

'CRIME SCENE FOR SALE'

Open House held at Cedar Street home where boy was shot & killed

By RORY SCHULER

A Johnston teenager was shot and killed inside the home at 78 Cedar St.

An investigation into his death is ongoing, but the house where Dillon Viens died can be bought for \$445,000.

"Endless opportunities with this beautiful five bedroom, two full bath home," according to the listing on Premier Realty Group's website, where the house is a "Featured Listing." "Nothing left to be done but move in. A sun filled home with original oak floors that have recently been polished, every wall has been freshly painted."

The oak floors have been recently polished. "Every wall has been freshly painted."

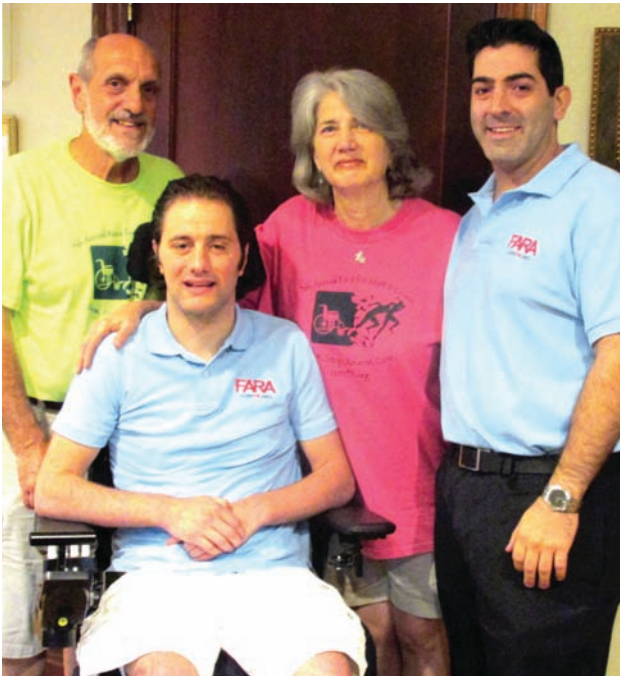
That description really stung David Viens, the father of Dillon Viens, 16, a Johnston resident and student at William M. Davies Jr. Career and Technical High School, who died following a "shooting" at the Cedar Street home on Feb. 12.

"The way they wrote it hurt," Viens said. "Freshly painted walls. The hardwood floors. That bothered me. I felt messed up on that. I'm saying to myself, I don't think the realtor even knows this was an open investigation. They didn't have to write it up like that."



HE HAS A SIGN TOO: David Viens is the father of Dillon Viens, 16, a Johnston resident and student at who died following a "shooting" at 78 Cedar St. The home is now for sale, and David picked a recent Open House. He carried signs reading: "CRIME SCENE FOR SALE" and "Investigation for SALE," and wanted to ensure potential buyers knew what happened in the house. (Submitted photos)

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FA-MILY: Johnston residents Jack Dilorio, Matt Dilorio, Sallyann Dilorio and Race for Matt and Grace co-chair/best friend Michael Crawley, of Cranston, took this photograph together in 2017. Matt passed away in 2021, but the race and golf tournament are still going strong in his memory. And there's still room to enter. (Sun Rise FILE PHOTO)

Spots remain for Matt and Grace Golf Tourney

By RORY SCHULER

There are still spots open in the Fifth Annual Race for Matt and Grace Golf Tournament, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 19, at the Connecticut National Golf Course.

The tournament will start at noon with registration and lunch, and a 1 p.m. shotgun.

Last year's event raised approximately \$16,000 (after expenses) for the fight against Friedreich's ataxia (FA).

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All funds raised benefited the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) and the tournament was held in honor of its late namesake, Johnston resident Matthew Dilorio, who died on July Fourth, 2021, after living with the disease since 1994.

Board dismisses uncle Rep's residency complaints

By RORY SCHULER

The Johnston Board of Canvassers has rejected complaints by the man who represents District 42 in the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

The race for Rhode Island's District 42 State Representative seat had already attracted attention for featuring two family members — an incumbent versus his nephew — competing for the Democratic nomination.

Incumbent State Rep. Edward T. "Ed" Cardillo Jr. (Democrat representing District 42-Cranston, Johnston) will likely face his nephew Dennis Cardillo Jr. in this year's Democratic Primary. The sitting representative, however, has alleged his nephew lives outside the district in which he's running for office.

A public Johnston Board of Canvassers hearing last week considered claims by Rep. Ed Cardillo that his nephew, his opponent, broke the law. Rep. Cardillo claimed his opponent lives outside District 42, at an address other than the home he declared on election documents.

On Thursday, Dennis Cardillo Jr. defended himself at the hearing, which was triggered when his uncle filed a complaint with the Johnston Board of Canvassers early last week.

The process actually involved examining whether to remove Dennis Cardillo and his wife from the voting list. Once removed from the voting list in a particular district, they would then be ineligible to run for office in the district.

"I have filed a formal complaint with the Johnston Board of Canvassers challenging the residency of Dennis Cardillo Jr, who is running for State Representative in District 42 Johnston/Cranston,"



AILING MOM: Dennis Cardillo Jr. holds a photograph of what he says is his mother's post-operative injury dated July 12. The candidate for state representative in District 42 has been accused of living outside the district. He insists he was merely taking care of his mother in Cranston while she recuperated. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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Johnston Republican Town Committee makes endorsements

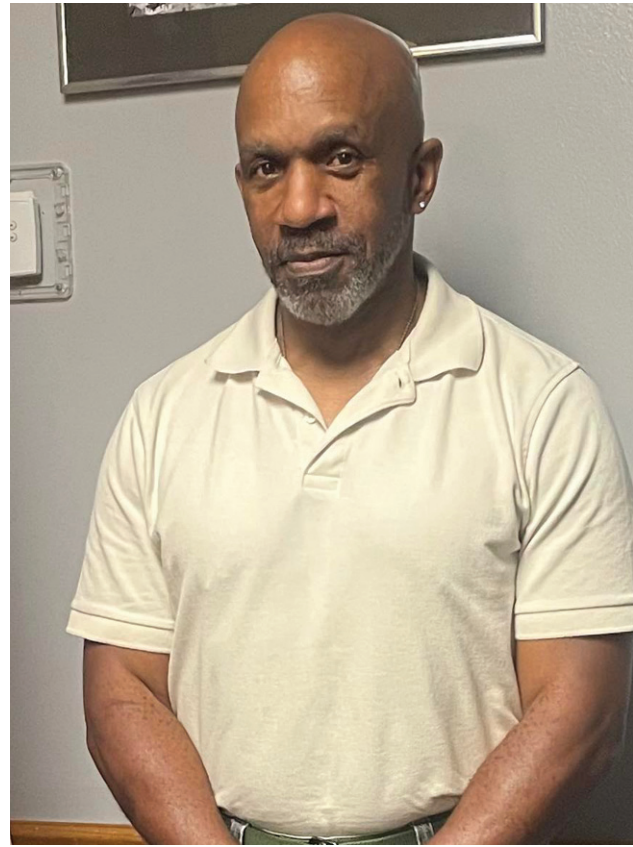
By Sandra Taylor
Special to the Sun Rise

The Johnston Republican Town Committee (JRTC) held its endorsement meeting on Wednesday, July 27, and was pleased to hear from the Candidates. The common theme that was heard is that everyone is sick and tired of the gas, food, and electric prices skyrocketing. With the inflation rate at 9 percent, that means everyone is losing one month of pay. This is very challenging for all of us, especially those who live paycheck to paycheck or on a fixed income.

Many of the current office holders that are democrats have voted "No" on the gas tax and electric tax deferment that would have saved their constituents money when it is needed. The time for change is now. We need to have people in office that care about us! No more back door deals or "I know a guy."

The JRTC is pleased to announce the endorsements for the following offices: Ashley Kalus for Governor, Allan Fung for Congress, Aaron Guckian for Lieutenant Governor, Chas Calenda for Attorney General, James Lathrop for General Treasurer, Pat Cortellessa for Secretary of State, Paul Santucci for Senate District 22, Harold Borders Jr. for Representative District 42, Nick Grasso for Representative District 43, and Peter Tremontozzi for Representative District 44.

Editor's Note: Sandra Taylor serves as chairwoman of the Johnston Republican Town Committee. Do you have a political announcement? Send submissions to Johnston Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhodybeat.com.



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REP DISTRICT 43: Nick Grasso



REP DISTRICT 44: Peter Tremontozzi

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Splitting pies with the Johnston PD

By PETE FONTAINE

The colorful town-wide invitation read “Pizza with the Police” and was issued by Chief Joseph P. Razza and members of the Johnston Police Department.

However, the title could have included “Pizza with the Police and Characters.”

As Razza pointed out while serving slices of pizza — as well as lemonade: “We truly had a great time; this was an amazing evening.”

Perhaps the chief’s enthusiasm epitomized the JPD’s impressive credo: “Working together — making a difference” was part of a super special social setting held outside the Richard S. Tamburini Safety Complex off Atwood Avenue.

People of all ages were greeted by JPD officers then sat in chairs at long banquet-like tables enjoying a slice of pizza with a variety of toppings, Del’s famous lemonade and casual conversation underneath a sparkling sun amid a cool breeze.

Meanwhile, children like Kaylee Ponte and Sophia Lourenco, 9, were excited to dance and have their pictures taken with several costume characters — “Skye” and “Catboy” — who came to Johnston from their home base in Cranston, a.k.a. Party Characters of Rhode Island and owner Kathy Parente.

For inside of two hours, children enjoyed lots of laughter while scooting all around the parking lot hugging “Skye” and “Catboy” and enjoying the pizza, their choice of watermelon or lemonade Del’s and those always-popular one-on-ones with the two costumed classy characters.

There were endless smiles from adults who applauded the JPD for hosting such a unique event.

“Having an opportunity to meet and interact with the members of our community and the support that they show us is always appreciated and truly inspirational,” Razza said while serving more slices of pizza. “Everyone is having fun.”

Likewise, as the chief emphasized: “My deepest appreciation and gratitude goes out to Rick Caron from Hometown Pizza, Subs and Wieners (620 Killingly St.) for supplying us with enough pizza to feed an army. Rick is a huge supporter of ours and we greatly appreciate his generosity and commitment to the community.”



GRAND GUESTS: These are just a few of the many proud parents who brought their children to last Wednesday’s Pizza and Police at JPD headquarters in Johnston.



PIZZA PARTY PALS: JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza, Capt. Mike Babbitt and Sgt. Luca Lancellotti are all smiles while being joined by Charlotte Pinheiro, Avery Hedyka, Lydia Hedyka and Kayla Beaudry during last Wednesday’s super social event in Johnston.



SUPER SKYE: This is one of several costumed characters who was a huge hit during last Wednesday’s Pizza and Police hosted by the JPD. Above, Zelia Ponte, Karen Paolucci Kaylee Ponte and Sophia Lourenco join “Skye” for a keepsake photo. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



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MEMORABLE MOMENT: Andrew Broccoli, a 9-year veteran of the Johnston Police Department, is joined by his wife Harley, their 2-year-old daughter Ryleigh and his mother Donna Broccoli after being promoted to the rank of sergeant. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

Broccoli promoted to JPD sergeant

By PETE FONTAINE

Perhaps it was Harley Broccoli who had the most memorable and delightful duty during a recent early morning ceremony inside the Johnston Municipal Courthouse.

After Mayor Joseph Polisena, who JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza called "our department's biggest fan and law enforcement's number one supporter," he requested Patrolman Andrew Broccoli "come front and center."

A few minutes earlier, the 9-year JPD veteran officer — whose career began with the Woonsocket Police in 2012 as a Third Watch Patrolman — took the official Oath of Office from Mayor Polisena for "his well-served promotion to the rank of sergeant."

Moments thereafter, Broccoli's wife Harley came to the podium where she pinned her beloved husband's new sergeant's badge on his spicy JPD dress uniform that offered what has become a "special sense of family at many Johnston Police ceremonies."

Thus, a host of friends, family and numerous JPD officers also applauded a man Razza said "has immersed himself in preparing for this moment and it takes a great commitment and discipline to come out on top. I also know that Andrew didn't do it alone, he had the love, support and backing of his family to guide him, so today is also their day."

That statement brought even wider and prouder smiles to the face of his wife Harley, who held the couple's 2-year-old daughter Ryleigh and his mother Donna Broccoli.

Razza said Andrew Broccoli has "worked admirably as a patrol officer for the first watch shift, where he has earned multiple commendations including the prestigious Town Coun-

cil Medal."

He also became a field training officer in 2017 and a member of the Special Response Team in 2020.

In October of 2013, Sgt. Broccoli transferred to the Johnston Police Department to serve in the community in which he was raised and lives.

Sgt. Broccoli completed his Bachelor's Degree in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College in 2014. He also takes pride in assisting with organized community events such as the JPD's Annual Golf Tournament, which Razza explained "joins police and members of the community in a manner outside of normal interactions and proceeds from this event help assist Johnston Youth Sports programs as well as other honorable charities."

Sgt. Broccoli is the son of Donna and Robert Broccoli. He and Harley are soon expecting their second child.

