



Flippin' fun

Retired Johnston Special Officer David Izzo and Patrolman Chuck Psilopoulos cooked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, and flipped burgers and hot dogs on the grill in preparation for the Night Out feast. For full coverage, turn to Page 6. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

Open for comment?

Residents seeking to be heard on 'Schooner' face challenging timeline

By RORY SCHULER

Residents of Johnston encounter a Catch-22 when they want to speak at a duly advertised public meeting of a town governmental board.

Those who address a public body, like the Town Council, are urged to speak on issues included on that meeting's agenda.

Residents, however, need to file a request with the town clerk to be included on the agenda, before that specific agenda is available for public consumption.

Take next week's Town Council meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10, for example.

Monday is Victory Day in Rhode Island, a state holiday. Town Council meetings are typically held on Mondays, but next week the meeting has been moved to Tuesday. The Johnston School Committee will be holding its monthly meeting at the same time, on the same day.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 4, the agenda for the Town Council meeting had yet to be finalized, but the deadline was about to expire for residents who would like to be heard at the meeting.

Cancellation of Planning Board meeting draws criticism, questions

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Johnston Town Clerk Vincent P. Baccari Jr. said Wednesday afternoon that Town Council agendas are typically finalized by the end of the business day on Thursdays, and filed with the Secretary of State's office.

Requests to address the Town Council, however, must be submitted prior to the posting of the agenda.

"Requests must be received five days before the date of the meeting," Baccari said. "Though sometimes you run into a holiday situation, and we need to post the meeting 48 hours before the meeting, not including holidays and weekends."

Baccari said that the deadline to file a request to be heard at the Aug. 10 meeting was 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

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Window to the past

Conservation work planned at Clemence-Irons House

By RORY SCHULER

Only spiders reside in the dark second floor. Scant streams of sunlight illuminate their few wispy webs, which have been strung between arched banister rails. The house is dark. The windows are tiny. Following further historical renovations, the house may be darker. The windows may be smaller. But the house will be more like it would have been 330 years ago. The Clemence-Irons House is a rare surviving stone-ender. The term "stone-ender" refers to a style of architecture, where one end of the home has been primarily composed of a stone wall, and the rest is primarily constructed of wood, according to Historic New England



BROKEN GLASS: Historic New England representative Dan Santos, regional site administrator for Southern New England inspects a broken window at the Clemence-Irons House in Johnston. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)



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BACKYARD SPACE The Wizard Nebula

By Lucas Maguire
Special to the Sun Rise

Located in the constellation Cepheus, 7,200 light-years away from Earth is a mass of interstellar gas surrounding a star cluster known as NGC 7380. This target is extremely difficult to observe visually unless at an absolute dark sky site with an OIII Filter. The way the gas disperses causes it to take a shape that resembles a Wizard.

This Image was taken over the course of 2 imaging nights in between all these clouds. I used three separate narrowband filters to capture signal from three different gasses found in most nebulae. The three filters are H-alpha, Oxygen-III, and Sulpher-II. I used each image and combined them into an RGB image to bring out the colors of the nebulosity. The use of these three filters are commonly known for producing the "Hubble Palette" as found in Hubble's deeps space images.

Gear Used:

- Imaging cameras: QHYCCD QHY183M
- Mounts: SkyWatcher EQ6R-Pro
- Guiding telescopes or lenses: William Optics 50mm Guidescope rotolock William Optics 50mm F/4 Guide Scope
- Guiding cameras: ZWO ASI120MM-Mini ASI120MM-Mini
- Focal reducers: Williams Optics Flat73A
- Software: Adobe Phosotshop CC · PixInsight · NINA 10.1 · Sharpcap · PHD2
- Guiding 2.62 PHD2.62 · Deek Sky Stacker
- Filters: Astronomik OIII 1.25" 6nm · Optolong SII 1.25" 6.5nm · Astronomik Ha 1.25" 6nm
- Dates: July 30, 2021
- Frames: 45x600" (7h 30')
- Integration: 7h 30'
- Avg. Moon age: 21.19 days
- Avg. Moon phase: 60.17%

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lucas "Luc" Maguire captured this image from his backyard in Johnston. He will be submitting his deep space images to the Sun Rise for publication each week. Maguire's photography can also be found at his Instagram account @oceanstateastro and his Twitter feed @OceanStateAstro.

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SUN RISE SCOOPS

By MERI R. KENNEDY

Save the date for St. Mary's Road Race

This year's 49th annual St. Mary's Feast Society 5.5-Mile Road Race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14. Save the date, start training and stay tuned for more information.

Church seeking vendors for bazaar

Our Lady of Grace Church, located at 4 Lafayette St. in Johnston, would like invite vendors to participate in its Holiday Bazaar on Oct. 17. There will be crafters, vendors, a penny social, food and more. For information, contact Pat Leon at (401) 529-7592.

Johnston Senior Center back in action

The dining room at the Johnston Senior Center is now open daily, Monday to Friday, at noon. For reservations, call Brenda at 944-3343, ext. 109.
A trip to Myrtle Beach is planned for six

days and five nights, Sept. 12-17, at the price of \$998 per person (double occupancy) and \$1,287 for single occupancy. Contact Ellen at 944-3343 for further information.

On a weekly basis, the center offers the following activities.

Mondays: Walk away the pounds from 9-9:30 a.m. and crafts at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays: Bocce from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tai Chi at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Quilting at 9:30 a.m., bocce at 9:30 a.m., Zumba from 10-10:45 a.m. and Chair Strong & Fit at 11 a.m.

Thursdays: Walk away the pounds at 9:30 a.m., bocce from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Fridays: Line Dancing from 10-10:45 a.m. and Zumba from 11-11:45 a.m.

Help the 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, etc. Nothing broken or soiled.

MS Dream Center seeks 'Exceptional Individual' nominees

The MS Dream Center is looking to reward outstanding individuals in the community by recognizing their efforts to "make a difference," and we need your help! Nominate someone for the "Exceptional Individual Contest" and tell us why you think that person is deserving of being acknowledged.

Three people will be chosen and each will receive two tickets to the upcoming "An Evening to Remember" event on Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Each person will receive

special recognition at the event.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 1, via online submission at msdreamcenter.org; please include contact information of nominator and nominee as winners will be contacted directly. Winners will be determined by representatives of the MS Dream Center and Accessible RI.

Did you know?

August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar and originated with the Roman calendar. It has 31 days because Augustus wanted as many days as Julius Caesar's month of July had. (Source: August Fun Facts)

SunriseScoops@aol.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and non-profit 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.

Rock for Autism raises over \$22,000 for the Autism Project

By RYAN CHAMPLIN
Special to the Sun Rise

Brothers of the Bands hosted the second Rock for Autism Summer Music Festival on July 18 at Tavern on the Hill in West Greenwich. The proceeds of the event, totaling more than \$22,000, were donated to The Autism Project.

The Autism Project, located in Johnston, is a local New England nonprofit working to improve the lives of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disor-

ders through training, consulting, Camp WANNA-GOAGAIN!, Social Skills groups, and family support.

Tickets for the music festival were sold at other shows and events, all in the name of supporting the community. After a tumultuous past year and a half, Brothers of the Bands is providing a way to donate to a good cause, while supporting bands, artists, and venues as they get back on their feet.

Brothers of the Bands is a Facebook group that

promotes bands and live music events in the Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts areas. The bands that rocked the house were The Senders, 21 Guns, Who Made Who and Crushed Velvet. The Autism Project would like to thank Raymond Roy, Karen Baglini, Madison Roy, Arielle Roy, Jared Larochelle, Tommy Willis, Steve Marano, Tavern on the Hill Staff, Alisha Parente of Tavern on the Hill, and Roch's Market for their support in making this happen.



BIG CHECK: From right to left, Kristen Steiner, Autism Project Senior Development Manager, Joanne Quinn, Director of the The Autism Project, Raymond Roy, of Rock for Autism Music Festival and Brothers of the Bands, and Karen Baglini, of the Rock for Autism Music Festival, pose with a giant check representing more than \$22,000 raised at this year's event.

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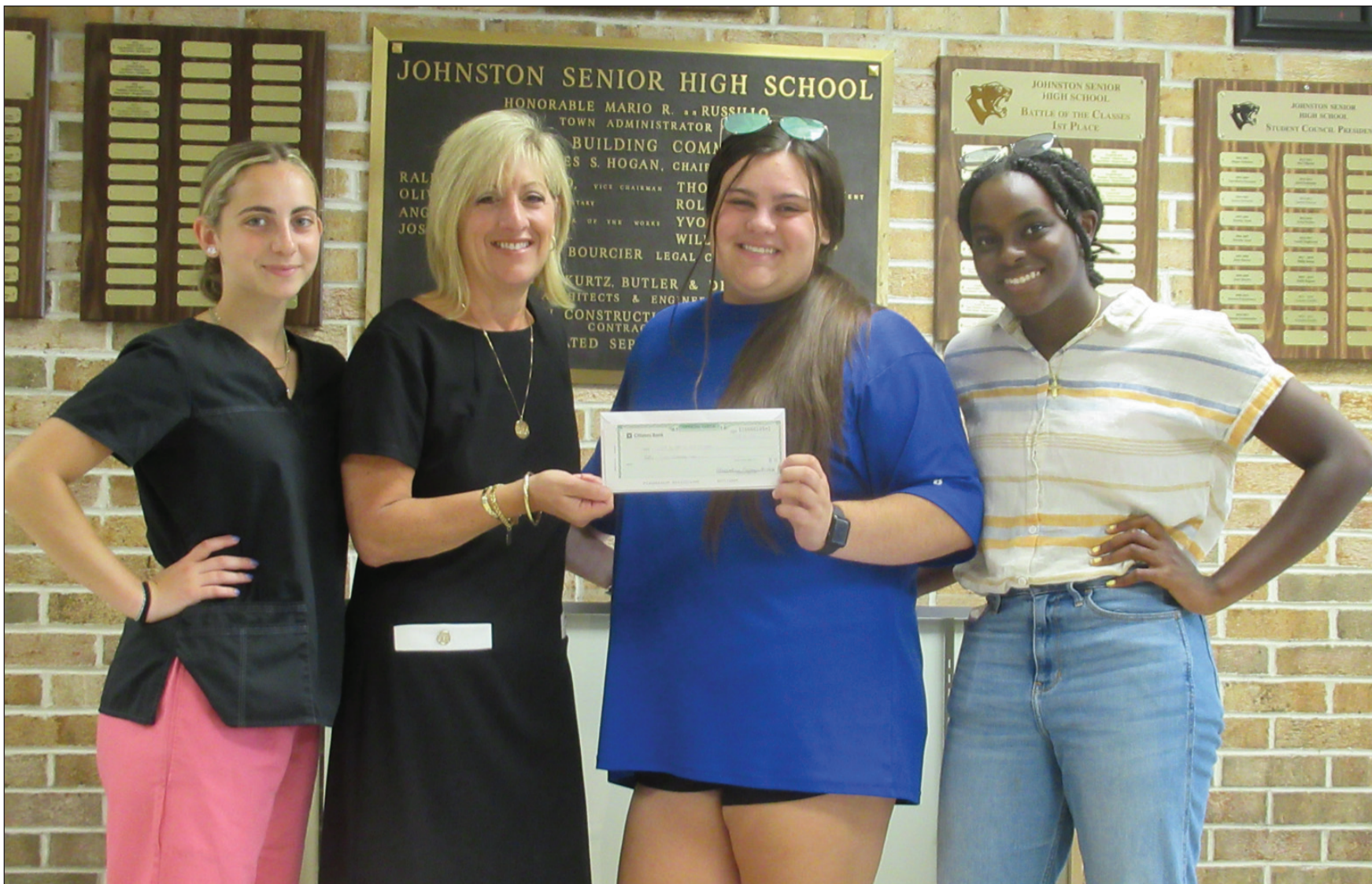
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GRAND GIVERS: Rebecca Clements, president of the Johnston High School Student Council, presents a \$1,000 check to Lisa Abbanante, Executive Director of The Tomorrow Fund, as class of 2022 president Charlene Hohlmaier (left) and class of 2023 president Josephine Olagundye look on. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

Johnston High's Student Council supports Tomorrow Fund

By PETE FONTAINE

Move over COVID-19 – the Student Council at Johnston High School is not about to let the pandemic, or anything else for that matter, stand in the way of raising money, especially when the mission is to help families whose children have been stricken with cancer.

