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Future coming into focus for Barrington schools

Design team will share options at meeting next month

Next month, Barrington residents will get a glimpse of what local schools may look like in the future.

Last month, the district held two deep dive visioning sessions where a group of 50 people — some from the school department and others representing various groups in the community — helped the district develop a long-term educational facility master plan.

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COA member says she was turned away from visioning sessions

The work, completed on May 16 and 17, was the focus of a recent district-wide email from Barrington Superintendent of Schools

Michael Messorre.

“The objective of the Visioning Process is for the design team to understand the goals and values of the community while exploring a variety of interrelated issues regarding school facilities and education,” Messorre wrote.

It is not yet clear what the facility master plan will include, although officials offered a glimpse at some of the outcomes gleaned during the deep dive visioning sessions.

According to the district-wide email, there was robust community support for “correcting inadequate school facility conditions,” and for “increasing student engagement through learning activities and spaces.”

There was also strong support for: Improved indoor and outdoor physical education and athletics spaces/playfields; educational equity for all schools; correcting existing space deficiencies; eliminating overcrowding; improving arts opportunities and facilities; maximizing RIDE (Rhode Island Department of Education) financial support; planning for potential universal pre-kindergarten; aligning grade configurations with RIDE certifications and RICAS testing; minimum of three grades in any school; organizing schools to build stronger

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Barrington battles EP in All-Stars

Barrington pitcher Tommy Coutant throws the ball to first base for an out against East Providence in a District II All-Star game on Saturday at Sherwood Field in Barrington. East Providence built a 3-0 lead, before Barrington rallied to score a run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Barrington was unable to draw any closer and lost the game. A day later, Barrington lost 4-2 to Middletown and was eliminated from the tournament. See page 11 for coverage.

LEFT: Barrington Majors Division All-Star Luchi Floriani gets a high-five from Coach Will LoVerme after ripping a single in the bottom of the sixth inning against East Providence.

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Flags coming back into focus in Barrington

Council expected to discuss flags at a meeting next month

BY JOSH BICKFORD

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Members of the Barrington Town Council will be meeting this summer to talk about flags.

Toward the end of the June 6 meeting, councilors took a moment to discuss what items they planned to include on a future meeting agenda. A number of issues made the list, including whether the town should forgive the cost of police details for community events, and the possible introduction of an ordinance that would prohibit vaping or smoking cannabis on public property.

Council members also stated that they wanted to hold a meeting this summer to discuss flags. Barrington Town Council President Michael Carroll said the meeting could involve the flag policy and/or which flags would be flown on the pole outside Barrington Town Hall.

One council member confirmed recently that the flag issue will likely be included on the agenda for the July 25 meeting, as that might be easier than scheduling a separate meeting on the issue.

More than a year ago, the town council adopted a policy that codified its prior approach — it gives the council and town manager the power to decide which flags to fly on the pole. It also states that an individual member of the council cannot block the manager from

raising a flag, but can call for a meeting within two days to discuss the situation.

During the meeting where the council adopted the policy, some residents cautioned against the move, while others supported it.

The town's solicitor, Michael Ursillo, told councilors that their decision about which flags to fly on the town hall flagpole was a form of government speech and that the council had the right to decide.

Some people in town, including resident Matt Medeiros, believe the council overstepped when adopting the policy.

Medeiros drafted a letter to the editor earlier this spring, following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that the City of Boston violated the Constitution by refusing to fly a Christian civic group's flag at city hall while raising the banners of other organizations. In that Supreme Court ruling, the justices unanimously said that Boston could not discriminate against the religious group once the city decided to make the flagpole available to other organizations.

In his letter to the editor, Medeiros references the U.S. Supreme Court decision: "That ruling should not have surprised the Council. Opposition to Boston's (and therefore Barrington's) discriminatory flag-flying brought together a diverse coalition of respected organizations that included the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation, the liberal ACLU, the American Legion and Notre Dame Law School, among others. With concerned parties from Left to Right

demonstrating that Barrington likewise was acting illegally, the Council should have abandoned its bunker mentality and stopped wasting town resources."