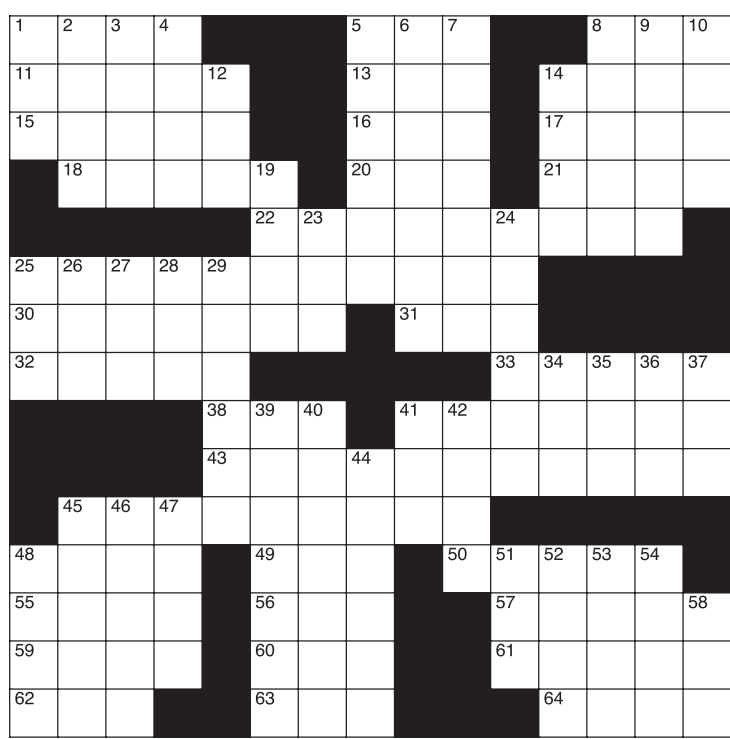
Thus, as Mayor Polisena and Chief Razza emphasized: "The promotion not only comes with increased pay, but more importantly more responsibility and holding those you supervise accountable. The Sergeant's position in any law enforcement agency is where the rubber meets the road. There is no more crucial, critical and pivotal role in any police organization than that of sergeant and those chevrons signify the strength of rank."

In closing the ceremony, which included remembering the 145 officers killed in the line of duty this year, Razza said, "Once again, congratulations Andrew to you and your family. You won't be alone in learning or acclimating to your new duties and responsibilities because you will have the support of your peers, your Chief and your Mayor."



SARGE'S SUPPORTERS: Newly promoted Sgt. Andrew Broccoli is joined by Mayor Joseph Polisena and Chief Joseph P. Razza, and other officers who will offer their fullest support, as he begins another chapter in his law enforcement career.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Pigeon's murmur
11. Moves aside in fright
13. Partner to "ahh"
14. Taxis
15. Monetary units of Turkey
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Prolific Italian opera composer
18. Restaurants
20. One's grandmother
21. Ancient Greek City
22. Italian mountain ranges
25. Data
30. Acted in an obedient way
31. Autonomic nervous system
32. Not on the up-and-up
33. Mock lightly
38. Mimic
41. Built
43. A neighborhood
45. Inflammation of the kidneys
48. Semitic fertility god
49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
50. Wise people

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Norwegian river
4. People with impaired hearing
5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Bucharest is its capital
7. River in Ireland
8. Type of TV
9. Double-reed instruments
10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. French commune
19. Alike
23. A bachelor's apartment

CLUES ACROSS

24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
25. Belonging to a thing
26. Japanese classical theater
27. Supervises flying
28. Not even
29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
34. Electronic countermeasure
35. Consumed
36. American politician (abbr.)
37. Sun up in New York
39. Casually looked through
40. Revealed the presence of
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Diana __, singer
44. Study of moral values and rules
45. Civil Rights group
46. Makes less severe
47. Made an emotional appeal
48. Vivacity of style
51. One who is highly skilled
52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
53. Famed guitarist Clapton
54. Most common Japanese surname
58. Recipe abbreviation

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**By Meri R. Kennedy
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Youth Waterfowl Training and Mentored Hunt

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is teaming up with Rhode Island's chapters of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers and Ducks Unlimited, GottaQ Smoke-House BBQ, and other partners to announce the eighth annual Youth Waterfowl Training and Mentored Hunt this fall. Youths ages 12 to 15 who have completed a Hunter Education Class are invited to register. Space is limited and applications are due on Aug. 25.

"Providing opportunities for Rhode Islanders to gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to be legal, ethical hunters is in direct alignment with our DEM's mission and wildlife conservation," said DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation Specialist Dan Lehman. "Hunting benefits conservation in many ways from providing funding to providing an avenue to eat locally and sustainably, to fostering a sense of respect, responsibility, and stewardship for our wildlife and habitat. Programs like the youth mentored hunt create positive hunting experiences for kids, while teaching individuals and their families the importance of sustain-

ability, firearm safety, conservation, and outdoor ethics."

This multi-day event includes at training and cookout for youth and their parents and a mentored hunt. The training and cookout, on Sun., October 2, will include a barbeque lunch and will prepare the young hunters by providing an overview of hunting rules and regulations, firearm safety, and waterfowl identification. Participants will also have an opportunity to shoot clay targets during the training. Clay targets, safety gear, and 12- and 20-gauge ammunition will be provided by DEM's Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) during the training.

During the waterfowl hunt, on Saturday, Oct. 29, participants will be paired with experienced mentors and partake in a mentored youth waterfowl hunt on Sat., October 29, followed by breakfast and a demonstration of proper field dressing techniques. A current R.I. hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit are required for participation. Youth waterfowl hunting days are Oct. 29-30 and provide an opportunity for youth hunters ages 12 to 15 to hunt ducks and geese. Youth hunters are required to possess a current Rhode Island hunting license and HIP permit. Parents or guardians assisting youths are prohibited from possessing a firearm and hunting during the youth waterfowl

hunting days.

In addition to the application, applicants are required to submit a writing assignment focused on the importance of being a youth leader and role model. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program in September. For further details and to apply, visit www.dem.ri.gov/waterfowl.

Hunters pay more for wildlife conservation than any other user group in the United States. In Rhode Island, hunters and anglers purchase around 70,000 licenses, permits, stamps, and tags each year and contribute more than \$235 million to Rhode Island's economy. A critical source of funding, these monies are leveraged to match federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program dollars that support outdoor recreational opportunities for fishing, hunting, and boating in Rhode Island. In addition to funding programs like the Youth Waterfowl Mentored Hunt, these funds allow DEM to acquire and protect many of Rhode Island's Wildlife Management Areas, study local species, and educate the public on the importance of conservation and stewardship in the state.

Hunter education is offered as part of the DEM's DFW Hunter Education Program. Safety training is required by law in Rhode Island for beginning hunters. To date, more than 40,000 people have completed a hunter safety course in

Rhode Island, helping to reduce related accidents in the state and elsewhere. A complete schedule of hunter educational offerings is available on our website.

More information about Rhode Island's hunting and fishing licensing system is available at www.dem.ri.gov/huntfish. The site also acts as a portal to help plan adventures that make the most of Rhode Island's great outdoors. The site links to information on hunting and fishing opportunities, trails, and natural areas through a variety of maps, as well as certification information for hunter safety and boating safety.

For more information on DEM programs and initiatives, visit www.dem.ri.gov. Follow DEM on Facebook, Twitter (@RhodeIslandDEM), or Instagram (@rhodeisland.dem) for timely updates.

Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15 George Waterman Road in Johnston.

Events will include the "Penny Social, Food, Raffles, Sweet Treats, Crafts & More," according to organizers, who are also "calling all Vendors/Crafters." For additional information call Patricia Leoncavallo at 401-529-7592.

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SUN RISE SCOOPS

■ Scoops

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OSDRI Needs Volunteers

The message atop a recent Operation Stand Down RI (OSDRI) bulletin sounded the alarm: "We need your help!"

OSDRI needs volunteers for a number of different roles for their Veteran Assistance Event on Sept. 15 and 16.

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OSDRI is located at 1010 Hartford Ave. in Johnston.

Local organizations can sponsor an OSDRI Tent at the event.

Sponsorship Benefits, following a \$250 contribution, sponsors a service provider tent at the event. The "business name & logo featured on a service provider tent and the event banner; seen by veterans, volunteers, service providers, and community officials," according to organizers.

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Call for Artists

The RI State Arts Council has announced a "Call for Artists" for the galleries at Block Island Airport and GREEN SPACE at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m., Oct. 10.

The RI State Council on the Arts (RISCA) is accepting applications for artists for 2023 exhibitions at the two galleries, which are a partnership with the RI Airport Corporation (RIAC).

The "Call for Artists" will consider artists who work in all media and applicants must be Rhode Island residents, but "no students, please."

The GREEN SPACE Gallery includes several large walls and open spaces that are suitable for large-scale works. The gallery selects nine artists to exhibit in three group shows per year. The Block Island Airport Gallery is best suited for smaller scale works and hosts single artist exhibitions, four times per year.

"GREEN SPACE and the Block Island Airport Gallery provide Rhode Island artists the opportunity to share their work with an ever-changing audience of local, national and international travelers," said Lynne McCormack, Executive Director of RISCA, "RISCA is pleased to continue this important partnership with RIAC, promoting outstanding work by artists living and working in the Ocean State."

The selection of artists will be by a review panel, which will include practicing artists, arts professionals and community members. Artists included in the 2023 exhibitions will receive a \$300 stipend for participating in the program.

Artists who have exhibited previously at one of the galleries are ineligible for new consideration for a period of two years. RISCA encourages artists who have applied in the past and have not been selected to apply again.

If selected, artists agree to suitably frame, wire or otherwise prepare their artwork for display at their own expense. Artwork is hung at gallery coordinator's discretion, and gallery coordinator reserves the right of final selection of artwork and approval of installation. Art-

work is not insured by the galleries during exhibition; artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance. Artwork may be listed for sale if desired, and any sales are direct without commission to the galleries.

To apply, follow these links:

TF Green Greenspace Gallery: <https://forms.gle/BUVB1knCDVRqLQZy8>

Block Island: <https://forms.gle/wXn-2F7CTDEz9Srqr8>

Read more: <https://risca.online/resources/airport-galleries/>

Free Canoe Rides

From 4-6 p.m., Thursdays in August, the public is invited to take free canoe rides on the Woonasquatucket River.

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council is once again offering free canoe rides on the Woonasquatucket River in Providence on Thursday evenings from 4-6 p.m. throughout July and August. Meet at the Fish ladder at Riverside Park, 50 Aleppo St., Providence. On-site registration is required for adults and children, and all ages are welcome.

The WRWC's experienced paddle team will guide participants up and down the river for about a 10-minute loop, where you will likely see painted turtles basking on the banks and red-winged black birds flying ahead on this surprisingly peaceful stretch of the river.

Paddles and life jackets are provided by the organization. Participants must sign a waiver and wear a life jacket in order to ride. All youth must be accompanied to the launch site by a parent or guardian.

This Community Canoe Program is made possible thanks to the generous support of AARP RI and REI COOP.

School Supply Drive

"Kids, Cops & Classrooms" has launched its 2022 School Supply Drive.

Rhode Island state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies are working together to collect donations of new backpacks and school supplies for Rhode Island school children through the Kids, Cops and Classrooms program.

The Rhode Island State Police, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Rhode Island will accept donations at State Police barracks, local police departments, Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses locations, and other offices across the state. Donations will be distributed to local agencies that work with disadvantaged families throughout the state.

These are some of the supplies being sought through the Kids, Cops, and Classrooms program:

- Backpacks - small, medium, and large
- #2 pencils
- Pens
- Pencil box
- Box of crayons
- Spiral notebooks
- 3-Ring binder (1, 1 1/2, 2 inches)
- Subject dividers
- Book Covers
- Index cards
- Pencil sharpener
- Assignment book/weekly planner
- Ruler (marked in inches and centimeters)
- Protractor
- Compass

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- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
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- Box of washable markers
- Highlighters
- Watercolor paint set
- Pad of coloring paper
- Large pink erasers
- Glue sticks
- Bottle of glue (Elmer's type)
- Safety scissors
- Two-pocket folders
- Composition book
- Wide-rule loose-leaf paper
- Graph paper

Donations can be brought to any State Police barracks, local police departments and any Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses locations. They will be given to the following agencies for distribution to families: Crossroads Rhode Island; Family Service of Rhode Island; Wiggin Village; Children's Friend; the Hispanic Ministerial Association of Rhode Island; Multi-Service Center for All; African Alliance; Mount Hope Neighborhood Association; Chad Brown Alumni Association; and the Center for Southeast Asians.

JHS Class of '82 Reunion

The Johnston High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th Reunion on Oct. 28 at the Alpine Country Club. For more information, email johnstonclass82@gmail.com.

CHSE Class of '65 Reunion

Join the Cranston High School East Class of 65 for a belated 55th reunion on Sept. 17 at the Radisson Hotel (2081 Post Road, Warwick), from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Join the class for dinner, dancing and seeing old friends. Tickets are \$65 per person. For more information contact michaeljsepe@yahoo.com.

More at Mohr Library

At 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15, the library will present "Dancin' with Hoops" and "Books are Wings."

