or negotiate down on the price. Make sure that the HVAC, plumbing, and electrical system all work properly. Each room should look clean and decluttered with no overt damage insight.

2. How long will it take to sell my home? Once the house is on the market, it may take anywhere from four to six weeks to sell. However, the market is fairly hot, so it's not out of the question to have your property off the market within a week. On the flip side, if there is a lull in the market or issues arise such as negotiation, lack of exposure, or house conditions then the property can sit on the market for months.

3. What is the selling price of my home? The selling price of a house fluctuates depending on multiple factors. The most common ones are the neighborhood and what similar-sized houses are currently selling for. Also, look at the age and condition. Do major repairs need to be done? If so, that might lower the property. And again, the market matters. Like everything else, home prices vary depending on supply and demand.

4. Is there a reason my home's assessed value differs compared to the market value? A public tax assessor gives the assessed value for a property. This assessment typically occurs yearly for taxation purposes. The fair market value is an agreed-upon price between a willing buyer and seller. There is usually a difference between the assessed value and market value. For homeowners, the assessed value is a double-edged sword. Because, if their annual assessed value increased then their yearly taxes will also be raised. On the flip side, when selling a house it can help boost its market value.

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Killing sharks to reduce depredation is not the answer

Shark depredation, the full or partial consumption of a hooked fish by a shark before it is landed, is an increasing source of human and wildlife conflict in recreational fisheries. This summer and fall, and for the past three to four years, we have had enhanced reports of sharks being caught close to shore off Newport, Narragansett and the Sakonnet River area.

Along with this, we have had an increase in shark depredation, with anglers reeling in summer flounder (fluke) and striped bass to find the fish has been bitten by a shark.

Last week a study led by U. Mass Amherst was published in Marine and Coastal Fisheries, titled "Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot."

Reports of shark depredation in the catch-and-release Tarpon fishery in the Florida Keys are increasing, specifically in Bahia Honda, a recreational fishing hot spot and a known Tarpon pre-spawning aggregation site.

Highlights of the study abstract appear below; the entire study can be found at Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot - Casselberry - 2024 - Marine and Coastal Fisheries - Wiley Online Library.

The study suggests that culling or killing sharks is not the answer, but rather reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present should be explored. Here are the highlights.

Methods: Using visual surveys of fishing in Bahia Honda, scientists quantified depredation rates and drivers of depredation. With acoustic telemetry, scientists simultaneously tracked 51 Tarpon and 14 Great Hammerheads (also known as Great Hammerhead Sharks) *Sphyrna mokarran*, the most common shark to depredate Tarpon, to quantify residency and spatial overlap in Bahia Honda.

Result: During the visual survey, 394 Tarpon were hooked. The combined observed shark depredation and immediate post release predation rate was 15.3% for Tarpon that were fought longer than 5 minutes. Survival analysis and decision trees showed that depredation risk was highest in the first 5 to 12 minutes of the fight and on the outgoing current.

During the spawning season, Great Hammerheads shifted their space use in Bahia Honda to overlap with Tarpon core use areas. Great Hammerheads restricted their space use on the outgoing current when compared to the incoming current, which could drive increased shark-angler interactions.

Conclusion: Bahia Honda has clear ecological importance for both Tarpon and Great Hammerheads as a pre-spawning aggregation and feeding ground. The observed depredation mortality and post release predation mortality raise conservation concerns for the fishery.



Researchers from U. Mass Amherst tagged acoustic tags on Hammerhead Sharks and Tarpon as part of their shark depredation study.

Efforts to educate anglers to improve best practices, including reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present, will be essential to increase Tarpon survival and reduce shark-angler conflict.

Fishing and offshore wind energy workshop Feb. 7

Join the free online workshop, titled "Recreational Fishing and Offshore Wind Energy: Understanding the Changing Behavior," on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. (EST).

Webinar organizer Jennifer McCann, director of U.S. Coastal Programs at the Coastal Resources Center, URI Graduate School of Oceanography, and director of Extension Programs for Rhode Island Sea Grant, said, "The purpose of this effort is to advance our shared understanding of impacts and changing behavior of recreational fishers due to the accelerated growth of offshore wind energy and identify strategies to respond to research and monitoring needs. During this initial webinar, we will communicate some of the current research and monitoring strategies, identify gaps, and strategize mechanisms to fill these gaps."