The Barrington Times recently asked Carroll if the U.S. Supreme Court ruling would impact Barrington's flag policy. He said that the situations were different — "...what we do is government speech. We as a council, representing the community, speak on what our values are. That's different than what Boston did."

Carroll said he expects some people in town will be eager to discuss the flag policy, adding that he believes the town's policy was good because "it started some good conversations that needed to be had in Barrington."

Medeiros, in his letter, disagreed: "Apart from its illegality, there are other reasons to end this sorry history. This has been the most divisive, mean-spirited action by the Council in the 45 years I have lived here -- even trumping the Town's 2019 illegal plan, now abandoned, to discriminate against certain homeowners by selectively amending their real estate valuations annually, and then tormenting those who dared to object..."

"When did Barrington voters elect the Council to serve as 'thought police,' approving 'flavor of the month' organizations and rejecting those not fortunate enough to be cozy with a current council member? Barrington residents deserve better from their government than such insulting discrimination."

NEWS BRIEFS

Stolen Kia located in Connecticut

Police have recovered one of the vehicles stolen in town last week. Barrington Police received a call over the weekend from the New Haven Police Department. Detectives there told Barrington Police that they had apprehended an individual who was in possession of articles that had belonged to a Barrington resident; the suspect was connected to the vehicle thefts in Barrington last week. Two Barrington residents woke up Monday morning, June 20, and discovered that their vehicles had been stolen. Barrington Police said a Governor Bradford Drive resident and a Chapin Road resident reported stolen vehicles — a Lexus sedan was stolen from the Governor Bradford Drive home, and a Kia Telluride was stolen from the Chapin Road home. On June 22, police in New Haven located the Kia Telluride. Barrington Police Chief Michael Correia said the suspect was a 15-year-old Connecticut resident who has a lengthy criminal history. The suspect was also found to be in possession of two firearms during the arrest.

Do you want to volunteer for a town board?

The Barrington Town Council is seeking volunteers to serve on boards and commissions. There are openings on the Board of Assessment Review, Board of Library Trustees, Economic Development Commission, Housing Board of Trustees, Planning Board (2 vacancies), and the Resilience and Energy Committee. Residents can download an application at www.barrington.ri.gov or stop by the town clerk's office at the town hall, or pick one up at the library.

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Candidates aim to remove politics from school committee work

Frazier Bell and TJ Peck are running as Independent candidates

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Frazier Bell (left) and TJ Peck are running for the Barrington School Committee. The Independent candidates believe political agendas should not be part of school committee work.

making comments on items like de-leveling, on taking a vote on de-leveling, and other items like that.”

Personal, passion

Bell: “I’m running because I have two kids who are in the schools and I care a lot about the quality of education. I was a teacher, so I have the experience in the classroom. I have a Masters in teaching. I’ve actually I worked for an educational nonprofit, (in Baltimore). It’s been a passion. It’s something that I really do care about. I want to be able to bring that perspective of an educator to the school committee. I think trying to create a transparent system with open communication where we’re working with people across the community to make the best decisions.”

Peck: “Barrington Public Schools is very personal to me. My son is going to be a fourth generation Barrington Public School student. Barrington Public Schools has literally been one of the driving factors in my family realizing the American dream. I left Barrington and I’ve come back. The community I see now is not the community I saw 10-plus years ago. As it relates to the school committee, I think community partnership has been significantly eroded, and that’s been my number one priority to bring that back. I think the perspective I bring, being a former student, being a parent, being a resident, being a taxpayer, coupled with my perspective in business (I oversee project management and personnel), I think I can bring a lot more to the oversight responsibilities of the committee that I think are sorely lacking. My number one priority is to truly restore the community partnership.”

Partisanship

Bell: “I firmly believe that partisan politics shouldn’t be part of the school committee. We should be doing what’s right for the students, for the parents, the community. We shouldn’t be looking at the party to make decisions. I think the sad thing is, we seem to be getting some things that come from state, national level, de-leveling seems to be ... it shouldn’t be a decision based on what one party wants to do. We should see if that’s the right thing to do.”