The JHS Student Council, which is made up of 25 students – six members from each class – held another prolific presentation last week and presented a \$1,000 check to Lisa M. Abbanante, executive director of the award-winning and highly-acclaimed Tomorrow Fund that's based at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

"To raise money, the Student Council holds Dress Down days on Friday's during the school year," said president Rebecca Clements. "Officers from each class volunteer to come into school early that day and set up a breakfast for the teachers, who in turn donate money to be given to the group's choice of charity."

In keeping with tradition, as Clements said with a special smile on her face, "we again chose The Tomorrow Fund. We all think it is a great way to raise money for different organizations, especially the tomorrow Fund."

Moreover, as Clements and each of the Student Council's top officers related during the fun-filled presentation: "It is

also a good way to get the teachers involved. They really enjoy getting to dress down and have a treat on Fridays, while giving generous donations to the organization we are raising money for."

To which Greg Russo, who has long served as the Student Council's faculty advisor and has created many unique programs on Cherry Hill, added: "This donation was extra special, given the pandemic, etc., and everyone enjoys donuts, banana bread, juice, granola bars, muffins and of course a nice good morning cup of coffee."

The annual breakfast, which held outside the main office or inside the Janice D. Mele Memorial Library, is always spe-

cial and features a menu made up by members of the Student Council.

Charlene Hohlmaier, who is president of the JHS class of 2022, and Josephine Olagundoye, president of the class of 2023, took part in presenting the appreciative Abbanante the check that totaled \$1,000.

"This is always extra, extra special," Abbanante said of the Student Council's annual donation. "A diagnosis of childhood cancer is devastating and changes everything, not only for the patient, but for the family. The unexpected journey these children and families face is life altering. Each journey through childhood cancer is different; different diagnosis, different

treatments and sadly different outcomes."

Yet, as Abbanante emphasized: "One thing is true for all families, they need additional assistance beyond medical care to cope with the many challenges and harsh realities that accompany this traumatic disease. For this reason, The Tomorrow Fund exists and its groups like the Student Council that have since 1985 provided financial and emotional help through their many unique fundraising programs."

To date, The Tomorrow Fund – which is solely a nonprofit and depends grants, gifts and generosity from the community -- has helped more than 2,000 children and their families.

Speak with the living voices of history

By JON ANDERSON
Special to the Sun Rise

We are closed for Victory Day Monday. There is no subject heading in the library catalog for this state holiday, but a broad range of topics connect to the story of World War II and it's end, and the experience of those abroad and at home. Even on our coast people saw ar-

tillery, as shown in "Defenses of Narragansett Bay" by Walter K. Shroder. One in 10 Rhode Islanders served in the military, and the war effort required much sacrifice from everyone.

"What Did You Do During the War, Grandma?" is a 1989 collection by South Kingstown High School students, of stories of women who were soldiers

or worked for wartime industries. It's the idea behind storycorps.org, where you can search for conversations between family. Another book in our collection is "Graniteville Went to War." The book "World War II Letters," ed. Bill Adler, lets us see the words of loved ones separated. The narratives of war correspondent W.C. Heinz

in "When We Were One" make you feel almost like you're there.

The brutality of the war in the Pacific Theater is described in "War Without Mercy" an award-winning book By MIT professor John Dower, who won the Pulitzer prize for another book, about post-war Japan, "Embracing Defeat," which includes the story

of U.S. occupation, rebuilding, and the cultural struggles of Americanizing and "Japanizing" that ended with Japan a close ally. In another theater, brutal defeat is described in "Italy's Sorrow" by James Holland, and a story of the rebuilding of Europe is told in "The Long Road Home" by Ben Shephard. There's much more.

The library can help to provide the record of voices past. Victory Day can remind us to look, and to speak with the living voices of history while they're here.

Editor's note: Jon Anderson serves as the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library Director. Watch for his column weekly in the Johnston Sun Rise.

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SPECIAL STAFF: Saint Rocco's Church Sisters Donna, Marie Antoinette and Daisy, who will all play a huge part in the upcoming feast and festival, join Church Friends Association president Ralph Ciunci in the parish's beautiful St. Francis Garden after a meeting Sunday morning. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

St. Rocco's readies for 81st Feast and Festival

By PETE FONTAINE

Three ladies – namely Sr. Marie, Antoinette, Sr. Daisy and Sr. Donna – as well as Ralph Ciunci are gearing up for the annual Saint Rocco's Feast and Festival, which will make its 81st appearance from Aug. 12-15 in Johnston.

"The sisters will perform a number of duties throughout the festival," offered long-time co-chairman Richard Montella, who serves as president of the Holy Name Society. "They all enjoy working at the feast as well as meeting and greeting hundreds of people and the festival goers really love seeing them, too."

Montella, who shares his role with the ageless John Ricci, met with the three sisters and Ciunci, president of Saint Rocco's CFA (Church Friends Association) and the parish accountant, Sunday morning in the well-manicured and now decorated St. Francis Garden to go over a special raffle featuring two beautiful religious articles that will be part of an important raffle during the festival that dates back to 1940.

"This year we have two statues for our religious raffle," Montella announced. "We have the Infant of Prague and The Holy Family and both these items are absolutely beautiful."

Tickets for the raffle, which will be drawn at conclusion of the four-day feast and festival, are priced at seven for only \$10 and may be purchased inside the parish office during regular business hours.

Montella and Ciunci also issued an invitation for people to purchase a "Major Donor" ticket for \$100 that will feature 10 percent of the total proceeds given as the major raffle prize. The drawing will be held on Sunday evening, Aug 15 at the close of the feast and festival and as both men said: "Thank you to all the people who have already purchased tickets that will benefit our overall parish operation."

Anyone who'd like to become part of that growing list should call (401) 942-5203.

There was another religious announcement Sunday listing those priests who will preside over the Triduum of Mass and Candlelight Procession from Aug. 9-11.

The Liturgical Schedule will begin on Aug. 9 with Rev. Stephen Battey, pastor of Pope St. John Paul II from Pawtucket, conducting the Homily. On Aug. 10, Rev. Joshua Barrow, pastor of St. Theresa's in Pawtucket, will celebrate the Mass, followed on Wednesday, Aug. 11, by Rev. Cesar Jaramillo of the Diocese of Paterson,



SPECIAL SALTUE: In keeping with the tradition of Saint Rocco's annual Feast and Festival, this huge Italian flag is hung over the entrance to the church as another example of the classic celebration that will be held from Aug. 12-15 in Johnston.

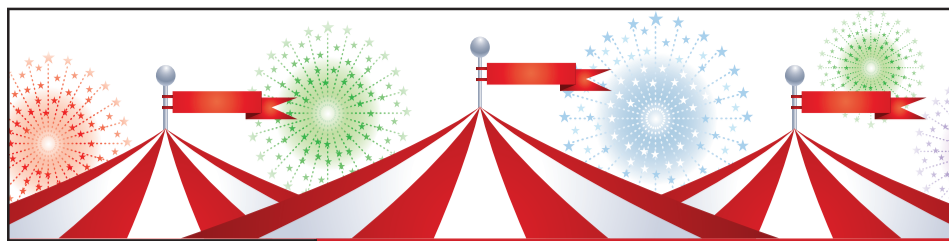
New Jersey. All of the services will begin at 7 o'clock each night. The latter Mass will be followed by the traditional Candle Light Procession.

Rev. Angelo N. Carusi, pastor a Saint Rocco Catholic Church, will celebrate the Feast Mass at 11 o'clock with the always colorful procession taking place immediately following.

The festival, which will run from Aug. 12-15 and feature fine food, games, rides, entertainment, beer and wine, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. and from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday. Early Bird Food Tickets will be available at the rectory office beginning Wednesday, Aug. 11, and people can purchase them in strips of 10 for \$8. The same strip will cost \$10 during the feast.

Also, Lisa Ciunci sent out a "Calling All Bakers" note for people to make their special homemade cakes, pies, cookies and desserts for the always popular Bake Sale Table and should call her at (401) 862-6183. All he donated items must be labeled as to the flavor and if the item contains nuts.

In keeping with tradition, Rockwell Amusements will be back and set up a host of rides and games.



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Johnston has a 'Night Out' on the town



PROUD PACK: Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena and Police Chief Joseph P. Razza are joined by Scoutmaster Robert N. Simmons J. Nick Scuncio, Michael Pezza III, Austin Audet, Nathaniel Regan and Derryck Canham of Troop 20 during Tuesday's highly-successful National Night Out. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

By PETE FONTAINE

The Johnston Police Department hosted an extraordinary community event Tuesday night.

Mayor Joseph Polisena and Police Chief Joseph P. Razza led the Johnston Police Department as they treated the town with their version of the nationwide program known as National Night Out.

A record number of youth groups and local businesses participated, delighting the crowd gathered in a jam-packed War Memorial Park.

"This was the biggest and best event I've ever seen in the park," Polisena exclaimed. "We probably had over 2,000 people. This was a very family-oriented event and I'm especially proud of our residents for the special support they showed our police department. This worked out very well!"

Polisena then toasted Razza, Deputy Chief Mark Vieira, the JPD command staff and the entire police department, emphasizing: "Again, what a great show of community support for our police and I'm proud of the job they did here tonight and do and every day. I am always proud of the JPD and let it be known I will never ever defund our police department."

To which Razza added: "Last year, it was a huge disappointment that we couldn't celebrate National Night Out with the community. When we knew that we were going to be able to have it this year, we wanted it to be bigger and better than ever."

The JPD, people like Polisena, Pastor Chris Abhulime of King's Tabernacle Church, District 2 Town Councilwoman Lauren Garzone, JPD Chief Peter Lamb and retired DPW Director Arnie Vecchione and other people will tell you, exceeded all expectations.

"We wanted to be totally engaged with the community and provide an evening of food, fun and entertainment for people of all ages," Razza said with a smile on his face. "Well, the community of Johnston truly delivered and we were amazed with the turnout, support and community spirit."