This effort is part of the NOAA/URI CRADA to advance collaborative research and ocean planning solutions on the interactions of offshore wind energy development and marine ecosystems, inclusive of humans and coastal communities.

Registration by Feb. 5 is required for this free and public event to assist with logistics. To register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9U4TNNvjkhlfy3FMZATa9KC26zEIS9snChMtSW1WJgBr5uag/view-form>.

Confirmed Panelists for the webinar are: Emma Chaiken, economist, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Doug Christel, fisheries policy analyst, GARFO/NOAA; Tony DiLernia, captain, recreational fisheries liaison, NYSERDA - contractor; Walt Golet, School of Marine Sciences, University of Maine; Todd Guilfoos, associate professor, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ENRE), University of Rhode Island (URI); Jeff Kneebone, senior scientist, Fisheries Science and Emerging Technologies Program, NE Aquarium; Julia Livermore, deputy chief of Marine

Fisheries, R.I. Department of Environmental Management; Travis Lowery, fisheries liaison, Vineyard Wind; Andy Lipsky, Cooperative Research Branch chief, Narragansett Laboratory director, NEFSC/NOAA; Dave Monti, captain, No Fluke Charter Fishing & Tours; Scott Steinbeck, economist, NEFSC/NOAA; Tiffany Smythe, associate professor, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Scott Travers, executive director, Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association; and Jeff Willis, executive director, R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council.

Annual RISAA Banquet, Feb. 17

"This year we are holding our annual banquet on Feb. 17, 2024, at the Quonset 'O' Club, 200 Lt. James Brown Road, North Kingstown, RI," said Scott Travers, executive director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA). Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres will start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6

p.m.

"We welcome all our fellow members to come and celebrate our 2023 Annual Tournament winners and other award recipients. We will have raffle items available including two charter trips and much, much more," said Travers.

Tickets are now available on the RISAA Website. Go to the "MEMBERS AREA" and click on the "Members Home" page to get your tickets now. Contact Scott Travers at 401-826-2121 or travers@risaa.org for further information.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing in stocked ponds for trout and salmon continues to be good, with a largemouth bass bite, too. For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov and in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

Saltwater fishing has been limited with high winds and storms. However, anglers continue to catch school striped bass and an occasional keeper in salt ponds and estuaries. If you want to try your hand at cod fishing call ahead to make a party boat reservation, vessels will sail once the weather clears. Visit www.islandcurrent.com and www.francesfleet.com.

Dave Monti holds a captain's license and charter fishing license. He serves on a variety of boards and commissions and has a consulting business focusing on clean oceans, habitat preservation, conservation, renewable energy, and fisheries related issues and clients. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.



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Wednesday, Jan. 31	11:21 (3.1)	11:51 (3.3)	4:25	4:33	6:56	5:00
Thursday, Feb. 1	—	12:02 (2.9)	5:08	5:09	6:55	5:02
Friday, Feb. 2	8:25 (4.1)	8:42 (3.9)	1:02	2:07	7:01	4:54
Saturday, Feb. 3	1:19 (3.3)	1:40 (2.7)	7:11	6:54	6:53	5:04
Sunday, Feb. 4	2:12 (3.4)	2:40 (2.7)	8:36	8:02	6:52	5:05
Monday, Feb. 5	3:17 (3.5)	3:49 (2.8)	9:48	9:12	6:51	5:07
Tuesday, Feb. 6	4:27 (3.8)	4:56 (3.2)	10:44	10:15	6:50	5:08
Wednesday, Feb. 7	5:29 (4.2)	5:54 (3.6)	11:32	11:12	6:49	5:00
Thursday, Feb. 8	6:23 (4.6)	6:46 (4.1)	—	12:20	6:48	5:10

New Moon Feb. 9 — Full Moon Feb. 24

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

Lifelong Learning Collaborative offering 26 courses

The Lifelong Learning Collaborative (LLC) has released its spring session catalog online and is offering 26 courses open to all who are interested in learning in a friendly, collaborative environment. Registration is now open, and courses begin on March 18.

