



## Loving the earth

Children at Over the Rainbow Learning Center in Johnston had the chance to celebrate Earth Day this past week with a special lesson in gardening. For more photos, turn to page 12. (Submitted photos)

## JHS mock trial team finishes strong during unusual season

By JACOB MARROCCO

Mock Trial usually affords students the opportunity to feel like Tom Cruise in "A Few Good Men" or Gregory Peck in "To Kill A Mockingbird."

They can dress in their finest outfits, command the courtroom and make the case for or against the defendant in the chosen case for that particular year. There may not be quite as much drama as the aforementioned stories, but the season represents valuable public speaking experience, according to Johnston High School coach Anna Herbert.

In her fifth year coaching the squad, Herbert acknowledged that the all-virtual setup was a bit challenging and deprived players of the chance to take the trip to a real courthouse.

"We didn't know what was going to happen. We thought that we actually weren't going to be able to participate, but luckily the Rhode Island mock trial organization decided to do it virtually," Herbert said. "We have a lot of students who are actually distance learners. Because it was virtual, we were able to form a team together, and we practiced virtually throughout the entire season and all our trials were virtual as well through Zoom meetings."

Not everything was different, though, as attorneys presented their cases to an actual judge, as they do during a regular season. Players even had the opportunity to learn from attorney/coach and Johnston Municipal Court Judge

Jacqueline Grasso.

While the pandemic "took away the excitement" of presenting the case in person, players were able to adjust and help JHS finish second in the state going into the postseason.

"We told them it was [a real judge], but I don't know that they realized the significance of it," Herbert said. "It took away from some of the things about moving around the courtroom and things like that. That's something that — especially with the new students that are joining the team this year — hopefully it will have a chance to work out next year."

Herbert encouraged the team not to take shortcuts despite having access to opening and closing statements on their screen. She urged them to memorize their prepared remarks. She said it was "tempting" for kids to have those word documents open, but their extra preparation and dedication is what helped them finish ahead of most other teams in the state.

"It wasn't as evident in front of everybody whether they were reading or not, but I think that was our strength if anything this season, compared to some of the other teams," Herbert said. "That's one of the things that I have really pushed for and it was evident to the performance judges that our kids were able to do it from memory rather than reading, whereas other schools appeared to be reading some of their material."

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## Johnston High holding vaccine clinic today

By JACOB MARROCCO

Johnston High School will host a vaccination clinic today, May 7, aimed at inoculating students 16 to 18 years old.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard DiLullo didn't have official signup numbers when he spoke to the Sun Rise earlier this week, but he said turnout was low thus far. DiLullo sent out a notice to families in the district with

registration information.

He said that he spoke with the Rhode Island Department of Health last week and learned that case numbers for children continue to climb while adult figures are still declining. According to the state's COVID-19 information portal, the Johnston schools — the Early Childhood Center, Graniteville School and Sarah Dyer Barnes Elementary School — have seen zero new positive

results in the past week as of April 28. The rest — Brown Avenue Elementary, Johnston High School, Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School, Thornton Elementary and Winsor Hill Elementary — have seen fewer than five. There have been zero new staff cases in the past week at all Johnston learning institutions.

As far as distance learners, only JHS and Ferri have seen

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## Airport seeing passenger traffic return

By JOHN HOWELL

Iftikhar Ahmad, president and CEO of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, has reason to be a cautious optimist.

Consider what has happened to airline traffic since people learned the meaning of COVID-19.

Green, like airports across the world, experienced dramatic losses in passenger traffic.

The darkest day in terms of total passenger traffic at Green was April 16, 2020, when the TSA screened 107 individuals boarding flights, compared to 6,886 a year earlier.

This April 16, the TSA screened 4,935 passengers, an increase of 461 percent from 2020. The seven-day average checkpoint count for April

11-17 of this year was 60 percent of 2019, according to the TSA.

The pandemic delivered a hard punch.

Total passenger traffic for 2020, which saw routine levels of activity in January and February and half of March was 1.3 million as compared to 3.9 million in 2019. The total for this January was 75,254 passengers, a drop of 72 percent from the 275,632 passengers recorded in January 2020.

In a recent hour-long telephone interview, Ahmad was hesitant to project when the airport might see a return of pre-COVID traffic. At a minimum, he thought it could take four years.

There are a lot of unknowns.

A question that Ahmad

sees as critical to airline profitability is how COVID has changed the business world. He notes that not only have businesses adapted to having employees work from home, they are comfortable using Zoom and other platforms to conduct virtual meetings that would have otherwise been held in person and required a business flight. These are passengers that frequently fly first class and can make the difference between a flight that makes or loses money. Ahmad said the consensus is that virtual meetings will end up eliminating 10 percent of business travel.

The airlines aren't idly waiting for better times.

According to a report in the April 29 edition of the

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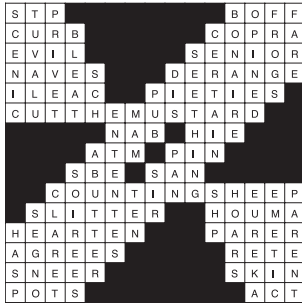
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**POLICE LOG**

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**DUI**

On the evening of March 27, Patrolman Anthony St. Laurent and Patrolwoman Kayleigh Cooper responded to the Citgo Gas Station at 514 Greenville Ave. for a report of an erratic driver.

Upon their arrival, they met with the witness, who said she was traveling behind a vehicle and saw it swerve across the fog line several times on Route 295 north, striking a guard rail twice. The vehicle continued on Greenville Avenue toward Atwood Avenue, taking a right onto Atwood Avenue where the car stopped at a yield sign for about three minutes before taking an immediate left turn. The witness and another unidentified vehicle pulled in front of the woman to prevent further operation.

St. Laurent met with the operator, identified as Bridget Avallone, 26, 277 Nursery Ave., Woonsocket. St. Laurent saw heavy damage to the passenger's side door, along with the driver's side mirror being completely removed. A RILETS check showed that Avallone's license was suspended. When confronted, Avallone was slurring her speech and had severely bloodshot, watery eyes, according to police. St. Laurent reports detecting a faint odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her breath.

She submitted to a series of standardized field sobriety tests, during which St. Laurent said she exhibited lack of smooth pursuit in both eyes and failure to keep balance. Avallone was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence. She was later issued a Third Division District Court summons for April 5 on a charge of driving under the influence. She was also given a Third Division District Court summons on a charge of driving with a suspended license, first offense, and a citation for refusal to submit to a preliminary breath test.

**VANDALISM**

Patrolman Nicholas Mannocchio and Patrolwoman Kayleigh Cooper responded to Smithfield Police Department headquarters to take custody of Amanda J. Hildebrand, 22, 14 Prince St., Coventry, on a warrant for malicious damage to property.

Hildebrand was later released with a Third Division District Court summons for July 26. Hildebrand's arrest stemmed from an alleged incident that occurred on the afternoon of Jan. 23, when patrolmen Thomas Pederzani and Arthur Petteruti

responded to Johnston Police headquarters to take report of vandalism to a vehicle.

Pederzani spoke to the vehicle's owner, who said that on Jan. 21 she was advised by her granddaughter that her vehicle was vandalized. Pederzani spoke to another party, who said she was operating the vehicle when the suspected vandalism took place, stating that her friends and another party were arguing outside her vehicle on the front lawn. The argument escalated and resulted in a person throwing a set of keys at her vehicle, cracking the windshield.

Another party explained to Pederzani that she was standing on the front lawn with Hildebrand having a discussion when Hildebrand was "triggered with anger" and threw her keys at the windshield.

**FALSE DOCUMENTS**

Patrolman Arthur Petteruti wrote on the afternoon of April 1 that Shailee Mendez, 24, 1277 Plainfield St., Johnston, responded to Johnston Police headquarters to turn herself in on a warrant for giving false documents to an agent or public official, obstructing an officer in the execution of duty and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Mendez was later released with a Third Division District Court summons for July 26, and an additional summons for Aug. 16 on the license charge. Mendez's arrest stemmed from an alleged incident on Jan. 25.

Police said Petteruti had stopped Mendez's car on Jan. 25, and later investigation showed pictures Mendez had shared on social media platforms revealed she had falsely identified herself to officers. Patrolman Michael Protano's report said that Mendez did not have a driver's license, which he said may have been a motive to obstruct police officers.

On March 18, Petteruti responded to 1277 Plainfield St. to assist Sgt. Remy Mendez and Protano with a follow-up investigation in reference to a woman falsely identifying herself during a traffic stop on Jan. 25. Petteruti positively identified her as Shailee Mendez, and said she had signed a Third Division District Court summons under a false identity during the traffic stop.

Upon speaking with Shailee Mendez, Protano knocked on the door several times before she answered, and he said every effort was afforded to her to explain what happened Jan. 25. Protano said Mendez stared at the officers, began breathing heavily and paused to say she had to watch her child. She never denied the allegations against her, and they

left and returned with Petteruti. They knocked on the door and a male voice answered saying she was not there.

**SUSPENDED  
LICENSE**

Patrolman Manuel Perez was on a fixed post in the area of 670 Killingly St. when he saw a vehicle traveling southbound with a blue expired registration stick affixed to its registration plate.

Perez conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the operator, Jamaal Alejo, 27, 39 Harvard St., Cranston. A RILETS check revealed that Alejo's license was suspended, and it was his fourth offense. He was issued a Third Division District Court summons on a charge of driving with a suspended license, third or subsequent offense, with a court date of Aug. 16.

**ASSAULT**

Patrolmen Andrew Broccoli and Joseph Anderson responded to the Lincoln State Police Barracks on the morning of April 7 to take custody of Robert Frye, 50, 310 Hawkins St., Providence.

Frye was wanted out of Johnston Police on charges of simple assault, vandalism and disorderly conduct, stemming from an alleged incident that occurred March 30.

Patrolman Cody Weaver and two other officers responded to Pick-N-Pull on 30 Green Earth Ave. on the afternoon of the above date for the report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, Weaver said they met with the calling party, who said he was punched in the face and his vehicle was damaged by a party known only at the time as "Bobby."

The reporting party said he went to Pick-N-Pull to get a part for his vehicle and started talking with Frye, whom he thought worked there. Frye explained he would get the part for the man for \$60, which the man accepted. Weaver said Frye then stole the part from Pick-N-Pull and attempted to sell it to the man. At this time, when the man found out it was stolen, he was no longer interested in purchasing the part.

Frye became irate and punched the man in the face with a closed fist, but the alleged victim didn't have any visible injuries and said he didn't need medical attention. Weaver said that after punching the man in the face, Frye proceeded to smash the rear windshield of his vehicle with the part that he stole. Weaver noted that Frye left the scene just before police arrived.

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# AG Neronha, Prospect Medical go to war

## TALKING POLITICS



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The uncertain future facing Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence and Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence burst into public view last week.

That was after the Los Angeles-based owner of the hospitals, Prospect Medical Holding, got an advance copy of a highly critical report by Attorney General Peter Neronha. Prospect quickly moved to withdraw its proposed change of ownership in Rhode Island, and to try to block Neronha from releasing his report. A hearing on Prospect's request is expected next week.

As Neronha acknowledges, the end game in this showdown remains unclear for now. But the latest developments – coming after The Public's Radio reported on new questions about Prospect's finances – are noteworthy for a few reasons.

Fatima and RWMC, both safety-net hospitals, are among the largest employers in their respective communities. Rhode Island remains the last state to stand in way of a plan by two of Prospect's minority owners to gain ownership of the full company. That's despite support for the deal from a number of local officials and a four-to-one vote in favor by Rhode Island's Health Services Council.

Supporters credit Prospect with improving the two in-state hospitals after past instability, and Prospect spokesman Bill Fischer called Neronha's demand for the company to submit at least \$120 million in escrow out of bounds.

But Neronha and others point to Prospect's finances and how Pros-

pect's majority ownership has taken hundreds of millions in dividends for investors from its chain of 17 hospitals.

It's fair to wonder whether the state should have viewed Prospect's 2014 purchase of Fatima and Roger Williams more skeptically. Now, Neronha said he isn't flinching.

"The people of Rhode Island deserve the truth," he said. "It is a hard truth: that those who claimed to care about health care here in Rhode Island and around the country cared much more – orders of magnitude more – about lining their own pockets than about the people they purported to serve."

### Health care's distracted boyfriend

The distracted boyfriend meme has had ample travel on social media, lending itself to the relative amount of attention paid to different things.

The meme was a good metaphor for views of the shifting health care landscape in Rhode Island. The "hot girl" who catches the distracted boyfriend's fancy is the envisioned academic health system consisting of Lifespan, Care New England and Brown University. (And yes, this mega-plan merits serious scrutiny, in part because of the overarching question of whether a monopolistic entity will be good for consumers.)

I started following the Prospect story last year and got bogged down because of its complexity and competing demands. By that time, bigger out-of-town news organizations like the Wall Street Journal and ProPublica picked up parts of the story. The situation continued to largely elude the attention of most Rhode Islanders. Then, last week, a story once seen as wonky and too complex burst into broader public view.

### Piecemeal strategy on RI hospitals

In an interview, AG Neronha said he believes

Rhode Island has long suffered from a lack of strategic thinking on the local health care landscape.

"I think it's absolutely right to say we have approached it in a piecemeal fashion," he said, "and I've been saying we should do otherwise for some time ... We can't continue to try to regulate health care as one-off transactions. It's a huge mistake."

