

OSDRI opens Ryder House

Finally more beds for RI women who served

By RORY SCHULER

Johnston-based Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI) has more than doubled its capacity to help former servicewomen in need of a helping hand and a warm, safe bed.

On Monday, their newly expanded Woon-

socket facility was dedicated to a Warwick mom and U.S. Marine.

Recognizing the need for more shelter options for female veterans, OSDRI renovated a historic building, and reopened its Woonsocket Home for Veterans in honor of Marine Corp. Andrea T. Ryder.

DAUGHTER'S ALLEGIANCE: Andrea Ryder's 9-year-old daughter Olivia Bourassa led the pledge of allegiance at Monday's dedication ceremony. (Photo courtesy OSDRI)



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FOOTBALL FEAST



THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL RETURNS: The Johnston football team welcomed Scituate to town in a Thanksgiving Eve matchup. The Panthers rolled to the 33-14 victory, and the two teams have already agreed to make this matchup an annual tradition. See story on Page 12. Pictured is senior captain Steven Finegan celebrating with the new championship belt that the team created for the inaugural event. (Photo by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

Decking the halls for a dozen years

Holly Fair returns Saturday, Dec. 2

By PETE FONTAINE

One of Johnston High School's best holiday events will be held this Saturday, Dec. 2, inside the high school cafeteria.

"This is a free and fun event for the entire family to enjoy," said Lance Niles, president of the presenting Johnston PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization).

Niles described what to expect at the 12th Annual Holly Fair.

"There will special holiday shopping

opportunities and let's hope it doesn't rain," he said.

Niles mentioned that despite rain, last year's Holly Fair was a huge success and the all-volunteer PTSO committee is hoping Saturday's event — which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — will be the biggest and best event in the group's now 12-year history.

So, if you like bargains, specialty items for the holidays and food, plan on taking in Saturday's Holly Fair that will have nearly 40 unique vendors, food,



FAIR FOLKS: Lance Niles (center), president of the Johnston PTSO, holds a special sign made by Bori Graphics for this Saturday's Holly Fair. He's joined by committee member Lina Cruz, Rachel Salvatore, Tiffany DiBiasio, Angela Niles, Susana Cuellar-Daza and Mike Harwood. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

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JHS Panther of the Week



POTW: This week's Panther of the Week is David Roland. David is a 10th grader at Johnston High and was nominated Ms. Gina Dove. Ms. Dove said, "David is an outstanding JHS student. He is a hard worker, participates in class, and is always willing to be the first to help out a classmate. David is an active student at JHS, participating in many Homecoming and school activities. He is a polite, respectful, hardworking young man who is exactly the type of student who deserves the recognition of JHS Panther of the Week." (Photo submitted by Matt Velino, Johnston High School Principal)

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

Say you saw it in the
Johnston SunRise

She could teach Bozo the Clown how to ride a unicycle

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

The Johnston Senior Center "Spotlite" this week shines on our much admired Fitness and Dance Instructor, Fran Golombiewski.

Fran has a great following of older adults whose goals are healthy aging. At the age of 5, Fran's mother believed her daughter, who appeared shy, would benefit socially and in self-confidence, by enrolling in dance lessons.

She absolutely loved to dance, first taking tap lessons, then jazz, ballet, acrobatics, unicycle riding and ballroom. As a child she performed on Community Auditions, Bozo the Clown, and the Ted Mack Hour.

Performing was everything, and brought her to perform in Atlantic City, New York City, and Canada. She's performed with the likes of Bobby Vinton, and many other top entertainers.

Some 50 years ago, Fran was a Show-girl at the former El Morocco, and other entertainment venues. She toured for two years as a professional dancer, including the Rockettes.

At the age of 30, Fran opened her own dance studio, teaching all forms of dance to 2-year-olds to adults. They regularly performed on Cruise Lines throughout the world.

A few years ago she decided to close her studio and focus her attention on seniors, providing classes throughout the state at various senior sites. In an effort to keep seniors healthy, she now holds classes in Zumba, Chair Sit and Fit, Yagalaties, Tap, Bar Fitness, Ballroom and Line Dancing.

About 10 years ago, she formed the Fancie Senior Follies, complete with great routines and all the fancy costumes. There is no question her classes

are among the most popular events we offer here at the Center. We are looking forward to expanding the classes Fran offers to evenings, and certainly looking to schedule a performance of her Senior Follies.

If you know of someone looking for a slower pace aerobic routine, or a faster pace energetic exercise, with lots of music and lots of fun, come by and visit Fran at the Johnston Senior Center.

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



THIS WEEK'S SPOTLITE: The Johnston Senior Center "Spotlite" shines on Fitness and Dance Instructor Fran Golombiewski this week. (Photo courtesy Richard J. Delfino Jr.)



SENIOR DANCE: In this 2021 Johnston Sun Rise file photo, a class of local seniors sweat away to Zumba lessons from instructor Fran Golombiewski, who teaches dance at the Johnston Senior Center. (Sun Rise file photo by Rory Schuler)

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NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES: Johnston Police Sgt. David Galligan has been named AAA Northeast's "Traffic Safety Hero of the Year." (Photo courtesy Johnston Police)

Sgt. Galligan named AAA Northeast's 'Traffic Safety Hero of the Year'

A Johnston Police has been awarded a prestigious law enforcement honor. "We are proud to announce that Sgt. David Galligan has been recognized as the department's Traffic Safety Hero of the Year by AAA Northeast," JPD announced on their social media accounts. "Sgt. Galligan's commitment to ensuring the safety of our roads and community has not gone unnoticed, as his efforts in promoting traffic safety have made a profound impact." The "Traffic Safety Hero of the Year" award recognizes those who work to maintain safety on our the roadways and educate citizens on traffic safety. "Sgt. Galligan embodies the values of our department, going above and beyond to keep our streets safe and to protect our community," according to JPD. "His outstanding service and the difference he continues to make every day in traffic safety have made a lasting contribution to our department and the community at large."

JPD's OSDRI Food Drive a huge success

For weeks, the Johnston Police Department collected food for local veterans and their families, for Johnston-based Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI). "We would like to thank our community, officers, and civilian staff for their support and generosity during our department's Thanksgiving food drive this year," Johnston Police said in an online post. "The hundreds of contributions collected have made a difference in the lives of our veterans through Operation Stand Down Rhode Island." Donations can still be made directly to OSDRI, through the holidays and after, when the pantry shelves often run dry. "Thanks to your kindness, we've been able to make this Thanksgiving special for those who've served," JPD wrote on social media. "We're grateful for everyone who participated, donated, and volunteered their time to ensure its success. Together, we've shown the true spirit of unity and support for our veterans. Happy Thanksgiving to all!"



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POLICE LOG

GUNS & DRUGS

Police found a firearm and drug cache in a Hope Valley man's car following a crash on Halloween morning.

Around 8:30 a.m. Oct. 31, Johnston Police Patrolman Nicholas A. Crowe responded to Atwood Avenue and Rotary Drive following reports of a motor vehicle crash.

After checking one of the driver's identifications through the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), police discovered the man's license had been expired since 2018 and he had an active arrest warrant out of West Warwick Police Department.

The driver was identified as Peter J. Oliver, 48, of 861 Seven Mile Road, Hope Valley.

He was placed in handcuffs, searched and secured in the rear of a cruiser.

A RILETS check on his vehicle, a 2006 silver Ford F-150 with Florida plates, revealed it was unregistered, according to the arrest report.

A tow company was called to the scene. While "conducting an inventory search of Peter's vehicle" Crowe spotted "a small zipper bag containing two separate ... bags of large amounts of suspected marijuana, a digital scale, and a small ... bag containing a clear crystal substance suspected of being Methamphetamine in the center console of the vehicle."

Crowe reports he also discovered a Taurus Spectrum 0.38 cal. Gun loaded with five rounds and a 0.22 cal. RG revolver loaded with four rounds and one spent round.

A Rhode Island State Police trooper was called to the scene with his K-9 partner. The "K-9 indicated in the immediate area of the center console and the lower rear portion of the center console."

After more searching, police say they found four more revolvers, a Colt semi-automatic pistol, and a H&R 0.25 cal. semi-automatic pistol in a duffel bag behind the driver's seat (none were loaded).

Another "loaded semi-automatic Taurus pistol was located in a backpack behind the front passenger's seat," Crowe wrote in the arrest report.

Police also found a "RI Combination plate" on the rear seat. A RILETS check revealed the plate was canceled and last registered to someone else. Police say they also found a pair of "metal knuckles, 'Brass Knuckles'" inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Police also noticed "multiple pieces of aftermarket wiring ... below and around the center console" leading them to suspect a "vehicle hide" in the truck.

The vehicle was towed back to Johnston Police Headquarters and held in

the BCI lot pending receipt of a search warrant.

Meanwhile, following drug tests, police confirmed and weighed the suspected marijuana and the meth. The cannabis weighed 121 grams, and he meth weighed 1 gram, according to the arrest report.

Oliver was charged with two felony counts of Possession of a Firearm while Committing a Crime of Violence, nine felony counts of License Required for Carrying a Pistol, one misdemeanor count of Manufacture/Possession with Intent to Deliver Schedule I (Marijuana), one felony count of Manufacture/Possession with Intent to Deliver Schedule II (Meth) and a misdemeanor count of Weapons Other than Firearms Prohibited.

On Nov. 1, Oliver was arraigned before Rhode Island District Court Associate Judge Joseph Terence Houlihan. No plea was entered and a Pre-Arraignment Conference date was set for Feb. 14. Oliver was released on \$25,000 surety bail.

VANDALISM

Earlier this year, on Jan. 31, Johnston Police investigated a report of vandalism of a building in town. The west side of the outer brick of the structure had been painted with graffiti. Video surveillance of the area was captured and eventually reviewed by police.

Police also reviewed a 2022 Providence vandalism incident.

They also reviewed footage from another location on Jan. 26.

The suspect in all the incidents were wearing the same style "Billionaire Boys Club" varsity jacket with a stripe on both sides of the sleeves and "ice cream" on the back, according to police. He was also "wearing the same style 'skinny pants,' winter hat and ... very distinct long hair." The suspect was identified by police as Zachary A. Beattie, 23, of 15 Bower St., Cranston.

Johnston Police prepared a warrant for Beattie charging him with Graffiti or Deface Private Property.

Around 12:30 a.m., Nov. 3, Johnston Police were dispatched to the Warwick Police Department to conduct a prisoner transport for Beattie, who had been picked up on the warrant. He was processed and released with a district court summons.

SHOPLIFTING

A Johnston woman was arrested for stealing a baby onesie from the Kent County Hospital gift shop.

Around 11:42 a.m., Oct. 19, Warwick Police were called to the gift shop. On the scene, they spoke to a sales clerk who told police that a woman entered the

store about a half-hour earlier, wearing a Red Sox sweatshirt and pink leggings swiped a "Love to Moon" baby onesie from the display window. The worker told police the woman passed all points of sale without attempting to pay for the item.

The store valued the item at \$10.99. Police were told the suspect went up to a hospital room. Police made contact with the woman after she was detained by hospital security, and placed her under arrest for a misdemeanor Shoplifting charge. Police identified the woman as Nicole E. Celentano, 36, of 351 Simmonsville Ave., Apt. 302, Johnston.

A woman with Celentano also allegedly entered the gift shop at the time of the theft, but did not conceal items. Police issued both No Trespass Orders from Kent County Hospital for non-emergencies.

POSSESSION

Around 2:30 a.m., On Oct. 2, Warwick Police were on routine patrol driving south on Jefferson Boulevard near Chestnut Street when they spotted a vehicle parked at Greenmed Pros, near the intersection of Walnut and Chestnut streets.

Police noted a man and a woman and a "large amount of trash" outside the vehicle. At first the couple told police they saw "baggage" on the ground and were stopping to pick it up.

Then, police spoke to the pair separately. The woman allegedly changed her story and "admitted that they were outside of the marijuana dispensary, going through the trash cans in an attempt to locate discarded marijuana plants/seedlings that (the male suspect) would use to grow at his house."

Police asked the woman if "they had anything inside of their vehicle." She allegedly told police that they were able to "recover plants from the trash" and they were in the vehicle's trunk. She gave police consent to search the vehicle.

Police say they found a "discarded trash bag with several marijuana plants that had been removed from the dumpster," according to the arrest report.

Police looked further and say they also found a "plastic Tupperware bin containing several other discarded marijuana plants" and a "tied-off baggie containing three orange capsules" in the glove compartment.

Police identified the man as Edward J. Burton, 39, of 240 Simmonsville Ave., Apt. 2, Johnston. Police identified the woman as Carleen M. Villella, 62, also of Johnston.