Classes, ranging from history to the arts, from politics to community issues, from the sciences to the social sciences and more, run weekly and last for four to ten weeks. In-person classes meet at Temple Beth-El in Providence (open to people of all faiths) and many other classes are held via Zoom.

Spring session courses beginning on March 18:

- Open Studio Art. Informal meetings of artists at all skill levels for sharing and critique.
- "Overlooked No More: Remarkable People Now Remembered." Discuss NY Times obituar-

ies of notable people not so recognized when they died.

- "Why is Everyone Talking at Once? Learning About Opera Through its Ensembles."
- "AI: The End of Humanity or the Beginning of a Better Future?"
- "Connections on the Big Screen." Connections to be found by discussing feature and documentary films.
- Cell Phone Photography Clubs
- "World Music." Enjoy music of non-Western cultures.
- Scrabble Social Club. All levels are welcome.
- "Reading Aloud: Contemporary Plays" of the past 20 years.
- "How Great Structures Go Up - And Sometimes Fall Down." Explore engineering feats and failures from the Great Wall of China to the

Big Dig.

- "Write On, Write On: A Writing Workshop"
- "Paint Like a Woman: 19th and Early 20th Century Women Artists."
- "The Folly of War - A Study Through Films."
- "Introduction to Black and White Photography." All skill levels.
- "Hot Topics." Probing and exciting conversations about current issues in the news.
- "The Genius of August Wilson: The Century Cycle." Read and discuss Wilson's 10-play cycle.
- "LLC Knits." Make a knitting project of your choice.
- "Elemental: How Five Elements are Changing the Climate and Our Lives."
- "Theater Conversations." Attend and discuss plays at local theaters.
- "Writing a Memoir"

• "A Citywide Campus in Nine Neighborhoods: Discover Providence at its Community Libraries."

- "Intentional Camera Movement Photography: A Basic Introduction."
- "Being Human: Anthropologists Who Shaped the Way We Think About Human Nature."
- "Get Fit at Home," a personalized exercise course.
- "Beyond the Gallery and the Art Museum: Public Art and the City."
- "The History and Culture of Ancient Persia."

LLC is an independent, peer-run, nonprofit, dedicated to collaborative learning and continuing education.

The catalog with full course descriptions, dates and prices is online at www.lifelonglearningcollaborative.org.

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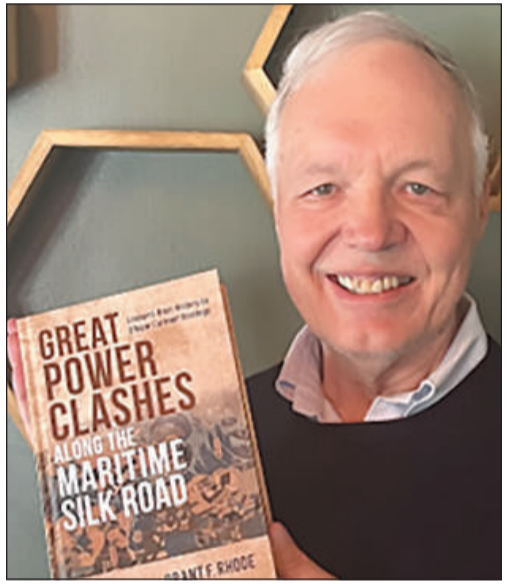
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Lecture is on Eurasian maritime history

The history of the Eurasian maritime region over the last millennium is the topic of the Bosworth Lecture Series. Grant Rhode, Ph.D., will explore episodes in Eurasian maritime history as recounted in his recent book, "Great Power Clashes Along the Maritime Silk Road: Lessons from History to Shape Current Strategy." Rhode has a doctorate in Asian diplomatic history from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University after completing graduate studies in Chinese society and language at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

WHAT: Bosworth Lecture Series
WHEN: Thursday, Feb 8, at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Rogers Free Library, Hope Street, Bristol
COST: Free and open to all