Neronha said Rhode Island hasn't had a written health care strategy since 1989, "and it struck me that if we're not thinking strategically, I don't know how we can make great decisions on an individualized basis."

### Census surprise

To the surprise of virtually all Rhode Islanders, we will maintain two U.S. House seats after the 2020 Census. The loss of one was widely expected, but Little Rhody gained about 43,000 residents from 2010 to 2020.

This is good news for the state, since more residents means more federal dollars coming back to Rhode Island. It also spares Gov. Dan McKee a possible challenge from U.S. Rep. Jim Langevin, and allows Langevin to take another crack at the seat he first landed in 2000. (Republican Bob Lancia, who made a respectable showing against Langevin last year, has said he plans to try again.)

Rep. Carlos Tobon (D-Pawtucket) was teased a few years ago when he suggested using financial incentives to get people to move to Rhode Island. The Ocean State missed out on a loss of representation thanks to the work of Rhode Island's Complete Count Committee and many volunteers. Now, elected officials might want to consider a greater long-range focus on promoting growth in the smallest state.

### Whitehouse not worried about blowback

President Biden made the case to Congress and the American people for an ambitious series of

spending initiatives. You can check out annotated versions of the president's address and the GOP response by Sen. Tim Scott. While Biden's mix of populism and Keynesian economics may hearten Democrats and especially progressives, it gives pause to Republicans and others concerned by what they consider excessive government spending. Is U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse concerned that President Biden could be courting a mid-term backlash with his many mega-proposals?

"What we're seeing is very broad support for these programs," Whitehouse said on Political Roundtable. "The Republicans basically shot their credibility on the debt and deficit question when they blew \$2 billion in tax relief for almost entirely very well-heeled individuals and corporations. So they don't really have much standing to complain. And I think what the American people are looking at is, OK, where is the expenditure going? This is going for things that are incredibly important to them and incredibly popular, which is why over and over again Joe Biden is able to say, 'Look, this is actually a bipartisan bill even if the Republicans in Congress won't cooperate, for their own motives.' Because when you test the various measures, they get a lot of support from Republicans around the country, Republican governors, Republican mayors."

### What's going on here?

There would be a lot of concern if the General Assembly took important votes with less than half of its members. But Rhode Island's Health Services Council, which makes recommendations on proposed projects to the state Health Department director, is an obscure panel. So the way in which fewer than half of the HSC has twice decided significant votes in slightly more than a year has flown under the radar.

As I reported last

week, one of those votes – on an inpatient rehab facility in Johnston that a state consultant called unnecessary – remains the subject of a legal challenge. Perhaps even more striking, only one of the five Health Services Council members who took part in the April 6 vote on Prospect Medical would comment for my story.

### New candidates rising

Brown University professor, RI NOW president and beauty pageant expert Hilary Levey Friedman is looking to add another credential: General Assembly member.

In a statement last week, Levey Friedman signaled her intention to be a legislative candidate next year, although the precise office remains undetermined. (Sen. Gayle Goldin of Providence is widely expected to be a candidate for secretary of state in 2022.)

"I have the utmost respect for my current Representative and Senator," Levey Friedman said in a statement, "but as we await the results of the Census, I want to be ready. I plan to be out this spring and summer knocking on doors to hear directly from East Siders what issues matter to them and which direction they would like to see our community move."

### I-195 District update

Via comms ace Cara Cromwell: the mystery grocery store on Parcel 6 (which may or may not be a Trader Joe's) is expected to open in spring 2022. While two floors remain vacant at Point 225 (the Wexford building), "There has been a lot of interest recently and there are some promising leads."

### Diossa in perpetuity

A committee has been formed to raise entirely private funds for a portrait of James Diossa, the first Latino mayor of predominantly Latino

Central Falls.

"Mayor Diossa was transformative for the City of Central Falls," said state Rep. Joshua Giraldo, who was chief of staff during the Diossa administration and is chairing the committee. "From bringing our City out of bankruptcy, to ethics reform, to building affordable housing, to reviving our main streets, and restoring a sense of civic pride in our residents, Mayor Diossa will be remembered as a humble leader who truly made Central Falls the Comeback City. We're proud to be raising funds to help honor his legacy with the first mayoral portrait to be hung in City Hall."

Central Falls native Dino Ramos will make the painting, with an unveiling expected in May.

### Pet robots

Welcome to the future. Max Kozlov, a former intern at The Public's Radio, has a provocative interview on the growing trend of robotic pets.

As author Kate Darling tells him, "Social robots are a very emotionally persuasive technology. I think that that's really where we need to watch out, because we might very soon have companies trying to manipulate people through social robots. That could have implications for privacy and data security, it could have implications for this emotionally persuasive marketing. I think that there are a lot of issues that we are just not talking enough about, because we're talking so much about robots 'coming to replace us' that we're not seeing these other things."

Check it out at [behavioralscientist.org/what-our-pets-can-tell-us-about-our-future-with-robots](http://behavioralscientist.org/what-our-pets-can-tell-us-about-our-future-with-robots).

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**BUNNY BUDDIES:** Graniteville School physical education teacher Jack Adamo leads a group of bunny ear-clad students in an exercise during last Friday's Bunny Hop in Johnston. (Submitted photos)

# Graniteville students enjoy delayed 2021 Bunny Hop

Easter 2021 had come and gone, but neither Carolyn Roseman nor Christine Andrews was about to give up on the scheduled Bunny Hop at Johnston's Graniteville School.

So, incorporating the pre-K school's usual enthusiasm and excitement, Graniteville School played host to the famed Easter Bunny and children were all decked out in specially made "Bunny Ears" last Friday for what could possibly become an annual event.

"It was originally supposed to be held around Easter," said Roseman, who is a co-coordinator

at Graniteville. "However, we were on distance learning that week and had to re-schedule."

Last Friday, Adamo – as well as the Easter Bunny, teaching assistant Raquel Londono – and many faculty members made the day memorable for each and every bunny ear-clad child who scooted all around the schoolyard.

Moreover, the event doubled as a highly successful fundraiser, which Roseman said, "reached our goal and will be purchasing outdoor physical education equipment for our school."

Roseman then ex-

plained that "all our families were sent an envelope that stated they were collecting money that would be used for purchasing the [outdoor equipment]," and as Andrews, who played a major role in coordinating the Bunny Hop, noted "a special thank you to all our families that were so generous and enabled us to reach our goal."

Meanwhile, Adamo – who is the Graniteville's popular physical education teacher – could have been listed as the day's star, as he took each class outside and told them that he has seen a giant bunny in the schoolyard.

The children, under Adamo's leadership, then hopped around the yard as part of their exercise class.

Needless to say, the children were ecstatic when the bunny appeared and began hopping all over the place.

"This was a good, old-fashioned Bunny Hop," assessed Andrews, who has helped create similar successful and fun-filled events at Graniteville School. "The children even had fun making bunny ears and a special thank you goes to [teacher] Tess Arico, who put together the template to make the bunny ears."



**SUPER SUPPORTERS:** Graniteville School faculty members Chelsea Greenless, Leann Pappas, Kristin Falcone and coordinator Carolyn Roseman join "The Bunny" during last Friday's unique hop-along in Johnston.

# Matos makes history, cheered for response to heckler



**WORKING TOGETHER:** Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos delivered a message of working together with Gov. Dan McKee, at left, in her inaugural address. (Sun Rise photos)

By JOHN HOWELL

At inaugural ceremonies Sunday in front of the State House, Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos received a standing ovation for remarks that weren't in her prepared script. It was an opportunity for the audience to also express their frustration with a man who had been shouting his opinion that state leaders have failed to hold the DCYF accountable and scores of children aren't receiving the services they should.

The man who videotaped his taunts to officials they were "liars," identified himself as "Fake Mike, Real News." Asked for his real name, he replied, "I don't answer questions."

He continued videotaping while this reporter asked questions.

The yells from "Fake Mike" interrupted remarks of every speaker, including the invocation delivered by LTC Timothy Bourquin, chaplain of the Rhode Island National Guard. He was not approached nor asked to stop his rants. He was not escorted from the scene by either police or mem-

bers of the National Guard in attendance.

This evidently is not his first appearance. Anthony Silva, chief of staff to Gov. Dan McKee shrugged off the antics as a ploy to trigger a confrontation that he would record, post on YouTube and go virtual. Silva identified "Fake Mike" as being with the group 1st Amendment Audit.

But Matos, the state's 70th lieutenant governor and the first Afro-Latina to hold the post, didn't let "Fake Mike" get under her skin. She gave her story of being born in the Dominican Republic and how story is like the stories of many in the audience.

"It's families looking for better opportunities and a new life in the greatest country in the world," she said.

She talked about immigrating to this country in 1994 and arriving in New York City on a Friday. By the following Monday, she had a job.

She went on to tell how she came to Providence, earned a degree at Rhode Island College, became involved in the community and ran for City Council. She lost her first bid for public office but went on to win

a council seat and rise to the position of City Council president.

The rest is recent history. With Gina Raimondo stepping down mid-term to accept a cabinet post with President Joe Biden, McKee became governor. He named Matos from a list of more than 80 people who had submitted their names for the post.

Matos said she welcomes working as a team with McKee. She listed the challenges and the agenda to ensure "children in the richest nation on Earth don't go to bed hungry," that workers are paid sufficient to afford to live here and that everyone has a fair shot at the American Dream regardless of race or their birth country. She also said she shares McKee's commitment to get shots in arms and businesses reopened and his goal of sustainable affordable housing.

"You're crazy, how dare you?" yelled "Fake Mike."

It's when Matos put aside her script.

"America gives the right to everybody to have a voice, also," she said. The audience stood, their applause drowning out "Fake Mike."



**LINEUP OF LT. GOVERNORS:** Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos is joined by former lieutenant governors Gov. Dan McKee, Charles Fogarty, Roger Begin and Bernard Jackvony at Sunday's State House ceremony.



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### Serving the seniors

Johnston Sen. Frank Lombardo III stopped by the Johnston Senior Center to present a legislative grant this past week. New Center Director Matthew Bolton and Assistant Director Denise Bell accepted the funds during a brief ceremony. (Submitted photos)



### SENEDIA accepting applications for internships

The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) is currently accepting applications for its internship program through Real Jobs Rhode Island (Real Jobs RI).

Interns will gain 80 hours of paid, hands-on work experience at some of the most innovative companies in the state's robust defense industry, including opportunities in cybersecurity, engineering and science, supply chain management, undersea technology, and more. Current and former participants – both interns and employers – encouraged prospective applicants to learn more in a series of testimonial videos recently as SENEDIA continues to attract new employers and interns to the program.

"If you want a great job – high pay, high tech, high demand – think about our internship program. We will connect you to real, on-the-job experience at a company that maps with your career goals," said Molly Donohue Magee, SENEDIA's executive director. "Southeastern New England is the hub for undersea technology and submarine shipbuilding and a major player in the nation's defense landscape, and our interns are at the front of the line in accessing exciting, hands-on job opportunities

in this strong and growing sector."

Since partnering with Real Jobs RI, an initiative from Gov. Gina Raimondo and the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, SENEDIA has increased the number of interns placed from eight to now more than 30 each year.

"As Rhode Island looks towards our economic recovery from the pandemic, providing high-quality, demand-driven job training opportunities through Real Jobs RI – like SENEDIA's internship program – is now more important than ever," said Scott Jensen, Director of Rhode Island DLT. "SENEDIA's internship program paves the way for Rhode Islanders to land great jobs in the state's thriving defense sector. I encourage all defense industry employers and eligible interns to consider participating in this rewarding and successful program."

More than 90 percent of SENEDIA interns have found full-time employment after graduation, with many landing at SENEDIA's member companies.

At NeQter Labs, for example, a cybersecurity compliance company based in Pawtucket, 70 percent of the current workforce is made up of former SENEDIA in-

terns. Richard Astle, the CEO and co-founder of NeQter Labs, says the internship program is as beneficial for member companies as it is for participating interns.

To be eligible, internship participants must be U.S. citizens, have no criminal record, be available to work at least 8-10 hours each week, and must be military veterans or current students, either in their second year at CCRI, their fourth year at a four-year institution, or in graduate school.

"I was first drawn to SENEDIA because it came highly recommended by my peers. My main goal for after college is to get involved with the defense industry, so SENEDIA seemed like a good way for me to take the first steps in breaking into that industry. The experience alone has been fantastic, and I've learned so much," said Faith Leonard, a student at the University of Rhode Island and an intern at PowerDocks.

To learn more about the SENEDIA internship program, visit [senedia.org/real-jobs-ri/internships](http://senedia.org/real-jobs-ri/internships), or apply to be an intern or employer through the program by reaching out to [internships@senedia.org](mailto:internships@senedia.org).



### Distinguished visitor

Green Airport terminal came to standstill Wednesday – its gates empty of incoming or outgoing flights – as Vice President Kamala Harris paid a visit to Rhode Island. According to a schedule released by the RI Democratic Party her visit included her participation with former Gov. Gina Raimondo, now Secretary of Commerce, in a women-led small business roundtable. And while she landed in Warwick, Mayor Frank Picozzi was not among those to greet her. Picozzi said Wednesday he learned of the visit from Col. Brad Connor who had been notified for security reasons, but never heard directly anything from Washington. The word spread, however, and about a dozen people gathered along Airport Road to get photos of her plane arriving and as the Vice President and her company disembarked. (Sun Rise photos)



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**Mock**

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This year's case was close to home, as it revolved around a breaking and entering case that resulted in murder by COVID-19. JHS had to present both sides of the issue in different matches.

