



Farm to Festival



FRESH HARVEST: The 35th Annual Apple Festival kicks off this weekend in Johnston War Memorial Park. The festival has new organizers and the sponsoring orchard, Appleland, has new owners. For all the details, turn to Pages 13-16. (*Johnston Sun Rise file photos*)

Four days of feasting

OLG Feast of La Madonna della DiFesa runs through Sunday

By PETE FONTAINE

Extraordinary expansion! Those two words best describe preparations for The Feast of La Madonna della DiFesa that begins tonight and continues through Sunday at a famed Festival field on Sheridan Street adjacent to host Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston.

Event-goers will find newly painted food booth buildings, done in white and accented with red and green Italian colors, that will serve a variety of delicious foods and golden doughboys that have been a signature treat during OLG's always special Rite of September.

Likewise, there will be the annual grand raffle with \$7,000 in prizes and drawn Sunday evening, Sept. 10.

The 2023 Italian feast and festival will also have four nights of excellent entertainment along with Rockwell Amusements famous midway that provides fun for the entire family.

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HELPING HANDS: At right, OLG Pastor Rev. Peter J. Gower joins and thanks Biagio Micheletti, Mecca Domenico and Louie Raso for their help last week when the Beer Garden was set up under the now 600-seat big top. (*Submitted photo*)



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Senior 'Spotlite'



OPEN FOR CONVERSATION: Three days each week, Sandra Letizia, contributes in many roles at the Johnston Senior Center, primarily servicing the café, providing complimentary coffee and a host of baked goods, along with various snacks and drinks to members. (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)

Stop by the café and say hello to Sandra

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

This week's Johnston Senior Center "Spotlite" shines on Sandra Letizia. Sandra, who is here three days per week, contributes in many roles, primarily servicing our café, which provides complimentary coffee and a host of baked goods, along with various snacks and drinks.

The café, at the entrance of the center, has become a "first stop" for many visitors, who can be assured of a nice welcome from Sandra.

She also volunteers as a Bingo runner, a Newsletter preparer, and just about any other service she is called on to provide on behalf of our members.

Sandra has been volunteering here at the JSC since this past November, when she returned "home" to Rhode Island, after spending ten years in Texas. Sandra and her late husband owned and operated Marson Photography, where she worked as a "retouch artist."

Retouching photographs was a time consuming "art," which has basically been replaced by technology. She also worked two tours, that totaled 20 years, at the RI Department of Environmental Management.

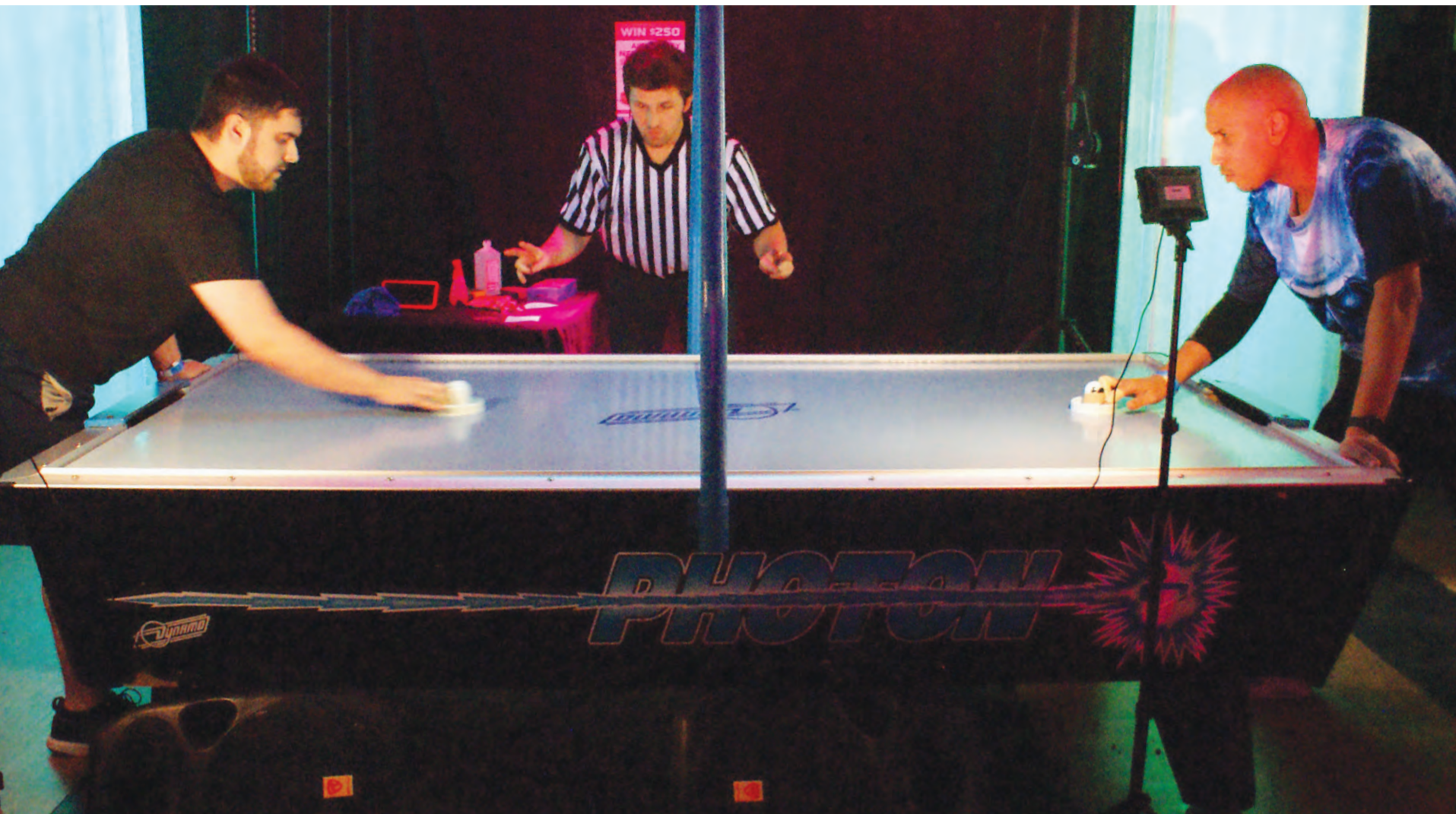
About 10 years ago, she and her husband followed their daughter and her family to Dallas, Texas. Being close to their family, which included three grandchildren, was important to Sandra and her husband.

Having spent 10 years in Texas, Sandra said she was "just ready" to return to Rhode Island. Having lived previously in Providence, Sandra settled in Johnston.

In an effort to "reinsert herself socially," she explored what possibilities might exist at the JSC. She now claims to have met "so many nice people" and it is "so important to be accepted."

She further states "the Center has become like family" and it is "inspiring and uplifting," which is quite a testament to the good work that goes on here. If you know anyone who is willing to take the "step" to meet new people and enjoy all that is going on here at the JSC, stop in anytime, and meet Sandra in our Café. "You'll be glad you did."

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 Spotlite," submitted by the senior center.



ALMOST THERE: Mike Davis (left) takes on Kevin Williams in the first match of the semi finals with referee Nick Matroni looking on.

Believe it or not ... They play hockey on air

Sun Rise Staff Reports

Legion Bowl and Pub on Park in Cranston played host to the Friendly Faceoff Air Hockey Tournament, founded by Nate Lemoi, on Saturday, August 26. The \$250 winner-take-all Newcomers Showdown brought some great new players out of the shadows to try their hand at winning the prize.

The round robin tournament gave each player a chance to play against each other before proceeding to a semi final and then the final best of three competition. While silver and bronze medals were handed out, the cash prize went to Mike Davis, along with the gold medal.

The Friendly Faceoff tourney, arranged and thrown by Johnston Native Nate Lemoi, is just one of the events he has put together to bring more people into the sport.

Having played air hockey for about 15 years, Lemoi has played in the World Air Hockey Championships twice and competed in the United States Air Hockey Association competition in Houston, TX, in 2021.

This was a beginner-friendly event and was restricted to non-professional air hockey players. Players were not allowed to compete in this event if they had a current or past skill rating/ranking from the United States Air Hockey Association.

To contact Lemoi or his Friendly Faceoff organization to learn more about their plans for upcoming events email them at friendlyfaceoffofficial@gmail.com.

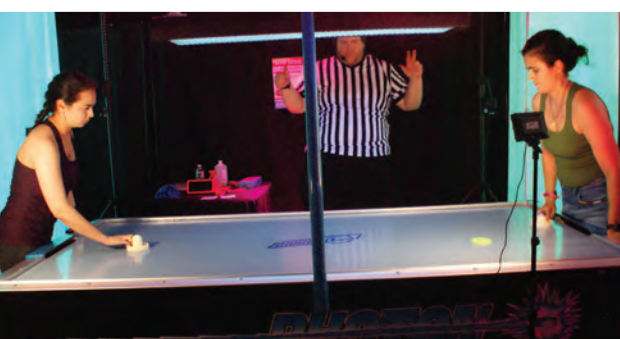
(Photos by Steve Popiel)



MAKING IT HAPPEN: Nate Lemoi, the event's organizer and a professional air hockey player, proudly dons a referee shirt to help do his part to make the tourney a success.



STANDING PROUD: Winner Mike Davis(second from left) stands with Cass Colón (left), second place winner Jamie Rosen (center), third place winner Theo Maciejski and the team of referees who helped make it all happen.



FOR THE BIRDS: In the last match of the round robin Jamie Rosen (left) and Cass Colón go head to head.

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GET ON MY LAWN: Johnston Senior Center members enjoy the picturesque Bocce Court behind the Hartford Avenue facility. More players, and spectators, are welcome. (Courtesy photos)

On a roll

New bocce players and spectators welcome at the Johnston Senior Center

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

One of the most picturesque sites on the beautiful Johnston Senior Center property is located behind the building and not in general view of those traveling Hartford Avenue or entering the parking area to the sides and in front of the building.

The "Bocce Court" is adorned with beautiful flowers and an incredible view of the western part of town, now featuring a great view of the impressive Amazon Building.

Members soak up the sun, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings for games of "Bocce" which have been described as relaxing and non-competitive, where good "shots" receive the approval of all, regardless of what team you belong.

Frank Sciolto coordinates the teams, and can be seen on any given day grooming and preparing the court. Frank, who is the former owner of Towne House Flowers, dedicates his time to ensuring everyone enjoys the game of "Bocce."

He actively recruits players and welcomes others in the community who have some time between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., on those days specified, who would enjoy joining the group.

On most days, players will enjoy lunch right after the games. Frank indicated that "Bocce Players" in the past, associated with the JSC, competed in the Senior Olympics and were very successful.

As Director, I would like to expand our opportunities to include hosting some of the other Centers for those who may be a little more serious or competitive. Bocce at the JSC is one more event for our community to enjoy. If you know someone who might be interested, please call the Center at 944-3343.

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HIGHER ED ACHIEVERS

Johnston student makes Honor Roll at Oregon State University

CORVALLIS, OR — Jonathan V. Souza, of Johnston, a Senior at Oregon State University, studying Agricultural Sciences, has made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Spring 2023.

A total of 11,660 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 6 graded hours of course work.

Johnston students named to dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT — The following area students from Johnston were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University: Olaitan Olagundoye and Emily Whitlock.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston.



Emma Alpert, of Johnson

Mount Saint Charles Academy announces top-11 students; Alpert makes the list

WOONSOCKET — Mount Saint Charles Academy today released its annual list of top-10 students, temporarily increased to 11 this year because of a tie in grade point averages.