Razza, who made it a mission to greet – and thank – as many people and families as possible for their unmatched support of NNA – also wanted it known: "My hat goes off to Captain (Joseph) Salvadore and Officer (Chuck) Psilopoulos for their diligence to detail in planning and working out the logis-

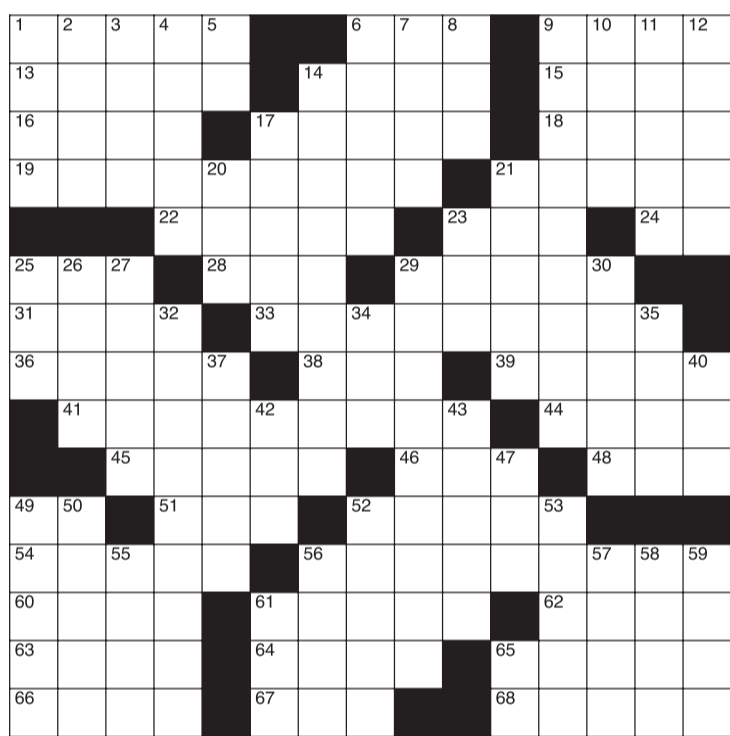
tics for his year's event."

Salvadore, who is Commander of the JPD's Special Services/Traffic Bureau, wore many hats during the fun, food and family fest, most notably as a one-man public relations band that truly epitomized the NNA theme of enhancing the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Meanwhile, Psilopoulos – along with his son Michael, retired Special Officer David Izzo and Jerry St. Angelo – had no time to walk around War Memorial Park and watch people of all ages enjoying everything from a My Cousin Vinny's Bounce House, face-painting and balloon animals.

That's because "Chuck's Cooking Crew" worked non-stop at a propane-powered gas grill cooking what were rated as "delicious" sausage and pepper sandwiches, hamburgers with cheese if people wanted that or hot dogs that were later served along with "great macaroni salad" by members of the JPD's Explorer Post to people who filled seats inside the famed Dunnell Building and even spilled out onto the spacious and well-maintained grounds.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating noise
- 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump
- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
- 36. Ringworm
- 38. Unrefined
- 39. Drenches
- 41. Type of pants
- 44. Son of Noah
- 45. Spiritual being
- 46. Upton Sinclair novel
- 48. Journalist Tarbell

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial
- 17. Gulf in the Aegean
- 20. Clothes
- 21. Chairs
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 25. NY ballplayer
- 26. Impressive in size or scope
- 27. Jacques ___, Fr. biologist
- 29. Manhattanite
- 30. Genus of lemurs
- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
- 50. Brief appearance
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 53. A light informal meal
- 55. Fabric with smooth finish
- 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 57. Ancient Greek City
- 58. Close tightly
- 59. Commit
- 61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
- 65. Heavy metal



VALUABLE VOLTS:

These members of the JPD's Explorer Post were among the valuable volunteers who helped serve food to the record-setting crowd during Tuesday's NNA. They are from left: Jessica Council, Advisor Allegra Graziano, Kaleb Mendez, Sofia Moils and Emely Pai.



FESTIVE FUN: The Weiss family -- Maddie, 7; Jordan, 4; Sofia, 1, Hailee, 13 and mom and Gina Pontarelli, 14 were among the many people who thanked the JPD for Tuesday's super special NNA.

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SPECIAL STAFF: JPD personnel Toni Mullane, Kathy Bedrosian, Lorie Anderson, Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and Tim Forsberg greeted residents and passed out a host of literature about NNA and police programs.

After heaping words of praise upon Salvadore and Psilopoulos, Razza offered a special serious statement emphasizing: "I need and want to thank our community partners, because without their support, we wouldn't have been able to pull this off. My gratitude and deep appreciation goes out to them for their support."

The Chief then issued a special "THANK YOU" to: Becky Burch, Seanna Dubuque, Original Italian Bakery, Frank's Rentals, RI Beef and Veal, Lil Rhody, My Cousin Vinny's, BJ's Wholesale, Stop & Shop, Price Rite, Del's Lemonade, Palagi's Ice Cream, AT&T, RI National Guard, Boy Scouts of America, Starbucks, Tri-Town, Ambrosiani, Circus Dynamics of RI (balloon guy), Face Painting and Body Art by Linz, Party Characters (Paw Patrol), JFD Smokehouse, DPW Truck, Payloader, RI Classic Police Cars and Northeast Auto Body of Johnston.

Likewise, the Johnston version of NNA accomplished other goals Tuesday night during the community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make Johnston's neighborhoods a safer, more caring place to live.

For example, the famed St. Robert Bellarmine Church-based Boy Scout Troop 20 and Cub Scout Pack performed duties such as serving the famous Pizza Chips from Don DePetrillo's Original Italian Bakery, chilled drinks, clearing tables once people were finished eating while staffers from the Johnston Parks and Recreation Department continuously emptied trash receptacles and made sure the entire area was litter free.

Johnston's NNA-2021, which was filled with lively music provided by disc jockey Gianni Simeone of the famed groups known as Ambrosiani, will also be remembered for JFD Firefighters showing people a rescue vehicle, ageless antique State Police Cars,

Gary Salzillo's Northeast Auto Body unique work on a moon car, an AT&T booth, countless children enjoying all aspects of the park playground as well as children and adults either dancing or watching Chase Paw Patrol strutting his or her stuff.

Perhaps Bill and Catherine, who brought their children Seraphine, 8, Gabriella, 7, and Caius, 4, best summed up Johnston's NNA 2021 saying: "We love his event; we come here every year but tonight seems extra, extra special. There's great food and fun for everyone! What a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. We'll be back next year, too."

To which Razza replied: "We (JPD) are looking forward to next year; so please mark your calendar for National Night Out on Aug. 2, 2022 right here in Johnston War Memorial Park."



GRAND GUEST: "Chase Paw Patrol" was just one of the many special attractions that thrilled young and old alike during Tuesday's NNA in Johnston.



PERFECT PORTRAIT: Lily Schiappa, 5, enjoys having her face painted by Lindsay Care-Asquith during NNA Tuesday night.

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ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



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Tiffany

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GRILL GUYS: OLG volunteer chef Mike Lombardi and upstart cook Nicholas Williams enjoy a lighter moment during Saturday night's Scotch, Steaks and Cigars Night in Johnston. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

Our Lady of Grace celebrates fifth Steak, Scotch and Cigars Night

By PETE FONTAINE

There was another vintage Rev. Peter J. Gower gathering Saturday evening at Festival Field located beside Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston.

It was yet another example of the popular priest bringing parishioners together amid a special social setting, replete with fine food and friendships.

It was, officially, OLG's 5th Annual Steak, Scotch and Cigars Night, an event that was whitewashed last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Saturday's gathering attracted a crowd of just under 100 proud parishioners who enjoyed char-broiled T-

bone steaks, twice baked potatoes, broccoli, corn on the cob, salad and delicious desserts.

Add to that the personal touch Father Gower puts on every event he hosts at the Roman Catholic parish and it's easy to see why upcoming events like the ageless OLG Feast and Festival that will be held in September could possibly have yet a record turnout.

"Nobody throws a party like Father Gower," longtime OLG member Joe Grasso offered. "This is an excellent example of bringing people together and even this setting is special."

Instead of having the dinner inside OLG's Fio-

retti Hall, there was a large canopy tent under which were tables of 10 - with chairs, of course - where people sat and enjoyed the night's classic camaraderie and caloric creations.

Add to that OLG mainstay volunteers like Joe Andreozzi, a man for all parish reasons and seasons who did everything from check in the night's guests to sell tickets for the impressive 25-prize raffle, and veteran keeper of the bar Mecca Domenico, who kept up this drink orders and offered his usual personal greetings and "thank you's" to people.

Likewise, another of OLG's dedicated vol-

unteers was skilled chef Mike Lombardi, who was ably assisted by upstart cook Nicholas Williams at the charcoal pit where they cooked steak after steak.

Boxes of premium cigars were on all table tops for those who smoke them as well as some munchies - a.k.a. red and white pizza chips - from Don DePetrillo's famous The Original Italian Bakery.

"This was a huge success," assessed Father Gower, while greeting and thanking the night's attendees for their untiring parish support. "A good time was had by all and this was our largest attendance ever for our cigar night."



FATHER'S FLOCK: Rev. Peter J. Gower (third from left top) joins and thanks parishioners like Tom Kowal, Joe Grasso, Rob Desiderato, Norman Thompson, Vito Montecalvo, Renato Montecalvo, Peter Lombardi and Mike Capobianco who were part of the record crowd for the unique 5th annual OLG event.

Opinion

EDITORIAL

On gun violence, no solution will come without a diagnosis

Sometimes difficult questions don't have an immediate answer, but it is also perhaps these questions that are the most important to ask.

In light of the recent shooting in Providence that claimed the life of a 24-year-old Warwick woman, Miya Brophy-Baermann, we feel obligated to ask the question: why is gun violence surging here and across the country right now? What, if anything, can be done to stop it?

The drive-by shooting in the early morning hours on Sunday was the 13th instance of violence leading to a homicide in Providence this year. On the same morning, another five young people were harmed in a separate shooting near the Cranston line on Reservoir Avenue, and two separate stabbings also left victims in their wake. It was a shocking relapse of senseless violence that shattered the period of relative calmness felt in the city and surrounding areas of late.

Of course, the same old debate will heat up once again. One side will say only more gun-wielding civilians and more heavily-armed police officers will put an end to violent crime, while the other side will demand laws making it harder to purchase firearms or decrying gun ownership outright. In the middle is a million shades of each stance, with no clear consensus on whether or not there is actually anything that can be done to put an end to violence within a society where such actions have always been present, lurking beneath the placid surface of everyday life waiting to strike fear into our hearts at a moment's notice.

We see good points in aspects of every argument. As a vast majority of Americans agree, guns should not be readily accessible to everyone – particularly those with a history of violent crime, gang affiliation or certain types of mental illness. And as another vast majority of Americans agree, law enforcement is a necessary requirement for keeping a peaceful society. Sometimes, the only thing that will stop a criminal with a weapon intent on causing harm is a peacekeeper with a weapon of their own.

But that is about where the certainty ends with this issue.

How many police can you employ before you strain municipal budgets and begin to feel as though you live in a police state? How many laws can you put on the books before you start to simply over-legislate a problem that, quite frankly, cannot be legislated out of existence. So long as our Constitution remains the rule of law, firearms will be available for purchase. And as long as there are firearms, whether they have a five-round magazine or they take a month of background checks to acquire, someone with hate in their heart will eventually use them as a tool of destruction.

So what we have left is the arduous challenge to avoid the simple, knee-jerk responses that crop up from both sides of the political spectrum and search for a solution that is more meaningful and effective.

Calling for more police is a reactive approach akin to throwing more firefighters at a perpetually burning wildfire. It does not address the cause of the fire. Just like solely legislating the ownership of guns does not address the reasons why someone would take a firearm – perhaps one they legally acquired through all the proper channels, or got illegally because they don't care about breaking the law – and turn it against someone with the intent of killing them.

The problem at the heart of the violence is societal, which is perhaps why we have a hard time facing it. Our society has a tendency, far more than any other advanced, first-world nation on our planet, of turning everyday citizens into agents of chaos intent on causing pain and suffering to their fellow human beings.

Is that because of wealth inequality? Is it because of a lack of good opportunities in the job market? Is it because of a general sense of hopelessness exacerbated by socio-economic status and, more recently, because of the pandemic? Is it because of our inability to prioritize rehabilitation and re-entry into society over public shaming and incarceration? Is it our glorification of violence as a means to an end in our works of fiction?