Warwick Police on the scene contacted the manager of Greenmed Pro. He told police that he had previously told Villella

"that she was no longer allowed on the property" and that neither had permission to go through their dumpsters.

The manager told police he didn't want to pursue charges for the "stolen marijuana plants" or trespassing, but did want to file a No Trespass order against both Burton and Villella.

Burton was also charged for possession of a controlled substance, because police said he could not produce a prescription. He was arrested and transported to Warwick Police Headquarters. Villella was released from the scene.

Burton was charged with Possession of a Schedule I-IV Controlled Substance (less than 10 grams).

WARRANT ARREST

At 11:40 a.m., on Oct. 30, Johnston Police on a fixed post at 1025 Plainfield St. spotted a gray 2000 Honda Accord pass by and the driver was allegedly not wearing a seatbelt.

Johnston Police Patrolman Nicholas A. Crowe initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Tabbitha Vaccaro, 32, of 10 Barnes St., Apt. 10, West Warwick.

A RILETS check revealed Vaccaro had an active warrant out of East Providence for child neglect, according to the arrest report. She was taken into custody, handcuffed and secured in the rear of a cruiser.

Vaccaro was transported to headquarters, processed, photographed and secured in a cell until she was transported to the East Providence Police Department. Vaccaro was also cited for No Seat Belt Operator and her vehicle was towed from the scene.

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SUN RISE SCOOPS

Sun Rise Staff Reports

Dec. 2 & 3

The Chorus of Kent County Holiday Concert
 "Joyful Voices" will be held on Sat., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, at 2:30 p.m. Performance will be held at West Warwick High School, 1 Webster Knight Dr., West Warwick. Tickets: \$17 in advance/\$20 day of event/\$10 children 10 & under (under 2 free). For ticket purchases, please call 401-862-3105 or purchase online: chorusofkentcounty.com/concert-information.

Dec. 5

Photographic Society of RI

PSRI will hold its meeting on Tues., Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., as a social time and the meeting will start

at 7 p.m. It will be held at Lakewood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Ave., Warwick. We will be holding the Nature Digital Competition #1. If you like nature photography, you will really enjoy this program. Future meetings will include live demos, competitions, set-ups for photo ops, image studies and presentations from experts on a vast array of topics for a wide range of skill levels. Whether a member or not, please come and enjoy the program and to see what the club is all about.

Dec. 6

Nonfiction@Brown Lecture Series

Brown's Lecture Series presents: Georgia Wright. On Wed., Dec 6, at 6 p.m. as Nonfiction@Brown presents the audio storyteller and producer Georgia Wright. This event is

free and open to the public! The reading will be held in Pembroke Hall Room 305, 172 Meeting Street Providence.

Dec. 7-10

'Oh? What Fun!'

This concert will be performed by the Rhode Island Gay Men's Chorus on Thurs., Dec. 7, Fri. Dec. 8, Sat. Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset St., Providence. Combining traditional holiday favorites, the chorus is proud to be honoring the diverse heritages of choral members with songs of the French, Italian, Portuguese, Jewish, Czech, Irish, Latina, East Asian ethnicities. Join them in their celebration of each other's unique qualities. This is sure to be a sparkling concert filled with music of the season. Tick-

ets are on sale now: Adults \$30, Seniors \$25 and Students \$20. To purchase tickets, please visit: rigmc.org.

Dec. 7-14

Online Holiday Auction for Special Olympics RI

An on-line event is taking place during this holiday season with Special Olympics Rhode Island's annual Holiday Auction allowing shoppers to find the perfect gifts from the comfort of their home while making a meaningful impact! The auction runs from Thurs., Dec. 7, starting at 9 a.m., through Thurs., Dec. 14, at 9 a.m. Bid on diverse items such as Boston Red Sox tickets, an autographed Boston Bruins jersey, tickets to Ballet RI's "The Nutcracker," a two-night getaway to Margaritaville Resort Times Square, restaurant experiences and more. Bids will support the transformative programs offered by Special Olympics Rhode Island. To participate in the auction, visit <https://bforg.com/sori> starting December 7 - the go-live date. For those interested in donating items or gift certificates, please call Special Olympics Rhode Island at (401) 349-4900.

Dec. 9

Hope Historical Society Christmas Meeting

The meeting is to be held on Sat., Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the Howland Barn located at 35 Rye-field Road in Hope. Join members of the Hope Historical Society as they make merry with some olde-fashioned fun, refreshments, special games, caroling, and maybe a special visitor to celebrate the holiday season. Members and guests are invited to bring a special Christmas food item to share and offer the story behind what makes their Christmas food item special. Unique gifts that cel-

ebate the history of the Hope area will be available for purchase.

Dec. 9

St. Lucia Fest

The St. Lucia Fest, sponsored by the RI Swedish Heritage Association, will be held on Sat., Dec. 9, at 4 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce St., East Greenwich. Adults: \$12, Ages 5-14: \$5, Under 5 - Free. Reception following with Swedish refreshments. Questions or information: contact Astrid at 401-350-9688 or astrid.m.drew@gmail.com or Merlene Mayette at 401-783-2242 or merleneinri@verizon.net.

Jan. 1

Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics RI

Registration is Open for New Year's Day event, the longest running New Year's Day Plunge in Rhode Island. Embrace the invigorating spirit of the New Year by taking the 48th annual plunge, quite literally, into Special Olympics Rhode Island's 48th annual Penguin Plunge at Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett! Join the fun on New Year's Day, Mon., Jan. 1, to make a splash for a cause that truly warms the heart - supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Rhode Island. The main plunge kicks off at 12 noon and a family-friendly plunge at 12:30 p.m. Your participation or donation will not only kick off 2024 with a memorable experience but also contribute to a brighter future for these athletes, empowering them to achieve their dreams. Registration is \$25 and additional fundraising is encouraged. Those who pre-register and raise a minimum of \$50 will receive a fun, official t-shirt. To participate in the Penguin Plunge or support a daring individual or team, online.

p.m. In-person only at the Rochambeau Library in the Community Room, Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope Street, Providence (NEW-starts Aug.)

Second Tuesday at 5 p.m. In-person only at the Middletown Public Library in the Community Room. Middletown Library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown.

Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Meets via Zoom only. Please call 401-331-3060 or email info@namirhodeisland.org for the Zoom link.

Fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. In-person only at the Hope Valley Grange, 71116 Main St., Hope Valley.

Soul of '71

Scholarship Fund

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

Help OSDRI restock their pantry!

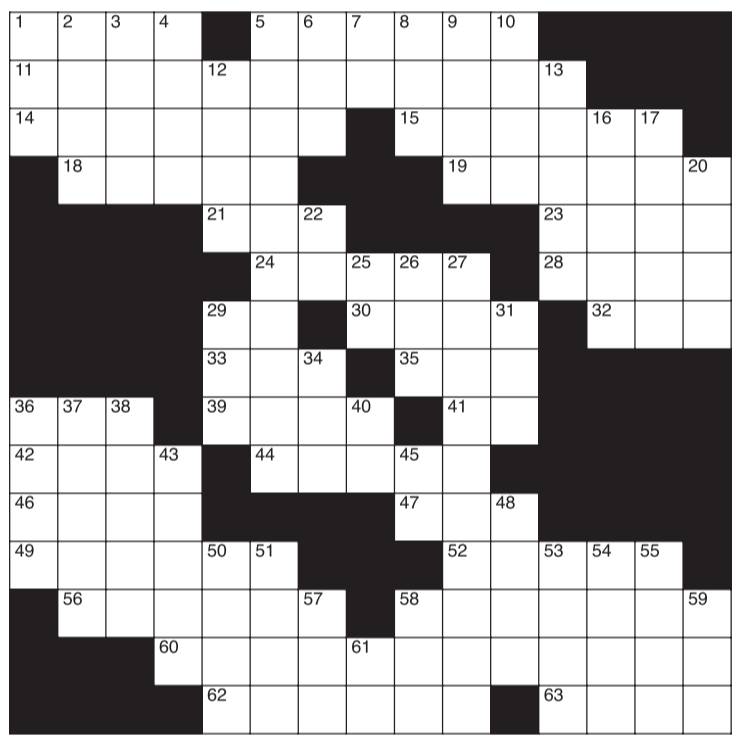
Operation Stand Down Rhode Island needs your help. Their food pantry needs a major restocking. See a list of needed non-perishable items in the photo.

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.

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORNER



CLUES ACROSS

1. Old English letters
5. Sculpture
11. Showing up again
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
19. Mark over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular race: ___ 500
24. Pile up
28. Mint
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Small Eurasian deer
33. Baseball stat
35. Numbers cruncher
36. Japanese masked drama
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. Gordon and Snider are two
3. Geographical region of Finland
4. Ejected saliva
5. A way of performing
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. Foolish person (Brit.)
13. Of the wind
16. Grand home
17. Sound

20. English river
22. Symbol indicating ownership
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Apart from
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Sea bream
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. South Dakota
43. An orderly crowd
45. Indicates position
48. ___-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Nocturnal flyers
54. American state
55. Clusters in fern fronds
57. Patriotic women
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Popular film "Despicable ___"

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11/30/23

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

We shouldn't be last in giving this gift

Our story this week highlighting a conference held by the New England Donor Services left us with a couple of resounding thoughts, but the biggest takeaway was that Rhode Islanders should not be satisfied being last in the region in terms of the number of people who sign up as organ donors.

Even if you do not have a personal example of a loved one who has faced certain death or sadly succumbed to a disease while waiting for (or ultimately not receiving) a vital organ transplant, it isn't difficult to imagine how such a fate could happen to any one of us, and how drastically our perspective on the issue would shift if we found ourselves in such a predicament.

• WHERE TO WRITE:
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Despite the fact that 95 percent of organ donors opt into the practice through license registrations or renewals, only 45 percent of Rhode Island drivers are actually opted in. While we are sure that some small percentage of people have religious beliefs or customs that preclude them from donating organs, it would seem highly unlikely that 55% of Rhode Islanders of driving age have some deeply rooted fundamental opposition preventing them from completing a free, hassle-free process that requires nothing more than checking a box on a DMV form.

We find it much more likely that the lack of organ donors in Rhode Island can be attributed to a lack of awareness about how useful being an organ donor actually can be. Certainly, it is a morbid thing to conceive of during a run-of-the-mill week while completing a task as banal as renewing your license, however it is worth thinking of all the same.

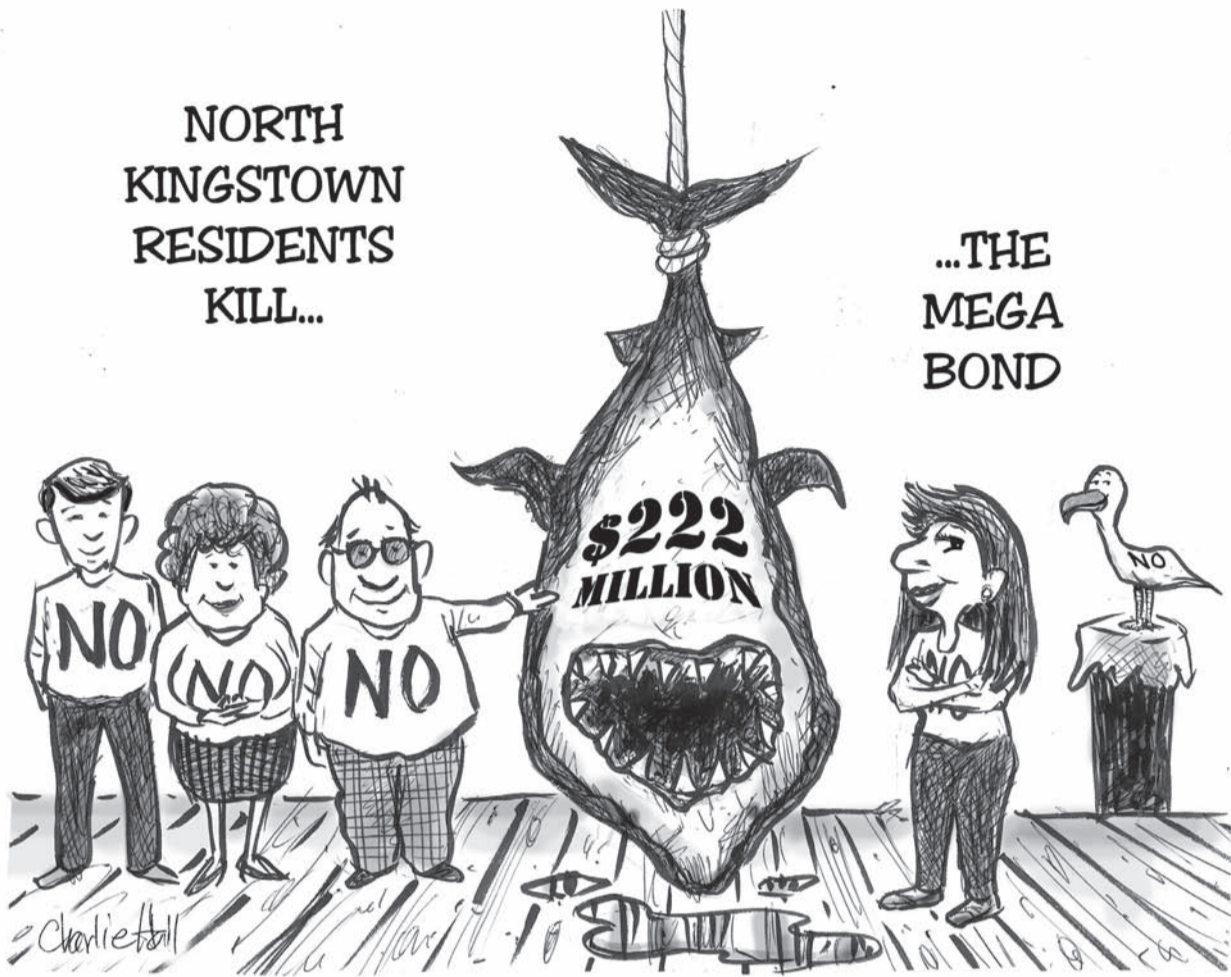
Every organ donor, on average, can save three lives (and as many as eight), utilizing many different functioning organs that — forgive us for being blunt — you won't be needing once you have passed on. Rather than have those organs be pumped full of preserving fluids during the embalming process (like happens during traditional burials), why not provide a child, a mother, a grandfather, or anyone else who may need one of those organs, the chance to continue to live and thrive thanks to your forward-thinking decision?