The top-11 students earned distinction through academic achievement and community service. They aspire to careers in law, marine engineering, clinical psychology, biology, cybersecurity, cancer research and criminal justice.

This year's top 11 includes Emma Alpert, of Johnson, who will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., to study computer science. She played trombone in Mount's symphonic wind ensemble, jazz band and contemporary ensemble. A three-time winner of the school's Excellence in Writing Award, she also volunteered on the technology assistance team and ran the Dungeons and Dragons Club. Ms. Alpert was also a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to pursue a career in cybersecurity.

Thomas Autiello of Johnston named to the Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, VT — Thomas Autiello of Johnston has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Autiello is currently enrolled in the Computer Networking & Cybersecurity major.

Making the President's List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland.

Patricia China of Johnston named to the University of Hartford's Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, CT — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Patricia China of Johnston has

been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2023.

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Three Johnston students named to Curry College Spring 2023 Dean's List

MILTON, MA — Curry College congratulates roughly 900 students who were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List, including the following Johnston residents: Chiara Conlon, Grayson Goolgasian and Sydney Khoury.

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts.

Emerson College student Angelina Parrillo participates in Emerson Cabaret production

BOSTON, MA — Emerson College student Angelina Parrillo, of Johnston, participated in the Emerson Stage production of Cabaret, performed April 20-22 in the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston.

The musical takes place in a Berlin nightclub in the late 1920s and is a story about the danger of complacency during adversity — a present and necessary warning.

Parrillo is majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Emerson Stage and the Department of Performing Arts are where the next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and visiting artists to bring skills learned in the classroom to vibrant life on stage.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

Rose Michel named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH — Rose Michel, of Johnston, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Johnston Resident Michael Laflamme enrolls at The College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER, MA — The College of the Holy Cross is excited to welcome Michael Laflamme of Johnston as a member of the College's Class of 2027.

At 825 students, the Class of 2027 includes students from 38 states and territories and 12 nations across the globe. This year's incoming class is made up of 53 percent women and 47 percent men, with 29 percent of students of color and 15 percent as proud first-generation college students.

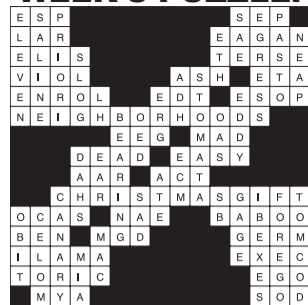
The new Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

They arrived on campus and moved into the residence halls on Saturday, August 26th, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, August 29th.

"I am thrilled to welcome Holy Cross' Class of 2027, a vibrant and diverse group of exceptional students," said Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau. "You chose Holy Cross, where classes are small and the community is vibrant and ready for your contributions. Here,

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Sun Rise Staff Reports

Sept. 9-10

Apple Festival returns for 35th Year

AN APPLE A YEAR, AT LEAST: On the weekend of Sept. 9 and 10, the 35th Annual Apple Festival will return to Johnston's Memorial Park. Check next week's print edition of the Johnston Sun Rise for all the details, a list of vendors and a map of the festival. This year, the sponsoring orchard has new owners and the entire festival has a new organizer.

Sept. 9

The Hope Historical Society Annual Meeting

On Sat., Sept. 9, at 2 p.m., at the Howland Barn, 35 Ryefield Road, Hope, The Hope Historical Society invites the community for the kick off a new program year with a 2023 Archives Presentation. The election of Hope Historical Society officers will take place during the Annual Meeting with the Archives Presentation to follow. Refreshments will follow the Archives Presentation. For more information, please go to the HHS Facebook page: Hope Historical Society, Hope, RI.

Sept. 9

Rose Society meeting

Have you ever wondered how to receive a Blue Ribbon in a Rose Show? Attend the RI Rose Society's Sept. 9 meeting at 10 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Church, 604 Seven Mile Road, Hope, RI (western Cranston line). Their Annual Six-Pack Show features our late season roses reviewed by an ARS judge, who gives great advice on enhancing your winning blooms. The event is free and open to the public. Find them on Facebook and at rirs.org.

Sept. 9

Ocean State Orchid Society Auction

On Sat., Sept. 9, the Ocean State Orchid Society will hold an auction from 12:30 p.m. (preview), start time: 1 p.m., at Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Train, East Greenwich. Entrance in rear. A variety of Phalaenopsis, Brassavola, and other orchid genera will be available for auction. Come purchase orchids not commonly available at big box stores and house plant nurseries and to speak to an OSOS member to get care instructions to help ensure growing success! Complimentary refreshments will be available. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sept 10

The Kerri McClean "Vision of Hope" Cancer Walk

On Sun., Sept. 10, The Kerri McClean "Vision of Hope" Cancer Walk will be held at Warwick City Park, Asylum Road, Buttonwoods/Warwick, with registra-

tion at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$30pp. The 14th annual walk is to benefit women with gynecological cancer and their families. Proceeds go to the "Women in Need Fund" and the "Integrative Care Service Fund," programs at Women & Infants Hospital in memory of Kerri McClean who succumbed to a five-year battle with cervical cancer in 2009. Baskets and gift cards will be raffled. Refreshments will be provided. For more information: Carla at 401-829-1670.

Sept. 11

Square Dancing

Mon., Sept. 11, Swing Squares is hosting a free, first class on square dancing from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Oaklawn Community Baptist Church (in the hall at the back of the church), 229 Wilbur Ave., Cranston. Swing Squares is also seeking new members. No partner, special clothing or experience required. Contact: Lisa Breault (401) 524-7610 for more information. Great way to stay in shape, make friends and have fun!

Sept. 11

The Comedy Course

Mon., Sept. 11 at 7 p.m., The Comedy Course is returning for a 6th year, every Monday night for 6 weeks. Three instructors, with over 100 years of combined stage experience, will guide you on a 6-week journey from writing your first joke to performing your debut comedy routine. You will learn the dos and don'ts of standup comedy and have fun doing it. The course is \$200 per person. The place: TBD. Instructors include Joe Hebert, Coleen Galvin and John Perrotta. Class size is limited. Call John Perrotta at 401-639-7726 to reserve your seat, now. Payment options are available.

Sept. 13

NAMI-RI: Fall "Family-to Family" Course and Support Groups

The Rhode Island Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) is now accepting registration for their Fall session of which begins Wed., Sept.13, at 6:30 p.m. This is a free, virtual, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidence-based program, which means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition. NAMI Rhode Island's Family-to-Family course is taught by trained family members who have lived experience with a loved one, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. For more information on the Family-to-Family curriculum and registration requirements, visit namirhodeisland.org or call 401-331-3060 or email beth@namirhodeisland.org

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SCOOP OF THE WEEK



WARM WELCOME: This banner says it all about The Feast of La Madonna DiFesa that will open a four-day stay tonight in Johnston. (Submitted photo)

Sept. 7-10

Our Lady of Grace Feast & Festival

Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston has set the dates for it's the annual Italian Feast and Festival 2023 in honor of La Madonna Della DiFesa.

The 2023 festival was set to begin on Wed., Sept. 6 with a 6 p.m. mass followed by a candlelight procession and rosary. He said the carnival rides on Rockwell Amusement's Midway along with games and all food booths will open Thurs., Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Known as one of Rhode Island's most popular summertime events the Italian Feast and Festival will continue through Sun., Sept. 10, with a grand raffle drawing for \$7,000 in prizes.

"Admission is always free," Father Gower said. "We're bringing back the Big Top and all events will be held rain or shine."

Also, the 2023 Fest and Festival will have a first on Sun., Sept. 10, when The Most Rev. Richard D, Henning, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 10:30 a.m. mass with Father Gower serving as Celebrant.



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Sept. 19 The Ocean State Toastmasters Open House

On Tues., Sept. 19, from 6 – 8 p.m., The Ocean State Toastmasters will hold an open house at the Proclamation Brewery, 298 Kilvert Street, Warwick. Come and find out why the Ocean State Toastmaster's Club (OSTM) is a place to learn, grow, have fun and practice leadership, problem solving, storytelling and public speaking skills. RSVP - Please. For more information call 401-359-3197, go to oceanstate.toastmastersclubs.org or email oceanstatetm.20@gmail.com.

The Warwick-based Ocean State Toastmasters, 99 James P. Murphy Industrial Highway, Warwick, meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month from 6:30 to 7 p.m. there is informal networking and from 7 – 8:30 p.m., the Toastmaster meeting begins which includes testimonials, presentations, conflict resolution, blog post.

Sept. 23 Annual Race for Matt & Grace (named for Johnston's Matt DiIorio).

The race was started in Sept. of 2010 by Katie Hopkins and her brother Patrick in honor of their cousin Grace Hopkins who was diagnosed with FA September of 2008. The race was called "The Race For Grace" with about 70 participants, according to the event's website. At the after party for the race in 2012, Katie and Patrick announced they were changing the name of the race to "The Race for Matt and Grace" to honor the fight of both families.

"We invite you to join the families of FA patients Matt DiIorio, Grace Hopkins, and Alex Fielding on Sept. 23, 2023, at Rhode Island College in Providence for the 13th Annual Race for Matt & Grace," declares Matt's friends and family. "This daylong event features a 5K, 1.5 Mile Fun Walk and an after-party with food and live entertainment."

You can sign up at their website: give.curefa.org/event/fara-5k-or-race-for-matt-and-grace-2023/e489319.

Race registration runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m., followed by a speaking program and the race fires off at 10 a.m.

Sept. 23 Annual Harvest Festival at Smith's Castle

The public is invited to celebrate the annual Harvest Festival on Sat., Sept. 23, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Smith's Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown. This family friendly event the Sheffield Farm Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. Entertainment will be provided by the Farm Dog Band. Plenty of colonial games, activities, and crafts will be provided by our junior docents. Sign up for the prize baskets in the Great Pumpkin Roll. A variety of vendors will also

be on hand for one-of-a-kind items. Visitors to the historic house museum will be welcomed by docents in period attire and be able to tour the downstairs interior of the former home and grounds of the prominent Smith and Updike families. A special exhibit will feature collections from the Narragansett Bay Quilt Association. Admission to the Harvest Festival is \$10pp, \$8 for seniors and military, \$6 for children over 6 years of age. Family Cap is \$25. For further information about Smith's Castle visit our website at <http://www.smithscastle.org> or contact us at 401-294-3521.

Sept. 30 Pilgrim High School Class of 1983

Sat., Sept. 30, Pilgrim High School Class of 1983 will hold its 40th Reunion at Quonset Tavern by the Green, 615 Callahan Road, North Kingstown. For more information, please email pilgrim-class1983@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Pilgrim High School Class of 1983. Hold the date!

Oct. 1 Fall Harvest Craft Fair

On Sunday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Our Lady of Grace Church, at 15 George Waterman Road, in Johnston (entrance on Sheridan Street), will hold its annual Fall Harvest Craft Fair. The organizers expect more than 30 local artisans, who will be offering handmade arts and crafts. The fair will also feature Italian food, sweet treats, a penny social, raffles and more.

Oct. 4 Brown University Lecture Series

On Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. Brown University presents: Maggie Millner. Maggie Millner, poet and author of Couplets delivers a lecture at 6 p.m., Oct. 4, at Brown University. This event is free and open to the public! Please visit go.brown.edu/non-fiction_now for more information about the venue, Maggie Millner, and the Non-fiction@Brown lecture series.

Oct. 7 Johnston Historical Society Yard Sale

The Johnston Historical Society will be hosting their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the society's Museum, 101 Putnam Pike (Route 44) in Johnston. A Sunday, Oct. 8 rain date has been set (same times). The historical society is also offering spots at the sale for a \$25 donation (one 6-foot table; bring your own). Those interested in "renting" must contact Anthony Ursillo at 401-764-5901 or aursillo401@gmail.com. The Johnston Historical Society is a 501 (3C) non-profit organization.