Peck: “First off, I don’t think politics have any business in the school committee. Because you should look at each individual issue on its own merit and make informed decisions. I think political activism is important, if individuals want to do that on their own time. I think using a town position to drive agendas is really harmful because in doing so you automatically go into a decision process and say this is what we’re doing, we’re not going to have a community engagement because this is going to be the outcome. And anyone who is against this

set position, is going to be marginalized.”

Bell: “I think by removing the party, by not being tied to a party and by being able to have a conversation with members of the community and look at things from a perspective of ‘this is what’s best for Barrington’ I think that’s what takes the partisanship out of it... We started off this campaign with the idea that we’re here to listen to everybody. Meeting with people on both sides of the political spectrum and understanding what everybody believes is important to the schools and the community. I think that’s a first step.”

Public dialogue

Peck: “There’s been individuals that have

been making smart, fact-based public comments (regarding de-leveling) for the better part of two years. They’re met with a cell-phone timer going off and a curt Thank you. There’s no followup, which by the way, there’s no legal requirement preventing dialogue during public comment. In East Greenwich, there’s dialogue. Certainly if someone’s going on and on, you can cut them off, but just to have a policy where people are curtly cut-off at three minutes, and then everything that everyone’s raised never makes it into future agendas...”

Bell: “I think they’ve (current school committee members) hid behind the counsel, which has allowed them to avoid

Council member suspends re-election campaign

Democratic town committee does not endorse Jacob Brier

Barrington Town Council member Jacob Brier announced Wednesday, June 22, that he was suspending his re-election campaign, following the Barrington Democratic Town Committee meeting a night earlier.

The committee voted not to endorse Brier as one of its candidates for 2022.

In a widespread email, Brier shared the news. He wrote that he has used his position to “amplify the voices of our under-represented neighbors, and knowing how much seeing me at the dais meant to Jewish, queer and other people who face discrimination here, I don’t take stepping

aside lightly.”

Brier said that creating positive change is difficult and “it doesn’t happen without conflict.”

“Despite that, and in some cases, directly because of the conflict, the council has done many great things for our community over the past few years. The progress we’ve made since I was elected gives me comfort in making a difficult decision. It is because of our success that I can announce the suspension of my re-election campaign without regret. And, I encourage us all to work with the new council to keep pushing our shared agenda forward.”

Brier is the latest incumbent Democrat to announce they are not running for re-election. Liana Cassar (D-Dist. 66, Bar-

rington, East Providence) is not running for re-election to the House, and Cynthia A. Coyne (D. Dist. 32, Barrington, Bristol, East Providence) announced recently that she will not be seeking a fifth term in the Rhode Island State Senate.

“Regardless of which candidates are elected, we will have a town council with two new members, joining three councilors who have only half a term’s experience,” Brier wrote in his email. “Two of our three General Assembly members will be first-time legislators. If our government is to be successful, as we all hope it will be, they will need all of us to engage with them and to advocate boldly for our Democratic values and the priorities identified within the platform on which they are endorsed.”

Brier wrote that he plans to continue his work with the Barrington Democratic Town Committee and doing whatever is needed for the any of the candidates.

“Our community deserves no less, because even though my name will not be on the ballot, my values will be and our community’s future will be,” he wrote. “Following the election, I’ll be exploring several opportunities to engage with and support our town and community, within and outside of government.”

Brier offered thanks to all those who supported him. He wrote that he will continue to advocate for “the changes we deserve.”

“Rebuilding together, we can continue our progress toward an even better Barrington,” he wrote.

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Incumbent running for re-election to House seat

Jason Knight aiming for a fourth term

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District 67, Barrington and Warren) shared his intentions to seek a fourth term in the RI House of Representatives. Rep. Knight praised the new leadership team at the RI General Assembly, adding that he has been able to accomplish a number of key changes over the last two years.

During an interview, Rep. Knight said he was particularly proud of legislation that eliminates court costs and some other fees for indigent people. He said the costs would often lead poor people to skip court dates, which

then would lead to warrants being issued for "failure to appear."

"It becomes a cycle of debt and incarceration," he said.

