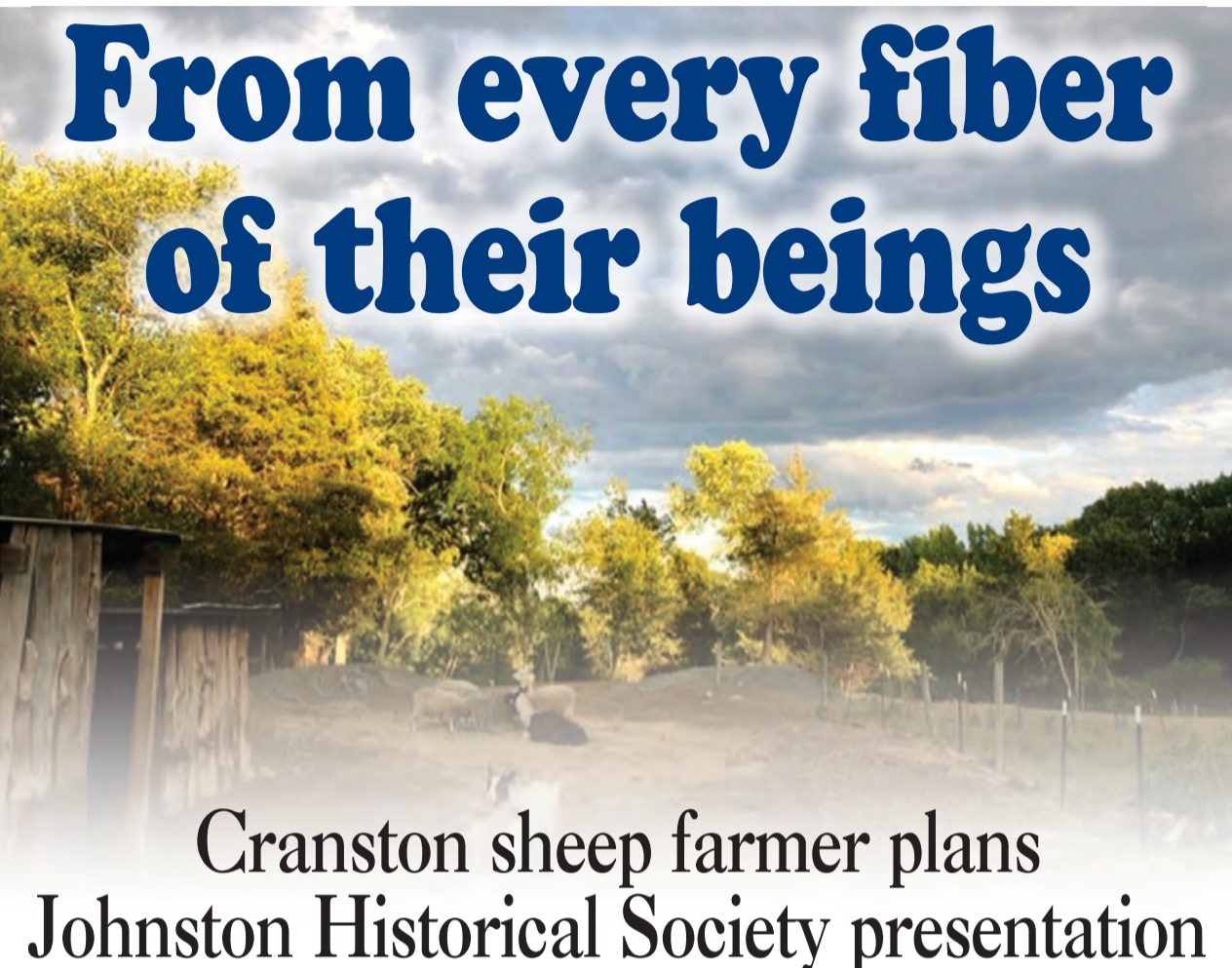


From every fiber of their beings



Cranston sheep farmer plans Johnston Historical Society presentation

By RORY SCHULER

After morning chores at Hurricane Hill Farm, owner Drake Patten took a moment to appreciate her surroundings.

"What draws the eye is the sheer beauty of the place — its woodlands and fields and waterways, the birds and wildlife that make their home here," she said, pausing, adding one more asset to the list: "The light."

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, the Johnston Historical Society will provide a glimpse behind the scenes of the 48-acre Cranston sheep farm. They'll host Patten as their next featured speaker at the society's 101 Putnam Pike museum.

Earlier this week, while struggling to keep the animals fed and the work from piling up, Patten reflected on her unique, surviving Ocean State property.

"At the same time, its history is visible," she said, putting her early morning observations into words. "The land is also bounded by stone walls and stone fences-reminding us of a time when Western Cranston was all farms — field upon field as far as you could see. But the farm's story begins long before those walls were built."

The working farm's focus may be wool production, but its owners have pledged to cultivate history and the arts as well as their fuzzy livestock.

"The Narragansett people were drawn here by the natural resources the area offered and eventually, the colonists saw the same value — and, as is true across New England, imposed their ideas of land ownership on the indigenous population," Patten explained.

Her History

Before she moved to Rhode Island in 1998, Drake served as an archeologist at various American historic sites including Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Virginia. According to Patten, her past academic research "focused on the intersections of slavery, freedom and gender in the ante- and post-bellum South."

She believes her "background in history, archaeology and anthropology" afford her a unique perspective on "managing a small, historic fiber farm during a time of big agriculture and fast fashion." And now her current research is "focused on the story of her own farm; one that begins long ago with the Narragansett people."



THE FLOCK: Drake Patten shepherds a small flock of Leicester Longwool sheep. Her Johnston Historical Society talk will be called "Woolen-u-like to talk about it? The history and tradition of fiber farming on a small Rhode Island Farm." (Photos courtesy Hurricane Hill)



Amazon wants to revise Johnston tax deal

By RORY SCHULER

Amazon's looking to re-negotiate their tax deal with Johnston.

The estimated opening date of Johnston's Amazon Facility has been bumped back several times. While the company says they're sticking to their latest timeline, which estimates an opening by the end of 2024, the town's tax agreement with Amazon may be about to change.

Johnston Town Council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 28, "concerning a proposed ordinance authorizing a Revised Tax Stabilization Agreement" (TSA) between the town and Amazon.com Services, owner of the as-yet unopened robotic sorting facility on Hartford Avenue.

"Working closely with Amazon over the last several months, we are pleased to have reached a payment plan that serves the best interests of Johnston taxpayers and allows Amazon to continue investing in our local economy," Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. wrote Wednesday.

Last year Amazon delayed the facility opening by another year, announcing an expected Christmas 2024 launch.

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MOSTLY SWEET FAREWELL: Troop 171 started in 2011 as a Daisy troop. Now, it consists of four Ambassador members, all seniors in high school — Rebekkah Condon, Magdalena Echevarria, Emily Packer and Ailani Reed. (Photo courtesy Megan Condon)

Johnston Girl Scouts hold final cookie booth

By RORY SCHULER

Last call for cookies.

Johnston Girl Scout Troop 171 will host its final cookie booth on Sunday, March 30 at the Burger King on Putnam Pike, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to troop leader Megan Condon, this will be Troop 171's "last ever cookie booth" since the "troop is composed of four high school seniors who will all be graduating this June."

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JHS Panther of the Week



POTW: This week's Panther of the Week is Alex Smith. Alex is a freshman at JHS and was nominated by Ms. Savannah Bissitt. Ms. Bissitt said, "Alex is a unified athlete and part of our unified basketball and volleyball team. He has shown amazing growth this year and has made some great connections during his first year at JHS. Alex loves music, horse back riding and beach walks!" (Photo submitted by Matt Velino, Johnston High School Principal)

Editor's Note: This is the newest installment of an ongoing weekly series highlighting Johnston's amazing students. Staff at Johnston High School will be nominating students and submitting a caption and a photo for publication. You'll find each week's winning Panther within the pages of the Johnston Sun Rise.

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If it's up to bus driver Jackie, things may get a bit wacky

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

This week the Johnston Senior Center Spotlight shines on a community service partner, Jacqueline "Jackie" Pion, who came to us in a very unconventional way. And she continues to be "that gift that keeps on giving" to the entire Senior Center family.

About a year ago, the JSC partnered with the "Project Success Program" at Johnston Senior High School. The program allows students the opportunity to "assist" in a work environment. The students and the accompanying staff have been wonderful.

Totally unexpectedly, would we have anticipated that the bus driver, Jackie, who had really no responsibility, other than to drive the bus, would become a hardworking, fun-loving, roll-up your sleeves helper whose mission was to make students, staff and our members, smile and feel good about their day.

That's just what she delivers everyday she is here. On her own time, she can be seen serving food, clearing tables, and washing dishes. On special days of the year, she can be seen wearing appropriate holiday garb, like Mrs. Claus, a Leprechaun, Crash Dummy, etc.

Her well natured skits are all aimed to bring a smile to the students riding her bus, and the seniors whose plate she delivers or whose table she clears. Each day she leads the students' exit with a parade of goodbyes, to a round of applause and appreciation.

Jackie has been a school bus driver for about 23 years, six here in Johnston. Originally from Maine, Jackie attended high school in New Hampshire, and enlisted in the U.S. Army, six days after graduation.

She later arrived in Belgium, serving at the NATO Command Headquarters. She would serve in the Army Reserves, and serve a tour of duty during Operation Desert Storm. That's where she met her husband of 32 years, Mark, and together they have three sons. She and Mark are both retired Army, and continue to work and reside in Lincoln.

Simply put, Jackie says, "I like making people happy. When my kids enter the bus, I tell them today starts a new day."

Well Jackie, here at the Center, we appreciate all you do — helping to give us all a reason to smile. Thank you for your service. Mission Accomplished.

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.



Senior 'Spotlite'

VETERAN SMILE-MAKER: This week's Johnston Senior Center Spotlight shines on bus driver and U.S. Army veteran Jacqueline "Jackie" Pion, who was introduced to the center via the "Project Success Program" at Johnston Senior High School. The center hasn't been the same since! (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)



FRITTATA ANYONE?

Members of the Johnston Senior Center were treated "Italian Frittata" on a recent Thursday, prepared by Chef David Silva, of the Capital Ridge at Providence. Lucy Hebert, Director of Community Relations at Capital Ridge, coordinated the event with JSC staff, in which a variety of "Frittatas" were provided and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Capital Ridge offers various levels of residential care to older adults. The JSC welcomes the opportunity to share information with our members. If you have a service that might benefit our members, give us a call and we can arrange for you to drop by. (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)

Johnston Pet Owners Rabies Inoculation Clinic Date And Dog Licensing Information

The Town of Johnston will hold a Rabies Clinic for Dogs, Cats and Ferrets three (3) months of age and older at The North Providence Recreation Dept., 2 Governor Notte Pkwy, Building #2, North Providence, Rhode Island, 02904 on **Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The cost for each inoculated will be ten dollars (\$10.00) cash only, no personal checks accepted. Proof of previous vaccine (Certificate Only) is required.