Oct. 7 Spartan DEKA MILE

On Oct. 7, at It Starts Here Fitness

(ISHFitness), 380 Jefferson Blvd., Suite G, Warwick, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., organizers will be holding the Spartan DEKA MILE: Operation Enduring Warrior (OEW) Fundraiser. Looking for police, fire, military, troopers, and civilians to compete in a friendly competition for a great cause. Race individually or with a partner, and each racer will receive a DEKA T-shirt and medal. 50% of all ticket profits to benefit Operation Enduring Warrior (OEW). Spartan DEKA MILE consists of (10) functional training zones each preceded by a 160-meter run (1 mile of total distance running). Tickets: \$35 single and \$49 2-person teams. Registration: tickets-usdk.spartan.com/event/DM328. Operation Enduring Warrior: www.enduringwarrior.org. Donations: enduringwarrior.networkforgood.com/projects/199435-it-starts-here-fitness-s-fundraiser?from_wicked_finish=true. For more information: ishfitness.com or call 401-447-4620.

Oct. 15 Central Falls High School Class of 1963 Reunion

Sun., Oct. 15, from 12 to 4 p.m., Central Falls High School Class of 1963, will hold a 60th Class Reunion at Chelo's Banquet Hall, 2225 Post Road, Warwick. Tickets: \$60 for buffet and dancing. Please send checks to: Patricia (Guillette) Mannix, 111 Col. John Gardner Road, Narragansett. Please include maiden name and phone number on check. For more information email or call Patricia Mannix patriciagmannix@gmail.com - 401-789-0451; or Nancy Dube Brazeau at nancybraz@gmail.com (401-789-0304).

Oct. 22 St. Francis Xavier Academy Alumnae Association (SXA) Homecoming

A celebration for the class of 1973 will be held on Oct. 22, with an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Timothy Church, 1799 Warwick Ave., Warwick, immediately followed by lunch at the Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick. The class of 1973 will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Gold rosaries will be blessed and distributed to graduates during Mass. Scholarships will be announced during lunch. For more information contact Margaret Mathias, 401-232-9006.

Nov. 7 – 9 Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City

From Tues. to Thurs., Nov. 7-9, AARP Chapter 2210 will offer a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City. The tour includes 2 nights' accommodation, 2 meal credits (up to \$20 value each) & \$20 slot play. Bus pickup from Exit 19 Park & Ride on Hopkins Hill Road at 7 a.m., return time is approximately 6 p.m. Cost is \$299/person (double occupancy), \$279/person (triple occupancy) or \$399/person (single occupancy). For more information call Maureen at 401-828-5188. Final payment is due by Sept. 21.

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Fall River Toastmasters Meeting

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the Fall River Toastmasters, serving both Rhode Island and Southern Mass holds its meetings. Doors open at 6 p.m. and meeting is from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join us at The Chamber, 200 Pocasset St, Fall River, MA, 2nd floor. For more information, call Sean DaCosta at (508)-840-6621. All are welcome!

NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

Amenity Aid Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers that would like to help us plan and staff community events, organize hygiene product collection drives and raise funds for Amenity Aid. If you are interested in doing any of the above or would like to be a member of our Community Outreach Committee, please contact Stacey Silva, Community Outreach Chair at Stacey@AmenityAid.org.

Amenity Aid's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable populations by creating access to essential hygiene products. Serving all of Rhode Island, we distribute toiletry necessities to those most vulnerable through our network of direct service agencies.



I-95 WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES AT ROUTE 10 IN CRANSTON THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18



RIDOT will close lanes on I-95 at the Wellington Avenue Bridge, at the Cranston/Providence line, just north of Route 10. The closures will take place on consecutive weekends through Monday, Sept. 18. **Travelers should expect delays and seek alternate routes such as Route 10 and I-295.**

Each weekend, lanes will be closed on both sides of the highway as RIDOT demolishes and replaces different parts of this structurally deficient bridge. The closures start each weekend at 7 p.m. on Fridays with all lanes open by 5 a.m. on Mondays. We'll keep at least two lanes open on the side of the bridge we're working on each weekend.

Also, for September 8 and the week of September 11-15, there will be a lane split on I-95 North. **All lanes go through.** This rapid approach to bridge replacement saves motorists more than two years of lane closures, shifts and splits. For more details, please visit www.ridot.net.



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SUN RISE SCOOPS

Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund

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

Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by collaborat-

ing with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

Help OSDRI restock their pantry!

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island needs your help. Their food pantry needs a major restocking. See a list of needed nonperishable items in the photo.

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

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

More at Mohr Library

Registration is ongoing for a variety of programs and events at the Mohr Library, 1 Memorial Ave, Johnston. In addition, all ages can still report on their summer reading and enter to win prizes donated by our Friends of the Library.

Library Events:

Drawing for adults is held at 3 p.m. Thursdays.

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

The Children's Library always has drop-in, self-directed activities for kids and families like crafts and scavenger hunts. Preschool storytimes and elementary-age kids programs start up again in October — more news to come.

Activities for middle-school and high-

school age kids will be offered afternoons. Kids should talk with our Young Adult Librarian, Marissa, for more information.

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

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

The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Sept. 9, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Labor Day.

Johnston Senior Center Highlights

From the staff ...

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

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

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

Weekly Events

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

- Offering more programs and trips every week:

Please note: Ballroom Dancing will not return until September.

Trips

- Thursday, Sept. 14: "The Carpenters" Whites of Westport, 10:30 a.m., \$79.00pp
- Monday- Wednesday, Sept. 17-19: "Atlantic City Gambling Tour to the Tropicana Casino Resort," \$299 pp DO (single add \$130) \$50 Meal Credits/\$30 Slot Play TBA
- Thursday, Oct. 5: "Aidan Keene Tribute Legends," 10:30 a.m., \$79 pp
- Monday, Oct. 16: Maine (Portland) \$429pp DO. See Beautiful Historic Waterfront, Lighthouse, Quaint Kennebunkport. 2 nights lodging, 4 Meals \$95 pp
- Tuesday, Oct. 17: Newport Playhouse, "Ghost of a Chance" Lobster Fest, 10:30 a.m. (no price)
- Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 7-9: "Turning Stone Resort Casino" \$339 pp DO (single \$479) \$80 Casino Free Play or Bingo Bucks \$30 Meal Credits

LEGAL NOTICES

JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold a special meeting on September 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes from Previous Meetings

III. Old Business:

Petition of Vincent Russo, Jr.: Applicant/Owner for 136 Simmonsville Avenue, Ap 29 Lot 67, zoned R-20 and R40. Applicant is seeking a use variance to expand parking at the subject property.

IV. New Business:

Petition of Juan Zayas: Owner/Applicant for 73 Simmonsville Avenue, AP 27 Lot 201, Zoned R20. Applicant proposes to legalize a previously constructed pergola or covered patio structure which is 200 sq. ft and was inadvertently placed within the accepted literal dimensional requirement of 5 feet from

property line.

Petition of Raymond and Atny Martin, Owner/Applicant for 20 Almond Drive, AP 43 Lot 328, Zoned R-40. Applicant proposes to construct an addition to an existing single-family home. Applicant is requesting relief from dimensional requirements.

Petition of Hilda Paz Izzaguirre, Owner/Applicant for 1073 Atwood Avenue, AP 6 Lot 13, Zoned R-15. Applicant proposes to construct an addition to the rear of an existing two-family structure. Applicant is requesting relief from dimensional requirements.

Petition of Shahzad Yaqoob, Owner/Applicant for 39 Union Avenue, AP 18 lot 188, Zoned R-15. Applicant proposes to construct an addition to the left side of an existing single-family structure. Applicant is requesting relief from dimensional requirements.

Petition of George and Charlena A. Clark, Owner/Applicant for 18 Weaver Road, AP 61 Lot 124. Zoned R-40. Applicant proposes to construct a detached two car garage. Applicant is requesting relief from dimensional requirements.

V. Adjournment

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

The Zoning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at <https://clerkshq.com/johnston-ri> or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Development and Public Services, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

Items not heard by 10:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or special meeting at the discretion of Board.

* Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

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NORTH CAROLINA GASTON COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 23-CvD-832

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

ANA LILLIAN DELIZ, Plaintiff,

vs.

ORLANDO ROMAN GONZALEZ LOPEZ, Defendant

TO DEFENDANT HEREIN

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading has been filed against you in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE BASED UPON ONE YEAR CONTINUOUS SEPARATION.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty days from the date of the first publication and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This is the 7th day of June, 2023.

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355 S. New Hope Road, Suite B
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Gastonia, NC 28055
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N.C. Bar No.: 10154

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ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local  Adoptable  Loveable

Kale

This young handsome boy is Kale! He is in search of love and hopes that the right person will open their heart to him. Kale is FIV positive so please keep that in mind. That doesn't stop him from being a happy, playful and loving boy! According to Defenders of Animals "He's just the best!" If you have been looking for a loving, loyal companion and want to give Kale a wonderful life, please email defendersofanimals@msn.com for more information. Kale can't wait to spend his life with you and give you lots of kitty kisses!



Photo credit: Defenders of Animals

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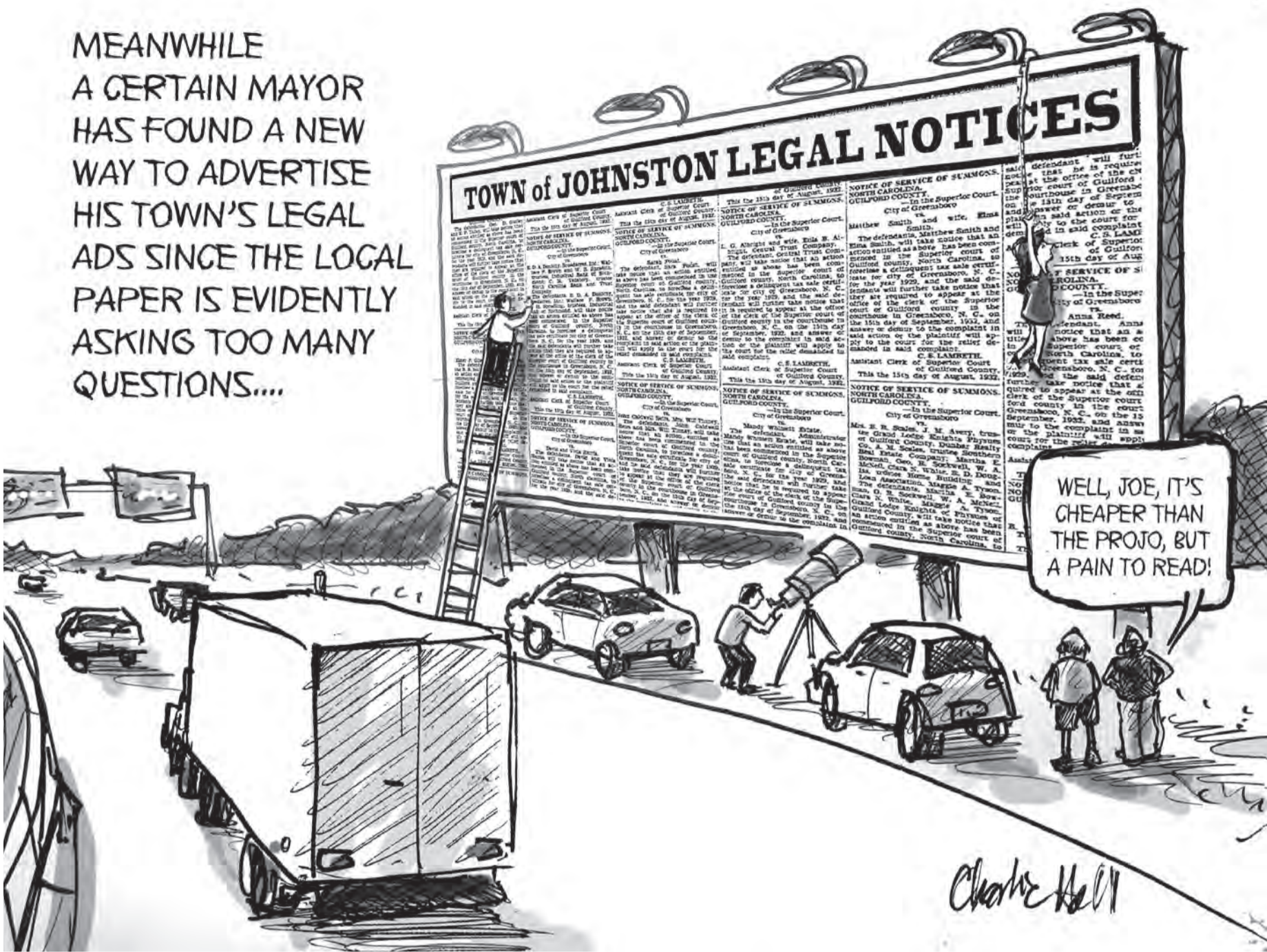