In a kind of abstract and beautiful way, becoming an organ donor actually also provides the opportunity for a small part of you to live on in another person; be that a relative, friend, or even someone you have never met who will for the rest of their life honor your memory through a sense of unparalleled gratitude.

Finding the perfect gift can be difficult this time of year, but this particular gift can mean more than any others, and it comes at absolutely no cost to you.

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LETTERS

Johnston Republican Town Committee Member appointed to BOC

We are pleased to report that it was a unanimous decision by the Johnston Town Council in appointing Susana Cuellar-Daza, of the Johnston Republican Town Committee, to the Board of Canvassers to fill the Republican vacancy.

Susana Cuellar-Daza was also just recognized and awarded the High Five Award by the RIGOP for her outstanding service to the RIGOP and the Johnston Republican Town Committee. We all know her strong work ethic and very much appreciate her enthusiasm in everything she does.

Congratulations Susie! Keep up the good work!

The Johnston Republican Town Committee

GIMME FIVE: At right, Susana Cuellar-Daza was recently awarded the High Five Award by the RIGOP for her outstanding service to the RIGOP and the Johnston Republican Town Committee. She received the award from RIGOP Chairman Joe Powers. (Photo courtesy the JRTC)



So much to learn about Roger Williams

To the Editor:

As the holidays are here, this is a good time to talk about Roger Williams. I have been studying Roger Williams for six years, and here are some of his ideas:

1. There was no need for churches or congregations. Roger believed that all human groups were corrupt. The word "Church" to early Christians referred to small discussion groups, and not to organized and structured forms of worship.

2. Attending a university was not necessary to preach, because the Apostles were fishers and carpenters.

3. The Covenants of Faith and Works are just ways to seek salvation, so we do not need them.

4. Roger was a member of a small group which has been called the first Baptist church in America in 1638. He stayed with this group for a few weeks, and left them to become a Seeker, having no denominational attachments.

5. "... The enforcing of the nation to such a church (Church of England) is the greatest sole oppression in this nation ..."

6. "... It is the absolute duty of the civil state to set free the souls of all men from that so long oppressing yoke of such ministries and churches..."

7. "... Ought the nation and every person in it, be permitted to see with his own eyes and to make free choice of what worship and ministry and maintenance they please ..."

8. The Apostolic Commission, "... has long since been interrupted and discontinued ..." The incarnation ended it.

9. Only adults can be baptized.

10. Christenings Make Not Christians. By Roger Williams in 1645.

11. There should be no use of the Book of Common Prayer

12. Christianity started with equality between men and women. It should have no tribal influences such as Christmas, Easter, incense,

stained glass windows, and more.

13. Christians are required to work actively in improving their communities.

Marc Kohler

Editor's Note: Marc Kohler is a 1969 graduate from Brown. For twenty five years, he ran The Puppet Workshop, a non-profit theater group. In 2017, he was writing a storytelling piece about the "Burning of the Gaspee." During that project, he discovered Roger Williams. John McNiff, a ranger at the Roger Williams National Memorial, recommended he read "Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul: Church, State, and the Birth of Liberty" by John Barry. Mr. Barry has been advising Kohler since 2017. Kohler spent some years creating the Roger Williams Educational Foundation, and he has created a lengthy collection of essays, documents, and newspaper articles rwefoundation.org.

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Johnston Police exchange gunfire with shooting suspects in Providence

CHIEF VIEIRA: 'A reminder of the inherent dangers police officers can face in protecting their communities'

By RORY SCHULER

Early Monday morning, Johnston Police spotted a vehicle wanted in connection to a Providence shooting. According to Johnston Police Chief Mark A. Vieira, they chased the vehicle; the occupants eventually fled the car on foot but fired at pursuing police.

And Johnston police returned fire. No police were injured and the fate of the suspects remained unknown Wednesday morning. Since police fired on the suspect, a "multi-agency investigation" will follow.

Shortly before noon Monday, Nov. 27, Vieira circulated a press release titled "Johnston Police Officer-Involved Shooting." According to the release, around 1:50 a.m., "there was a Johnston Police officer-involved shooting in the area of Maynard Street and Unit Street in the City of Providence."

The shooting followed reports from another neighboring town to Be On the

Lookout (BOLO) for a wanted vehicle.

"Prior to the incident, the North Providence Police Department disseminated a BOLO for a silver GMC Savana connected to a shooting that reportedly occurred in the City of Providence," according to police. "Within minutes of the BOLO being disseminated, a Johnston Police Officer observed the suspect vehicle traveling on Newman Avenue in Johnston and initiated a motor vehicle pursuit."

The chase continued into Providence, from Manton Avenue to Chalkstone Avenue, and ultimately ended in the vicinity of Maynard and Unit streets "where the suspect vehicle stopped and both occupants fled from the vehicle on foot," according to police.

That's when gunshots rang out.

"The officer engaged in a foot pursuit of the suspects at which time one of the suspects discharged multiple rounds of gunfire at the officer and the officer returned fire," according to the press re-

lease. "The suspects evaded capture and law enforcement is actively investigating to identify the suspects. At this time, it has not been verified if the shooter was struck by the officer's gunfire. The officer was not hit by the suspect's gunfire and was not injured."

To conclude the press release, Johnston Police said they'll be investigating the incident "in accordance with the Rhode Island Attorney General's protocol for a review and joint investigation by members of the (AG's) Office, the Rhode Island State Police, and the Johnston Police Department."

Late Tuesday afternoon, Vieira said there was little more he could say about the exchange of gunfire between his officers and a pair of suspects in the neighboring Capital city.

"At this time, there is no updated information or details available to disseminate regarding the officer-involved shooting," Vieira responded via email to requests for information beyond the press release. "The incident remains an active and ongoing multi-agency investigation."

At press-time, a request for comment from Attorney General Peter F. Neronha's Office was still pending.

"Thankfully, the officer and innocent bystanders were not injured during the incident," Vieira said Tuesday. "This incident serves as a reminder of the inherent dangers police officers can face in protecting their communities."

Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Jr. replied to a request for comment Wednesday morning.

"I'm not going to comment on the case specifically due to the Attorney General's policies, but I will say I am thankful the officer and public were unharmed," Polisena wrote. "I think this highlights the fact that we need to not only support our police, but support technology that makes their jobs safer and strengthens safety in the community."

The mayor touted additions to the department, made since he took office in January.

"Chief Vieira and I have hired nine officers in less than a year and raised the salary of our officers so they're no longer some of the lowest paid in the state," Polisena explained. "We will continue hiring good quality candidates, but we will also invest in tech through grant applications and using the opioid settlement funds."

Transplant success stories offer living proof

You can save a life

By JOHN HOWELL

Two women, one who wouldn't have lived to celebrate her second birthday and the other hours away from dying gave thanks for their lives last Tuesday and urged people to register as tissue and organ donors.

Thirty-two years ago Rachel Drane was born with a life threatening disease. Doctors did their best and Rachel's family held on to hope through what she described a "long and difficult health battle." She was placed on a waitlist for a liver and at just 14 months old a match was found.

"It is extremely special to be the recipient of an incredible gift that has allowed me to live my life to the fullest and be an active member of the donate community," she said at a press conference at City Council Chambers.

By her side was a lineup of people brought together by Matt Boger of New England Donor Services (NEDS) to shine the spotlight on registering as an organ donor. According to NEDS, 1,325 lives were saved in New England by organ donation in 2022, a 7.9% increase from 2021 and thousands of more lives were enhanced through the gift of tissue donation.

Still the need is great.

Boger said 20 people die daily waiting for a transplant, a number he believes could be significantly reduced if more people would register as donors. He said 95 percent of registered donors do so through the Department of Motor Vehicles when they get or renew their license. Yet, and as simple as that is – a check off on the license form – only about 45 percent of Rhode Island drivers are registered donors.

This puts the Ocean State at the bottom of registered donors in New England states. Maine is at the top at 57 percent and Colorado leads the nation with 62 percent.

Each donor is capable of saving eight lives, although on average the number is three. So far this year there have been 500 northeast donors, meaning about 1,500 lives saved. All donations come from persons who have died at a hospital.

"The DMV is committed to give everyone the opportunity to register," said DMV Director Walter "Bud" Craddock. His goal is to increase the level to more than 50 percent of licensed drivers.

Terry Perrotta of Cranston is one of those who registered as a donor and never in her "wildest dreams" imagined she would be a beneficiary of the program.

Now, Terry said at the event, "every-

day is Thanksgiving."

The recipient of a double lung transplant, Terry spoke of how she was on death's door and on total life support from pulmonary hypertension. Her family was told she had a 2 percent chance of survival.

"My organs were shutting down; the only option left was to remove life support. My family requested 24 more hours."

Terry gave an abbreviated version of her story last Tuesday.

In a follow up interview she went into greater detail.

The story is one that includes remarrying her ex-husband, John Perrotta who is a comedian, and taking her from seemingly hopeless conditions to where she is now – seeing her grandchildren which she never thought possible.

Terry had no intention of remarrying John, but when he learned of her illness and offered to help by caring for the kids she accepted his offer. His commitment didn't waiver. As she couldn't make the trip by herself, John drove her to Cleveland in 2012 to get her listed for a double lung transplant.

"If it was not for John I would have been dead," she said.

Then in January of 2013, Terry went into a coma. The family was told without a transplant she would die. A jet flew in to take her to Cleveland, however, her oxygen levels had fallen so low that she wasn't expected to survive the flight. Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) a method of life support that uses a cardiopulmonary bypass machine to temporarily assume the work of the heart and lungs in cases of extreme cardiac or respiratory failure was being used at Hasbro Hospital. It had never been used on adult patients.

They went for it.

Terry became the first Rhode Island adult to use ECMO. Ambulances at both ends of her flight to Cleveland as well as the plane were equipped with the system but even so she was close to dying.

'We can't give you hope where's no hope,' doctors told John. The docs put the odds of getting a matching transplant with so little time at 2 percent.

But the family held onto hope and requested Terry be kept on life support for at least another 24 hours.

At 2 a.m. on Jan. 30, 2013 her family received a call a donor had been located. But they didn't know if it was a match. Another call followed five hours later with the news the "lungs were a perfect match."

Terry welcomed the chance to tell her story as "living proof" of how a simple



FOREVER THANKFUL: Rachel Drane, left, and Terry Perrotta, recipients of organ donations tell their stories at a New England Donor Services event directed at getting more people to register as organ donors. (Johnston Sun Rise photos)



GIVING THANKS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING: Recipients of organ donations and friends and relatives of those receiving an organ gathered last Tuesday at Warwick City Hall as part of a campaign to get more people to register as organ donors. Rhode Island lags behind New England states in the percentage of those with licenses having registered as donors.

process as registering as an organ donor saves lives and can mean so much.

