

## Anyone fighting for the 'right to learn' in RI?

By RORY SCHULER

Should Rhode Island's children have a constitutional right to an education?

The U.S. Constitution doesn't actually guarantee Americans the right to an education, according to legal scholars. While some states have enshrined the right, via amendments to state constitutions, others, like Rhode Island, have tried but failed.

In July, the Rhode Island Pub-

lic Expenditure Council (RIPEC) issued a policy brief on changes to state education aid. To conclude the report, they urged the Ocean State to "adopt a constitutional right to education."

Amending the Rhode Island constitution would require "equitable" state funding across the educational spectrum, for all students.

In 2021, Rhode Island's legislators considered an education amendment. While it passed

the state Senate, it died in the House. Speaker of Rhode Island's House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi did not support the amendment.

"I always keep an open mind, but I have not supported such an amendment in the past," Shekarchi said last month. "Amending the Constitution in this way would open the state up to expansive litigation and inappropriately involve the judiciary in formulating educa-

tion policy. Elected officials in the General Assembly are best suited to establish education policy and funding."

RIPEC argues the legislature needs guidance.

"The General Assembly's allocation of state education aid over the past three years constitutes a reversal of years of modest progress to make the state's system of education finance more equitable," according to RIPEC. "This experience serves

as strong evidence that the adoption of a constitutional right to education is necessary to ensure that education funding is adequate and equitable for all students, and especially for students in the state's poorest districts."

Several Rhode Island municipalities struggle with "property wealth much lower than the state overall and dramatically lower than some communities,"

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN:** Above, JPD Chief Mark Vieira welcomed Victoria Anreozzi and Page Sousa, who wore special hats to Monday's Trunk or Treat.

**HAUNTED HALL:** At right, Marco and Anthony Vieira, the sons of JPD Chief Mark Vieira, were among the first children to check out the new Haunted House during Monday night's Trunk or Treat.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

### JPD lot haunted on the night before Halloween

By PETE FONTAINE

**T**runk or treat! The air was filled with Halloween spirit — and spirits — for two hours Monday night during the Johnston Police Department's third annual Trunk or Treat event, which attracted a record crowd of costume clad children who were accompanied by their parents and even grandparents.

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**LEO'S PALS:** Above, Kathy Parente (a.k.a. the Ninja Turtle) is joined by two of the countless children who took in Monday's Trunk or Treat.

Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine



## Two new mayors consider reinvigorated Sister City pledge

By LOUIS J. SPREMULLI  
Special to the Sun Rise

A group of Johnston residents planned a trip to Italy for a few weeks. Louis and Carla Spremulli and the group visited their hometown of Panni, Foggia, Italy. The Sister City was celebrated in 2015, but now two new mayors are in office and that needed to be updated.

So, Louis contacted Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. for an update proclamation and also received gifts for the new Mayor in Panni. The new Mayor in Panni is Amedeo DiCotiis, and he has visited Johnston a few times already as Assistant Mayor of Panni.

The meeting was set up in the mayor's office in Panni with his administration and the signing was completed and gifts were exchanged.

Louis Spremulli and Maria Panciocco presented for the Town of Johnston. Both towns have an updated Sister City program now.



**FROM JOHNSTON TO THE BOOT:** Spirit of Hope founder Louis J. Spremulli poses with Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Jr. following their review of the "Sister City" agreement with Panni, Foggia, Italy.



**SISTER CITY:** Spirit of Hope founder Louis J. Spremulli brought greetings from Johnston to the town's "Sister City" Panni, Foggia, Italy, and their new Mayor Amedeo DiCotiis. (Submitted photos)

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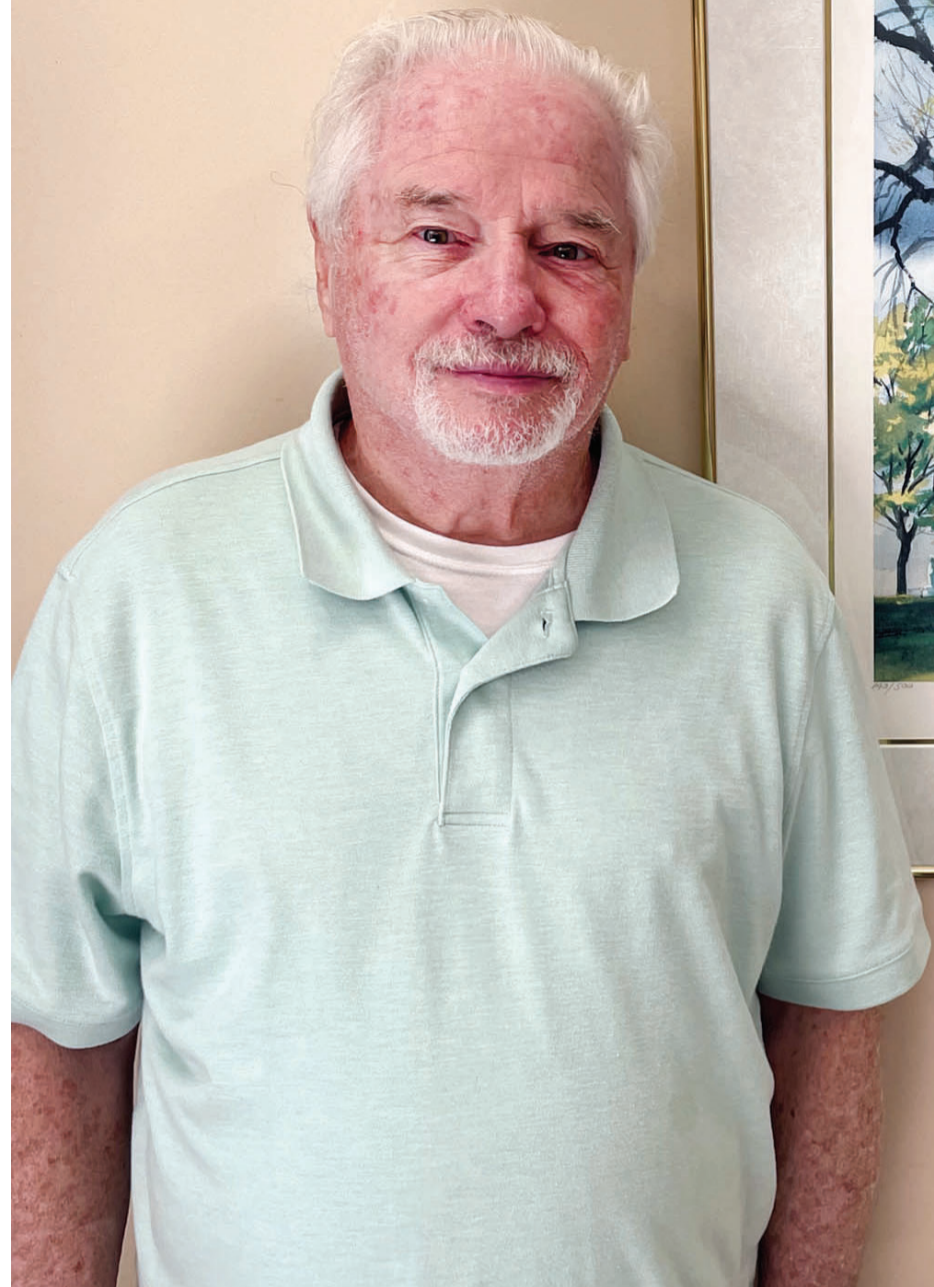
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## Senior 'Spotlite'



**CRASHED, BUT NOT BURNED:** This week's Johnston Senior Center "Spotlite" lands on George Denicourt. The Vietnam veteran and airport "crash and rescue" specialist gave back to his community, and now he's getting back, from his local community Senior Center. (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)

## Crash & rescue specialist finds JSC, gets rescued from solitude

By **RICHARD J. DELFINO JR.**  
Special to the Sun Rise

**T**he Johnston Senior Center "Spotlite" this week shines on George Denicourt.

About one year ago, George's son felt his father needed to get out to socialize, maybe meet new people, and become involved in various activities.

That is probably the wish for many a family member or caretaker, wanting to see their loved ones enjoy their later years. George said the obvious place to start was the Johnston Senior Center.

George has lived in Johnston since 1976. With the loss of his wife around six years ago, he basically spent most of the time staying at home, other than the time he spent with his son.

He's now is a regular visitor to the Center, attending five days per week, enjoying Bocce, day trips, and especially lunch with friends. Many of these friendships now carry over outside the Center, to include night and weekend activities.

As a young, brave 19-year-old, George tried enlisting in the Army, prior to the Vietnam conflict. Due to a discovered medical condition, he was not able to enlist. He began working out at the state institutions and as a volunteer firefighter. At the age of 26, and the height of the Vietnam War, he again enlisted in the Army, and spent a year in Vietnam, as a "crash and rescue" specialist. Upon returning to the United States, George began what would become a 35-year career at T.F. Green International and North Central State airports.

His experience as a volunteer firefighter and as a crash and rescue specialist served him well as he worked in a similar capacity for our state's airport authority. Upon retirement, George went to work for the Boys and Girls Clubs of RI where he transported members for some 20 years. Now he is truly enjoying life and the many new opportunities he is experiencing.

If you know of an older adult who is ready to live life to its fullest, bring them come by the Johnston Senior Center, and see all we have to offer.

**Editor's Note:** Richard J. DelFino Jr. serves as Executive Director of the Johnston Senior Center, at 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes a senior profile, called "Senior Spotlight," submitted by the senior center.

# 'Be A Wiz Kid' and 'ROAR' like no other

By PETE FONTAINE

There was a rather unique ROAR show last week inside Winsor Hill Elementary School in Johnston.

After fifth-graders at the highly active school filed into the gymnasium and were seated on the all-purpose floor, Principal Maria Simone announced: "The gentleman you are about to meet has come all the way from Maui, Hawaii to be with us. He has been to over 1,000 schools across the country."

Simone, who was joined by Assistant Principal Natasha Zito and Health/Physical Education and 2023 Teacher of the Year Susan Parillo, announced: "His friends call him Al 'The Respect Guy.' Today we're going to learn how important it is to 'Respect Others and Act Responsibly (ROAR).'"

Moments after sounds of cheers filled the Wizards' gymnasium, Al Ulman — a.k.a. the "Respect Guy" — presented a program that helps meet a school's anti-bullying educational requirements with this in-demand, fun and exciting educational school program that also helps build character and positive self-esteem, and integrates learning behavior expectations.

"The ROAR was fantastic!" exclaimed Parillo. "Al was able to make real world connections that directly relate to our school initiatives that Mrs. Simone is starting to build. It enhances our 'Be A Wiz Kid' mindset of safe, kind, respectful and responsible and supports the PBSI plan being rolled out in our school. Ultimately, it is all about our school motto: Be Your Best Self!"

Ulman combined storytelling, audience participation and a bit of magic to engage students with age-appropriate lessons of inclusion, acceptance, kindness, responsibility, safety, bully prevention and accountability for their actions.

Al (The Respect Guy) has developed a program that helps students absorb life-changing information about diversity, accepting differences and being kind and nice. He also used visual illustrations throughout the show that allow students to see how their behavior affects others and leads to preventing bullying.



**LESSONS OF LIFE:** Above, and below left, some of the Winsor Hill Elementary School students who attended last week's anti-bullying and be your best self assembly in Johnston, listen attentively.



**VALUABLE VISITOR:** Al "The Respect Guy" Ulman, who travels the Country with his famed ROAR Show, is joined by Principal Maria Simeone, Assistant Principal Natasha Zito 2023 Teacher of the Year Susan Parillo during last week's visit to Winsor Hill Elementary School in Johnston. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



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**COLORFUL COSTUMES:** Above, children like Rylie and James Seabaugh and Edrick Ofori were decked out in clever creations during Monday's JPD Trunk or Treat.

**SPOOKY SORTS:** At left, Heather and Joe Bannon are among the many grandparents who brought their grandchildren Giod and Llijah Manuppelli-Mirabella to the JPD's 3rd Annual Turn or Treat. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

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Although there was a slight drizzle when the event began, spooky spirits were all over the parking lot where countless Johnston families enjoyed unmatched hospitality and a variety of terrific treats served by JPD officers and staff that included apple cider, freshly made popcorn, cupcakes and pizza, just to name a few.

"This was a great way for Johnston Police Department to react with the community under positive circumstances and provide a safe way to celebrate Halloween," said Johnston Police Chief Mark A. Vieira.

Late Chief Joseph P. Razza, who founded the JPD's highly popular Halloween event, left his stamp all over the evening of safe trick or treating. The late Razza enjoyed bringing residents together in special social settings that featured young and old alike celebrating Halloween.

Meanwhile, Kathy Parente, who owns and operates the unique Cartoon Characters in Cranston and was dressed as a Ninja Turtle, added: "The Chief was such a wonderful man; I'm sure he's looking down on us smiling."

Moreover, as Parente, who has also added fun to special JPD events like the recent third annual Faith and Blue event, with many of her well-dressed fun-loving characters, added: "I was so sad when he passed; when I first started this business, he gave me a chance and we've grown ever since."