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Opinion

MEANWHILE
A CERTAIN MAYOR
HAS FOUND A NEW
WAY TO ADVERTISE
HIS TOWN'S LEGAL
ADS SINCE THE LOGAL
PAPER IS EVIDENTLY
ASKING TOO MANY
QUESTIONS....



'Things most certainly have changed, but not necessarily for the better'

On Aug. 30 an article appeared in the Boston Globe about the unusual state of politics here in Johnston ("In a small Rhode Island town, a big issue about the First Amendment: Legal ads bring a lot of revenue to little local newspapers. What happens when local politicians pull them?" by Amanda Milkovits). I did not realize what kind of underbelly existed until my unsuccessful foray into politics last year.

I was hopeful that things might change for the better in town after the election. Things most certainly have changed, but not necessarily for the better. It is difficult

to attend some of the meetings as they are posted the day or two before on the town website. I actually subscribed to the Providence Journal because that is where the public notices are now printed. Mostly I find tax sale advertisements.

A lot of folks relied on the Sun Rise to find out what was actually happening in Johnston. Seems that does not suit the current administration.

Yesterday, Dan York interviewed John Howell, publisher of the Beacon, to ask some pretty interesting questions. It had to do with why our current Mayor thought it a good idea to change the legal

advertising from the Sun Rise, our local free paper which most folks get, to the very expensive Providence Journal.

Seems there was some discontent in the way Rory Schuler accurately reported different matters. Rumor had it that the administration thought they were portrayed in a less than stellar manner.

I had the pleasure of making Mr. Schuler's acquaintance last July, and found him to be nothing but totally professional. He reported facts, not his opinion. I was very happy to hear the interview as Mr. Howell did not succumb to the pressure of the possibility of removing Mr. Schuler. He

stood by his reporter/editor and that was the right thing to do. Keep up the good work gentlemen. And thank you.

Karen Cappelli Chadwick,
of Johnston

Editor's Note: Although the Town of Johnston stopped running legal ads in the Johnston Sun Rise following Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisenia Jr.'s inauguration in January, several legal ads appear in this week's edition. At the time of publication, it was unclear whether this week's legal advertising was a return to normalcy or a one-time exception.

EDITORIAL

Buffett made the world a sunnier place

Whether or not you consider yourself a fan of the late Jimmy Buffett, who passed away at age 76 this weekend from a very rare form of skin cancer, it is worthwhile to point out when the loss of someone who was so awash in the public spotlight for so long results with so little controversy.

Throughout his decades in the limelight, the worst thing anyone could say about the late Mr. Buffett was perhaps that his range as a musician was limited, but we would contend that isn't really a valid complaint about an artist who was always upfront about the easy-going nature of their art.

Indeed, Buffett's career centered around celebrating the little joys of life that many Rhode Islanders can (and do) appreciate as well — relaxing in nature, particularly on the beach with a tropical boozy beverage, not sweating the small stuff, and finding the joy in every sunset.

Up until the very end, Buffett's ability to bring a crowd of people to their feet, smiling and savoring a moment of creativity, was evident. The singer, who according to reports has sold over 23 million albums, recently showed up to a small venue in Portsmouth in July, surprising everyone in attendance with a

45-minute performance no one saw coming, but everyone appreciated all the same.

And as it turns out, the performance holds a heck of a lot more weight now, because it was to be his final ever public performance.

"He was genuine, sincere and humble and appreciative," Mike MacFarlane, the owner of Sunset Cove, the Portsmouth venue where the concert occurred, told WJAR in a recent story following Buffett's death. MacFarlane said Buffett had one of his bandmates call and ask him if Buffett could come play, because he "Just wanted to get out of the house."

Take that in for a moment. Someone of Buffett's fame and notoriety, essentially calling in a favor to a local business owner to be able to appear for a short set just to feel some of the spark he had felt throughout a lifetime of sold-out arenas, all the while knowing that his life was coming to a close.

Without Buffett in the world, it's going to feel like we're searching for a lost shaker of salt for the rest of our remaining summers. So in honor of Jimmy, blend up a mocktail or a traditional margarita, break out your flip flops, and try to spread some sunshine however you can.

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Rep. Fellela delivers grant to JHS music department

Sun Rise Staff Reports

Johnston's State Rep. Deborah A. Fellela (D - District 43) delivered a grant to the Johnston High School Music Department.

"Representative Deborah Fellela came through again!" exclaimed Ronald Lamoureux, long-time director of the Johnson High School national award-winning Music Department. "She has done this before it and it's a tremendous boost for our students."

Lamoureux was grateful for the \$1,000 legislative grant that Fella secured and presented to the Johnston School Music Association and several students during a brief, yet fun-filled ceremony recently inside JHS.

"Rep. Fella has been helping us for years," Lamoureux noted. "Because of her efforts we have acquired a host of percussion instruments for use by Johnston High School students. The collection is more extensive than any in the state."

SUPER SUPPORTER: Johnston State Rep. Deborah Fellela presents a \$1,000 Legislative Grant check to JHS Music Department Chairman Ronald Lamoureux with JSMC member Beth Littlefield (left), student Katelyn Loffler and member Melisa Loffler looking on. (Submitted photo)



Bidding a creamy farewell to summer

By PETE FONTAINE



There's nothing quite like an old-fashioned ice cream social!

For proof, ask tenants who live at the Claiborne Pell Manor off Plainfield Street in Johnston.

Through the years, in fact, the Manor's always-active Tenants Association has been known for its fun-filled parties no matter what the season. Last week, there was another of those events replete with ice cream.

"It was an End of summer Ice Cream Social," explained Jessica Leyden, popular resident service coordinator for the Johnston Housing Authority. "The Tenants Association) purchased ice cream and the members invited their grandchildren and even some great grandchildren."

What made the event extra special was that Johnston Town Councilwoman Linda Folcarelli and her sister Donna — who have long supported the Tenants Association in a number of ways — provided all the toppings.

"It was a great night," Leyden offered. "Laughter and fun filled the building."

SOCIAL SCENE: Members of the Pell Manor Tenants Association are standing behind some of their grandchildren during the residence's recent End of Summer Ice Cream social. They are Mary Naehring, Joan Provoyeur, Linda Folcarelli, Ida White Kathy Donato, Lori Lyons, Joy Gabrielle and Anna Murphy. (Submitted photo)

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First Day Photos



Dean Fisher, Sixth Grade, Ferri Middle School



Alexander Santaniello, Third Grade

BACK TO SCHOOL: Most of the youngsters in Johnston went back to school last week. If you have a back to school first day photo you'd like to share, email it to Johnston Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhodybeat.com, and we'll publish it over the next couple weeks. Don't forget to include a caption with the student's first and last name, grade and school. (Submitted photos)



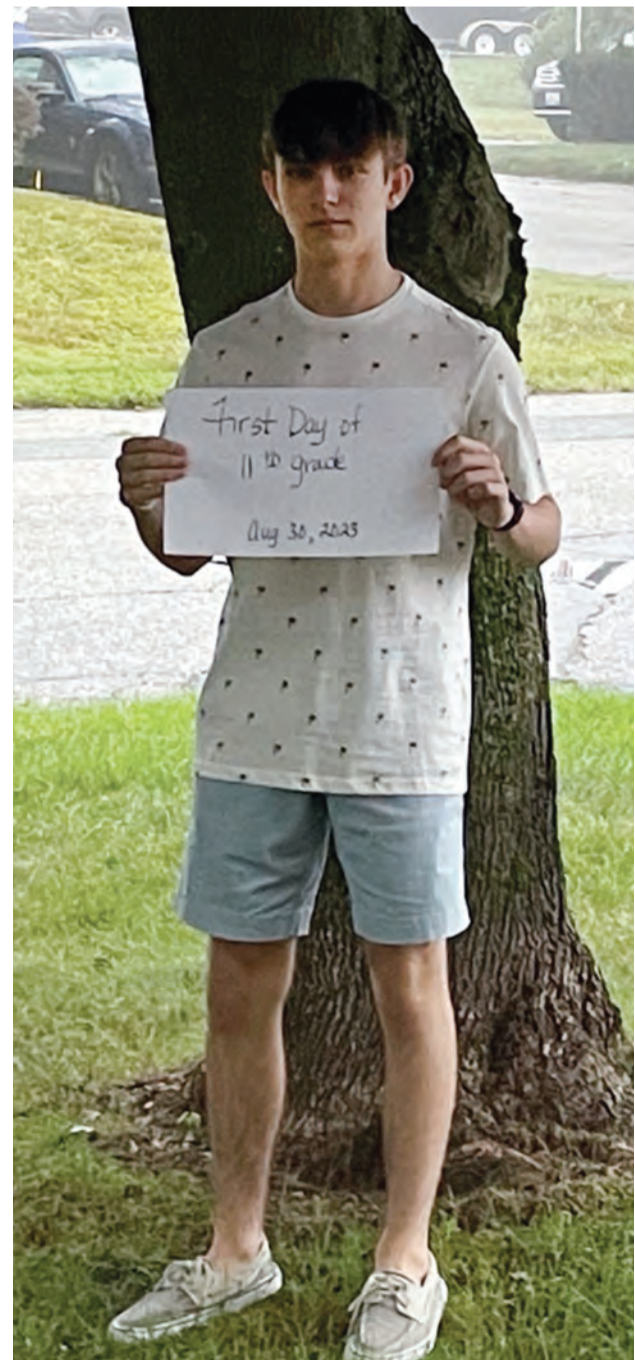
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PROUD PALS: Rev. Peter J. Gower and Feast Chairperson Joanne Burley are smiling while standing under one of the newly painted food buildings where volunteer cooks will serve a variety of delicious Italian food through Sunday.

Feast
 (Continued from page 1)

"This year's feast is bound to be a success," offered OLG Pastor Rev. Peter J. Gower. "The food buildings look great thanks to our dedicated parishioner Ron Davis, who spent many hours painting and making many improvements to their appearance and their function."

Moreover, the huge Big Top, which is owned by Pranzi Catering, is larger and will allow for seating up to 600 people thanks to what Father Gower called "an extremely generous donation from our friends at Union Fence Company that sponsored the tent."