If we had to guess, these factors all likely play a role, but we will never truly begin to solve gun violence until we can have difficult discussions with one another. Not to try and convince one another to accept our politically expedient, half-baked solution to the problem, but rather to accept with all honesty that nobody actually has the answer, and work diligently on accurately diagnosing this nightmarish problem first.

THE RUMBLE AT THE RIVER!



LETTERS

True reform candidates will advocate privatization

To the Editor:

As inflation rates continue to increase, as government spending is out of control, as our national debt increases to over \$30 trillion, as the present interest on the national debt is now \$378 billion annually, as our federal, state and municipal infrastructures continue to grumble, as taxes continue to increase and as the future looks more bleak, etc., what should voters demand from candidates in our coming elections?

Providing federal, state and municipal services cost-effectively has never been more critical including enacting laws, programs, and policies that would truly hold people accountable for their actions.

Realizing approximately 90 percent of our workforce is nonunion, why are taxpayers demanded to pay prevailing union wages and benefits for services that they could only dream of for themselves i.e. endless provisions, early retirements, hefty pensions, and continued paid health care upon retirement, etc.? As for our town of Johnston and the cost to run our various departments our mayor recently stated, "It's cheaper to pay overtime than it is to hire new people." If that's not a wakeup call to throw the contracts in the waste basket, then what is?

Johnston taxpayers could be saving endless millions annually, if we had leader-

ship willing to stand up to the unions as taxpayers living on limited incomes find it more difficult every day. According to the Social Security Administration, the average Social Security recipient at age 65 receives \$1,430 a month based on what was averaged over 35 years. The average pension for Johnston fire and police at only 20 years is approximately \$5,000 a month based on what was averaged over their three most productive years, excluding continued paid health care upon retirement. As for other departments it's approximately \$3,000 a month at only 28 years excluding continued paid health care.

If our town was to develop a database in which residents could log on and see the contracts and realize the outrageous expenses, including seeing the severance packages and pension amounts etc., they would be up in arms. However,

because the unions run our town via the Democratic Party we don't even televise the Town Council or School Committee meetings.

One of the reasons our local taxes went up is because of the continued expense of public education in which private and religious education is much better and much less, as our mayor continues to praise the unions, as they rake us over the coals. True reform candidates will advocate privatization, where it is beneficial and only pay wages and benefits based on affordability without union involvement as cost saving alternatives are endless.

In closing, approximately 40 percent of eligible voters choose not to. Please be mindful of the endless sacrifices that were made to enable our freedoms as they are being taken from us every day.

Peter A. Filippi III
Johnston

It's personal

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to all people who choose not to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

I spent the last year and a half following all the instructions given to us by people in the health field. I wore my mask (still do), avoided crowds (still do), stayed indoors as much as possible and lastly got vaccinated. I only spoke to my friends via computer or phone and only met with my sister occasionally. I have endured speaking to my doctors via phone, which has been difficult as I am hearing impaired.

I finally volunteered at our local zoo for the first time in over a year. I hope next month to go back to volunteering at our local senior center. I plan to visit my friends who I haven't seen in a long time. Also I want to get back to volunteering and fund raising at events for our local shelter.

As I listen to the news I am scared that I will never get my life back to some semblance of normality and my goals will be jeopardized

by the increasing numbers of contagion that are taking place. According to the news a high percentage of the cases have been in people not vaccinated.

So what gives you the right to undermine my precautions for the last year!

So you are worried about long-term health problems? Well without a vaccination you may not have to worry about that as you may not be here! Is this a political ploy to thumb your nose at our politicians? Look at the percentages by party of those who are not getting vaccinated. It is time to forget about playing politics.

To conclude, you may not only be putting me (a senior citizen with health problems) under jeopardy but those you associate with. Your family and friends are at risk. Become educated and informed but ultimately please do me and the community you live in some consideration and get vaccinated.

Brenda Nordin
Warwick

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House

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representative Dan Santos, regional site administrator for Southern New England.

"This is a fairly typical stone-ender," Santos said, standing behind the home. "It's the type of architecture Roger Williams used."

The Clemence-Irons House, on George Waterman Road in Johnston, has received grants to renovate the structure's windows.

"Few of these homes survived," Santos said. "During the horrible brutal conflict, King Phillip's War, many of these houses were destroyed."

Historic New England recently announced a \$7,000 matching grant from Preserve Rhode Island and The 1772 Foundation to support window and door conservation and restoration at the home, which dates back to 1691.

"Clemence-Irons House is a rare surviving example of the stone-ender homes once popular in the region," according to a press release from Historic New England. "The grant will fund conservation work on the 11 diamond pane windows and the historic front door. This includes work on the glass, the lead framework of the casement windows, and repairs to window and door frames."

In 1654, Thomas Clemence purchased eight acres of meadow along the Woonasquatucket River in a section of Johnston, which was originally part of Providence, according to a timeline provided by Santos.

Clemence bought the land from the Native American Wissawaymake, a member of the Narragansett tribe.

"Over the next few decades, Thomas accumulates more acres, improving the meadowland so that it can be farmed," according to the Historic New England timeline detailing the major events in the home's history. "It eventually supports

the next two generations of Clemence yeomen."

In 1680, Richard Clemence inherited the property, and the house was constructed in 1691.

Santos said core samples were carefully taken from the home's thickest oak timbers. Utilizing dendrochronology, a laboratory dated the samples, confirming the building date.

"It's really great to use science for history," Santos said, giving a tour of the home, which is currently closed to the public due to pandemic restrictions.

The rooms are tiny, and there is very little ventilation. Santos said he's looking forward to opening to the home to the public once again.

Richard Clemence died in 1723 and left the now 300-acre farm to his son Thomas, who sold the property to John Angell, one of Johnston's most esteemed forefathers.

"The property stays in the Angell family for three generations and increases to 370 acres," according to the timeline. "Records indicate that, at times, the family leased out the land for farming and lived in Providence."

The Clemence-Irons "renovation project will improve the appearance of the building and the visitor experience, and help to protect the exterior from moisture penetration," according to a press release from Historic New England.

Work is expected to start in September.

"This work is part of Historic New England's ongoing stewardship of this significant house donated to the organization by the Sharpe family in 1947," according to the press release.

Santos pointed out a cracked window on the east side of the home.

"This could have been caused by a bird, or vandalism," he said. "We just don't know."

In 1807, as industry swept through the region along



330 YEARS: The Clemence-Irons House on George Waterman Road in Johnston is one of Rhode Island's, and the nation's, oldest surviving homes. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

the Woonasquatucket, William and Abigail Angell Goddard signed a pact with Lyman Manufacturing Company, which granted "limited rights to the use of the water and land along the river's edge for manufacturing purposes."

The parcel size around the size was reduced by about 25 percent.

In 1826, the approximately 300-acre property was acquired by Stephen Sweet.

Soon after, Sweet sold about 200 acres to George Waterman, a cotton manufacturer, according to the timeline history of the home.

The road on which the house is located was eventually named for Waterman.

Sweet stayed on to farm the remainder of the property, and died in 1855, according to Historic New England.

Over the years, the size of windows gradually increased, as larger panes of

glass became available, Santos explained.

The farm was divided among Sweet's heirs.

"His daughter, Sarah Manton, wife of Amasa Irons, becomes owner of the homestead (only about 15 acres that extends to the river)," according to the timeline. "The homestead is now surrounded by industry: Lyman Factory with pond and dam to power the factory, Widow Sweet's Factory, and George Waterman's Cotton mill."

The Sweet-Irons family retained ownership of the property until 1937, when Ellen E. Irons died.

"By this time, the property was subdivided and amounted to less than one acre," according to the timeline. "The house itself had grown to thirteen rooms."

Santos said the building had blossomed into a "Victorian cottage," housing a growing family.

In 1938, Norman Isham, a noted preservation architect and authority on colonial Rhode Island dwellings, was commissioned to restore the home, hired by Henry Sharpe and his sisters.

"In keeping with methodology of the era, reproduction furniture is also commissioned," according to the timeline. "After the restoration, the family opens it up as a house museum."

The restoration work was extensively documented, with photographs and in a notebook kept by Edward Husband.

"The restoration would likely be done differently now," Santos explained, pointing out reproduction period furniture, like rope beds, an open-hearth fireplace and the simple, yet swayed railing at the top of the stairs. "Now we want to remember all of the families who lived in a house."

Historic New England's own on-staff carpenters will perform the window work.

"In addition to being one of the oldest houses in the

Ocean State, Clemence-Irons House is an important record of twentieth-century restoration methods," according to Historic New England. "The house had a series of owners over hundreds of years ... When Henry Sharpe, Ellen Sharpe, and Louisa Sharpe Metcalf purchased the property in 1938, they commissioned Norman Isham ... to investigate the structure and restore the house to its seventeenth-century appearance. He used a combination of salvaged and new materials to recreate the original appearance of the house."

The house has either nine, or 11 windows, depending on whether you count a triple-pane on the second floor as one or three.

In the near future, after the latest round of renovations are complete, visitors will get an even more authentic glimpse into the past when they tour the Clemence-Irons House, entering through a period door, and guided by light streaming through 17th-century windows.



STONE-ENDER: The Clemence-Irons House is a rare surviving 'stone-ender,' a type of architecture used by New England's earliest European settlers. Most houses of this type burned during King Phillip's War.



Request for Bids Town of Johnston

Roof Replacement- Chief Rainone Gym Re-Bid

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for a Roof Replacement-Chief Rainone Gym. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning August 6th, 2021 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at www.townofjohnstonri.com. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 am, August 18th, 2021 at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time. There will be a mandatory Pre-bid conference at the gym located at 40 Mill Street, Johnston RI 02919 on August 11th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401)553-8830.

Joseph Chiodo, CPA
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LEGAL NOTICES

PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday August 24th, 2021;
6:00 P.M.
IN PERSON
Johnston Senior Center
1291 Hartford Ave.
Johnston, RI 02919

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. NEW BUSINESS

PB 21-18 - Giarrusso Meadows - Preliminary Plan and Public Meeting of a Minor Subdivision. Located at 104 Peck Hill Road AP 43 Lot 151 - Zoned R-40. Applicant Antonio Giarrusso. A Public Meeting on a proposed 5 lot minor subdivision where all lots will be accessed off of a Town Road.

PB 21-25 - Vel-Tree Scituate Ave Subdivision - Preliminary Plan and Public Meeting of Private Road Minor Subdivision. Located adjacent to and behind 137 Scituate Avenue. AP 44 Lot 18 - Zoned R-40. Applicant Nicholas Veltri. A Public Meeting on a proposed 4 lot minor subdivision where all lots will be accessed off of a Town Road. One lot is the site of the previously approved GD Johnston-Scituate solar field. The three remaining lots are to be developed as single-family housing.

PB 21-27 - Central Pike Subdivision - Public Meeting on

a proposed Master Plan for a Minor Subdivision. Located at 1257 Central Pike. AP 43 Lot 96 - Zoned R-40. Applicant - A.G. Construction. A Public Meeting on a proposed 4 lot minor subdivision where all lots will be accessed off of a Private Road.

PB 20-23 - Taylor Rd Development - Public Hearing on a proposed 6 lot Conservation Development Preliminary Plan. Located at 34 Taylor Road. AP 30 Lot 16 - Zoned R-40. A Public Hearing on a proposed 6 lot subdivision with open space.

PB 17-36 - Hopkins Pond - Public Meeting to discuss the REVISED Site Layout. Located behind 620 Central Avenue. AP 44 Lot 26 - Zoned PD. A Public Meeting to discuss a development where the final construction differs from what was approved and a possible vote to approve the change plans.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS
1. Comprehensive Plan Update
2. Bishop Heights Subdivision - Call of the Improvement Guarantee

NOTE - The Full Plan set is available for review in the Planning Office 100 Irons Avenue Monday through Friday, 8AM to noon and 1PM to 3PM and on the Town's webpage under Quick Links.