Monday's hallowed happening also featured staff from the Way to Grow Learning Center from North Providence, who set up a balloon accented display in a van, the JPD's new "Haunted House" as well as a colorful inflatable "Halloween Home." Gary Salzillo of Northeast Auto Body brought his spiffy Steve McQueen Moon Car. And several canopy covered stations were manned by JPD officers who served treats to the dozens upon dozens of families.

The main "treat," as JPD officials like Lori Anderson emphasized: "There were lots and lots of kids here tonight and they're all having fun. That's what really matters the most."

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# JOHNSTON POLICE LOG

## WARRANT ARREST

Around 5:15 p.m., Oct. 16, Johnston Police Patrolman Nicholas A. Crowe was on a fixed post at 1300 Plainfield St., when he spotted a black 2007 Honda Civic pass his location with "heavy window tint affixed to all passenger windows."

Crowe initiated a traffic stop.

Police identified the driver as Jose A. Pagan-Gonzalez, 23, of 178 Central Ave., Johnston.

A background check revealed the driver had an active Providence Police warrant for Simple Assault. He was handcuffed and transported to police headquarters where he was processed and placed in a cell pending transport to Providence Police Headquarters. His vehicle was driven from the scene by another licensed operator.

## SHOPLIFTING

Around 9:15 p.m., Oct. 16, Johnston Police Patrolmen Nick J. Bordieri and Nicholas A. Crowe responded to 38 Sprague Circle to locate a Johnston man who had an active Johnston Police warrant for shoplifting. Police identified the suspect as Anthony J. Sherbo Jr., 36, of 38 Sprague Circle, Johnston.

Upon arrival police identified Sherbo, handcuffed him, placed him in the back seat of a cruiser and transported him to Johnston Police Headquarters where he was processed and permitted to make a phone call.

He was later arraigned by Justice of the Peace Frank Saccoccio on the charge of Shoplifting. He was issued \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and faces an Oct. 27 formal arraignment date in Third District Court.

The warrant stemmed from an Oct. 2 incident, when around 9:30 a.m., Johnston Police responded to a business in town following the report of a shoplifting.

The store manager described the suspect, who was wearing a gray sweater, blue collared shirt and blue pants. The man, later identified by police as Sherbo, allegedly walked past all points of sale with a white and blue bag. The store manager followed the man into the parking lot and took note of his vehicle. Then he checked surveillance video, which allegedly showed Sherbo placing pet food inside the bag he was carrying.

The store also alleges Sherbo went to the health products aisle and began placing multiple items inside the bag. The items had an estimated value between \$100 and \$200. Police worked backwards from the vehicle, identifying the owner. They issued a warrant for his arrest on a misdemeanor Shoplifting charge (and Sherbo was picked up two weeks later).

## ASSAULT

Around 5:05 p.m., Sept. 16, Johnston Police Patrolman Matthew A. Lonardo responded to a business in town following a reported assault.

The calling party told police that she was assaulted in the drive through line by two women who had already left the scene.

The two women were allegedly making "comments and gestures" to the victim. She told police that she told them to "take a picture, it will last longer." The women exited their vehicle, walked up to the victim's vehicle, pulled her out of the car and began to punch her in the face, she told police.

The victim told police that the "parties were on top of her and would not let her get away as they proceeded to punch, kick and scratch her," Lonardo wrote in the incident report.

Police noted the victim suffered minor lacerations on her face and knee. She was offered medical assistance, but refused it.

She described the women as "two Hispanic females, heavy set, with dark features," according to police. Lonardo spoke to employees, asking for surveillance video of the incident. They told police they didn't have access and he'd have to contact corporate. Police con-

tacted the corporate office but did not initially hear back.

The case was forwarded to the Johnston Police Detective Division for further investigation. Eventually, Johnston Police issued an arrest warrant for Kaylisha Y. Virola, 27, of 334 Willard Ave., Apt. 1, Providence.

On Oct. 19, Johnston Police responded to Cranston Police Headquarters to take custody of Virola, who was wanted on the active warrants for Simple Assault and Disorderly Conduct. She was transported back to headquarters, processed and held pending arraignment around 7:30 p.m.. Virola was arraigned at headquarters by Justice of the Peace Frank Saccoccio. She was released on \$2,500 personal recognizance with a Third District Court date.

## LARCENY

Around 5 a.m., Oct. 21, Johnston Police were dispatched to investigate a report of suspicious activity.

Upon arrival, police found a blue sedan parked in the road, and the driver was allegedly seen going into a nearby driveway. Police canvassed the area. They found an open car door in a driveway, and noted the vehicle appeared to have been "rummaged through."

The homeowner confirmed items were missing from the vehicle.

Police continued to search the area and eventually found a suspect "inside of a trash can knocked over." The suspect was commanded to stand up and face the wall. He complied without incident, according to police.

He was handcuffed and identified as Jacob Henry Seitz, 27, of 809 Greenville Ave., Apt. RT, Johnston. He was placed in the back seat of a cruiser. From the back of the cruiser, Seitz allegedly made "spontaneous utterances of the crimes he had committed stating all the vehicles he broke into and what he took."

Police then read his Miranda rights, which he "acknowledged before he made anymore statements."

Seitz told police that he "needed the money for gas and I'm struggling." He told police where he had stashed some of the items he stole. Police found them, in a nearby yard. He was transported back to headquarters and charged with one count of Larceny under \$1,500.

After further investigation of the area, Johnston Police found another vehicle that the suspect had allegedly broken into.

Later that day, Seitz was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Frank Saccoccio on charges of Larceny and Habitual Offender. He was issued \$5,000 personal recognizance bail and released with a Third District Court date.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

Following an interim report of the Providence County Grand Jury, announced Oct. 27 by Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha, two Johnston residents have been charged with numerous counts of first-degree sexual assault.

An indictment, information, or complaint is merely an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Daniel Lawlor, 30, of Johnston with three counts of first-degree sexual assault and Joseph Ead, 30, of Johnston, with two counts of first-degree sexual assault.

The charges follow separate "alleged acts," according to Neronha's office.

The alleged acts committed by Lawlor occurred in the town of Johnston sometime between Sept. 4-6, 2023. The Johnston Police Department conducted the investigation. Lawlor was scheduled to be arraigned on Oct. 30 in Providence County Superior Court.

The alleged acts committed by Ead occurred in the town of North Providence sometime between Jan. 22 and Feb. 14, 2023. The North Providence Police Department conducted the investigation. Ead is scheduled to be arraigned on Nov. 15 in Providence County Superior Court.

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## Sister City

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Other topics were discussed and a memorial plaque in honor of Joseph Spremulli, founder and President of the Pan-nese Society, who passed away last year, was presented to the Town of Panni.

In the past, a successful student exchange program was done with the Town of Panni and the Town of Johnston. I discussed the Sister City with Mayor DiCotiis and we agreed to move forward and get the program moving again. First, I proposed an email program of residents of Panni and Johnston to email each other and he agreed. So this was taken back to Mayor Polisen for his approval.

Panni is a small town of 750 residents in the mountains of Foggia, Italy. The town is in a bad situation from the last mayor, who was removed due to various issues and a vote of no confidence from his staff. So, the new mayor has his hands full and did ask if Johnston could advise him on some situations he is faced with. I hope our mayor could do this through zoom or email.

The town is old school and is a very good place to learn about the culture. They still practice old ways of living, through food and wine to start. We learned how to make our own pasta, pizza and Gelatto. We had dinner at two restaurants with many courses of food that were so delicious.

We also visited a new business, Salumi Monticalvo Prozutto. Another business, Antonio Rucci Liquors and his family produce 16 different kinds of after dinner liquor products and olive oil. I also interviewed one person who wants to open a gelato business in the U.S.

I brought one back for the mayor. It would be nice to get some international trading back and forth between the towns. Businesses on both ends could connect and help one another.

We are so fortunate to be in our Town of Johnston in America and live life the way we do. So why can't we form a sister city committee and see how we can help these people. We know of two icons in their town signifying the sister city status — they have a cement wall plaque and a sign when you enter the town. This would be nice if our new mayor could post a sister city sign outside our city hall.

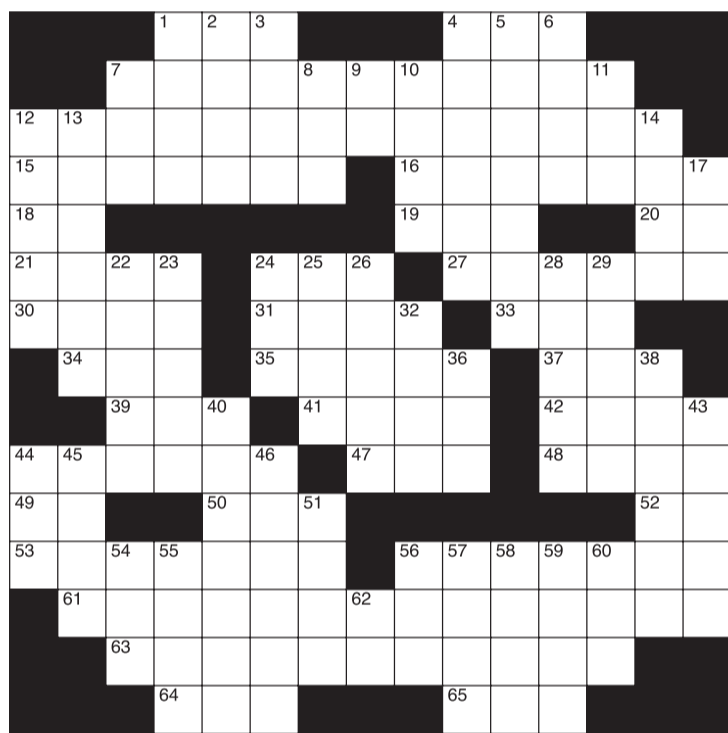
On my return I met with Mayor Polisen again to go over this entire situation and see what he would like to do going forward. We have two young mayors here and they seem to have new ideas to get things going.

The mayor was very receptive and excited about moving forward and gave me the permission to lead the Johnston Sister City program. I told him I will put a committee together of a group of individuals dedicated to culture and heritage that will work to promote the Town of Johnston.

Local businesses will be approached and committee members will be sought who have an interest in international trade. Our committee will run with continued updates to the mayor. We will work closely with Richard Delfino, my Co-Chairman from the Johnston Senior Center. We are presently in the process of building our committee.

**Editor's Note:** Louis J. Spremulli, a Johnston resident, is founder of Spirit of Hope. The Sun Rise regularly publishes articles submitted by Spremulli and his organization. Call Spremulli at 401-374-4590 or email [louis@spiritofhope.org](mailto:louis@spiritofhope.org).

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORNER



### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy \_\_\_: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy

14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oooh"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

### NEW MAYOR TO NEW MAYOR:

Panni's new Mayor Amedeo DiCotiis has already visited Johnston. He's welcomes a blossoming relationship between the Rhode Island town and their "Sister City" in Italy. (Submitted photo)



## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Auction Legal Notice

To: Assurance Corp Po Box 32 No. Billerica Ma 01862. A public auction will be held at 100 South St Johnston RI on November 11, 2023 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2015 Nissan 3N1AB7AP2FY220261 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

11/1/23

### CITATION

State of Rhode Island  
PROVIDENCE, SC.  
Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court

### PETITION TO FORECLOSE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION PM-2023-04573

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and ton HEIRS -AT-LAW OF NELLIE IANOCCELLI, AMELIA RUSSO, CLARA AMICHILA, ANNA AMICHILA, LAUREN AMICHILA, TONY AMICHILA, CARLO T. IANNUCCELLI, SR; DOLORES BUSSICK, GLADYS AUSTEN, JOYCE PSILOPOULOS, ELVA VANNER, ANTHONY IANNUCCILLI, BARBARA A. WOLFENDEN, JOAN COMELLA, LAWRENCE IANNUCCELLI, LINDA IANNUCCILLI, DONNA CATENZARO, MICHAEL IANNUCCILLI, KENNETH IANNUCCILLI, TAMMY M. SMITH, GAIL CARPINONE, GEORGE CARPINONE, DOMENICO IANNUCCILLI, NELLINA IANNUCCILLI, FERNANDO DIGREGORIO, THOMAS AMICHILA, ALBERT

AMICHILA, FRANK AMICHILA AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS; and all other persons unknown or unascertained claiming or who may claim any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate involved which is or might become adverse to the Petitioner's right, title or interest therein as alleged, or which does or may constitute any cloud upon Petitioner's title as set forth in Petition.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by ANTONIO ROCCHIO and FRANCESCO ROCCHIO, of 140 RESERVOIR AVE, CRANSTON, RI and said State, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceedings described in said petition in and concerning a certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Burrillville and in said State, bounded and described in said petition as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land situated in the Town of Johnston, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning as a granite bound set as the Northeast corner of the within described tract of land; thence West-erly bounding Northerly on land conveyed by this Grantor to Nicola Tella One Hundred Sixty-Three and Sixty One Hundredths (163.60) feet to a granite bound; thence Southerly at an interior angle of 95° 40' bounding West-erly on a twenty-five (25) foot right of way Two Hundred Thirteen and Forty- Four One Hundredths

(213.44) feet to a granite bound; thence Easterly as an interior angle of 84° 20' bounding Southerly on other land of this grantor Two Hundred Fifteen and Ninety- four One Hundredths (215.94) feet to a granite bound; thence Northerly by and with the line of a stone wall bounding Easterly on land now or formerly of Louis Lafazia Two Hundred Fourteen and Eighty One Hundredths (214.80) feet to the point and place of beginning, containing by estimation 40,000 square feet of land.