'Vegetable Gardening' with Master Gardener

Learn how to start your own vegetable garden with Bill Baddeley from the URI Master Gardeners. The talk covers the basics and provides an orientation to life in the garden including selecting a site, preparing it, choosing seeds and plants, planting them using a planting calendar, and all about pests and

weeds.
WHAT: 'Vegetable Gardening 101'
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m.
WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road
MORE INFO: In-person and hybrid attendance options available. Call 247-1920, ext. 7, to register



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'Hurricane!' exhibition in Westport

Hurricane Carol arrived on Aug. 31, 1954, coinciding with high tide, and swept a wall of water across Horseneck and up the Westport River. To mark the 70th anniversary, the Westport Historical Society presents a new exhibition with images from its collection and photos held in private collections. The experiences of Westporters who witnessed the hurricane have been preserved in a video recording

WHAT: "Hurricane!" exhibit
 WHEN: Feb. 3 to March 30
 WHERE: Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport
 MORE INFO: Firsthand accounts, images and videos can be viewed at www.wphistory.org.

of an event marking the 50th anniversary of Carol in 2004. Many of the participants were teenagers in 1954.



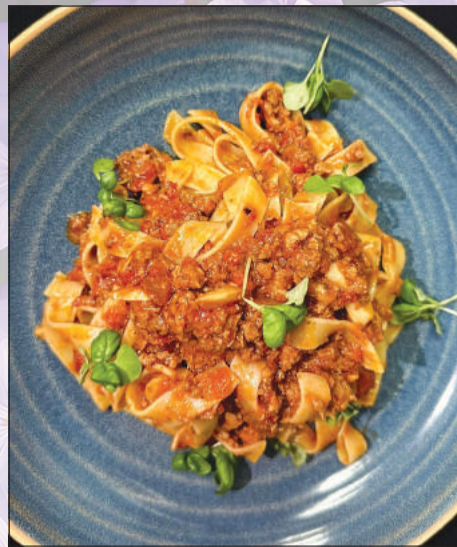
Creating a pollinator-friendly landscape

To learn how to transform your yard into a pollinator-friendly landscape, join this meet up for a casual sharing of ideas and questions. It is coordinated by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust's Pollinator Pathway group. You can upload up to five photos of your garden to be shared at the event. Discuss successes and challenges and draw on the collec-

WHAT: Pollinator Pathway Meet Up
 WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.
 WHERE: Barrington Public Library's Salem Family Auditorium, 281 County Road
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- Cutty Hunk Mussels Chablis** 13
Sautéed with garlic, chardonnay, vine tomatoes, basil, lemon, herbs, and spices, or marinara sauce.
- Garlic Bread Bruschetta** 8
Sliced Italian bread topped with tomato salsa crafted with vine tomatoes, cucumber, Bermuda onions, garlic, herbs and spices.
- Baked Potato Skins** 13
Loaded with crispy bacon and sharp cheddar cheese and served with sour cream.
- Shrimp Cocktail** 15
Five jumbo shrimp poached and chilled, and served with cocktail sauce.
- Toasted Ravioli** 12
Breaded and deep fried. Served with marinara sauce.
- Soup du Jour** cup 6 bowl 8
- Baked Stuffed Mushrooms** 12
Fresh mushrooms caps stuffed with homemade crabmeat stuffing.
- Clams Casino** 14
Littleneck clams topped with seasoned crumbs and garnished with maple bacon.
- Buffalo Chicken Tenders** 13
Tossed in Frank's Red Hot and butter, and served with celery and carrot sticks, and blue cheese dressing.
- Deep Fried Calamari** 15
Topped with sautéed pepper rings, olive oil, and roasted peppers.
- Mozzarella Sticks** 13
Served with marinara sauce.

Salads

- Dinner Garden Salad** 6
- Caesar Salad** 13
Romaine lettuce, croutons, house dressing, and anchovies (optional.)
- Greek Salad** 15
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, Bermuda onions, olives, feta cheese, pepperoncini, and green peppers.
- Dinner Greek Salad** 7
- Italian Tossed** 13
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, sliced green peppers, and pepperoncini.
- Caprese Salad** 14
With buffalo mozzarella and vine tomatoes over mixed greens.