Rep. Knight listed other General Assembly accomplishments in a press release: They passed the Act on Climate legislation to get Rhode Island to zero emissions by 2050; they passed legislation to ensure the state is powered 100 percent by renewable energy by 2030; they passed gun legislation including a ban on high capacity magazines; they made a \$250 million investment in affordable

housing, including \$10 million directly to Crossroads, and outlawed income discrimination in the housing market; and the exempted military pensions from the income tax, raised the minimum wage to \$15, and fully eliminated the car tax.

"Personally, I have sponsored and passed legislation to remove barriers to re-entry for criminal offenders who have finished their sentences, protected elders by reforming the elder abuse statute to make it more efficient and responsive, and passed legisla-

tion to punish people who purchase firearms and then resell them to prohibited persons," he wrote.

"And there is much more to do. Our schools need attention and funding, our infrastructure continues to need investment, and we need to continue the fight for abortion access. I am committed to these causes."

Rep. Knight said he had planned to continue his service at the Statehouse even before Rep. Cassar and Sen. Coyne announced their upcoming retirements.

COA member running for RI Senate seat

Susannah Holloway aims to fill District 32 seat

Providence. I worked hard to raise awareness among local groups on both issues. I have also advocated this year for bills to ban predatory 'Payday Loans' with exorbitant interest rates, for equal access for all women in RI to reproductive healthcare, and for all children in RI to have the right to an adequate, meaningful education. Having spent so much time advocating among citizen groups and at the legislature, I feel ready to take on the challenges of running for our State Senate. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve in our legislature if elected."

For nearly 12 years, Holloway was an assistant attorney general in North Carolina.

Holloway was raised in Providence, attended Classical High School, received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University, her Master's of Social Work degree from Columbia University, and her JD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She met her husband in law school and they raised their children in the small town of Carrboro, just outside of Chapel Hill, NC. Holloway volunteered in Chapel Hill by serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water and Sewer Authority for six years.

Barrington resident Susannah Holloway, the vice chair of the Barrington Committee on Appropriations, announced last week that she is running for the Rhode Island Senate District 32, which includes Barrington, and parts of Bristol and East Providence. Senator Cindy Coyne, currently representing District 32, has recently announced that she is retiring and will not seek re-election.

Holloway is also a member of the Barrington Interfaith Partners, the Pawtucket Advocates for Social Justice, and Moms Demand Action. She has advocated at the RI Legislature for social justice and environmental issues, preventing gun violence and stopping polluters at the Port of Providence. "This week we've had some big wins," Holloway said, "the Governor signed three important pieces of gun sense legislation and, on the very same day, Speaker Shekarchi stated he was dropping the plastic waste incinerators 'Pyrolysis' bill.

"Preventing gun violence protects us all as does stopping the pyrolysis plastic waste burning facility slated for South

Resident running for District 66 seat

Jennifer Boylan aims to fill House seat

Barrington resident Jennifer Boylan announced last week that she plans to be a candidate for the Rhode Island House District 66 (Barrington, Riverside) seat being vacated by retiring Representative Liana Cassar.

"After careful consideration, and after seeing years of hard work pay off this week when Governor McKee signed three gun safety bills into law, I feel that the time is right for me to pivot from advocacy to public service," Boylan said.

Boylan has lived in Barrington for more than 17 years. She grew up in upstate New York and lived in Washington DC and Boston before moving to Barrington with her family. She worked as an environmental scientist and litigation consultant for 12

years before joining her husband's small business in 2004. For the past decade, she has served as a leader for the Rhode Island chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America tirelessly championing policy to make our communities safer.

Boylan has represented the National Council of Jewish Women on the Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom and served as the assistant treasurer of Temple Habonim.

"I am excited to get to work as a lawmaker for my community," she said. "My key areas of interest will be related to social justice, environmental stewardship and climate change, and small businesses. We all deserve to live in safe, thriving communities with top notch education and employment opportunities. I hope to earn the trust of the community as a Representative of House District 66."