Both demonstration and hands-on. "Dancin' with Hoops" is a blend of creative movement, dance, exercise, and cooperative play. Hula hoops will be provided. Books are Wings will bring free donated children's books for all participants. All ages with an adult. Registration is required. Please register at www.mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php.

The Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge is open to new registrations through Aug. 8. The deadline for logging reading time on Beanstack is Aug. 17. All children who complete the challenge will receive a free donated book and multiple raffle tickets. The raffles for our Summer Reading Prizes will be held on Aug. 18. (mohrlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365).

Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt — the library will have a special end-of-summer scavenger hunt with a tasty surprise for all children who finish it. It will start on Aug. 18 and continue while supplies last.

Teddy, the story-loving dog, will visit again on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Children and their caregivers are invited to share stories with Teddy, pet him and learn about his job as a therapy dog.

The next storytime session will start in mid-September.

Drop-In activities this month include Legos on Tuesdays and crafts on Fridays and Mondays.

Want to run your own book club? The library can supply you with a bag of five copies of "Fly Girl," the new memoir by bestselling author and Rhode Island resident Ann Hood, or Anne Tyler's new novel, "French Braid."

These books and the statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program are supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Local support includes The Friends of Mohr Library, Tri-County HEZ and generous gifts in Memory of Andrew Greene.

Mohr Library offers on-the-spot computer help and can schedule longer sessions for individuals needing more help. Librarians can also help you find classes at other locations. They can help you find electronic books and journals, career and testing guides, self-improvement media and more.

Mohr Library offers use of computers, printers and scanners. The library staff will send faxes for \$1 a page, and have a free Notary service evenings and Saturday mornings (call ahead).

The library's bookdrop is back in service.

The book sale happens every day.

Mohr Library posts hours, services and programs at mohrlibrary.org, where you can also sign up for updates. If you don't get them electronically, they'll mail you a newsletter. Mohr Library is at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston (phone 401-231-4980).

The Library is closed Monday, Aug. 8, for Victory Day, and Saturdays until after Labor Day.

Johnston Parks & Rec Reminder

Just a general reminder to please follow all park rules, especially no smoking and no dogs are allowed at Johnston Memorial Park.

Rec department staff has "noticed an abundance of cigarette butts and dogs recently" and they are asking the public for help keeping the park clean. Signs with the complete list of park rules are posted at each entrance.

Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use on park grounds. No bikes, scooters, skateboard, etc. are allowed on the walking track that surrounds the pond. They may be used on the center path of the park. Please do not feed the ducks, birds, or any wildlife.

Please keep the park clean by using the available trash barrels. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on town property. No vehicles allowed in the park. No swimming or boating in the pond; No open flames or charcoal grills. Gas grills are permitted. Fireplace use is prohibited. For your safety, please do not climb trees or fences. The park closes at 10 p.m. No overnight parking. No foul language or loud music. Field use is by permit only.

Also, please be mindful of parking. Please display a handicap placard if you park in a handicap space. The area behind the office is reserved for employees. If you have any questions, please call 401-272-3460.



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■ Scoops

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Apple Fest Scheduled

The 34th Annual Apple Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The event will be held at the Johnston Memorial Park – 1583 Hartford Ave. in Johnston. Register: members.nrichamber.com/.../the-34th-annual-apple.

The annual Apple Festival has been called by many a “Time-Honored Community Tradition & Fun for Everyone.” As always, this year’s fest will feature its “Artisan Row” — filled with beautiful handcrafted items, Pony Rides, and more.

The Annual Apple Festival will run for two days at Johnston Memorial Park, 1583 Hartford Ave. The event is free and open to the Public.

Johnston Historical Society General Meetings

For July and August, a Summer Hiatus will begin, as Executive Board meetings and General meetings are suspended for the summer. Have fun everyone!

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

The Johnston Historical Society’s Elijah Angell House continues to be open by appointment — the society always welcomes visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public. Events are subject to change. For more information, call 401-231-3380.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 231-3380 or at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, www.johnstonhistorical.org or www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston’s Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

Johnston Senior Center

At the Johnston Senior Center, all exercise classes have resumed, and new classes have been added too. Call the center for information.

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

The Senior Center is hosting a member picnic at Johnston Memorial Park, from 12 to 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, according to Denise Bell, the Johnston Senior Center Assistant Director. All Johnston Senior Center members are invited to attend.

Consider donating blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Individuals wishing to donate must book an appointment at the donation center; walk-ins are only accepted if safe distancing allows at the person’s time of arrival.

Nearby areas to donate include The Shops at Greenwood, which is

located at 615 Greenwich Ave., in Warwick. Sign up by visiting www.ribc.org.

Walk and Talk at Rocky Point

Come join the “Rocky Point Pacers” for a walk around Rocky Point every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., weather permitting. They meet at the gate on Rocky Point Avenue. Get some sunshine and burn off some holiday pounds.

Prepare RI High School Internships Program

Calling all RI public high school juniors: The 2022 PrepareRI High School Internship Program is accepting applications to participate in on-site/in-person, PAID summer experiential learning internships with local employers across the state.

This program will help you earn, learn, and connect with employers across Rhode Island. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Visit www.skillsforri.com/prepareri for more information.

Softball Tryouts

CLCF Bombers 2023 travel tryouts will be held this August at Brayton Park. 14U and 18U tryouts were held Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. 12U tryouts were held Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. 10U tryouts were to be held Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. All age makeups are scheduled for Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Contact Caroline Crudale at carolinecrudale@yahoo.com for any further information.

Sounds of Korea

Sounds of Korea will take place on Aug. 14 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the McVinny Auditorium in Providence. The event includes traditional music and dance in celebration of Korean Independence Day. Admission is free and Korean food will be served.

Comedy Course

If you’ve ever thought of giving stand-up comedy a try, now’s your chance. This \$200 Comedy Course kicks off Sept. 12 for six weeks in Warwick (except Columbus Day). The instructors are John Perrotta, Coleen Galvin Yaroshenko and Rockin’ Joe Hebert. At the end of the course, you’ll take the stage in our graduation show at Rhode Island’s newest comedy hot spot, the Comedy Park in Cranston. We anticipate a full class, so sign up early by calling the Comedy Factory at 401-639-7726. www.comedyfactoryri.com, richof.org.

Family-to-Family Course

The Rhode Island chapter of the National Alliance (NAMI-RI) on Mental Illness is now accepting registration for our next virtual Family-to-Family course, which began Thursday, Aug. 11. This is a free, eight-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program, which means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition. NAMI-Rhode Island’s Family-to-Family course is taught by trained family members who have lived experience with a loved one, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

For more information on the Family-to-Family curriculum and registration requirements, visit namirhodeisland.org or call 401-331-3060 or email beth@namirhodeisland.org.

Caregivers

Are you caring for someone with dementia who exhibits difficult to manage behaviors? You may be eligible to participate in a research

study seeking advice and feedback from caregivers about what types of supports are needed. Enrolled participants will be compensated for their time. The study will take place (video call) through Rhode Island Hospital’s Neuropsychology Program. If interested, contact the study coordinator Dr. Kim Chapman at 401-829-4310.

Annual Pow Wow

The Narragansett Indian Tribe will celebrate its 347th recorded annual August meeting/Pow Wow on Aug. 13 and 14. Chief Sachem Anthony Dean Stanton invites Rhode Islanders to join the Tribe in celebration and share in the traditional food, singing and dancing.

Grand entry will begin at 2 p.m. both days. The Church board invites all to share in services at the Tribes’ historic church (Sunday services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

All activities will be held on the Narragansett Indian Reservation off Route 2 and Old Mill Road in Charlestown. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days and admission is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Exhibit of Commemorative Ceramics

Currently on display at Clouds Hill Museum in Warwick is a collection of commemorative and souvenir ceramics. Intern Wren Joyrich has gathered dozens of pieces collected by the many generations of the family of Clouds Hill and created an exhibit for all to see. Call 401-884-9490 to arrange a time to tour -- there is always something new.

Blackstone Valley’s Operation Zap

Fifty years ago in September 1972, 10,000 volunteers lined the banks of the Blackstone River to remove tons of trash, appliances, furniture, even cars and a school bus from its banks; it became the largest one-day regional environmental clean-up in American history. Join the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative Aug. 27 to clean up and green up part of the Blackstone River Watershed and mobilize Project ZAP50. Learn more at zaptheblackstone.com.

Homeless Animals Day

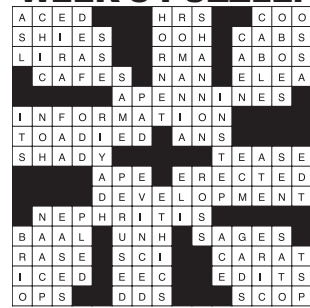
The Defenders of Animals in cooperation with the International Society for Animal Rights will hold a homeless animals day candlelight vigil at Governor Sprague Mansion on Aug. 20. The humane heroes award ceremony will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Charity Golf Tournament

Nico’s Tree nonprofit will hold its fifth annual charity golf tournament on Sept. 25 at the Cranston Country Club (69 Burlingame Road, Cranston) to benefit the nonprofit. Join Nico’s Tree for nine holes of golf for a great cause. After the game, enjoy a multi-course buffet dinner with dessert. Don’t golf? Join the nonprofit after the tournament for Nico Tree’s “Grow a Little Hope” dinner and raffle event for \$40. Registration deadline for golf and dinner is Sept. 19. For more information, call Dana Venteuolo at 401-241-5311 or Dennis Venteuolo at 401-261-3032.

Editor’s Note: Send submissions to rorys@rhodybeat.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.

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■ Cardillo

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Rep. Ed Cardillo said in a press release distributed widely last Monday. "The formal hearing, under penalty of perjury, will be held within a few days. In 2020 the voters of District 42 elected me their State Representative. I swore an oath that included a promise to 'protect and defend the laws of the State Of Rhode Island.'"

Rep. Cardillo alleged that his nephew/opponent, and his family, reside outside the district.

"During this election season, I became aware that a declared candidate for State Representative, Dennis Cardillo Jr., and his family, do not live where they declared on his Declaration of Candidacy, made under the penalty of perjury," Rep. Cardillo said in the press release.

The sitting state representative announced that he has enlisted a former Secret Service and Treasury agent to investigate the matter. He alleges the investigator discovered: "Neither Dennis nor his family live in Johnston as stated in that declaration."

The investigator claims to have proven via photographs and surveillance that Dennis Cardillo has been residing at Chateau Chatillon, 30 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, from June 8-14, of this year.

Dennis Cardillo said that residence refers to his mother's address, where he has been helping her rehabilitate since she underwent recent medical procedures. He denies the allegations made by his uncle, and has alleged both "stalking" and "harassment" by the sitting legislator.

"On June 27, 2022, Dennis Cardillo executed Rhode Island Declaration of Candidacy form listing a home address of 1757 Plainfield Pike, Johnston," Rep. Cardillo alleges in his press release, adding that his opponent's wife, Argilda Jackelin Cardillo, also listed the same address for her candidacy for the state's Representative District Committee.

Argilda Jackelin Cardillo did not complete the declaration process, and will not be running for the District Committee. When hearing that, Rep. Ed Cardillo and his attorneys informed the Board of Canvassers that they would like to drop the complaint against his opponents wife.

Rep. Cardillo claims to "have proven via surveillance that Dennis Cardillo and Argilda Jackelin Cardillo are residing at Chateau Chatillon, 30 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston," from July 12-14.

At the hearing, Dennis Cardillo presented photographs of his mother's injury dated July 12.

"They both appear to be in violation of RIGL §17-23-17 (Violations with respect to Elections, section (a)(2)," Rep. Cardillo claimed in his press release. "The private investigator turned this information over to the RI State Police several weeks ago who al-



BRIEF HEARING: The Johnston Board of Canvassers soundly rejected Rep. Ed Cardillo's (center) residency complaint he filed against his nephew and opponent Dennis Cardillo (at right). Dennis Cardillo insists he lives within District 42. Rep. Ed Cardillo insists the challenger is lying and has vowed to file a new complaint with the board. (*Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler*)

so conducted their own surveillance in conjunction with the private investigator. Documents were subpoenaed. To my dismay no action was forthcoming from the State Police. There is a reluctance to interfere in elections."

Rhode Island State Police will not confirm or deny ongoing investigations, or investigations that do not result in criminal charges.

"I want to stress that this is not simply a 'family political squabble,'" Rep. Cardillo insists. "It is much more than that. I have unequivocal physical evidence, photographs and video conducted by a former Secret Service and Treasury agent, which prove without a doubt that Dennis Cardillo Jr. lives in Cranston and by filing a fraudulent Declaration of Candidacy may have committed an election felony."

The incumbent's nephew, and political opponent, claims Rep. Cardillo has been stalking and harassing his family. He also claims the state rep may have "racial" motivations.

"My wife and I feel as though this is a hate crime since my wife is Hispanic and our child is mixed," Dennis Cardillo wrote via email last Monday. "We have numerous seen Edward Cardillo sit across the street for hours at Walmart ... which appears to be intimidation and harassment. We have in fact lived in the district the entire time as required by law, and after all the (stalking) and mental anguish state representative Edward Cardillo put on us we moved to a new place in the district in Johnston that has pri-

ivate security. Again we feel this is a form of a hate crime against my wife who is a person of color and we will make this known to all news agencies."