Dog Licenses are available as of April 1st at any time and can be obtained by visiting the Town of Johnston's online licensing portal at this link: <https://johnstonri.portal.opengov.com/categories/1084> (Rabies Certificate required)

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Calling all working seniors



STRETCH IT: In an effort to attract still-working older adults, the Johnston Senior Center (JSC) is moving forward with an array of programs to be offered weekday evenings. Recognizing so many individuals are now working longer, the JSC staff wanted to offer some of our more popular activities starting at 6 p.m. As a result, Monday evenings will now feature Yoga and Pilates, starting at 6 p.m. There is no cost, but donations are accepted. On Wednesday, March 20, the JSC will kick off their new "surprise" Wednesday night Bingo, starting at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesday, March 27, they will be offering a watercolor art class, starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, all supplies included, along with complimentary wine and cheese and crackers. Many new events are planned in the upcoming months. Call or stop in to register for any of these activities. *(Photos courtesy Richard J. DeFino Jr.)*



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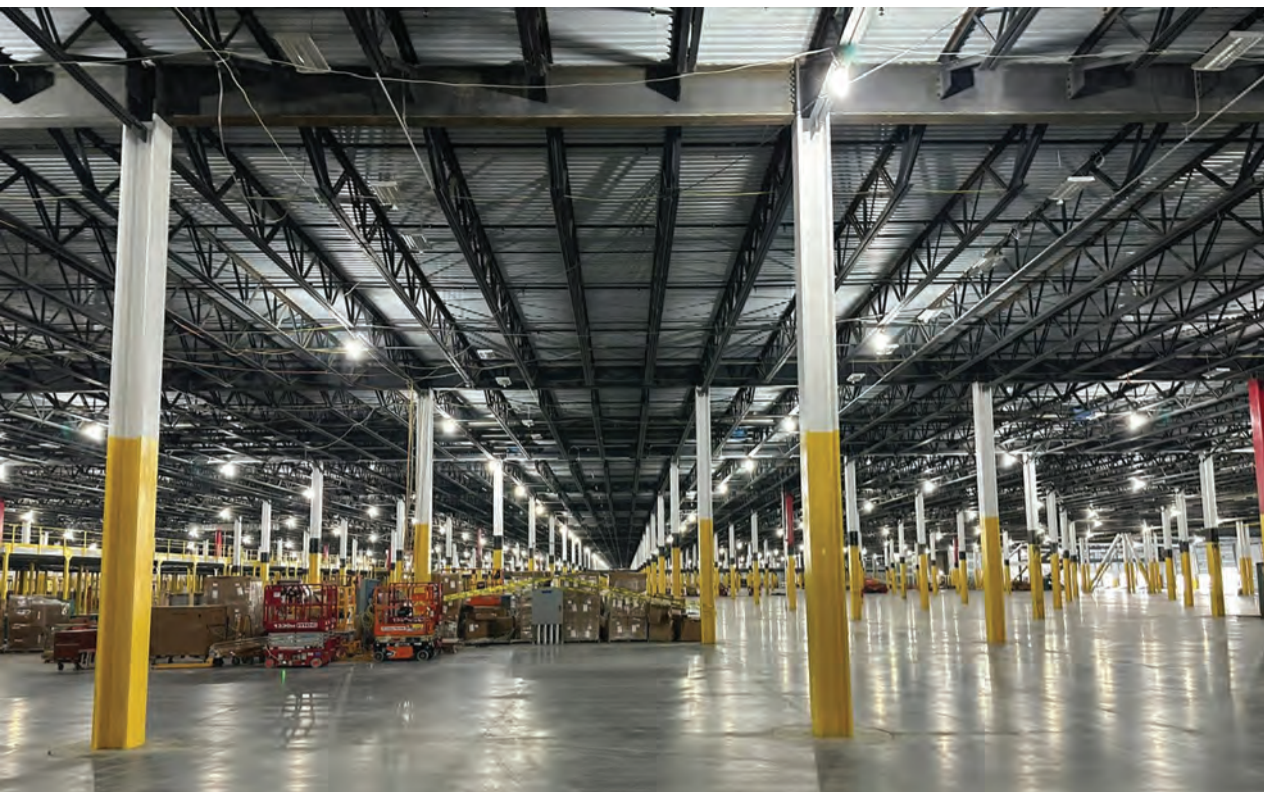
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POLITICAL ACCESS: On March 17, 2023, Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. announced on Twitter that he had toured the Amazon construction site with US Sen. Jack Reed. He released four photos from the tour. (Photos courtesy Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr.)

■ Amazon

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"Amazon informed us late last year they are invoking a construction clause in the agreement, which would allow them to pay roughly \$3 million less than the full balance of taxes owed in the first year," Polisena explained via email Wednesday. "After months of negotiation, we have secured the full \$5.7 million payment this year."

Town Council will have to vote to approve the agreement at the March 28 meeting. Polisena says the town will see more benefit early on in the agreement, rather than fairly inconsequential payments previously slated to start more than a decade from now.

"Furthermore, we have secured an additional \$500,000 in payment for next year, which will bring the revenue up from \$5.8 million to \$6.3 million," the mayor explained. "We applied the principle of time value of money and in exchange we are lessening the amounts owed by \$200,000 in years 11-20 of the agreement."

The new agreement may be packed with financial bells and whistles, but should yield positive results for the town, according to Polisena.

"Because of the relatively flat yield curve between 10- and 20-year treasury rates, we used a 10-year treasury as our indicator," the mayor explained. "Using that discount rate of 4.10 percent, this amounts to \$618,000 in net present value. Additionally, rather than pay in smaller quarterly installments, Amazon also agreed to pay their annual bill in one lump sum payment at the beginning of the year, which helps our balance sheet's cash flow metric."

Polisena ended his message with praise for the retail giant, which has yet to deliver 1,500 promised jobs to Johnston.

"I'm very grateful to Amazon for coming to the table and being a model corporate citizen for Johnston and its residents," Polisena wrote. "The

wording of the agreement is still being finalized but should be complete within a week. We have already received the \$5.7 million check from Amazon for this year's payment."

With \$5.7 million of Amazon's money in the bank, Johnston town officials have yet to see the finalized document and some were reluctant to comment on the changing TSA this week.

"I haven't seen any document or amendment in writing," Johnston Town Council President Robert V. Russo said early Wednesday morning.

Russo said he had few details to offer regarding changes to the TSA between Johnston and Amazon, but he expects Town Council will likely consider changes to Amazon's payment schedule, since the company's Johnston facility is "getting off to such a late start."

The expected amendment to the current community agreement may be as simple as "spreading out the payments over a longer period of time," Russo explained.

"The builders are not done yet," Russo said. "They're getting delayed."

Amazon responded to several requests for comment at 11:21 a.m. Wednesday morning. Amazon spokesman Steve Kelly replied: "Acknowledging receipt of your emails."

While at least one source in town government has suggested the Amazon opening date will be pushed back yet another six months, to a likely Summer 2025 opening, Kelly insisted, "The timeline has not changed for us - still slated for later this year."

Polisena backed up Amazon's timeline.

"Amazon is there daily, working on their internal robotics and racking system," Polisena said this week. "The timeline they told us is they expect to be open by this November."

Polisena has promised that structured pre-approved tax payments from Amazon, which began earlier this year, would

cover the school construction bond burden, canceling out any need for a tax increase.

Amazon provided no statement regarding the proposed changes to the TSA.

The original TSA was signed by members of Town Council in September 2021. Polisena Jr., then Vice-President of Town Council, signed the original document.

"It is not contingent upon 'operating at substantial full capacity.' While there is absolutely no support for a hypothetical question about what happens if the (TSA) did not commence on Jan. 1, 2024, please remember that the property owner will be responsible for paying taxes based on the full value of the property as opposed to a lesser stabilized amount," Polisena wrote via email last year.

Multiple planned payments to the town were attached to the TSA (and were expected to kick in whether the Amazon facility opened or not): \$582,500 per year to fund a Johnston High School Pathway Program (for 20 years, totaling \$11,650,000); \$400,000 toward starting up the Pathway Program; five payments to the state totaling \$1,250,000; \$5,380,000 over 10 years toward public safety operations; \$2,750,000 toward the state's Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP).

"Pursuant to the Community Partnership Agreement (those) payments are mandated effective Jan. 21, 2024," Polisena said last year. "This means that the expected revenue from these agreements will be completely available to support the School Building Project for our Town's children and their families."

Russo said Wednesday morning that the proposed changes to the TSA will likely have no impact on the school bond.

"I don't think it has any affect at all," Russo explained, adding that the TSA changes likely "won't have any affect on the schools" and will likely "take place toward the

end of the contract."

"We'll know more details when we actually see the document," Russo said.

Russo, the long-time president of Johnston Town Council, said he's not concerned exactly when the facility will eventually open for business.

"They've spent a lot of money up there," Russo said. "Obviously there's a huge building. If they built something that big and for some reason didn't want to go through with it that would send a shockwave throughout the world ... I'm not worried at all."

The Thursday, March 28 meeting will start at 6 p.m. and be held at the Johnston Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Ave.



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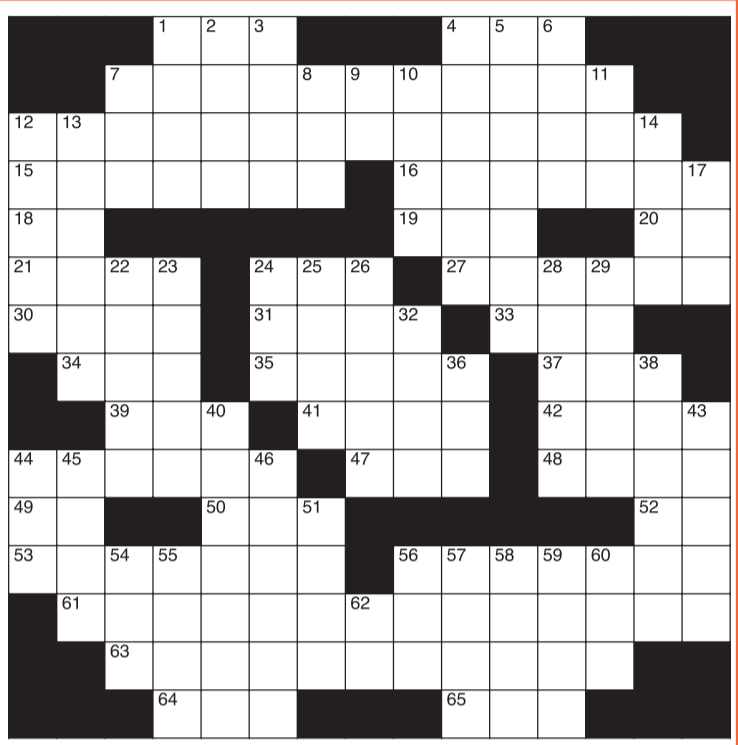
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- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 39. ___ school: where to learn healing
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- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru

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- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city
- 3. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig
- 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12. Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents

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- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
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- 36. Fugitives are on the ___
- 38. Type of dance
- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched
- 51. River in northeastern Asia
- 54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee
- 56. A very large body of water
- 57. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 58. Millisecond
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. Subway dweller
- 62. Royal Mail



GLOBE-TROTTERS: Together, Johnston's Troop 171 has traveled New York City, Rocking Horse Ranch in New York, hiking and camping in New Hampshire on Mount Monadnock and Mount Willard, as well as a cruise, to Bermuda, St. Maarten, Tortola, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic for their senior trip. Their four Ambassador Members will graduate from high school this year, so they've scheduled their final cookie booth on March 30. (Photo courtesy Megan Condon)

Troop

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Troop 171 started in 2011 as a Daisy troop. Now, Condon said the Troop has four "Ambassador members, all seniors in high school" — Rebekkah Condon, Magdalena Echevarria, Emily Packer and Ailani Reed.

"Our troop has had many wonderful adventures together through the years," Condon recalled. "We have traveled to NYC and Rocking Horse Ranch in New York. We have hiked and camped in New Hampshire, hiking Mount Monadnock and Mount Willard. Last April, we camped at Assateague National Seashore. And most recently we spent 10 days on the Norwegian Getaway visiting Bermuda, St. Maarten, Tortola, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic for their senior trip. The troop took a surfing lesson in San Juan and visited Monkeyland in the Dominican Republic."

The final cookie booth will be a bitter-sweet day for the troop (but mostly sweet).