After finishing second in the state, the Panthers qualified for the playoffs and advanced all the way to the semifinals. They suffered a difficult loss in that round, falling by only seven-tenths of a point. It was a tough loss, Herbert said, but she watched her players "gain their confidence" throughout the season.

"I often love to see the kids come in to the club shy and quiet and when they get to perform during the trials, you can see them just have this level of confidence emerge," Herbert said. "Just the public speaking aspect of it, there was one girl just to give an example. She's a senior now, but there was one girl, her freshman and sophomore year, whenever she played a witness and she was being crossed, her anxiety level, almost during practices, caused her to cry because she felt so anxious of being crossed. It is tense. On the stand, with practice, she became a little bit more comfortable."

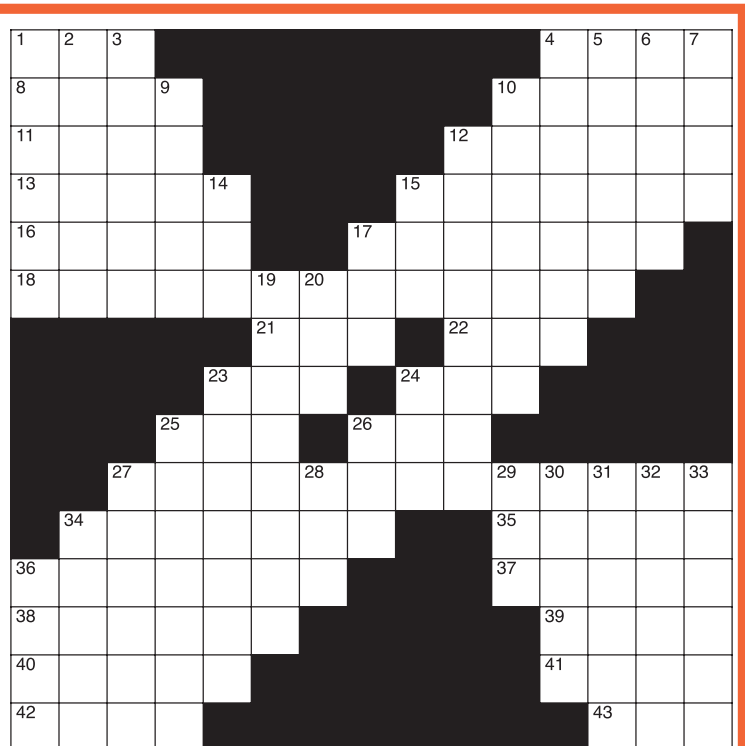
Now that student is an attorney and her

"confidence level is beyond what it was when she first started," Herbert said.

As unusual as the campaign was, Herbert said the player did a "tremendous job" presenting the case. She said they have already met to strategize about winning it all next year.

"Their dedication was there, the level of participation, they were willing to practice endless hours throughout the entire season and it paid off in the end," Herbert said. "We didn't make it to the very, very end, but this is the furthest that Johnston High School has made it, so right now the kids are already talking and planning on making it to the end next year."

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A hearty laugh
- 8. Restrain
- 10. Dried coconut kernels
- 11. Nefarious
- 12. Elderly
- 13. Central part of a church building
- 15. Throw into confusion
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Qualities of being religious
- 18. Live up to a standard
- 21. Seize
- 22. Go quickly
- 23. Automated teller machine
- 24. Bowling necessity
- 25. One point east of due south
- 26. Japanese honorific
- 27. A way to induce sleep
- 34. Makes cash register rolls

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Beautiful
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 5. Shared one's view
- 6. Tailless amphibians
- 7. Charge passengers must pay
- 9. Sound sheep make
- 10. Known for sure

- 12. Filled with unexpressed anger
- 14. Student (abbr.)
- 15. Criticize
- 17. Gathering place
- 19. Informal alliances
- 20. One's mother (British)
- 23. Landholder
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Parties
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Red wine
- 28. Pearl Jam's debut
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Frosts
- 31. Cry of joy
- 32. Induces vomiting
- 33. Mother or father
- 34. Dal \_\_: Musical navigation marker
- 36. Door fastener part

**Clinic**

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fewer than five positive cases in the past week, while all other schools are at zero.

"So as of today, we're back in school five days a week, grades pre-K through 8, everybody's back five days. The high school, while they're on a five-day schedule, they are still on the hybrid model," DiLullo said. "Basically it's either two or three days a week depending on the week ... It's pretty much the same process that we've been doing all year [if someone tests positive] - we do contact tracing, 6-foot radius around the infected child, and anyone who's within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes is identified as a close contact and has to isolate."

DiLullo said there was massive uptake in vaccinations by Johnston teachers, most of whom received their shots either at the Johnston Recreation Center pod or CVS and Walgreens. He said that most of the teachers who were still out of the classroom because of high-risk conditions have returned, allaying any potential

teacher shortages the district could have faced.

"Most of the teachers who were out because of vulnerabilities have returned to school, which is a great thing. It's good to have them in the classroom," DiLullo said. "The fact that most of our classrooms have their regular teacher back, that's kind of freed up substitutes for the day-to-day absences when someone is sick or someone has a personal day, that kind of thing."

Distance learners returned during a few days in April for Rhode Island Common Assessment System, or RICAS, testing. DiLullo said there was better turnout at the elementary schools than at Ferri, but he believed it was a "good approach in terms of keeping everybody safe."

"I think the benefit of the testing for the spring is to determine how distance learning was effective, I think that's what we're going to see," DiLullo said. "We'll be able to determine how kids did primarily when they were in school full-time and how kids performed on the testing when on the distance learning model. So we'll be able to do those comparisons in terms of looking at the kids who were in the

classroom as opposed to kids who were distance learning. Other than that, I don't think most kids in the state are going to fare as well as if it they were in school full-time."

As the school year winds down, DiLullo said the district is planning an outdoor graduation in June at the JHS athletic complex. He expects the pre-ceremony parade to begin at North Woods - where last year's celebration ended and the taped graduation was played - and continue down Atwood Avenue to the high school.

With guidelines allowing for larger gatherings at outdoor venues, he expects more than 400 people to attend.

"So, because those numbers went up substantially in terms of what's allowed, we're renting chairs so we can socially distance people on the athletic field," DiLullo said. "We have approximately 200 graduates, and we're anticipating at least both parents will attend that, so we're looking at approximately 450 in attendance, depending on how those numbers play out over the next month."

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# Expressions of love

## Children's gratitude, creativity shines through in Mother's Day art contest

By DANIEL KITTREDGE

"You help me when I'm stuck," one reads. "You never stop until the job is done," says another. Then, an expression of gratitude with a more whimsical tone: "I wish I could buy my mom a bouncy house."

These are among messages inscribed on Mother's Day artwork completed in recent weeks by local Catholic school students – in this case, by children at Warwick's St. Peter School, where Christine Desmarais serves as principal.

"They are really cute ... Some of them are just absolutely adorable," she said of the artwork and messages. With a laugh, she added: "Probably some of them are more truthful than their mom wants them to be."

The advertising team at Beacon Communications envisioned the student Mother's Day art contest as a way to generate excitement, foster creativity and celebrate moms after what has been an enormously challenging year.

Administrators and educators at the participating schools say it had the desired effect.

Desmarais said St. Peter students "were very serious about it" and excited at the prospect of having their work featured in the newspaper.

Regina Hand, principal at St. Rocco School in Johnston, said the students at her school – from the youngest grades on up – were "excited about [the contest] right from the beginning."

Students had time to conceptualize and create their submissions, she said, and their thoughtfulness shone through in the final products. Many "chose to write a few sentences about their moms ... all the things that they mean to them, and the things that they do for them every day."

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**1st Place**  
Owen Chester

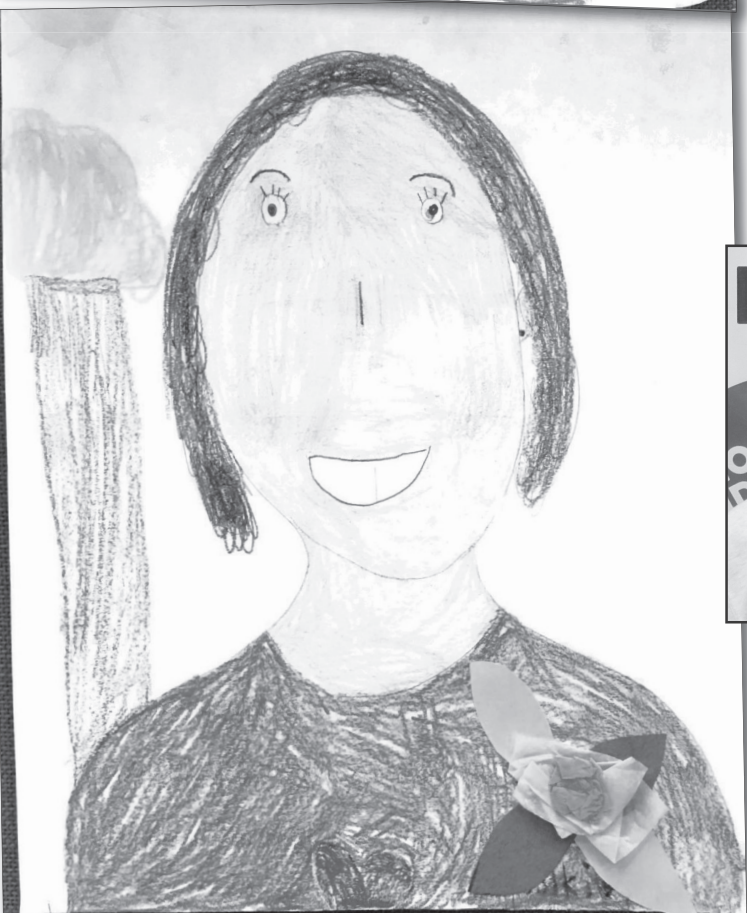
**St. Rocco School**  
Grades PreK-2



**2nd Place**  
Selena Hines



**3rd Place**  
Zachary Misiaszek



Selena Hines  
My mom is special because she takes good care of me and she teaches me how to cook.



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**1st Place**  
**Mikaela Mercier**

**St.  
Rocco  
School**  
**Grades  
3-5**

"If you look at the variety of pictures that were handed in, and you look at the perception of how they see their moms, it's remarkable ... you can really see what they're trying to highlight about their moms," she said.

She added: "You can see the range of artistic ability. I think each student dug down and tried to find the very best that they could put together for their moms."

Sister Donna, who helped oversee the contest at St. Rocco, said she was impressed with the children's artistic ability. The school, she said, is "very happy to share our students' talents with the public."

"They really know their mother, and they really put a lot of effort into making it as real as they could," she said. "They love their mothers, and they were very excited to draw a picture of them and think of them ... They always talk about their moms, and they love their moms."

Colleen Quattromani, a fourth-grade teacher at St. Rose of Lima School in Warwick, said many of her students incorporated similar elements in their Mother's Day artwork.

"A lot of pets, a lot of coffee," she said with a laugh.

But the students also "spoke about how the moms take care of the family," particularly during the uncertainty and disruption of the pandemic.

"They were very grateful for their moms," Quattromani said. She also spoke of the pride students took in their work, and how important the pieces were to them: "They really wanted to surprise their moms and they wanted to do it in class so mom wouldn't see it at home."

The contest proved meaningful for the administrators and educators, too.

Hand recalls having the chance to look through the St. Rocco submissions while preparing them to be dropped off the day before April vacation.

"So many of them spoke to me," she said.

Desmarais, whose mother passed away over the summer, said this year's Mother's Day is a bit sad for her. But she looks forward to a relaxing day, hopefully celebrating with all three of her sons – and the contest provided a welcome reminder of the day's importance.

"It's always been special," she said.

Quattromani, who lost her own mother two years ago, echoed Demarais's sentiment.

"It was very important for me to have [the students] do this, being a mom myself," she said. "Letting them have this opportunity to show how significant a mom is their own life."



My mom is so special because she makes food for me, helps me up when I am hurt, and she takes care of me when I am sick.