Dennis Cardillo said he's taking his concerns directly to the leadership at the Rhode Island State House.

"We will be contacting the RI State House to let them know the state rep is harassing members of his own community and request the state to reprimand his actions," Dennis Cardillo said last Monday.

On Monday, Dennis Cardillo provided copies of letters sent to Rhode Island Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi.

"Based upon the information Ed claims he provided to the news, Rhode Island State Police, and Johnston Board of Canvassers, I believe he committed fraud including but not limited to: perjury, evidence tampering, misrepresentation of material facts, and elections tampering," Dennis Cardillo wrote to Shekarchi. "We ask that you please investigate immediately as time is of the essence."

When asked to comment on and confirm receipt of Cardillo's letters, Larry Berman, Director of Communications for the RI Office of the Speaker of the House, responded on behalf of Shekarchi.

"Speaker Shekarchi does not wish to comment on the process that is playing out before independent authorities," he wrote via email. "He trusts the abilities of those reviewing the matter to do their jobs."

The elder Cardillo, the incumbent state representative, insists he's watching out for his constituents.

"The people of my District in Johnston and Cranston deserve to have someone represent them who really live(s) in District 42, from which he is running for office," Rep. Cardillo said in his press release. "To allow this allegedly fraudulent election deception to go unchallenged makes a mockery of our election laws. Unwillingness to get involved in elections, by law enforcement agencies or state and municipal election agencies, is not a reason to allow potential election felonies to go unpunished."

Prior to the hearing, Rep. Cardillo predicted little action.

"I have little confidence that the Johnston Board of Canvassers will act upon this complaint in an unbiased manner given the political pressures that will undoubtedly be brought by the political power brokers controlling Johnston," he said. "I am an outspoken and uncontrollable voice for the people who cannot and will not be silenced by the political machine in Johnston. I will immediately appeal any adverse ruling from the Johnston Board to the State Board of Elections and if necessary to the courts. I will not back down to Johnston or State corrupt political machinations."

His predictions came to fruition when the Board of Canvassers unanimously dismissed the affidavits he provided. Rep. Ed Cardillo and his attorneys vowed to continue the fight, and said

they would likely provide supplemental information to the affidavits, and reinvigorate their complaint against the District 42 challenger.

In his letters to Shekarchi, Dennis Cardillo Jr. vowed to fight his uncle's actions all the way to Washington D.C., and beyond, possibly all the way to the Peruvian capital.

"We are now formally requesting that you personally take action upon this. We will be contacting more news outlets, hate crime associations, and activists," He wrote to the RI Speaker of the House. "This type of behavior is unacceptable in today's society ... This to me appears to be a clear violation of the law and appears to be a tactic to swing votes in his favor. We believe Ed has been attempting to pull my wife and myself out of the race for candidacy. We now ask for you to take action against him for his injustices. By no means will we allow this to go on any further. I will be reaching out to the White House and my wife will be contacting her grandfather who is an attorney and a former diplomat and Secretary of State to the Country of Peru for assistance."

Incumbent State Rep. Edward T. Cardillo Jr. will likely face his nephew Dennis Cardillo Jr., and another candidate, fellow Democrat Kelsey Kristine Coletta, in the District 42 Democratic Primary. Republican Harold K. Borders has also declared his candidacy and will likely face the victor of the primary race in November's General Election.

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Landfill future must be priority Ocean State debate

Rhode Island's Central Landfill in Johnston will eventually reach capacity. When, however, is a topic of inconsistent debate.

Whether the landfill will fill to the brim by 2034, 2036, or the most recent estimate, 2040, state and local leaders must start working on future Ocean State waste management strategies.

Nobody wants a landfill in their back yard. But trash disposal and sanitation are key elements of a civilized society.

Years ago, the town of Johnston, its elected officials and voters, made a decision to host the state's Central Landfill — operated by Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC). They calculated that the benefits outweighed the nuisance.

On trash collection days, Johnston's residents pack the curb with unlimited piles of junk. And trucks clean the curbs and take the town's refuse without question.

But one day, the permitted landfill space in western Johnston, spread across 1,200 acres along Shun Pike, will no longer have space for 96 percent of Rhode Island's refuse and recycling.

A July 2018 report published by RIRRC warned future planners that they should be looking for trash disposal alternatives by 2022. According to a spokesman for the quasi-public state agency, RI residents are now, annually, throwing less away, and RIRRC has been able to help Ocean State companies reduce their refuse.

"Rhode Islanders should not expect any decisions on post Central Landfill disposal alternatives to be made anytime soon," said Jared Rhodes, who serves as RIRRC Director of Policy and Programs.

Why wait? The time to plan is now. If the state's residents can throw more away one year, and less the next year, then it stands to reason that the data is inconsistent. The numbers are down now, but they can quickly rise again.

All post-landfill options will likely face significant challenges from state residents. The permitting process will be prolonged, painstaking and lengthy, no matter which alternative planners chose to lengthen the landfill's lifespan.

RIRRC has an annual budget of \$67,700,000 and employs 142.

The agency's highest paid employee, Executive Director Joseph Reposa, a Massachusetts resident, has refused a request for an interview by a Beacon Communications reporter (the company publishes The Johnston Sun Rise, Cranston Herald and Warwick Beacon).

Reposa should be available to the Ocean State press. He has an important job, and a \$245,863.28 annual salary paid with public funds. Each Ocean State resident deserves a peek inside the planning process while we explore options for life after the Central Landfill as we know it.

Start the process now. Keep it transparent. The RIRRC should talk to the press and seek public input. Decisions regarding the Ocean State's dump are ours to make together. Let's not procrastinate.



LETTERS

'My name is Brenda Leone and I'm running for Mayor'

My name is Brenda Leone and I'm running for Mayor as an Independent on Nov.8, 2022. I am a lifelong resident of Johnston and like many of you have worked extremely hard to get where I am today.

The present mayor has held the office since 2006 (16 years) and during that time has governed this town more as a dictatorship than a democracy. Elected officials, board members and staff were forced to be in lock step with the administration on every issue, rarely issuing a challenge or a dissenting view. And if they did, they often suffered the wrath of the Mayor.

In my administration, that certainly will not be the case. I will expect the Johnston Town Council to offer opposing views when needed and rather than punish them, we will work cooperatively to arrive at solutions that will benefit both the town and its citizens.

I will also expect and demand that every board in this town that engages with the public will be fair and equitable when arriving at decisions. The days of stacking the boards with political supporters will be over.

Under my leadership, I will employ the best and most qualified professionals to do the work of the people. My door will always be open and my department heads will be accountable to everyone.

Over the next few weeks, right up to Election Day, I will be exhausting social media, issuing press releases and walking door to door to get my message to each and every voter. As I stated, I am affiliated with no party and will be accessible in many different ways through this campaign. I am asking for your vote and support today and will continue to ask for it until you have your ballot in your hands. The only promise I can make to you is if elected I will

spend every day of my tenure making the town of Johnston a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Brenda Lynn Leone, Johnston



'My name is Karen Cappelli Chadwick and I am running for Mayor'

Greetings to the people of the Town of Johnston. My name is Karen Cappelli Chadwick and I am running for Mayor. I have resided in Johnston for most of my life. I am a graduate of Johnston High School, a former business owner and local musician. This endeavor marks my first foray into public office. While I am not a career politician, this is where I live and I have questions.

Johnston has seen extraordinary changes in the course of my lifetime and I believe there is significant opportunity in front of us to help shape the future of the town. I have many ideas and look forward to sharing them with you during the course of my campaign, but at the core this campaign is a call for transparency.

Public service is an honor and a privilege. I believe the residents are the backbone and foundation of this community. I want to hear your concerns, questions and comments. What is your vision for the town? How do we find a common ground where residential areas remain residential while businesses can grow and prosper? How do we make our shared goals a reality?

I look forward to meeting with as many as you over the next few months. As we all prepare for the upcoming election in November, we much ask ourselves what is most important? What do we hope to accomplish? With your vote, we can work together. Let's try something new.



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Cranston solar farm faces further scrutiny

By EMMA BARTLETT

Residents crowded Council Chambers on Aug. 2 – many leaning against the back wall waiting for the Planning Commission’s discussion on the Natick Solar Farm project. The development, which has been tied up in litigation for the past several years, was brought back to the Planning Commission last week per the orders of Rhode Island Superior Court Justice Netti Vogel. The matter will likely be continued to a meeting in September or early October; a date has not yet been set.

The applicant, Revity Energy LLC., came before the Planning Commission in 2019 and proposed building an 8.1 megawatt solar energy field on a 29-acre parcel on Natick Avenue, which would generate savings for the city. The legal matter developed after the Planning Commission closed public comment during its January 2019 informational meeting but did not reopen public discussion at its February meeting when over 100 pages of information and the relocation of 500 panels were added to the record.

Attorney Robert Murray, representing Revity Energy LLC, said just before the Aug. 2 meeting, the abutters’ attorney – Patrick Dougherty – called to discuss some legal issues and case law from a 1968 Rhode Island Supreme Court Case. The case determined if a case returned to a board that has mostly new members, the board cannot merely

take a new vote – they would have to redo the whole process. Only three of the original nine members who voted on the Natick Solar Farm project in 2019 remain on today’s commission. Based on the discussion and on behalf of his client, Murray asked the commission to consider moving the matter a month.

“We will proceed, it’s just a question of the format and how that will happen,” said Murray.

To his knowledge Murray said Justice Vogel did not set a deadline and on a side note he added that the solar farm’s master plan does have an extension until February of next year.

With a 10-minute discussion on coordinating schedules, Commissioner Steve Frias motioned to continue the matter to a planning board special meeting with proper notice provided to the abutters and public.

Net metering

The night before the Planning Commission’s August meeting, Councilman Robert Ferri asked the city’s solicitor for an update on the city’s net metering contract with Revity Energy in conjunction with the Natick Solar Farm project. Ferri said there are residents who believe the city is not getting a fair shake on the contract it signed with the previous administration.

City solicitor Christopher Millea said Cranston entered a contract with Revity in November of

2020 to obtain 15,750 kilowatt hours that are purchased through credits. The city signed an exclusive contract with Revity where they would receive a discount rate of 32.5 percent.

“The city’s losing approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000 per annum because this is tied up in litigation,” said Millea. “It’s costing the city money to defend the litigation and it’s costing us because the Natick Solar farm is not yet built.”

Prior to the amended agreement, the city received offers from other companies on net metering contracts.

“The way the finances are with the city right now, wouldn’t we want to be getting on board with another company that wants to give us a net metering contract?” Ferri asked.

At June’s City Council meeting, Murray said in April 2022, Revity waived the exclusivity of its contract to see if other potential partners would provide some financial assistance in the interim months.

Millea said in the last fiscal year, \$20,000 to \$25,000 was expended on litigation for the city – he added that Natick could be tied up in litigation for a while. Millea said there are some avenues that are being investigated through contracts and negotiations and that Revity will be meetings with the administration to discuss what can be done to move this all forward to save the city money.

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JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, August 25th, 2022
at 6:30 PM
Johnston Senior Center
1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold its monthly meeting on August 25th, 2022 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through “Relay Rhode Island” at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

New Business

File 2022-14 – Petition of Maria & Paul Evangelista, Owner/Applicant for 131 Bishop Hill Rd , AP 43 Lot 378, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance 340 Article III Table of Dimensional Regulations for a Detached Garage.

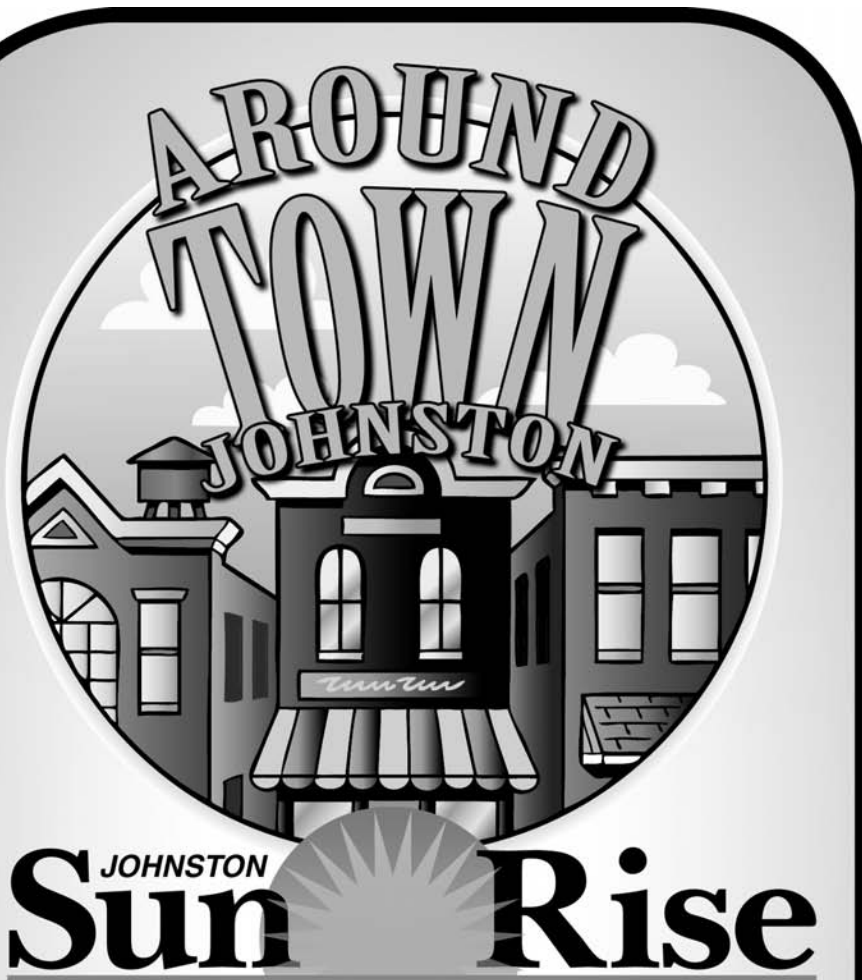
File 2022-15 – Petition of PCM Home Rental LLC, Owner/Applicant for Fountain Ave , AP 28 Lot 9, zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Table of Dimensional Regulations seeking a New Single Family Dwelling.