"Since my transplant," she said, "I've been able to see my children graduate college, get married and meet my grandchild."

She makes it sound simple, but it wasn't. After being in such an extended coma, she was unable to walk. She needed to regain strength. Terry could have gone on disability, but she went back to the accounting firm where she had worked prior to her illness. The firm has since changed hands and Terry has left.

Others at the press conference spoke of their experiences.

Senator Mark McKenney called an organ donation "the most valuable of gifts."

His father died in 1988 in Pittsburgh while waiting for a waiting for a suitable heart transplant. He questions if organ donations had been better understood and acceptable at the time whether a match would have been found.

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson also spoke of her family and her 33-year old cousin Vinny who received a kidney donation this year, making her family especially grateful this Thanksgiving.

Rep. Joseph Solomon, spoke of his uncle who was the recipient of a heart transplant and the importance of registering as a donor. He thanked those who have registered for being prepared to give of themselves to ensure the lives of others.

Based in Waltham, MA, the New England Donor Services represents the federally-designated, non-profit Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) responsible for the surgical recovery of organs and tissues for transplant throughout the New England region.

While Boger points out that it is very unlikely those who register would become donors, their actions could save a life and many as many as eight lives. The message, he points out, is the importance of registering.

Both Terry and Rachel can attest to that.

GOODFELLAS FINALE 2023

Annual bike run raises more than \$40,000 for Hasbro

By PETE FONTAINE

Goodfellas Motorcycle Club was established seven years ago and has raised more than \$150,000 for Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"Men can do very limited things alone," Johnston resident Bruno Ramieri was saying inside Brewed Awakenings the other morning. "But when they unite together they can do unimaginable things."

And Ramieri, people like Goodfellas founder Anthony "Cal" Calabro will tell you, "has been a huge part (of) the non-profit's success in recent years."

Some three years ago, Ramieri read about the Goodfellas working to help with programs at Hasbro Children's Hospital, so he reached out to Calabro and set up a meeting with club officials.

The result?

"I got very invested in the Goodfellas club because Hasbro is my favorite charity," Ramieri said. "So, I decided to offer them a matching amount of \$20,000 if they could reach that amount. They did and I am forever grateful for getting involved with them for this great cause."

In each of the past three runs, some 200-plus bikers and riders have raised more than \$20,000. And with Ramieri's extraordinary act of generosity the total has swelled to over \$40,000 each year and will continue to grow as new donors climb on board due to the club's ever-increasing popularity.

Meanwhile, Michele Brannigan — Hasbro's Senior Major Gifts Officer/Campaign Manager who was at the recent check presentation ceremony — emphasized: "The Goodfellas community of supporters keeps growing year after year and Hasbro Children's Hospital is so grateful. They are such a dedicated group. It's inspiring to see how much they truly care about the children in our community."

Brannigan then issued a toast to "honorary Mr. Goodfella Bruno Ramieri and his matching gift that doubles in impact."

"I know I speak for everyone when I express how much we appreciate both Bruno and the steadfast partnership of Stephanie (Harris) and Strings Bar & Grille," he said. "On behalf of all the families we serve at Hasbro Children's Hospital thank you to the Goodfellas and everyone who supports them."

As it has in recent years, this year's seventh annual Goodfellas run started under escort by the Johnston Police Department and continued into Connecticut before heading back to the club's headquarters in Johnston.

What started as a small bike ride to help the community and honor Goodfellas family members who had passed has turned into a successful and unique fundraiser.

"We could never accomplish this without the generous donations from major donors and all our friends and relatives that donated to this wonderful cause, especially Mr. Goodfella Bruno Ramieri," said Calabro. "I am honored to be a part of the Goodfellas and pray we can keep doing what we've been doing for years to come."

The major donors list includes Gina and Tatiana Difante, Richard and Becky Notardonato, Falcone & Associates, Robert and Jennifer Calabro, Rosciti Construction, Dan and Gena Calabro, Philip Maxwell, Cotia Electric, Serenity Transfer Livery, Brennan JF Company, RA DeCesare Builders, D & J Investments, Buzzy's Bar, Michael Barone Construction and Freedom Tech. Inc.



HASBRO HELPERS:

Above, Goodfellas Motorcycle Club founder Cal Calabro (left) is joined by Stephanie Harris, Mr. Goodfella Bruno Ramieri, Michele Brannigan, Jasella Milsoulis and Goodfellas Club member Jeff Gauch during the club's check presentation held inside David Leveque's Brewed Awakenings of Atwood Avenue in Johnston. Johnston resident Michael Keough helped make the check presentation to Hasbro Children's Hospital special by making this special giant mock check. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

Celebrate the Season Highland Memorial Park's 22nd Annual Christmas Remembrance Service

Sunday, December 10, 2023

4:00 pm • Highland Memorial Park

One Rhode Island Avenue, Johnston, RI



This non-denominational event offers an opportunity for families throughout Rhode Island to join in the holiday spirit of giving and pay respect to the memory of their deceased loved ones no matter where they are laid to rest.

...Giving —

Families are encouraged to bring an unwrapped new toy for needy children.

Remembrance...

Beginning November 27, 2023, families can bring in their pewter ornaments and they will be hung by cemetery staff. The cemetery staff will hang all pewter ornaments saved by the cemetery, which is approximately 1,000 family ornaments which will remain displayed on the trees until January 5, 2024.



The event will feature:

- The Meaning of Christmas by: **Father Robert Bailey, Retired**
- **Special presentation by: RubyMarie Corsi, Award-Winning Soloist, First Place New England Music Festival 3 Years Running**
- Holiday Group Singing
- Ceremonial lighting of Christmas trees

All ages are welcome

Ceremony to be held inside Chapel Mausoleum
Refreshments available immediately following the ceremony.

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By JENNIFER COATES

The busy holiday season is upon us, and as usual, time is the one thing we need the most of, and yet have the least of. As your "to-do" list grows, so do the piles of laundry accumulating in your hampers. With time fleeting and lists growing, it is more important than ever to enlist the help of Jain's Laundry in Johnston. Why spend the little time you DO have this time of year laboring over a pile of laundry when you have the able, efficient and willing hands of Kaushal Jain to help you carry the load?

For an incredible .69/pound, you can have your laundry washed, softened, dried, and even folded at Jain's Laundry. What an incredible time-saver! Besides the convenience of this great service, this incredible price also covers the cost of the softener, bleach, soap and hangers! When life is already so full and free time

is such a rarity, there are few reasons why NOT to take advantage of this amazing, same-day service.

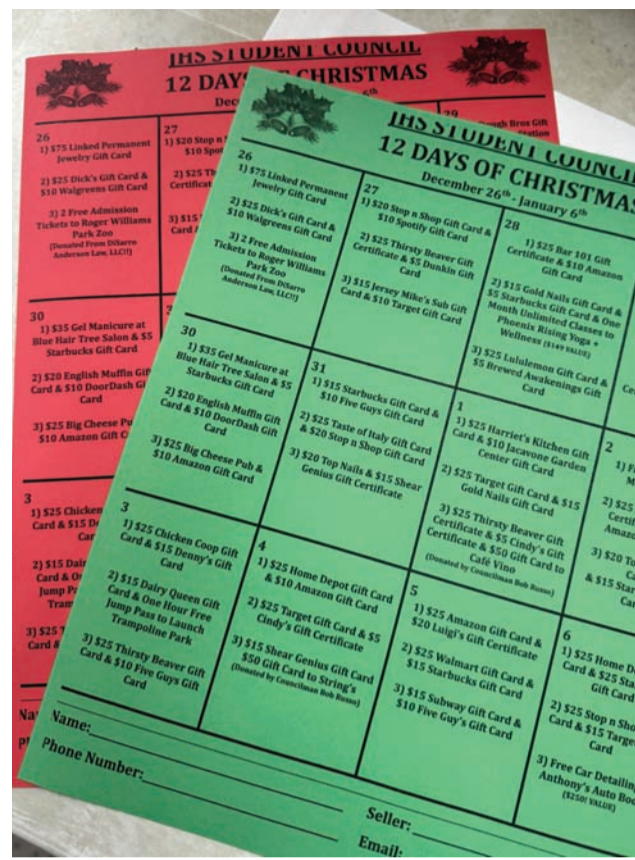
Jain's Laundry, conveniently located at 39 Putnam Pike in Johnston, is a full-service Laundromat. For the most competitive prices in the area, you will find here both the wash-fold, same-day service offered by Kaushal as well as a room full of coin-operated washers and dryers for the "do-it-yourselfers". Don't have enough quarters? No worries, the Jain's have got you covered. A change machine (accepts up to a \$20.00 bill) is available on the premises.

There are large capacity machines available for all size loads, from 25 pounds to 65 pounds. The top loading machines are available here for only \$2.00 per load. Vending machines are on-site if you need to re-stock your supply of detergent, softener or laundry bags.

This family-owned and operated business had been offering these convenient services for its 30th year this year. There is plenty of parking and a friendly, helpful staff here, ready to meet the needs of all their residential and commercial customers. You can stay in their clean waiting area between cycles or leave and return between loads. There is always someone there to keep an eye on your clothes or help you as needed.

Jain's Laundry is found in the Plaza 44 shopping plaza on 39 Putnam Pike. It is handicap accessible, and open seven days each week - from 8 am to 9 pm, Monday through Friday, and 7 am to 8 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the services that are available, call 401-231-7019.

SCOOP OF THE WEEK



Keep your dates straight

Buy a Christmas Calendar from the JHS Student Council

By LUCAS P. ANDERSON

The Johnston High School Student Council is hosting its annual Christmas Calendar fundraiser from Dec. 26 through Jan. 12.

If you buy a calendar, you will get your name entered into the raffle. The amount of calendars you purchase correlates to the amount of times your name gets entered into the raffle.

There will be three people who win each day with multiple prizes.

If you would like to buy a calendar to help out the Johnston Student Council, you can contact the advisor Greg Russo, or the Student Council President Alexia DiLorenzo.

On behalf of the Johnston High School Student Council, thank you to the local businesses and organizations for donating to the raffle fundraiser!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lucas P. Anderson serves as Johnston High School Student Council Vice President and Representative of the Class of 2025. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes submissions from Johnston students.

■ Holly

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refreshments, raffles, prizes, music and a special visit from Santa Claus and some of his elves.

Among the offerings will be homemade wreaths, holiday ornaments and decorations and stuffed animals, baby dolls, kitchen towels, trivets, magnets, seasonal gifts and holiday luminaires.

"We'll also have beauty and skin care products, bling jewelry, Touchstone Jewelry, farmhouse décor, gifts for your favorite teacher, and of course chocolate and baked goods that will satisfy even the sweetest of teeth," Niles went on. "There will be something for everyone on Saturday."

Likewise, all four Johnston High School classes will have special booths manned by students and assisted by faculty members like Mike Harwood, a JHS art teacher who is also the Class of 2024's advisor.

"Of course, all proceeds from the Holly Fair will benefit the students at Johnston High School," Niles emphasized. "We are excited about the Holly Fair, and we are proud to serve the Johnston School community."

Community, in fact, is a key word for Holly Fair 12. "This has become a community event," Niles noted while explaining the support from local businesses like Northeast East Auto Body, the Town of Johnston, Yorker Shoes and Senior Center that have promoted the event on their digital signs. "We are thankful for the generous support we've received this year."

Niles also announced that local businesses like This Guy's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, Pat's Italian Restaurant, Brewed Awakenings and Dave's Marketplace have made donations in different forms.

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OSDRI

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“Andrea Ryder is a local Rhode Island hero, who not only served her Country selflessly, but continued to put others before herself when she made the decision to risk her own health in order to give life to her unborn child,” said OSDRI Executive Director Erik Wallin. “We are honored to name this property after her and let her legacy continue to live on through OSDRI’s work with female veterans.”

Ryder’s husband Dennis M.G. Bourassa Jr. attended Monday’s ceremony with their daughter, Olivia.

Ryder’s daughter, now 9 years old, led the pledge of allegiance to start the event. Audience members included Rhode Island Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse and Rhode Island Director of Veterans Affairs Kasim J. Yarn.

“After extensive restoration, OSDRI has repurposed the historic Woonsocket property into a transitional home for homeless female veterans,” according to OSDRI.

The house at 492 South Main St., Woonsocket, was dedicated in honor of Ryder, a native Rhode Islander who enlisted in the Marine Corps after attending Warwick Veteran’s High School and CCRI.