This conveyance is made subject to the following restriction. No fence shall be placed on said land over four (4) feet high within forty (40) feet of the street line.

Further identified as Assessor's Plat 24, Lot 7.

In addition, notice shall also be given by the publication of the Citation, once per week for three successive weeks on, **October 26th, November 2nd, and November 9th, 2023**, in the **JOHNSTON SUN RISE**, and the return date shall be **November 30th, 2023**.

WITNESS the SEAL of our SUPERIOR COURT, at Providence this 18th day of October, 2023.

/s/ Susan M Diggins  
CLERK

DOUGLAS H. SMITH  
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10/26, 11/2, 11/9/23

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# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## An impressive and impactful legacy

This week we took a look at the recent announcement that the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation would be putting aside \$500,000 per year to provide annual funding to each of its 205 Leadership Schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, launching with an initial \$1 million disbursement.

Although \$1 million or \$500,000 only goes so far tangibly when split up among more than 200 individual schools, it's hard to fully quantify the overall impact that Alan Shawn Feinstein has had on students in New England and beyond since founding the Foundation over 30 years ago in 1991.

In a time when scrutiny over how the wealthy manage and allocate their resources has perhaps never been under more scrutiny, right here in Rhode Island we have an example of someone who has taken the financial prosperity they have accumulated and focused their efforts back into the community in real and impactful ways.

• WHERE TO WRITE:  
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Although one person cannot save the entire public school system, Feinstein has made his mark physically, through the signs placed on each school that joins the leadership program, and in more subtle ways, such as providing a positive example for kids to aspire to, and giving schools resources to complete projects and target endeavors that might otherwise not fit within the scope of their operating budgets.

These can be small projects, like a food pantry or an outdoor learning space, but they are things that enrich school experiences for kids and teachers alike, and improve morale among all who attend. They show that someone has their back, and wants them to succeed.

Certainly, in an era where cynicism and negativity seems to be the stand operating procedure for pundits and people on social media, it is refreshing to see someone dedicate so much time, and so many resources, all towards a simple goal of wanting to see children learn and thrive in better conditions, and in better, more robust learning environments.

Now into the 10th decade of his life, Feinstein may not be around to oversee the result and continued impact of his labors much longer, but the legacy of his foundation and the people he has touched will continue to bear fruit for many more years to come.



LETTER

## The power of a common language

To the Editor,

The public school system is turning into a Tower of Babel ("Surge in multilingual learners impacts city," Warwick Beacon, Oct. 19 edition; and "Johnston's MLL population soars," Johnston Sun Rise, Oct. 26 edition).

Columnists (reporters) John Howell and Rory Schuler report that "Warwick school students speak some 30 different languages." Unfortunately, English is increasingly less likely to be one of them.

Reckless immigration policies and a deliberate de-emphasis on the importance of acquiring proficiency in the English language have contributed to this untenable situation.

Howell and Schuler report that even some students born in our country "don't know English." That was unthinkable just a generation ago.

The columnists quote state Rep. Enrique Sanchez as saying that, "Every day, many people arrive from many countries around the world."

Many of these new arrivals to America don't speak any English at all. That means the language problem in the schools is going to get worse.

The expression "multilingual learners" is, of course, just a euphemism for saying "can't speak English." It should be obvious that it is counterproductive to place non-English speaking students in mainstream classrooms.

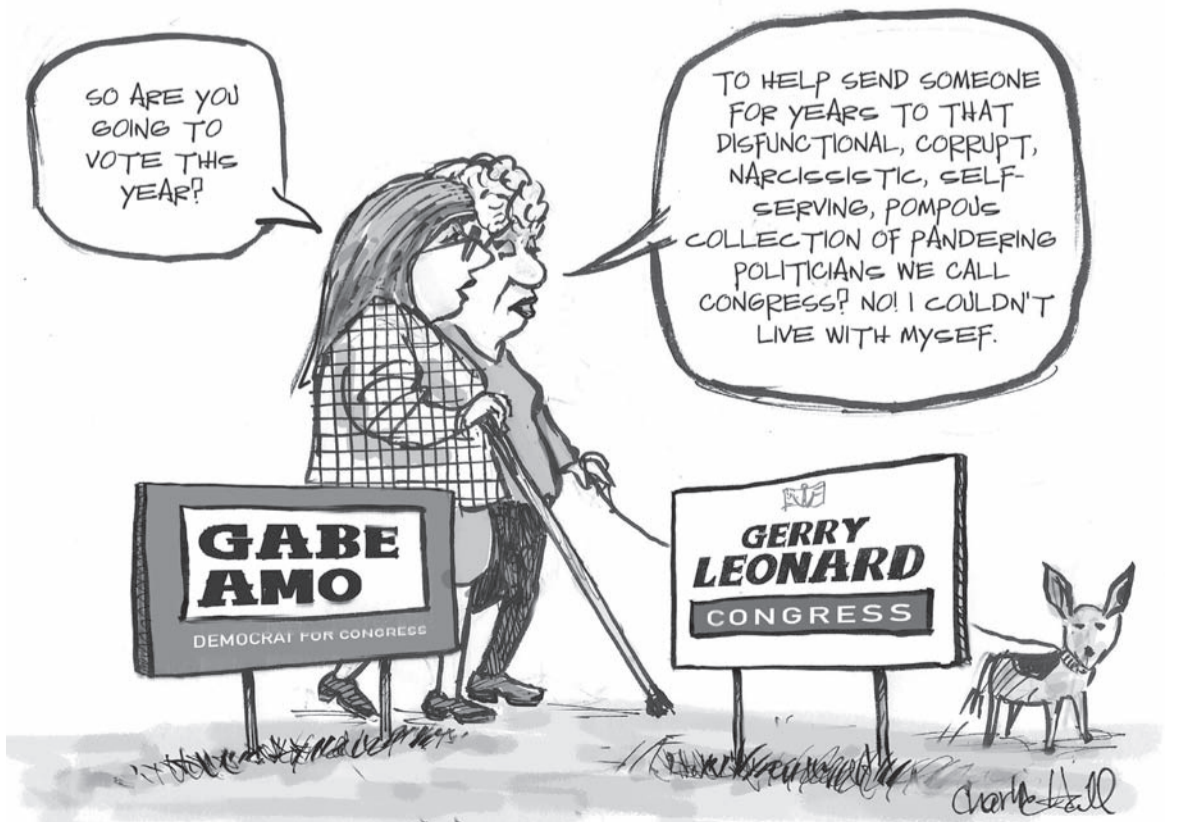
As proposed by state Rep. Mike Chippendale, those school age children not proficient in English should be enrolled in English only immersion classes before they can matriculate into regular classes. Such a program would better serve the academic interests of both non-English and English speaking students.

Howell and Schuler point out that the inability to speak English impedes a student's chance of success in school. If unchecked, that situation ultimately threatens the unity and well-being of our nation.

Noah Webster, one of our Founding Fathers, understood this threat. In response, he produced in 1828 his American Dictionary (he learned to read in 26 languages in preparation for the project).

Webster believed that a common language was essential to forming, and keeping, a unified American nation. Noah Webster was right.

A. H. Liddle  
Warwick



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# ANIMAL



By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



Photo credit: Brielle MacDonald

## Laney

Laney means "bright shining one" and she is just that! This young pup is just ten months old and has been happily living in a foster home but is really ready for her forever home! She plays well with her foster doggie friends and is also good with children. Laney is a medium sized mixed breed with a gorgeous golden chestnut color coat accented by her dark chocolate eyes, she's got it all! Looks, personality and a big heart! Contact Rhode Home Rescue to set up a time to meet Laney and you will see her shine! Email: [rhodehomerescue@gmail.com](mailto:rhodehomerescue@gmail.com) or visit their website for more information <http://www.rhodehomerescue.org>

**Let Laney shine her light with you!**

If you are thinking of adopting or know of an animal in need, please contact Karen directly at

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# SUN RISE SCOOPS

## Sun Rise Staff Reports

Nov. 2

### Aging with Confidence: Options for You and Your Loved Ones

Being able to fully enjoy those retirement years means making decisions and taking actions now. On Thurs., Nov. 2, at Warwick Center for the Arts, 3259 Post Road, Warwick, a speaker panel that will touch on estate planning for all ages, retirement funding and spending, eldercare law and senior living options here in Rhode Island. Resource tables - from life coaching to home accessibility options healthy aging activities will be available. Light refreshments. 5:30 p.m. doors open. 6 p.m. panel discussion. Bring your questions. Free to the public but you must register in advance at [checkoutri.com/events/aging-with-confidence-thurs-nov-2-2023/](http://checkoutri.com/events/aging-with-confidence-thurs-nov-2-2023/) or call 401-732-1100.

Nov. 4 & 5

### St. Francis Xavier Holiday Bazaar

St. Francis Xavier will hold its holiday bazaar at the church, 81 No. Carpenter St., East Providence, Sat., Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be something for everyone including: Grand Prize Raffle, Christmas Booth, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, Liquor Raffle Baskets, Wine with a mystery gift card, Hand knitted & crocheted Items, Home Decor, Craft Supplies, Baked Good Booth, Lucky 7's, Games and Prizes, Kids Corner, Youth Group and more. After shopping, enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner at the food court and don't forget to pick up some famous Portuguese malassadas.

Nov. 7

### Photographic Society of RI

The PSRI will hold its meeting on Tues., Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m., as a social time and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. It will be held at Lake-wood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Ave., Warwick. The guest presenter for this meeting will be Shiv Verma. The program will be Composition-The Instrument of Photographic

Communication. The digital medium allows to communicate in ways that would have been too complex or virtually impossible in the analog capture. Shiv will also talk about the key elements of composition judges look for in photos submitted for competition. Future meetings will include live demos, competitions, set-ups for photo ops, image studies and presentations from experts on a vast array of topics for a wide range of skill levels. Whether a member or not, please come and enjoy the program and to see what the club is all about.

Nov. 11

### Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk

The tenth annual Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Kids' Run will be held again this year in Cranston. This is an annual event designed to bring honor and recognition to Veterans Day. Proceeds from the event will benefit programs for the school throughout the year and as a means of giving back to a worthwhile cause, Operation Stand Down RI.

The event also includes a "One Mile Kids Run!" This event will take place in the Park on a specially designed course! This race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The race is open to all elementary and middle school students. Cost for this race is \$10! T-shirts to the first 100 entries for this race.

Start and finish of the 5k race at the Park Avenue entrance to Roger Williams Park across from Park View Middle School. The 5k starts at 9:30 a.m. T-shirts to the first 800 entries for the 5k registrations. Post-race food and beverages. Awards are given to the top male and female finisher. Awards to the top men and women in each division: 8th grade and under, high school division, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80. Packet Pick up at Park View Middle School Gym: Friday, Nov. 10, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Race day registration and pickup begins at 7 a.m.

Nov. 11

### Veterans Through the Ages

The Hope Historical Society invites the community to the meeting

on Sat., Nov. 11, 2 p.m., at the Howland Barn, 35 Ryefield Road, Hope. Local heroes and others who have served our country from the Revolutionary War period to modern times will be honored. Veterans will be recognized during the program. All are encouraged to bring photos, stories, and other memorabilia from the veteran's period of service. Military uniform is not required. For photos please identify the individual, the military branch in which they served, period of service, description of their service, and any honors awarded to them. All are welcome.

Intrigued by the topic but cannot attend "Veterans Through the Ages?" No worries! Post a picture and/or story on the HHS Facebook page: Hope Historical Society, Hope, RI. Pictures and stories must be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting to be included in the program. Pictures or stories can also be emailed to the HHS at [hopehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:hopehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com).

Nov. 11

### Native Orchids

The subject of the next Ocean State Orchid Society meeting will be Native Orchids, on Nov. 11, at 1 p.m., at Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 County Trail, East Greenwich (entrance at rear of building). Botanist Neela de Zoysa will be speaking to the society regarding New England's native orchids. We will have our usual "grow and show" (members show and discuss their current orchid collection). Light refreshments to be served. Public is welcome to join

Nov. 19

### A Day with the Psychics Fundraiser

A Day with the Psychics Fundraiser will be held on Sun., Nov. 19, at the Coventry Men's Club, 30 Phillips Hill Rd., Coventry. Cost: \$35 per reading. Proceeds will be donated to the Gloria Gemma Foundation. Appointments only or for more information call: 401-821-5659.

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## Nov. 10 Boots at Gillette

OSDRI will bring Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial to Gillette Stadium. Johnston-headquartered Operation Stand Down RI will display the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial on the field at Gillette Stadium this Veterans Day Weekend.