"As a troop, the girls earned their Silver Award (the second highest award in girl scouting) during the Covid pandemic by creating an outdoor skills escape room that was based on the outdoor skills Amazing race-style competition they had planned on hosting," Condon said. "Two members are currently working on their Gold Awards (the highest award in Girl Scouting and equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award)."

As with all Girl Scouts, cookie sales fund the majority of the troop's activities.

"Every year we sell thousands of boxes of cookies to fund our troop," Condon said. "We plan on making our final booth a true celebration."

Their final year as a troop and final cookie sale will start at 11 a.m. March 30, at the Johnston Burger King on Putnam Pike.

"The troop has saved one box of Thanks A Lot cookies in deep freeze since 2021 when they were discontinued," Condon revealed. "We plan on making s'mores out of them at the end of the day to celebrate our last booth."

A very important part of being a Girl Scout is the passage of wisdom down to younger members.

"This past year the troop has been hosting badge completion weekends for younger Girl Scouts to help fund their senior trip," Condon explained. "They have been able to share their outdoor knowledge and love of camp with younger girls while helping the younger troops earn their Journey Awards which are prerequisites for earning Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards."

Troop 171 decided to go out on top of their game.

"They have also earned several of their own badges and are completing their Outdoor Art Master and Ultimate Outdoor Recreation badges," Condon said. "This past year we have attended *Bat Boy The Musical* at RIC and drove to St. Anselm College in Merrimack, New Hampshire, to watch the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens put on a one man theatrical performance of *A Christmas Carol*."

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Government thrives in the sunshine

If democracy dies in darkness, that logic should dictate that government thrives under direct sunlight.

Such is the theory championed and emphasized during Sunshine Week, occurring right now (between March 10 and 16), which is driven by a growing non-partisan group of newspaper organizations to explore the importance of fostering an open, transparent process between those who administer the government and those who are governed.

It's no surprise that as a newspaper group, we are intricately interested in being provided better access to the workings of government so we may report items of importance to our readers. But we would argue that, beyond our own needs, the average citizen in any community should also be rooting for such access.

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importance to our readers. But we would argue that, beyond our own needs, the average citizen in any community should also be rooting for such access.

The pandemic provided a stark lesson to the entire nation regarding how crucial it is to understand what decisions are being made by whom, why they are being made, and whether or not those decisions are appropriate, necessary, or even legal under existing laws. That period of rapid, often-chaotic decisionmaking truly emphasized how much of an impact our government can have on our day-to-day lives, and showed why we should be keenly aware of its actions.

Positive changes also came from that period regarding public access to government proceedings. For example, many towns and cities across Rhode Island — which up until that point had only held public meetings in person — began holding municipal meetings for various boards remotely online; opening up access to more citizens than ever who can't necessarily dedicate multiple hours during a weekday evening to trek down to city halls. This is a practice that should continue to expand, until every board has meetings on the record, available for remote viewing and accessible even after the adjournment motion is passed.

The ongoing catastrophe caused by the Washington Bridge provides another example why transparency is important, and why leaders in government must be accountable to the people whose safety depends upon their ability to make sound decisions.

If you have ever found yourself wanting to know more about how to access public records, and why such access is important, there is a worthwhile event happening in our neck of the woods this Saturday, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the William Hall Library (1825 Broad St., Cranston).

Speakers include Wheeler Cowperthwaite of The Providence Journal, Colleen Cronin of ecoRI News, Edward Fitzpatrick of The Boston Globe and Eli Sherman of WPRI-Providence. Registration is free and available at act.commoncause.org/events/demystifying-democracy-sunshine-week-2024/.

TWO ZEPPOLES AND A GOVERNOR WALK INTO A ...CARTOON



LETTERS

DEM, DOH remind public of rabies prevention tips as spring approaches and wildlife becomes more active

From RI DEM & DOH

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) are reminding the public that as winter moves into spring and the warmer weather brings more people outdoors, they can expect to see more wildlife activity and should avoid interacting with wildlife to help protect both themselves and Rhode Island's wildlife. Throughout the spring, wildlife tends to move around more frequently with the onset of breeding behavior patterns. During this increased period of wildlife activity, Rhode Islanders should remain vigilant and avoid approaching wildlife because all mammals statewide are susceptible to the rabies virus.

First confirmed in Rhode Island in 1994, the rabies virus is now endemic and can be expected to occur in wild mammal populations throughout the state. Vector species for rabies in Rhode Island include bats, racoons, woodchucks, skunks, and foxes, but can be carried by any other mammal. Occasionally bats can find their way into human living spaces and testing of the bat or preventative vaccination is recommended when a bat has been found within these areas when humans or pets may have been sleeping, or if the bat was present around individuals who are not able to communicate that they may have had contact with the animal. Infected animals can exhibit a wide range of symptoms, from aggressiveness to aimless wandering, lethargy, weakness of the hind legs, and loss of awareness. Some animals show no symptoms and the only way to confirm rabies is through laboratory testing. Rabies is a viral disease acquired from the bite or scratch of a rabid animal. Without

a post-exposure vaccine series, virtually all cases are fatal. This post-exposure vaccination should be administered as soon as possible to anyone with a known or likely exposure to rabies, including those who received prior pre-exposure prophylaxis. Rabies treatment must be started as soon as possible after exposure. Anyone who has had a potential rabies exposure is urged to call RIDOH's Center for Acute Infectious Disease Epidemiology at 401-222-2577 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM) or 401-276-8046 after hours for treatment guidance.

"DEM stresses that wildlife is beautiful but should always be enjoyed from afar," said RI State Veterinarian Dr. Scott Marshall. "Never approach wild animals and certainly never touch them. Handling mammals is always a potential rabies exposure. Once people handle or have contact with these animals, public health officials are compelled to test the animal for rabies, which requires that the animal be humanely dispatched because testing requires brain tissue."

Although wildlife will be making more appearances in backyards, local parks, and sometimes unexpected areas in the springtime, simply observing a mammal in the daytime is not a cause for a concern or indicative of illness or abandonment. Each spring, Environmental Police Officers from DEM's Division of Law Enforcement receive many calls from concerned members of the public about "abandoned" baby wildlife. This is almost never the case. Unless a baby animal is visibly injured or in immediate danger, it should not be approached, touched, picked up, or removed from the wild. If you observe an injured wild animal, please report it to the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island at 401-294-6363 for assis-

tance or to DEM's 24/7 dispatch at 401-222-3070. In the uncommon instance where a wild animal is observed exhibiting symptoms of illness such as acting strangely, the public should report it to their local animal control officer or DEM and keep their distance. Although rabies can only be confirmed by laboratory testing, the costs associated with staff time to retrieve, ship, test, and dispose of each suspected wildlife rabies specimen are expensive.

All dogs, cats, and ferrets are required by state law to have current vaccination against rabies and Rhode Island residents should vaccinate their pets for rabies if they are not already. Vaccination of pets prevents them from contracting rabies and prevents people from becoming exposed to rabies through their pets. All pets should be kept indoors unless supervised. Any contact between a domestic animal and wild mammal should be reported to your veterinarian and local animal control officer. The Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association (RIVMA) and organizations throughout the state offer rabies vaccination clinics for reduced cost vaccines. Although most livestock are not required to be vaccinated for rabies, DEM and RIDOH strongly recommend that livestock owners consult with their veterinarian to vaccinate their animals.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on how to prevent rabies, please visit RIDOH's website. For more information on rabies and ways to protect yourself and your pets, please see this RIDOH fact sheet. For more information on DEM programs and initiatives, visit www.dem.ri.gov. Follow DEM on Facebook, Twitter (@RhodeIslandDEM), or Instagram (@rhodeisland.dem) for timely updates.

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JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Q2 HONOR ROLL

High Honors

Melissa Aguilar 2025
 Skyla Almeida 2026
 Andre Amato 2027
 Lucas Anderson 2025
 Samaya Anzivino 2027
 Samaya Ariza 2027
 Jenna Aucone 2024
 Kevin Biscelli 2024
 Aura Blanco Mazariegos 2024
 Trinity Blondin 2024
 Isabella Boudreau 2027
 Logan Brennan 2024
 Sadie Bun 2025
 Tyler Buote 2025
 Matthew Clements 2025
 Elise Connors 2024
 Giuseppe Cucinotta 2025
 Jazmin Cuello-Pineda 2025
 Arianna Dandy 2025
 Ava DiNobile 2026
 Adrianna Dinucci 2025
 Lauren Dixon 2025
 Anelee Fernandez 2027
 Cameron Ferrara 2024
 Olivia Forgetta 2026
 Robert Franchini 2025
 Alistar Roe Fredette 2026
 Ayberson Garcia Cruz 2025
 Naomi Garcia Ore 2026
 Kylie Geremia 2027
 Jonathan Guilmette 2024
 Gianna Halliwell 2024
 Mona Imrane 2026
 Lana Jencks 2027
 Elizabeth Kue 2027
 Dario La Terra Bellina 2027
 Brenton Lang 2025
 Nina Lautieri 2024
 Timothy Liang 2026
 Jaylin Loeum 2024
 Dylan Lussier 2024
 Isabella Maggiacomo 2024
 Channosophonn Mam 2025
 Chelsea Maranhao 2024
 Samantha Marcotte 2024
 Logan Martins 2025
 Bennett McClish 2026
 Peyton McClish 2024
 Julia McLellan 2027
 Dariana Munoz 2025
 Hector Munoz-Lopez 2024
 Eliyahna Negron 2024
 Neriah Nhar-Matko 2025
 Brendon Norris 2024
 Janelle Nunez 2025
 Sebastian Orozco 2024
 David Pagliarini 2024
 James Pastore 2024
 Loren Pastore 2025
 Nicole Patenaude 2025
 Noelle Patenaude 2025

Alessandra Pesare 2024
 Jacob Pettit 2026
 Genesis Pineda 2025
 Matthew Ponte 2025
 Fallon Provoyeur 2026
 Donavin Quinones 2024
 Alexis Rivera 2026
 Hollan Rodgers 2026
 Rayven Russell 2026
 Sebastian Sanchez 2027
 Raylin Santos 2024
 Jason Schino 2026
 Shanna Scopelliti 2024
 Lia Shenk 2027
 Lucas Simpson 2026
 Aiden Soto 2025
 Emmerson Sylvia 2024
 Emma Taglianetti 2027
 Ayla Tellier 2027
 Branden Testa 2024
 Jayden Testa 2024
 Abraham Tillett 2025
 Ariana Torres Morales 2024
 Cameron Veitch 2026
 Anthony Vendetti 2026
 Benjamin Verduchi 2026
 Sofia Williams 2027
 Thomas Xoydara 2027
 Timothy Xoydara 2027
 Syeda Zainab 2024
Total High Honors: 91