Add grilled chicken (\$7), grilled shrimp (\$9), or sirloin tips (\$10)

Italian Specialties

- Linguine Carbonara** 18
With bacon, shallots, parsley, cheese, vine tomatoes, and tossed with egg.
- Baked Stuffed Shells** 17
Ricotta cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Baked Ravioli** 17
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Pasta with Meatballs** 17
Your choice of penne, angel hair, linguine, or spaghetti with tomato sauce.
- Baked Penne with Eggplant** 17
Breaded eggplant baked in a vodka sauce with melted cheese.
- Eggplant Parmigiana** 18
Breaded and layered with cheese and marinara sauce. Served over penne pasta.
- Tortellini Primavera** 19
Cheese tortellini with a medley of sautéed vegetables in a vodka sauce.

- Homemade Manicotti** 18
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Homemade Lasagna** 18
Layered with cheese, seasoned hamburger, tomato sauce, and Bolognese.
- Fettuccini Alfredo** 18
With broccoli florets in three cheese sauce.
- Gnocchi Parmigiana** 17
Potato gnocchi with tomato sauce and melted cheese.

Italian Combos

- 1| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Ravioli** ... 19
- 2| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Gnocchi** ... 19
- 3| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Eggplant and Penne Pasta** 19
All of the above smothered in melted mozzarella.

Children's Menu

- Mac & Cheese** 7
- Spaghetti or Penne with Sauce or Butter** ... 7
- Chicken Fingers with French Fries** 9

Seafood Entrees

- Baked Boston Scrod** 20
With a lite, seasoned cracker crumb.
- Broiled Sea Scallops** 27
Topped with seasoned cracker crumbs and lemon butter.
- Deep fried Sea Scallops** 27
With fries and cole slaw.
- Broiled Seafood Nantucket** 26
Haddock, shrimp, and sea scallops topped with cheese and seasoned crumbs.
- Baked Stuffed Shrimp** 24
Jumbo shrimp with crabmeat stuffing and drawn butter.
- Fish and Chips** 19
Deep fried and served with fries and cole slaw.
- Baked Seafood Trio** 26
Baked haddock, salmon, and shrimp topped lightly with seasoned crumbs.
- Deep fried Haddock** 20
With fries and cole slaw.

All of the above served with your choice of potato and vegetable.

- Seafood Fra Diavolo** 28
Jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, haddock, and mussels in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Seafood Portofino** 28
Mussels, jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, and calamari in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Shrimp Cacciatore** 24
Jumbo shrimp sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, and onions, and tossed in a marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi** 24
Pan seared with garlic, pinot grigio, fresh basil, olive oil, and your choice of pasta.
- Grilled Dill Salmon** 26
Served over rice pilaf with dill sauce and your choice of vegetable.
- Grilled Salmon Florentine** 26
Topped with sautéed baby spinach, vine tomatoes, and garlic in a Chablis wine sauce with your choice of potato or pasta.

**Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

Poultry

- Boneless Chicken Piccata** 19
Medallions of chicken sautéed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Chicken Broccoli Ziti** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with broccoli florets in alfredo sauce or roasted garlic and olive oil.
- Chicken Marsala** 19
Medallions of chicken sautéed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 19
Breaded chicken breast pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Chicken Francaise** 20
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Chicken Cacciatore** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with peppers and onions in a homemade marinara sauce.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Veal

- Boneless Veal Piccata** 22
Medallions of veal sautéed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 21
Breaded veal pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Veal Cacciatore** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms in a marinara sauce.
- Veal Francaise** 22
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Veal Marsala** 22
Medallions of veal sautéed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Veal Pizzaiola** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms and smothered in melted cheese.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Steak

- 16oz NY Sirloin Steak** 29
Cooked to your liking with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- 16oz Sirloin Steak Marsala** 29
Cooked to your liking with sautéed mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce with your choice of potato.
- Surf & Turf** 29
Sirloin tips cooked to your liking with baked stuffed shrimp with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- Filet Princess** 35
Cooked to your liking. 8oz filet mignon topped with jumbo shrimp in a roasted pepper reduction marsala sauce with your choice of potato.
- Filet Portobello** 35
8oz filet mignon smothered with portobello mushroom and caramelized bacon maple and served with your choice of potato.
- Sirloin Tips** 28
Cooked to your liking and topped with peppers, onions, and mushrooms with your choice of potato.