This is the first time the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial will travel outside of Rhode Island.

The event will be open to the public on Friday, Nov. 10 and Veterans Day, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 12, it will be open from 9 a.m. until noon. At 11 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 10 a special opening ceremony will be hosted by the Patriots Foundation and Cross Insurance in honor New England's Gold Star Families.

"This is a big deal for the memorial as it is the first time Operation Stand

Down RI has taken it on the road," said Dee De-Quattro, Founder of the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial. "When I first came up with the concept for the memorial, one of the main goals was to spread awareness about the sacrifice of our nation's military. Displaying the memorial at an iconic New England location will attract new visitors and help spread awareness."

In addition to the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial, OSDRI will also display the Invisible Scars of War Monument. This monument recognizes the pain and sacrifices of those Service Members who have succumbed to the invisible scars of war such as depression and PTSD and ultimately committed suicide.

The Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial was launched by OSDRI in 2015. The memorial displays 7,026 boots adorned with flags and name placards representing the lives

of the of the U.S. service members killed in action post-911 in the Global War on Terror. The exhibition has been seen by thousands of visitors since its inception in 2015. Every fallen service member is included in the memorial; service members are alphabetized by state allowing individuals to locate friends and loved ones at the memorial.

The first three years the Memorial was displayed

at Roger Williams Park in Providence on Memorial Day Weekend. In 2019, the memorial relocated to Fort Adams State Park in Newport for Memorial Day Weekend. The display at Gillette Stadium marks the first time the full memorial has ever been displayed outside Memorial Day weekend. Its display is sponsored by the Patriots Foundation, Cross Insurance and made possible by OSDRI.





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Nov. 18

**Armenian Evangelical Church Holiday Bazaar**

The holiday bazaar be held on Sat., Nov. 18, from 12-7 p.m., at the church, 180 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston. Half Roasted Chicken, Losh Kebab, Kufta, and Kheyma dinners will be served with pilaf, green beans, salad, and bread. American and Armenian pastries and delicacies including Choreg, Bourma, Paklava, Yalanche, Khadaif, Boreg, Stuffed Mussels and more, plus the always popular Penny Social. Please contact MaryAnn: (401)751-4568 with any questions.

Nov. 18

**Phillips Memorial Baptist Church Holiday Bazaar**

The holiday bazaar will be held on Sat., Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston. From 9 to 10:30 a.m., coffee and goodies at the "Coffee Nook," and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch "to go." Featuring basement bargains and treasures, toys, puzzles, games, books, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, needlework, "oldtiques," animal items and more. The church is handicapped accessible.

**NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups**

The RI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones who are struggling with their mental health. The groups are led by trained facilitators who also have lived experience as family members themselves. The group meetings last about 1.5 hours, and everyone who participates in the meeting gets a chance to share. The other members of the group try to offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their own experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at namirhodeisland.org. or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

- First Thursday at 6 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Rochambeau Library in the Community Room, Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope Street, Providence (NEW-starts Aug.)

- Second Tuesday at 5 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Middletown Public Library in the Community Room. Middletown Library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown.

- Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. MEETS VIA ZOOM ONLY. Please call 401-331-3060 or email info@namirhodeisland.org for the Zoom link.

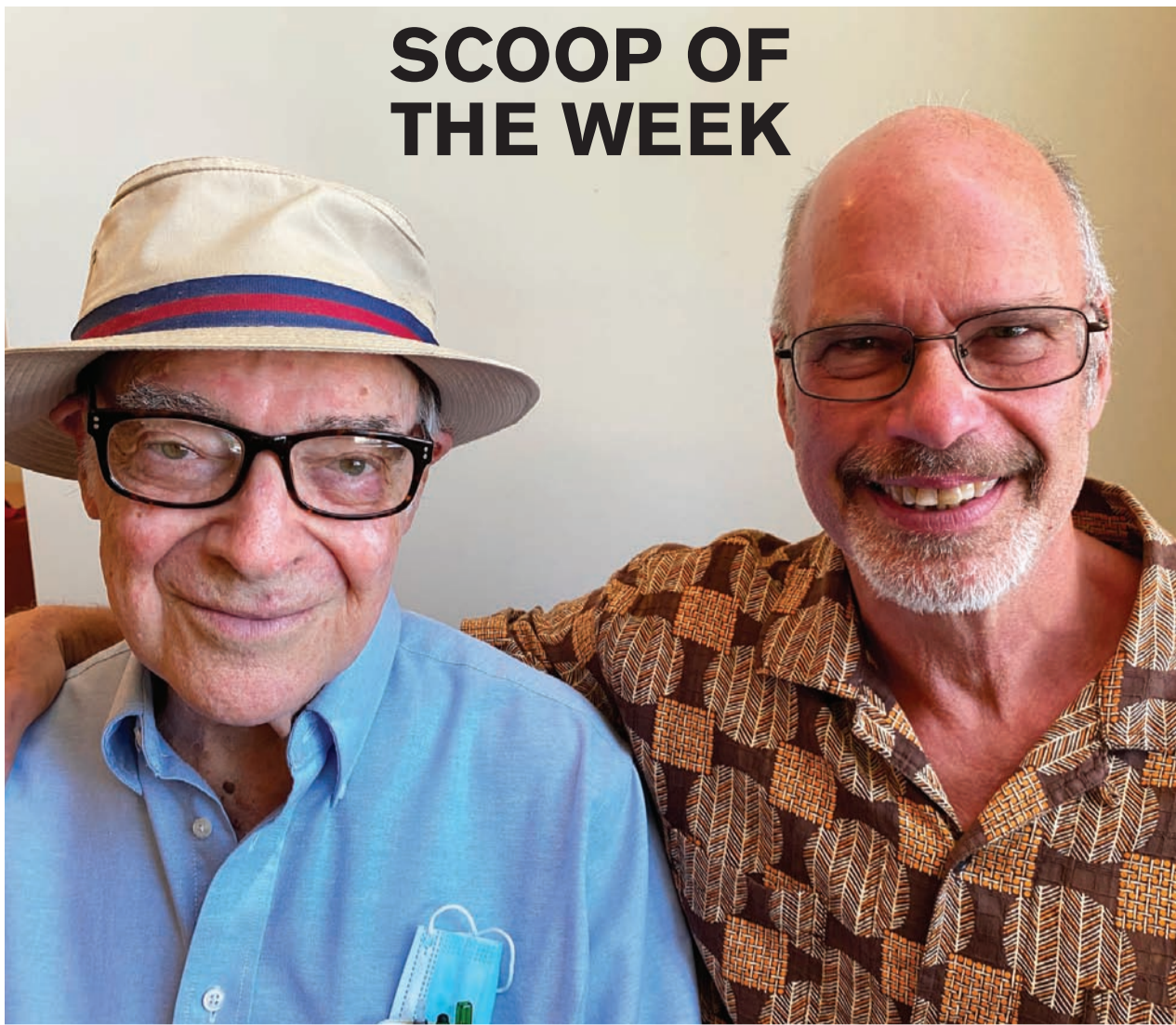
- Fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Hope Valley Grange, #71116 Main St, Hope Valley.

**Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund**

The Johnston High School Class of 1971 is raising donations for The Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. A generous donor has offered a \$4,000 challenge! The donor will match all gifts to the Fund up to a total of \$4,000. The Class of 1971 initiated the fund on the occasion of its 50th reunion in 2021. Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a Johnston High School Senior planning to attend a college, university, trade or technical school. Donations are tax deductible according to your filing status. To donate, go to the following website: [www.rifoundation.org/funds/soul-of-1971-scholarship-fund](http://www.rifoundation.org/funds/soul-of-1971-scholarship-fund).

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**SCOOP OF THE WEEK**



**COOL CATS:** Lloyd Kaplan and Tom Shaker will present an event called "Cool Jazz: The Music of Dave Brubeck," at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Marian J. Mohr Public Library. (Submitted photo)

**Cool Jazz: The Music of Dave Brubeck**

The Marian J. Mohr Public Library will host an event called "Cool Jazz: The Music of Dave Brubeck," a Talk and Presentation by Lloyd Kaplan and Tom Shaker, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

There are many styles of Jazz, from Dixieland to Swing and Bebop to Fusion, Jazz comes in many forms. "Cool" refers to a relaxed tempo and lighter tone, sometimes using elements of classical music.

"Take Five" by the Dave Brubeck Quintet is one of the most well-known cool jazz tunes. In the 1950s Dave Brubeck's music not only helped create a new type of jazz, but it also helped jazz become a best seller again. Join the library for an entertaining, informational and above all, musical look at one of the

giants of jazz, Dave Brubeck. It'll be cool man!

Lloyd Kaplan earned an M.A.T. at Brown University, and is Professor Emeritus at Community College of Rhode Island having established the jazz studies program at CCRI. He has written various books about music and music history including "Who's Who in Rhode Island Jazz: c1925-1988" and with Tom Shaker, "In Harmony: Early Vocal Groups Remembered and Celebrated."

As a professional musician, Lloyd led Rhode Island's favorite swing band, The Aristocats, for decades, and as a music educator, he was inducted into The Rhode Island Music Hall of Fame (2018). He continues to stay active, teaching at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Rhode Island.

Tom Shaker has been a college professor for over thirty years, teaching at various institutions, including Northeastern University, Dean College & WPI. He co-authored "A Treasury of Rhode Island Jazz & Swing Musicians."

Tom is also a filmmaker, co-producing the award-winning documentary "Do It Man: The Story of The Celebrity Club." Over the years, Tom has worked in radio, television and film production in Los Angeles, Boston & Providence. He is also the host of "The Soul Serenade" featuring classic soul & funk on WICN.

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is located at One Memorial Ave., Johnston. Call or email: 401-231-4980 or [info@mohrlibrary.org](mailto:info@mohrlibrary.org). The event will be sponsored by the Friends of the Mohr Library.

**Obituaries**

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Should you desire our services, kindly inform your funeral director, or call (401) 732-3100 or email [Obits@rhodybeat.com](mailto:Obits@rhodybeat.com) for additional information. Obituary prices start at \$60. You may include the obituary in any of our other newspapers for half price.

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Like many people, OSDRI's clients have been faced with some real obstacles these past couple of years. With your help, they pledge to always be there to give a hand up for veterans and their families in need.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at OSDRI's main office, 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the OSDRI office at 401-383-4730.

### Elks Lodge Essay Contest

The Smithfield Elks Lodge No. 2359 announced its annual Elks Americanism essay contest for fifth through eighth grade students. This year's theme is "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me."

The essay should not exceed 300 words, and must be typed or written legibly in ink. Students residing in Smithfield, Foster, Glocester, Scituate, Johnston or North Providence are encouraged to apply. The entrant must submit the essay for later than December 15, 2023 to the Smithfield Lodge of Elks No. 2359, 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, or it can be emailed to the Lodge Americanism Chairperson.

Essays will be judged in originality, development of theme, mechanics, and neatness.

There are four divisions for judging essays: Division I – 5th grade; Division II – 6th grade; Division III – 7th grade; and Division IV – 8th grade. First, second, and third place winners in each division will move onto the district competition in January, and those winners will move onto the state competition in February. State winners will be sent to the Elks Grand Lodge in March. The first, second, and third place national winners will be selected and announced in July, 2024.

All entrants are required to submit a cover sheet which must be attached to the essay. More information and cover sheets can be obtained by contacting the Lodge Americanism Chairperson, Kristin Sullivan at kristin\_sullivan@me.com.

## More at Mohr Library

Mohr Library is offering extended programs for elementary-age kids afterschool.

Preschool Yoga with Ms. Pauline will be held Wednesdays Nov. 15 and Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. Please register at mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php or by calling 231-4980. Children will be guided into gentle movement exercises using the power of their imagination. They will also learn breathing techniques that calm and center them. It will be a time of joy, wonder and movement. Ms. Pauline is a certified yoga teacher practicing since she was 17 years old. A former school teacher, she began programs to bring yoga to children and teachers in schools throughout Rhode Island.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) is an opportunity for children ages 6 to 9 to experiment, explore and build with Ms. Melyssa, on Thursdays, Nov. 16 to Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. (except Thanksgiving, Nov. 23).

Art Smart for ages 8 to 12 will be held Wednesdays, Nov. 15 to Dec. 13 from 4-5:30 p.m. Art Smart for ages 5 to 7 will be Saturdays, Nov. 18 to Dec. 16 from 2-3 p.m. Registration is required and begins Nov. 6. See the library's website at mohrlibrary.org or call 401-231-4980.

Preschool Story Time started in October, on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and includes stories, songs and crafts. For kids 3-5 accompanied by a caregiver.

Babies and Books will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., from October through Dec. 5. It includes stories, songs, puppets and rhymes for children newborn to 2.5 years old, accompanied by a caregiver.

Registration is ongoing for a variety of programs and events at the Mohr Library, 1 Memorial Ave, Johnston.

The Library offers help with technology, information, and finding books and media. They have fax service, self-service copying and public computers, and a Notary Public most evenings (call ahead to confirm). You can reserve quiet rooms and meeting space.