NEWS BRIEF

Candidates prep for campaign season

Wednesday, June 29 is the deadline for people to file their declaration of candidacy papers, but officials from the Barrington Republican Town Committee and Barrington Democratic Town Committee earlier announced some of their endorsed candidates. The BDTC is endorsing Richard Staples for town moderator; Margaret "Peggy" Reid and Rudy Seber for school committee; and Kate Berard and Braxton Medlin for town council. The BRTC is endorsing Ray Clark for town council and Scott Fuller for District 67 representative.



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POLICE REPORT

Police: 'Volunteer' spotted rearranging market's outdoor display

Monday, June 20

A Cold Spring Road resident called police after noticing that someone had rummaged through their vehicle during the overnight hours. The resident told police that some loose change and sunglasses were stolen.

Police received a phone call from someone who said they spotted a group of teenagers getting into a vehicle on Maple Avenue, and one of the teens was carrying a gun. Police were able to track down the suspect vehicle and spoke to the driver and his father. The teenager told police he had earlier dropped off some kids at a home on Rumstick Road. The teenager said they had a BB gun. Police responded to the Rumstick Road home and spoke to the teenagers there and confirmed that it was a BB gun. Police said there were no reports of any BB gun shootings in town that day.

Police responded to the area of Federal Road and County Road for an accident. No one was injured.

Police responded to the Shaw's Supermarket for a suspicious condition at about 6:15 p.m. Police said a man was rearranging all the items and displays outside the supermarket. Police spoke to the man — he claimed to be a volunteer from a Shaw's in South Kingstown and was just helping organize the display. Police checked the man's ID; he was a Newport resident. No one was charged.

Police charged **William J. Schneider**, 18, of 1741 Wampanoag Trail, with DUI of a drug, toluene or controlled substance-first offense, refusal to submit to a chemical test. An officer on patrol spotted a vehicle speeding on Sowams Road at about 10:30 p.m. — police said the vehicle, driven by Schneider, was going 62 miles per hour heading north on Sowams. An officer ordered the vehicle

over to the side of the road. Police approached the driver's side window and could allegedly smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Police conducted a field sobriety test and then a breathalyzer test. Police said the breathalyzer test came back negative for alcohol. Schneider refused to submit to a blood test. Police then charged Schneider with DUI of a drug, toluene or controlled substance-first offense. He was arraigned and released.

Tuesday, June 21

A Wildflower Road resident stopped into the station after he received a letter in the mail from a bank regarding an account in his name. The resident said he has never had an account at that bank.

Police responded to Appian Way for a report of a bicycle left on the property near Mussachuck Beach. Police seized the bike. Officials said they are increasing patrols in the area of Mussachuck Beach, as there have been increased reports of kids partying on that beach.

Wednesday, June 22

A Promenade Street resident stopped into the station to report that someone had made concerning comments on a Facebook post from eight years ago. Police documented the situation.

Two vehicles collided in the area of County Road near St. John's Church. No one was injured.

A person stopped into the station to report a past accident. No one was injured.

A St. Andrew's Way resident stopped into the station to report a recent incident where she had

been chased by dogs while jogging and then injured herself. The resident told police she had tried to out-run the dogs, but then passed out and fell, injuring her face and teeth. The resident said the dogs did not bite her, but caused the accident. Police believe the dogs belong to a Mayfield Drive resident and plan to speak to the dogs' owner.

Police alerted a Washington Road resident and later an Annawamscutt Road resident about junk vehicle complaints — town ordinance prohibits people from keeping unregistered vehicles on their property. Residents can seek a special storage permit for the unregistered vehicles, if they are working on them.

Thursday, June 23

A resident found a small white dog in the Sherbrooke Drive area. The resident turned the dog over to police, who brought it back to the station. Police were able to track down the dog's owner, who came to the station and picked up the dog.

Police received a call about a dog bite incident on South Meadow Lane. A US Postal worker was allegedly bitten by two German Shepards. The letter carrier told police that the dogs bit him in the leg, resulting in scratches, bruises and a blood blister. Police went to speak with the dogs' owner — the resident said the dogs did not touch the letter carrier. Police are still investigating.