Classic Sandwiches

- Turkey Club** 16
Lettuce, tomato, and bacon on Texas toast.
- Honey Smoked Ham Club** 15
With lettuce, ham, bacon, and mayo on Texas toast.
- Grilled Reuben** 16
Corned beef, sauerkraut, Russian dressing and Swiss cheese on marble bread.
- Grilled Ham & Cheese** 15
Honey smoked ham and American cheese on Tex- as toast.
- Bacon Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus with bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Tuna Melt** 14
On Texas toast with American cheese.
- Grilled Turkey Melt** 16
Sliced turkey breast on Texas toast with Swiss cheese.
- All American Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking with American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Chicken** 15
With mayo, lettuce, and tomatoes on a roll.
- Swiss Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking and smothered with mushrooms and Swiss cheese.

House Specialty Subs

Served in a 12" Sub Roll

- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 16
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Italian Sausage Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Eggplant Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Meatball Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Steak & Cheese Bomb** 18
With grilled peppers, onions, and mushrooms.

Wraps

- Served in a 12" Tortilla Wrap. Add cheese for \$1.
- Tuna Salad Wrap** 14
With lettuce, tomato, and mayo.
- BBQ Chicken Wrap** 15
Grilled BBQ chicken with lettuce and tomato.
- Chicken Caesar Wrap** 15
With romaine, croutons, and Caesar dressing.
- Veggie Wrap** 14
Grilled medley of sautéed vegetables.
- Real Crabmeat Wrap** 17
With lettuce, tomato, mayo, and real crab meat.
- Teriyaki Chicken Wrap** 15
With lettuce and tomato.

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Chicken Broccoli Ziti	\$55	\$90	Mixed Vegetables	\$35	\$60
Chicken Cacciatore	\$55	\$90	Pasta with Meatballs	\$45	\$70
Chicken Marsala	\$55	\$90	Ravioli	\$50	\$70
Chicken Parmigiana	\$60	\$95	Rice	\$35	\$50
Fettucini Alfredo	\$45	\$70	Ravioli Parmigiana	\$50	\$75
			Homemade Stuffed Shells	\$50	\$75
			Sausage Cacciatore	\$50	\$75
			Shrimp Cacciatore	\$65	\$115
			Shrimp Scampi	\$65	\$115
			Steak Tips	Market	Market
			Toasted Ravioli	\$45	\$80
			Veal Cacciatore	\$60	\$95
			Veal Marsala	\$65	\$115
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A dream come true for lovers of modern architecture



This large South Tiverton home is built into its surroundings, to provide sweeping water views from all levels, with ample outdoor patios, decks and balconies.



A view of the open concept living area, anchored by a magnificent floating staircase.



The home is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality.

Nestled on a hillside in South Tiverton is an authentic, slate shingle-sided home that is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality. This is a dream come true for lovers of modern architecture.

It is designed to showcase expansive westerly water views from every room of the Sakonnet, Seapowet marshes and farmland. Every detail of this three-story home has been carefully designed, and no expense

has been spared, down to the teak elevator.

It features clean simple lines, custom craftsmanship, luxurious finishes, where every element, both natural and durable, further enhances the home's appeal. The open concept living, soaring ceilings, floating staircases, and floor to ceiling windows, allow natural light to flow through and bring the beauty of the surroundings inward.

The chef's kitchen and but-

ler's pantry are all outfitted with high-end appliances, stainless counters and smart built-ins. Additional first-floor rooms include a study, foyer and east wing with two ensuite bedrooms and a sitting room. The primary suite is accented with soaring ceilings, a fireplace, balcony, custom dressing room and two ensuite baths. Additional rooms include a guest bedroom, spa bathroom and laundry room.