1st Honors

Katlyn Allen 2026
 Willow Andrews 2024
 Gabriella Barata 2026
 Kaitlyn Barbosa 2026
 Colin Bishop 2027
 Kalina Bonetti 2024
 Caspian Briggs 2027
 I'daizha Brown 2026
 Dylan Calabro 2026
 Ryan Capraro 2026
 Andrew Cardullo 2026
 Michael Carlino 2024
 Jacob Carr 2024
 Ryan Carvalho 2025
 Henri Chan 2025
 Elliot Cortesi 2025
 Landon Costello 2024
 Santino Cucinotta 2027
 Timothy Davis 2024
 Alexia DiLorenzo 2024
 Alberto Estrada 2024
 William Ferrara 2027
 Logan Finelli 2027
 Diana Gaitan Flores 2027
 Kinya Glenn 2025
 Serenity Gonzalez 2024
 Joseph Grenier 2026
 Riley Guenette 2024
 Isabella Halliwell 2027
 Maximus Halton 2026
 Amelia Healy 2027
 Walter Homenick 2026
 Brooke Houle 2027
 Mineishka Hunt 2024
 Ariana Iasimone 2024
 Vanessa Javery 2025
 Vanessa Jean-Philippe 2027
 Karen Lastor Rojas 2024
 Hannah Lavergne 2024
 Katelyn Loffler 2025
 Joseph Lopez Tavares 2025
 Freddy Magana Landaverde 2027
 Jordan Maggiacomo 2027
 Charlene Maranhao 2027
 Balla Marone 2025
 Isabela Martinez 2027
 Jealeen Mateo 2027
 Makayla Melillo 2027
 Ava Mello 2026
 Arthur Men 2027
 Gabriela Mercado 2024
 Jiana Mitsoulis 2024
 Connor Niles 2025
 Gianna Orozco 2025
 Aubree Padula 2027
 Elianna Paez 2027
 Lexie Palma 2024
 Anthony Pannone 2027
 Sheyla Perez Sosa 2025
 Ariana Perron 2026
 Nikko Pezza 2027
 Madison Picchi 2027
 Skyla Prata 2025
 Sydney Raposo 2025
 Michelle Recinos 2024
 Natalya (Nathan) Rhind 2027
 Gianna Ricci 2025
 Brissya Rodriguez 2026
 Joaquin Rodriguez 2027
 Yandery Rodriguez 2024
 Lilianna (Warren) Salois 2025
 Leah Sanchez Perez 2026
 Sthefany Sandoval Orellano 2026
 Miguel Santamaria Romero 2025
 James Senno 2027
 Andrew Sia 2024
 Kimberly Sibia 2025
 Nathaniel Smith 2024
 Nixon Soto 2027
 Shylah Soto 2024
 Kailey Souza 2027
 Carl Taglianetti 2024
 Luke Taglianetti 2025
 Josie Torti 2027
 Lena Torti 2024
 Kyle Urban 2027
 Cameron Walker 2024
 Jordan (Fae) Weston 2025
 Austin Wheeler 2025
Total 1st Honors: 89

Raymond Cimino 2024
 Christopher Civetti 2024
 Shemorie Constant 2027
 Evan Correia 2024
 Aidan Cross 2027
 Janiya Cruz 2026
 Chantal DeJesus 2025
 Hunter D'Elia 2026
 Nathan Della Morte 2026
 Devin DelSanto 2024
 Edison Diaz Gomez 2026
 Anthony DiBiasio 2025
 Tyler Diodati 2025
 Jada DiRaimo 2026
 Samson D'Uva 2025
 James Estrada 2025
 Regan Estrella 2024
 Fiona Fairbanks 2027
 Emily Fashjian 2026
 Landon Faucher 2024
 Vanessa Febus 2026
 Alex Fedorchuk 2024
 Gianna Ferranti 2026
 Sophia Finegan 2025
 Steven Finegan 2024
 Kalyn Foster 2025
 Richard Foster 2027
 Irais Franco 2024
 Deanna Funches 2026
 Evangelia Georgiladakis 2027
 Annabella Gesualdi 2026
 Kingstan Glenn 2024
 Ian Gobeille 2027
 Marielys Gomez Mendez 2027
 Brendon Grace 2025
 Isabella Grimshaw 2026
 Yadier Grullon 2026
 Jennifer Guerrero 2027
 Angel Guzman 2024
 Victoria Hansen 2026
 Tyler Hartmann 2025
 Wally Hassan 2025
 Logan Hemstreet 2024
 Madison Hogan 2025
 Malikai Hopp 2025
 Dineishka Hunt 2024
 Olivia Iafate 2026
 Morgan Johnson 2027
 Emily Joseph 2026
 Jaylinn Khun 2027
 Alyssa Kleinberg 2026
 Lucia La Terra Bellina 2024
 Caden Langlois 2025
 Ariana Lara 2027
 Anthony Lastor Quinonez 2025
 Andre Lataille 2025
 Gabriella Laviano 2027
 Alyssa Leclerc 2025
 Isabella Liang 2027
 Sebastiana Lux Hernandez 2026
 Andrew Lyman 2025
 Angelica Maddaline 2026
 Neko Mahony 2025
 Gabriella Marandola 2024
 Analese Marcano 2026
 Analeah Martins 2027
 Caroline McCormack 2026
 Rachael Mendoza 2026
 Ernesto Mercado Anez 2026
 Michael Messina 2026
 Benjamin Monahan 2024
 Melissa Emely Monteiro 2026
 Alan Montenegro 2025
 Antonio Morales 2027
 Karissa Morales 2025
 Michael Morsilli 2027
 Mia Mowry 2024
 Alexandra Musa 2026
 Davian Nunez 2024
 Lizabeth Nunez 2027
 Brady O'Donnell 2027
 Ryan Oliver 2026
 Elijah Omari 2027
 Courtney Ortega 2027
 Randy Ortega 2025
 Daniestheliz Ortiz 2027
 Jeremy Ovalles 2025
 Evelyn Pagliarini 2027
 Aiden Pannone 2027
 Alexis (Alex) Pannone 2024
 Evin Paquette 2024
 Gabriella Pascale 2025
 Abigail Patnaude 2024
 Isabella Paulson 2027
 Alvin Pena 2026
 Matthew Penafiel 2025
 Miliani Peralta 2025
 Anthony Perito 2026
 Michael Perugino 2024
 Caroline Pesenecker 2025
 McKerry Petit Homme 2027
 Brea Pezzullo 2026
 Kaylee Phillips 2026
 Ethan Placella 2025



Public Notice Town of Johnston Public Hearing

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON:

Thursday, March 28th, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

The meeting will be held at the
 Johnston Municipal Court Building
 located at 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

The Johnston Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 44-3-9 concerning a proposed ordinance authorizing a Revised Tax Stabilization Agreement ("Agreement") between the Town of Johnston and Amazon.com Services, LLC/Owner for real property located in the Town of Johnston identified as Assessor's Plat 54, Lots 39, 40, 42, 54, 61, 75, 89, 90, and 93, located at Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI, consisting of approximately 195 acres of land. Said Agreement shall also include any improvements constructed on the property and any and all personal property located thereon. Said public hearing shall be held on March 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnston Municipal Court Building located at 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.

The meeting place is accessible to the handicapped in conformance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-2. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting date.

Johnston Town Council
 Robert V. Russo,
 President

Attest:
 Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.,
 Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Auction Legal Notice

To: Laura Saucier 2 Knollridge Dr North Smithfield RI. A public auction will be held at 100 South St Johnston RI on March 23, 2024 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2004 Chevrolet 1GCJK33274F187656 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees

3/14/24

Public Auction Legal Notice

To: Enterprise Trust 600 Corporate Park Dr St Louis MO. A public auction will be held at 775 Hartford Ave Johnston RI on March 23,2024 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2016 Chevrolet 2GNFLFEK8G6140787 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

3/14/24

Public Auction Legal Notice

To: American Credit Acceptance PO Box 4419 Wilmington,OH Melody Merino 191 Fruit Hill Ave No. Providence RI A public auction will be held at 775 Hartford Ave Johnston RI on March 23 2024 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2016 Jeep Cherokee 1C4PJLCB0GW206677 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

3/14/24

2nd Honors

Michael Abbruzzi 2025
 Talia Abbruzzi 2026
 Jayvin Adamo 2026
 Logan Akins 2025
 Saad Alam 2025
 Selena Albanese 2027
 Aubree Allen 2024
 Roman Amato 2027
 Morgan Andrews 2027
 Ella Annicelli 2027
 Ryan Audino 2024
 Angel Avila 2026
 Elianna Baptista 2027
 Isabella Barata 2025
 Ava Becker 2026
 Benjamin Bejnar 2025
 Nicholas Benoit 2026
 Kara Bonetti 2026
 Ethan Bracey 2027
 Jack Bremer 2025
 Layla Rose Bryand 2027
 Juan Burgos Vilchez 2027
 Brianna Bussolari 2027
 Jayden Cabreja 2024
 Gerson Cabrera 2024
 Abner Cambranes 2027
 Madison Campano 2027
 Carolina Cardoso 2024
 Georgiana Cardullo 2024
 Eduardo Castillo Ramirez 2025
 Jonelvis Castro 2027
 Dylan Cerio 2025
 Morgan Cerullo 2026
 Michael Chavier 2024
 Sofia China 2024

JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Q2 HONOR ROLL

Kaylee Poole 2024
Jonathan Prata 2026
Catherine Privitera 2025
Danny Quinn 2024
Leium Quinones 2027
Joseph Ramos Cardoza 2026
Tzivya Reyes 2026
Gian Ricci 2027
Isabella Ricci 2026
Alayath Rietwijk 2025
Danielson Rivas 2025
Ariana Rivera 2024
Delaynee Rodriguez 2027
Henry Rodriguez 2027
Jayanah Rollins 2024
Isaac Roman 2025
Leandro Roquez 2026
Brayan Rosales Carrascoza 2024
Diana Rosales 2024
Adriana Rossi 2027
Aiven Rua 2025
Ivana Rua 2027
Joshua Sanford 2024
Jesse Santillan 2025
Melissa (Gus) Sauret 2024
Gianna Sauro 2026
Hailey Segee 2027
Malachi Seyon 2024
Luke Sharpless 2026
Katelyn Silva 2027
Alexander Smith 2027
Christian Sonner 2024
Skyley Soto 2025
Brandon Souza 2025
Ariana Stoecker 2025

Alexander Subirana 2026
Faith Summers 2024
Alik Symoungkoun 2026
Alyssa Tillson 2024
Jared Urizar-Santos 2025
Christopher Valdivieso 2027
Isabella Vargas 2026
Marques Vasquez 2025
NeAri Vasquez 2024
Sarah Vasquez 2025
Angel Veillard 2027
Fabian Vejarano-Tolentino 2027
Ronald Vento 2026
Lia Vidal Roman 2026
Abdiel Vidal 2027
Rowan Vien 2027
Victoria Villafane 2026
Carldjon'n Volcy 2027
Sincere Waldron 2025
Ava Waterman 2024
Jaiden Weston 2026
Janelle Yeomans 2026
Total 2nd Honors: 196

Brian Brennan 2027
Jordan Caparrelli 2027
Brooklynn Case 2025
Lorenzo Catanzaro 2026
Giovanni Celani 2027
Abbigaelle Cenafils 2027
Nevaeha Coelho 2027
Faith Connolly 2027
Julian Correia 2024
Jonathan Cruz Granados 2026
Anthony Daya 2026
Yarielis DeJesus 2026
David Delfino 2025
Jensee DePena 2025
Maya Diclo 2025
Santo DiRaimo 2025
Skyler Dupre 2024
Katelyn Fleet 2026
Jaelyn Fraser 2027
Jesse Geyer 2026
Robert Graham 2025
Dylan Guernon 2024
Jasmin Guerrero 2024
Kenderra Guertin 2025
Carlos Gutierrez Deleon 2025
Yeimy Gutierrez Santos 2027
Noah Hazebrouck 2027
Adam Heywood 2026
Tyler Holton 2025
Logan Horne 2024
Marcel Johnson Goncalves 2025
Hailee Joyal Weiss 2025
Karissa Kopka 2026
Chantelle Lacasse 2026
Michael Lariviere 2026

Na'imah Lopes 2026
Lisbeth Maldonado 2025
Joseph Matteo 2024
Julianna Melgar 2027
Elias Milhouse 2026
Ashley Morales 2025
Chavier Moreira 2027
Jonathan Morris 2025
Heber Munoz Lopez 2026
Nicholas Nardolillo 2027
Justice Palmer 2027
Dean Paris 2025
Brianna Parsons 2024
Ellyce Perez 2026
Victoria Repollet 2026
Deakin Reyes 2025
Jahaziel Rodriguez 2024
David Roland 2026
Sofia Rose 2025
Byron Saavedra Valiente 2027
Camila Sanchez Lamarche 2025
Kiara Sanchez 2026
Josianne Santana 2027
Victoria Sical 2024
Alana Smith 2027
Kenneth Smith 2024
Jacob Spinella 2024
Michael Stone 2025
Janie-Alice Thompson 2027
Bobbi'Sue Trahan 2025
Leanna Vargas 2026
Leah Volcy 2027
Ryan Waterman 2027
Logan Woodall 2025
Total 3rd Honors: 74

3rd Honors

Tala Alsheikh Kassem 2026
Haylee Andrews 2027
Lailany Aponte 2027
Hailey Arroyo 2024
Marlice Baptista 2026

Johnston Senior Center Highlights

From the Staff

Our Senior Center gives our all, to make our members feel welcome and enjoy the time they spend here.