Ryder was a corporal in the United States Marines. She deployed to Afghanistan and served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to her 2020 obituary, “she was very proud of being a Marine.” Ryder loved to travel, explore, take road trips and visit casinos. She collected Care Bears.

“After leaving service she was diagnosed with stage 3 melanoma cancer connected to her overseas deployments,” according to OSDRI. “After numerous surgeries she appeared to be in remission. In 2014, Andrea learned she was pregnant, and that the cancer had returned and was now stage 4. When faced with the decision between treating the cancer or the life of her unborn child, Ms. Ryder chose her child.”

Ryder gave birth to baby Olivia later that year.

“On June 29, 2020 Ms. Ryder ultimately succumbed to her cancer after spending time in hospice,” according to OSDRI. The wide-reaching organization

helps an estimated 2,000 veterans annually, and, like the rest of the nation, the Ocean State’s share of female veterans grows each year.

Director of the VA Providence Healthcare System Lawrence B. Connell spoke at Monday’s ceremony.

“The house is truly magnificent and has accommodations for up to 10 homeless women Veterans while they work towards self-sufficiency,” he said, according to an online post by Public Affairs Officer John Loughlin.

“The facility is named after USMC Corporal Andrea T. Ryder who passed away at the age of 34 from service-connected cancer,” Loughlin wrote. “Most notably, Andrea refused life-saving chemo and radiation therapy when she learned she was pregnant.”

U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) Denis R. McDonough visited OSDRI’s Johnston headquarters last week and confirmed the “fastest growing cohort for veterans in VA are women veterans.”

While the overall number of U.S. veterans has been shrinking nationwide, the percentage of women in the military has soared. While the vast majority of veterans’ resources had historically been targeted for men, OSDRI recognized the trend more than a decade ago. In 2010, OSDRI named the “Holly Charette House” after Lance Corporal Holly A. Charette, of Cranston, who was the nation’s first female Marine killed in Iraq.

“(Since, OSDRI founder and Board President) Tony DeQuattro founded the Holly Charette House, which was the first 10 years ago, there hasn’t been a night when the beds have not been full,” Wallin said last week. “So we’re going to commit ourselves again, to helping more of our sisters who have served alongside all of us in the last 20-25 years.”

“We at VA have to be better prepared,” McDonough admitted.

According to OSDRI, the Woonsocket home dates back to 1865 and has been added to the historic registry of homes.

The building will house “10 female veterans identified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as homeless,” according to the organization. “The residents will be enrolled in OSDRI’s transitional program and have access to OSDRI’s myriad of services as they work to transition to permanent housing. Services include employment, benefits assistance, legal assistance, basic human needs, and case management.”



IN HER HONOR: Woonsocket Home for Veterans has been reopened in honor of Marine Corporal Andrea T. Ryder who died in 2020 at the age of 34 from service-connected cancer. (Obituary photo)



DEDICATED: Director of the VA Providence Healthcare System Lawrence B. Connell spoke at Monday’s ceremony. (Photo courtesy VA Public Affairs Officer John Loughlin, va.gov)



THEY SERVED: This Woonsocket home was renovated and will be used for transitional housing for female veterans. On Monday, Johnston’s OSDRI reopened the Woonsocket Home for Veterans in honor of Marine Corporal Andrea T. Ryder. (Photo courtesy OSDRI)



LOST TOO SOON: Attendees were welcomed with a collage of photos of Andrea T. Ryder. Ryder died in 2020 at the age of 34 from service-connected cancer. (Photo courtesy OSDRI)

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Sports

Panthers cruise to Turkey Day win

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Thanksgiving football returned to Johnston High School as the Panthers took on Scituate in what they hope will be the program's latest annual tradition. The Panthers saved some of their best football for the fall finale, rolling to the 33-14 decision.

Johnston quarterback Matt Clements finished the day going 7-for-7, tossing touchdowns to Michael Carlino and Dylan Guernon, while Steven Finegan and Mikey Messina rushed for scores. Finegan put on another show in front of the Panther faithful, as he finished with over 150 all purpose yards and also returned a kickoff for a score.

It was the first time since 2021 that Johnston was able to play a Thanksgiving game and has struggled to find a partner over the years. Scituate, though, has already agreed to run it back next Turkey Day on its home turf, so Johnston head coach Joe Acciaro hopes that it will be a sustainable matchup moving forward.

"It was fun and I don't think (the players) realized the times that we have



TAKING THE BELT: Johnston's Nathan Della Morte shows off the Turkey Day belt. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE: Above is a look at the veteran golfers that made the trip to the annual GCC golf outing, raising funds toward Wreaths Across America. (Submitted photos)

GCC hosts annual Veterans Day golf outing

By PETE FONTAINE

The recent Veterans Day Memorial Golf Tournament was a show of respect and more from a host of adult volunteers, generous business owners and even a group of third grade school students.

"The tournament was great," Chairman Vin LaFazia offered while noting there was even a waiting list. "The response was overwhelming."

Thus, 72 golfers teed off at famed Gloucester Country Club after enjoying a bountiful

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Thanksgiving matchups gave lots to chew on

We had three Thanksgiving football games this past week at Beacon Communications and there were three distinct storylines in each of them. Of course, no two or three games are identical in terms of background, but these three Turkey Day matchups all had big picture stories that gave us a lot to chew on moving forward (pun intended).

For Cranston, the Bolts nearly completed the comeback win to pull off the upset, but the Falcons would make the plays necessary deep in the fourth quarter to hold on to the series lead.

Heading into this game, I figured it would be a competitive win for the Falcons, but this was even closer than I imagined.

What this game shows us is that we are in for a rivalry that will be a blast to watch for the next few seasons. Neither team made the playoffs this fall as they rebuild their programs, but there is so much young talent across these teams that the next few meetings should be just as close and just as exciting.

Armand Northup-Reed put on a show for East and was the team's best playmaker all season long. As a freshman, his production was impressive and he saved his best for last on Thanksgiving. We're looking at a potential All-Division player as a freshman, and a kid who will certainly be just that by

My pitch



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the time he's a senior.

For the Falcons, Anthony Salas was fantastic in this one and paced the team on the ground. He is a junior, as is quarterback Kelan Cornell. Having that duo return next season will be fantastic theater.

On Thanksgiving, anything can happen, but you hope for close games between communities that are passionate about a good old fashioned rivalry. That's exactly what we got with the Cranston matchup, and I believe this will blossom into the state's best rivalry the next few seasons. West now leads 26-24 in the series, which shows how tightly contested is usually is.

For the Pilgrim versus Toll Gate matchup, it was the total opposite as the Pats rolled to another blowout win, this time by a score of 32-0. The Pats were the heavy favorite heading into the contest, but I was a little surprised at how big the gap was when it was

all said and done.

Sure, Toll Gate held Pilgrim scoreless in two quarters, but the second quarter was disastrous and the fourth was not much better. Credit to Pilgrim for putting on a show in the fall finale, but I do believe that we may have to rethink the matchup moving forward if things do not improve.

I do believe they will improve, Toll Gate took a step forward this season and has a nice young crop of kids returning. I am not jumping ship just yet.

The Toll Gate players and coaches wanted this game and will never say no to it. I respect that, for sure. By the end of it, though, you could see some discouragement from the Titans which was unfortunate considering the holiday exhibition is supposed to be about having fun with friends and family. Not to mention that things got pretty physical early and often with a few kids getting banged up.

I don't want to treat this situation as a negative. Pilgrim made some big plays and earned another win. The players in the black and white had a blast, as they should have. They put on a clinic in one of the biggest days of the year.

In 2022, Pilgrim lead by just one score heading into the fourth quarter, so again, I am not saying that it his time to hit the eject button. It just

may be time to start considering alternatives if we get another lopsided defeat like this one.

Lastly was the inaugural Johnston-Scituate matchup on Wednesday night. The Panthers cruised to the win and are hoping that this will be the town's latest tradition moving forward.

Johnston has played on Thanksgiving in the past, most recently when it traveled to Pilgrim in 2021 as a last-minute replacement and got the win. Unfortunately for the Panthers, they weren't so lucky last year as they spent the day at home.

Although I was and still am a little skeptical of the matchup, I was happy to see the Johnston kids get to experience Thanksgiving and

to get the win. Their playoff exit to Middletown was a heartbreaker, so it is good to see them get a chance at redemption prior to the seniors graduating.

Matt Clements was strong under center once again while the usual suspects like Michael Carlino and Steven Finegan got theirs. Mikey Messina and Dylan Guernon also had big days, which is what Thanksgiving football is all about ... getting everyone involved.

The reason why I am skeptical, though, is because Scituate was one of the bottom teams in Division IV while the Panthers were one of the top teams in Division III. Similar to Toll Gate, the Spartans obliged, so you can't treat them like victims. But,

we will see how competitive these teams will be moving forward and if Scituate would be game for taking another big loss. The final was 33-14, so not quite the thumping that Warwick was, but the Panthers were in control from start to finish.

I am also torn on the teams playing the Wednesday night before the big day. On the one hand, it is a cool appetizer (pun intended again), but there is something about suiting up the morning of that just can't be replicated. Either way, I was glad to see Johnston get their game and hopefully celebrate the start of something great.

Congrats to all of our football teams on a wonderful fall.



LEADING THE WAY: Committee members Robin McFadden, Cheryl Jason, Linda & Vin LaFazia, Mike Calenda (Wreaths Across America - Ponaganset High School), Jesse & Mary Wiggins, Judi & David Graham, and Jack Judge - GCC President.

■ GCC

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breakfast and after playing nine holes, they were served a dinner with refreshments.

Each of the golfers received a memorial marker and Veterans Day sweatshirt and the dinner was provided by major sponsors David and Judi Graham of Graham Builders and as LaFazia emphasized "we couldn't have done this without their support as well as the entire staff of Gloucester Country Club."

Likewise, committee members Mary and Jesse Wiggins, Robin McFadden, Cheryl Jason, Linda and Vin LaFazia worked hard to make this the best Veterans Day Golf Tourney ever.

What everyone also called "a mighty tribute to all our veterans" was also bolstered by the tireless dedication of people like Joe Casale, Eric Gelsomino, Al Gizzarelli and Al Gizzarelli Jr. who prepared the breakfast that included sandwiches, donuts, Danish and coffee.

One of the day's highlights was the unique cart markers with each veteran's name and a message from students in Robin McFadden's third grade class that thanked the vets for their service and as LaFazia wanted it known "they were all



HITTING THE LINKS: Edythe Whitford, Molly & Robin McFadden & Ronald Whitford.

touched by the special message."

"We would be remiss if we did not thank all the people who stepped up and sponsored each veteran golfer," LaFazia offered. "We could not have done it without our volunteers, forecaddies, our golf pro Shane Druey and groundskeeper Nick Powers along with their staffs."

The "great day" as people called the list of tourney events, concluded with a raffle that will benefit the highly acclaimed Wreaths Across America that is based at Ponaganset High School and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

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POSTGAME SPEECH: Head coach Joe Acciardo addresses the team.



BREAKING TACKLES: Armani Arias plows through Scituate defenders.



KICKOFF: Michael Carlino gives the ball a boot.

Turkey

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gone without a game. You don't always get to play a Thanksgiving game, so it was a tradition that they weren't used to. With the win, it's a good way for any program to end the season while looking forward to the next season with the underclassmen," Acciardo said.

After a heartbreaking loss to eventual champion Middletown in the Division III Semifinals, Acciardo was happy that his players, especially the seniors, had one last opportunity to end their careers on a high note while also enjoying the different atmosphere that the holiday exhibition brings.

"It is fun when there's no pressure, you can get other people into the end zone. It was a lot of fun. At practice, we

told the guys that we were going to run some new plays, we were able to give guys some rest. It was a fun game. Obviously, our season came to that screeching halt in Middletown, it gets tough playing under the gun all the time. It was nice to be able to sit back and watch the kids have some fun," said Acciardo.

Acciardo was proud of the senior core from this season and will remember the good times they had as they returned to the playoffs.

"It's been an unbelievable run. A guy like Steve Finegan, he has been playing since his freshman year. We added some new guys like Dylan Guernon, we added Michael Carlino, Cam Walker. It was a great mix and a fun team to be around," said Acciardo. "There were a lot of characters, but they were all hard-working, respectful football players. There will be a lot of great memories with these guys."



LIFT OFF: Armani Arias celebrates with Michael Messina in last week's Thanksgiving showdown.