Drawing for adults will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

The Knitting and Crochet Group meets Fridays at 10 a.m.

Activities for middle-school and high-school age kids will be offered many afternoons. Kids should talk with our Young Adult Librarian, Marissa, for more information.

There is an ongoing book sale in the lower level, whenever we are open.

The Children's Library always has drop-in, self-directed activities for kids and families like crafts and scavenger hunts.

The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Sept. 9, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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By JENNIFER COATES

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As soon as one walks through the doors of Briarcliffe Gardens, these research-based design features are immediately apparent. Nothing here looks haphazard or unplanned. Visitors and residents alike experience a "sensory journey" as they tour the residence. There is a feeling of spaciousness, light and openness here which appeals to all the senses and which dispels the feeling that one is in a secured environment.

To start, Briarcliffe Gardens is built entirely on one floor with dining and living spaces in the center, forming the social core, much like one's own kitchen. On any given day, this warmly-

lit open space area is filled with residents who are being guided through crafts, games or socialization experiences. In adjoining rooms, it is not uncommon to see residents engaged in therapeutic activities such as seated yoga, tai chi, pet and music therapy.

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# Johnston Senior Center Highlights



From the staff ...

**T**he Johnston Senior Center is better than ever. We are offering more exercise programs and trips every week. We also have a book Club on the last Tuesday once a month. A Social worker/Medicare Counselor/Ship Counselor is also provided 5 days a week. Contact Madeline Ravenelle at 944-3343 Please come for a tour of the facility.

The Senior Center Club meets the last Tuesday of the month. There is no charge for Senior Center activities. They offer Bingo on Thursday and Friday. Lunch is served daily at 12 p.m. (with a suggested donation of \$3).

A Notary (Algeria Vaughn-Bayley) will be on the premises, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, free of charge.

**Weekly Events**

- Monday — Arts and Crafts
- Monday & Wednesday — Hi Lo Jack
- Tuesday — Quilting
- Wednesday — Poker
- Thursday — Mar Jong
- Thursday & Friday — Bingo

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**Events**

The Johnston Senior Center and the Johnston Recreation Department are co-sponsoring an 8-week "HI-LO" Jack League, on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m., to benefit the Senior Center and Johnston Youth Sports.

Deadline to register was Sept. 22 and play begins on Sept. 27 thru Nov. 22. Each team of two will pay \$20 per team per night. Prize money will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For more details contact Mike at 401-272-3460.

**Trips**

Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 7-9: "Turning Stone Resort Casino" \$339 pp DO (single \$479) \$80 Casino Free Play or Bingo Bucks \$30 Meal Credits

**SPIRITS RAISED:**

Members of the Johnston Senior Center were invited to join in "raising their Halloween Spirits" by participating in a pumpkin painting event at the center. Pumpkins were donated by the Jacavone Garden Center. Everyone got to show their creative painting and decorating and a great time was had by all. (Submitted photo)

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## Foster first

**With shelters full, rescues depend heavily on foster homes to buy time for animals**

By JOHN HOWELL

**S**urely Hillary Gillinder holds the record for fostering, not that anyone has an official count. She has personally fostered 225 “kids.”

Hillary doesn’t have any children of her own, but has played mother to 225 dogs in the past six years.

“My dogs are my kids,” she said Saturday while visiting Dogtopia on Jefferson Boulevard for a dog adoption day sponsored by Rhode Home Rescue. She was wearing a papoose in which a furry canine – his name is Cooper – surveyed a parking lot of canine confusion. Cooper was quite content from his position, although inquisitive dogs were anxious to get a sniff.

“He likes being held,” Hillary explained.

Rhode Island is in dire need of more canine fosters like Hillary, Lisa Kirshenbaum, and Cameron Kadek who were among fosters who brought dogs to the adoption event, says Karen Kalunian, founder of an online newsletter and video aimed at dog and cat adoptions called “Animal Talk.”

Animal Talk is featured weekly in these papers. Dog adoptions have dropped dramatically since the pandemic. Meanwhile, many of those who adopted during the pandemic find they no longer have the time for their pets and are returning them to animal shelters and rescues where they got them. The flow of unwanted southern kill shelters is ongoing. On Friday 32 dogs arrived by van at Rhode Home Rescue from the south where fosters picked them up and brought them home.

So called “kill shelters” where euthanasia is practiced when overcrowding becomes a problem are not the only sources for rescue operations of which there are dozen in the state according to Kalunian. Registered breeding kennels likewise turn to the rescue community when they have dogs that don’t sell or age out of being desirable candidates. A pen full of wriggling, anxious to meet and lick you golden retriever puppies was a star attraction at Saturday’s event.

Kalunian didn’t have a count on fosters, although she said without them shelters couldn’t operate. The biggest need at this time are fosters who don’t own pets. Fosters who don’t have pets have more time to focus on the rescue and helping to prepare them for adoption. Also, the newcomers sometimes don’t get along with pets already living in the home.

She said fostering, even for a short period such as a week or two, gets an animal out of a cage and into an environment and condition whether they become adoptable. “We need help right now,” she said. “Even if it’s a couple of weeks. They (cats and dogs) are not in a cage and fostering is great option for people thinking for adoption.”

Hillary grew up in a dog family in Pennsylvania — “I have had dogs growing up my whole life” — and came to Rhode Island as a student at Johnson & Wales and “never left.” Her first dog, a Scottish terrier adoptee named Hardy, was 12 years ago.

“He’s a senior,” she says. She has adopted three other dogs. She introduces fosters one at a time so as not to



**FOSTER MOM:** Hillary Gillinder has fostered 225 dogs in the last six years in addition to caring for four of her own. (Beacon Communications photos)

overpower the temporary new comer. A photographer, Hillary posts photos of her and other fosters on social media. She estimated Rhode Home Rescue has between 60 and 100 foster families.

Lisa Kirshenbaum of Cranston fosters. As she puts it she has fostered a “bonded pair of four pounds of



**TEMPORARY MOM:** Pam Morin with William at the adoption event. William displayed his friendly disposition greeting dogs and people with wags.

a whole lot of trouble” for the last year. While that is not a good sales pitch for adoption, Lisa says, “I’m for full disclosure.” It’s a practice she exercises in seeking adoptees. She has fostered 125 dogs over seven years since her family moved here from South Africa – their dog came, too.

“You either love animals or you don’t,” she said.

What does she gain from fostering?

“There is a huge therapeutic part of having an animal. I have seen the impact of a companion,” she said describing a woman with cancer in her 70s who seemed lost purpose to life. Adopting a dog had a profound effect. She believes relationships with pet animals have “global effects.”

Cameron Kadek who works for the Warwick School Department had her foster “Jack,” an alert mixed breed, ready to greet people with her. A couple, Matt Sabourine and Carlin Weirick, who had learned of Jack on the web had driven from Middletown for the event to meet him and talk with Cameron. While they did Jack displayed his best manners, sitting next to Matt and acknowledging the attention bestowed him. Having been pre-approved for adoption, Jack made the trip to his new home with Matt and Carlin as soon as they were ready to go.

Rhode Home Rescue that recently acquired the former garden shop at 1014 West Shore Road in Cominicut does not house rescues but relies on their network of volunteer fosters to care and house them until adopted. The West Shore Road facility is used for the storage of a transport van and supplies. A “pawsome night” celebration, fundraiser and introduction to the new facility is planned for Friday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Kalunian is building a data based of fosters and those thinking of fostering. She said those interested should fill out an application on PetApprove or email her at [animaltalk1920@gmail.com](mailto:animaltalk1920@gmail.com).

# Right

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according to RIPEC. Those municipalities include Central Falls, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, Providence and West Warwick — the five “urban core districts” with the lowest “property wealth per capita” in the state.

“We must look to the states to determine which rights, if any, we have to an education,” attorney Trish Brennan-Gac wrote for the American Bar Association in 2014. “A limited number of state constitutions explicitly recognize education to be a fundamental right, entitling all students to the same quality of education regardless of neighborhood or income.”

Brennan-Gac’s research shows that prior to 1960, only two states recognized education as a fundamental right — Wyoming and North Carolina.

Maryland joined the short list in 1960, adding education to its Declaration of Rights, and California’s Supreme Court “started the ball rolling when its supreme court held in *Serrano v. Priest* (1976) that education is a fundamental right under its constitution,” she wrote. “Courts in Connecticut, Washington, and West Virginia soon followed suit. Mississippi, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Kentucky recognized the right to a quality education under their state constitutions in the 1980s.”

Courts in Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas recognized the decision, and “the movement picked up steam in the 1990s as 12 more state courts acknowledged a right to education,” Brennan-Gac wrote. “In 1993, Alabama, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and Tennessee were added to the list, followed one year later by North Dakota and Virginia. By the end of the decade, Arkansas, Connecticut, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Vermont had joined the ranks.”

But not Rhode Island. “Other state constitutions require the provision of education services (thorough and efficient education, etc.) by the state without conveying a right to students,” Brennan-Gac wrote. “Others barely address education at all. As a result, American education has developed into a hodge-podge quilt of different rights, access, and quality standards that depend entirely upon where children live.”

### Threat of litigation necessary?

In Johnston, the town’s top school administrator supports the idea.

“I do support an amendment to the state constitution ensuring that all children have a right to an education,” said Superintendent Dr. Bernard DiLullo Jr. “In addition, the education has to be equitable among all children requiring adequate funding to meet the needs of all students.”

Johnston Schools have recently hired additional educators for specific subgroups of students, like multilingual learners (MLL). The number of MLL students in Johnston jumped from 113 in 2015 to 270 in 2023, according to Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) data. RIPEC cited Rhode Island’s soaring MLL student populations in their report.

“Every child deserves the right to a good education,” Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Jr. said in October. “I would support such an amendment to the constitution if the General Assembly gave school committees their own taxing authority.”

Essentially, an argument for a Constitutional amendment revolves around funding, and how that funding is spread across all the school districts in the state.

“Even within states, school districts vary widely in resources and quality,” according to Brennan-Gac. “Some states rely heavily on local property taxes and wealth, while others allocate resources more equitably across all districts. The disparities have led to vastly different educational systems and outcomes. Parents and education activists from poor districts have turned to state constitu-

tions for help.”

Many state legislators in Rhode Island support the idea, on both sides of the isle.

“I see value in amending our state constitution to include the right to an adequate education,” Republican House Minority Leader state Rep. Mike Chippendale (District 40, Coventry, Foster and Glocester) said last month. “I have an appreciation for some of my colleagues’ hesitation regarding potential litigation that could arise if the right is enshrined, but when we’re looking at reports where certain schools in RI have an entire student body with 0% proficiency in math — we are beyond crisis-levels and need to react accordingly.”

Chippendale represents. According to RIDE Report Cards, MLL in the Coventry school district topped the Ocean State’s math proficiency charts, with 50%, becoming the only district in the state reaching the halfway mark. Coventry also had the state’s fourth best MLL reading proficiency rates, at 26.7%.

“Perhaps the threat of litigation is precisely what’s needed to properly educate the children of our state,” Chippendale said. “While I do not want Rhode Island to be sued and the taxpayers to bear any of those cost(s) — I want a future with educated children and adults, and right now our public schools are failing to educate our children and that cannot stand.”

### Change is Hard

Since public education is primarily funded by property tax revenues, the students educated in some Rhode Island public schools may be receiving a smaller-than-equitable slice of the state funding pie.

The Constitution of the State of Rhode Island includes two mechanisms for proposing and approving amendments. Article 14 of the state constitution prescribes either a constitutional amendment referred to electors by the state legislature or a constitutional convention.

If the General Assembly proposes an amendment, by roll call vote of a majority of members in each house, the constitutional revision can move on to the voters in the next General Election. The constitutional convention route also requires votes by the General Assembly, and the nomination of delegates to attend the convention. The voters must also approve any changes endorsed by the convention.

Rhode Island last convened a Constitutional Convention in 1986, which tackled, among other things, changes to the state’s position on the Right to Life/Abortion debate.

During the 2021 session, state Rep. Mary Messier and Sen. Roger Picard introduced H 5421 and S 205a, titled “Right to an Education.”

The bill passed the Rhode Island Senate, but died in the House.

“For students in low-income communities, remedies for a lack of educational equity are particularly urgent,” according to ACLU Rhode Island. “This bill would have proposed an amendment to the Rhode Island constitution guaranteeing the right to an adequate education. The Rhode Island Supreme Court has several times rejected the notion that students have a judicially enforceable right to an education; this bill would have ensured and constitutionally established this right as fundamental.”

Former long-term substitute Spanish teacher State Rep. Enrique Sanchez’s (D-Dist. 9, Providence) constituents hail from neighborhoods like Silver Lake, Hartford Park, the West End and Olneyville. After teaching at schools including Providence Central High, Mt. Pleasant and Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School, the teacher-turned-legislator left the classroom supporting the amendment.

“We need to pass it,” Sanchez said Monday morning. “Pushing for a constitutional amendment is progressive policy ... It creates a more pro public education friendly environment for the public schools ... It would guarantee every student in the state the right an education.”