8/6, 8/13, 8/20/21

Canceled Planning Board meeting angers would-be attendees

By RORY SCHULER

Cancel culture, in Johnston, refers strictly to the Planning Board.

For the second time in two months, the board canceled what promised to be a contentious meeting.

Tuesday night's cancellation left a group of residents, voters and constituents out in the evening breeze.

The first cancellation occurred in June, when the wrong Zoom link was provided on a board meeting agenda.

The meeting was canceled June 29 and rescheduled to July 20, when the Planning Board held a more than four-hour public hearing, ultimately approving the preliminary plan for "Project Schooner," a massive distribution center expected to house an Amazon facility.

Then, Tuesday night, the board faced a relatively short agenda, including subdivisions and revisions to projects on Hopkins Avenue, Starr Street, Peck Hill Road, Scituate Avenue, Central Pike, Winsor Avenue and Taylor Road.

However, several groups of residents were prepared to attend the meeting and planned to address the board on a litany of issues, including "Project Schooner," a nuisance "amateur junkyard" and a Starr Street subdivision.

Those who planned to attend the meeting were greeted by a bright orange sign on the door of the Johnston Senior Center.

The meeting had been rescheduled to Aug. 24.

Sam Sasa, of Lakeview Avenue, arrived at the Senior Center Tuesday evening around 5:30 p.m., planning to address the Planning Board regarding the first item on Tuesday night's agenda, a two-lot subdivision on a lot at 30 Hopkins Ave., requested by applicants Anthony and Emilio Pillozzi.

Sasa said the meeting was possibly canceled due to "a bomb" he dropped in the town clerk's office around lunchtime on Tuesday.

He said he dropped off copies of a petition signed

by more than 60 residents, asking for an "independent investigation of the zoning board" and the subdivision applicant.

He also filled out three forms requesting time to speak at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Sasa is a former Planning Board member who served on the board from 2010-2018, and was named to the board by Polisena.

"The only reason I was taken off the board was because I spoke my mind," Sasa said. "I always voted what my conscience told me."

The item Sasa wanted to address has been removed from the agenda filed for the rescheduled Aug. 24 Planning Board meeting.

Around 4 p.m., during a conversation at Johnston War Memorial Park during National Night Out, Mayor Joseph M. Polisena said the meeting was canceled.

The meeting was still on Tuesday morning, and into the early afternoon.

But suddenly, post 3 p.m., the Secretary of State's website listing changed the meeting's status to "canceled" but left the "reason" section blank.

Polisena said the meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

A pair of Planning Board members backed him up.

A lack of quorum means that four of the seven planning board members, and both alternates, were unable to attend the meeting.

Board member George Lazzareschi Jr., who serves as superintendent of repairs for police and fire for the city of Providence, said he had a work meeting he had to attend.

"We didn't have a quorum," he said when contacted early Wednesday morning. "I was in an emergency management meeting."

Lazzareschi said summer meetings can be difficult to staff. He said the board's last meeting, two weeks earlier, had been extremely long and taxing.

"I think everybody made plans, including the alternates," he said. "Sometimes we go to 10:30, 11 at



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Residents gathered outside the Johnston Senior Center after they discovered the night's Planning Board meeting had been canceled. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

night, and we don't take breaks. There's a lot of stuff that goes on, especially lately in Johnston. I don't think it was done intentionally to hurt anyone. You've got vacations going on."

Polisena appoints residents to the Johnston Planning Board.

"Summer time is very difficult," Polisena said Wednesday. "Meetings get canceled. It happens; it does happen. A lot of people are on vacation. Other members had family issues. It's rare, but it does happen."

Vice-Chairman Joseph Lembo said he informed the board after their last meeting that he could not attend Tuesday's meeting.

He refused to say why he could not attend.

"I don't think that's pertinent to the story," Lembo said. "I had notified my board after the Bluewater meeting."

Lembo said other "people were having conflicts getting there."

Neither Lazzareschi nor Lembo could say how many Planning Board members were unable to attend.

"I wasn't keeping track of it," Lembo said on Wednesday, adding that members were communicating via email regarding meeting attendance.

Stacy DiCola, associate director of public information for Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office, said "there are no regula-

tions regarding canceling a meeting for quorum, or any regulations for holding a meeting."

DiCola referred to Rhode Island law Title 42, Chapter 46.

Town Planner Thomas F. Deller and Planning Board member Gina M. Sabitoni-Arakelian did not return calls for comment by presstime.

Planning Board Chairman John Laurito could not be reached for comment.

According to the Secretary of State's office, as of July 24, "Executive Order 21-72 has expired and all public meetings must now be held in-person," ruling out Zoom attendance at meetings for board members.

"Some public bodies may still offer a live stream of their meetings to the public," according to the Secretary of State's website. "Please contact the public body directly for questions about live streaming options."

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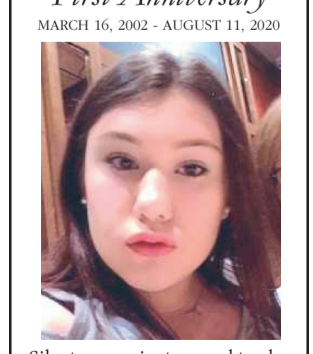
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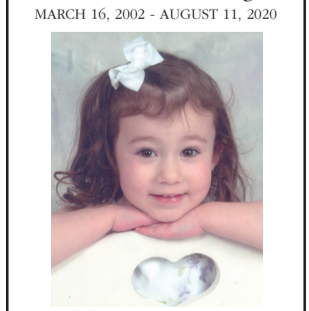
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Your loving son, Dennis

Obituary

Lauren A. Curci

Lauren A. Curci, RN, 49, of Elizabeth Ann Drive, Johnston, passed away on Monday August 2nd at Fatima Hospital in North Providence. She was the wife of James V. Curci. They had been married for 22 years.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Edith S. (Pezzullo) Francis and the late Joseph E. Francis. She had lived in Johnston for 22 years previously living in Warwick. A graduate of Rhode Island College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Lauren dedicated 30 years of her life to support West Bay RI. As the Director of Nursing, she made it her life's purpose to always be there for those in need. She was also the vice-chairperson in charge of the Health and Safety Committee as well as Lauren was a member of the National Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association and RI Developmental Disabilities Nursing Association. She was also an affiliate of the RI State Nursing Association and served on a national task group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices.

Lauren was the 2017 recipient of the Susan Foote Professional Recognition Award and was nominated for RI Monthly Magazine's Professional of the Year in 2019. Lauren's caring, loving and sweet spirit was felt by everyone she came in contact with and these characteristics permeated every aspect of her life.

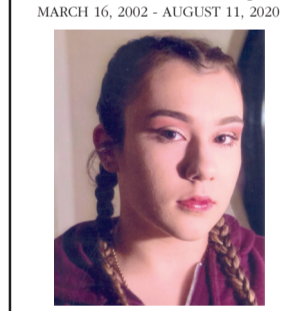
Besides her husband and mother, she leaves her children, Jared M. Curci and Charles J. Curci both of Johnston. Her siblings: Diane M. Clift and her husband, David of Warwick and Joseph C. Francis and his wife, Jane of Warwick.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Philip Church, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston. Visitation Thursday 4-7 p.m. in the Anderson-Winfield Funeral Home, Route 44 at Greenville Common, Greenville.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to West Bay RI, 158 Knight St, Warwick, RI 02886.



Maryann Vita First Anniversary



All the love in the world couldn't save you. Our prayers went unanswered. Maybe someday we will know why. Loved and missing you, Grandma, Grandpa, Jodi, Robert & Dante

John F. DiPaolo Eighteenth Anniversary



Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close, We miss you more than anyone knows. With tender love and deep regret, We who love you will never forget. LOVINGLY — MOM & STEP-DAD WALTER

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

BIRTH CONTROL AND ORAL HEALTH

Whether you are taking birth control for its original intention or for one of the myriad other reasons it is prescribed, you have most likely heard of many of the possible side effects of taking it. But are you aware of the impact birth control can have on your oral health? The fluctuation of hormones, including estrogen and progesterone, can result in problems such as gum disease, which not only causes inflamed, often bleeding gums, but has also been linked to an increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke, cancer, and other conditions. Fortunately, most forms of modern birth control have lower levels of problematic hormones in order to reduce such risks.

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Comment

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"It all depends, if something is a public hearing, everybody gets to talk," Baccari said. "If it's not a public hearing, it's basically the public watching the council do their business." Longstanding Town Council rules dictate who gets to speak, on what topics, for how long.

"The council rules have all the guidelines for this type of request," Baccari said, as he reviewed a written copy of the rules. "The council has a specific set of rules governing public comment. [Public commenters] have three minutes for each topic; a maximum of six topics shall be allowed on each agenda."

Residents need to file requests to be included on the agenda, in writing with the town clerk, by fill-

ing out a special form.

Amy Dixon, a town resident and realtor, filed a request to be heard at next week's Town Council meeting.

Dixon found herself with a long list of questions following the June 20 Johnston Planning Board meeting where the preliminary plan for "Project Schooner" was given unanimous approval.

"Project Schooner" refers to a six-story retail distribution facility proposed for construction near the intersection of routes 6 and 295.

The gigantic building will have a ground floor area of approximately 823,522 square feet, and a total area of approximately 3,864,972 square feet.

Several town officials, under condition of anonymity, have confirmed that the distribution operation will be run by online retail juggernaut Amazon.

In public, however, no town officials have been willing to go on the record linking the proposal to Amazon.

"I'm looking for complete reports pursuant to Project Schooner, including but not limited to its economic impact on the town, i.e. proposed tax structures, traffic studies and environmental impact studies," Dixon said, summarizing her filed request to address Town Council next week.

"Who hired these consultants?" she asked. "What developer incentives have been offered to the town? Are there additional town developments or improvements proposed by the developer as related to this project? Are they doing something with schools? What are they doing with schools? Are they doing something to the infrastructure? What are they doing for the infrastructure?"

Dixon has been researching similar Amazon projects in other states, and found a story out of Kansas detailing the company's decision to abandon a similar facility as the one proposed for construction in Johnston.

In 2014, The Wichita Eagle published a report following Amazon's announcement that it would close a giant distribution warehouse near Coffeyville, Kansas, "after turning down a multimillion-dollar incentive package to stay."

Dixon discovered four separate reports of Amazon vacating distribution centers they opened in rural communities across the country.

"What are the reassurances we have that Amazon won't do the same to us?" Dixon asked. "And if you were proud of this project, you'd be proud to say it was 'Amazon.' No?"

Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena said last week that he wants to assure residents that the deal

'We encourage everybody to come. We want as many people as possible to offer input. It's their town.'

Town Council Vice President Joseph Polisena Jr.

with the company behind "Project Schooner" (he won't say whether the company is Amazon) will be "very very lucrative for the town."

"The mayor has had a chance to review and tweak and negotiate this project," Dixon said Wednesday. "You don't put a project like this down in a few weeks. Why is the public not afforded more time to learn the details and comment?"

Polisena said he's waiting on a packet of documents from Bluewater Property Group, the firm behind the project. Once he receives the documents, which will detail the town's agreement with the company, he plans to send them to the town's attorneys for review.

Shortly after legal counsel reviews the documents, Polisena plans to present the proposal to Town Council in public session, and have a vote following the presentation.

He said the process could move quickly, elapsing in as little as 48 hours, the time required by the state to publicly advertise a public meeting.