By the numbers

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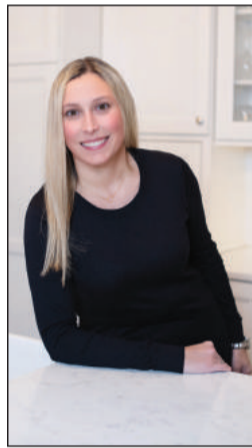
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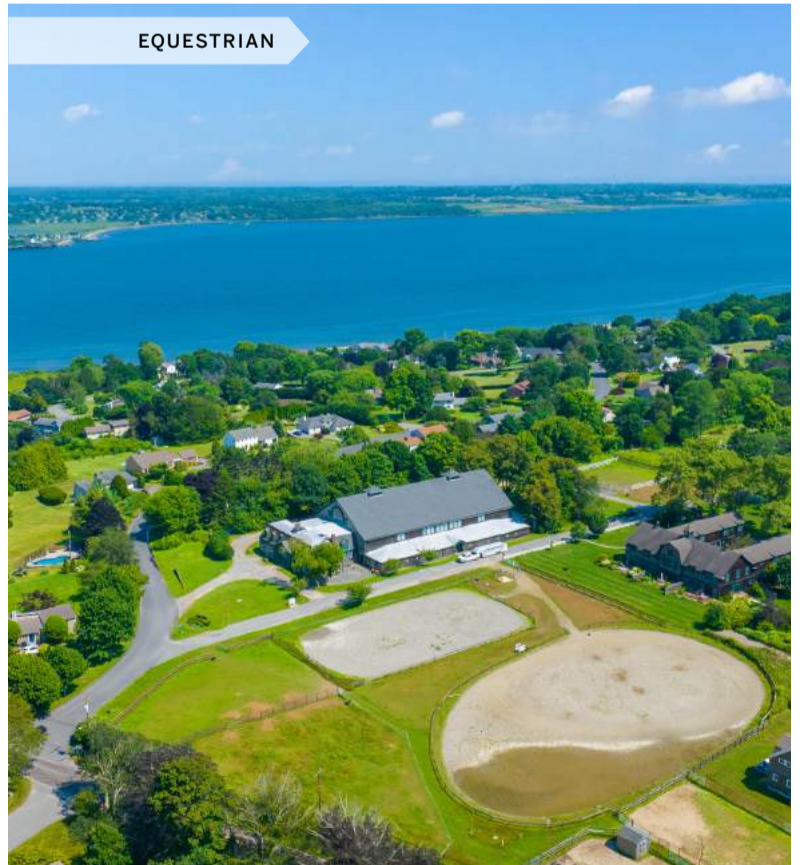
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126 Hooper St	Henry and Mary Laferriere	Braley Rd Realty LLC	\$492,500
56 Shore Rd	Kevin and Marcia Haigis	Clark F.T. and Christine Clark	\$1,100,000
136 Lake Ln #3B4	Hilario Melo	Mary L. Labrie	\$275,000
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12 Highview Ave	Bert and Kimberly Rodrigues	Emma Carr Est. and Jennifer Dalton	\$316,000
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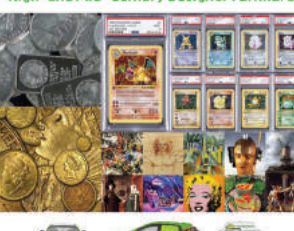
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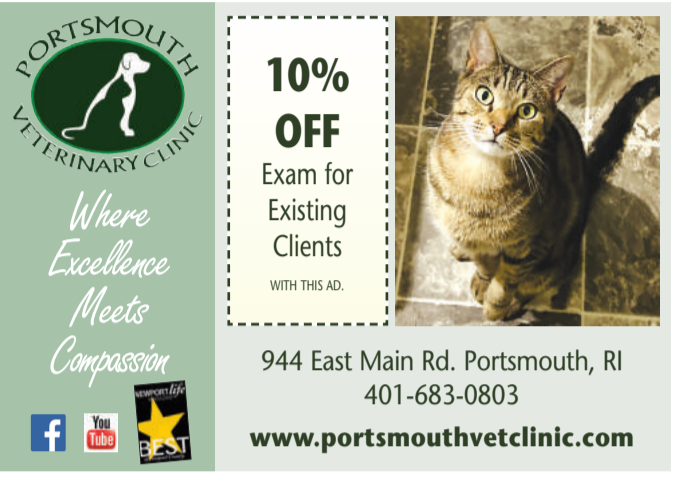
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