Along with the activities, lunch is served daily. Bingo is every Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Together we will bring our Center back to life and make it better than ever. Thank you to all our members.

Weekly Fun

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

Upcoming Activities

- Mondays — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Arts & Crafts, 10:30 a.m.; Hi Lo Jack, 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; Zumba, 10 a.m.; Fit & Strong –Chair, 11 a.m.
- Thursday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Mahjong, 9:30 a.m.; Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.; Bone Builders, 11 a.m.
- Friday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Line Dancing, 10 a.m.; Fit & Strong-Chair, 11 a.m.

Trips & Events

- Monday, March 18, Biomes Marine Biology Center, 10 a.m. (\$5 per person)
- Tuesday, March 26, Book Club with Mary, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, Lunch & Movie (\$10 per person)
- Wednesday, March 27, Mystery Lunch (\$10 per person)
- Wednesday, March 27, Paint with Sue, 6 p.m. (\$20 per person)

More at Mohr Library

Join Ms. Melyssa for STEAM on Thursdays through April 4.

STEAM: Thursdays at 5 p.m., March 14 through April 4

Children ages 6 to 9 are invited to experiment, explore and build with Ms. Melyssa.

Art Smart for Ages 8 to 12: Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 pm, March 13 to April 10

Have fun exploring different art styles, techniques and genres.

Register at <https://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php>.

Art Smart Jr. for Ages 5 to 7: Continues Saturdays, March 19 and March 30 through April 20 (no class March 23). Choose from two sessions, from 2 to 3 pm, or 3:30 to 4:30.

Have fun exploring different art styles, techniques and genres

See mohrlibrary.org or call 401-231-4980 to register.

There is an ongoing book sale in the lower level, whenever the library's open.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Required registration opens March 6 for art and science programs for elementary-school-age kids with Ms. Melyssa.

In Memoriam

Remember your late loved ones with an In Memoriam ad

Simply provide your loved one's picture, your verse or pick a verse from our selection. We will be happy to assist you. We have many sizes and to accommodate your budget.

For more information, call Ida at 732-3100

Maryann Vita

22nd Birthday Remembrance
MARCH 16



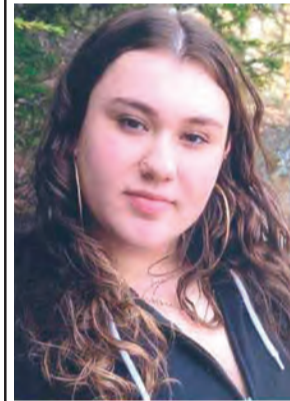
I still miss the sound of your voice,
The joy of your laughter and
Your presence that glowed.
Time changes nothing because
I miss you as much today
as the day you left.
Rest in Peace Little Miss Sunshine

Love, Gram Elaine

Birthday Remembrance Maryann Vita

MARCH 16, 2002 - AUGUST 11, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF A GRANDDAUGHTER



Those we love remain with us,
For love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade,
Because a loved one is gone.
Those we love can be
More than a thought apart.
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in our heart.

*Love,
Grandma Gallucci*

Maryann Vita

22nd Birthday Remembrance
MARCH 16

In loving memory of your Birthday



Today's just one of the many days
That always make me sad.
For I know it's too late to say
The things I wish I had.
You see if I'd told you
Far more often that I cared,
And that I was so grateful
For the happy times we'd shared.
And time's passed since the day you left
But still I'm asking why
You couldn't have stayed for longer
And we had to say goodbye.
And now that your birthday's here
All there is left to do
Is hope that heaven lets you know
How much I'm missing you.

*Love ~
Mom and Dad and Michael*

Obituaries

In your time of need, the *Johnston Sun Rise* will print your loved one's full obituary for a small charge. The paper also places the obituary on our website, johnstonsunrise.net.

Should you desire our services, kindly inform your funeral director, or call (401) 732-3100 or email 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.

— Thank you

Alleged 'grandparent scammers' arrested in Warwick

By RORY SCHULER

A pair of alleged "grandparent scammers" have been arrested by Warwick Police.

According to Warwick Police Detective Capt. John McAniff, local victims nearly taken for more than \$50,000 before investigators stepped in.

According to a Warwick Police press release, on March 7, a victim reported to the department they were the victims of a scam now commonly known as a "grandparent scam."

"Officer Chretien identified this scam as ongoing and brought Detectives in to assist," according to WPD. "A plan was formulated to attempt a controlled delivery to the suspect on March 8 ... at the victim's residence."

Capt. McAniff explained that the victims received a phone call from someone posing as an attorney. The fake attorney tells the victim that their grandson or daughter has been involved in a car crash, and that they needed money for bail. The alleged scammers then send a courier out to the victims' home to pick up the money.

"Hey look, your grandson or daughter's been involved in an accident," Capt. McAniff said, giving an example of how this scam sometimes works. "They hit another car and they need money for bail. If you can raise the money, we'll come pick it up."

According to Capt. McAniff, the fake lawyer first told the victims to get \$18,000 ready. Then, following pick-up of those funds, the fake lawyer called back with a more outrageous story.

"Then courier calls back and says, 'Unfortunately the car had a pregnant female inside and she miscarried,'" Capt. McAniff said. "(They) asked for \$50,000 more. (The victims) said they could only come up with \$40,000, and

they said, 'That's fine.'"

"Then we came up with a sting," said Capt. McAniff. In the past, according to Capt. McAniff, prospective victims have been told to go out and purchase gift cards. "Maybe that played itself out," he said earlier this week. Now the scammers mostly seek cash.

On the morning of March 8, "members of the Warwick Police Department's Night Detectives, Special Operations Group, Financial Crimes, and Criminal Investigations units began working with the victims to ensure the suspect was still planning on receiving the victim's money," according to police.

Around 2 p.m., Warwick Police Detectives inside the home spotted "a subject walking up to the residence matching the description of a suspect from a similar scam that had just been reported in Coventry."

Following the delivery, Warwick Police "Detectives Arico and Sarkisian took the subject into custody after a brief foot pursuit," according to police. "Detectives conducting surveillance apprehended the suspected getaway driver. Both suspects were taken into custody for Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses ... and Conspiracy-Felony."

Police identified the suspects as Jason Rhodes, 34, of Flushing, New York (the alleged suspect at the residence) and Robert Munoz, 29, of Miami, Florida (the alleged getaway driver).

Capt. McAniff noted that the fake attorney on the phone used the name of "Trump's lawyer ... Michael Cohen."

"As part of the investigation, a court-authorized search warrant for a Warwick hotel room registered in Munoz's name was executed," according to Warwick Police. "Detectives seized evidence connecting the sus-

pects to other 'grandparent scams' as well as a large sum of US currency. This remains an active investigation. Detectives are looking at other evidence to try to locate other victims, as this scam is being reported throughout Rhode Island."

Warwick Police urge anyone who believes they may have been the victim "of this or a similar scam to contact their respective police department."

Grandparents, especially, should be on the alert for possible scams.

"As law enforcement, if we're ever looking for someone to post bail, we'll never send a courier," Capt. McAniff warned city residents. "We'll ask people to come here with the bail. We won't send people to random people's houses to pick up cash. That should be a red flag."

The scam has been reported in communities throughout the region.

"It's pretty much happening all over New England right now," Capt. McAniff said. "Obviously."

"This is OUTSTANDING work by the WPD!" Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi posted on his social media accounts. "Criminals that scam money from senior citizens are the lowest of the low. We as a city are so proud of our police department!"

Johnston Police Log

CHILD MOLESTATION

On March 1, the Providence County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Matteo Ruolo, 63, of Johnston, with two counts of first-degree child molestation, and one count of second-degree sexual assault, according to the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.

"The alleged acts occurred in the town of Johnston on diverse dates between November 11, 1995, and November 11, 2000," according to a press release from the AG's Office. "The Rhode Island State Police conducted the investigation. The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on March 20, 2024, in Providence County Superior Court."

DUI

Around 11:30 p.m., Jan. 28, Warwick Police stopped a black 2023 Jeep after observing the driver make several alleged violations while on patrol on Centerville Road.

"The vehicle was stopped in front of me," Warwick Police Sgt. Nelson C. Carreiro wrote in the arrest report. "Half of the vehicle was over the stop line clearly marked at the intersection of Centerville and Hardig Road."

When the light turned green, the vehicle drove on but allegedly crossed the white dotted lines and swerved several times.

Carreiro initiated a traffic stop in the area of the Airport Connector on I-95 northbound.

Police identified the driver as Julio J. Roques, 40, of 2 Day St., Johnston. He told police he had just one beer while watching a football game in West Warwick.

Police said his eyes were "a bit bloodshot." Police say they smelled alcohol.

Carreiro called Warwick Police Officer Zachary D. Capaldo to the scene.

They asked Roques if he would consent to a series of standardized field sobriety tests. Following the tests, Roques was arrested and charged with DUI of Liquor (BAC Unknown, first offense). He'll receive citations for Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (first offense), Leaving the Lane of Travel, Laned Roadway Violations, and Stopping on Traveled Portion of Open Highway.

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■ **Sheep**
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"I'm trained in history, archeology and anthropology so I am constantly thinking about this place from a variety of viewpoints — trying to understand all the stories it tells," Patten explained. "So for me, the thru-line is the land — that is the thing that connects all the chapters of this place. One day, when we are no longer its stewards, the land will continue to speak."

Drake and her husband Wright Patten bought the farm in 2014.

Since, they "have worked to re-wild this place while also developing a rare breed fiber flock to promote wool as a remedy to synthetic fabric and fast fashion."

"The work is relentless and often overwhelming (there are only two of us) but it is always fulfilling, it is always a gift," Patten wrote via email on Tuesday morning, as the chores

piled up. She was short on time, but long on love for Hurricane Hill.

Shear Passion

Hurricane Hill Farm's still working.

Drake Patten shepherds a small flock of Leicester Longwool sheep. Her Johnston Historical Society talk will be called "Woolen-u-like to talk about it? The history and tradition of fiber farming on a small Rhode Island Farm."

"In this conversation, we'll explore the history and magic of wool, its intimate role in early America, its 20th Century replacement with plastic-based textiles and its exciting current resurgence as a sustainable, renewable material for a climate change-conscious future," she wrote in her pitch to the Johnston Historical Society. "We'll handle fleece and finished products, discuss how raw fleece goes from the back of a sheep to your back and delve into the life of a shepherd. All of

this will be viewed through the lens of a 21st Century fiber farmer working on an historic, conservation farm in Cranston."

Patten assured the historical preservationists on Putnam Pike that "no sheep will be harmed in this talk," but "sadly, none will be attending."

"Before [she] fell in love with sheep," Drake Patten said she worked in the "local nonprofit sector leading the RI Council for the Humanities and the Steel Yard." She also owned Cluck! Farm and Garden until 2020, but now focuses primarily on selling heritage goods, hosting farm events, and most importantly, raising Leicester Longwool sheep.

Hurricane Hill Farm, while focused on wool production, has survived and evolved over time and now plays a few other integral roles (courtesy of its owners). So, besides a working farm, Hurricane Hill's also a peaceful retreat, a home to artists, a workplace of makers, an event space, a naturalist's de-

light and a place to stay, according to its website (www.hurricanehillfarm.com).