**2nd Place**  
**Julia Innocenti**

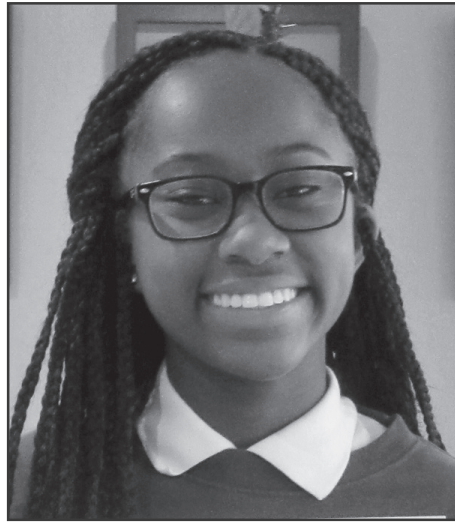
Julia Innocenti  
gr.5 St. Rocco School  
my mom is very special to me because she'll do anything and everything for me, she would give me anything just to make me smile if your reading this mom I love you



**3rd Place**  
**Samaira Dhamija**

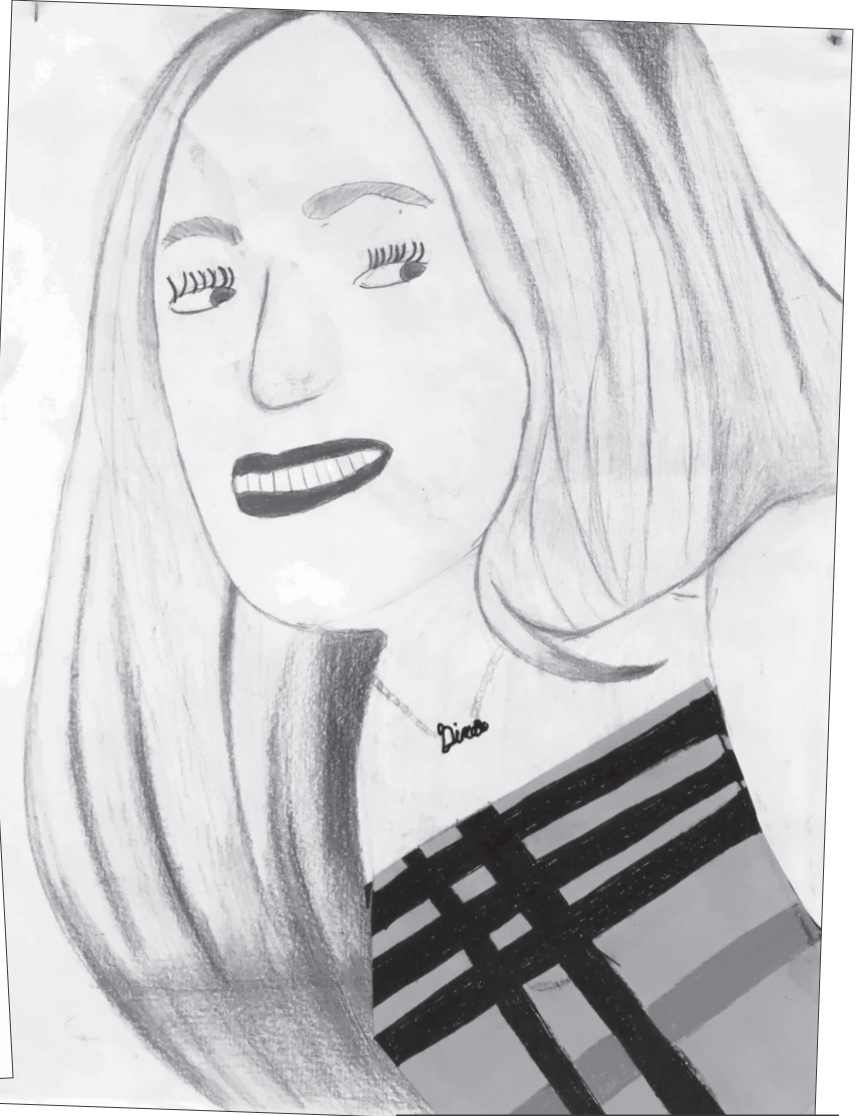
Samaira Dhamija  
Grade 4  
St. Rocco School  
My mom is special to me because she take care of me when I'm sick, she is also always there for me. She is kind and loving. I love her back. She rocks!!!

This is my mom. She is smart, creative, loving, funny, and beautiful. My mom is very special to me because she takes good care of me, cheers me up when I'm sad, is always by my side no matter what, and continues to inspire me everyday.



**St. Rocco School**  
Grades 6-8

**1st Place**  
Gabriell Leon

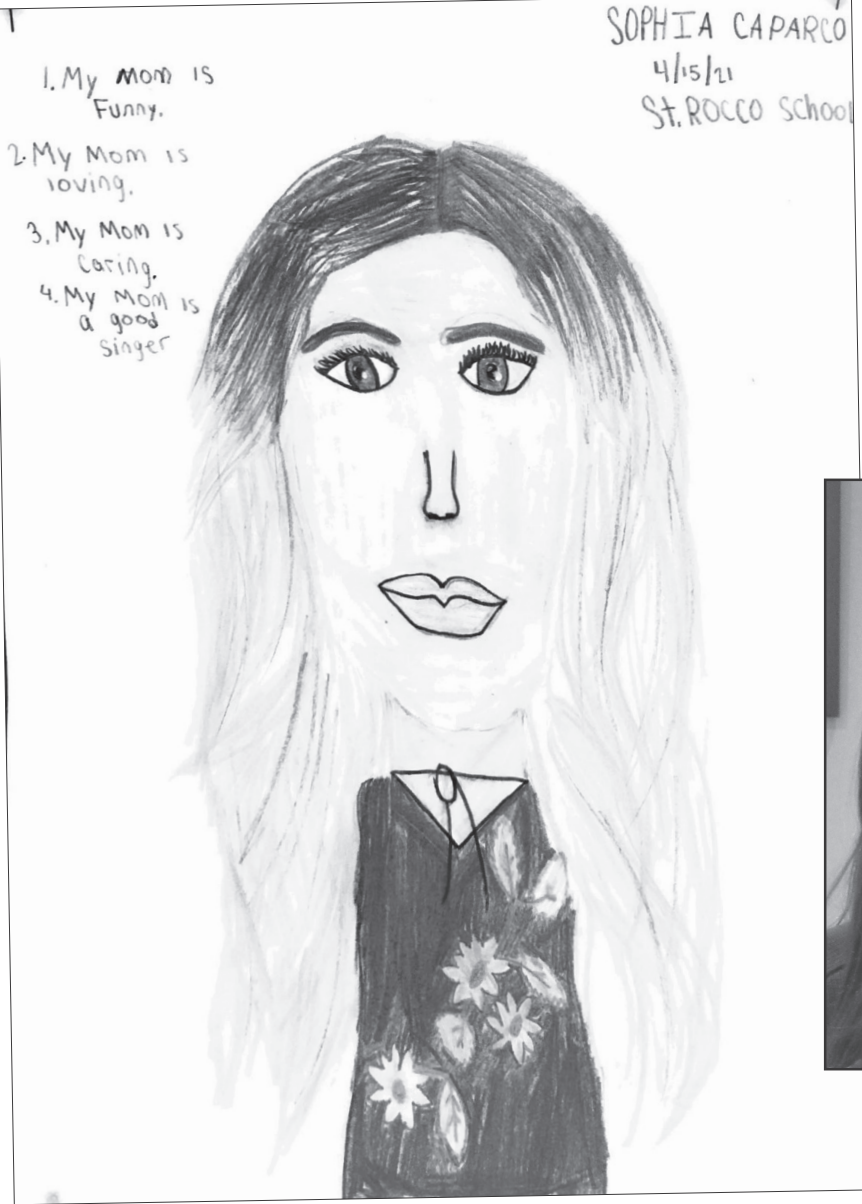


Jolie Caparco  
St. Roccas School  
Grade 6

- My Auntie is very loving and caring.
- She spent a lot of time with me.
- She watches over me and guides me in the right direction every day.
- She always loved to help others when they needed it.



**2nd Place**  
Jolie Caparco



**3rd Place**  
Sophia Caparco





## Watch Your MOUTH



by Rochelle Rhodes, D.M.D. and David McFarland, D.D.S.

### MOUTH ULCERS

Mouth ulcers, small lesions inside the mouth, can be intensely painful. They make eating, drinking, and even talking uncomfortable, so determining the triggers that promote them is important to those who suffer sores frequently. Dental hygiene products that contain sodium laurel sulfate and sensitivity to acidic foods such as citrus, berries, and coffee are known ulcer triggers. Hormonal shifts and deficiency in vitamin B12, zinc, folate, and iron are also possible culprits. Unfortunately, mouth ulcers can also be a sign of more serious conditions including HIV/AIDS, diabetes, celiac disease, or inflammatory bowel disease. Most sores are temporary and heal on their own in a day or so, but others can linger for several weeks. At DENTAL ARTS GROUP, our philosophy is not

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## Over the Rainbow blossoms for Earth Day

The RI Pre-K classroom at Over the Rainbow Learning Center has blossomed this spring.

Over the past six weeks, the children in Pre-K have learned about gardening and how plants grow. Along with gardening, children learned about different types of gardens such as rock gardens. Chil-

dren painted rocks with different colors then arranged them to look like a flower.

On Friday, April 30, Over the Rainbow held a family event to celebrate Earth Day and the Week of the Young Child. This provided the opportunity for families to come to assist their children in the transferring of their

plants from the greenhouse into the outdoor garden area. After transferring their plants, they placed their rock flowers around the garden to add color to our playground.

Hosting this family event allowed children, families, and teachers to communicate about the progress children have

made and our end-of-the-year celebration for children moving to kindergarten.

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**Green**

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Wall Street Journal, airlines are looking to serve new and smaller markets and are adding destinations to their flight schedules in anticipation of attracting leisure travelers. Southwest, the largest carrier at Green, was reported as adding four destinations to its pre-COVID schedule of 37 cities.

"Carriers are quickly adjusting to the demands for leisure destinations and not bothering yet with restoring hourly service to tradition business-service markets," writes Scott McCartney in the Wall Street Journal.

Ahmad sees other factors restraining airline travel, including the fear of catching COVID-19 or a variant and unease of being around other people even as greater and greater percentages of the population are fully vaccinated, although that appeared to be less of a factor Friday morning as passengers waited at the baggage claim on a Frontier flight from Tampa.

A 2020 graduate of Johnson & Wales University, Megan Comtois said she couldn't pass up the \$200 roundtrip fare to visit relatives in Florida. She said the flight down was about a third full, but nearly every seat was taken on the return.

Comtois took advantage of discount fares to visit friends in Chicago last year. She remarked on a noticeable increase in activity between then and now.

There's reason to be optimistic.

**More seats for more passengers**

Looking at the bigger picture at Green, John Goodman, assistant vice president of media relations, wrote in an email, "we expect April 2021 will surpass April 2020 volume with available seats up 26 percent over March 2021. By June, 2021 we expect to have another 15 percent more monthly seats available than in April 2021 as supply adjusts to rising demand."

Gov. Dan McKee's announcement that further expands the reopening of the Rhode Island economy beginning May 28 goes a long way in boosting confidence that the



**COULDN'T RESIST THE FARES:** Graphics arts designer Megan Comtois, who returned Friday from a trip to visit relatives in Florida, said she couldn't pass up the low cost fares to make the trip. (Sun Rise photo)

worst of the pandemic is behind us. It's thought that pent-up demand to travel is starting to blossom as virus restrictions are lifted and a greater proportion of the population is vaccinated.

A survey conducted over Twitter and released April 23 by Skyes Enterprises ranked Rhode Islanders seventh in the country as most eager to travel post-vaccine and 24th as most eager to travel right now. Other data released in the report includes that 61 percent of those aged 35-44 are most inclined to travel internationally this summer if vaccinated. Both the youngest (18-24) and oldest (65-plus) age groups were least interested in traveling internationally this summer and those ages 25-34 were largely in favor (55 percent) of requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination to travel abroad.

The Wall Street Journal carried more encouraging news. It reported airlines are preparing for a rebound in leisure travel and that Southwest is recalling pilots and flight attendants in anticipation of a "bustling summer of vacations."

Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly is quoted as saying, "we believe the worst is behind us. I'm re-

lieved. I'm optimistic. I'm enthused. I'm grateful."

Southwest flight attendant Christine Bates, who was being dropped off at Green last week, is seeing a return of traffic. She thought it was time to reopen terminal restaurants and shops because people are there. Dunkin' Donuts in both the north and south concourses, as well as restaurants in both courses, are open, Goodman said.

**Convention bookings**

Kristen Adamo, president and CEO of the Providence/Warwick Visitors Convention Bureau, shares such exuberance. She said the governor's announcement that dismantlement of the field hospital at the Rhode Island Convention Center with expectation the facility would be ready for conventions late this summer promises to save bookings scheduled for late August and going forward. That is good news for hotels and the airport.

Since the shutdown Warwick hotels have recorded better occupancy rates than those in Providence with the gap narrowing. In March Warwick hotels recorded a 54.1 percent occupancy at an average daily rate of \$84.27. Providence hotel

were at 53.9 percent occupancy at an average daily rate of \$100.83. Adamo attributes Warwick's greater occupancy to lower rates and location. She said the airport also plays a role as flight crews use Warwick hotels.

She is hopeful of summer Warwick hotel occupancy rates of 60 to 70 percent.

Adamo is encouraged by Gov. McKee's decision enabling sporting tournaments. Rhode Island is host to a variety of events that fill hotel rooms and can mean additional air traffic.

Bookings for this year are promising. Among the larger events on the calendar is the Ocean State Lobster Fest, a series of ice hockey playoffs scheduled for this June that has booked 4,124 room nights [most of them with Warwick hotels] with a projected economic impact of \$2.6 million, the Rhode Island Indian Council Inc in September with 1,407 room nights and a \$783,373 projected impact and the American Contract Bridge League New England Fiesta to be held at the convention center in August with 780 room nights.

John Gibbons of the RI Sports Commission that makes arrangements for

the bridge events, said the ACBL is one of the larger events booked through the convention bureau.

The bridge league held its national tournament at the convention center in 2014, a 12-day event attended by 13,000 bridge players with a \$7 million impact on the state's economy. Gibbons said the league looked to hold its national event this year in Providence, but scaled it back to the New England Fiesta because of covid. He is hopeful the national event will return to Rhode Island next year.