Friday, June 24

A Preston Drive resident called police after he lost his wallet at the town beach.

Saturday, June 25

Police charged **Surya Vinjamuri**, 18, of 20 Highview Ave., with domestic violence-simple assault

and/or battery-first offense. Police received a call from a woman who reported a domestic incident, alleging that Vinjamuri struck her. Police spoke with the alleged victim. Police said there was evidence of the injuries. Police later charged Vinjamuri.

Police received a call from the Warren Police Department regarding a possible domestic incident involving Barrington residents. Police responded to a County Road residence and encountered a female resident who was bleeding and holding a medal rod in her hand. Police said the woman told officers that "she did it" and to arrest her. A man at the residence also become confrontational with police allegedly. The man later shoved the woman while police were there. Police then charged **Jesse Colin Cram**, 33, of 9 County Road, with domestic violence-disorderly conduct-first offense. EMTs transported the female victim to a hospital for detox. Police said alcohol appeared to play a role in the domestic situation.

Sunday, June 26

Police responded to an elderly care facility in Barrington, after one resident knocked a water cup out of another resident's hand. No one was charged.

Police investigated a past accident. A motorist told police she had been involved in an accident in the area of the Wampanoag Trail and County Road. Both motorists stopped, and the driver of one vehicle, a black Buick Supercharger, allegedly asked the other motorist if they could settle the situation without contacting insurance companies. The female motorist declined, and at that point the driver of the Buick got back into his car and drove away. Police are trying to track down the driver of the Buick.





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Opinion

EDITORIAL

If everything is special, is anything special?

Sometime over the past two decades, we fell in love with our celebrations for youth, more than ever before. Mix the “everyone gets a trophy” philosophy, with a general softening of society, with the pervasive impact of social media, and it seems nothing is good enough unless it is loud, proud and better than before.

A generation ago, students graduated from high school. These days, they “graduate” from kindergarten, third-grade, fifth-grade and eighth-grade, before they graduate for real from 12th-grade. It means there’s a celebration at the end of 40 percent of their school-age years.

Each celebration elicits balloon arches, signs, songs, speeches, a parade of students, and paper certificates printed out by the hundreds marking that Billy or Sally has finished the fill-in-the-blank grade.

At the high school, every school sports season now ends with its own round of celebrations, with team dinners (many taking place at Rhode Island Country Club for \$40 per plate), Senior Nights, speeches, gifts and lavish attention — regardless of whether a team won a state title or lost every game — and parents forking out hundreds of dollars so everyone can feel so super special.

A National Honor Society induction in the school cafeteria or auditorium is no longer good enough either. Parents are once again off to the Country Club for a fancy plated dinner and views overlooking the bay.

We celebrate successes. We celebrate despite failures. We celebrate everything, just so no one experiences anything less than everyone who came before.