File 2022-16 – Petition of John Rosa, Owner/Applicant for 98 Greenville Ave , AP 16 Lot 353, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance for Commercial Storage of Vehicles- Dump Truck and Pickup Trucks.

NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting. The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town’s web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

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T.F. Green named Breeze Airways base of operations

More than \$76 million expected for RI economy

By JOHN HOWELL

Rhode Island leaders announced Tuesday the state has landed a bonanza that promises to mean high paying jobs and an annual growth in the Ocean State economy of more than \$76 million.

The announcement that Breeze Airways will make T. F. Green International Airport (PVD) a base of operations in 2023, a first of any airline base of operations here, is proof of the state's successful bid as a base and the airline's goal to reach out to new destinations.

"This is it for us for now," Michael P. Lazarus, Breeze vice president, replied when asked if the company planned additional bases of operation in New England. He confirmed that Hartford Bradley Airport was a consideration but Green was the pick. He said a goal of the airline is to bring non-stop service to airports across the country, saying there are 1,000 airports in the country lacking non-stop service and that Breeze's fleet of Airbus A-220 could serve. Breeze ordered 80 of the planes, however, there have been hiccups with delivery, dampening the airline's plans.

The news that Rhode Island will be a base of operations - Lazarus said the airline currently has two or three - was hailed as bringing 250 full-time jobs, including pilots and flight crews, as well as support staff and maintenance personnel to sustain up to a total of 20 nonstop routes.

A "base" is an airport where an airline's aircraft operate from that location. Airlines conduct regular maintenance checks and repairs at their bases. Bases are also locations where flight crews reside, which increase the potential for additional flight options for consumers and adds more flight options and the benefit of enhanced reliability given the availability of reserve crews and back-up aircraft.

According to a release issued by the governor's office, over a five-year ramp-up period, Breeze Airways will base six to eight aircrafts here, most of

which will be the Airbus A-220, a brand new aircraft with industry-leading fuel efficiency. Breeze will also grow its network at Green from the current eight existing or announced routes to 20 or more routes over the five-year ramp up phase that begins with the opening of the base. Breeze will offer approximately 20 average weekly departures by the end of 2023, reaching 44 weekly departures by 2027, according to a release.

"Today's announcement continues our state's economic momentum," said Governor McKee. "Establishing a base of operations at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport not only creates more good-paying jobs, but also supports our tourism efforts by bringing in new tourists and visitors to our great state which in turn supports our economy. I want to thank Breeze for choosing Rhode Island. We stand ready to ensure this is a success."

Legislators played a significant role in enticing Breeze to make Green and Warwick a base. Senate Majority Leader Michael McCaffrey noted passage this year of "destination funding" legislation that provides \$10 million over the next three years for airlines to advertise their Rhode Island flights. The aim, House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi explained is for planes returning to Rhode Island have "full seats."

"The ease and convenience of flying from PVD perfectly encapsulates our 'Seriously Nice' approach to air travel and we're thrilled to expand our services from Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport in the coming years," said President of Breeze Airways Tom Doxey.

He called Green "one of our fastest growing cities."

David Neeleman, founder and CEO of the airline, said Green was being considered as a base of operations when he met with the news media back in May. He emphasized that a base is not a "hub" where arriving passengers make connections to their final destinations. He said the airline was con-



TOUR GUIDE: Gov. Dan McKee wasted no time in telling President of Breeze Airways Tom Doxey all that the state has to offer following Tuesday's announcement that the company will make Green Airport one of its bases of operation. (Warwick Beacon photo)

sidering a base of four planes. Since then, RI-AC president and CEO Iftikhar Ahmad put on a full court press to get the Breeze base.

"For us it's all about the economy," Ahmad said prior to introducing Doxey.

He explained that the Breeze aircraft stationed here would stay at the gate overnight or on a taxiway if the space was unavailable. He expects some service would be performed here and should the operation grow there could come a time when Breeze would want to build a hangar.

"Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport is thrilled to become a base of operations for Breeze Airways. The benefits of this wonderful news goes well beyond the airport, and will help create new jobs and new revenues throughout Rhode Island to help grow our local economy for years to come," Ahmad said.

U.S. Senator Jack Reed along with Shekarchi, McCaffrey, Mayor Frank Picozzi and RIAC Chair Jonathan Savage also made welcoming remarks.

"It's nice when airlines announce plans to add routes to Rhode Island and it's even better when they announce plans like this to make the Ocean State a base of operations. It shows

the federal investments we've made to upgrade the airport are paying real dividends for the state," said Reed. "As Breeze continues expanding their network, I'm pleased they've chosen Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport as a key base. Demand from air travelers is returning and the airport's capacity for growth is positioned for takeoff."

Mayor Picozzi spoke of his efforts and those of the state to upgrade Post Road in the vicinity of the airport. He also talked of plans for an apartment complex and new hotel near the airport.

According to Appleseed, a third-party economic impact analysis firm, the economic impact from this Qualified Jobs project would be an estimated increase in annual state GDP of \$76.23 million in 2026 and a gross increase of approximately \$5.93 million in personal income, sales and business tax revenues during the twelve-year commitment period beginning in 2023.

Maryann Vita Second Anniversary

MARCH 16, 2002 - AUGUST 11, 2020



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"Little Miss Sunshine"
Love and miss you,
Grandpa & Grandma

Maryann Vita Second Anniversary

MARCH 16, 2002 - AUGUST 11, 2020



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we'll see each other once again.
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and held so dear,
In minds and hearts
you're always here.
Love always,
Grandma and
Grandpa Gallucci

Obituaries

Keven S. Yuettner

Keven S. Yuettner, 60, of Weare, NH, passed away suddenly at home on July 26. He was the beloved partner of Jerry Girouard for over 34 years.

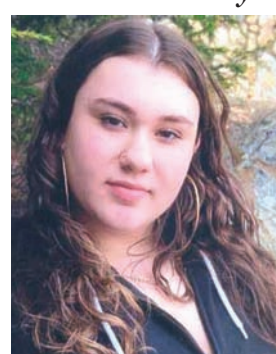
Born and raised in Warwick, he was the son of Clifford and Nancy (Leonard) Yuettner. A graduate of Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, Keven was a talented singer who traveled as a member of the chorale. Beginning with the local Newport Creamery, he was a tireless restaurant worker for many years before retiring in 2020. Keven was very giving and outgoing and was loved by many.

Besides his partner and his parents, Keven is survived by his siblings: Cheryl Goulet and her husband Phil of Connecticut; his twin Steven Yuettner of Warwick; Timothy Yuettner and his wife Lisa of Cranston; and Rebecca Warner and her husband Michael of Connecticut; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog Mocha. He will be deeply missed by his siblings and family.

The memorial service will be private. Contributions in his memory made to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.



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Love,
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Maryann Vita 2nd Anniversary



Maryann's last Birthday card to me
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you're the picture of what a women ought to be.
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All because someone I love introduced my God to me
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TOO MANY QUESTIONS: David Viens and Rhonda Brewster hold a September 2021 school photo of their son, Dillon, who died in February following what police have called an “accidental shooting.” The gun owner faces misdemeanor gun storage charges, but many questions still surround the death of their 16-year-old boy. Dillon’s parents are calling for legislation aimed at irresponsible gun owners. They also want their questions answered. (Sun Rise FILE photo by Rory Schuler)

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Shooting

(Continued from page 1)

The grieving father has been picketing outside the house, next to the Premier Realty Group’s “For Sale” sign, the real estate agent’s face smiling from a small shingle attached to its top. (The agent’s face has since been removed.)

Last Thursday, outside an “Open House” at the Cedar Street home, David Viens carried signs reading: “CRIME SCENE FOR SALE” and “Open Investigation for SALE.”

“They’re hiding the crime scene,” Viens said Wednesday. “It broke my heart. The whole thing was just a slap in the face. His body was literally, I know for a fact, dragged all over the house during that 40 minutes before 911 was called.”

Viens said he spoke to one of the men who worked on the cleanup crew following the shooting. The man shared heart-wrenching details from the scene.

The agent handling the listing for Premier Realty Group Paula Cardi refused to comment.

“I would need to have you talk to my broker,” she said, referring questions to Melissa Perrille, Chief Executive Officer and broker at Premier Realty Group.

“I’m sure it was cleaned up prior,” Perrille said. “It wasn’t like that when we went into the home.”

Perrille said disclosing information like a violent death inside a home would be up to the seller.

“It seller’s disclosure,” she said. “The seller has disclosed that there was an issue with the property ... We have a signed contract with the seller. Please contact the seller if you have any more questions. It has been disclosed, but we’re not discussing it.”

Many questions still linger surrounding the circumstances of Dillon’s death.

“I was aware that the house was either being sold or auctioned off,” Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza said this week. “Patrols did make additional checks of the property, as they have done so since the incident. On the particular day of the house being sold/auctioned, there were no issues or reports of civil unrest. If you are looking for further commentary, please reach out to the RI Attorney General’s Office as they are leading the investigation and in a better position to comment on where the case stands.”

Brian Hodge, a spokesman for Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha confirmed an investigation is ongoing.

“The circumstances into the death of Dillon Viens are still under investigation by the Johnson Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General,” Hodge said Wednesday morning. “As the investigation is pending, we have no further comment.”

Soon after the shooting, Johnston Police arrested Marios M. Kirios, 29, of Cedar St. Johnston, as part of the “ongoing investigation into the shooting death” of Viens. He was charged with four misdemeanor counts of violating a state law that requires Safe Storage of a Firearm. According to court records, Kirios was already serving five years probation for a 2019 arrest.

Kirios had been facing four charges — for Fraudulent Checks (More than \$1,500) — when he entered a plea of Nolo Contendere on one count, and was sentenced to probation and ordered to pay \$32,000 in restitution.

“Kirios, who was not at home at the time of the shooting, had legally possessed the firearms that were later seized as part of this investigation,” according to a statement released by Johnston Police in February. Kirios was arraigned and held as a Superior Court violator, but quickly released, over the objections of prosecutors with the Attorney General’s Office. Why Dillon Viens was inside Kirios’s home has not been disclosed by investigators.

“On Aug. 12, it will be six months since this happened,” David Viens said. “The realtor walked right into me. And by law she should know about any type of this incident. There was a death in that house. Accidental or homicide, whatever it comes out to. It bothers me. It hurts.”

The home at 78 Cedar St. — 1,680 square feet and situated on a 0.14 acre lot — was built in 1920 and has been on the market since July 26, with a \$445,000 listing price.

“Again, it feels like this is an open investigation regardless,” Viens said. “What if they have to go back in and track the blood trail all over the house? It’s way too soon for this place to be sold. It’s almost like they just want to hide this and run away and put this behind them. I just feel like this (property) should be in a standstill. The Johnston Police and the state still say this is an open investigation. They should have to wait before they sell it.”



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FOR SALE: It's not crystal clear what happened in the house at 78 Cedar St. in Johnston on Feb. 12. What's known for a fact is Dillon Viens lost his life in the home, which is now listed for sale by Premier Realty Group. The house is currently a "Featured Listing" on the firm's website. The agent's face has since been removed from the sign, but the house is still for sale. At left, Dillon's family has been fighting for answers, with signs and protests. Investigations into the shooting are ongoing, according to the Johnston Police and RI Attorney General's Office. (Submitted photos)

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By JENNIFER COATES

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Hawks hold Green & Gold Camp

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The Gottabees bring 'Go Home Tiny Monster' to TBTS



In celebration of 89 Years of Theatre By The Sea (TBTS), owner and producer Bill Hanney is proud to welcome The Gottabees and their delightful production of 'Go Home Tiny Monster' to Theatre by The Sea on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10:00 am and 12 noon. The Gottabees will be appearing at Theatre By The Sea as part of the 2022 Children's Festival sponsored by The Original Vanilla Bean.

After a sudden storm, Sylvie and her loving family of homespun creatures find themselves in need of a new home. Luckily, they have an audience full of people who can help them out! 'Go Home Tiny Monster' is a wildly creative theatrical ode to a community's generosity. The show, told entirely without words, features The Gottabees' signature mix of puppetry, live music, physical theater, and joyously absurd silliness.