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Family event

Juan and Dionny Velazquez and Leslie Velazquez enjoyed last week's National Letter of Intent day when Arianna Velazquez announced she'll be taking her talents to the University of Bridgeport in the fall. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)

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Goodbye good friend

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

I have made a lot of friends fishing but have made just as many at coffee shops. Sorry to say my coffee friend Marc passed away Saturday after fighting pancreatic cancer for over a year. Fishing provides common ground for friendships to develop, but oddly enough the mere fact that you spend time together at a coffee shop before dawn provides common ground too.

In earlier years I was often at coffee shops to get a jump on my writing, but as I grew older, I found that the friendships I and others developed, like with Marc, were well worth the trip to chat and find out how all were doing.

Marc was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and he thrived on reaching out to others, finding out about their lives, their day and what they expected to encounter.

I took him and his wife on an early evening wedding anniversary cruise on my boat a few years ago. Marc did not like the water, never mind fishing, as his threshold for sea sickness was very low. His wife was not a boater either, but both felt the experience of riding on my 47-year-old Bonito with a stinky diesel engine was unique enough to make it a grand anniversary experience.

Marc was like a good fishing friend, who will never let you down, and does everything to help you be a success. So, I thank him for that and feel certain he will continue to provide family and friends with counsel in a divine way.

I would not expect anything less from Marc. Goodbye good friend.

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Still time to weigh in on striped bass regulations

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and their marine coastal states from Maine to Virginia have scheduled hearings to gather public input on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. Addendum II considers management measures designed to support stock rebuilding by reducing fishing mortality to the target level in 2024.

Hearings for public comment on Addendum II options will take place in Rhode Island Thursday, November 30, 6 – 8 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI. Contact is Jason McNamee at 401-222-4700.

In Massachusetts, the meeting is slated for Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Admiral's Hall, 101 Academy Dr., Buzzards Bay, MA. Contact is Michael Armstrong at 978.619.0012.

A copy of Addendum II can be found at Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (asmfc.org). Visit the American Saltwater Guides Association comment guide at Striped Bass Addendum II – Public Comment Guide – American Saltwater Guides Association.

If you miss the public hearing, you can still post comments as they will be taken by the ASMFC until December 22. For background on the Addendum and how to provide comments visit Public Input - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (asmfc.org).

Where's the bite?

"Striped bass fishing is still good for anglers in Narragansett Bay. As of this past weekend, customers were still catching fish, an unusually prolonged season but that is it for us, our shop closed this week," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence.

Ed Lombardo, expert fly fishing guide and instructor, said, "Sunday morning the water was clear on the Narrow River in Narragansett. Caught several nice striped bass using one of my purple Ed's flies."

Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, said, "The bass bite has slowed dramatically but anglers are

still catching school striped bass with larger fish being caught in our estuaries."

Squid fishing continues to be fairly good. But as usual it is hit or miss. Squid fishing expert Greg Vespe of Tiverton reported a good night squid bite in the Newport Bridge area last week.

Tautog fishing was pretty good Sunday but some vessels did not sail last week due to bad weather and the Thanksgiving holiday. "The tautog bite is still outstanding with anglers catching their limit. However, the fish are in deeper water in the 50 to 60 foot range," said Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle.

Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "The tautog bite is very good. The Island Current returned to port yesterday (Sunday) and reported a great day of tautog fishing in waters they hadn't been fishing before with some cod fish mixed in."

Call ahead to make a party boat reservation, vessels generally sail between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and return in

the afternoon. Visit www.islandcurrent.com, www.francesfleet.com and www.sevenbs.com. Full day rates for vessels are generally \$130 to \$135 per adult and around \$80 for those under 12 years old.

Freshwater fishing. Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, said, "The freshwater bite in stocked trout and Sebago salmon ponds has been very good. I have been spending my time focusing on the salmon which have ranged in the 22 to 23-inch size." For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report 1 Mass.gov and in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

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



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FLY FISHING: Ed Lombardo with a striped bass caught fly fishing on Narrow River Sunday. Ed said, "The water was crystal clear."

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HIGH SEAS TO THE FRONT PORCH: Cranston Police are warning of package thefts during the holiday season. They offered a few tips to help protect residents from a “porch pirate” and published this image depicting a would-be package thief. (Image courtesy Cranston Police)

Porch Pirates yearn to plunder ye sugarplum packages

By RORY SCHULER and JOHN HOWELL



CAUGHT IN THE ACT: Johnston residents have been capturing images of the possible neighborhood thief from home surveillance cameras for years. These file photos were from “porch piracy incidents in 2018 and 2021. If you live in Johnston and capture suspicious footage, contact the Johnston Police Department (email crime tips to tips@johnstonpd.com, or call police to report a crime, at 401-231-8100). (Photos courtesy Johnston Police)



Rhode Island’s pirates have evolved, crawling from the sea onto land and up your front porch steps. More than 300 years ago pirates spent their summers trolling the shores of New England, raiding vessels for booty and befriending early America’s colonial politicians. Now, modern day “Porch Pirates,” as they’ve been labeled by local police departments, roam the Ocean State’s neighborhoods searching for unguarded mystery boxes on doorsteps. They’ve abandoned the high seas for front lawns.

“By the 1690’s, the legal system had become such a revolving door for pirates, there was no more punishment or justice than in the mock trials the accused were said to have in their leisure time,” according to the Pirates Realm, an online piracy publication. “It wasn’t long before English trade officials were petitioning the king to remove Rhode Island’s charter, and local leaders made the effort to change the policies.”

Unlike Rhode Island’s pre-Declaration of Independence stance on piracy, the state and its authorities have also evolved, no longer embracing romantic historical figures like William Kidd, Blackbeard, Henry Every, and Thomas Tew, who all recruited and took refuge in port cities like Newport and Providence.

“Piracy began to suffer in popularity in Rhode Island as elsewhere when the 1700’s brought a larger number of merchant vessels to the region, when shop owners had more to lose than gain from the illegal activity,” explains the Pirates Realm. “There was no safe haven here by the early 1720’s, when 26 pirates were hung outside Newport.”

We no longer hang our pirates. Local law enforcement agencies now merely issue package-safety alerts and delivery tips. Police departments in Johnston, Cranston and Warwick occasionally post images from doorbell cameras showing hooded modern-day “porch pirates” slinking away from strangers’ homes carrying Amazon cardboard and padded postal envelopes.

“Similar to other communities across Rhode Island, we experience an uptick of these incidents around the holiday season, especially during the month of December,” Johnston Police Chief Mark A. Vieira said the week of Thanksgiving. “Due to the popularity of online shopping, we will be disseminating a warning regarding porch pirates.”

While porch piracy statistics remain fairly low so far this season, the criminal trend seems to follow the holiday calendar through Christmas.

“After a considerable period of time, a single incident of porch piracy took place on Thursday, Nov. 2 around 12 p.m.,” Vieira said. “The theft occurred at a residence on Hedley Avenue in which a package of blankets and pillows, valued at \$160, was stolen.”



Escada Restaurant & Bar is located at 39 Putnam Pike in Johnston. (Submitted photo)

Escada embraces the holiday season by showcasing local vendors for a great cause

By ROBERT DUGUAY

With all of us being in the thick of the holidays, there are a few things that folks should be doing during this time of year. Yes, there's the obvious purchasing of gifts for friends, family and loved ones and spending time with them. Along with this, people should be buying those gifts from local businesses and showing support to those in need one way or another. At Escada Restaurant & Bar on 39 Putnam Pike in Johnston, there's going to be a stellar opportunity to do both of these things on December 5. From 5-8pm, the establishment is going to be putting on an event with a variety of vendors from around the area while encouraging whoever attends to bring a set of children's pajamas so they can donate them to kids who are in foster care.

There's also going to be a free raffle for anyone who shows up, including those who bring a new pair of pj's. The idea for this event initially started as a fun idea and it eventually became something more with awareness to an important issue being put at the forefront.

"We started this event in the past just for fun while kicking off the holiday shopping season but mostly because we wanted to collaborate with some of our clientele that we knew had something great to offer," says Escada co-owner Aimee Zwolinski. "Each vendor showcases their merchandise and has items available for purchase. Admission is free and we also give a raffle ticket to each person in attendance with the raffle including one item from each vendor's table. Then at the end of the event, we pull the names of the winners! We had utilized this event in the past to help the organization Bags for Hope, which sells Christmas ornaments that include a child's name and age who is living in foster care on the back of the ornament."

"When the ornament is purchased, a personalized bag is provided for that

child, which we knew was important since these children are often moved abruptly with minimal belongings often packed in a trash bag," she adds. "This was a rewarding fundraiser that we've enjoyed for years, however this year we have decided to do a pajama drive instead. Pajamas are needed for children in foster care with sizes ranging from infant to teen and anyone who donates new, unused pj's the day of our event will receive an additional ticket for the raffle. Our full dinner menu will be available for purchase as well as festive beverages. However, seating may be limited at times throughout the evening."

When it comes to who exactly will be setting up shop, Fruit Hill Apiary is ideal for any honey lover with local honey and honey-made products being made available. There's going to be Nicholas Ryan with his unique visual art and paintings, Erin Smith with handmade crafts & home decor, Nicole Romano with exquisite fashion jewelry, Anthony Dipippo with candles, assorted lotions, hand sanitizer and body wash and Michele Cereta with her personalized birdhouses. Lauren Hopkins will be there with her business Sew Happy and goods such as wallets, handbags and wall hangings. Rounding out the lineup is going to be Gypsy Velvet Underground with magical and spiritual household items & gifts and custom-made shirts, jackets and vests courtesy of the Giraffe & Cow Studio. If any of these vendors peak your interest, then you should make stopping by Escada part of your early Tuesday evening.

For more information on Bags For Hope, log onto their website at bagsforhope.org. To keep tabs on what Escada has going on in the future, follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/EscadaRestaurantBar. In the meantime, make sure to head on over to this really cool event they have happening on December 5.

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



Photo credit: Karen Kalunian

Nebula will captivate you with her ethereal beauty as indicated by her name! She is a two year old Tabby with a gorgeous striped coat of gray and chocolate brown. Her eyes speak for themselves, they are simply out of this world! Nebula's best home would be an adult home filled with lots of love, time and patience... oh and treats, lots of yummy treats! She does long for attention but at her own pace. You can tell that once she's comfortable she's a very special girl! If you'd like to meet this beautiful star please go to www.scruffypawsanimalrescue.org and fill out an application. Then the rescue will email you with more information about how you can meet Nebula and maybe even make your home her permanent galaxy!

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

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Registration opens for Home Horticulture Certification Course

Though autumn winds may be blowing outside, the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension is still thinking green with registration opening for its Home Horticulture Certification course.

Kate Hardesty, program administrator for Cooperative Extension, says there will be something for everyone in the 14-week, virtual course that begins in late January. "Individuals interested in expanding their science-based horticultural knowledge for personal application in their gardens and yards, those interested in enhancing their knowledge as green-related industry professionals, and others seeking a career change, or an immersive educational experience are encouraged to register."

Deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 1. An optional orientation class will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, and the first class will be Thursday, Jan. 25, and every Thursday following until April 25, on Zoom.

The program will include a variety of lectures and discussions led by Hardesty and other extension fac-

ulty and staff experts.

Participants will learn foundational concepts related to soil health and nutrition, basic plant botany, common insect pests and diseases, and will also be exposed to practical information to apply to lawn care, vegetable gardening and planting design for wildlife habitat. Concepts covered in class are brought together through a course project that teaches participants to use their senses to gather information about the landscape around them, create a plan and use that plan to inform land care decisions in the future. There are also optional in-person field sessions for an additional cost that participants are welcome to sign up for, covering topics like pruning and tree risk assessment.

The course project is intended to bring the concepts learned through lectures and discussions to a practical place, Hardesty said. "How do you know what soil texture you have, and what does it mean for drainage on your property? Are there plants that prefer that soil type, and others that don't? Where is the sun in the sky

throughout the day, and how does that affect shade patterns that have an impact on plant health? Are there problem areas on the landscape that can be improved with the addition of plants? Which ones should be planted? All these questions are examples of things that are answered through the course project, which participants take with them after the course."

The fee for the classroom portion of the Home Horticulture Certificate course is \$525. Payment plans are available during the checkout process.

Hardesty established the program in 2019, and this will be the sixth offered. She sees the course as appealing to anyone with a serious interest in learning more about plants and landscaping. "All are welcome. I have taught beginning gardeners, expert gardeners, landscape business owners, arborists, landscape designers, teachers, college students and more. You can learn as much as your heart desires. It's a supportive, enriching environment for plant lovers from all backgrounds!"

This story was written by Hugh Markey.

■ Pirates

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According to the Johnston chief, the larceny was captured on home video surveillance and the suspect was identified as Joseph Parra, 49, of Houston St., Providence.