Polisena insists public dissent at next week's Town Council meeting, on an issue that will likely not be included on the meeting's agenda, is inappropriate.

"First of all, I can tell you that Schooner is not on the agenda," Polisena said Wednesday. "This administration and these boards have been transparent since I've been here, and I've been here for 15 years. There's no cloak and dagger."

There are no plans to hold a public hearing on "Project Schooner," which would require several weeks of public advertising.

Polisena's son, Town Council Vice President Joseph Polisena Jr., said he has no problem with residents speaking in public session before Town Council at next week's meeting.

"You have to give them time," Polisena Jr. said Wednesday. "Absolutely. Everybody that wants to speak about it, whether they are for or against it, they need the opportunity to be heard."

Polisena Jr. agreed that "Project Schooner" would most likely not be on next week's agenda, though the agenda was not available by press-time.

"I don't think it's going to be on the agenda," he said. "But everybody that

wants to speak on it will."

Polisena Jr. said he would like to give the public more time to attend a public meeting on "Project Schooner" than the 48 hours suggested by the mayor last week.

"I would want at least one week's notice," Polisena Jr. said. "We encourage everybody to come. We want as many people as possible to offer input. It's their town."

Polisena Jr. said Town Council "will obviously do a thorough review of any agreement that comes before us."

The public will learn the details as Town Council is informed.

"They can review it in real time with us," Polisena Jr. said. "Once we get it, we will talk about every detail of the agreement; we will break it down for the town, break it down in real time. Procedurally, we'll review it just like any item. And there will be public comment on it. They'll review it with us, and they'll have an opportunity for public comment at that meeting when we're doing the review."

Dixon insists she neither opposes nor supports the Amazon project. She just has too many unanswered questions, and the process is moving very quickly.

"I just need to know what the deal is," she said. "For the size of our town, around 30,000 residents ... How much can one small town take?"

Dixon feels like there has been a gross lack of public information regarding the negotiations surrounding Project Schooner.

"Even if they do come in, they can be a friendly neighbor," Dixon said. "I don't know if that will happen, because no one will tell me. Everyone I call either cannot or will not share it."

Dixon has resided in Johnston for the past 17 years.

"Silly me, I thought the people we elected would have our backs and include us in the conversation," Dixon said. "Either pay attention and get involved or move; those are my options. But I believe in my town. That's why I want to stay here."

Dixon said she has decided to take a stand, hoping she'll successfully force more information to the surface.

"I just see what the potential is in this town," she said. "I understand why people say 'I can't' and leave. I don't want to do that."

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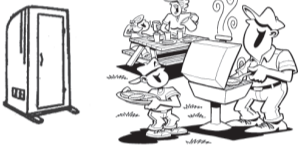
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By JENNIFER COATES

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The curriculum and staff-to-child ratio requirements here meet the strict standards of the state while all staff are licensed, and CPR certified. The staff here work as a team with one goal in mind and that is to enrich the lives of the children over whom they have been given this special



Whether chasing around the elaborate playground outside or dreaming of knights in shining armor in the center's indoor castle, life is always busy and joyful at Dreamland Learning Center in Johnston.

stewardship. In fact, the whole facility is Bright Star® rated for excellence.

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at Dreamland. At these day camps, children enjoy hours of play (including lots of wet water play), outdoor games and of course, lots of learning and socialization. Call or visit their website to learn more!

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Sports



AWARD WINNERS: Johnston wrestlers show off their RIIL awards. (Submitted photos)

JHS wrestling honored by RIIL

SPECIAL TO THE SUN RISE

Johnston High School wrapped-up its wrestling season much later than usual this year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the wrestling season was pushed back from its normal November start to April. The season almost didn't happen for Johnston student-athletes. The school was

originally not planning on offering the sport because of COVID-19. Head coach John Antonucci,

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Moving on to August

The summer always goes by fast. It's a cruel joke that Mother Nature always seems to play on us here in New England. The three months of actual warmth, where we can enjoy being outdoors without going numb, are always the quickest.

That said, I can't believe that we are already in August. July is always a fast month, but holy cow, this was a fast one.

We are winding down in the baseball and softball seasons here and are beginning to see our fall sports get the ball rolling in preparation for the preseason. It will be September before we know it next.

August is always a special month for me when it comes to sports and it is because it is such a transition.

The spring and summer, for me, always seem to be the end of the sports year. I'm assuming it is because high school sports end in

My pitch



by ALEX SPENSSELL SPORTS EDITOR

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June and there are so few sports playing competitively in July. Things then obviously ramp back up in September and throughout the fall.

August is a 31-day transition. A move from the end of the year and relaxation to the excitement of a new round of sports to keep us entertained for the next 12 months. It's bitter-sweet closing the book on each year while welcoming in a new one.

Similar to the seasons

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JMCE ready for 14th annual golf tournament

By PETE FONTAINE

If you're an avid golfer and would like to become part of history, the Johnston Memorial Cancer Events has an opportunity well worth linking up with.

It's entitled the 14th Annual, JMCE Memorial Golf Tournament and scheduled to tee off on Sunday, Oct. 3 at famed picturesque and extremely well-maintained Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam, Ct.

Although people who've played in the event in previous years are expected to return, there are still many

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CLASSIC COOKS: Ladies like Fran DeAngelis, Cynthia DiBlasi, Maria Hayes, Phyllis Gelsomino, Ruth Furia, Lea Furia, Sheila Beliveau and Gina Paolo spent hours cooking and serving everything from sausage and pepper and chicken sandwiches to hot wieners during last year's JMCE Golf Tournament. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



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JMCE

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spots available for the 18-hole event that will, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, have two flights – Open Division and Co-Ed, Seniors and over 65 - that will tee off at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

However, as longtime Chairman Vin LaFazia explained: "If restrictions are lifted there will be just one tee time at 12:45 p.m."

Regardless, as LaFazia emphasized: "It is important that golfers secure their spot early, as space is limited but we will guarantee a spot for October 3 for those people who played in last year's tournament with a deposit of \$100 per foursome with the balance due by August 15."

Entry fee is \$130 per golfer and includes a continental breakfast for the early flight, pre-tourney lunch featuring a smorgasbord – from wieners to sausage and pepper sandwiches and more, dinner, food on the course and most important: An opportunity to help the JMCE support the Hematology and Oncology Departments at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

Ever since the close-knit group of friends - all of whom are golf enthusiasts – began their extraordinary fund-raising efforts, the JMCE has donated upwards of \$280,000 for the renowned hospital that has led to helping children who have sadly been stricken with cancer.

As example of just of what the JMCE has done through the sport of golf, last year's combined efforts resulted in a record-setting \$42,000 to Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Included in that total, as LaFazia noted, are major sponsorships for \$500 and business and tee signs priced at just \$75 and \$590 respectively and proceeds from the always-exciting mega-prize raffle.

"Tee sponsorships are always welcome," LaFazia noted. "They are an inexpensive and effective way to promote your business and show that you support this community endeavor. Also, memorial sponsorships are a wonderful way to remember your love ones."



PRACTICE PUTT: Johnston native David DeCesare, who is Rhode Island's Chief Sheriff, gets in some practice putts prior to teeing off in last year's 13th annual JMCE Golf Tournament at Connecticut National in Putnam, Ct.

The tourney, as he explained, is played in loving memory of the late Sal Gelsomino, Anna Mazzulla, Laura DeAngelis, Raymond Johnson, John Furia and Frances Grasso whose families – just like our committee – are ever so grateful and thankful for the sincere and

special support we've received through the years."

Anyone that would like to enter the golf tourney or purchase a sponsorship should call Linda LaFazia at (401) 233-256 or Judi Graham at (401) 497-2954.

Pitch

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in general. Weather-related seasons I am referring to.

As much as August can be a bummer knowing that we are in the final few weeks of consistent nice weather, there is always an air of excitement for what is to come. The foliage in the fall, the snow (before it becomes tedious), the holidays and so on.

High school sports return in September, as does the NFL. Other sports like basketball and hockey return shortly after and before you know it, you'll be crammed in a packed gym in the thick of basketball season or in a loud ice rink for hockey.

So, welcome back, August. I am ready for the excitement that you bring, but am also prepared for some of the bitterness that will be felt as the fall approaches.

Now, I am telling the absolute truth with this next part. After writing this first bit of my column, I took a break and scrolled through Twitter and came across a tweet from Barstool Sports' Dave Portnoy. Literally, less than two minutes after completing those first few paragraphs.

The tweet read, "I hate people who give up on summer in August. August is prime summer. Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

I thought this was hysterical to read just seconds after completing my thoughts.

To add to this column, I agree with Portnoy on this also. Far too often do we hear people complain and whine about how short the summer is and how after the Fourth of July the summer is essentially over. Heck, I do it as much as anyone as evidenced above.

But Dave is right. Embrace every month for what it is, and August in particular, is summer. Let's not lose sight of that and make the most of these final few weeks. Fall will come in time, let's make the most of the summer which is always too short.

The Little League state tournaments wrapped up this past weekend and a few of our teams put on a show and made their hometowns proud.

First off, congratulations to the Cranston Western 11's who topped Warwick Continental for the title. CWLL

rolled throughout the summer and never lost a game.

Going unbeaten in district play is one thing. That is very challenging in itself, but it does happen. But to carry on and stay unbeaten in the state championship portion? That is pretty rare.

The CWLL 11's were clearly just a dominant force. When looking at their scores, it was not as if they were not tested from time to time, but to win the way they won is just so impressive and it's a shame that they could not play in the regional level due to the pandemic. Who knows what would have occurred next, but I would have liked their chances at making something special happen.

Moving forward, this does bode well for them next season when they are 12 year olds looking for a chance to compete at Williamsport. You've heard me say it time and time again, but I have always been blown away by the talent and consistency in Rhode Island Little League. So for this team to go unbeaten this summer, I think the sky's the limit next season.

The Warwick Continental 11's fell to CWLL and the 12's fell in the state championship game to North Providence, which had a breakout summer.

Although the results were not what WCA wanted, it also bodes well for the future of this league. WCA has a pretty well-respected and established reputation in the region, so to take two teams to the state finals is a feather in the cap, for sure.

For this year's 12's, they deserve a ton of credit considering last year was taken away by COVID. For them to reunite after nearly two years apart and not skip a beat, much respect to them as well as the coaches.

As for the 11's, like CWLL, I fully expect this team to be right back in the hunt next season. There is no reason why it shouldn't be.

I am also excited to see a potential rivalry next year between these two squads. WCA played well in the deciding game and held the score to a 1-1 tie until the late innings. Had WCA pulled off the win, the next game could have been anyone's to take. We'll see what next year brings, but these two squads could very likely run it back with a trip to regionals, and maybe even Williamsport, on the line.

Congrats to all of our Little League All-Star teams on a great summer. I look forward to seeing you next year.

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STAR STUDENTS: Carlos Monteiro and Wilson El Hage receive their RIIIL Academic All-State honors.



FAMILY BUSINESS: Jose Echeverria with his parents.

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several of the wrestlers and their parents emailed the school committee, superintendent and principal making their case on how the season could be done safely. A week later they received very positive news that there would be a wrestling season.

The season presented many challenges. With the late approval of a season and the timing of the season, it was challenging getting a team together. There were many wrestlers that did not come out for the team because of the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts with other sports that are not usually happening at the same time as wrestling.

The kids that did show up beat the odds and made it a successful season with a winning record of 5-4. All wrestlers and coaches had to wear masks during practice and matches, wrestlers had to have a negative COVID-19 test on the day of competition and Johnston was not allowed to host any home matches.