"The Beer Garden will also be the biggest we've ever had," said Don Parsons, who owns and operates Anytime Realty and has worked closely with Father Gower in readying for the Feast. "We'll even have a Special Sinatra Sangria Night Friday and Saturday sponsored by Andino's Restaurant of Federal Hill. There's also been a rebranding/new website as well as our church apparel."

As Father Gower emphasized with a wide smile on his face: "There will be more games and raffles and, of course, we'll have a great selection of home-made Italian food each night. We are proud of the work that has been done and are anxious to welcome our new Bishop, The Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, who will celebrate the Feast Mass on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by a procession through the streets with a statue of La Madonna della DiFesa."

The Feast began last night with a mass and candlelight procession, but will be in full-swing tonight from 5-9 p.m. Admission is free. Festival hours are Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 5-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The featured foods for each night will be Thursday, tripe and soffrito; Friday, fish and chips with linguini and quahogs; Saturday, steak sandwich, calamari, polenta and sausage and peppers; and Sunday, a lasagna dinner.

"Timeless" will provide Thursday night's entertainment, with "Mike Dutra Simple Sinatra" taking the stage Friday. Saturday, it's "Second to None" with the ever-popular "Ambrosiani" appearing on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

MIGHTY MEMORIALS: These are two of the impressive banners festival-goers will see that remember and salute the last Co-Chairman Joe Quartino and Chef Carol Cambio. (Submitted photos)



One Apple Festival per year keeps the doldrums away

35th annual event off to a fresh start, with a dry finish



By RORY SCHULER

The apples are fresh and so is the leadership behind this year's Johnston Apple Festival.

As organizers prepare for this weekend's 35th annual event, the sponsoring orchard and the Apple Festival are both in new hands.

The Shields family purchased Appleland, of Smithfield, from former owners, Mary Lou D'Andrea and her husband Lou.

"This has been really quite a project," said new orchard co-owner Ashley Shields. "We're filling some big shoes."

Appleland has been the lone Ocean State orchard providing apples, apple-based baked goods and cider to the festival for years. The farm's new owners felt it was vital to continue the tradition.

"We really want to be a community hub," Shields said. "This is a really great event. We want to build a presence and share all this with the community."

This weekend, Sept. 9 and 10, the 35th Annual Apple Festival will return to Johnston's Memorial Park.

In the past, the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce (NRCOC) ran the festival, but this year, Rhode Island Events LLC have taken over the effort.

"This year we came in a little late to organize this event," said Katie Harrison, of Rhode Island Events LLC. "We had a few challenges with vendors thinking our original message that we were taking over was a scam."

The new organizers had to convince participants that they were legit.

"We are so lucky that the NRCOC passed on all of their binders and detailed information for planning this event," Harrison explained. "It has made planning the event so much easier. I would say about

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NEW FIELD HANDS: Appleland co-owner Ashley Shields checks the progress of some fresh produce growing on her family's trees in Smithfield. The Shields family purchased the orchard and farm stand from former owners, Mary Lou D'Andrea and her husband Lou. Left, Ashley holds a jar of freshly fermented hard apple cider, a new offering at the Smithfield orchard store. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)



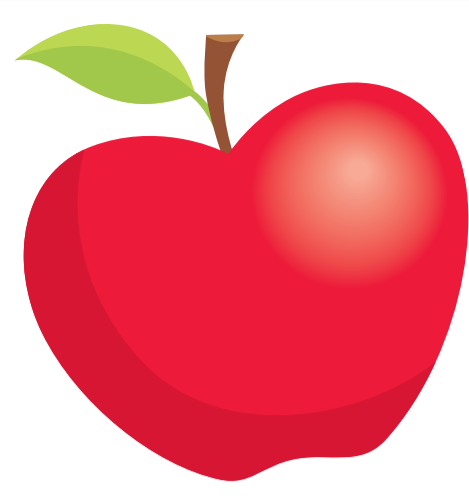
APPLELAND: The new owners at Appleland urge prospective pickers to stop by their orchard store and farm stand at 135 Smith Ave., Greenville. They're open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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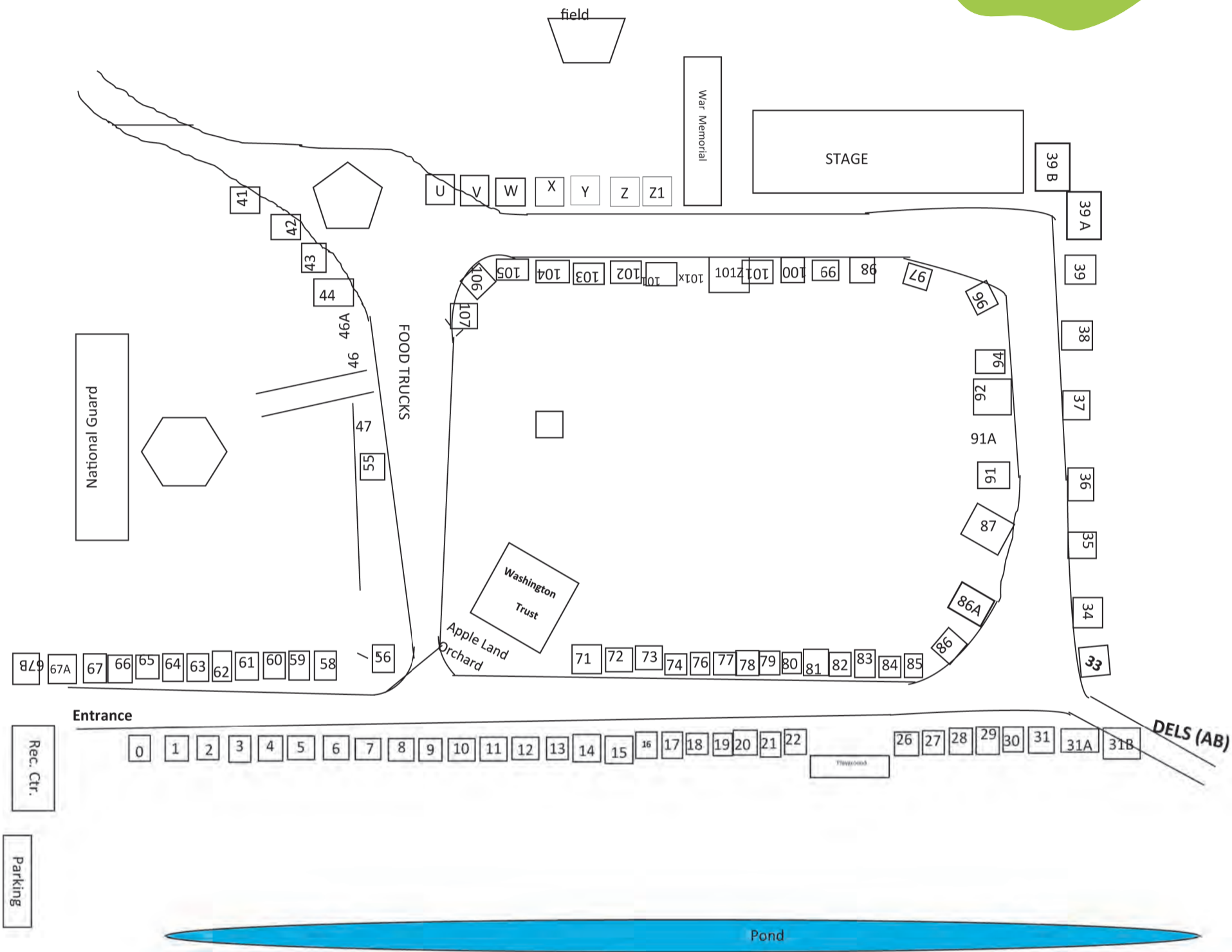
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Apple

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50% of the vendors are new and the rest are returning vendors which seems like a great success for our first year."

Shields presented a pair of sugar-cinnamon dusted apple cider donuts and a small jar of hard cider.

"Out of respect for the previous owner, we've decided to brand our apple cider donuts," she explained. "We're working the labels."

Appleland's exclusive sweet cider rings will now be called Mary Lou's World Famous Old-Fashioned Apple Cider Donuts.

"Appleland is back again with all their delicious goodies including apple cider donuts, apple pies and of course apples by the bushel," Harrison said. "The 35th Annual Apple Festival will have the charm it's always had but with new and exciting additions this year."

This year's festival will once again be packed with food and craft vendors.

"As far as food vendors we have Dels and CC's Chips returning this year and then we have Joe's Snack

Shack, Not Your Average Popcorn, Sweet Daddy Joe's, Haven Bros Ice Cream, Dinolicious and Haven Bros Mobile," Harrison said, rattling off some confirmed food hawkers. "The mayor will be at the event on Saturday morning to give an opener speech. We will have performances by Mastery Martial Arts, the KC Moaners band and High Steppin Dance Academy.

If the Memorial Park lot and surrounding streets fill with cars, extra parking will be offered across Atwood Avenue at the Johnston Senior High School.

"The Johnston Fire Department will be bringing the educational smoke house, the local scouts will have a gaga pit and there will also be bounce house slides," Harrison said. "We just found out we should be having a glass blowing demonstration by Gather Glass as well as all the other entertainment we have planned."

The Shields family took ownership of Appleland in April and the D'Andrea family helped smooth the transition. They helped press cider and pass on some of the orchard's production secrets.

"I think that Appleland is going to do a great job as always," Harrison said. "They worked very hard with the previous owners to make sure this

event goes smoothly like usual. They are bringing what they usually bring as far as apple products, and I think that it's all going to go great."

Appleland opened to pick-your-own customers last week. The farm boasts 90 apple and peach trees across its three-acre orchard.

They've been in overdrive, pulling ripe spheres from branches, packing them in crates, baking some, squeezing others, fermenting some juice and bottling the rest.

Shields showed off a jar of the orchard's new hard cider, which she explained has a nice, dry finish.

She and her husband fell in love with the orchard when they stopped by last year to pick pumpkins. When they later discovered the farm was for sale, she and her family felt it may be the fresh start they all craved.

"We just fell in love with this farm store," Shields said, standing inside next to baskets full of produce and a humming refrigerator full of chilled apple accoutrements. "We had been trying indoor farming, but we never expected to buy an orchard. Then we heard it was for sale, and we kept growing the idea."

They lived down the street. "We were the right fit," Shields said. "We didn't want to let it go."



STOP THE PRESSES: The Shields family took ownership of Appleland in April and the former owners, the D'Andrea family, helped smooth the transition. They helped press cider and pass on some of the orchard's production secrets. (Photo courtesy of Ashley Shields)



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Sports

RI Senior Softball takes on town VIPs

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Rhode Island Senior Softball League is in the thick of its season and decided to take on a new opponent this past weekend.

Members of the Blue Cross Blue Shield team, which is made up of players from Cranston and Johnston, challenged the Town of Johnston to a fun exhibition match at Memorial Park on Saturday. Filling out the town roster included people such as Mayor Joseph Polisena, parks and rec director Mike Bedrosian, as well as local athletic legend Carolyn Thornton Iannuccilli.

Also joining the members of Blue Cross was the league's executive board. The league is always searching for new members and felt that a game against some of the local officials would help shed more light on the organization.



IN THE CIRCLE: Paul Danesi delivers a pitch. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

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My final football predictions

Welcome to the 2023 high school football season. It's my personal favorite time of year as a local sports journalist and I have a feeling that this upcoming season could be one to remember for our teams here at Beacon Communications.

Games begin this weekend for our clubs. Although they are non-league, they are still regular season contests that count toward their records, so yes, football begins this week. Two weeks ago I broke down our teams to set the table. This week, I am going to be focusing on how I truly believe these teams will fare, rather than just say who is doing what.