The Gottabees are a Boston-based ensemble dedicated to creating inspirational, engaging, and empowering theater for family audiences. The company is known internationally for

uniting simple-but-elegant visual theater with astonishing technique.

Before or after the show families can enjoy cold drinks, and light bites, which will be available for purchase at the gazebo.

As part of their sponsorship, The Original Vanilla Bean invites those attending Children's Festival performances to bring their post-show Children's Festival tickets to the popular ice cream spot, located at 757 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield, to get one free kid's cone with the purchase of an adult cone.

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Jake Hunsinger & The Rock Bottom Band go 'Bottoms Up At Dusk'

By **ROB DUGUAY**

In the music industry these days, a lot of acts and musicians are thinking out of the box. Instead of going through the usual album cycle, more and more of them are shifting towards singles to utilize streaming and short attention spans to their full advantage. When it comes to albums, bands are releasing them in unique ways like Providence country rock act Jake Hunsinger & The Rock Bottom Band for example. On August 14, they're going to be putting on an all-day mini-festival event at Dusk on 301 Harris Avenue in their home city titled "Bottoms Up At Dusk" to ring in the physical version of their debut album *Wrapped Around The Axle*. Starting at 5pm, they'll be joined by fellow locals Stone Nobles, Jake Wasson, M.D., Hollow Turtle, Lauren King, Electric Paisan and a few others for a stacked show.

Hunsinger, who is a Cranston resident, and I had a talk about the upcoming event, putting out the album in an entirely non-conventional way, being able to communicate through his music and what he hopes people take from *Wrapped Around The Axle* after listening to it.

Rob Duguay: Who had the idea to put on "Bottoms Up At Dusk"?

Jake Hunsinger: It was my idea. It's funny because it wasn't the initial idea, we had a bunch of ideas and we're all going to do them at different points now with the desire to put on a big festival. The album was kind of secondary, the first thing was putting on a big show to highlight a lot of the younger acts



in Providence. There was also talk about just hosting a party to network because I've noticed that there is oftentimes kind of a disconnect between a lot of the newer folks in the scene and a lot of the folks who are established. I would love to host a nice networking get-together so everybody could actually meet each other and be aware of each other's acts.

With the younger folks in particular, they just don't really know what the scene is or what's out there or how to go about things. I think a nice event like the one we're putting on can help integrate newer folks, so these were all ideas that we were throwing around. As time kept creeping closer, we realized that we had a lot of things to do so we started to prioritize the two most important things. One being the album release and the other being a big festival because any other way you cut up those specific ideas, it's dependent on a big show.

RD: I totally agree with that, it's a cool vision to have. What was the process like getting all of the other bands and musicians on the bill? Was it pretty much hitting up a bunch of friends or was there a specific reasoning behind picking each particular band and musician?

JH: Once we decided that it was going to be connected to the CD release, I wanted it to be centered around the people who have been there for me and the guys for a very long time and have been very supportive of what we do. You'll see Beth Barron and Maddie McGill, they'll be playing and I've been good friends with the two of them for a very long time. I think Beth's open mic at the Galactic Theatre in Warren was the one I frequented so much when I was writing a bunch of these songs that are on the album. It only made sense to get these friends, these people

who are so instrumental if not creatively then just through the support. Also, everybody I booked I think is just stellar and I'm very, very pleased with the turnaround on this. I just asked my friends if they wanted to pay this and each of them said "Yeah, absolutely", so getting the lineup was the easy part.

RD: After this mini-festival, you'll be releasing the first single off of the album "Lorelai" on August 18th. What's the reason why you're putting it out after the release show?

JH: We're kind of doing this backwards. People can buy the physical album at Dusk on August 14th, the single will be streaming on the 18th along with the b-side "Wild Horses Of Wyoming" and then the album will be available to stream on September 23rd. When we were planning the whole rollout, we'd been waiting a very long time. We wanted to have the album available for people we'd know would listen to it a lot sooner than the national audience, so we wanted it all at once. Because of how long it would take to generate the proper press nationally, I asked our publicist about doing a local release for the CD so everybody who knows and everybody who's invested can listen and get a copy to support.

We figured that we'd separate our national campaign and allow that to build almost separately while using this CD release show as a trial run to see what works in the messaging. What resonates with the people who already like us? What resonates with people who care? So far, everything has been complimentary between both campaigns.

RD: Great, that's awesome. What was the process like making *Wrapped Around The Axle*? This is your first full-length record, so how would you describe the experience?

JH: Well, it was absolutely miserable for

the first year. All through my own neurosis, the four of us as we were playing were not up to the standard which needed to be accomplished. It was a long, technical and creative process during our first year but after we took a break and came back we were able to really understand what we were doing. I improved greatly as a singer, I was able to get more songs done and there's going to be songs on this record that nobody has actually heard yet. Usually I like to road test my songs so this is going to be pretty exciting for folks who know my work.

It started very, very painful, but I think it was worth it. I don't just think that, I know it was worth it.

RD: It's good that you have that perspective on it now when you had a rough go of it at the beginning. When it comes to the overall listener, anybody who gives it a stream on Spotify or whatever other platform after it comes out, what do you hope they take from *Wrapped Around The Axle*?

JH: I don't know if there's a deliberate thing that I want them to take away actually. When I write these songs, I think about what I'm trying to say after it's all done. Every song has an individual point, I don't believe in the implied meaning where the meaning is whatever the listener thinks it is. Sometimes it's like that but everything in the album is a pretty deliberate statement and I guess my only hope as a songwriter and as an artist is that people understand what I'm saying in each song and what I'm trying to tell them. I'm a songwriter because I crave communication and the ability to speak with people and if what I say is understood then I did my job. That's really what I hope, they understand what I'm trying to say with each song.

Watch Your MOUTH

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WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION: Katie Pouliot, pharmacy manager for CVS on Reservoir Avenue, was recently recognized for her efforts and was awarded a 2022 Paragon Award for business leadership and customer service from CVS Health on Aug. 3. Here she is with Senior Vice President of field operations Brian Bosnic (left) and Senior Vice President of field operations Jeff Schmidt. (Submitted photo)

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Cranston pharmacy manager recognized for development of rapid test kiosk

By EMMA BARTLETT

Kaitlyn Pouliot, 29, pursued pharmacy as a way to combine her love of science/chemistry and finding a way to help people. Now a pharmacy manager at CVS on Reservoir Avenue in Cranston, Pouliot played a critical role in the launch of one of the company's first Covid-19 rapid test outdoor kiosks. She was recently recognized for her efforts and awarded a 2022 Paragon Award for business leadership and customer service from CVS Health on Aug. 3 in Orlando, Florida, at the pharmacy's annual Retail Leadership Experience.

"I was honored and surprised," said Pouliot when she discovered she had won the award. "There are so many amazing pharmacists, and I feel so proud of myself and my team."

Pouliot said she would not be where she was without her team.

CVS Health's Paragon Award celebrates selected store managers, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and pharmacy benefits management employees. Winners are nominated by supervisors and voted on by CVS Health's senior leaders. The annual Paragon Awards recognize the best of the best among CVS Health's colleagues and are among the highest honors awarded by the company; there are nine national Paragon Awards given out each year.

According to a Friday press release, Paragon Award recipients are chosen for their commitment to company values and dedication to fulfilling CVS Health's purpose: bringing our heart to every moment of your health. At the same time, winners have demonstrated their ability to deliver outstanding business results, lead their teams to excellence and make substantial contributions to the communities where they live and work. They are considered role models for the entire company.

Pouliot was recognized for her ability to unify her team and being a trusted leader. She helped launch one of the pharmacy's first Covid-19 rapid test outdoor kiosks in March of 2020. Her collaboration with field management, her staff and patients was instrumental in rolling this out to additional CVS Pharmacy stores across the country. She said in an interview Monday

that there were two technicians working at the outdoor kiosks which ran from early morning and into the evening; outdoor testing has since discontinued and been moved to another room inside CVS.

Pouliot said the Reservoir Avenue site is one of CVS's busiest locations in the country and that the store saw a high volume of visitors during the height of the pandemic, due to testing and vaccinations. She rose to the challenge in an effort to help slow the spread of the virus, increase access to testing and help create a healthier Providence County. Pouliot said it was a team effort on putting the operation together and seeing how it would all work.

Making sure people followed Covid-19 safety guidelines and that items were sanitized was important in keeping everyone safe.

"Our Reservoir Avenue store has truly thrived thanks to Kaitlyn's leadership," said Jarrod Nedvidek, District Manager for CVS Pharmacy, in Friday's announcement. "She not only delivers excellent patient care, she also manages to help keep her team's energy up and engagement high. Kaitlyn has managed to turn an environment that can be stressful at times into a culture of caring for colleagues and patients."

Cranston's Reservoir Avenue store is also a CVS HealthHUB, which provides expanded health and wellness products and services. Pouliot was instrumental in ensuring that the store's Care Concierge team is well-informed about the array of pharmacy and health services the store offers the community and are able to provide advice and counsel to patients.

Pouliot attended the University of Connecticut as a pharmacy student. She started working at CVS in Barrington where she served as a technician and moved on to a pharmacist position in 2018. Before transitioning to the CVS on Reservoir Avenue, she worked at the company's Broad Street location. Pouliot resides in Riverside and recently got married.

"It's such an honor to win this award, and I'm proud to work for CVS," Pouliot said, adding that it's important to give community members the best care like they are family.

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Sports

JMCE golf tourney date set

By PETE FONTAINE

“Someday,” ladies like Judi Graham are hopeful, “there will be a cure for cancer” that keeps taking the lives of young children.

That’s why Graham and her husband David Graham – who own and operate Graham Builders of Smithfield as well as people like Vin and Linda LaFazia - are working tirelessly on an extraordinary golf tournament they hope will raise a record number of dollars for Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence.

It’s entitled the Gloucester Country Club Co-Ed Memorial Golf Tournament and is coordinated by the award-winning Johnston Memorial Cancer Events (JMCE) that has raised upwards of \$300,000 in the last dozen years to help programs as Hasbro’s Oncology and Hematology units.

The date is Sunday, September 25 and the tourney will again be played on the picturesque and well-groomed 9-hole layout in Chepachet for the sixth time in the last seven years. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer and the field will be limited to 72 players.

Tee off is set for 1 p.m. and will be preceded by lunch and check in at 12 noon with dinner following the 18-hole scramble



FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS: The close-knit group of friends who are coordinating the Gloucester Club Co-Ed Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 25 are, from left: David and Judi Graham, Linda and Vinny LaFazia, Tracy and Dewey Uriati and May and Greg Kernan. (Submitted photo)

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AN EYE ON DAD: CJ Buckley is pictured over his dad’s shoulder as Carter Buckley goes about organizing the 19th regatta in memory of his son.

Sailors gather for 19th annual CJ Buckley Regatta

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Sailors from all over the world gathered at Goddard State Park and East Greenwich Bay on Monday and Tuesday this week to take part in the 19th annual CJ Buckley Memorial Regatta.

CJ Buckley was a local teenager who lived by his motto, “Sailing is life - the rest is just details.” He was a competitive sailor for the GBSA team and Tabor Academy and loved everything about team racing. He referred to the strategy as “a game of chess on the water,” and he enjoyed meeting many friends and companions along the way.

He was diagnosed with brain cancer two weeks after winning a regatta and two weeks prior to his 16th birthday. After a courageous 16-month battle, CJ passed away and would inspire the local sailing community to establish the first-ever regatta in his honor in the summer of 2003.

Since then, it has grown into one of the country’s largest regattas and an annual tradition for the Rhode Island sailing community.

“The kids enjoy this regatta because of what it is about. It is about having fun and good sportsmanship. We have had many of the same volunteers for all 19 years and they have all gotten to know each other because of this regatta,” said CJ’s mother, Lucy Buckley.

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Three cheers for the Blackstone River

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

To celebrate the Blackstone River and bring attention to clean water, access and conservation measures taken by the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative a series of events including a paddle from Worcester to Providence and a much shorter Public Paddle will take place August 11 to August 14.

The Blackstone Family River Fest (www.blackstonecollaborative.org/events/riverfest) will be held Friday, August 12, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge, MA (287 Oak Street Uxbridge, MA, 01569). This will be a public festival with live music, food trucks, craft beer, and environmental organizations tabling, including Mass Audubon, Save the Bay, and other organizations.

On Sunday, August 14 a Public Paddle (www.blackstonecollaborative.org/events/blackstone-commons-public-paddle) and End-of-Paddle Celebration, that will take place at Narragansett Beer (271 Tockwotton Street Providence, RI, 02903). The shuttle will leave Sunday, August 14, 12:30 p.m. from Narragansett Brewing to bring paddlers to Festival Pier (the start location of the Public Paddle). Anglers must register for the paddle.

Paula's pan seared black sea bass

Last week I fished with Paula Smalec of Portsmouth, RI. She is a great angler and a retired family and consumer sciences teacher. She is an active member of the RI Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) and their magazine's "Cooking Your Catch" columnist. Paula shared her recipe for pan seared black sea bass, which also works for summer flounder (or fluke), so I could share it with you.

Ingredients: 2 Tablespoons butter, divided; 1 Tablespoon olive oil; 2 black sea bass fillets; lemon pepper seasoning; salt; lemon juice; and 1-2 Table-

spoons capers (optional).