This eliminated the ability of holding a senior night. As wrestlers do, they worked through the obstacles and did not let this prevent them from celebrating senior cap-

tain Jose Echeverria. They held their senior night prior to one of the team practices where Jose was honored with his mom, dad and sister.

The team had four wrestlers qualify for the state tournament and did well with Antonio Bracey placing sixth at 152 pounds. Jose Echeverria, Jared Trotter and Carlos Monteiro all were eliminated one round before the medal rounds.

The RIIIL held the end of season wrestling banquet on July 14th at Wrights Farm Restaurant where wrestlers were presented awards for All-Division and Academic All-State. Johnston, who competes in Division 3A picked up several awards. The following wrestlers received First Team All-Division awards; Wilson El Hage (113 pounds), Jared Trotter (132 pounds), Jose Echeverria (145 pounds), Antonio Bracey (152 pounds) and Jose Gonzalez (152 pounds). Second Team All-Division awards; Carlos Monteiro (126 pounds) and Oseas Salazar (195 pounds). The following wrestlers received Academic All-State honors; Wilson El Hage and Carlos Monteiro.

The Johnston Wrestling team would like to thank everyone in the school department who helped to make this season possible, and hope to be able to get back to a more normal season next school year and build upon this success.



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Tautog season opens

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Not many anglers targeted tautog this week as most are focusing on other species including fluke, black sea bass and striped bass. If you do plan to give this great eating fish a try in the near future make sure you check the availability of green or Asian carbs at your local bait shop as many are not carrying the yet.

The tautog season opened in Rhode Island this week (Aug. 1) with a three fish/person/day limit. The same limit now applies in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. However, from Oct. 15 through Dec. 31 the limit in both states increases to five fish/person/day. The minimum tautog size in both states is 16 inches.

When the tautog fishery is open, private anglers are subject to 10-fish maximum tautog limit for the vessel. The most restrictive limit of the per angler bag limit or per vessel maximum limit applies in both states.

For saltwater recreations on all species in Massachusetts visit www.mass.gov/doc/private-angler-recreational-poster-2021/download. In Rhode Island saltwater regulations visit www.eregulations.com/rhodeisland/saltwater.

New freshwater fishing regulations

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) announced new Rhode Island Freshwater Fishing Rules and Regulations will take effect Saturday, July 31.

Two changes pertain to the Beaver River in Richmond. It is now designated as a no kill, "catch-and-release only" area. Beaver River has also been removed from the trout stocking list, it will no longer be stocked with hatchery raised trout.

The aim of designating the Beaver River as catch and release-only area is to further improve the population of brook trout in the Beaver River. Furthermore, this change will provide a unique opportunity for anglers to target wild brook trout and admire them for their natural beauty.

Additionally, Cass Pond, Woonsocket and Geneva Brook and Pond in North Providence have been revised to be restricted to children for the first two days of the trout fishing season.

For a full list of freshwater fishing regulations, visit <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-60-00-10>.

Where's the bite?

"Striped bass fishing in Narragansett Bay has dropped off but customers live lining poggies (Atlantic menhaden) are hooking up with keeper striped bass usually when the tide is changing," said Tom Giddings of The Tackle Box, Warwick. "The bluefish bite is not good but snapper blues have made their presence known in cover and harbors." John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside said, "Customers have not caught many bluefish at all and the striped bass bite has decreased in the upper Bay. I know we have a good snapper bluefish bite as we have sold a lot of snapper blue rigs this weekend." Anglers are



TAUTOG SEASON: Jamie Wong with a tautog caught in the fall off Newport. Tautog season opened with a three fish/person/day limit (16-inch minimum size) this week in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. (Submitted photo)

reminded that snapper blues are bluefish and the bluefish regulation of three fish/person/day applies. Ken Ferrara of Ray's Bait & Tackle Warwick, said, "Customers are catching large striped bass off Newport. We had reports of two anglers hooking up with 50-pound striped bass right at Brenton Reef."

Summer flounder (fluke) and black sea bass. Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, said, "I don't know if it is because of all the bait at popular shore fishing locations, like Rocky Point and Conimicut Point, but a couple of customers caught 20-inch fluke (summer flounder) when fishing from shore there." Ken Ferrara of Ray's Bait said, "The bite has slowed in the Bay with few fluke being caught in the upper Bay, most of any action is taking place in the lower Bay." I fished this weekend both days with charters off Beavertail Point on a piece of structure about a mile east of Beavertail Light and we were able to limit out on keeper black sea bass (three fish/person/day, minimum size is 15 inches). Few keeper fluke were caught, just two, one of them coming from the deep trench just south of Dutch Island off the lighthouse. Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fishworks,

Block Island, said, "We had some large fluke (to about ten pounds) caught on the southwest side of the Island this week." We managed just one keeper fluke with a ton of dog fish on the West Fishing Grounds off Block Island and near the north rip fishing on Sunday morning.

"Freshwater fishing remains strong in area ponds," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box. Trout fishing has slowed at stocked ponds as the water has warmed up.

Dolphins at the mouth of the Bay. Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. (on our way to Block Island) we came across a large pod of dolphin (looked to be a couple of hundred or so at least). When bluefin tuna fishing, it's one of the signs you look for before you put in your bluefin tuna spread (rigs) to catch them. Dolphin and bluefin tuna often eat the same thing and are chasing the same bait. Have to wonder if there were bluefin tuna mixed in with those dolphin, if so it would be incredible, a good bluefin bite off Narragansett? Off Beavertail? Off Newport? But who knows, maybe this pod just lost its way. Anglers are reminded they need a special Highly Mi-

gratory Species (HMS) Federal fishing permit to catch bluefin tuna at in Tunc.

Chub mackerel (fun the catch and eat) have appeared off our southern coastal shores. If you want to be ready to target these fast movers the Saltwater Edge can help. Peter Jenkins, owner of the Saltwater Edge and president of the American Saltwater Guides Association, said, "Chub Mackerel are becoming regular visitors in mid-Summer in Southern New England. They can be found frothily feeding on the same baits that cause the "bass rafts"; typically bay anchovies or sand eels. Chasing chubs are a fun prelude to the exciting times ahead created by bonito and then (fin gers crossed) false albacore." To find out what to target chub mackerel with visit www.saltwateredge.com Tackle and Tactics: Chub Mackerel.

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

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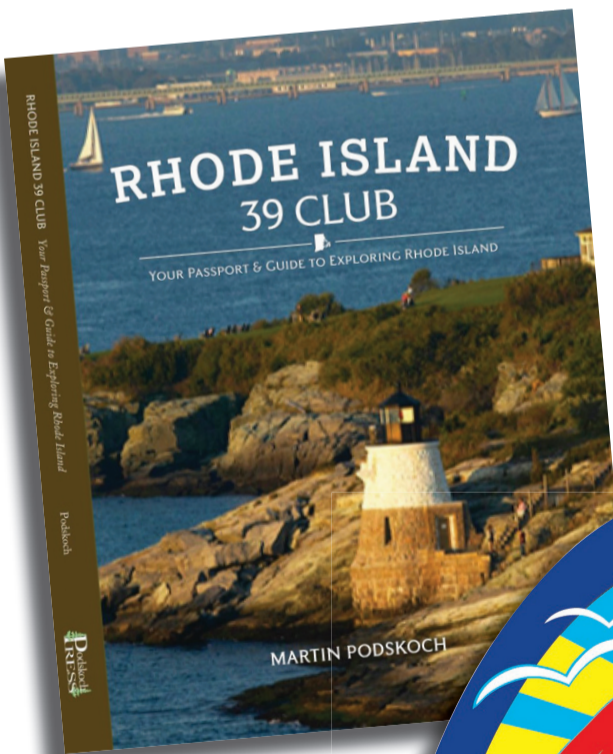
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MEET THE AUTHOR: Martin Podskoch, author of "Rhode Island 39 Club" and "Rhode Island Conservation Corps Camps," is pictured on Comstock's Bridge in East Hampton, Connecticut. (Courtesy of Martin Podskoch)



With 'Rhode Island 39 Club,' Podskoch brings local writers together to highlight state's cities and towns

By **DON FOWLER**

Connecticut author Martin Podskoch has authored books about the Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Rhode Island and other locations, plus travel guides for all of the cities and towns in Connecticut and the Adirondack region.

Now, he has turned his attention to the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island, recruiting local volunteers to write about their community's history and interesting places to visit.

"It doesn't matter what age people are or what means of transportation people use to get there," the 77-year-old author of "Rhode Island 39 Club" said. "The whole idea is to get people to see the many beautiful places in their state."

This unique book provides Rhode Island residents and visitors with a literal "passport and guide to exploring Rhode Island" – one that comes with a special reward if they visit all 39 cities and towns.

RHODY RED: Readers who make it to all of Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns – getting their book signed or stamped along the way – will be honored with the Rhody Red Award patch at an annual dinner. (Courtesy of Martin Podskoch)



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Disease Care vs Health Care

Medical care in the United States is extremely expensive. We spend 3.8 trillion dollars annually (11,000 dollars per person). Other nations spend less than half of that (5,000 per person). In spite of this, life expectancy has gone down to 77 years old, infant mortality is high for a developed nation, and maternal mortality is very high. Why are our costs so high, and our results so mediocre?

The United States does not have a health care system, it has a disease-care system. We wait for you to get sick, and then we treat you with the best and most expensive technology. The goal of a health care system is to prevent diseases from occurring (e.g. polio), or screen for them for early diagnosis.

The three most common causes of death are:

1. Vascular disease:

It causes heart attacks and strokes and results in 800,000 death per year. It may be related to a genetic tendency, a diet high in saturated fat, sugar, and salt, tobacco, hypertension, diabetes, and an inactive lifestyle.

2. Cancer:

It results in 600,000 death per year and is caused by many factors, including genetic tendency, tobacco, alcohol, exposure to certain chemicals and drugs, and obesity.

3. Injury:

Injuries cause 250,000 deaths per year, and, tragically, most of these are young people. It includes 93,000 deaths from drug overdoses, 48,000 suicides, 38,000 automobile accidents, and 38,000 gun-related deaths.

Suggestions to prevent or delay these diseases include the following Dos:

1. Do know your family history. Many diseases run in families. For women with strong family histories of breast or ovarian cancer, genetic studies can be done. Strong family histories for heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, thyroid disease, colon, and prostate cancer should also prompt regular screening.

2. Do have a healthy diet. Calories should not be excessive. Foods should be low in saturated fat, salt, and sugar. Read the labels, and do your own cooking. Avoid fad diets; they are unhealthy. Don't eat unless you're hungry. Avoid restaurants that serve high-fat meals. No liquid calories except water and 1% or skim milk. Daily caloric needs are 1500 to 1800 calories for a woman and 1800 to 2200 calories

Staying Healthy



by
DAVID LOWE,
MD

for a man. If you have just one 12 oz can of coke (or fruit juice or wine or beer) daily you will gain 14 pounds in a year.

3. Do Exercise. There are three types of exercise: aerobic, strength training, and stretching. Sports is not exercising. Waiting in the right field for a fly ball has no cardiovascular benefit. Five times a week you should do

aerobics (fast walking, jogging, biking, or rowing). Three times a week do weights and stretching.

4. Do take recommended screening tests for common cancers (colon, breast, and prostate).

5. Do take all recommended vaccines.

Now for the Do Nots:

1. Don't smoke or use tobacco in any form. In the USA, smoking causes 480,000 deaths per year with health care costs of 300 billion dollars. Smokers live an average of 10 years less than non-smokers. Smoking causes cancer of the lung, throat, and bladder, and heart disease, COPD, and stroke.