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**The Search for Equitable State Funding**

RIPEC has sounded the alarm bell that the state's public education funding formula may not be equitably serving the state's students who live in the "urban core districts," where about one-third of the state's students are enrolled. According to the agency, those communities received "less than half (49.5 percent) of all new funding from FY 2021 to FY 2024, as compared to receiving 59.3 percent of increased funding over the ten-year phase-in period of the funding formula."

While the state's funding formula seemed to trend in the right direction when it was first phased in during FY 2021, allocations from the past two years have slipped backward.

"Ironically, the first year in which the funding formula became fully phased in was the last year in which the formula operated as intended," explained Michael DiBiase, President and CEO of RIPEC. "While the General Assembly made some positive changes, the FY 2024 funding formula consists of a multiplicity of modifications that are complicated and fail to reflect a coherent or consistent policy. The result is a patchwork of funding allocations that appear to make little sense when comparing funding outcomes for communities that are similar in terms of student demographics and their relative ability to raise local revenue for their schools."

RIPEC urges the General Assembly to "pursue comprehensive reform of the funding formula."

Polisena argues for a "total overhaul" of the state's education system and funding mechanisms.

"Taxpayers should be able to discern and differentiate what their school department is spending vs what their municipality is spending," Polisena wrote via email. "So for example, if a school is half of a municipal budget like it is in Johnston (\$65m of \$130m), if you paid a \$5,000 property tax bill, going forward that bill would morph into two \$2,500 bills then residents could track which bills go up, when and why."

Johnston's mayor argues statewide

funding reform may be a more important priority than a change to the state's constitution.

"Furthermore, a constitutional amendment like this has zero bearing on what a child is learning, or unfortunately as is the case today, not learning, inside the classroom," Polisena said. "There needs to be a total overhaul of the education system not just in Rhode Island, but the United States. I don't know how many more studies need to come out that show the United States lagging behind other developed countries in education before someone actually does something to fix it."

**Learning While Learning the Language**

Another closely related realm of concern raised by RIPEC, and echoed in a new report in early October, involves the state's booming MLL population.

Many of the towns and cities with the lowest per capita property wealth rates in the state also have the highest influx of English language learners entering their public school systems.

In 2023, Central Falls became the first district in Rhode Island "with more than half its students classified as multilingual learners." A "constitutional right" to an education would require equitable state funding for districts that are so far failing to educate those populations adequately, when compared to national test score averages.

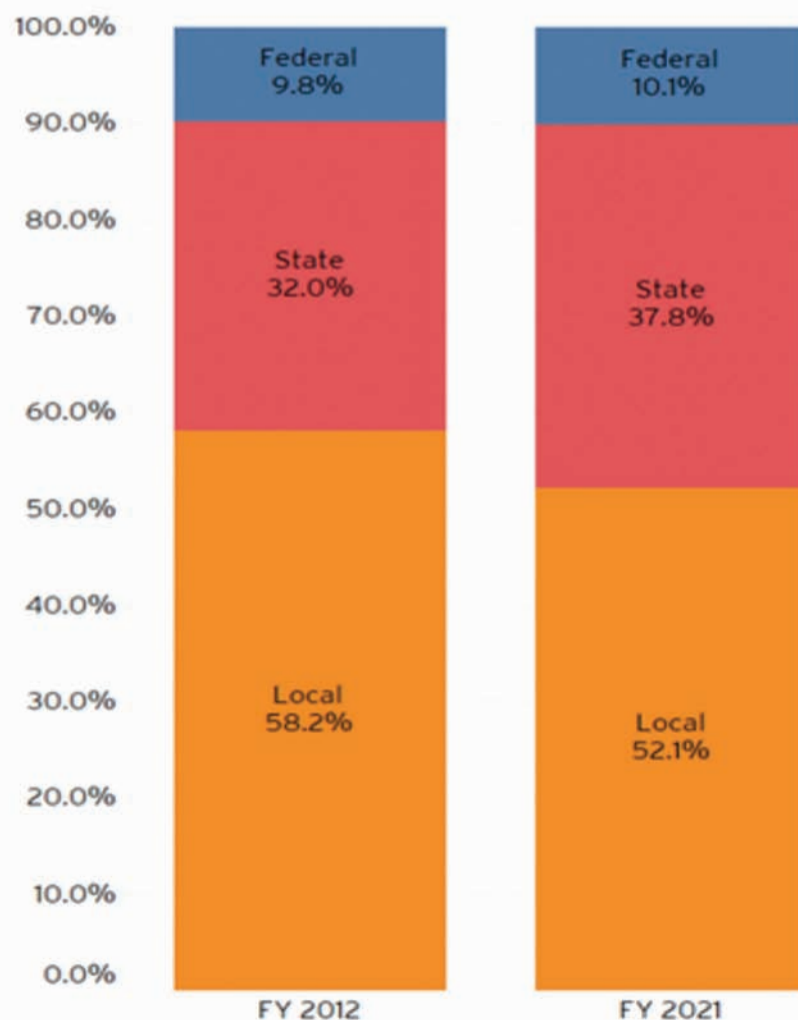
RIPEC recommends the General Assembly incorporate funding for multilingual learners directly into the state funding formula, rather than handling it as a supplemental funding item.

"Moreover, it is unclear whether this funding is adequate given the state's large and growing population of multilingual learners," RIPEC further warns.

Johnston State Rep. Deb Fellela supports a tweak to the state's population to help the most vulnerable learners among her constituency and across the Ocean State.

"I do believe that is the rights of all the children to receive an education, I would support such amendment," Fellela said last month. "I've seen the population changing in the past few years, so we do need to make accommodations for these students. No students should be left behind."

**Rhode Island K-12 Education Revenues by Source**



Note: State revenue includes all state revenue exclusive of the state's contribution to teacher retirement, restricted and unrestricted state grants, school housing aid, state matching funds for school nutrition, and school breakfast reimbursement funds.  
Source: RIDE, UCOA data.

# Sports

## Panthers look to get job done

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston girls soccer team is gearing up for another Division IV playoff run as it enters this week's postseason as the second seed with a 10-2-1 record.

Much of last year's core returns including leading scorers Alexia DiLorenzo and Kaylee Poole, who have scored 19 and 12 goals respectively, while keeper Ava Waterman has been stellar, picking up 11 shutouts on the season.

The Panthers return after being upset as the top seed last year when they fell to Providence Country Day in the semis. With many of the same starters back on the roster, coach Toni Scavitti is excited to see how they respond to last year's heartbreaking loss.

"We're pretty confident being it is the second time in as many years. The girls are more prepared in terms of what to expect. Last year was the first time a lot of the players experienced the playoffs in any sport so it was definitely new to



**PLAYOFF BOUND:** Johnston's Lia Shenk earlier this season. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)



### Famous Faces

Among those one-time Johnston High School sports super standouts who were inducted into the prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame are from left: Jason Cerro, 1998; David Principe, 1984; Gary Bucci, 1979; and Michael Mollicone, 1979. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

### Playoff thoughts, predictions

We're heading into the thick of the playoffs so let's get into it. Here are the teams and storylines that have caught my eye as we get under way.

We have two football teams that will be in the playoffs with Hendricken and Johnston and each have chances to take home Super Bowl titles.

### My pitch



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## JHS cheer holds 1st annual reunion

By PETE FONTAINE

It's been said time and again that "Once a Panther, always a Panther!"

The most recent proof came inside the highly popular Thirsty Beaver Hometown Pub and Grub in Smithfield during the First Annual Johnston High School Cheerleaders Reunion.

Enter former Head Coach Susan Parillo and one-time JHS cheers captain Fallon Davis who wanted to bring the spirit of cheer and Panther Pride together and include many former members who enjoyed – and were known – as one of the most talented and precisions squads around.

Thus, a total of 14 former JHS cheerleaders and Parillo – a.k.a. Johnston's District Teacher of the Year in 2023



**AWESOME ALUMS:** These are the 14 former Johnston High School varsity cheerleaders and one-time Head Coach Susan Parillo who recently held a fun-filled reunion at the Thirsty Beaver Hometown Pub and Grub in Smithfield. (Submitted photo)

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# Battle of the Classes boosts school spirit

By PETE FONTAINE

Like Johnston High School's unmatched Homecoming celebration, the recent and one-of-a-kind Battle of the Classes is in a league unlike any other.

It's a unique competition of athleticism – bolstered by unlimited special school spirit – that's been part of the JHS tradition for many moons.

But the Rite of October, as some people call it, has strict rules that require maximum participation – and attendance – of students in all four JHS classes.

"Attendance counts as an event based on the percentage of the class that attends the Battle of the Classes," offered Greg Russo, a JHS alum and popular faculty member who founded the event years ago as a super special way to boost school spirit. "Tickets purchased for family members and friends during school will count towards the percentage. Tickets purchased at the gate will not count towards the percentage and color tickets must be turned in upon a person's entrance."

More importantly, ALL team members must purchase a ticket that will further help the JHS Student Council host the year's always fun-filled events.

Russo also emphasized "ALL team members must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to participate in the Battle of the Classes."

Thus, the recent and 2023 edition of the Battle of the Classes featured four teams of eight boys and eight girls with two alternates testing their mettle in 14 different competitions with the only result known at this time being what class won the thrilling and cheer filled Tug of War.

After the seniors battled the juniors and sophomores took on the freshmen followed by the first and second match losers facing off and the two winners going head-to-head to determine the 2023 Tug of War champion.

"The Class of 2024 took home the honors," Russo announced "but the other results won't be announced until the Senior Sendoff Dance in June."



**PANTHER PEOPLE:** JHS Culture Climate Coordinator Brittany Smith (center), Special Educator Savannah Bissett and Assistant Principal Rachel Salvatore cheered on all four classes during the recent Battle of the Classes.



**LINKED LEADERS:** Among the many JHS administrators who were on hand at the recent Battle of the Classes were Principal Matt Velino (left), Assistant Principal Rachel Salvatore and Athletic Director Justine Erickson. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



**FANTASTIC FROSH:** The Class of 2027's banner read "This is where your book begins, the rest is still unwritten."



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**JUGGLING:** Johnston's Karen Lastor makes a play in a game earlier this season.

■ **Job**

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them. They are now more comfortable knowing that the reality is that all bets are off and teams are playing at a different level at this point," said Scavitti.

Scavitti will continue to lean on the trio of DiLorenzo, Poole and Waterman, who have carried the load to this point.

"They have stepped up in a positive way. We have an older team so there is a lot of experience on the team. They have stepped up in their own ways. Ultimately, they realize that the playoffs bring a different aspect of teams out. It doesn't matter what happens in the regular season, it's a new season," said Scavitti.

The Panthers opened the playoff taking on Blackstone Valley Prep, who they beat 5-0 in the regular season. Although Johnston proved that it could dominate BVP, Scavitti urged her players to forget about what happened earlier this fall.

"We don't know. Maybe they weren't at full strength, it was pouring rain when we played them. I told them to not take them lightly, don't assume we will beat them just because we already did," said Scavitti. "We have to remember last year and realize that there are no guarantees, you have to earn it. It's on their minds, they don't speak about it but they are using it for knowledge and how not to let it happen again."

■ **Cheer**

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who is the health and physical education teacher at Winsor Hill Elementary School – was thrilled with the first-ever turnout.

The event included former cheerleaders of all ages, some that were involved as far back a 1999 as well as 2021 who provided spirit unlimited for the Pan-

thers football, basketball, hockey and wrestling during Parillo's tenure.

"We hope more cheers alumni will join us at our next event," Davis, who was one of the 14 attendees offered. To which Parillo added: "This is the start of something special; we are hoping our cheers alumni group will continue to grow."

Any former JHS cheerleaders who would like to join should email Parillo at sparillo@johnstonschools.org.

■ **Pitch**

(Cont. from page 15)

The Hawks as you heard me say a couple weeks back are on their way to the Division I title. I am very confident, not that predicting a Hendricken championship is a hot take, but there is very little doubt in my eyes.

Sure, La Salle took an early lead and had the Hawks on the ropes. Sure, North Kingstown forced Hendricken to dig deep in the fourth quarter. Sure, Central nearly pulled off the upset when they squared off.

At the end of the day, Hendricken got the job done. The Hawks are built to last and will reclaim the title after coming up short last season.

It won't be easy and the Hawks will have to play their best football, but I just don't see a team picking them off. Heading into the state title game last season, the Rams had the momentum and the Hawks just seemed a little inexperienced. I picked Hendricken to win, but it felt like a true toss up. Not this fall, though. The Hawks are experienced, focused and check off all the boxes on the field. They have a quarterback in Jayden Falcone, a rushing attack with Ronjai Francis and Oscar Weah, and have a ton of size up front on both offense and defense. Check, check and check. That's usually a recipe for success at the high school level.

As for the Panthers, although they are not the favorite in Division III, they have proven enough to be seen as contenders. They got a decisive win over Ponaganset and eked out another over Moses Brown and nearly beat

West Warwick in a comeback. The lopsided loss to Lincoln came on opening day, so you can't put too much stock into that.

Johnston has Tolman this week and the later has been on a tear as of late. It should be a competitive game, but I expect the Johnston offense which includes Matt Clements, Steven Finegan, NeAri Vasquez and Michael Carlino, to be productive and put a pace on that the Tigers can't match.