Just a note: When I list my prediction beneath the team, that is considered the floor, not the ceiling. What I predict is what I am expecting each team to accomplish at a minimum.

Let's get into it:

Bishop Hendricken
The Hawks suffered an

My pitch



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unusual defeat to rival La Salle in the state championship last year to end their lengthy reign on top. What most people overlook, though, is how young that Hendricken club was. It was unusually young for Hendricken's program, as it is usually a team that boasts strong numbers from all classes.

This year, much of the same team is back. I expect quarterback Jayden Falcone to emerge as a top-three quarterback in the state now that colleges will be fully locked in, and it is safe to say that Oscar Weah and Ronjai Francis will be the

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TOWN CHAMPS: The Dirty Laces team that won the Johnston Town Championship. (Submitted photo)

Dirty Laces win town title

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The Johnston season was filled with plenty of highs and lows this season...it truly showed what this league and the families in this community are all about.

Dirty Laces had a relatively strong season however once the playoffs started, they kicked it up a notch...

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MAYOR'S MITT: Mayor Joseph Polisenena tosses back a pop fly.



FUN EVENT: Parks and rec director Mike Bedrosian at bat on Saturday (above). Carolyn Thornton Iannuccilli makes a play in the field (at left).

■ Softball

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The league got to run a victory lap as it went on to win, 15-11.

Bedrosian, who also coaches the Johnston boys basketball team, was happy to help spread the word and help organize the event. He is also hoping to make it an annual game that can attract local charitable organizations. Longtime Blue Cross player Paul Danesi was also key in organizing the event and even coached May-

or Polisenena during his Little League days in the town.

"It was a lot of fun getting the league and all the town workers together to do something different. There were people that I hadn't seen in 20 years so it was cool to catch up with them. Hopefully we can do a basketball event that is similar in the winter," said Bedrosian.

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the Johnston School Committee, managed by John Amaral.

Dirty Laces took Game 1, 10-3 with solid pitching by Logan Martins and then Anthony Vendetti coming in to finish the last few innings in relief.

"This was definitely the way we wanted to start...that is a strong well-balanced team and we need to play every inning," said manager Gary Rianna.

Dirty Laces jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning in Game, however, Amaral's crew wasn't rattled. They chipped away and shut down the bats of Dirty Laces and capped off an impressive 10-6 victory to tie up the series.

Jacob Pettit was solid after the rough first inning, and not allowing another run through his 1 2/3 inning stint. Nick D'Quilla came for relief and closed out the game.

"Jake was awesome... the entire time was. Most teams would have been beaten after the first inning. Not them, they were impressive," said Rianna.

Johnston School Committee jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning of Game 3, however it didn't last long. Lead off hitter for Dirty Laces, Paul Scorpio took a 2-1 pitch and launched it over the left field fence to quickly tie the game at 1-1.

Dirty Laces continued to hit and added two more in their half of the first inning to take a 3-1 lead. Pitching settled down however the Lace's

started again in the third inning. The Lace's put up four more. Hits by Anthony Vendetti, Ronnie Vento, Owen Polofsky and Luca Schroer added to the attack.

Logan Martins pitched through a free-swinging lineup and handed the ball off to Ronnie Vento to finish off the inning. Going into the 5th inning leading 8-3 the Lace's didn't want to take any chances...once again, Paul Scorpio leading off the inning, this time, took the first pitch he saw and put it in the trees well over the left field fence for his second home run of the game ... that opened the flood gates and the Lace's went on to score four more runs closing the game and the 2023 Johnston Town Championship with a final score of 13-3.

"I couldn't be more happy for my 16 years. Paul Scorpio ends with a two-home run championship game, Brendon Simonelli who caught almost every inning this season and was solid with the glove and the bat, not to mention he threw out Nick at third today, who is by far the fastest player in the league. And of course Logan Martins, solid player ... will play anywhere and is always ready to play. Thank you to all the players, the parents, my first year coach and former player Joe and of course Coach Erik," said Rianna.

Team Roster: Logan Martins, Paul Scorpio, Brandon Simonelli, Ronnie Vento Anthony Vendetti, Owen Polofsky, Antonio Morales, Jordan Caparrelli, Jake Schroer, Luca Schroer, Josh Tejada, Alex Salamone, Julian Farmanian, Wilkin Roques, Chris DiPanni & Matt Jones. Managed by Gary Rianna with coaches Erik Martins and Joseph Lopez Tavares.

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best 1-2 punch in the state. Rushaune Vilane will also be elite on defense.

Hendricken lost some pieces in the trenches, so that will be an area to focus on, but the Hawks' staff is always creative when it comes to hiding vulnerabilities. It will come down to the Hawks and Rams, with maybe a team like North Kingstown to possibility to make it interesting.

Prediction: Hawks return to the state championship game

Pilgrim

Pilgrim is another one of our clubs that is returning a whole lot of guys, including nine starters on defense.

All eyes will be on the offense, though. We know that the defense will be a tough, experienced group, but the offense will be a fun one to watch.

Chace Roberts is cemented as the team's starting quarterback with Carter Clifton sidelined with injury. These two guys split time under center last year, but it will be Roberts' time this fall. Also returning on offense are pass catchers including Cole Bigelli, Justyn Murphy and Jack Coffie. Roberts has flashed an arm in the past, so this could be a high-flying attack if it plays its cards right.

How about the running game though? Last year's bell cow Matt Santos graduated, and in the preseason the team rotated a few guys in the backfield. Sure, if the team can pass the ball then the run may not be as vital as it was last year, but every team at the high school level needs a go-to power rusher.

Pilgrim is more experienced on defense, has some true studs on offense, they'll be much better.

Prediction: Pats return to the postseason and win a game once they're there.

Cranston West

I am sensing a huge breakout season for quarterback Kelan Cornell. Sure, last year he broke out and became a legitimate starting quarterback, but he could end up in that aforementioned top-three discussion by season's end.

Losing Marcus Chung is going to sting in the early going, but there is enough carry over from last season for the Falcons to be competitive even in the first few weeks. They came close to reaching the tittle game last season and although I do not think that is off the table, there will definitely need to be some guys that step up and break out as well. Guys that may not be on the radar at the moment.

I know football is a team sport. It's the ultimate team sport. But Cornell's development is going to be the key to determining how far this club advances. As I always say, West is a tough group that is as

consistently competitive as there is in the state, but there are a few key players from last year's run whose absence could be tricky to navigate, especially in the early going. West has been tested plenty in the past few years though, so no need to panic.

Prediction: Falcons return to the playoffs

Cranston East

The Bolts have gone through some tough times these past few seasons.

East graduated a massive, and I mean massive, senior core that was championship caliber. Then right when the rebuild was set to begin, the team had a coaching change. Then on top of it, the pandemic occurred. East has never once made excuses, but it's no wonder why this team has not yet found its way since those championship caliber teams throughout the 2010's graduated.

I am a huge believer in head coach Isaiah McDaniel and respect how steady he has kept that program through all the downs. He loved the seniors on his roster last season and I remember at the end of the year how bad he felt that their high school experience played out the way it did.

Now, this year's group is going to be filled with underclassmen, it looks like another rebuild. However, on the bright side, it does feel like this team is set up to finally shake off the bad vibes and start making progress.

The team will have guys like Michael Terry and A'Driahn Foreman returning, among a few others. They'll be able to make things happen.

Prediction: The Bolts win multiple games.

Johnston

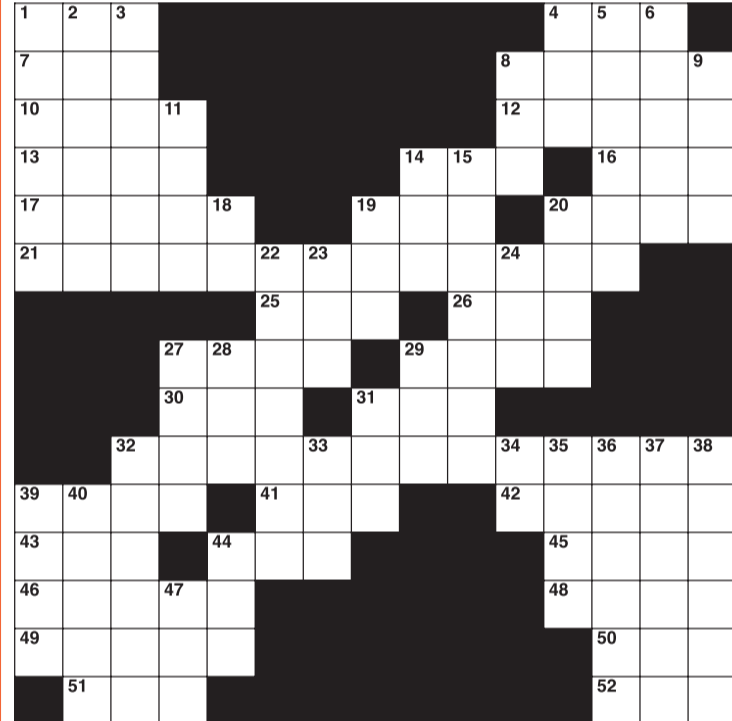
The Panthers won just one league contest last season. A lot is going to change this year as the Panthers have the makings of a playoff caliber group.

Neari Vasquez and Steven Finegan will be joined by some imports from other sports and the youngsters behind them have all played significant minutes. This is a team that a month ago was under the radar but is starting to turn heads. It feels like a tidal wave is approaching Division III. Guys like Dean Paris, Michael Carlino, Dylan Martins, Matt Clements and Cam Walker are all in the mix and figure to be difference makers.

Perhaps the Panthers' best asset this season will be depth. The team is returning so many pieces, so much talent, and it feels like Vasquez is about to take off and join the division's elite. There will be some sorting out in terms of roles, but this is a team that by the end of the regular season could be one of the most dangerous in the state.

Prediction: Panthers reach Division III semis.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Second sight
- 4. Standard electrode potential
- 7. Type of gibbon
- 8. John Joseph ___: American industrialist
- 10. Manning and Whitney are two
- 12. Abrupt
- 13. Baroque musical instrument
- 14. Post-burning residue
- 16. When you hope to arrive
- 17. Sign up (Brit. Eng.)
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. Employee stock ownership plan
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Method to record an electrogram

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Number of players on each side in a football game
- 2. Containing salt
- 3. Reasoning or knowledge: a ___
- 4. Car mechanics group
- 5. Leave a place
- 6. Southern Colombian capital
- 8. Old English letter
- 9. Tide
- 11. Walk heavily
- 14. Chemical compound (abbr.)
- 15. Artificial openings
- 18. Luteinizing hormone
- 19. Unit of energy
- 20. Circular movement of water
- 22. A way of holding

- 23. Popular book of words (abbr.)
- 24. States' group
- 27. Dashes
- 28. Body part
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Consumed
- 32. Small bird
- 33. Unhappy
- 34. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 35. Valued object offered in good faith
- 36. Wild goats
- 37. Precede in place
- 38. Small edible fish
- 39. Notice of death
- 40. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Not around

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GIANT BLUEFIN: Nick Papa, captain of the vessel Ruthless caught a 788 pound bluefin in the Boston Bluefin Classic. At press time the fish was in first place.

By **CAPT. DAVE MONTI**

Tautog fishing expert Richie Reich of Narragansett will be the guest speaker at a Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) seminar on 'Tips for tautog success' Monday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. at the West Warwick Elks Lodge, 60 Clyde Street, West Warwick.

Learn tautog tactics and strategies that will help you land tautog this fall. Highlights of his presentation will include how to prepare, what tackle you need and how to find, hook and land this great eating fish.