"Parra was later arrested on a Johnston Police Department arrest warrant for misdemeanor larceny," Vieira said, offering a long list of "tips to help protect packages from porch pirates."

Johnston police recommend residents monitor their front porch with a security camera or a video doorbell. Electronically track packages and arrange for someone to pick them up immediately after delivery.

Police advise residents to have packages delivered when they plan to be home or have packages delivered to a place of employment.

"If possible, allow access to your garage or backyard where delivery drivers can leave your packages in a more secure location not visible from the roadway," Johnston police have been telling residents. "Inform trusted neighbors about anticipated deliveries so they can assist in protecting your packages."

Warwick Police have also investigated just a single case of porch piracy so far this holiday season.

The department's Community Services Division Sgt. Matthew Moretti urged residents not to make it easy for thieves.

"This is a crime of opportunity," he said.

If you get frequent deliveries, he suggested getting a locker, as Amazon provides, or investing in a safe. After placing an Amazon order you can choose to retrieve the delivery from a locker. When your package arrives at the locker the recipient will be notified by email with the location and times for pick-up.

A safe is an alternative that can be expensive, but provides security at your home or business. A search of the web found a variety of safe options.

Following an incident of porch piracy, video surveillance can help police catch the culprit. The Ring website offers a number of security cameras and alarms at a monthly fee of \$30, or \$300 annually.

Homes close to the road and with a clearly visible porch and front steps where a package would be left are especially vulnerable, according to local police.

If that's the case, Moretti recommends establishing a drop off out-of-sight from passersby, with your postal carrier or other delivery person.

Moretti does not see porch piracy as a form of gang activity, as can be the case with shoplifting. Organized shoplifters typically target specific high value items and devise means to elude detection by security as well as a getaway plan.

Porch piracy, however, has an air of unpredictability.

"They don't know what they're getting," Moretti says of porch pirates. "It could be a delivery of toilet paper."

According to a nationwide survey by Lombardo Homes, Rhode Island ranks as the nation's second-worst state for package theft around the holiday season. Their survey asked Americans about

How to Prevent Holiday Package Theft

Important tips from the National Neighborhood Watch



 <p>Request notifications for your deliveries via phone or email.</p>	 <p>Require a signature on your deliveries to ensure packages are not left unattended.</p>	 <p>Schedule delivery for when you can be home to receive them.</p>
 <p>Set up a vacation hold if you plan on traveling so gifts aren't left unattended.</p>	 <p>Install security cameras outside your home where packages may be delivered.</p>	 <p>Contact police immediately if you think your package has been stolen.</p>

Most parcel thefts occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's

their experience with package theft and found "34% have had a delivery stolen, of those, 54% (were) victimized during the holiday season."

"As we prepare to enter the rush of the holiday shopping season, a new study reveals 78% of Americans expect porch pirates to strike more after Black Friday and Cyber Monday," said Digital Third Coast Media Specialist Maria Pearlman.

Porch piracy has been a major problem across the nation, for years.

In 2021, late Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza reached out to residents warning them to be vigilant.

"Tis the season to be jolly and not be the victim of porch pirates," according to Razza's 2021 press release. "Supply chain issues have people shopping for that special gift earlier than ever, and porch pirates have an eye out for your home deliveries. If left unprotected, your packages may become the target of thieves."

Lombardo Homes' national survey also revealed "94% of Americans plan on having packages delivered this holiday season, and half say they're worried about 'porch pirates' stealing their deliveries." "The worry over porch pirates is justi-

fied, especially in a package theft hot spot like Rhode Island," according to the survey administrators and their public relations firm. "The report found Rhode Island is the second worst state in the nation for package theft, based off an analysis of total Google searches relating to package theft and piracy and compared it per capita."

Their data also shows that "34% of Americans have had a package stolen," "the average value of stolen goods" is around \$219, three out five package thefts "occur during the holiday season," and "39% of people surveyed said they are more worried about packages being stolen this year, than previous years."

"With the holiday season upon us, the uptick of delivered packages being stolen from porches increases in Cranston and other communities," said Cranston Police Chief Col. Michael J. Winquist. "We recommend recipients take precautions found on our social media page, including reporting suspicious activity to our police department as soon as possible. Doorbell cameras and other home surveillance devices can greatly deter this activity and provide important leads to

our investigators."

On Tuesday, Cranston Police posted a warning on their social media accounts warning of package thefts during the holiday season. They offered a few more tips to protect yourself from a "porch pirate":

- If you know a package is going to be delivered when you are not home, try to leave a car parked in the driveway.
- When choosing your shipping details, take a moment to check off "signature required."
- Consider signing up for a paid service that will receive and protect your packages until you can pick them up. Major delivery services like Amazon, FedEx and UPS offer locker services.
- Install a porch lock box on your front porch for your packages to be placed in by the deliverer.
- Have the package delivered to the house of someone you know will be home during delivery.
- Install Security Cameras in a location that is obviously visible.
- And always report suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

Dec. 2, City of Warwick Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Sat., Dec. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Thayer Arena, 975 Sandy Lane, Warwick. Entry to this event is free. Carolers, ice carving demo, dance performance, synchronized skating performance, crafts & games for children, popcorn, hot chocolate & donuts, pictures with Santa, costumed characters and more! Free ice skating begins at 6 p.m. with donation of non-perishable food item. Food Trucks will be available from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

Dec 2, Whisker Wonderland will be sponsored by the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 155 Plan Way, Warwick. Market place, holiday photos, crafts and donation drive.

Dec. 2, Holiday Bazaar Spring Green Memorial Church will be held on Sat., Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 1350 Warwick Ave., Warwick. Crafters, jewelry, a penny social of gift cards, bake table children's grab bags and a café for lunch at reasonable prices. Tables are available for crafters to rent for \$15 each. Any interested crafter can contact the church at 401-463-8329 from 10 a.m. to noon, Tues. thru Fri. to rent a table.

Dec. 2, Tri-City Elks Holiday Craft Show will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tri City Elks Lodge #14, 1915 W. Shore Rd. Warwick, Lower Level. There is an entrance around back with Handicap Parking. Come and enjoy some holiday shopping with plenty of local vendors. Support Small Businesses this holiday season.

Dec. 2, Moosup Valley Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Moosup Valley Church, 81 Moosup Valley Rd., Foster. Features popular folk duo, Atwater/Donnelly, performing ancient and new carols. Light refreshments. Pass the hat. For more info, contact Laurie @ 401-623-0320.



Holiday Bazaars, Festivals & Craft Shows

Dec. 2, Old-Fashioned Christmas Bazaar will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1817 Warwick Ave., Warwick, Sat., Dec., 2, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Laurie Linden at 401-739-2937

Dec. 2, Holliman Winter Bazaar will be on Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holliman School, 70 Deborah Rd., Warwick. Free admission, raffles & refreshments for purchase with many amazing vendors.

Dec. 2 & 3, Open Table of Christ United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sat., Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1520 Broad Street, Providence. Featuring Children's Pancake Breakfast with Santa at 10 a.m. \$3 per child, 4 - children \$10. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. take your own picture with Santa. Children's gift shop & wrapping station, bake table, wish table (drawing at 1 p.m.). Food available. Open closet with clothing, holiday items and jewelry. More information: Helen 401-864-9603.

Dec. 2 & 3, Christmas at the Castle will be held at Smith's Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown, from noon to 4 p.m. No pre-registration is

required. Admission costs \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, and nothing for children younger than 6, with an overall cap of \$25 per family. Entertainment includes puppeteer Dan Butterworth, the Wheeler School Concert Bellringer, the Brown Madrigal Singers and Songs and Stories by Anne Marie Forer and Sheila Reynolds. Anyone bringing canned goods for donations to the North Kingstown Food Pantry will receive a 10% discount on purchases at their Christmas bazaar.

Dec. 2 & 3, The Annual Winter Bazaar will be held at The First Congregational Church of Warwick, 715 Oakland Beach Ave., Warwick, on Sat., Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sun., Dec. 3, from 12 to 6 p.m. There is still available space for rent for vendors and crafters. \$25 for 1-day and \$40 for 2-days. Contact: Stefani Capuano, Stefanicapuano@yahoo.com or 401-999-9473 or The First Congregational Church of Warwick 401-738-3377.

Dec. 3, Winter Wonderland Craft Fair will be held on Sun., Dec. 3, at the Knights of Columbus, 475 Sandy Lane, Warwick from 12 to 4 p.m. Over 25 crafters and vendors. Grab a

bite to eat while you shop! Raffle table proceeds are being donated to the Ronald McDonald house. For more information contact: dianascraftcreations@yahoo.com.

Dec. 3, Herald in Ye Yuletide Season with Ye Pawtuxet Rangers on Sun., Dec. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Amory Hall, 59 Remington Street, Warwick. Fish House Punch will be served, and the traditional Youl Log is offered. Please join the festivities!

Dec. 8, North Scituate Baptist Church Winter Farmer's Market will be held on Fri., Dec. 8, from 4 to 9 p.m. at The North Scituate Baptist Church, 619 West Greenville Road. Shared sponsorship during the Christmas in the Village Festival of Trees Event. There will be baked goods, beverages and a "Holiday Treasures Table."

Dec. 9. The Strolling Rolling Apponaug Winter Festival will be held on Sat., Dec. 9, in Apponaug Square, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday parade will step off at 10 a.m. vendors, food trucks, live music, horse and carriage rides, balloon art, face painting, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and many

more family-friendly activities, including a scavenger hunt! Stay tuned for more details about parade route. There will also be hourly giveaways for people who enter their name that day or register online. The first 500 people to register will receive a holiday magnetic picture frame - perfect for your Santa photo, which you can have taken right at the Santa Station at the festival! Also, by registering you automatically are entered for a chance to WIN a Winter Getaway, which includes a two-night stay in Warwick with \$100 shopping gift card and \$100 card for Apponaug Brewery. Rain date will be Dec. 10, with no parade.

Dec. 9, St. Lucia Fest sponsored by the RI Swedish Heritage Assoc. will be held on Sat., Dec. 9, at 4 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce St., East Greenwich. Adults: \$12, Ages 5-14: \$5, Under 5 - Free. Reception following with Swedish refreshments. Questions or information: Astrid at 401-350-9688 or astrid.m.drew@gmail.com or Merlene Mayette at 401-783-2242 or merleneinri@verizon.net.

Dec. 9, Winter Celebration, will be held at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 550 Fair Street Warwick (Gaspee area, just off Narragansett Pkwy) on Sat., Dec. 9, at 4:30 p.m. Winter Celebration! For Kids and adults! Crafting, songs, and cider to celebrate winter season in a cheerful way!

Dec. 10, 44th Annual Christmas Festival in Pawtuxet Village will be held on Sun., Dec. 10: Service at Trinity Episcopal Church, Ocean Avenue, Cranston, at 4 p.m. Procession down Broad Street in Pawtuxet Village led by the Pawtuxet Rangers to Pawtuxet Park at 4:45 p.m. Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree in Pawtuxet Park, Warwick at 5:00 p.m. Join the Rangers and your neighbors for the tree lighting, and firing of the cannon! Bring your lanterns or flashlights and singing voices.

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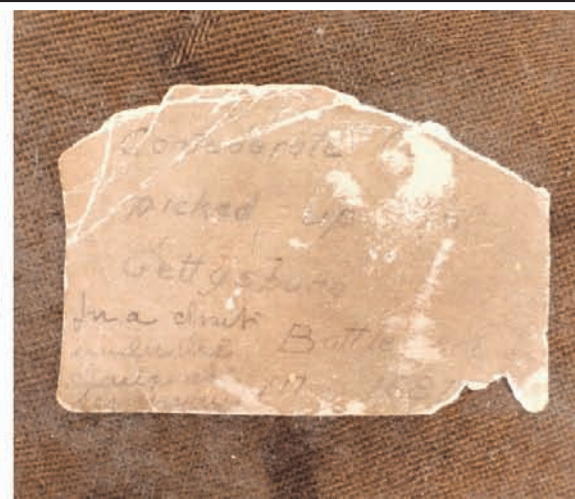
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Relics Picked up at Gettysburg After the War



The Battle of Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863, saw two huge armies meet and clash over the three days. After the battle was over, the gruesome task of burying the dead on both sides and taking care of the wounded began. The Pennsylvania town was devastated by the fighting that took place and the civilian population did what they could to get back to some sense of normalcy.

Not only had the battlefield been strewn with dead soldiers and horses, but also the objects of war. Muskets, bayonets, equipment, and clothing. One of the books that has come out in recent years is called *Gettysburg Battlefield Relics & Souvenirs* by Mike O'Donnell. It is laid out by objects found on the battlefields of each day of the fight. I have some of the cherished artifacts in the book here and I'll talk about a few of them.