Adamo underscores the importance of conventions to the hospitality sector of the economy no matter the size. She urged Rhode Islanders to call the bureau at (401) 456-0231 if a group they belong to is considering a convention no matter the size. She and her staff stand ready to make suggestions and help make arrangements.

As for what might improve air traffic and further boost the state's economy, Adamo said major hub connections are vital enabling passengers to reach destinations with a single stop. She listed Dallas,

Denver, Chicago and Atlanta. Green lacks flights to Dallas and Denver. She also feels changing the name of the airport from T.F. Green to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport, as proposed in legislation, will help.

**Cargo is up**

While passenger traffic was hit by the pandemic, Ahmad reports that cargo increased. From March 2020 to March of this year cargo deliveries increased by 11.6 percent. It continues to go up.

Year to date, January through March, cargo is up 19.8 percent with a total of 8.2 million pounds as compared to 6.8 million pounds for the same period last year.

The decline in traffic punched a hole in airport revenues with parking being one of the biggest hits. Long term parking lot E was closed and the short-term lot in front of the terminal was opened to long-term parking rates.

RIAC CFO Brian Schattle said parking revenues year to date through February are down 80 percent from \$11 million to \$2 million. He said federal programs and CARES Act funding have helped offset those losses and enabled the airport to meet operating costs and debt service.

The airport has taken advantage of the reduction in traffic to tackle several capital improvement projects. Federal funds secured by the RI Congressional delegation are underwriting a \$8.7 million project to renovate and upgrade the 25-year-old restrooms. The first phase of that project is to be completed in November with the second phase by next spring.

RIAC is also in the midst of reconstructing Runway 16/34 that has been closed since last September. That is a \$27 million federally funded project. And RIAC is taking the opportunity to repave Parking Lot E.

Ahmad said Green currently provides non-stop service to 22 destinations and the airport and airlines are ready for a full return of passengers. He said the pace of return traffic is expected, that he believes in his team and, "were excited about it."

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTES

Here are the highlights from news and events that took place in the General Assembly last week. For more information on any of these items, visit [rilegislature.gov/pressrelease](http://rilegislature.gov/pressrelease).

### Governor signs bill requiring full coverage of colorectal cancer screening

During a ceremony at Miriam Hospital, Gov. Dan McKee signed legislation (2021-S 0383A, 2021-H 5432A) sponsored by Senate Majority Whip Maryellen Goodwin (D-Dist. 1, Providence) and House Deputy Majority Whip Mia A. Ackerman (D-Dist. 45, Cumberland, Lincoln) to require full insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings. The Maryellen Goodwin Colorectal Screening Act will require health insurers to cover preventive colorectal cancer screening, including all colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests in accordance with American Cancer Society Guidelines.

### Senate approves McCaffrey legislation to rename T.F. Green airport

The Senate passed legislation (2021-S 0519) introduced by Majority Leader Michael J. McCaffrey (D-Dist. 29, Warwick) that would rename the state airport "Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport." The measure now moves to the House of Representatives, where companion legislation (2021-H 6051) has been introduced by Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy (D-Dist. 38, Hopkinton, Westerly).

### House OKs bill to require report on students applying for federal aid

The House of Representatives passed legislation (2021-H 5076A) introduced by Rep. Joseph M. McNamara (D-Dist. 19, Warwick, Cranston) that would require schools to report on the total number of students completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and the total number of students eligible to fill out and submit a FAFSA form, and would provide data on the race, ethnicity, and gender of the students. The measure now moves to the Senate for consideration.

### House OKs O'Brien bill that allows liquor stores to open on New Year's Day

The House of Repre-

sentatives has passed legislation (2021-H 5504) introduced by Rep. William W. O'Brien (D-Dist. 54, North Providence) that would allow liquor stores to sell alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day. Under current law, liquor stores are not permitted to be open on Thanksgiving or New Year's Day. The measure now moves to the Senate, which has passed similar legislation (2021-S 0142) introduced by Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D-Dist. 27, Cranston, West Warwick).

### Senate OKs resolution creating R.I.'s 250th anniversary commission

The Senate passed a joint resolution (2021-S 0810) introduced by Senate Majority Whip Maryellen Goodwin (D-Dist. 1, Providence) that would create the Rhode Island Semiquincentennial Commission to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States' founding. The commission would consist of 30 members including the Secretary of State, the executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and 24 members of the public. The measure now moves to the House, where Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy (D-Dist. 38, Hopkinton, Westerly) has introduced a companion resolution (2021-H 6002).

### Senate passes Ciccone and Quezada dual language immersion bills

The Senate passed two bills sponsored by Sen. Frank A. Ciccone (D-Dist. 7, Providence, North Providence) and Sen. Ana B. Quezada (D-Dist. 2, Providence), relating to dual language immersion programs for Rhode Island's public school students. Ciccone's bill (2021-S 0457) would establish and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program for public school students and it would also create a specialist position at the Rhode Island Department of Education to spearhead the initiative. Quezada's bill (2021-S 0355) would require the Department of Education to create a model policy and timeline to assist local education agencies in implementing the program. Rep. Grace Diaz (D-Dist. 11, Providence) has introduced companion legislation (2021-H 5239) to Ciccone's bill in the House.

### House passes Cortvriend bill protecting disabled parents

The House of Representatives passed legislation (2021-H 5394) introduced by Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D-Dist. 72, Portsmouth, Middletown) that protects disabled parents' rights. The legislation precludes the disability of a parent from serving as a basis for denial or restriction in matters involving a child's welfare, foster care, family law, guardianship and adoption. Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D-Dist. 12, Middletown, Little Compton, Newport, Tiverton) has introduced the bill (2021-S 0056) in the Senate.

### Kallman, Felix bill would make RIPTA buses free for Rhode Islanders

Sen. Meghan E. Kallman (D-Dist. 15, Pawtucket, North Providence) and Rep. Leonela "Leo" Felix (D-Dist. 61, Pawtucket) plan to introduce legislation that would provide free transportation on Rhode Island Public Transit Authority buses. The proposal, which was announced at a press conference at Kennedy Plaza in Providence, also sets up the funding structure to support the initiative financially.

### McGaw bill would extend the amount of time to transfer car registrations

Rep. Michelle E. McGaw (D-Dist. 71, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton) has introduced legislation (2021-H 6274) that would extend the period of time that a newly purchased motor vehicle may be temporarily operated from 20 to 30 days, using the purchaser's current license plates. Cars bought in the private market, which are currently given only two business days to transfer the plate, would have 30 days for the transfer under the legislation.

### RI Legislative Black and Latino Caucus unveils legislative priorities

The Rhode Island Legislative Black and Latino Caucus unveiled its 2021 legislative priority list at a press conference held at the State House. The caucus is chaired by Rep. Karen Alzate (D-Dist. 60, Pawtucket). The Rhode Island Legislative Black and Latino Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of disadvantaged people throughout the State of Rhode Island. It seeks to increase a diverse participation and representation in all levels of government.

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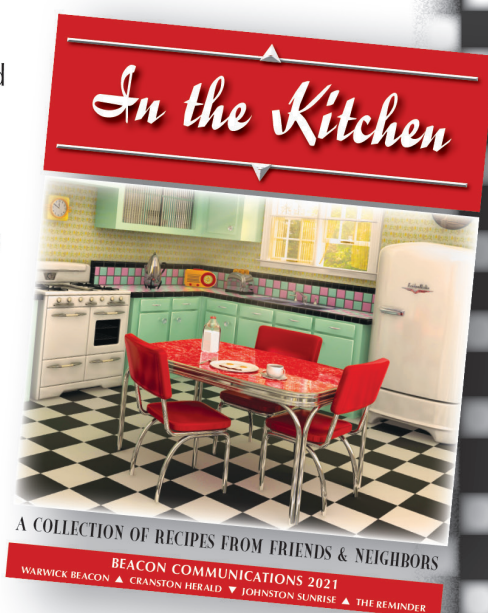
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# Toadstool ready for new beginning with 'Earth 1'

By ROB DUGUAY

It can take a while for a musician to reach the pinnacle of their sound. This process can take a few albums, a couple EPs and even a single or two to accomplish.

Under the name Toadstool, West Warwick hip-hop artist Mike Jencks has been undergoing this undertaking over the past couple of years. After a ton of releases, he's reached a conclusion with his new album "Earth 1" that came out on April 23. As with every talented artist, the prolific output never stops, but this does mark a new beginning.

We recently had a talk about the amount of music he's put out since last fall, being influenced by his local contemporaries, a new single his band Toad & The Stooligans is releasing, and putting out a ton more material by the end of the year.



**ROB DUGUAY:** You've had a busy few months with you putting your "Have A Nice Day!" EP, Toad & The Stooligans' new album "Jesus Juice" coming out, you and your bandmate Dan Pomfret releasing the Ronald Raygun record, and now you have "Earth 1" out. What do you think has inspired this prolific output? Is it simply more free time because of the pandemic or is it something else?

**MIKE JENCKS:** Even before the pandemic, I definitely stayed home a lot more than I went out. See, it's really not that short of a time because this is the culmination of 2½ years worth of work kind of all bubbling up at the same time, I guess. I've been sitting on a lot of material and I decided that it's better to strike than to just sit and dwell on music that I've made. I've fleshed out a plan, along with the band and Dan, to keep the train rolling essentially. It's all about the momentum.

**RD:** What do you view as the place of "Earth 1" in the Toadstool discography? Do you see this album as starting a new chapter for you as an artist or do you see it as a culmination of everything you've been up to musically over the past couple of years?

**MJ:** I think it's definitely moreso a culmination. I feel like a lot of this album is the last batch of stuff that I made before I truly understood what I wanted to go for. I don't think I'd really fully found that confidence that I was kind of looking for and "Earth 1" is definitely a culmination of some of my older nerves, some of my older feelings toward things and some of my older perspectives. I'd like to think that I've grown an insane amount since making that album, but there's definitely a bookmark at the end.

**RD:** Who do you view as your main influences for

**A CULMINATION:** West Warwick hip-hop artist Mike Jencks, who performs under the name Toadstool, says his new album "Earth 1" represents "the culmination of 2½ years worth of work kind of all bubbling up at the same time." (Courtesy of Kaitlyn Amaral)

your music these days? Do you always find yourself taking bits and pieces from certain eras of hip-hop, do you always try to have a pulse of what's coming out, or is it a little bit of both?

**MJ:** It's definitely a little bit of both. I like to keep my pulse on what's happening around me, I don't necessarily listen to a lot of newer music when it comes to trap and the very boastful stuff. I like my lyrical content and I like my old school boom-bap beats. When it comes to inspiration, a lot of the local rappers around Rhode Island really inspire me. Just working with Dan all the time is insanely inspiring because that kid is a music machine, it's insane to watch him work.

Jesse The Tree is probably my favorite rapper going right now. Joe Bruce is incredibly talented and very good at bringing people up with him, which I think is very important. Instead of stepping over people you should be bringing up the people you're working with. Chachi Carvalho has always been an inspiration, Toad & The Stooligans played our first show with him. Chachi is a homie, he comes into my work sometimes and I give him pizza. Symmetry from back in the day too, it would be hard not to shout him out. He was very instrumental in forming Dan and I's friendship.

**RD:** Toad & The Stooligans recently put out a teaser video on Facebook that says "Here Comes The Circus." Can you provide any more info on this? What are you allowed to say about this teaser video?

**MJ:** No one's going to fire me so I'm pretty sure I can say whatever I want, but in the interest of mystery, it is a single but we are

currently tracking and knee deep into trying to figure out another album. We are working on that right now, but yeah, we got a single coming out. It's probably one of my favorite songs that we've done, I think.

**RD:** I'm looking forward to it.

**MJ:** I'm really excited for it, too.

**RD:** What can we expect from you as Toadstool over the summer? Will there be another Toadstool record out later in the year when you have some time? You mentioned how "Earth 1" is kind of like the culmination of a lot of songs you've been sitting on, so is the next one going to be all fresh, new stuff?

**MJ:** I have a ton of stuff in the works right now. I've been making music consistently all year, I haven't stopped. I have an album called "D-Generation Flex" coming out, I haven't figured out how I'm going to drop all of this stuff yet but it'll all be out this year. I can guarantee that. "D-Generation Flex" is kind of like the sequel to "Have A Nice Day!" because it has a bunch of wrestling references, that EP was a little bit of a taste and this is like a full course meal.

I'm working on an EP with Jesse The Tree, which is insane, we're doing some really cool stuff on it. I'm also working with a producer named Tetcon on a little EP, I'm working on this Stooligans record, I have this album called "Bloodsucker" that I finished and I'm working on promo stuff for that. I have a lot of stuff in the works right now and I'm taking my time releasing everything little by little while also still making music to keep in the vault. I'm keeping the assembly line moving, so to speak.

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# Sun Rise Scoops

By MERI R. KENNEDY

## NAMI to present free mental health series

NAMI's "Ending the Silence for Families" will be held on May 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. and pre-registration is preferred. Please email your name, city/town, phone number, and email address to beth@namirhodeisland.org. A Zoom link will be sent after registration.

This free session is available to anyone; the content is geared toward adults with middle or high school aged youth. In the presentation, participants will learn the warning signs of mental health conditions, facts and statistics, how to talk with your child about these conditions, and how to work with school staff.