The next week will almost certainly be a match-up with Middletown. Those two teams had a thrilling playoff meeting a couple years ago and I have a feeling we'll have another. If the Panthers can get through Middletown, then there will be no reason why they can't beat the Wizards or Lions in a championship rematch.

Toll Gate will have another crack at winning both boys and girls soccer championships this fall. Each team reached the championship last season and the girls were able to get the job done.

The Lady Titans are unbeaten in league play and will take the top seed into the postseason. It looks like they're on a collision course with Westerly for another championship battle.

Westerly was the favorite last season but the Titans pulled off the upset. If the two clubs do indeed reach the final, Toll Gate will probably be the underdog, but we saw last year that anything can happen. Adeline Areson has been on a tear as well as Shinyu Vega and keeper Alanna Pereira.

As for the boys, they have cooled off a little bit in the second half of the

regular season but are still firmly one of the best teams in Division IV. It looks like Mt. Pleasant is the favorite, but with a core that includes Aiden Preuit, Edrees Heidari and Christian Dias, the Titans will have a chance against any team they face.

The Division I girls race will be fascinating as no team has really separated itself from the rest of the pack on the A-side. Pilgrim, La Salle, South Kingstown and Cranston West have beaten up on each other. On the B-side, Cumberland is unbeaten and North Kingstown is still very much a threat.

The Clippers should be in the title game, but the fight for the second spot will be fun to watch.

As I spoke about last week, the Division II field hockey postseason is going to be a slugfest and the first round was wild for our three teams.

Pilgrim took on Cranston and won in a shootout while Toll Gate edged Classical in a shootout as well. Pilgrim will now take on unbeaten Lincoln while the Titans are set to face Chariho, who they went 1-1 against in the regular season.

If Pilgrim goalie Valerie Landry repeats her stellar outing in the quarters, then the Pats will have a chance to pull off the big upset.

As for the Titans, I am pretty confident that they'll be able to pull off the win against the Chargers. Toll Gate got better as the season wore on and although Chariho didn't fall off, it did cool off a bit and took some lumps. I'd love to see a Pilgrim-Toll Gate final this weekend, but it will take a perfect game for the Pats to get by.

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By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

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## North Atlantic right whale population decline slowing?

NOAA Fisheries has released a comprehensive population viability analysis for North Atlantic right whales, and the 2023 population estimate.

The analysis allows users to project how the total population's extinction trajectory could change under various "what-if" scenarios. Results show that both vessel strikes and entanglement of these whales need to be considerably reduced for the species to continue to exist.

NOAA and long standing whale conservation groups

concur that reducing entanglement and vessel strikes are paramount to preserve the species and offshore wind surveys and development is not contributing to mortality as suggested by some. There is no known link between recent large whale mortalities and ongoing offshore wind development and surveys. Visit Frequent Questions—Offshore Wind and Whales | NOAA Fisheries.

The annual population estimate shows that approximately 360 animals were alive at the beginning of 2022. This is fewer than the numbers alive at the beginning of 2021, but the sharp downward trajectory of this species observed between 2015 and 2019 may be slowing.

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12 Kelly Ln	Kelley, Paula J	Gargano, Anita A	10/13	\$165,000
21 Kelly Ln	Donovan, Paulette A	Courtemanche, Harry D	10/11	\$230,000
22 Jennifer Ln	Baffoni, John P	Gustafson, Robert E	10/13	\$365,000
93 Lear Dr	Ray, Alyssa	Wheelock, Scott E and Bailey, Jerome M	10/13	\$174,900
96 Reservoir Rd	Brodeur, Michael and Fields, Kimberly	Litalien, John and Litalien, Rhonda	10/10	\$455,000
788 Phillips Hill Rd	Menard, Carla and Menard, Melissa	Quinn, Nicholas L	10/11	\$329,000

## Cranston

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
2 Euston Ave	Better Than Before LLC	Souza, Kevin	10/6	\$397,000
5 Fruit St	Tmc Keywest LLC	Durand, Christopher A	10/12	\$330,000
19 Vermont St Lot 211	Valelli, Michael J and Valelli, Gina M	Reyes, Orlando	10/6	\$385,000
19 Vermont St Lot 212	Valelli, Michael J and Valelli, Gina M	Reyes, Orlando	10/6	\$385,000
19 Vermont St Lot 210	Valelli, Michael J and Valelli, Gina M	Reyes, Orlando	10/6	\$385,000
11 Bernice Dr	Anthony L Cassella Lt and Grover, Nancy A	Bruno, David	10/5	\$360,000
20 Warren Ave	Brazil Robert B Est and Brazil, Robert A	Calise Prop LLC	10/6	\$374,999
21 Pine Hill Dr	Margadonna, Joan D	Wang, Hongfang and Zhang, Junhong	10/13	\$587,500
22 Clear View Dr Lot 50	Willett, Spencer A and Bedetta-Willett, C A	Dinan, Brian G	10/6	\$560,000
22 Clear View Dr Lot 45	Willett, Spencer A and Bedetta-Willett, C A	Dinan, Brian G	10/6	\$560,000
31 Batcher Ave	Gambardelli Theresa A Est and Gambardelli, Michael J	Celseti, Teri A and Celseti, Alessia R	10/5	\$330,000
31 Briarcliffe Rd	Levin, Andrew N and Dacey, Sarah	Tarazi, Shadi A	10/12	\$449,511
35 Paine Ave	Emery, Burton	Chambless, Bertram A and Dacosta, Adelaida M	10/13	\$339,000
59 Beacon Cir	Watkins, Linda M	Belis, Carlos	10/10	\$350,000
61 Coolspring Dr	Ferreira, Eileen	Enmarino, Damian A	10/5	\$550,000
64 Melrose St	Trementozzi, Rebecca L	Trementozzi, Ronald J	10/11	\$375,000
64-66 Blackamore Ave Lot 88	Ann J Shugrue Lt and Shugrue, Ann J	Yin, Narin and Yin, Suor	10/13	\$435,000
64-66 Blackamore Ave Lot 89	Ann J Shugrue Lt and Shugrue, Ann J	Yin, Narin and Yin, Suor	10/13	\$435,000
89 Preston Dr	Lopes, Kerry	Valero, Joseph and Valero, Kathleen	10/12	\$415,000
118 Crothers Ave	Sharon A Baptista Lt and Baptista, Jennifer A	Radtke, Ryan E	10/6	\$438,000
143 Hoffman Ave Lot 203	Gautschi, Henri W and Homonoff, Marvin	Lawton, Frances	10/6	\$244,000
167 Legion Way	Forlato, Lynne and Carlson, Stephen	Carcamo Xicara De, Celia E and Garcia-Barrios, Octavio	10/10	\$450,000
175 Hoffman Ave Lot 202	Cayer, Gail	Levin, Gedaly	10/6	\$259,000
184 Bretton Woods Dr	Difazio, Angelo and Difazio, Sharyn L	Abdalla, Nancy J	10/12	\$585,000
242 Fiat Ave Lot 19-15	Bella Homes LLC	Leighton, Ashley	10/13	\$345,000
242 Fiat Ave Lot 20-15	Bella Homes LLC	Leighton, Ashley	10/13	\$345,000
242 Fiat Ave Lot 21-15	Bella Homes LLC	Leighton, Ashley	10/13	\$345,000
315 Northup St Lot 152	Nagbe, Mapu T	Young, Kathy	10/10	\$327,000
315 Northup St Lot 153	Nagbe, Mapu T	Young, Kathy	10/10	\$327,000
828 Cranston St	Badaru, Usman	Chancellor, Jasmine	10/13	\$575,000
1344 Plainfield St Lot 20	Bluefin Providence Two LL	Tmc Keywest LLC	10/13	\$515,000
1344 Plainfield St Lot 16	Bluefin Providence Two LL	Tmc Keywest LLC	10/13	\$515,000
1361 Hope Rd	Long Beach Mtg Loan T and Deutsche Bk Natl TCo	Long Beach Mtg Loan T and Deutsche Bk Natl TCo	10/13	\$301,500
2120 Phenix Ave	Leo W Derouin RET and Jr-Tr, Leo W D	Smith, Linda J and Smith, David C	10/13	\$589,900

## East Greenwich

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
40 Cardinal Ln	Moore, Douglas R and Moore, Amy E	Larsen, Melissa	10/10	\$1,250,000

## Exeter

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41 Dolly Pond Rd	Every Jr Aubrey C Est and Every, John A	Gouin, Grace P and Casey, Gregory M	10/17	\$394,500
70 Purgatory Rd	Records Jr Austin Est and Records, David L	Eubank, Ann and Taylor, Melissa L	10/17	\$350,000
84 Mail Rd	Leet, Priscilla H	Adams 3rd, Milan E and Mumford, Lisa	10/17	\$80,000

## Johnston

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
4 Sydney Rose Ct Lot 4A	Expo Development LLC	Straube, Patricia and McMahon, William	10/13	\$429,000
8 Winsor Ave	Gardner Gloria M Est and Iannarelli, Paula	Lopes, Khori and Folco, Antonio	10/17	\$400,000
15 Winfield Rd	Brindle Catherine A Est and Reichert, William	Doung, Vecky V and Autumes, Jose A	10/17	\$330,000
32 Atwells Ave	Polisena Jr, Joseph M and Polisena, Samantha S	Aniconi, Edward J and Aniconi, Karen A	10/17	\$425,000
93 Hedley Ave	Inthisenesouk, Khaik	Jallah-Zinnah, Weedor A and Zinnah, Motee F	10/16	\$400,000
103 Springfield Ave	Beaudoin, Leo N and Charos, Shirley	Cumha, John T and Halton, Sherry E	10/12	\$317,500
122 Scenery Ln Lot 122	Chisholm, Sheila J and Pari, Nicholas J	Moniz, Isabella K	10/12	\$285,000
185 Cherry Hill Rd	Houck, Raven	Fortune, Tina M	10/16	\$440,000
971 Atwood Ave	Martino, Denise	Ricci Brothers Prop LLC	10/16	\$405,000
1776 Atwood Ave	Jones, Medelline M	Granados, Bryan	10/13	\$495,000