The first object is a canteen. Every soldier needs to be hydrated and it's an important piece of equipment. This one is a Confederate tin drum canteen with a coarse brown cotton covering. On one side is an old paper label which states "Confederate Canteen/picked up on/Gettysburg/Battlefield/1887/In a closet/under the stairs in old/seminary".



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The Lutheran Seminary was used as a hospital for captured Confederates, and it isn't surprising that this canteen was found there 24 years after the battle.

A piece of headgear is the next item, a slouch hat purported to have been picked up on the battlefield by a New York soldier and brought home. It's a wool felt slouch hat in "beehive" style with a string mark around the crown where it was held to the block when it was being formed. It has some holes and wear and is missing the liner that must have been in it originally but is an extremely rare survivor.

Another piece of headgear is a Confederate captain's kepi with two rows of braid. It's made from a butternut satin cloth with a black band around the base. It has a bound edge visor with a painted cloth sweatband and blue silk liner. One of the interesting parts of the cap is the layered pasteboard discs in the crown with a Confederate newspaper sewn on the bottom. According to its provenance it was also picked up somewhere

on the Gettysburg battlefield.

The last piece of gear is a Confederate cap box found on Seminary Hill. It's very crude compared to Union examples and has a lead finial. There is a note that was folded up inside marked "Rebel Cap box; picked up/inside the Rebel intrenchments/(Seminary Hill) Gettysburg after/the first days fight".

Reading about the Battle of Gettysburg and walking the ground can really give you an understanding of how the battle transpired, but seeing and holding these revered objects truly gives it dimension.



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3 Circlewood Dr	Federal Hm Loan Mtg Corp	Mcguire, Cory and Bergantine, Katie	11/7	\$431,000
5 Lydia Rd	Diggins, Joanne M and Diggins, Robert C	Buyer1 and Buyer2	11/6	\$372,000
11 Lantern Ln	Smith, Justin and Smith, Nicole	Chofay, Robert	11/6	\$225,000
12 Arbor Dr	Woodard, Matthew S and Woodard, Allison T	Beauregard, Tyler and Beauregard, Marissa	11/6	\$675,000
21 King Philip Rd	Mccormick Paula Est and Voelker, Darcy	Beauchamp, Brenda L	11/2	\$224,000
33 Torch Ln	Kavanagh, Carole and Kavanagh, Sara	Swartzel, Stephanie J	11/1	\$153,000
35 Club House Rd	Marandola, Cissy	Middle Of The Rd LLC	11/1	\$420,000
44 Dion Ave	Dugan, Timothy and Lakeview Loan Servicing L	14 Properties LLC	11/1	\$320,000
69 Princeton Ave	Barden, Timothy J and Barden, James P	Crapo, Jeffrey	11/7	\$350,000
88 Coventry Dr	Parenty, Eric G	Frazier, Christine A	11/1	\$390,000
145 Rathbun St	Wade, Robert H and Wade, Irene M	Gravel, Tanya A and Gravel, David A	11/3	\$360,000
1091 Plainfield Pike	Bickerstaffe, Bernard and Bickerstaffe, Patricia	Caplette, Kathleen and Whittaker, Jeffrey A	11/2	\$355,000

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10 Euston Ave	F G Waters Rlty LLC	Sova Jr, Michael J	11/2	\$375,000
14 Concord Ave	Deborah J Smith Lt and Smith, Deborah J	Chan, Robert	11/2	\$450,000
15 Justin Way	Deangelis Jr, Anthony and Deangelis, Ann M	Lim, Lisa and Lim, Hockey	11/8	\$506,000
19 Roland Ave	Mar-A Dogo Rlty LLC	Carrenard, Woodley	11/7	\$560,000
25 Henry St	Mejia Prop LLC	Herwald, Steven and Herwald, Monica	11/2	\$388,000
25 Reed Ave Lot 540	Frycki, Stephanie E	Wynes, Morgan A and Laubert, Shaye E	11/3	\$450,000
25 Reed Ave Lot 539	Frycki, Stephanie E	Wynes, Morgan A and Laubert, Shaye E	11/3	\$450,000
25 Reed Ave Lot 538	Frycki, Stephanie E	Wynes, Morgan A and Laubert, Shaye E	11/3	\$450,000
25 Reed Ave Lot 541	Frycki, Stephanie E	Wynes, Morgan A and Laubert, Shaye E	11/3	\$450,000
33 Colonial Ave	Martinelli Jr, Vincent	Vartanian, Kevork and Corriveau, Haigouhi	11/8	\$360,000
40 Monument St	Leidecker, Aaron and Leidecker, Keri	Madden, Michele and Madden, Joseph	11/8	\$402,500
40-42 June Ave Lot 51	Supreme Enterprises LLC	Jimenez, Arcio	11/3	\$475,000
40-42 June Ave Lot 52	Supreme Enterprises LLC	Jimenez, Arcio	11/3	\$475,000
49 Delta St	Stadelbauer, Mark and Stadelbauer, Lori A	Jiang, Nai S and Lei, Vinnie Y	11/7	\$375,000
59 Bennington Rd	Petrone Jr, Antonio	Doughty Jr, Jason and Doughty, Felicia	11/2	\$440,000
64 Valley St Lot 446	Westbriar Prop Inc	Norton, Julie A	11/2	\$375,000
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64 Valley St Lot 448	Westbriar Prop Inc	Norton, Julie A	11/2	\$375,000
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76 Burnside St	Taf Prop LLC	Delgado, Alexis	11/8	\$406,000
86 Longview Dr	Carroll, Scott L and Carroll, Tanna L	Kevin & Sherry Mcgahan Ir and Mcgahan, Kelly L	11/3	\$550,000
86 Southern St Lot 53	Grande, Lenora N and Morris, Donna	Hagopian, John V and Grande, Lenora N	11/8	\$326,000
86 Southern St Lot 54	Grande, Lenora N and Morris, Donna	Hagopian, John V and Grande, Lenora N	11/8	\$326,000
90 Verdant Dr	Capato, Gino and Capato, Antonietta	Hartley, Richard and Hartley, Eric R	11/8	\$450,000
93 Jordan Ave Lot 14-4	Bonetti, Angelica D	Harris, Danielle F and Frantz, Henry	11/3	\$375,000
93 Jordan Ave Lot 14-5	Bonetti, Angelica D	Harris, Danielle F and Frantz, Henry	11/3	\$375,000
105 Bracken St Lot 80	Lisi, Donald and Cloxton, David	Baigorria, Pepe	11/8	\$499,900
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East Greenwich

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15 Crickett Cir Lot 5	Myles, Dvon	Mather Ft	11/1	\$663,000
16 Brookfield Ct	Weedon, Carolyn A	Hannan, Neil J and Hannan, Natalie H	11/1	\$1,600,000
15 Crompton Rd	Jarmoszko, James R	Corea, Agustin F and Dickens, Beverly	11/2	\$485,000
30 Vine St Lot 30	Florence, Patricia A	Parris, Raymond G and Parris, Catherine H	11/2	\$700,000
135 Boulder Way	Tarro 3rd, Thomas A and Tarro, Judith A	Liu, Xiujuan and Yang, Hua	11/1	\$1,200,000
154 Sylvan Dr	Cozzolino, Sofia R and Cozzolino, Odessa	Penney, Kathryn and Tabbemor, Jonathan	11/3	\$552,500
435 Middle Rd	Berlinsky, Andrew	Miller, Kendall and McBrier, Jacob	11/2	\$410,000

Exeter

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989 Slocum Rd	Gould Jr Norman L Est and Gould 3rd, Norman L	Gould, Daniel R	11/14	\$185,000

Johnston

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4 Rosemont Ave	Coen, Chelsea M	Pacesetter Properties LLC	11/10	\$179,000
21 Homeland St	Pingitore, Francine R	Monteiro, Kleopatra G	11/14	\$435,000
200 Shun Pike, Fmna	Leidecker, Aaron and Dennison-Leidecker, Keri		11/9	\$477,000
628 Greenville Ave	Palumbo, Judith	Dibiase, Maria L	11/9	\$375,000

Warwick

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9 Tomahawk Ct	Noel, Gerard and Noel, Dawn	Noel, Dawn M	11/3	\$100,000
11 Deer Run Xing Lot 11	Stonebridge Crossing Dev	Vitalo Jr, Edward A and Vitalo, Dina M	11/8	\$715,000
11 King St	Rhode Island Hsng & Mtg F	Ortiz, Jose and Ortiz, Myrna	11/6	\$1
21 Massachusetts Ave Lot 467	Phillip, Kayda M	Blamires, Alan J and Blamires, Amanda N	11/9	\$350,000
21 Massachusetts Ave Lot 466	Phillip, Kayda M	Blamires, Alan J and Blamires, Amanda N	11/9	\$350,000
21 Massachusetts Ave Lot 468	Phillip, Kayda M	Blamires, Alan J and Blamires, Amanda N	11/9	\$350,000
25 Nash Ave Lot 163	Paterson, Malinda A and Paterson Jr, Ronald W	Hoynski, Briana and Costa, Peter	11/3	\$310,000
25 Nash Ave Lot 162	Paterson, Malinda A and Paterson Jr, Ronald W	Hoynski, Briana and Costa, Peter	11/3	\$310,000
35 Allard St	Black Tide LLC	Torres, Samuel	11/9	\$445,000
75 Brayton Ave	Libassi, John S	Desimone, Mark and Soeur, Socheata	11/9	\$425,000
105 White Ave	Biagioni, Matthew and Hall, Careen	Jev Fincl Corp	11/9	\$330,000
120 Pilgrim Pkwy Lot 5	Zarella Jr, Robert W	Decker, Kirk S and Connell, Margaret M	11/8	\$180,000
141 Brush Neck Ave	Murphy, Jennifer	Daly, Tyler M	11/7	\$429,900
190 Byron Blvd Lot 339	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 343	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 341	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 338	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 341	Obrien Jr, William A and Obrien, Maryelyn P	Hinck, Damien A	11/6	\$329,900
190 Byron Blvd Lot 340	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 342	Hinck, Damien A	Aubin, Kyle and Averill, Samantha	11/6	\$365,000
190 Byron Blvd Lot 338	Obrien Jr, William A and Obrien, Maryelyn P	Hinck, Damien A	11/6	\$329,900
190 Byron Blvd Lot 340	Obrien Jr, William A and Obrien, Maryelyn P	Hinck, Damien A	11/6	\$329,900
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333 Chestnut St	Ri Homes LLC	Brodeur Jr, Edward F	11/7	\$410,000
445 Cowesett Rd	Moss Home Solutions LLC	Hill, Jason T and Hill, Kaylee G	11/3	\$444,000

West Greenwich

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212 Stubble Brook Rd	Brian C & Cynthia M Hawth and Hawthorne, Brian C	Fines, Catherine E	11/8	\$490,000
251-B Mishnock Rd	Black, John T and Black, Katheryn A	Greenwich Cap Partners LL	11/6	\$82,500

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1 Countryside Way	Liberty, Justin A and Liberty, Elizabeth A	Silva, Joao	11/10	\$480,000
7 Medieval Way	Lattinist, Younes and Delmarquette, Anne	Ubelhoer, Dorothy	11/13	\$448,000
13 Rex St	Buck, Jerry R and Buck, Patricia	Camino, Joanna	11/9	\$335,000
41 Hollow Cir	Kim, Yungwan	Newman, Benjamin and Newman, Abigail	11/14	\$340,000
62 Village Ct Lot 62	Joseph V Palombo Lt and Palombo, Joseph V	Richard, Cyrus	11/8	\$191,000

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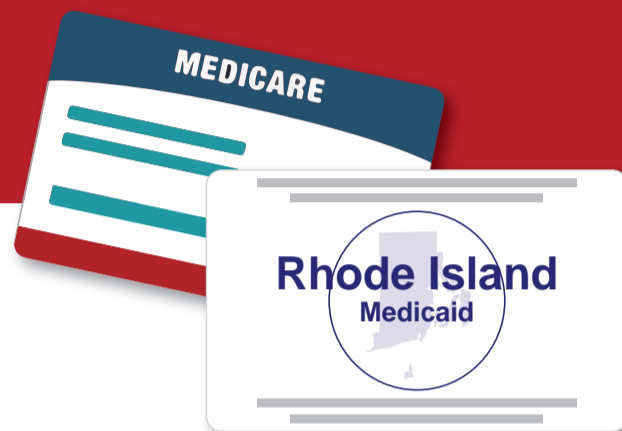
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