The presentation includes two speakers: one who shares an informative presentation, and a young adult with a mental health condition who shares their journey of recovery. Audience members can ask questions and gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic.

On May 12, NAMI will present "Ending the Silence for School Staff" from 4 to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is preferred. Please email your name, city/town, phone number, and email address to beth@namirhodeisland.org. A Zoom link will be sent after registration.

This free session is available to anyone; the content is geared towards teachers, administrators, and school staff of middle and high school students. In the presentation, participants

will learn facts, statistics, and warning signs of mental illness, as well as how to approach students and work with their families. It includes two speakers: one who shares an informative, research-based presentation, and one who is a young adult with a mental health condition, who speaks on their journey of recovery.

NAMI's "Ending the Silence for Students" will be held on May 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is preferred. Please email your name, city/town, phone number, and email address to beth@namirhodeisland.org. A Zoom link will be sent after registration.

This free session is available to anyone; the content is geared towards middle and high school students, on how to get help for themselves or a friend. In the presentation, participants will learn facts, statistics, and warning signs of mental illness, as well as how to talk to individuals, parents, and school staff. It includes two speakers: one who shares an informative, research-based presentation, and one who is a young adult with a mental health condition, who speaks on their journey of recovery.

## Ways you can help the Johnston Historical Society

The Find on 6, located at 2953 Hartford Ave., is now accepting consignment items on behalf of the Johnston Historical Society! That means you can donate some gently used white elephant items and, if they sell, the society gets 60 percent of the proceeds. Each person may bring two boxes of goods at a time, Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appropriate items include antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing or handbags (in good condition), jewelry, kitchenware, furniture and more. Nothing broken or soiled will be accepted.

## RI Housing offers loans

RI Housing's Hardest Hit Fund Rhode Island (HHFRI) program is offering zero interest, forgivable loans to eligible Rhode Island homeowners who became unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

and are struggling to make their mortgage payments.

Loan proceeds may provide eligible homeowners with up to six months of mortgage payment assistance. Learn more about the loan program and eligibility at rihousing.com/hhfri.

## EG Art Club

The East Greenwich Art Club was formed in 1959 by local artists who came together to support each other while developing their art. It is a vibrant organization today, promoting the production, exhibition, and sale of its member's art. Membership is available to both beginners, as well as seasoned artists. During the monthly meetings, demonstrations are given by various artists to help members improve their skills and learn about other approaches to create interesting works of art.

The club is friendly and membership is not limited to East Greenwich residents. Anyone who enjoys painting, photography, pottery, glasswork, sculpting, or just wants to learn about art, is encouraged to join. Meetings are conducted in a fun atmosphere, providing both technical support and camaraderie.

The East Greenwich Art Club is not currently meeting because of COVID-19 restrictions from the Rhode Island Department of Health directives. However, our board members are working together on Zoom to plan for the time when we will be able to resume indoors.

They have just scheduled a Spring Plein Air Meet Up at Goddard Park on Thursday, May 13, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All levels and media are welcome! If you would like to join in, contact them at pleinair@eastgreenwichartclub.org.

Membership inquiries may be sent to membership@eastgreenwichartclub.org, or on their website, eastgreenwichartclub.org, where you will find a form to sign up and updated information. You can also find them on their Facebook page by searching for East Greenwich Art Club.

## FEMA funeral assistance

People can apply for FEMA funeral assistance now by calling 1-844-684-

6333. Families who have lost a loved one to COVID-19 will be eligible for up to \$9,000 in reimbursement. There is no income cap, so nearly all families are eligible.

Interested applicants should start collecting their documents now. For more details on what you'll need, please visit fema.gov.

## Playgrounds open in the Park

The playgrounds are now open at the Johnston Memorial Park and please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times. Please be advised that the restrooms remain closed at this time.

## Be Kind RI

Be Kind RI is a new program that connects volunteers to their neighbors across RI through text alerts to coordinate food deliveries from grocery stores and food pantries. To sign up go to BeKindRI.org. Volunteers must be 18 or older and undergo our background check. Be Kind RI is open to those in RI experiencing COVID-19 risk factors including seniors 65 and older, anyone with underlying health conditions, those in quarantine or isolation, anyone experiencing a lack of childcare, and those who would otherwise experience difficulty in obtaining food. For assistance signing up, call 877-958-8785.

## Craft and activity kits at the library

Free craft and activity kits for children are available at the Mohr Library. Stop by the library to pick up one, or email Ms. Meri meri@mohrlibrary.org or call 231-4980 to make a reservation.

## Johnston Senior Center offers services

If you need any help with heating, housing, etc., during this cold winter or any other time, contact the Johnston Senior Center Social Services Department by calling 944-3343. Madeline or Amy will be happy to help you.

## News from the Mohr Memorial Library

Mohr Library is currently accessible to the

public during reduced hours but continues to offer curbside pickup and other services during its regular schedule. Services include curbside delivery; reference help by phone, email or in person; recommendation lists and one-on-one help to explore interests in reading, viewing and listening; printing from home or your device; use of computers and copier; and a free notary public, evenings and Saturdays by appointment.

## Johnston Community Library Book Club

Kids ages 8 to 10 can meet online, by invitation, Thursdays at 3 p.m. to hear readings and discuss books with library trustee and volunteer Denese Carpenter.

Interested in other times or want to suggest a book for discussion? Let them know.

Parents can learn more about sign-up procedures by contacting Library Director Jon Anderson. Email info@mohrlibrary.org or call 401-231-4980, ext. 7.

## Teen virtual programming

The Mohr Library is currently offering virtual versions of some of its teen programs as well as drop-in chats. They are all invite-only programs, so please contact the teen librarian at marissa@mohrlibrary.org to register or if you have any questions.

Art Club meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m. History Club meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 3 p.m. Drop-in chat days differ weekly, so please ask when registering.

## Help make a house a home

The Furniture Bank of RI, a nonprofit corporation, needs bureaus, complete twin or double beds, kitchen sets, mattresses, and other household furniture that you no longer need. To help a less fortunate family through your charitable donation of good used furniture, call 831-5511 to arrange for pick up. All donated articles must be in good condition.

## CCAP Chip for Charity golf tournament

Save the date - CCAP has announced plans to hold its 2021 Chip for Charity golf tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Harbor Light Golf Club in Warwick. Sponsorships and foursomes are available. For more details, contact CCAP's Lee Bellevue at (401) 562-8353 or lbeliveau@comcap.org.

As a nonprofit community action program, CCAP needs to raise funds to assist families it serves. A large number of families CCAP serves have lost their jobs, suffered an illness, or experienced a different type of crisis, usually through no fault of their own. Last year, CCAP touched the lives of more than 40,000 people and provided over \$1.2 million in uncompensated services.

Chip for Charity, presented by Neighborhood Health and Mutual of America, is CCAP's largest fundraiser during the year to benefit its programs and services.

## Did you know?

The traditional May Breakfast is held each year on May 1. Here is some history on how it began in Cranston! Many states have bean suppers, pancake breakfasts and strawberry festivals, but Rhode Island is known for May Breakfasts.

The May Breakfast tradition began in 1867 at the Old Quaker Meeting House, the first church in Cranston, in Oaklawn. Mrs. Ruby King Wilbur, president of the Searle's Corner Benevolent Society, originated the event to raise funds for a new building, borrowing the idea from the English May Day celebration. 466 people attended the first May Breakfast, helping to raise \$155.50. (Source: *May Breakfast Fun Facts*)

*SunriseScoops@aol.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events as well as virtual events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.*

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## Legal Notice Town of Johnston Notice of Abandonment

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 24-6-1 that Elmhurst Avenue as described in Johnston Town Ordinance 2021-3 has ceased to be useful to the public and is hereby abandoned. Ordinance 2021-3 an Ordinance in abandonment of Elmhurst Avenue was adopted at a public hearing at the April 12th, 2021 meeting of the Johnston Town Council and is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk.

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Cello Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 79 feet on a 68-foot building at the approx. vicinity of 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island 02908. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Lindsay Hollingsworth, l.hollingsworth@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.*

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# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Hindering our return to 'normal'

It seems as though we've been awaiting the coveted "return to normal" from a pandemic-stricken world for years now. And that's because, unbelievably, we have been waiting for over a year.

There are reasons to be optimistic about having a "normal" Rhode Island summer too. Restrictions are being lessened and the plan as of this moment is to allow full use of our beloved beaches. With an increasingly vaccinated population, outdoor and even indoor dining seems safer than at any point in post-COVID memory.

Air traffic at T.F. Green is showing signs of recovery, from a high of nearly 7,000 passengers screened on April 16, 2019, to a low of 116 screened on April 16, 2020. This past April 16, about 5,000 people went through security. This is tremendously encouraging for the hospitality industry in Warwick and all of Rhode Island.

Still, although Rhode Island currently boasts one of the best vaccination rates in the country – with well over half the population receiving a first dose and about 38 percent of the state being completely vaccinated – it is still too early to celebrate any victory over this dreaded disease.

Stories of vaccine supplies heavily outweighing demand are common throughout every state – and Rhode Island is no exception. In fact, WPRI reports that the state is likely to receive up to 50,000 unexpected additional doses from other states that have found themselves inundated with available shots, but can't find arms to accept them.

It seems almost unfathomable that the same nation that was leading the world in COVID-19 deaths and infection rates in the not-so-distant past – a time during which it seemed everyone was simply biding their time and hoping for a vaccine to become available as soon as possible – is now witnessing close to half its people turning up their noses at that very vaccine, which is now widely available to all but the youngest members of its society.

There are many reasons people might provide for their vaccine hesitancy, some of which are wholly ludicrous. It is appalling to hear people propagate variations of the conspiracy theory that the vaccine is somehow an insidious plot to install microchip tracking devices into the populace – particularly when people have posted and re-tweeted support of this insane concept using their GPS-enabled smart phones. News flash: they don't need a convoluted vaccine stunt to track you – your social media addiction has that covered.

Other reasons for hesitancy can at least be understood and respected. Black Americans may be less trusting of any governmental health initiative due to historic abuses they endured in the past, such as the Tuskegee experiments in the 1930s. Others may be concerned that, since the vaccine was developed so quickly, the long-term effects of its use may not be known. Some think that the risk of developing an extreme reaction to COVID-19 is less likely than developing a severe reaction to the vaccine – so why bother?

While we can respect and understand these types of concerns, we must simultaneously refer to the facts.

The bottom line is that the COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be incredibly safe and incredibly effective at preventing serious illness and death caused by the disease they safeguard against. COVID-19, on the other hand, has proven that it can permanently affect your respiratory system, rob you of your sense of smell and, as it has done to over 577,000 of your fellow Americans, it can kill you – no matter how healthy you are.

The risks of taking the vaccine do not in any way measure up to the risks of being unvaccinated – and to suggest otherwise is to ignore the undisputable evidence available to anybody willing to look for it. If we want a true return to normal, we must be able to overcome this vaccine hesitancy, which is based more out of fear and fiction rather than facts.

## Census results send a warning to RI

### Return to First Principles



by STEVE FRIAS

in 1839 to 120,920 by 1909. Meanwhile, its population grew from 108,830 in 1840 to 542,610 in 1910.

After the 1910 census, Rhode Island gained a third congressional seat. In reviewing the 1910 census results, the Providence Journal editorial board proudly declared that Rhode Island was "not a decadent state" and speculated that "unless a sudden and unexpected blight falls upon our manufacturing industries," Rhode Island would see more "vacant lots ... occupied by dwellings and factories." However, according to Kurt Mayer, a Brown University sociology professor, the year 1910 marked "a turning point in the demographic history of Rhode Island, bringing to a close what might be called its Golden Age."

From 1910 to 1970, Rhode Island's population growth only increased by ten percent every ten years. This decline in population growth coincided with the decline in Rhode Island's manufacturing employment, which began after the First World War. In order to wage war overseas, peace with labor had to be bought at home. In Rhode Island, textile wages increased by over 160 percent from 1916 through 1919. When the war ended, demand for textiles dropped and competition from southern textile mills, which paid its workers far less, increased. When Rhode Island mill owners tried to compete with southern factories by lowering the pay of its workers, violent strikes erupted. Mills began to close or move south. While the 1920s was

a time of prosperity in other industrial regions, Rhode Island saw a significant decrease in manufacturing employment.

After the 1930 census, Rhode Island lost its third congressional seat. After reviewing the 1930 census results, a Memphis newspaper not only bragged about how "Memphis has passed Providence" in population, but proclaimed a change in "the relative importance of New England and the New South" and concluded "the change has just begun." A Pawtucket resident sent a letter to the Providence Journal which included this Memphis newspaper editorial and warned that "the South will soon gain most of the East's population and industries."

The low-cost South was gaining. The Great Depression caused a further decrease in Rhode Island manufacturing employment. The Second World War boosted Rhode Island manufacturing, but it was only temporary. In 1946, the CIO's Operation Dixie failed to unionize the South. In 1947, Congress enacted the Taft-Hartley Act, which allowed states to pass right-to-work laws. The decline of manufacturing in Rhode Island accelerated. In 1919, Rhode Island manufacturing employment had peaked at 153,499, but by 1958, it had dropped to 114,511. Today, it stands at less than 40,000.