"Back in 2014, we had only a tiny inkling of what it would take to begin the re-awakening of this place we call Hurricane Hill," Patten wrote. "What we had instead was a big dream, a lot of determination and some decent experience with old places. Still, what we had imagined while we negotiated price and sought financing paled in comparison to what we learned once the property became ours."

Preserving More Than Land

Hurricane Hill Farm's motto: "Shave 'em to Save 'em!"

"I am fascinated with how intertwined (pun intended) textiles (and textile production) were in our lives for millennia and how far away we have strayed from that as manufacturing and profit turned to synthetic material and fast fashion—most of that only in the last 100

years," Patten wrote. "When I have the opportunity to point out how closely we once lived with animals like sheep (for example how many sheep-related phrases are part of our language), I find that people slow down and think about that."

Her presentation on March 24 is "intentionally interactive and built with a hands-on focus." She'll utilize "no slides or Powerpoint, just conversation and exploration."

"My husband and I live on a farm where the past is ever also the present and that has a great influence on how we work, what we think about and how we try to share it with others," Patten explained. "While the talk won't bring people to the farm, we do have our Shearing Day coming up on May 4th — a great day to see the farm in action and watch the flock get shorn for the summer."

When Drake and Wright Patten first visited Hurricane Hill,



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THE FARM: Hurricane Hill Farm was established in 1754 and "re-established" in 2014 by owners/farmers Drake and Wright Patten. The farm's located at 684 Natick Ave. in Cranston.



■ Sheep (Continued from page 11)

"the land was neglected and overgrown, the soil heavily compacted from years of horses on untended trails."

"Trees had healed around old sections of fencing, lengths of discarded hose held gates shut-or permanently open," Patten explained. "Piles of tires and car parts littered the woods.

Swathes of the property were literally impassable. Some neighbors had taken to using our land as a dumping ground for old Christmas trees, yard waste and their dogs' needs."

A 19th Century barn still stood, however, framed in timber and packed "with trash and broken equipment."

"The rental cottage was neglected and, as we came to learn, inhabited by a robust population of mice," Patten recalled. "The main house, although well-restored in the first half of the 20th Century, needed a total reset. Every single building needed a coat of paint and new gutters. We knew the farm had been loved before us, and we believed it would rise to the occasion of being loved again, but it was hard to see the path."

The couple had a terrible first winter, marred by "buried junction boxes, mouse nests, a suspect pipe, sodden insulation ... Any tradespeople we hired had to reschedule as the snow piled up and our governor closed the roads."

"We stood inside the gutted cottage, listened to the howling wind and watched deer come in silent numbers to the back field, raising high up on their hooves to eat any and every bit of any evergreen they could reach," Patten recalled. "It was the starving time outdoors. Indoors, we were feeling a bit worried ourselves."

Then they discovered delightful surprises — "a hidden cache of love letters from World War II, an attic time-capsule with still more correspondence (this time from the Vietnam War), racks of vintage clothes, a box of Beatles memorabilia and a

few lovely oil paintings" — which fueled their efforts.

"And of course, the best surprise was how much difference it made as each surface was stripped, cleaned and refinished," Patten explains to prospective visitors. "Slowly, but surely, the path cleared. Since that first winter, we have continued to experience ups and downs, continued to find ourselves fixing one thing only to see another one break. Sometimes we curse the place, sometimes its beauty brings us to tears."

The sheep help. Their wool growing, thickening; the personality-packed animals ever in need of attention.

"What has been a constant throughout is the miracle of the farm re-

turning to life — of land being given back to its wild self and to bird life and to us," Patten wrote to preserve the history of her farm's resurrection. "And all those creatures (and we) have become part of this place. Today, we marvel at the diversity of birdsong, the density of native bees and other insects, the return of native plants to our meadows and even the seasonal migration of frogs across the land (and sometimes through our buildings). Even on the hardest days, we feel gratitude. There could be no better metaphor for life."

The March 24 Johnston Historical Society event will be free and open to the public. For more information, call 401-231-3380 or email johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com.



WOOL SCHOOL: Drake and Wright Patten own and operate Hurricane Hill Farm in Western Cranston. At 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 24, Drake will deliver a presentation at the Johnston Historical Society's 101 Putnam Pike museum.

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According to the Internal Revenue Service, 20-25 percent of Americans wait until the two weeks prior to the deadline to prepare their tax returns. To avoid scrambling as tax season draws to a close, here are some tips to help you prepare and file your taxes - even at the last minute.

Get Organized

One of the biggest tax time hassles for many is getting the necessary documents together. To make preparing your taxes go smoother, make sure you have the information you will need, including all of those forms that come in January, such as W-2s, 1099, mortgage interest statements, student loan statements and any receipts

related to moving, medical bills or work expenses before you sit down to file your return.

Itemize Your Deductions

While it's easier to just take the standard deduction, you may be able to save more by itemizing - and it's worth the added work if your qualified expenses add up to more than the 2015 standard deduction for an individual (\$6,300) or married couple filing jointly (\$12,600). Many deductions are well-known, including those for children, student loan or mortgage interest and charitable donations. However, there are other deductions available, such as job-related expenses, like work clothing and equipment, professional dues or business car expenses, that are deductible if the combined amount is more than 2 percent of your adjusted gross income, as well as medical expenses that exceed 10 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Get Help if You Need It

If you feel uncomfortable doing your taxes on your own, there are products and services available to help you file. You can speak with a tax professional to have them prepare your taxes or help you through the process, or use a computer program, which will help with everything from tracking deductions by answering simple questions, to selecting the correct forms for even the most complex returns while also allowing you to file electronically for a faster refund.

File Faster Online

Because the IRS processes electronic returns faster than mailed-in paper ones, there are several benefits that come with filing online, especially at the last minute when time is precious. Since online returns are processed faster, that means you can expect a faster refund - the wait time is even less if you elect to have your refund depos-

ited directly into your account. The IRS also checks electronically filed returns for completion and sends acknowledgement of receipt to put your mind at ease.

Consider Requesting an Extension

If you don't think you'll be able to finish your return on time, make sure to file for an extension using Form 4868 by April 18. Extensions are generally approved automatically and grant you a six-month extension to file. An extension to file, however, is not an extension to pay owed taxes, so paying your estimated balance due is imperative when it comes to avoiding late-payment fees. If you're worried about paying what you owe, the IRS recommends filing your taxes or an extension and then setting up a payment plan.

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Sports

'A long ride'

Panthers send off historic senior class

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston boys basketball team's season came to a close last Friday night when it fell in the opening round of the open state tourney 58-54 to host East Providence. The Townies trailed until the final two minutes of the fourth quarter and would complete the big comeback win to advance to the Elite Eight.

NeAri Vasquez led the Panthers with 17 points scored while Jayden Testa added 13.

The loss ends a remarkable run by the Panthers, who will be seeing a large crop of seniors graduate, including Vasquez, Bran-



END OF AN ERA: Mike Carlino last week. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)



NEXT ROUND: Johnston's Justin Espinal. (Photo by Alex Sponseller)

BVS co-op reaches finals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Blackstone Valley Schools boys hockey co-op edged Narragansett 5-2 in the Division II Semifinals to punch its ticket to this weekend's championship against Portsmouth.

Alex Pickering, Caden Rudek and Gianluca Albanese would give BVS a 3-0 lead, but Narragansett would score a pair to get back into it heading into the third period. Tim Cedergren and Jaxon Boyes went on to score in the final 15 minutes to help BVS skate away with the win.

BVS will square off against the Patriots at 1 p.m. at Providence College on Sunday afternoon.



LEAGUE CHAMPS: The Rocky Hill girls basketball team after winning the NEPSAC championship. (Submitted photos)

Mariners win NEPSAC title

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

For the first time in the school's history, Rocky Hill Country Day's Mariners secured the NEPSAC Girls Basketball Championship title, after a 50 - 52 victory over the strong Vermont Academy Wildcats.

The Mariners started off with some turnovers and missed shots, and the Wildcats jumped out to a 7-2 lead. Addison Mahar '27 (Wakefield, RI) got a big steal off an inbound play and that helped push the Mariners out on an 8-0 run. Lily Sokol '26 (Middletown, RI) made Rocky Hill's first 3 FGs of the game and Dariia Serednytska '27 (Odessa, Ukraine) established herself inside, grabbing 2 offensive rebounds that put Vermont's talented center in early foul trouble. The team started to reach on defense which led to some easy buckets for VA but Sophie Mahar '25 (Wakefield, RI) got to her spot for two deep 3's and RHCD found themselves up 16-13 at the end of the 1st quarter.

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Mariners

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Both teams started out the 2nd quarter with some tough plays, combining for 7 turnovers in the first 2 minutes. Darien Kiernan '26 (Cranston, RI) came in and provided a huge spark by burying 2 kick-out 3's and playing some aggressive baseline defense in the 1-3-1 zone. Halfway through the period, Rocky Hill found themselves up 24-17 and gaining momentum. The Mariners were dominating in the paint and in control of the tempo on both ends of the court. Things slowed down for both teams, but Ju'elle West '24 (Providence, RI) made 2 huge buckets in the final 90 seconds off 2 beautiful passes from Sophie and Dariia and the team was up 32-22 at halftime.

Knowing the skill of their opponent, the Mariners started the 2nd half by coming out in a zone press to catch the Wildcats off guard. Dariia started to take control defensively, while Addie heated up offensively, and suddenly the team held their biggest lead of the game at 16 points, 40-24, with 5:10 to go in the 3rd. From there, the Mariners worked together to regain focus, forcing early possession jump shots without taking much needed time off the clock. The quick shots put pressure on Vermont Academy, who began driving the paint and getting to the FT line. Rocky Hill didn't score another basket in the quarter, while the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run to close the period out, bringing the Mariners' lead to 40-33.

An early steal by Addie Mahar, leading to an assist to her sister Sophie, changed the mood for a minute but Vermont showed their character and their quality by relentlessly fighting for the remainder of the game. Rocky Hill got back to playing the ball into Lily and Dariia in the post and the team's lead went back up to 10, 46-36, with 6:24 left in the game. A 12-4 run built off FT's and a clutch 3-pointer and Vermont was suddenly down just 2 points at 50-48 with 3:18 to go. Rocky Hill's defense was getting sluggish as the opponent was gaining momentum, and the nerves were getting tight, but baskets by Addie and Lily canceled out 4 points by the Wildcats and the lead sat at two: 54-52. On the Mariners' very next possession, the team took a couple more quick, unnecessary 3-pointers and suddenly the air seemed thin. That's when Dariia Serednytska imposed her will on the game! A total of 3 offensive rebounds led to a putback bucket, pushing the lead to 4, and she then had the play of the game, taking a massive charge to give Rocky Hill the ball back with :38 seconds to play. From there, Vermont Academy had to foul and 3 of 4 FTs from Addie and Sophie sealed up the first NEPSAC Championship in Rocky Hill history, 59-52!

Addie Mahar (15 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals, 6 deflections, 1 charge taken) was named the Championship Game MVP for her clutch play in the 2nd half and her usual unwillingness to lose! After the game, Rocky Hill Girls Varsity Basketball Coach PJ Thibodeau was selected as the NEPSAC Class D "Coach of the Year".



UP THE COURT: Branden Testa handles the ball last week.

Ride

(Continued from page 15)

den and Jayden Testa, Mike Carlino and Cam Walker. This core was also key in the Panthers winning their first title since 1996 when they pulled off the win last year before returning to the semifinals this time around.

"It was very emotional after the East Providence game. Some of it was because we lost, but most of it was because they knew it would be their last time playing with each other. Playing with our staff and vice versa. This is the last of the core group of 'my guys,'" said Johnston coach Mike Bedrosian. "I came up in the high school with them, I was the JV coach when they were freshmen, we went through the pandemic together. We went through a lot. It's been a long ride with these guys."