Instructions: Rinse fillets with cold water and pat them dry with paper towels. Season one side of each fillet with salt and lemon pepper seasoning. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter with the oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat until the butter just begins to foam. Place the fillets, seasoned side down, into the frying pan. Fry for approximately one minute. Turn fillets over and continue to fry until the fillets flake easily when pressed lightly.

Remove fillets to a separate plate, seasoned side up, and cover with foil to keep warm.

Melt the remaining tablespoon of butter in the frying pan. Using a small whisk, scrape up any bits of fish that have stuck to the bottom of the pan. Add a few splashes of lemon juice (and capers, if using them) and whisk the mixture vigorously until blended well. Scrape the bottom of the pan as you drizzle this mixture over the fish.

Angler input sought on climate scenarios

Anglers need to prepare for climate change. And, fish managers and fisheries governance have to prepare and change too accommodated climate change.

The way East Coast fisheries have been preparing is through climate change scenario planning. The goal of the initiative is to assess how climate change might affect stock distribution and availability of marine fisheries over the next 20 years and to identify the implications for fishery management and governance.

In June 2022, I and a group of about 70 other stakeholders attended a workshop to develop an initial set of scenarios, describing several different possible futures facing East Coast fisheries out to 2042.

As the next step in the scenario plan-

ning process, two Scenario Deepening webinars will be held in August 2022. These webinars will offer all interested stakeholders an opportunity to review, validate, and add details to the draft scenarios.

Each session will begin with an overview of the draft scenarios. Participants will then have an opportunity to add comments and suggestions to make the scenarios more plausible, challenging, relevant, memorable, and divergent. Participants only need to attend one of the two webinars Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The scenario creation workshop summary with draft scenarios will be posted at www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. Sam Tolland of Sam's Bait & Tackle, Middletown, said, "The bass bite off Newport is still very good with anglers trolling tube & worming. However, the activity in Narragansett Bay has slowed greatly." Anglers reported a great bluefish bite in Greenwich Bay this week with multiple schools of fish surfacing at the same time. Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, RI, said, "Fishing has remained consistent for striped bass with plenty of schoolie to slot sized fish still holding on shallow pieces of structure and the larger fish starting to move out a little deeper. There are still some schools of nice sized bluefish around." Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, said, "With the warming water the bass are now in deeper water, but the bite is still very good."

Summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and scup. "The scup bite continues to be good at Sabin Point, Rocky Point, Colt State Park with anglers catching 3 to 4 fish or hitting it big

depending on the day," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside. "Some people limiting out and others struggling to find a couple of fluke keepers. Pink and white have been the colors of choice. Black sea bass fishing continues to improve with plenty of nice sized sea bass on deeper structure ... Vertical jigging has been effective catching your boat limit with bait rigs working too," said O'Donnell of Breachway.

"Anglers are catching fluke but they are working for them picking through ten or so shorts to catch a keeper (18-inch minimum size)," said Jeff Sullivan. "We had some reports this weekend of anglers hooking up with fluke but overall it is still slow off Newport, some larger black sea bass are now being caught." said Sam Tolland of Sam's Bait.

Bluefin and yellowfin tuna, chub maceral, Wahoo and bonito. Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, said, "The bluefin bite is still very good with 600 plus pound fish being caught just south of Block Island." "Offshore reports continue to improve with yellowfin, bluefin, mahi and even a few wahoo caught recently. Trick is getting out early and finding life." said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle.

"Freshwater fishing has slowed greatly, particularly fishing in the day, as the water is too warm." said John Littlefield of Archie's.

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@verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.

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Summer hoops

The Johnston Indoor Recreation Center recently wrapped up its summer basketball league which featured a handful of clubs throughout Rhode Island. The league gave teams a chance to get some work in prior to the winter season and players to connect for some summer hoops. Here is a look at some of the action from Johnston players. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)



LOOKING TO PASS: Derek Salvatore looks to get a pass off.



THROUGH TRAFFIC: Omar Grullon battles through defenders.



LAYUP: Cam Walker puts up a shot.



LOOSE BALL: Branden Testa tracks down the ball.

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TEAM COLORS: So as to identify competing teams, regatta organizers used color T-shirts from different yacht clubs. Pictured are Cindy and John Cappetta distributing the shirts and registering the teams by color. (Beacon Communications photos)



KNOWING WHO'S WHO: The boats are numbered so the race committee can keep track during multiple races during the course of the 3-day regatta that started Monday. Many competing teams have made the CJ Buckley Regatta one of a series of summer sailing events of a circuit hosted by yacht clubs in this country and Canada. Affixing numerals to a jib are Hayes Kennedy and Tom Spencer from Marblehead. The team had six boats in the regatta.

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This year's regatta featured 24 teams and 155 sailors. Teams traveled from 13 different US states and came from other areas including Canada and the Virgin Islands to compete. This was the 13th year that the event served as the Club 420 Association's National Junior Team Race Championship. There was another added bonus to this year's competition, as many of the officials were coaches from college programs including Maine Maritime, the Naval Academy and Brown University, among a handful of others. Not only did this provide these coaches with an in-person look at prospective sailors, but the kids were also granted the opportunity to meet one-on-one with coaches after the conclusion of the races. There were different awards given as well, including a team sportsmanship award which was voted on by the sailors. The regatta has been organized and run by primarily the same volunteers since its inception nearly two decades ago. Many of them include former friends of CJ's, who

now have their own families that chip in. CJ's father, Carter Buckley, was thrilled with the turn out this year and is always excited to see so many familiar faces. "As always, it is more than a race. It emphasizes sportsmanship, team spirit, and camaraderie. It fosters increased awareness of itself as an association as well as family and friends," said Carter. "CJ was a talented member of the GBSA race team. His courage, spirit, and determination to live every day to the fullest energized and inspired his mates." Lucy appreciates the support as well, and feels that the annual tradition serves as an important reminder of what sailing – and life – is all about. "I think that because of what happened, they are such a small group and it really solidified their friendships. Many of them went off to college, they are working, but there is still that connection between them knowing a person that they lost prematurely. There is a greater awareness of life and being grateful for what you have," said Lucy. "You can't take things for granted and you have to live life to the fullest. That's what CJ did."

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format tournament that many people will attest is perhaps the most unique golf-go round in Rhode Island. For starters, Glocester Country Club, which is located at 97 Pineridge Road, has adopted Hasbro Children's Hospital as its designed charity and thus waves all fees – including carts – for the Co-Ed Memorial Tournament that last year resulted in an extraordinary record total of \$10,00 which was \$3,000 more than the \$7,000 in 2020. Yet another reason for the tourney's success is Graham Builders is THE major sponsor that countless people have said "we can't thank Judi and David enough for their continued support and generosity." Moreover, the tourney total will receive additional revenue from the sale of Tee and Memorial Signs priced at \$60 each and as Vin LaFazia, who chairs the JMCE's annual granddaddy

tourney at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam will tell you "Have become popular and extremely beneficial through the years." Any individual who's like to purchase a Tee or Memorial Sign should contact Judi Graham at (401-497-2954/judi@graham-builders.com) or Linda LaFazia at (401-233-2564/fazigilly54@gmail.com). Because of the tournament's sports and social popularity and designed charity, playing spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Glocester Country Club will also play host to an important Veterans Day Golf Tournament on November 11 and all veterans are invited to play – for free – and enjoy a post-golf dinner followed by a barren fire. All proceeds from the event will benefit the highly acclaimed, award-winning program known as Wreaths Across America. More information and registration dates will be forthcoming. Officials also announced that Graham Builders has again stepped up and is paying for the meal.

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He had a great life

I had always considered my oldest son, Francis, to have it "made". With his Ph.D. from Cambridge University in Human Computer Interaction, he scored an amazing job with a computer company whose name I cannot mention due to a confidentiality clause. Despite his vision loss, he managed to find his own apartment and get settled in Silicon Valley, California until he met and married his lovely wife, Melissa, ten years ago. They purchased a respectable but extremely overpriced house and settled down to a nice existence. He worked his way up in the company to become a supervisor and then program manager, and in turn they provided a chauffeur to drive him to work so he no longer would not have to take the train or a bus. He and Melissa traveled regularly and even provided for Hubby and me to join them in a five-star resort in Hawaii for Thanksgiving week. They ate out regularly, went to the movies, and spent weekends at Lake Tahoe. Francis purchased a large sailboat which they enjoyed on San Francisco Bay. He had a great life!

My granddaughter, Izzy, was born eight years ago and the pace of their life hardly changed. As an infant, she traveled well, and as a toddler and young child, it enhanced their field of entertainment as they took her to parks and zoos and playgrounds. Hubby and I were blessed to be able to visit them and my camera is full of pictures of us on the Merry-go-round, at the beach, feeding the giraffes at the San Francisco Zoo, and squeezing our bodies into the tiny seats on the kiddie train. We visited the aquarium where she fed the dolphins and went to see Disney movies at the theater where I embarrassed everyone with my raucous laughter at the humorous banter of the characters.

My grandson, Sam, was born three years ago, on a stormy night. Melissa started to have difficulty with her labor and the baby's heartrate started to drop before the

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obstetrician was able to make it to the hospital. Francis was petrified they were going to lose him, and when he was finally delivered, his condition was critical. In the blink of an eye, their lives changed forever.

The ironic thing was Francis has a hereditary condition, blindness due to optic nerve hypoplasia and albinism. Melissa has the hereditary condition of neurofibromatosis, but Sam was born free from those disorders. Instead, he suffered brain damage from the lack of oxygen during delivery.

Instead of lamenting their fate, these parents delved into the world of early intervention services and devoted themselves to Sam's progress, all the while making sure that Izzy received attention and love. Due to the pandemic, my visits to California were limited. However, I have just returned from an inspiring week at their home.

Sam, who just started to walk at the age of two and a half, is a handsome boy, blonde hair and blue eyes, and an infectious smile when he is happy. Although he seems to understand a lot, his speech is almost unrecognizable, (with the exception of Mimi, which he could say plain as day, much to my delight!) He has a limited attention span and cannot yet play independently with any toys. He has a temper and has started throwing things...the food from his plate, his spoon, his cup of water, and so forth. He does not like to be confined to a highchair

and will scream until he is let out and held. He also does not sleep for more than two hours at a time, ever. What this means is that throughout the night either Francis or Melissa must get up to attend to him.

During my visit, I spent some extra one-on-one time with my granddaughter, creating an individualized Build a Bear and going to the movies, activities which her parents have not been able to do with her. I also stayed with both grandkids so Francis and Melissa could go out together alone a few times, especially for their tenth wedding anniversary. They had not been out alone since before Sam's birth, so it was a great treat for them. For me, not so much, as Sam screamed the entire time they were gone, even though I tried to be cuddly and reassuring. In caring for THEIR son, I was taking care of MY son.

Conversations with Francis were generally interrupted by the kids, but we did manage to get one heart to heart talk in there. I expected him to complain about how his life had changed, but he did not. He was happy at work, albeit often tired because he had been up at night with Sam. His love for Melissa was reinforced by how good she was with their children. They found activities they could do with both youngsters without much fuss, such as sailing in the bay, which was calming for Sam, and playing on a secluded beach where his squealing would not annoy others. Francis is not bothered by Sam's wailing, or throwing things, or waking up in the middle of the night. He loves his son wholeheartedly and reminded me that the alternative would be worse had Sam not survived the birth in the first place. Yes, Francis' life had changed, but he smiled a weary smile and confirmed that he still had a great life.

NETFLIX
Men in Black 3

Netflix has brought back this 2012 sequel starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. (You can also find the original on Netflix.)

The movie is a silly comedy with lots of special effects, including major adventures at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and a NASA rocket launch.

Our heroes travel back and forth in time chasing Boris the Animal and try changing events and saving the world and each other.

Josh Brolin plays the younger version of Tommy Lee, and boy, does he look like him.

Emma Thompson plays their boss.

It's dumb, but good fun when you've got nothing better to do.

TOWER HEIST
Trainwreck

Somehow I missed this one when it first came out.

Tower Heist has a number of stars, including Alan Alda - a shady investment guru who bills a major hotel staff out of their life savings.

Ben Stiller plays the hotel manager who devises a plot to bring down Alda and recover the money.

It's fun seeing Alda as the bad guy.

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covers the three-day festival in Rome and New York, and includes the preparation beforehand as well as the repercussions afterward.

Michael Lang was the promoter who set out to recreate Woodstock, selling tickets to over 250,000 young people back in 1999.

The major problem was that he didn't know his audience.

The original Woodstock was attended by a different audience, looking for peace, love and the mellow music of the era. The turn of the century crowd was into rage, showing their lack of control when pumped up by heavy metal music.

The organizers cut corners at every turn, overcharging for concessions (Water for \$4 a bottle), not cleaning portable toilets and providing horrible conditions on a decommissioned Air Force Base where the hot cement caused temperatures to rise.

The young, volatile audience reacted, and by the third day riots occurred, induced by uncontrolled bands (Limp Biskit and Korn were the worst). They literally burned the place down.

UNCHARTED
** 1/2

Antonio Banderas, Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg star in this adventure film about searching for the lost gold of Ferdinand Magellan.

The movie played at the multiplexes months ago, but didn't get good reviews, and I can see why.