2. Don't drink. Each year 95,000 people in the USA die of alcohol-related causes at a cost of 250 billion dollars. There is no safe

form of alcohol. Alcohol is addictive (30% of people who drink will have an alcohol disorder at some time in their lives). Alcohol is associated with 13 different cancers, cirrhosis, pancreatitis, and heart disease. Even moderate drinking is unsafe. One study found that women who have 8 drinks per week had a 50% increase in breast cancer.

3. Don't do drugs. All drugs are poisons, Oxycontin, prescription medication is highly addictive and may lead to addiction in as little as 4 or 5 days. Heroin and cocaine are often mixed with cheap fentanyl, a highly dangerous drug that causes many fatal overdoses. Last year 93,000 young people died of drug overdoses.

4. Don't be sedentary. An inactive lifestyle doubles the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. It increases blood pressure, and the risk of colon cancer, osteoporosis, and depression.

Why do, or don't do all these things? A recent study showed that people who didn't smoke or drink, ate a healthy diet, maintained healthy body weight, and exercised 5 or more times per week lived 12 to 16 years longer (88 to 92 years of age). So, what is better for you, a disease care system or a health care system?

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Book
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Those “members” of the Rhode Island 39 Club who have visited all of the Ocean State’s cities and towns and had their book signed and stamped in each one by anyone in the town will be honored with the Rhody Red Award patch at an annual dinner. The patch is named, of course, for Rhode Island’s state bird, a breed that originated in Little Compton.

The attractive new hardcover travel book has 104 pages and 110 photos and maps divided into five county chapters.

“An enticing feature of this travel guide is that it is also a passport to unfamiliar places where the traveler presents the guide to someone in each town to be signed or stamped as evidence of the visit,” said Christian McBurney, a Rhode Island historian, in the book’s foreword.

Podskoch is no stranger to Rhode Island, having camped at Point Judith State Campground, Watchaug Pond and Burlingame as a youth. He has lectured at many Rhode Island libraries and historical societies.

The Warwick section of the book features photos of Rocky Point, Warwick Cove and Goddard Park.

Written by Potowomut resident Paul Alexander, it relays many interesting facts such as Warwick’s 40 miles of tidal coastline, 200 restaurants, Gaspee Days, and views of Narragansett Bay.

The Cranston section was written by Sandra Moyer, president of the Cranston Historical Society, with photos of Governor Sprague mansion and the Dhamagosnaram Buddhist Temple. (I’ve lived in Cranston for over 50 years, and I was unfamiliar with the temple.)

Like Warwick, some of my favorite restaurants are listed. Of course, Twin Oaks is there.

Moyer reminded me that in 2006, Cranston was named as the best place to live in Rhode Island by Money Magazine.

Pawtuxet Village and Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, along with Garden City are mentioned as places to visit.

The Johnston Historical Society takes credit for the section on Johnston. Photos of the Clemence-Irons House, Hipses Rock and the histori-



WITH THE FAMILY: Martin “Marty” Podskoch is pictured at his home on Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton, Connecticut, with members of his family. Seated are Lydia and Kira Roloff, and standing, left to right, are Kristy and Matt Roloff, Ryan and Jenna with Lily Ann and Anna Lee Podskoch, Lynn, Marty and Matthew Podskoch. (Courtesy of Martin Podskoch)

cal society’s headquarters at the Elijah Angell house grace the pages.

We are reminded that agriculture has long been a key to Johnston’s economy, and many farms still actively exist, such as Salisbury and Pezza farms. The 1,000-acre Snake Den State Park includes miles of walking trails, historic quarries and a working farm.

“Rhode Island 39 Club” is unlike most travel books. It gives you a feeling for each community and what it has to offer, whether it is a good restaurant, an historical site, or a look at the past and present.

Podskoch has written seven books in all. “Rhode Island 39 Club” follows a successful approach he has taken to volumes focuses on other states and regions, including “Connecticut 169 Club” and “Adirondack 102 Club.” Readers who complete those journeys

get patches, too – the Leatherman patch for visiting all of Connecticut’s 169 cities and towns, for example, and the “Vagabond” patch for people who make it to all 102 communities in the Adirondack region.

The concept, according to Podskoch, grew out of a 1950s magazine article by Arthur W. Peach – and a subsequently formed “club” – focused on visiting all of Vermont’s 251 cities and towns.

“The whole thing,” he said, “is to make sure people visit and talk to people and not just drive through.”

Work on “Rhode Island 39 Club” began in December 2020, Podskoch said, after he published “Rhode Island Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories & Legacy of the CCC.” The CCC, part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal

program, was active in the 1930s and early 1940s.

According to a media release about “Rhode Island 39 Club,” Podskoch worked with “45 writers in all walks of life: librarians, historians, historical society members, free-lance writers, public officials, college professors, town citizens, and Chamber of Commerce officers.”

The book, which has a list price of \$29.95, is available at local book and gift stores, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or by mail: Marty Podskoch, 43 O’Neill Lane, East Hampton, CT 06424. (Include applicable sales tax and \$4 for shipping.)

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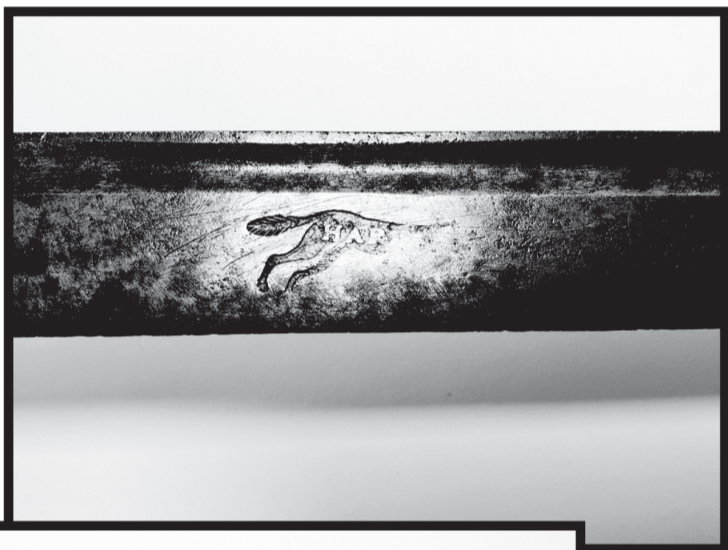
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A Sword Carried by a British Tar



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One of the iconic swords of the mid to late-18th century is the British sea service cutlass with its distinctive "double disc" thin iron handguard, iron grip, and imposing blade. These were used by British Royal Navy seaman as well as some Provincial militia during the 18th century. In America, we crudely copied this sturdy and serviceable form of sword for our own use well into the 19th century. The British navy also continued the use of this style of sword in various forms well into the early 20th century with minor alterations.

This example was made by British sword maker Samuel Harvey in Birmingham. It is marked on both sides of the blade with his running fox mark and HARVEY in the middle. It has a fairly straight blade with a single fuller near the spine. It is also marked lightly on the knuckle bow disc with a running fox further denoting Harvey manufacture. The iron hilt including the grip was japanned to prevent rust while at sea which gives the sword a robust and utilitarian look instead of the more common fancier looking examples of the period made for use of officers, soldiers, and gentlemen on land.

While these swords were mainly used by sailors, there is a Massachusetts account that after the French and Indian War, some of these were issued to militia for their service. By law, the militia had to be armed and equipped with gun and bayonet, although if you didn't have a gun that would accept a bayonet, a hand axe or a cutting sword was required. These beefy cutlasses would serve the purpose just fine on land as they did at sea. Crude American copies of this hilt have been found by archaeologists and relic hunters at locations along the Hudson Valley which also show that it was a cheap and fairly simple way to construct a functional sword. I own an example of one of these American-made copies and I have seen others in various collections around the country that show how widespread their use was.

Examples with the surviving leather scabbard are very rare and while it would be fantastic to have, the majority do not so its value is not lost because of this. While the scabbard not being with the earlier swords don't hurt their value so to speak, later swords of the 19th and 20th century need the scabbard to hold their value.

These swords made for the British tar are very popular with collectors of American Revolutionary War material as well as nautical enthusiasts and as such are greatly sought after by the collectors of historical arms.



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3 Grilling Hacks for Delicious, Plant-Based Summer Menus

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Cooking and entertaining outdoors can bring friends and family back together, but it doesn't have to be complicated. Simple, flavorful recipes can be easy on the home chef yet still tasty and enjoyable for those at the table.

One of the best parts of the season is grilled fare like burgers, hot dogs and fresh vegetables. This year, consider adding a plant-based option to your menu. Made with simple, recognizable ingredients, Lightlife offers vegan, non-GMO options that are made for the grill, like Plant-Based Burgers, Smart Dogs and Italian Smart Sausage. These products can help satisfy the craving for protein and are made with ingredients you can feel good about serving your friends and family.

"Food brings people together, and now more than ever, grilling season and dining al fresco is one of the best ways to do that," said Tommy McDonald, executive chef at Greenleaf Foods. "Think of the grill as an additional seasoning element – a zero-fuss way to add miles of flavor. One of my favorite products is Lightlife's Smart Dogs, which have been reformulated to taste better than ever. Try topping them with a freshly made onion jam or quick-pickled relish."

Consider these tips from McDonald to properly grill plant-based variations of your favorite meals:

Be mindful of cook times. Plant-based protein products typically taste best when cooked properly, usually over a low, open flame. When you're almost ready to dish them out in recipes like Grilled Pineapple Burgers with Honey Garlic Barbecue Sauce or Avocado Toast Dogs, give them a quick sear. If you're unsure, reference the recommended cook times on the packaging.

Keep it separate. During these seasonal celebrations, there's often some people who want traditional meat and others who crave plant-based options. To satisfy your group, drop a cast-iron skillet on the grill and allow it to heat up. Put your favorite plant-based proteins in the skillet, along with veggies, to keep the grill organized.

Top it off. Don't skimp on the toppings. The next time you're looking to jazz up burgers, sausages or hot dogs, make an easy DIY onion jam to spread on top. While the burgers and dogs are on the grates, prepare some extra coals; once they've burned down a bit, bury foil-wrapped onions in the coals. After the onions are soft and warmed through, pull them out and enjoy a smokey onion jam.

For more simple summer recipes, visit Lightlife.com/Recipes.



Grilled Pineapple Burgers with Honey Garlic Barbecue Sauce

Total time: 30 minutes

Serving: 2

- 2 rings freshly cored pineapple
- 2 Lightlife Plant-Based Burger patties
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 sesame seed burger buns, lightly toasted
- 1 cup baby arugula
- 1/4 cup crispy fried onions
- 2 tablespoons honey garlic barbecue sauce

Heat grill to medium. Grill pineapple slices 4-5 minutes per side until grill-marked and slightly caramelized. Cut slices in half and set aside. Wipe down grill.

Season burger patties with salt and pepper, to taste. To grill burgers from refrigerator, grill 4-5 minutes per side until evenly browned with internal temperature of 165 F.

To assemble burgers, layer toasted bottom buns with arugula then top each with burger patty and two slices grilled pineapple. Sprinkle with crispy fried onions and drizzle with barbecue sauce. Top each with top bun.



Avocado Toast Dogs

Total time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

- Oil
- 2 medium avocados
- 1/2 lemon, juice only
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 Lightlife Smart Dogs
- 4 hot dog buns
- 1/2 teaspoon everything bagel seasoning
- sriracha

Lightly coat grill grates with oil and preheat to medium heat.

In small bowl, mash avocados, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Cover and rest in refrigerator.

Grill dogs 6-7 minutes, turning frequently.

While dogs are grilling, lightly toast buns.

Spread avocado mixture on one side of toasted buns. Sprinkle each with everything bagel seasoning. Add dogs and drizzle with sriracha.

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