With championship heroes Derek Salvatore, Anthony Corsinetti and Camani Batista graduating last year, this year's seniors had added responsibility in keeping this year's roster in contention, and it did just that as it returned to the state tournament once again.

"We have a lot of great memories with that championship team. That was one of the best nights we ever had and one of the best nights our program has ever seen. I'm proud of them. A lot of those guys had to step into different roles this year. Mike had to fill Derek's role and he met those expectations, he exceeded them. Jayden coming off an injury, doing what he did. We knew our offense was going to go through NeAri, he had a few big games for us. Cam was a three-year starter, Branden, I expected these guys to take that leadership role and right the ship," said Bedrosian.

The Panthers will now flip the page to 2024-25 and will be looking for some young guys to step up and emerge as contributors. Andy Villa will be one of the few upperclassmen on the roster, so Bedrosian will be looking to him as a leader.

"We're going to be young, we're going to be inexperienced. We have the capabilities to be competitive. Andy Villa is going to be our leader and the last part of that championship team," said Bedrosian. "It's a big summer for him and he's going to be a big part of what we want to accomplish next year."



KNOCK IT DOWN: Cam Walker gets set to shoot a 3-pointer.

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Is there a solution to this terrible trend?

In recent months, there has been an uptick of incidents at local games involving fans getting rowdy and causing disturbances, with the most recent example being last week in Pawtucket at the Cranston West-Tolman/Shea girls basketball playoff game at Jenks Middle School.

In this situation, there was a shoving match between players in the third quarter which led to some fans in the crowd getting involved, letting their thoughts known to the refs and teams before the administrators present decided to ultimately finish the game in an empty gym.

Many fans were angered by the decision, especially those that were not involved in the nonsense. Their argument for being able to stay was the classic bad apple argument. Why should a couple bad apples ruin it for everyone?

Unfortunately, there really is no feasible or correct solution to the problem. All we can do is make the closest thing to a correct decision when these incidents occur and hope for the best.

Is clearing the gym the best solution? Again, it's tough to say. From what I gather, it was very tense in the gym, to the point that the decision makers felt that there was a potential for violence. Better safe than sorry, so sure, I guess I don't disagree with the decision. It's not like the hundreds of fans

My pitch



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can be evaluated individually, not possible.

The only other solution could have been postponing the game, but that would cause a logistical nightmare in order to play less than half a game. I guess clearing the gym at the time was the best thing.

Moving forward, all we can really expect from a venue's staff and security is a quicker response. As soon as they see a fan acting out, remove them. Far too often are these shenanigans contagious. Once one unruly person gets going, it's almost as if it pumps the crowd up to join in. There has to be a shorter leash and higher expectations, which leads me to my next point.

Can't we all just get along? I've never understood fighting at sporting events. Sure, professional stadiums serve alcohol which leads to most altercations. Not that it is an excuse, but at least there is a traceable path to the madness.

At high school sporting events, though? C'mon.

There is no missed call bad enough to justify this behavior, and unless you feel that your child is in danger, there is nothing on the field that justifies it either. If you feel that your child was wronged physically or emotionally, take it up with security. If you want the crowd to receive the aforementioned bad apple treatment, then keep that same approach toward the players on the field. Don't spoil the fun for all the kids just because you feel that one or two people dropped the ball.

I really struggle with these topics because I like operating with decisiveness. I can't stand breaking these items down without a clear response. At the end of the day though, in this case, there is no way to ensure civility when crowds reach the hundreds. It's just not realistic.

So, this is a plea to parents to help curb this issue. What occurred in January at Mt. Pleasant was far more severe than the incident in Pawtucket last week, but it's all the same idea. Sports are supposed to be safe, fun environments, especially at the high school level. Let's not lose sight of that, and remember that these kids enjoying themselves is what's important. Not the adults' ego.

On a brighter topic, I can say that the environment at

the AMP was by far my favorite in Rhode Island to cover the basketball play-offs. It was my first time covering hoops there and it did not disappoint.

In the past, in fact, I have griped about holding play-offs in big venues. The reason is because there have been times in the past that I have seen the fan sections get almost drowned out because the capacity was nowhere near filled. It's cool to see the thousands of seats, but when only a small portion is filled, it feels a bit empty.

The AMP was awesome though and I never felt that same, empty presence that I have felt at other arenas.

Fans filled the majority of the bottom level and it was amazing to see how close the stands were to the court. You really felt like the audience was sitting courtside with the teams.

For my own personal reasons as a reporter, it was also great to have all the amenities available as well. Plenty of space to move around, write, excellent lighting conditions, free WIFI that was fast. It was a pleasant experience from top to bottom.

RIC and CCRI have their strengths as well and I am all for them hosting as neutral sites. I do hope that the kids get to continue to compete for championships at the AMP. I was left impressed.

RIC falls at Curic Classic

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Freshman second baseman Parker Camelo (Bristol, R.I.) recorded the lone RBI as Rhode Island College lost, 9-1, vs. Otterbein in the second game of a double-header at the Gene Cusic Classic on Saturday afternoon.

After the Cardinals took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, Camelo would ground out to third and plate senior right fielder Sean Helfrich (Saunderstown, R.I.) in the top of the fourth for the Anchormen's lone run.

A seven-run explosion in the bottom of the fourth sealed the win for the Cardinals.

RIC senior catcher David Iannuccilli (Johnston, R.I.) went 2-for-3.

Freshman starting pitcher Stephen Sullivan (Acton, Mass.) hurled 3.1 innings and took the loss (0-1).

Otterbein junior starting pitcher Bryson Bell (Johnstown, Ohio) threw four innings in the win (2-1).

Senior shortstop Izaiah Rivera (Pawtucket, R.I.) went 3-for-4 with a run scored, two RBI and a homer as Rhode Island College fell, 10-6, vs. Ohio Wesleyan at the Gene Cusic Classic on Monday afternoon.

RIC trailed, 2-1, after two following freshman second baseman Parker Camelo's (Bristol, R.I.) RBI single in the frame.

Ohio Wesleyan plated three runs in the third, two in the fourth and another three in the fifth to build a commanding, 10-1, lead.

Rivera hit a two-run bomb in the sixth, while senior right fielder Sean Helfrich (Saunderstown, R.I.) blasted a solo shot and senior designated hitter Cole Podedworny (Wakefield, R.I.) registered an RBI single in the seventh, but the Anchormen would not be able to close the gap.

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FISHING SHOW: Peter Jenkins, owner of The Saltwater Edge, Middletown, RI and Dustin Phillips, owner of Bull Bay Tackle Company, at the Fishing Show this weekend. (Submitted photos)

Fishing Show big success

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

I love it when a plan comes together. Scott Travers, Executive Director of the RI Saltwater Anglers Association, and his board of directors, did an outstanding job with the New England Saltwater Fishing Show this weekend held at the RI Convention Center. "We are on track to exceed last year," said Scott Travers. "It's only Saturday and three exhibitors shared that they are just taking orders now as they have sold out of all the product they took to the show."

Peter Jenkins, owner of the Saltwater Edge, a tackle shop in Middletown, RI that has a great online presence too, said, "We surpassed what we planned on doing in sales both on Friday and Saturday and we are looking to close it out with a great day Sunday."

Jenkins, who is also the Chairman of the Board of the American Saltwater Guides Association said at a conservation themed exhibitor reception (sponsored by Ocean Conservancy Saturday night), said "Being good stewards of fish and habitat is good business. If we grow fish to abundance there will be more of them in the water for all of us to catch, eat or release."

The atmosphere at the show was electric as anglers, tired of being couped up all winter, seemed to walk through the fishing show with a new lease on life. Dreaming about fishing days coming in the near future and stocking up on fishing gear and tackle to take them through the fishing season.

Many of the three hundred exhibitors at the Show caught my attention, here are some highlights on four of them.

Ros Boats, Tiverton, RI has been building boats for over forty years with a line of seven vessels in their brochure from eight to thirty feet. William Sartini, owner, said, "Our boats are built for fishing. They are wide open with plenty of head room to fish."

The classic design of Ros boats makes them appealing to the eye and they are seaworthy vessels to fish on at more than a fair market price. And each vessel is custom built for owners. Ros Boats is a family affair with William Sartini's wife Renni, son Greg, daughter Victoria and other family members active in the business. Visit Ros Boats at www.rosboat.com.

AnglerCatch, Warwick, RI and Washington, DC is a smartphone application for anglers that acts as a log book for anglers to record spe-

cies and size, location, sea conditions, temperature, tides, etc. when the fish is caught. It has also served to provide fish managers with supplemental data on recreational fishing. Variations of the application, developed by Harbor Light Software, has been used in fishing tournaments, a tile fish study and a general catch and effort initiative supported by the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association for two years. Visit www.anglercatchapp.com for information and to download the app.

The Saltwater Edge, Middletown, RI sells a broad range of fishing tackle and gear for fly fishing, surf fishing and a variety of tackle for species anglers like to target on east coast boats. Owner Peter Jenkins introduced me to Dustin Phillips, president of Bull Bay Tackle Company that distributes their full line of fishing rods at The Saltwater Edge. "We have over 150 different rod types and style and have been building them since 2012 when I started building them in my mother's spare bedroom. Bull Bay Tackle offers inshore and offshore rods ranging from \$119 to \$750 offering anglers both value and performance. The Saltwater Edge has a great online store too and can be found at www.saltwateredge.com.

Yo-Zuri lures had a great presence at the Show both in their corporate factory booth and in various tackle shop booths where their product is sold. Rob Bulla, Yo-Zuri's Regional Manager, said, "We have a great show special also good at the Edison, New Jersey Show... buy any two Yo-Zuri lures and get a limited edition 3-D Inshore Twitch-bait 130 free. Anglers are taking advantage of this offer. Many are also interested in our new Mag Speed fast sinking lipped minnow bait designed to run at the same depth all the way back to the boat and its ability to stay in the water when fished from an elevation like piers, jetties and bridges." Visit <http://www.yo-zuri.com/products/archives/142>

Tracking right whales to avoid collisions

The recreational and boating communities have asked for the use of advanced technology to help support North Atlantic right whale recovery efforts. With approximately 360 North American right whales in existence today vessel strikes are a major cause of mortality.

This week NOAA Fisheries made a major announcement regarding a potential game changer that would

alert fishers and boaters to where the whales are so mandatory and voluntary speed zones can be effectively applied.

In an advisory Russel Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries in the Office of the Assistant Administrator, said, "We are excited to share that NOAA Fisheries is announcing a new \$500,000 interagency agreement with NASA to support North Atlantic right whale recovery efforts using Inflation Reduction Act funds."

"By developing and advancing technologies for right whale detection, we can improve our understanding of the distribution of right whales, which will enhance our management strategies and expedite our response time when whales are detected," said Dunn.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing. Anglers are advised that the trout fishing season ended February 29 and reopens again on Saturday, April 13 in Rhode Island and at some Massachusetts waterways. It is time to renew or get freshwater fishing license and trout stamps for the new season too. For freshwater fishing information in Connecticut visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Freshwater/Freshwater-Fishing>; in Massachusetts visit Freshwater Fishing | Mass.gov; and in Rhode Island www.dem.ri.gov/fishing.

Saltwater. Anglers continue to find school striped bass in estuaries. Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Chalrestown, said, "Holdover action continues to remain solid in the salt ponds and rivers. They should begin to get a boost from local alewives beginning their run. Anglers are also finding some white perch, March is often one of the best months to target them."