Reich is a RISAA board member and director of their youth fishing camp and an active member of the Narragansett Surf-caster Club and Lions Club.

The seminar starts at 7 p.m., however, dinner available starting at 5:30 p.m. from the West Warwick Elks Club for a separate fee. Non-members are asked to make a \$10 donation to the RISAA Foundation. RISAA members admitted free. For information email Scott Travers, executive director at travers@risaa.org.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass, bluefish and false albacore. East End Eddie Doherty, Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author, said, "Experienced surf rat Andrew Kuznarowis from Centerville had a very productive mid canal outing, battling over 20 bass up to 35 inches with his green mack Savage. There were 2-hour blitzes on last Saturday and Sunday that produced slots and bigger from the railroad bridge to the Herring Run. The powerful effects of the month ending super moon will hopefully have rods bent up and down the Big Ditch."

"Bluefish and striped bass fishing in Narragansett Bay is improving with bass now being caught at Sabin Point, Colt State Park and the Barrington Bridge. Most are school bass."

This weekend the bluefish were being caught throughout Narragansett Bay. Anglers on my boat caught most of their bluefish for the smoker between Gould Island north of the Newport Bridge to Hope Island. Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren said, "Striped bass fishing out in front of Newport has slowed some with an early morning and predusk bite on eels and topwater lures still good. However, the false albacore bite off Newport is outstanding with fish in the five to seven pound range with Game On XO jigs and Albie Snacks working well for anglers."

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence, said, "Customers catching bass in the Bay are working for them, but the bluefish are popping up all over the Bay."

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "Striped bass are thick back in the salt ponds right now. Guys are doing well with live eels and the top water bite is starting to pick up as these fish become more active. The Charlestown Breachway bite has been heating up especially on the outgoing tide at night. There are some bluefish starting to show up again as well. False Albacore arrived on the South Shore on Sunday and a lot of them. They were mostly feeding on peanut bunker."

Tautog. "The tautog bite in the Bay has been slow with a lot of shorts being caught. The water temperature in the Providence

River north of Conimicut Light is still seventy degrees," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle.

"We just switched over from fluke fishing to tautog fishing and have had luck catching keepers at the mouth of the Sakonnet River. We caught ten fish, not large fish, but seven of them were keepers," said Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle.

Henault of Ocean State Tackle said, "One customer did well fishing for tautog from shore at the Jamestown Bridge (on the North Kingstown side)."

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. O'Donnell said, "Fluke fishing held up well last week with fish up to almost 9-pounds caught around 30-feet of water locally. Along with fluke, local anglers are doing well for black sea bass and scup."

"Fluke shing has slowed by my customers are still catching some nice keepers in the Bay, one landed a 20 and a 22 inch fish when fishing the waterfront in Providence for tautog with green crabs," said Littlefield of Archie's Bait.

"We fished block Island Tuesday of last week and did pretty good with fluke in deep water," said Sullivan.

Tuna and shark fishing. At press time Nick Papa of South Kingstown, captain of the vessel Ruthless, was in first place in the Boston Bluefin Classic being held Sept. 3-6. Nick and his crew boated a 788 giant bluefin off Scarborough Beach, Narragansett in 100 feet of water on Monday using a bluefish filet as bait. Nick's crew included Claire Hodson (on the rod when the fish hit), Anthony Pastore, Nick Papa and Max Sherman. Very nice fish Nick and team. Congratulations to Newport charter captain Rob Taylor.

At press time his boat Reel EZ was in second place in the Boston Bluefin Classic tournament. Team Jigging World on Rob's boat landed a 781 pound giant bluefin tuna. "Customers are catching giant bluefin tuna at the Dump and at Tuna Ridge, however, the reel surprise this year they are being caught right in the Block Island Wind Farm and closer," said Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle.

O'Donnell said, "There have been reports of a few green bonito caught locally but no one has reported catching false albacore yet. Bait is starting to school up in the salt ponds. Tuna fishing last week was good south of Block Island for both bluefin and yellowfin."

Greg Vespe of Tiverton said, "We landed a good one today, a 70-inch, 290-pound thresher shark off Newport using a bluefish filet as bait. The shark jumped out of the water four times and took about two hours to land."

"Freshwater has slowed with the water still being very warm. The bite is on during low light conditions when the water is cooler with frogs and ten inch worms as well as spinner baits working well for anglers fishing for largemouth bass," said Sullivan of Lucky Bait & tackle.

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

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DOUBLE HOOK-UP: Jeff Sullivan with the two false albacore he caught at the same time while working two fishing rods off Brenton Reef, Newport. (Submitted photos)

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Buttonwoods Brewery's Oktoberfest returns with music, beer & more

By ROB DUGUAY

With this year's summer nearing its final weeks of existence, it's only a matter of time until we all start wearing our favorite flannels and hoodies while experiencing the beautiful New England fall. This seasonal transition brings about a variety of things and in the craft beer world it means that Oktoberfest is upon us. The annual German tradition that originated in Munich is going to be officially starting in a couple weeks and Buttonwoods Brewery on 530 Wellington Avenue in Cranston is putting their own spin on the event. For its fifth year, this version of Oktoberfest is going to be having live music, special brews and delicious food while taking place on the brewery's parking lot patio on September 16. It starts at 12 noon while being family friendly and all ages along with it being obviously required to be over the age of 21 to imbibe in alcoholic beverages.

The folks at Buttonwoods love the fall season because it enables them to brew one of their favorite beers that they only have available for a limited amount of time. They're also very excited for the upcoming Oktoberfest and there will be a lot going on to keep attendees entertained throughout the day.

"Our annual Oktoberfest is probably our favorite event out of all the events we put on throughout the year and this one is shaping up to be one of the best yet!" says Buttonwoods' Tasting Room Manager Jennie Paquin. "Fall is our favorite

season and we look forward to kicking it off each year with the annual release of the beer that we feel captures all those autumnal feelings in a can, or keg, Oktoberfest! This year we have our friends and local pop-punk cover band The Carson Daily performing live starting at 4pm. It's a free show, open to all ages and dog friendly too! Screaming Unicorn will also be cheffing up a special German inspired menu."

"Think sausages, schnitzel and some seasonal veggie options for the non-meateaters," she adds. "We will also be firing up the hot pokers for Bierstacheln, which is when we take a specially designed stainless steel poker, heat it up over a flame until it glows red, and briefly dip it into your beer. This process quickly caramelizes any residual sugars in the beer giving it a lightly toasted marshmallow flavor and a warm toasty head. We brew our traditional style Oktoberfest only once a year and it doesn't last long so coming by the brewery and celebrating with us is the best way to enjoy it!"

With there always being a chance of inclement weather around these parts, if it begins to rain or anything of the sort then there are plans to put on Oktoberfest inside the brewery. Regardless of what happens, if you enjoy craft beer and a good time then you should stop by Buttonwoods Brewery on September 16. It looks like it's going to be a lot of fun while being a more than proper way to ring in the crispness of fall.



A treatment that was worth it

As a child who spent my summers swimming in the lake behind our house, sunlight swathed my skin for hours every day. This was during the time when the dangers of skin cancer were not well known, and my mother did not believe in using sunscreen. In fact, when I was sunburned and my face was red, she thought I looked "healthy and glowing." Our naivete at the time was understandable, but none-the-less regretful.

I have had moles and brown spots on my skin my whole life. In junior high school, at the try-outs to be in the chorus, a group of boys pointed at me, laughed, and called me "Mole girl." I was mortified! As an inherently kind person, it was surprising to me that these seemingly nice young boys, whom I had not even met, could be so mean. Deciding I did not want to join the choir after all, I left the auditorium and

went home. The thought of this incident still brings tears to my eyes, demonstrating how incredibly sensitive I am. (Feel free to tell me to put on my "big girl panties," accept that insult and just get over it...)

At my elderly age now, with the moles and history with the sun, I am covered in brown spots. Big spots and little spots that are dark brown, light brown, and colors in between. It is not a surprise that at my recent dermatologist visit, the doctor expressed concern about a few, and she took a biopsy. A week later she called and asked me to come back to the office because one of them was found to be malignant. Surgery to remove the area is the primary treatment for melanoma and it is crucial to prevent it from spreading deeper into the skin or to other parts of the body. Sitting comfortably in a large exam chair, she proceeded to give me

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shots to relieve any pain during the procedure. There was a mirror above if I wanted to watch the operation, but I politely declined. Although the spot was only about a quarter of an inch big, she made a wide excision to remove not only the affected part, but a large portion of the surrounding area as well. She put in a huge number of stitches, 42 at last count. Teeny tiny sutures in the middle of my chest.

If people did not know better, it could have been surmised that the scar was from some sort of heart surgery, so I took to wearing clothing that covered it completely.

With the melanoma taken care of, the dermatologist then started to work on the scaly part of my face, the flat patches that were rough and reddish, that had been caused by too much sun exposure. Both cheeks and under my eyes were especially bountiful with this condition. The doctor prescribed a topical cream called 5-fluorouracil and she told me to use it for 2 weeks, which I did. The thing she did NOT warn me about was that my face would soon turn into a red, scaly, blistery mess that lasted for several weeks. Not only did my face itch, but it looked awful, and my insecurities from that incident when trying out for chorus resurfaced. It was

embarrassing to go to work, to the store, and to church because it felt like everyone was staring at me. However, I did turn it around, and comforted myself with the knowledge that, yes, it was yucky to go around looking so damaged, but when it cleared up, I would be cancer free. Would I rather have forgone the treatment and let the squamous cells spread, possibly to other parts of my body? I would have eliminated the embarrassment but chosen the much more difficult path of possible full-blown cancer. So, I "put on my big girl panties" and overcame my mortification at my looks and replaced it with a deep appreciation for the availability of such a treatment to catch it at such an early stage. I am such a lucky person!

Editor's Note: Linda dedicated this column to Jimmy Buffett who died recently of skin cancer.

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You have got to like any movie that stars Denzel Washington, even one that violently depicts dozens of grossly realistic deaths.

Denzel plays vigilante Robert McCall, with his super sweet smile, casual demeanor, love for women and children, and passion for justice.

Before the credits we watch McCall wipe out a dozen bad guys in a variety of grotesque ways before getting shot in the back.

He is taken in by a compassionate doctor who nurses (or should I say doctors) him back to life.

McCall miraculously recovers, climbing the steep stairs of the quaint Italian village with a cane and lots of true grit.

He sits in the village café sipping tea after laying out napkins on the table, seemingly the only American in town.

The Mafia have moved into the area, threatening the good, peaceful people. McCall takes notice. After the bad guys burn down the local fish market, McCall is ready to do his vigilante thing. One by one he takes on the bad guys.

Dakota Fanning plays a CIA op-

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erative who gets involved. We're not sure how the Americans got involved in Italy, but it has something to do with a drug cartel.

"Equalizer 3" carries a big R rating because of the blood and gore. Denzel has that twinkle in his eye as he knocks off the bad guys with brutal

ease, and shows compassion and love for his Italian friends, who see him as their hero and savior.

It is a bit corny, but only Denzel Washington can get away with it.

And this is the same guy who shows his tremendous acting skills in plays like "Fences."



THE EQUALIZER 3

We know of the Tripp & Cutter families but not where they rest

Back in the Day



by
KELLY
SULLIVAN

On Natick Hill, members of the Tripp and Cutter families once went to visit their deceased loved ones. Today, that cemetery, West Warwick Historical Cemetery #505, is designated as "lost" and its location is unknown.

The burial ground stood on a hilltop just west of Natick, on the John B. Sheldon farm, and contained several interments, including those of the Cutter family.