## Warwick

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
6 Gilbert St	Renzi Cheryl A Est and Renzi, Raymond L	Laplante Estates LLC	10/12	\$349,900
6 Guild Ave Lot 15	Spiga, Thomas E	Sullivan, Melissa and Sullivan, Colin P	10/10	\$310,000
6 Guild Ave Lot 14	Spiga, Thomas E	Sullivan, Melissa and Sullivan, Colin P	10/10	\$310,000
9 Overton St	Brown Alfred H Est and Brown, Steven	Labonte, Andre	10/13	\$200,000
11 Vohlander St Lot 20	Uptum Invest LLC	Leuken, Justin	10/10	\$379,900
11 Vohlander St Lot 19	Uptum Invest LLC	Leuken, Justin	10/10	\$379,900
14 Pilgrim Cir	Morrone, Tiffany A	Hillary A Janis RET and Janis, Hillary A	10/12	\$443,000
16 N Marlborough St Lot 59	Mcgivney, Jane A	Mcgivney, Eileen and Mcgivney, Martin	10/11	\$170,000
16 N Marlborough St Lot 58	Mcgivney, Jane A	Mcgivney, Eileen and Mcgivney, Martin	10/11	\$170,000
19 Gibbons Ave Lot 206	Smith Laurie S Est and Smith, Christopher J	Davis, Susan B and Davis, Michael W	10/6	\$46,000
19 Gibbons Ave Lot 205	Smith Laurie S Est and Smith, Christopher J	Davis, Susan B and Davis, Michael W	10/6	\$46,000
31 Inez Ave	Oleary, Nellie	Anderson, Deama L and Oleary, Michael G	10/6	\$325,000
48 Brinton Ave Lot 17	Knott, Donna M	Melone, Valerie J	10/6	\$325,000
48 Brinton Ave Lot 16	Knott, Donna M	Melone, Valerie J	10/6	\$325,000
49 Echo Dr	Rwr Re Invest Grp LLC	Shugrue, Ann J	10/13	\$475,000
58 Sagamore St	Sib Prop LLC	Sutherland, Kerrie	10/11	\$286,000
61 Fairfax Dr	Avagyan, Nazeli	Hacker, Aerial	10/6	\$443,000
79 Collingwood Dr	Decorpo, Cindy R and Pietila, Annastasia K	Mccarthy, Sean M and Medeiros, Heather P	10/6	\$415,000
86 Adrian St	Anderson, Colleen O and Schnell, Kathleen M	Scambio, Brian C and Scambio, Natasha R	10/13	\$350,000
90 Greenwich Ave	Ri Housing & Mtg Fin Corp	Tavares, Linda C and Baldino, Louann	10/10	\$1
101 June Ave	Aversa, Mellisa	Aversa, Mellisa	10/5	\$109,281
102 Tiernan Ave	Reservoir Assoc	Abatecola, Alexander T	10/10	\$1
105 Blanchard Ave	Laplante Estates LLC	Estrada, Martha E	10/11	\$370,000
108 Rome Ave	Ellinwood, Norman K and Johnson, Cheryl K	Roldan, Francis Z	10/13	\$310,000
117 Wesleyan Ave	Ruzzi Capital	Toole, Jacqueline M	10/10	\$1
118 Aldrich Ave	Jack R Wands T and Wands, Gregory D	Berg, E J and Berg, Carole A	10/13	\$1,360,000
127 Brookwood Rd	Saint Germain, Cory	Schuse, Lawrence J and Schuse, Gretchen T	10/11	\$417,500
169 Fair St	Chapman, Kristine B and Chapman, Gary L	Suzanne D Augenstein RET and Augenstein, Suzanne D	10/6	\$915,000
171 Nausauket Rd	Mateus, Susan L and Mateus, Anthony R	Mateus, Justin G	10/13	\$400,000
187 Gould Ave Lot 3	Andrews, Linda J	Zopfi, Kara R and Zulu, Borbar	10/13	\$320,000
187 Gould Ave Lot 2	Andrews, Linda J	Zopfi, Kara R and Zulu, Borbar	10/13	\$320,000
187 Gould Ave Lot 4	Andrews, Linda J	Zopfi, Kara R and Zulu, Borbar	10/13	\$320,000
195 Ottawa Ave	Andrade, Hugo	Fedan, Bohdanna	10/11	\$365,000
237 Shamrock Dr	Elmwood Rlty LLC	Hernandez Godoy, Ilcia E and Velasquez, Yonathan A	10/5	\$450,000
455 Red Chimney Dr	Mcnamara, James J and Mcnamara, Carol A	Varras, Nicholas	10/13	\$425,000
456 Pequot Ave Lot 321	Jmr Prop LLC	Drowne, Austin and Perez, Diana	10/6	\$534,900
456 Pequot Ave Lot 322	Jmr Prop LLC	Drowne, Austin and Perez, Diana	10/6	\$534,900
573 Main Ave	Js Prop Mgmt LLC	Bernardo, Dan E and Pacheco, Francesca M	10/10	\$450,000
881 Greenwich Ave Lot 36	Dimitrov, Rumen V and Rousseva, Kamelia R	Tashjian, Laura M and Tashjian, Mhram D	10/6	\$405,000
905 Warwick Neck Ave Lot 97	Romano, John T	Jones, James E and Jones, Merrit M	10/5	\$1,150,000
905 Warwick Neck Ave Lot 96	Romano, John T	Jones, James E and Jones, Merrit M	10/5	\$1,150,000
1527 Centerville Rd	Sullivan, Andrew	Ursillo, Jeffrey	10/12	\$305,000
1703 Warwick Ave Lot D	Richard H Amaral Relt and Amaral, Richard H	Bessentials LLC	10/5	\$110,000
3027 W Shore Rd Lot 251	Warwick City Of	C & M Rlty LLC	10/5	\$600,000
3539 W Shore Rd	Lsf9 Master Participation and Us Bank TNa	James, Tom L and James, Tyler	10/10	\$355,000
5390 Post Rd Lot 3	Erinakes, Stephan G	Caron, Michael J and Caron, Christine A	10/10	\$495,000

## West Greenwich

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
70 Bentley Farm Rd Lot 22	Shoreline Prop LLC	Hanlon, Kevin	10/10	\$787,526
70 Bentley Farm Rd Lot 5	Shoreline Prop LLC	Hanlon, Kevin	10/10	\$787,526
153 Falls River Rd Lot 2	Graham, Peter B	Ronald P Archmbault RET and Archambault, Ronald P	10/12	\$145,000

## West Warwick

ADDRESS	SELLERS	BUYERS	DATE	PRICE
8-1/2 Laramee St	Lambert Raymond E Est and Spatcher, Karen E	Arcena, Mark A	10/13	\$268,000
10 Lachance St	Williams Jr, Richard T and Us Bank TNa	Igloo Series V T and Us Bank TNa Tr	10/12	\$290,000
10 Morris St	Silva, Joao C	Ortiz, Hector R and Pizarro, Barbara M	10/12	\$350,000
14 Pond St	Badolato, Brandon T and Badolato, Kyle	Crosby Jr, Charles D	10/16	\$400,000
29 Kinne St	Simas, Michael R and Simas, Karen E	West, Zachary H and West, Raymond R	10/13	\$330,000
43 Phenix Ave	Elmwood Realty LLC	Forbes, Arlington A	10/16	\$360,000
220 New London Ave	Richotte, Andrew T	Gleason, Cathy A	10/12	\$342,000
338 Washington St	Poulin, Todd R	338 Group LLC	10/17	\$379,000
1207 Main St	Terms For Keys LLC and Stinga, Vlad	Jdm Holdings LLC and Kp & Sons LLC	10/16	\$1,570,000
1211 Main St	Terms For Keys LLC and Stinga, Vlad	Jdm Holdings LLC and Kp & Sons LLC	10/16	\$1,570,000
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## A Trip to Washington DC



**By Joel Bohy**  
*Historic Arms & Militaria*  
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As a member of the American Society of Arms Collectors (ASAC), we have two meetings a year across the country. It can be tough with a busy work schedule to make all the meetings, and I hadn't been to one since last year. This fall, the meeting was held in Dulles, Virginia and I flew down. It's always a great chance to hang out with like-minded collectors and see some of the great historical items the members bring to display, and this one didn't disappoint.

A few of us had set up a tour of the White House once we arrived with a member of the president's military staff. I had never been, so it was a great opportunity for me. We went through the East Wing and the main floor, checking out the furnishings brought in by various presidents. The furniture in the main dining room with carved eagles was my favorite; it had belonged to Theodore Roosevelt. The portraits on the walls were also very impressive.

The next day we went to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, for a tour around the house and property. I had been before, but it's always a great learning experience walking on his property and visiting his tomb.

After the visit to Mount Vernon, we hopped on the busses and traveled the short distance to the National Museum of the United States Army at Ft. Belvoir. I hadn't been there since it opened a few years ago and it was quite an experience. Some of the objects on display were sold to the army museum by friends and members of ASAC, and to see that much military material culture was fantastic! It's worth the trip if you're in the area.

After the trips, the hangout area is the collection room. It's a ballroom in the



hotel where members set up displays with objects from their collections. Sometimes it's a single item, a group, or even a group display where multiple members put together a single display. Before the meeting is over, everyone votes on the best displays. It was really tough at this meeting as the quality of the displays was really good.

On a few of the days, members also give presentations on various subjects. Even if the topic isn't in my sphere of collecting or interest, it's always a chance to learn something new.

The last tour we took was at the NRA's National Firearms Museum. I had never been to this museum either, so I was looking forward to seeing what was in the collection. As someone who is more into historical arms, I kind of skipped through the more modern hunting and sporting arms and went right into the Revolutionary War material. They have some very cool things that have been donated over the years, but to my surprise, the collection that really sparked my interest was the movie guns. While they own some, there are many that have been loaned. The M16 with

a grenade launcher from Scarface and the Sharps rifle from Quigley Down Under were my favorites.

I was glad I took the time to go to the meeting. Great tours, great collections, and great company. I look forward to the next!

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Just like the concept of financial investment, you must invest in your health every day to get that compounded return. So, what can we do for robust accrued health?

Here's a good mantra to go by - One who SEES well retires well (Sleep, Eat, Exercise, and Socialize well).

**Sleep well** (at least 7-8 hours daily) to recharge your body. Chronic sleep deprivation is linked to medical problems like diabetes, hypertension, and stroke.

*One may know the difference between healthy and unhealthy choices but still be unable to choose the right one. A rested mind makes better choices.*

**Eat good food, avoid bad food, and fast.**

**Good food (Vegetables, fruits, nuts, olive oil, fatty fish, etc.):** Let's focus on vegetables and fruits because, as per CDC, only 1 in 10 adults meet the daily requirement (at least 1½ to 2 cups of fruit and 2 to 3 cups of fresh leafy vegetables), and this will have the most impact on your health. Fresh leafy vegetables are laden with antioxidants, fibers, and nitrates. Consume it daily!

**Antioxidants:** The act of breathing is living, but the side-effect of breathing (and oxygen) is its byproduct - oxidative radicals - which damage cellular proteins and cause aging. Antioxidants neutralize it.

**Fiber intake** is important for good bowel function and maintaining a healthy gut microbiome, the absence of which is linked to multiple health and mental problems.

**Nitrates** are required for a healthy blood vessel system, but sadly, our body produces them less as we grow older, so the need to maintain this supply exogenously.

**Why only "1 in 10 adults get enough fresh fruits or leafy vegetables"?**

Primarily because of friction. To decrease friction, make it easy to adopt: One suggestion: blend 2 cups spring mix + honey-yogurt + ice (+/- berries) and drink the "green smoothie" **every day**. One extra benefit of blending: Do you see herbivores like cows and giraffes chewing all day? You are a human that created blenders and rocket ships to the moon; you just have to blend it for a minute. Blending massively increases surface area and digestion index (beneficial nutrients get more readily absorbed into your body).

**Avoid bad food:** The most commonly abused substance is not cocaine, alcohol, or marijuana, but bad food. We constantly overindulge in it despite knowing its negative ramifications. Bad food can be categorized into a diet high in sodium, high glycemic index, red meat, processed food, and a high AGE diet.

**A high Sodium diet** not only causes the bags below your eyes but also all your organs and cells to swell within. It has been linked to various medical problems and premature death. *(I always say to my patients you don't swell with water, but you swell with Chinese and Cheesecake factory).*

### Staying Healthy



by  
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**Red meat and processed food** are low in essential nutrients (dietary fiber, nitrates, antioxidants) and high in sodium and unsaturated fat. Processed foods are also high in unhealthy additives, preservatives, and artificial ingredients.

**High AGE diet:** A.G.E. stands for Advanced Glycation End-products, which are glycated proteins (sugar-attached protein molecules). Consuming dietary AGE increases oxidant stress and inflammation, which is linked to the recent rise in diabetes and cardiovascular disease epidemics. (Diabetes mellitus, a medical condition, is an endogenous high AGE state.) Long and/or high-temperature cooking increases AGE content in food, like oil-fried items (donuts, French fries, fried chicken), while poached chicken and boiled eggs have less AGE.

*Any food that makes you sleepy afterward isn't good for your health. It is highly inflammatory.*

**High glycemic index foods**, like sugar, sugary foods, soft drinks, white bread, potatoes, and white rice, cause abdominal obesity and metabolic syndrome X. This increases the risk of age-related medical conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and stroke.

*It is ok to indulge in bad foods in small amounts or infrequently, but when you do it regularly, the bad habits compound too. They tend to reinforce each other to end up with an unhealthy cluster (bad food, bad sleep, lack of exercise).*

**Fasting:** When the cells are not eating, they are healing. Fasting activates the cellular recycling and renewal process of autophagy, slowing aging and improving overall health and intelligence (Fasting is also a bio-hack to increase intelligence and creativity: Evolutionary wise Hunger enhances creativity in finding food sources).  
*An easy dictum to go by: "Eat only when the sun is out."*

**Exercise well:** Take the unique benefits of each form of exercise.  
Strength training — weightlifting, calisthenics, etc.  
Aerobics — For cardiovascular health.  
Yoga — For tendons, ligaments, and joints. All our life, we are impacting our joints and ligaments. Yoga does the reverse and dis-impacts this tension.

**Daily 5-minute meditation:** Throughout our life, our mind is running errands—time to give your mind a break and a little space to reset and heal. (Meditation is essentially getting rid of all thoughts in your mind and focusing on taking deep-long breaths.) Meditation also gives your mind's brake (like a car's brake) practice. Anxiety (or rumination) happens when this "brake" doesn't work well.

**Socialize well:** Happiness experts recommend meaningful socialization at least once weekly. Try combining socialization with exercise by playing tennis or biking with friends. Lack of meaningful socialization and social support can lead to chronic stress (which is associated with an increased risk of diabetes, hypertension, stroke, cancer, accelerated aging, etc.) and a myriad of mental health problems (e.g., anxiety with associated somatization, which can manifest in many forms, such as tension headache, postprandial distress syndrome, chronic back pain, generalized pain syndrome, etc.).

**Final words:** *Aging is an irreversible process, but it is a process with momentum that you can change. One who SEES well, ages slowly, and retires well.*



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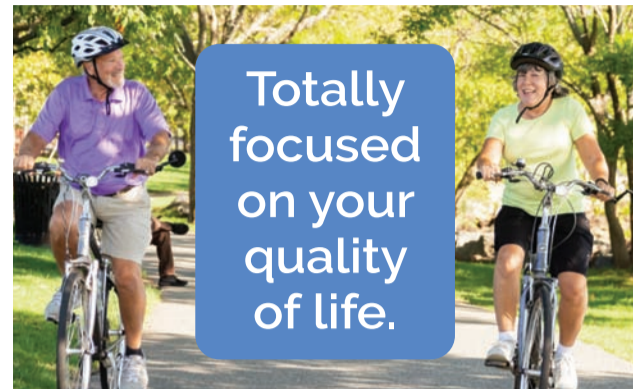
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