If you want to try your hand at cod fishing the bite has not been good. But hopefully it will improve with improved weather. You should call ahead to make a party boat reservation as they often do not fish due to weather. Visit www.islandcurrent.com and www.francafesfleet.com

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

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38 Terrace Ave Lot 138	Webster, Haley D and Cimini Jr, Richard J	Terrace Exchange LLC	2/23	\$515,000
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Johnston woman designed, made dress for future queen

Madame Elizabeth Handley-Seymour was a London-based fashion designer and dressmaker for the Royal family who would become famous for her creation of a future queen's wedding gown. Assisting Handley-Seymour in the historically important development of the wedding trousseau was former Johnston woman, 71-year-old Margaret Goss.

An English native, Margaret spent her life traveling back and forth between her homeland and Johnston, Rhode Island, where her son James and his family resided. Standing 5 feet, six inches tall with grayish brown hair and gray eyes, the widow of James Goss, who had died in 1901, had a great deal of experience in weaving and lacework. Sailing between Rhode Island, Nottingham and Liverpool aboard such vessels as the Ivernia and the Saxonia, she divided her time between being a mother and her fashionable responsibilities.

Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon to Albert, the Duke of York, on Jan. 15, 1923. Elizabeth was the

23-year-old daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore while Albert was the second son of King George V and Queen Mary. The engagement ring was designed with a large sapphire in the center with a diamond on each side.

The wedding gown which would assure Handley-Seymour a place in fashion history was a medieval-inspired ivory chiffon gown with a square neckline, adorned with pearls, embroidery and silver metallic threads. Cream-colored chiffon with appliqued silver lame, the dress was affixed with priceless heirloom laces and was affixed with both a train and an over-train. The veil was patterned and held in place by a simple wreath of myrtle leaves with clusters of orange blossoms at each side.

The royal bride's going-away outfit was of a delicate gray color and almost entirely covered with gray embroidery. A matching jacket was created to be worn over it, made of the same embroidered material.

The outfits fashioned as daywear for Elizabeth's honeymoon consisted of a beige crepe outfit with a square bodice and long accordion-pleated sleeves, and another beige

Back in the Day



by
KELLY SULLIVAN

selection with a pleated skirt and pouched bodice over a white blouse designed with red embroidery.

For Elizabeth's honeymoon nightwear, Handley-Seymour designed a sleeveless dress of cream lace over cream satin with a rounded neckline. The lace was embroidered with tiny crystal and coral beads as well as mother of pearl sequins.

During the wedding at London's Westminster Abbey, Elizabeth's father was walking her down the aisle when she paused to pay her respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, an unidentified British soldier. In memory of those killed in battle, she placed her wedding bouquet on the tomb and began a tradition for future royal brides.

When Albert's brother Edward VIII gave up the throne



so that he could freely marry an American divorcee, Albert automatically became King George VI. As he was crowned king, Elizabeth became a queen. The coronation took place on May 12, 1937. Upon becoming a widow, Eliza-

beth's 25-year-old daughter, also named Elizabeth, became the new Queen of England.

Kelly Sullivan is a Rhode Island columnist, lecturer and author.



Caroline Bowman as Elsa in Frozen North American Tour. (Photo by Deen van Meer)

"Frozen" sparkles and shines at PPAC

Theatre Review by DON FOWLER

"Frozen", the hit Broadway Musical, brings glitter and sparkle to the Providence Performing Arts Center with its family-friendly version of the popular Disney movie, complete with its beautiful score, story, and scenery that will keep the little ones awake through its

two acts.

With Caroline Bowman as the elegant, but troubled Queen Elsa and Lauren Nicole as her awkward but loving sister, the musical has a plethora of top-level voices and dancers filling the stage.

Add spectacular lighting that turns the stage into a winter wonderland, and you have the makings for one

of the best musicals to hit Providence in a long time.

There is romance, intrigue, laughter and adventure, and Olaf (Also available during intermission at the gift booth in the lobby) and two actors who make the reindeer something special to watch.

"Frozen" is winding down its long run this Sunday, March 17. Grab any seat you can find.

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By Karen Kalunian

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- 1 head cabbage, cut into wedges

St. Patrick's Day began as an opportunity to honor St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who was credited with bringing Christianity to this island nation. Through the years, St. Patrick's Day has transformed into a celebration of Irish culture as well as a day for fun and fanfare. Of course, no celebration would be complete without delicious food. Although corned beef may not be the most authentic representation of Irish cuisine, it certainly has become synonymous with St. Patrick's Day. During the early influx of Irish immigrants to North America, corned beef was more readily available than some other cuts of meat from the Emerald Isle. When cooking St. Patrick's Day dinner this year, the process can be made even easier with the use of a slow cooker. Try this recipe for "Corned Beef and Cabbage" from "Crock•Pot" 365 Year-Round Recipes" (Publications International) from the Crock•Pot kitchens.

1. Place potatoes and carrots in bottom of slow cooker. Add brisket, onions, bay leaves, and peppercorns. Add enough water to cover brisket. Cover; cook on low 4 to 5 hours or on high 2 to 2½ hours.
2. Add cabbage. Continue cooking on low 4 to 5 hours longer or on high 2 to 2½ hours longer. Slice brisket against the grain, and serve with vegetables.

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You raise me up

Cancun Mexico was an incredibly beautiful place for Steven's wedding. After lounging all week in the delightful sparkling pool, (and lazy river, and water park, and ocean,) it was time for the main festivities of the trip. Although water sports were not included, water gazing was. To be more precise, the tented altar was set up in the sand with the seats facing the rolling waves of the ocean. I had purchased new shoes for the occasion, but flipped them off to the side as soon as Steven and Hubby escorted me down the aisle. It felt right to just have the sand between my toes as we strutted to the front row.

Marie was already seated in the front, and she laughed at our clumsiness as we made our way down the path of shifting sands. (I had tried desperately to get an American Sign Language interpreter for her, but my efforts were in vain. After many calls, I learned that AMERICAN sign language interpreters were not available because the ceremony was NOT in America! The alternative was to use a voice to text program that wrote the words down as soon as they were spoken, not quite as much nuance as demonstrated by an interpreter, but it served its purpose.) The rest of the wedding party made its way down the aisle, including our son, Francis, who had flown in from California to be the best man. The piece de resistance was the beautiful bride, escorted by her equally beautiful, albeit older, parents. They sported happy smiles as they kissed Jenny at the altar and left her in Steven's capable, tattooed arms.

The officiant was a friend of the couple, who expertly facilitated personalized vows only someone who knew them could achieve. Yes, Steven promised to go to all the sports games which Jenny loved, and she promised to take in Steven's unruly dog and his large collection of reptiles, minus the alligator which found a home elsewhere. Of course, she accepted her new role as step-mother to ten year old Rosie, Steven's daughter. The short ceremony was joyful, buoyed by the crashing waves in the background to give it ambiance.

Life Matters



with LINDA PETERSEN

While pictures were being taken on the beach, we enjoyed a cocktail reception with margaritas and finger foods, serenaded by a lively mariachi band. It reminded me of elementary school where we used to dance the Mexican Hat Dance, and the entire audience jiggled and danced in time to the music.

The reception was held outside in the "town square" of the resort community. With dazzling lights focused on us, Hubby and I were the first couple to be announced, walking in towards the dance floor. An expectation to do a little dance was implicit, but not rehearsed. Hubby was cooperative, moving his feet in time to our musical choice, the song "Celebrate", but my feet seemed to be glued to the ground, even when Hubby tried to twirl me. Twirling is not my strong point, but fortunately the focus on us soon shifted to the next couple to walk into the reception. Everyone else, of course, had prepared elaborate dance routines to celebrate the occasion!

Steven and Jenny danced the first dance, of course, followed by the father/daughter dance. Next, it was the mother/son dance, and I was driven to tears when I heard the Josh Groban song "You Raise Me Up". What a sweet and thoughtful son Steven is!

And so it is that my son, after years of reptile fascination, found a beautiful woman who appreciated him and all his corny tattoos. He was no longer just my son, but he was now a husband, a happy rite of passage we all hope our children will attain.

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Two Pickups and a Museum Visit in Virginia



By Joel Bohy
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Battle of Iwo Jima, so it was a good day for the visit.

I was a bit tired when we arrived, but soon woke up as we walked through the entrance and saw a Corsair hanging from the ceiling, a biplane, as well as a Hellcat and a Harrier jet. There were also vehicles set up in various scenarios, including a Pacific Island landing with Marines fighting from an LVT. Although we only had a couple of hours until closing, we took our time going through each section of the museum. It is laid out by period, and each section has many interesting things to see. The highlight for me was the first and second Iwo Jima flags which are not out on display all of the time. If

you haven't been and are in the area, it's certainly well worth it. Having been to the army museum at Ft. Belvoir, it does seem they used this museum as a basis for what was done there.

The next day we went to pick up a collection. To say I was blown away is an understatement. There was more Marine Corps and Navy material than I have ever seen in one place! It took most of the day to load up the van and start heading north again. I'm looking forward to going through all of the boxes of stuff and seeing what we took. There was so much it was hard to focus; We will actually heading back to pick up more items soon. I'll write about some of the great objects in the collection in coming blogs.

On the way home, we picked up another collection of muskets and swords in New York state. It was on the west side of the Hudson River near West Point and was a really nice ride. We picked up some very cool things, and with all of the material we picked up in Virginia, we could barely fit this stuff in the van. We seriously thought we were going to have



to ditch our carry-on bags and jam our clothes under the seats to make it back!

Next week we head down to Maryland for the annual Baltimore Antique Arms show which is always a great time - as well as one of the last remaining big shows with lots of great early arms and militaria!

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A few weeks ago, Jonathan and I had a house call to pick up a collection near Richmond, Virginia. We decided after we drove through Washington, DC., we would stop at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. I had driven by it many times in the past but never stopped. It happened to be February 19, the anniversary of the



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Breachway exhibit guitar-driven pop music with new EP

By ROB DUGUAY

A lot of things have changed since Noah Barreto and his old Warwick based alt-rock band Public Alley shocked the local scene by winning WBRU's Rock Hunt back in 2015. Sadly that radio station is off the terrestrial airwaves, but the East Greenwich native has continued his musical creativity with Breachway. This particular project has more of a collective structure around it with Barreto collaborating with friends as they add dimensions to the songs he writes on acoustic guitar. It's not completely folk and it's not a full-fledged rock sound either, but there's a balance between both that's evident within the songs. The "Big Red Pine" EP that came out back on February 8 is a result of this approach and a whole lot more.

The songwriting and recording process for the three-song EP took place over the course of a few years with the

tasks being completed in various locations. The cover also has some really cool artwork featuring two cats that was done by Baretto's sister Sophie.

"I recorded this over the past few months from a beach house in Saunderstown, Rhode Island and a closet in Bogotá, Colombia," Baretto says about the new record on social media. "The songs were mostly written years ago in my Providence apartment."

Along with the title track, the two other songs featured on the EP are "Outside" and "Champ", with the former starting things off and the latter serving as the conclusion. Barreto's six-string is the constant presence while various harmonies and instrumentation complete the full bodied essence of the music. This is courtesy of former Public Alley bandmate Max Fertik on drums along with Matt Zucconi on bass and Mario Perez on electric guitar, synths and

percussion. Barreto also plays piano, synths and percussion on all the tracks, which is a testament to his artistic talents. Even though it's short, the listening experience of this release is both substantial and tangible.

To check out the "Big Red Pine" EP, log on to Breachway's Bandcamp page at breachway.bandcamp.com to give it a stream and possibly make a purchase. Folks can also head down to New Bedford to see Barreto perform these songs off of the record in a live setting at the Co-Creative Center located on 137 Union Street on March 16. Singer-songwriter Christian Camaro and the stylistically wide-ranging band Born October 4, 1998 will be on the bill as well. Before you go to that show, or if you end up not being able to make it, give this new release a listen. It's strikingly original music that's refreshing and it doesn't rip anyone else off or water down the sonic artform.



NOAH BARRETO
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