"Uncharted" is a copycat of dozens of "lost gold" movies, including "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

The moral of the movie is "trust no one," as every character tries to get the gold for him/herself.

The secret is a key that magically opens doors from churches to nightclubs, each leading to more doors and more adventures.

The movie opens with Holland falling from an airplane when he wakes up from his nightmare. The nightmare scene repeats itself late in the movie after everyone finds the treasure, and Magellan's ships, and the final battle ensues.

"Uncharted" is a bit over the top

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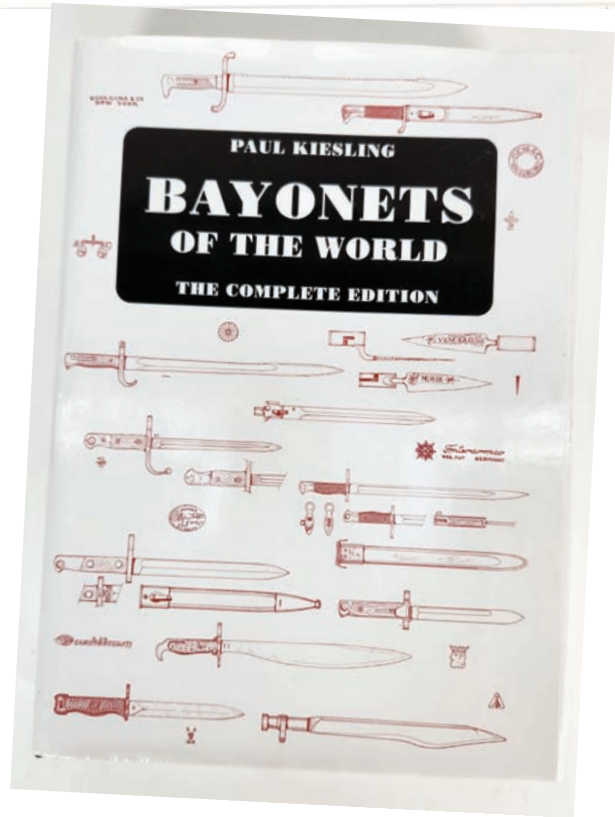
Collecting U.S. Bayonets: 1775-2022



By Joel Bohy
Historic Arms & Militaria
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kind of interesting to see. The socket bayonet became the standard in the early 18th century and continued till the 1870s. So even if we start in 1775 when the American Revolution broke out, the socket bayonet was still being used 100 years later. It seems it wasn't till the late 19th century when trials were being done to see if the bayonet could be a little more utilitarian, like the Model 1869 and Model 1873 trowel bayonet (the Model 1873 is the funky looking one in the group photo). The trowel didn't seem to work out too well and a collapsible rod bayonet was then used for a bit. By 1894, a new bayonet came onto the scene which looked closer to a Mauser-style blade form to fit the Model 1892 Krag-Jorgensen rifle. When the Model 1903 Springfield bolt-action rifle was introduced, it initially had a collapsible rod bayonet but that didn't last for long. By 1905, the rod bayonet was gone, and the majority of the Model 1903 rifles had those ramrods and parts removed and a new bayonet came out. The Model 1905 bayonet was similar to the Krag bayonet but had a 16" long blade instead of the 11 5/8" blade on the Krag. This style of bayonet carried through both World War I and II with some modifications and shortened for the M1 Garand rifle in 1942. The next series of bayonets all look fairly similar, the M4 for the M1 carbine, M5 for the Garand in 1952, the M6 for the M-14 rifle, The M7 for the M-16 rifle during the Vietnam War, and finally the M9 which was adopted in 1986.

Hard to discuss all of this in a short blog, but there are some great bayonet reference books out there. One I use a lot is *Bayonets of the World The Complete Edition* by Paul Kiesling.



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Since I began collecting historic arms in the mid-1980s, I always wanted to have the correct bayonet to go with each gun. Without the bayonet they just didn't seem complete. The good thing about buying a bayonet is that they are fairly affordable. Now there are extremely rare bayonets that sometimes cost as much as the gun or more, but for the basic historic firearm they are within reach financially.

What sparked this blog? I recently picked up a large collection of historic arms and with it a few thousand bayonets. Yes, a few thousand. It's only been the last few weeks that I have had the time to go through it all and try to organize it. There are bayonets from all over the world for a large variety of arms, but as I went through the collection, I realized I had every bayonet (and many multiples) for the standard U.S. military musket or rifle on my office shelves. Now there are weird variations and I have some of those also, but after swimming in bayonets for a few days, I decided to take a break, write this blog, and lay the basic examples out on a table.

It was kind of cool to pick each one off the shelves and place them in order. The evolution to today was

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What to know before taking money from your retirement account prior to age 59 1/2.

In this time of great uncertainty for many workers, we have received calls about withdrawing money from IRA accounts or retirement plans while under the age of 59 1/2.

Let's start with the "tried and true" advice of having an emergency fund that should equate to at least 3 to 6 months of your living expenses. Establishing an emergency fund of this type should be a top priority for anyone that is still working or relying on that income to pay the bills.

Once you have retired, your source(s) of income is not depending on you actively working so, the emergency account may well be a smaller dollar amount. Everyone's situation can be different so, I recommend that you speak with a financial adviser to help you sort through the various issues pertaining to establishing your emergency account.

There are rules pertaining to withdrawing funds from 401k plans or IRA accounts, and of course, they are different.

If you leave your employment, whether you are downsized out of a job, fired or quit, it does not matter to the IRS. If you leave that job during, or after the year in which you become age 55 and prior to age 59 1/2, there is a special provision that allows you to withdraw funds from your 401k plan without the 10% early withdrawal penalty. Many people are unaware of this special provision.

Keep in mind that is the IRS rule. However, your 401k plan may not allow you to take such withdrawals, so, it is important to start by inquiring with a plan representative as to the availability of this type of withdrawal.

A recent client wanted to withdraw under this IRS provision, however, his plan would only allow a one-time withdrawal from the 401k plan. He wanted to withdraw the equivalent of four years of income, which would have put him into a much higher tax bracket. Obviously, not a good idea.

So, what is a person to do that is faced with such a dilemma?

The easy answer is to transfer the 401k into an IRA that you can control. The important thing to remember is that you cannot just take a withdrawal from an IRA prior to age 59 1/2. But, there is another tax rule that allows you to create an income stream from

your IRA account.

The IRS code, section 72(t), allows an individual to create an income stream, "no less than annually" from an IRA account and avoid the 10% early withdrawal penalty. The allowable payment is based on your life expectancy. Of course, there are rules that must be followed.

(Please remember that converting

an employer plan account to a Roth IRA is a taxable event. Increased taxable income from the Roth IRA conversion may have several consequences including (but not limited to) a need for additional tax withholding or estimated tax payments, the loss of certain tax deductions and credits, and higher taxes on Social Security benefits and higher Medicare premiums. Be sure

to consult with a qualified tax advisor before making any decisions regarding your IRA.)

Unlike the 401k rule that allows a penalty free withdrawal after the age of 55, the IRA 72(t) rules does not have an age requirement. The two rules that must be adhered to are, firstly, the payments must be made for a period of 5 years. Secondly, the final payment must be received after the individual becomes age 59 1/2.

Let's look at two versions of a 72(t) payout that can avoid the early withdrawal penalty.

Let's say John starts taking his income payment at age 52. His payments must continue until he becomes 59 1/2, so, that would require 7 1/2 years of payments to qualify under the 72(t) rules.

Let's say that Celeste starts her payments when she is 57. In this case, the payments must continue for 5 years, even though she will be 59 1/2 in just 2 1/2 years.

Here is a note of caution. If you interrupt this type of a 72(t) payment stream in ANY way, or withdraw any additional money from the IRA account, the IRS will retroactively go back in time and charge you the 10% early withdrawal penalty plus interest from the date of each payment up to the time you violated the rules. Obviously, that is not in your best interest.

There are special software programs that we use to determine the best payout amounts based on the three methods of calculating these payments: the required minimum distribution (RMD), the annuitization and the amortization method. This is not something you should try on your own!

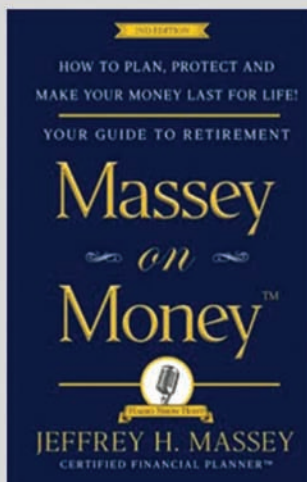

Another key point is to use the absolute minimum that you need to set aside for this type of payment stream and put that money into a separate IRA account. This will allow you to have other money available if you need it without interrupting the 72(t) payment stream and having to pay the penalty and interest charges.

I know this is technical, so, if you have questions, we are here to help!

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Elks annual 365 Outing



GRAND GUESTS: Tri-City Elks members Deb Mangina and Maureen Sullivan greet some of the 1,200 special guests that attended last Thursday's annual 365 Outing in Warwick. (Beacon Communications photos by Pete Fontaine)

By PETE FONTAINE

It's a tradition unlike any other. An event steeped with love, caring and compassion.

It's an event hosted by 110 valuable volunteers who actually pay – then serve – an unlimited food menu of charcoal-grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, watermelon, chilled water and soda, merriment and music as well as a variety of gifts to some 1,200 plus special guests.

It's an event that costs organizers \$10,000 – most of which is generated by select people all over Rhode Island who pay a penny a day (\$3.65 to be exact) from their annual dues at the state's 10 Elks Lodges. Likewise, there's financial assistance – in part – from the Elks National Foundation from members throughout the country who elect to contribute an additional \$10 when paying their annual local dues.



VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS: Jim Fletcher (fifth left), newly installed Exalted Ruler at the Tri-City Elks, is joined by fellow members who helped serve upwards of 1,200 special needs guests last Thursday. The group includes Joy Ryan, Lori Eaton, Randy and Linda Ayers and Jim's mother Cindy Juare.



CLASSIC COOKS: These Elks were among the Elks from all over the state who cooked countless hot dogs and hamburgers for upwards of 1,200 special needs guests during last week's 365 Outing. (Photo by Buzzy Enos)



OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS: Gov. Dan McKee is joined by State rep. Joseph Solomon Jr., State Elks Association President Patti Baccus, 365 Outing Chairman Mark Eaton, RI Grand Lodge Special Deputy Officer Leo Blanchette and Tri-City Leading Knight Rick Swanson.

■ **Elks**
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Even Gov. Dan McKee, who headlined the day's guest list that included RI Speaker of the House H. Joseph Shekarchi and State Rep. Joseph Solomon Jr., both of whom live in Warwick, heaped words of praise upon the Rhode Island Association of Elks saying: "The Elks do remarkable work for the community across the state, and their collective heart, kindness and charity shined through on days like this."

Last Thursday, despite the sun-scorching temperatures, the RI Association of Elks held its highly acclaimed 365 Outing inside the Masonic Youth Center off Long Road in Warwick.

"I can't thank the Elks enough for their dedication and the smiles they put on everyone's faces during this heart-warming event," said McKee.

The Elks have held this event since the 1960s when the once-famous Rocky Point Amusement Park was in full operation. They then moved to the Masonic Youth Foundation with support from the Rhode Island Shriners.

"We're always honored to host our 365 Outing here at Buttonwoods," said Mark Eaton, who took over the chairmanship more than a decade ago and has grown the outing into perhaps the largest picnic of its kind in the state. "We, as Elks, enjoy and love doing this for the Special Needs community in our state."

Eaton, however, was somewhat disappointed that the day's excessive heat kept attendance down estimating "we would have had 450 to 500 more people if it wasn't so hot."

Nonetheless, it didn't prevent upwards of 50 members of the Tri-City Elks from showing up to serve as chief cooks and super servers. Additionally, Rob Caramante, a.k.a. Lodge 14's Mr. Music Man, played music for four hours which guests and aides danced to underneath the permanently-covered patio.

In the middle of it all were Deborah Mangina, former Lodge 14 Exalted Ruler and dental assistant with the state, and her long-time friend Maureen Sullivan -- who is also employed by the state as an administrative assistant; they contacted various special needs agencies throughout the state with an open invitation to the event.

"Deb and Maureen have all the contacts with those agencies," said Donna Warner, a Lodge 14 member and ranking state Elks officer. "We all look forward to working at this great outing."

An outing during which the generous Lombardi family of New England Lemonade fame offered chilled drinks for free and countless volunteers giving out free gifts such as beads, wrist bands, watches, blow-up guitars and microphones to stuffed animals helped make the 365 Outing another sparkling success.

"This is always special ... an exceptional event; the Elks should be proud," offered Bam-Bam (Bryan Martin), one of two Shrine Clowns who added to the day's excitement. "This is a great event ... how about that magician (The Great Baldini) pulling tricks out of a hat then giving them to the special needs guests."

So, despite the day's hot temperature the State Association of Elks upheld their credo of "Elks Care, Elks Share," which is why McKee told Eaton, while thanking him for this special invitation, "I had a great time; it was a pleasure meeting and interacting with countless individuals and caregivers here today. Everyone was having fun and tremendously grateful for such special support from the Elks."

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