During the early 19th century, John and Rose Cutter and their seven children moved into the basement of a structure located at the corner of Main and Rhodes streets. The building had been constructed for use as a tavern with the bar room in the basement. But when it wasn't profitable, the owner sold it to a mill company and it was turned into tenements.

The children of John and "Rosy" Cutter included Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Maria and at least two others whose names are not known. Son Charles was an eccentric character who moved by himself to a little hut about a mile in back of Buttonwoods Beach when he was just a boy. He remained there

through adulthood, eventually constructing himself a pigpen and planting a vegetable garden. He supported himself by digging and selling clams but, during the autumn of 1887, he fell on hard luck. The 64-year-old first sprained his ankle and was then discovered suffering helplessly upon a cot in his hut with rheumatic fever. He was at once transported to the Town Farm to recover.

While Charles was away, the residents of Buttonwoods put on a comic entertainment to raise money to give him when he returned. Charlie spent about a month at the Town Farm and was eager to gain his release. He later told neighbors that he was expected to eat too much salt at the Town Farm. Among his many peculiarities, Charlie was known to take issue with the subject of salt.

Rose, who was born in Coventry on Feb. 15, 1776, had married John Cutter in 1819. Widowed young, she was fond of responding to the question of how many children, "I had three at once, two at twice and one ever so many times."

Rose maintained an exceptional long-term memory throughout her life although her short term memory eventually almost disappeared and she became very physically feeble. At the age of 106, she enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving meal of turkey, chicken and all the fixings. She resided in that same cellar tenement for over 50 years, became

very frustrated by the loss of her hearing and went through life with two pinky fingers on each hand. She died on April 12, 1883 at the age of 107.

During the autumn of 1890, Charles was deemed to be unfit to care for himself due to failing health and was again removed to the Town Farm. The 67-year-old had grown quite deaf and walked much stooped over. He had injured his clam-digging hand and spent his days yelling and swearing at the crows who swooped down for the clams he could no longer gather. He bragged that he took no medications and eased his colds with cups of black tea. His vocabulary included words such as "t'aint" and "t'was" and, at his burial within the Town Farm cemetery on Nov. 9, 1890, hardly anyone came to mourn. The keeper of the Town Farm, the Overseer of the Poor, a cemetery workhand, sister Elizabeth and her driver were the only people present to send Charles off on his heavenly journey.

Prior to his death, an artist by the surname of Des Granges executed a life-sized crayon portrait of the well-known clam merchant. It was the property of William Brown of Natick.

Elizabeth Cutter was the last remaining member of the family. She lived in the basement tenement alone until she suffered slight shock one night in Feb. of 1891. She was able to crawl to the door on her hands and knees and unbolt it so the neighbors

could gain entrance. The next morning, they entered the tenement to find her lying helplessly upon a lounge with one of her limbs badly swollen. As they began to concoct a plan for taking care of her, Elizabeth decided it was best if she simply went to the Town Farm. There, she appeared to be content and comfortable and, when she died, was laid to rest on the farm's cemetery just like her brother.

Along with Rose, the now "lost" Tripp-Cutter cemetery also contains the body of David Tripp who died on Feb. 12, 1858 at the age of 65. The son of James and Mary Tripp, he resided in Warwick with his wife Celia and his children; Susan, Raymond, Almira, Mary and William.

In March of 1881, half of the John Sheldon farm was sold to Emily K. Barnes. Five months later, she purchased the other half from Marietta Sheldon, Sarah Grant and Henry Burlingame.

The Tripp-Cutter cemetery had been given to the village for its free use by the Rhodes Manufacturing Company and laid out around 1801. On May 12, 1901, an unknown person or persons went into the cemetery and smashed every stone. The stone of David Tripp was destroyed along with that of infant Moses Perry Cutter, who died on June 28, 1856 and Rose Cutter, the oldest woman in Rhode Island.

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By Travis Landry
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When it comes to collecting comics, most people concern themselves with first appearances, number one issues, and everything else that falls in the standard classification of a "key." There has also been tremendous growth in modern age comics for cover variants and other limited-edition books that can achieve similar sales results to Golden and Silver Age gems. But far before the Marko Djurdjevic variant of *Ultimate Fallout* #4 became the top variant grail, Marvel was giving us variants four decades before then that most collectors still may not know about. In fact, these older variants even went under the radar of professional comic deal-

ers and collectors alike until the late 1990's. An example of this is the 30 and 35 cent Marvel price variants. Between April and August of 1976, Marvel changed the original 25 cent cover price of 186 issues to 30 cents within six test markets to see how fans would react to a 5 cent price increase. These markets included Grand Rapids Michigan, Baltimore Maryland, San Antonio Texas, Albuquerque New Mexico, and several towns within Massachusetts. Fans didn't freak out about the increase, so they repeated the process again between June and October of 1977 to raise prices from 30 cents to 35 cents. Due to the limited printing of these price variants, 35 cent indicia can take a common book typically worth \$5.00 and make it \$100.00 or more. The most valuable of price variants like this are the infamous Star Wars issue 1 35 cent variant, a book that in 9.4 condition recently sold this year for \$50,400, compared to the average \$500 sales price of a graded CGC 9.4 standard 30 cent issue. Same comic, same story, same cover, only difference is the tiny box

in the upper left-hand corner. You always want to check for those price variants, especially living in New England so close to Massachusetts! Coming up on September 16th at Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers, we will be offering the Marvel Comics Collection of Troy Potter. A gentleman who avidly collected while also owning a comic shop of his own. In the process of handling his collection, over 500 books were submitted for grading to CGC, including an array of price variants! Remember, if you are reading this and have a collection collecting dust, we are happy to take a look. You never know what you might have!

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FUNNY GIRL (Courtesy photo)

Tap dancer brings his talent to “Funny Girl”

By DON FOWLER

Twenty-five-year-old Izaiah Montaque Harris has been tap dancing since he was old enough to walk.

Taught by his choreographer mother, the Chicago-born actor/dancer honed his craft in high school, where he studied Musical Theatre.

“I love to act and dance,” Izaiah said, “and musical theatre is the perfect vehicle for me.”

Izaiah plays Eddie Ryan and has an opportunity to both show his acting and tap dancing skills.

Izaiah arrived in Providence last Wednesday for his first experience in a Broadway Road Show.

“I dropped my bags at the hotel and walked your beautiful city,” (he/him) said. “I found the bridge over the river and walked along the path looking at some kind of boat (gondola). What a beautiful city!”

The cast began Tech Week on Thursday, preparing for a September 9th opening at the Providence Performing Arts Center before hit-



IZAIAH MONTAQUE HARRIS

ting the road.

“I’m excited about traveling to different cities. I know we go from Providence to Grand Rapids and Detroit. That’s as far ahead as I’ve

looked.

“It is a humbling experience working with older dancers. It is both humbling and scary.”

“Funny Girl” may be an older musical, but it is still very relevant and stylistically advanced and timeless.

“It may still have some corny jokes, but it has great messages about relationships and some well-written music.”

The book has been updated by Harvey Fierstein and has tap choreography by Ayodele Casel.

You’ll recognize songs like “People” and “Don’t Rain on My Parade”.

The bittersweet comedy is the story of Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told her she would never be a star, but she didn’t listen to them, and, well, the rest is history.

The National Tour of “Funny Girl” opens at the Providence Performing Arts Center on September 9 and runs through September 16. Call 421-ARTS for reservations.

September in years past

By DON FOWLER

20 Years Ago

Gamm Theatre presented “The Crucible”, directed by Fred Sullivan Jr. and starring Tony Estrella as John Procter, Jin O’Brien as Rev. Hale, and Jeanine Kane as Elizabeth in a stirring production of the classic, performed at LaSalle Academy.

Trinity Rep presented David Auburn’s Pulitzer Prize winning “Proof.” Directed by Brian McEleny and starring Phyllis Kay, Mauro Hantman and Timothy Crowe.

“Always...Patsy Cline” closes Theatre-by-the-Sea summer season.

Jewel did an acoustic show at PPAC.

Festival Ballet presented “Carmen” at VMA.

Humorist David Sedaris

did a show at Rhode Island College.

We reviewed Efendi’s Mediterranean restaurant in Cranston and added it to or list of fine ethnic restaurants.

40 Years Ago

“Oliver” was at PPAC for brief weekend performances.

Woody Allen and Mia Farrow starred in “Zelig”. Rhode Island’s Beaver Brown Band members had roles in the movie, “Eddie and the Cruisers”.

Carroll O’Connor starred in “Brothers” at Boston’s Colonial Theatre.

The Players opened their 75th season at Barker Playhouse. “Bus Stop” was at Trinity.

The Sandpiper on West Shore Rd. had twin lobsters for \$8.95.



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This belief was a compelling force behind the conception, design, construction and completion of The Preserve, a Continuing Care Retirement Community on the Briarcliffe campus in Johnston. Today, the increasing number of residents who have made The Preserve their home continue to live their lives with a sense of purpose, contentment and "becoming."

Every detail of this senior living community was intentionally designed to make residents and guests alike feel at home. Many special architectural features were incorporated into the design of this innovative residential complex. Though some of these might go unnoticed by the casual observer, they nonetheless exceed the "norm" and go beyond the standards of the industry. Some of these features include:

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How is Alzheimer's Disease Different from Dementia?

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A common question we get, both in the clinical and research settings, is, "What is the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's disease?" The terms and language around these disorders are confusing.

Dementia is a clinical diagnosis. It means that someone is having cognitive difficulties, in at least two domains of thinking, that are bad enough to cause the person to have trouble successfully doing the things they need to do in their daily life. "Domains" of cognition include memory, visuospatial ability, executive functions, and language abilities. Cognitive or "neuropsychological" testing is often used to assess performance in different cognitive domains. Trouble successfully doing daily activities can manifest as trouble paying bills, forgetting appointments, remembering to take medications, and getting lost. Since dementia is a clinical diagnosis, it is based on the clinical presentation of the patient, often supplemented by information from a loved one and cognitive testing.

The diagnosis of dementia is in contrast with the diagnosis of "Mild Cognitive Impairment" in which someone has cognitive symptoms, often in just one domain, which do not significantly impair daily functioning. All patients with dementia pass through a phase of Mild Cognitive Impairment prior to developing dementia, but the converse is not necessarily true: while many do, some patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment do not progress to dementia.

When someone has dementia, the next logical question is, "What illness is causing the dementia?" Alzheimer's disease is a diagnosis of what we believe is going on in the brain to cause the cognitive difficulties we observe clinically. The definitive diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can only be made after death through a neuropathological examination of the brain. Alzheimer's disease

is defined by the presence of a certain amount of amyloid plaques and tau tangles in the brain on neuropathological examination.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, but it is not the only cause. Other causes of dementia include Lewy Body Disease, Frontotemporal dementia, and Vascular Dementia. While Alzheimer's disease usually presents with memory symptoms, some of these other causes of dementia can present with symptoms primarily in other cognitive domains. We have also learned that atypical cases of Alzheimer's disease can present with symptoms in domains other than memory, such as language.

We often utilize biological measures, including brain MRI and PET scans, to help us diagnose Alzheimer's disease in living patients. Since dementia is a clinical diagnosis and Alzheimer's disease is the diagnosis of a brain illness, dissociations between these diagnoses can occur. For example, because the brain changes of Alzheimer's disease start before clinical symptoms manifest, there may be a situation in which elevated amyloid plaques and tau tangles are detected in a person who is cognitively normal. This person would have the biological changes of Alzheimer's disease, but without dementia at that time. Although this person would be at high risk for developing dementia later.

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