Unable to remake itself following this de-industrialization, for the last half century, Rhode Island's economic growth has lagged behind other states and its population has stagnated. From 1970 to 2020, Rhode Island's population only grew by about 16 percent and had the eighth-lowest population growth in the nation. Meanwhile, from 1977-2020, Rhode Island had about the 11th lowest growth in real GDP in

the country. In fact, Rhode Island was ranked last in population growth and in real GDP growth among the New England states during this time period.

Not only has Rhode Island's economy and population been slow to grow, but its stagnation has caused young, educated people to leave. For example, in 1997, the Providence Journal reported that during the recession of the early 1990s, Rhode Island "experienced a greater flight of its people," most of them of working age, "than any other state." In 2007, Providence Journal reported how "young, college-educated" adults were leaving Rhode Island and URI economist Leonard Lardaro warned of Rhode Island's "skill drain." Lastly, in 2012, the U.S. Census Bureau published a report showing that Rhode Island had a consistent net out-migration of its young, single, college-educated population since 1965.

Rhode Island was fortunate not to lose a congressional seat, but it may not be so lucky in 2030. To grow its population, Rhode Island needs to grow its economy. The economic policies that Rhode Island has followed for generations have not worked. Instead, Rhode Island should emulate low tax New Hampshire, which over the past half-century, had the fastest population growth and greatest real GDP growth in New England. Unless Rhode Island changes, ten years from now this state will probably lose a congressional seat, and my children, like other young educated people, will probably leave this state in pursuit of economic opportunity.

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# Sports

## Paye drafted 21st overall by Colts

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Providence native and Bishop Hendricken graduate Kwity Paye made history last Thursday night, becoming the first Rhode Islander in the modern draft era to be selected in the first round of the NFL Draft, as the Indianapolis Colts swiped him off the board with the 21st pick.

The 6-foot-4, 271-pound defensive end from Michigan was considered one of the best prospects at his position in this year's draft class. The Colts said goodbye to multiple defensive ends in free agency,

so they will likely be leaning heavily on the rookie from the start.

Paye was brought to the United States at six months old with his mother who was a Liberian refugee. They settled in Providence, and his goal was always to attend Bishop Hendricken to have a chance to play at a major college program and possibly the NFL.

His hard work paid off last week as it all came to fruition for both him and his

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**FUTURE STAR:** Providence native and Bishop Hendricken graduate Kwity Paye, who was drafted in the first round of last week's NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts. Paye, who played his college football at Michigan, was considered one of the best defensive ends in this year's draft class. (Herald file photo)



**SUPER BOWL BOUND:** Johnston's Hunter Remington picks up some yards. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)

## Super Bowl bound

### Panthers top Purple in 42-35 thriller

By RYAN D. MURRAY

The Panthers squeaked out a 42-35 victory against the Classical Purple on Friday night during a wild Division III Football Semifinal at Johnston high School.

Johnston quarterback Hunter Remington passed up the middle

to Dillion Stubbs for the game-winning touchdown with 28 seconds to play in the contest. It was both Stubb's second reception and second score of the game.

"I was just thinking to run hard," Stubbs said. "My quarterback did a great job looking for me and finding the open man. I want to thank my

whole entire team. They were balling out for us and everything."

Remington totaled five touchdowns in the contest, three passing and two rushing, while Classical senior running back Sam Baddoo had four rushing touchdowns.

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## Paye's drafting opens doors

History was made last Thursday to the surprise of very few, as Providence native and Bishop Hendricken alum Kwity Paye was selected 21st overall in the first round of the NFL Draft. Paye was selected by the Indianapolis Colts after a stellar career at Michigan.

This is a tremendous story for Paye, Hendricken and the entire Rhode Island sports community. From humble beginnings as the son of a Liberian refugee to a soon-to-be NFL star, it really is a tremendous accomplishment.

What does this mean for Paye?

What it means is that he has an opportunity to be one of the greatest athletes to ever come from the Ocean State. He was the first player from Rhode Island to be drafted in the first round of the modern draft era.

He is one of the youngest local stars to gain national stardom and from a physical talent standpoint, could make a case as the state's most dominant athlete ever. NFL talent evaluators say that he is a little bit raw in his technique and is still a work in progress, his draft selection was based more on physical traits and upside.

However, if he can meet the expectations that have been set, or even exceed them, we are looking at an all-time great from Rhode Island and a potential NFL superstar.

What does it mean for us here?

What it means is that even more light will be shed on our athletes, whether it is in football or not. The state has been gaining some traction over the past few years in terms of recruitment. It always kind of seemed like a matter of time.

### My pitch



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But with Paye? A first round selection in the NFL Draft? This will take it up another whole notch.

We all see the talent in this state every day, we know that there is outstanding athleticism around these parts. Outside recruiters are beginning to take notice, but now with this, it should be clear that Rhode Island should always be on the list of recruitment trips set by colleges looking for talent.

Thursday was a great day for the state. Hopefully this continues the momentum that has built over the past few years and helps things take off. Congrats, Kwity.

To continue with football, this past weekend was the opening round of the playoffs and they delivered.

Johnston beat Classical in a wild contest and Hendricken grinded out a tough win over North Kingstown, each will be competing in this weekend's state championships ... well, State Championship and Division III Super Bowl.

The Panthers have been the sneakiest great team of the spring if you ask me ... and that's not even hometown bias, I really don't know how this team hasn't generated more buzz.

Sure, the 2019 fall was

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# Hats off to our congressmen

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

As an angler, I for one was delighted to hear Rhode Island will be keeping two seats in Congress now that our population grew over four percent according to the 2020 census.

It would have been a painful choice if Rhode Islanders lost a seat and had to choose between Congressmen James Langevin and Congressman David Cicilino. Both Congressmen have been champions of habitat, fish and fishers, both commercial and recreational fishing.

They along with Senators Reed and Whitehouse have been at the forefront advocating for the fishing community in Rhode Island on climate change issues, water rise, ocean acidification, warming water, fish movement and allocations, plastics in our oceans, and advocating for Rhode Island seats on the Mid-Atlantic Council.

On behalf of fishers, we sure are happy we get to keep both congressmen and both seats.

By the way, members of Congress in Massachusetts have also been champions of fish and fisheries too. Congressman Keating and Senator Markey in Southeastern Massachusetts as well as congressmen Lynch and Moulton further north (to name a few) have always been active on fisheries issues.

## Overwhelming anglers want striped bass conservation

Striped bass are overfished and are in trouble. So the Atlantic States Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), that manages striped bass in state waters, developed and asked for comments on a Public Information Documents (PID). The PID will be used to draft Amendment 7 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan that aims to rebuild the stock.

The commission received 3,063 comments and on Tuesday, April 27, the American Saltwater Guides Association (ASGA) released their analysis. The ASGA said, "It would be an understatement to say that conservation won in a landslide." Highlights are listed below, for a complete analysis visit <https://saltwaterguidesassociation.com/striped-bass-public-comments-are-in-heres-what-they-say/>.

Issue 1: Management plan goals and objectives. 1672 comments received on this issue. 22 suggested changing the Goals and Objectives. 295 wanted the

species managed for abundance. 43 came in for flexibility while 1292 came in for consistent coastwide regulations.

Issue 2: Reference points. 2778 comments regarding changing the Biological Reference Points (BRPs), and 2668 — 96 percent — of those recommended maintaining 1995 as the base year.

Issues 3 and 4: Management triggers and rebuilding timelines. 209 wanted no change in the five management triggers, while 185 wanted the triggers adjusted to react more quickly and more specifically. Every single comment regarding the rebuilding timeline wanted 10 years or less.

Issue 5: Regional management. Most said this is a migratory stock that needs consistent coastwide management. Only 5 percent supported regional management.

Issue 6: Conservation Equivalency (CE). There were 3758 comments on CE. 1.22 percent said its use should remain status-quo. 1527 said it should not be used while overfishing is occurring. 1463 said that if it is used, the states employing CE must be held accountable. 612 stated consideration.

## Where's the bite?

Striped bass fishing is improving. I caught (very) small school bass in Greenwich Cove Sunday. Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "Anglers have been catching school bass but now the fish are getting larger with a keeper striped bass caught Saturday night in the Seekonk River. "School striped bass are in the Pawcatuck River, coves and estuaries but no reports of multiple keepers being caught," said Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly. John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside, said, "No reports of keepers, but anglers are catching school bass from shore at Sabin Point and along Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence."

"Tautog fishing has been hit or miss for customers. One fished Conimicut Light this weekend and limited out and another could hook up with any keepers there," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle. "Tautog fishing picked up this weekend with large keepers caught by Capt. BJ Silvia of Flippin-Out Charters and Billy Silvia reached his commercial ten fish limit this week fishing the mouth of Bristol Harbor." said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle.



**PATIENCE PAYS OFF:** John Migliori caught this 23-inch, 10-pound tautog off Aquidneck Island, RI. He has been targeting tautog since the season opened. (Submitted photo)

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## ■ Panthers

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"He was great," Johnston head coach Joe Acciaro said on Baddoo. "They've got a lot of good skill guys. But, we were concerned about Marquis Buchanan and we just figured that Sam would run the ball, and obviously we wanted to stop him, but he really did a good job."

On the first play of the game, Remington faked a handoff to Deremy Stubbs before taking it himself 70 yards to pay dirt, which gave the Panthers a 6-0 lead. Johnston tacked on two points after that when Remington hooked up with Joe Acciaro in the end zone for a 2-point conversion and extended the Panthers lead to 8-0.

A minute and a half later, Classical cut the deficit to 8-7 when Baddoo rushed 28 yards to pay dirt and kicker Tyler Lee made an extra point.

With 6:10 remaining in the first frame, Remington found Tom Zednik in the end zone and upped the Panthers advantage to 14-7. After that, the junior signal caller was sacked during the 2-point conversion attempt.

Early in the second quarter, Remington tossed a missile through the middle to Zednik for a 25-yard gain to the Classical 1. Next, the signal caller ran a keeper into pay dirt and upped the Panthers margin to 20-7. Then, Deremy Stubbs scored the two points after via a rush, and that increased the Johnston buffer to 22-7, and that's where the teams stood at halftime.

Classical received the ball to start the second half, but lost possession when quarterback Jalen Dennis' lateral pass to Baddoo fell incomplete, result-

ing in a fumble, which was recovered by Johnston junior Ryan Schino at midfield.

From there, Deremy Stubbs took over.

First, Stubbs rushed 30 yards to the Classical 20, and then the senior found pay dirt job on the next play. That score increased the Panthers lead to 28-7. Remington overthrew Zednik on the 2-point conversion attempt after that.

Baddoo inched Classical within 28-14 when he rushed two yards up the gut and in for a score with 4:49 remaining in the third quarter.

Next, the Purple executed a successful onside kick, which was recovered by Classical senior Sam Clerjuste at the Johnston 30.

With 3:39 left in the third quarter, Baddoo rushed into pay dirt from six yards out and cut the Classical deficit to 28-20. Lee missed the extra point attempt after that.

Three minutes into the fourth frame, Baddoo rushed in a touchdown from five yards out, and then Buchanan ran a keeper in during the 2-point conversion, and that evened the score at 28.

Then, with 3:56 left, the Purple drew their first lead at 34-28 when Dennis dumped the ball off to Elijah Nyahkoon, who brought it 25 yards for a touchdown. Next, Lee made the extra point and extended the Classical lead to 35-28.

With 2:42 left, Remington tossed a dart through the middle to Dillon Stubs, who brought it in for a touchdown and that pulled the Panthers within 35-34. However, Johnston came up short when Deremy Stubbs' rush attempt during the 2-point conversion attempt was denied.

At that point, it looked like Classical may have had the game in the bag, but with just 46 seconds left, Baddoo fumbled a direct snap, during a fourth-and-7, and the ball sailed backwards to the Classical 26 and the Panthers took over possession from there.

First, Remington passed to the right sideline and found Acciaro at the 18. Next, Remington passed up the middle to Dillon Stubbs, who brought the ball in for a score with 28 seconds left and that put the Panthers back on top at 40-35. Then, during the 2-point conversion, Remington completed a pass to Acciaro and that extended the Johnston buffer to 42-35.

And the Panthers held on from there.

"We're all happy," Dillon Stubbs said. "The whole team's happy and I'm so happy for this team. Our line did a great job blocking for us and everything, and I appreciate it."

The Panthers head coach was relieved after a rollercoaster of a second half.

"There were a lot of things happening that game," Acciaro said. "We did well defensively, initially. And we knew after halftime that they'd make adjustments and make a comeback, I just wasn't expecting it like that. Hats off to them. This was just one of those games."

Acciaro felt the whole team contributed to getting the win.

"Our defensive coordinator Matt Velino had a very good defensive game plan and we stuck 'ride or die' by it and the kids bought in," Acciaro said. "And Brandon Parillo, our offensive coordinator, he did a great job too. The coaching staff - my assistants did a great job, the line did a great job, and all the skill



**RUNNING THE BALL:** Johnston's Dillon Stubbs picks up some yards against Classical in the semifinals.

guys did a great job. There were a lot of different people making plays. The defensive tackles did well, and then the linebacker made a big play, and then the fumble recovery. It really was spread out and the team came together and they answered the call when they had to. I'm super proud of them. These guys deserve to have a fun season to

wrap things up." Next, the No. 2 seeded Panthers move on to play the No. 1 seeded Coventry Oakers in the D-III Super Bowl on Saturday. "I'm going to take this in," Acciaro said. "And we'll start right up, I'm sure tomorrow morning at some point, and just put another game plan together."

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## ■ Pitch

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supposed to be the team's breakout and they laid an egg. They missed the playoffs multiple years in a row, struggled to produce, I get why they were not the top team heading into the season.

But now, they're 4-0 overall and have been dominant on offense and have held their own on defense. The only hiccup was this past week against Classical where they got dragged into a shootout, but either way, the Panthers got it done.

Hunter Remington can sling it and poses a threat with his feet ... he has emerged as a top quarterback not only in the division but in the state. Tom Zednik has lived up to the hype and has been a force all year.

Joey Acciaro has been totally overlooked this season, the kid can flat out fly with the ball in his hands. Deremy and Dillon Stubbs have been a big 1-2 punch out of the backfield.

The biggest question remains the defense in my opinion.

Although Johnston's defense shut teams down this regular season, the competition was a bit inconsistent. This week against Classical, a legitimate playoff team, the defense struggled and was bailed out by the offense.

Johnston has some size up front, a solid crop of linebackers and speed in the back. The Panthers have enough to play good defense, but it will be another tough challenge this week against Coventry who has been unstoppable in the division.

Don't get me wrong, the Panthers need

to play to their strength which is on offense. I'm no coach, but I feel that they would be best served to let Remington drop back and sling it. Spread the Oakers out, put a pace on them, and let it rip.

Defensively, it's going to take Johnston's best performance of the season. Either way, this should be a fascinating matchup between two of the state's most fun teams to watch.

Hendricken and La Salle will be adding another chapter to their historic rivalry. I know most people are a bit tired of the matchup, and I don't blame you one bit, but I am actually looking forward to this time around more than any other because of how evenly-matched these clubs are.

The Hawks have dominated the matchup over the past decade except for the one loss in 2017. This year though, the Hawks have some questions despite being undefeated.

They lost their top defensive player this season due to injury in Notre Dame-commit Jason Onye. The defensive line has had enough depth to manage without him, but that is certainly a different dynamic. Also, the Hawks have made a recent change at quarterback with David Lynch. He has served admirably, but how will he hold up on the big stage?

Meanwhile, the Rams have been every bit as good as the Hawks, and in some weeks, have looked better. I just can't wrap my head around a scenario in which this game does not go down to the wire. It really is such a close matchup.

Considering the pandemic and the issues I mentioned above, this will be one of the more impressive championships that the Hawks collect if they get it done.



OLD DAYS: Kwity Paye during his time at Bishop Hendricken.

## ■ Paye

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mother.

"It's been a great couple days for Hendricken football. We're just so proud of him for everything and everything that he's done. I'm looking forward to seeing him make a positive difference in that Indianapolis community not just on the field but off of it. I know that he's going to try to do some great things," said Bishop Hendricken Head Coach Keith Croft.

Croft is excited to see Paye's impact next fall and is happy to see him be selected by a top-notch organization in Indy.

"They've got some young guys on defense, they've got a few other pass rushers there. I think that they're excited about

having him there and he fits the mold of what they're trying to do defensively. The people I've spoken to, including his agent, have really raved about the class of the organization. I'm happy for Kwity, It's going to be fun to watch him play the next couple of years," said Croft.

Prior to Hendricken's home playoff game against North Kingstown last weekend, the school did a video tribute to Paye which played at halftime as well. Hawks running back Isaiah Emmanuel had a big game in the win, and sees Paye as a source of inspiration for all Rhode Islanders that are looking to make a name for themselves on the gridiron.

"It's awesome, seeing him be drafted in the first round, it's so motivational," said Emmanuel. "His story is amazing and I want to aspire to be just like him."

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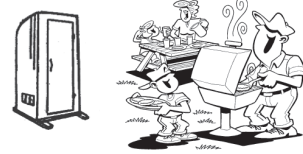
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2020 was a challenging year for all businesses with the pandemic, Christina wanted to ensure her members and those in the community had a way to stay active during quarantines. Rondeau's kickboxing immediately started offering virtual classes. She was able to bring her workouts right into

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When asked how the Covid Pandemic has impacted her business, Christina stated, "without a doubt, 2020 was the most challenging time span, once we were able to open the doors, we had to adjust quickly to be able to meet the guidelines set by the state. Workouts are crucial to the mind, body, and soul and I believe were very important to everyone in 2020 to keep positive and focused on their health."

Christina has recently launched Slimmer Me a supplement company with a new protein drink called Magic Amino Powder. Celebrity Shana Moakler recently trained with Christina and has been talking about Christina and the product on her social media. Christina's passion for over 30 years has been driven by being able to make a difference in people's lives. Her goal is to impact and make a difference in as many people as she possibly can, by continuing to offer her services at Rondeaus Kickboxing as little Rhody's Celebrity Trainer.




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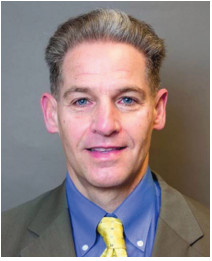
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Lymphedema is a swelling of the superficial tissues. Typically it is a consequence of removal of the lymph nodes. Historically, there has been poor quality data and only moderately helpful treatments for this entity. The difficulty with this entity is that we do not know that it exists until it develops as swelling. Once swelling develops, for the most part, it is a lifelong diagnosis requiring lifelong treatment, and is not reversible. It is quoted to affect 2 to 7% of breast cancer patients undergoing sentinel lymph node biopsy and between 10 to 50% of patients undergoing full axillary dissection, on the higher end in those that also require radiation. In the last decade or so, survivorship, or helping patients through the consequences of their cancer treatments and helping them to establish a better quality of life, has come to the forefront of

patient education and research. With that, researching the topic, establishing protocols, which have resulted in a better understanding of this entity.

Along those lines, there have been some significant advances in the surgical prevention and as well as management, and potentially reversing lymphedema.

I took a course almost 2 years ago at our annual meeting, at which I learned several different surgical techniques that have been shown to reduce the risk for development of lymphedema, even in those scenarios where they require

the most invasive surgeries (axillary dissection and radiation). I have been using these in practice since that time, so far, with good results. In addition, there is a device that can be used to both establish a baseline for patients prior to lymph node surgery as well as be used to track them after that surgery to look for evidence of lymphedema prior to developing as swelling. This is called bio impedance. The trade name for the device we are using is called SOZO. Studies have shown that if it is identified and managed before the swelling starts, over the course of a month, in the

vast majority of patients, we are able to prevent full-blown lymphedema, and does not result in a lifelong diagnosis requiring treatment. We began using this device in The Breast Health Center as of December 2020.

We are now in the process of establishing a database to be able to track our own patients and develop a number of research initiatives within The Breast Health Center. Additionally, we are incorporating the GYN oncology service, which also performs a lot of lymph node surgery, and thus, has a significant proportion of their patients develop lymphedema. We will begin to use this bio impedance device in that patient population in the near future. The potential implications that this particular application provides is the ability to try these new surgical techniques which we are currently using in breast cancer patients, on that patient population to see if we can improve lymphedema rates in them as well. This, in the very early stages of development.

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Miss Erica holds the rapt attention of a room full of eager Pre-K children who have gathered to hear her read *Lola Plants a Garden* at Little Angels Daycare. A perfect activity for a rainy day in spring at this enchanting childcare center in Johnston.

day. The center, which has Bright Star's coveted ratings, has worked tirelessly to create a secure, safe, colorful, joyful, and thoughtful environment. Great effort has been made with every decision, from the state-mandated curriculum goals to the toys, books, and activity centers to the outdoor playground. This is a place with predictable routines where love abounds.

During these ever-changing days, Carol and Sarah have done everything to accommodate those seeking childcare, beginning with their new "Referral Program." In this program, families who refer other families can receive up to 20% off their own tuition.

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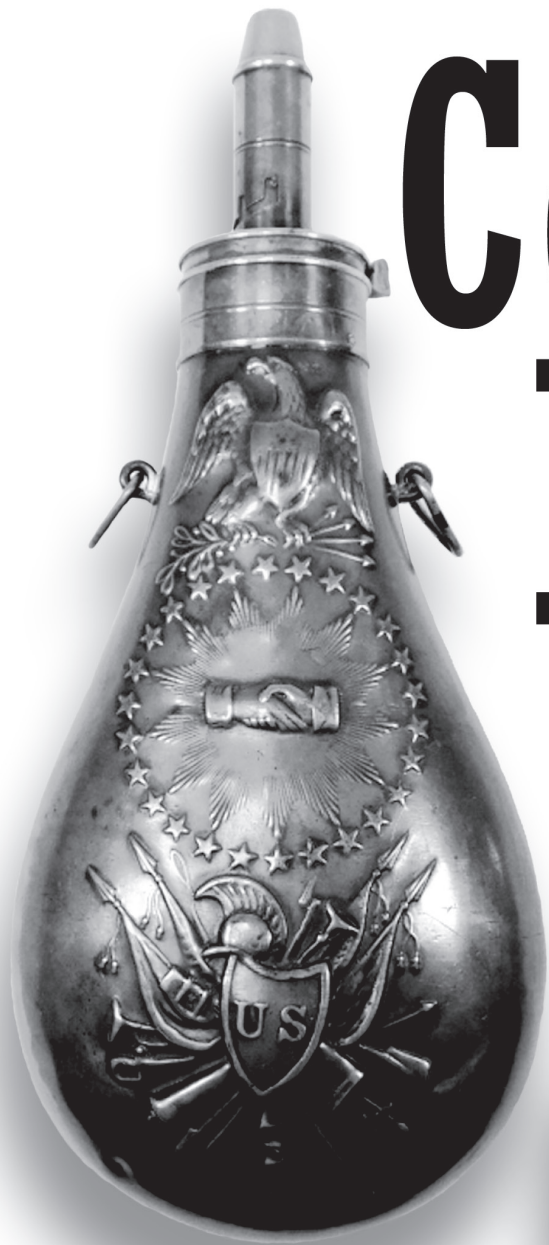
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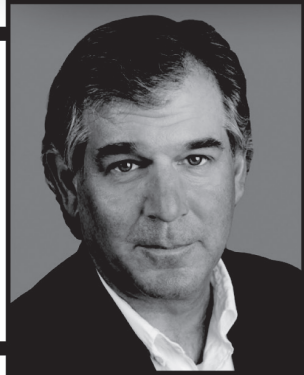
# COLLECTIBLES

## Collecting Powder Flasks



When talking about containers that hold powder, I tend to focus on the early carved powder horns because they are so attractive. But there are later flasks that are interesting and have value, as well as those that are a lot more affordable in some cases than their carved ancestors.

As the horn began to fall out of favor, other flasks made from leather, copper, brass, and tinned iron began to be used. Some of the brass and copper flasks can be die stamped with hunting scenes, foliate designs, as well as some military flasks with a bugle, "US," and other patriotic motifs. Some arms makers had their own flasks made, one being the Massachusetts Arms Company. They made a flask to go with their pistols with foliate designs, crossed flags, an arm and hand with a pistol, marked "MASSACHUSETTS/ARMS/COMPANY/CHICOPEE FALLS." on both sides. In good condition these small flasks are collected widely. Pistol flasks that are plain or with a hunting scene can be purchased fairly cheaply today but are a good way to get into collecting this type of material. Other pistol flasks were made for other companies like Colt. Some of those can bring high dollars depending on what gun they are for.



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For example, a flask made for a Colt Paterson revolver can cost almost \$5,000.00 compared to a small hunting flask that may cost \$40.00. Like most collecting fields it pays to do a little bit of research. Colt also had pistol flasks for their dragoon series of revolvers, as well as the Model 1849 pocket pistols and later martial revolvers. Those can be in the few hundred-dollar range to \$400.00-\$500.00.

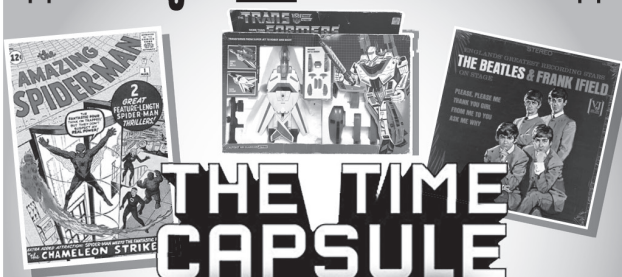
There are also rifle flasks and the examples that have the most value are military, not civilian made for hunting. There are a variety of examples from the bugle eagle flasks to the so-called "Peace Flask," one of the dullest looking examples

is for the Hall rifle. It is made from tinned iron that is soldered together and then japanned in black paint. It was a dual-purpose flask in that it held not only powder, but it had a second compartment for lead ball with a spring, lever, and spout for each side of the flask. It was slung with a piece of leather sewn around the middle with a leather strap that buckled to a leather tab sewn on the front. These are very rare and can sell in the \$4,000.00 range when they appear on the market.

A great reference for identifying flasks is *The Powder Flask Book* by Ray Riling. It was published in 1953 and while it does not give values (they would be way outdated anyway) it is a fantastic reference to identify the type of flask you have.

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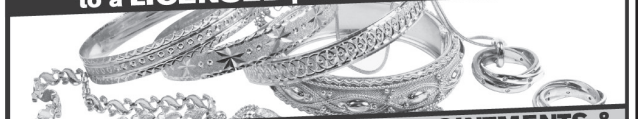
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