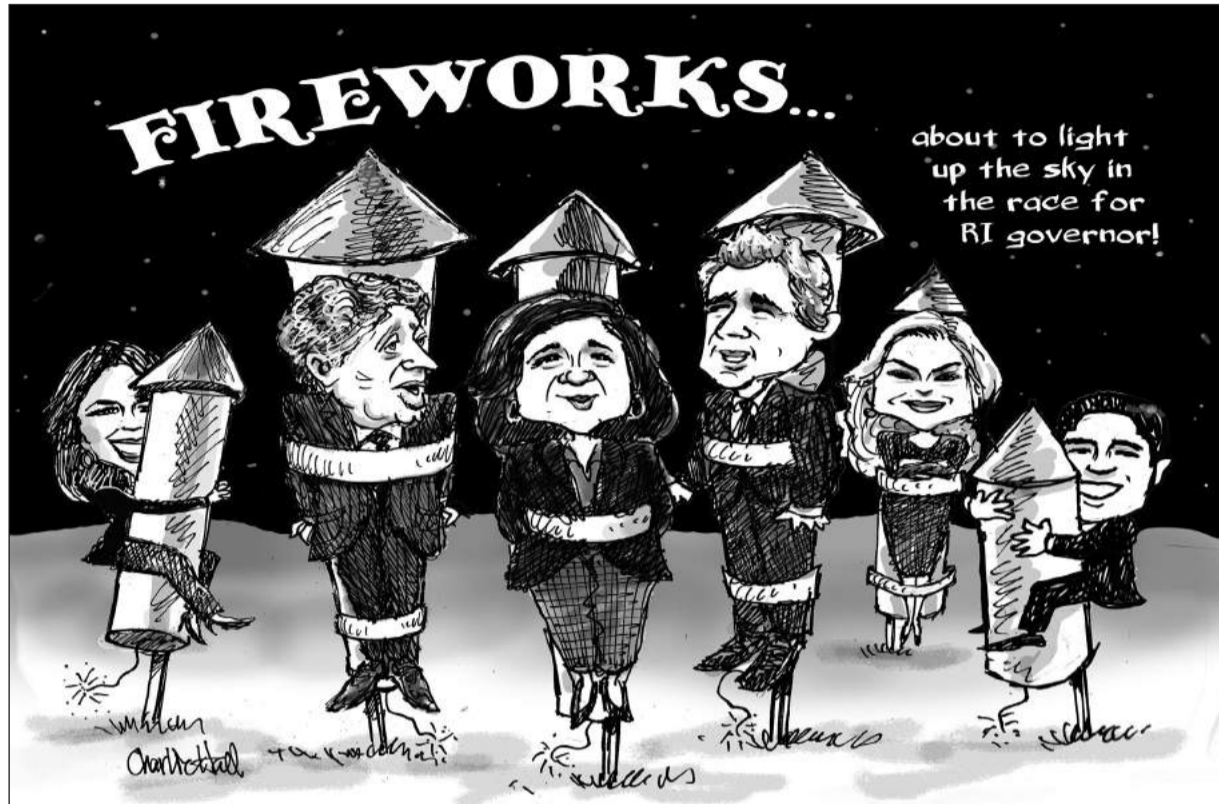
Here’s the risk. When everything is special, is anything truly special? Are the pomp and circumstance of the high school graduation so much grander than the lower-level graduations that young people recognize the weight of their achievement?

These “stepping up,” “bridge,” or “moving on” events do provide educators and administrators an opportunity to say good-bye, or good luck (or maybe good riddance) to students they have had for the last two or three years, but they also require a fair amount of planning, take students away from their actual studies for yet another day at the end of the year, and for many parents require another day or half-day out of work.

And keep in mind, none of these students has actually reached graduation; it’s just summer vacation.

It may be impossible to fit this Genie back into the lamp. In the age of “look at me” social media, no one wants to do less than the person who came before.

Yet perhaps someone will eventually realize the exaggerated cost of these celebrations — materials, time and money — and rediscover that heartfelt and meaningful last much longer than the wasted remnants of balloons and streamers.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be aware of dangers of using regressive ‘logic’

To the editor:

It is my personal hope that we can see beyond the issues that divide us, and notice the process and the timing of what is taking place at the level of the US Supreme Court. Fundamental thinkers, I believe they call themselves “originalists,” are in the majority of the nation’s highest court. Put there with Cheating and Lies.

The decision-making is based on minds that are closed to human development and progress, limiting us to “what we knew then.” How can we trust their judgement? Let us all be aware of the dangers of using

this regressive “logic” when we have nearly two and a half centuries of innovation, progress and development to help us decide our best path forward.

It is natural and understandable that we feel fear when the world is changing. I am old enough to recall the rise of cult-like fundamental religious groups preying on those who were fearful and confused about the social changes that took place in my youth. Decisions based on fear are usually our worst decisions. Leaders worthy of this title need to see beyond fear and help take all of valuable infrastructure of our Framers

(have we forgotten—or are simply ignoring—separation of Church and State?) and use it toward continuing growth and development.

All voters, please vote responsibly for our future leaders. The Cheaters and Liars, no matter their affiliations, need to go. The Fearful cannot effectively lead. May we recognize and move beyond the previously defining words and identities now being used to divide us. Our future as a nation worthy of respect is hanging by a thread.

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An open letter to Ted Cruz of Texas

To the editor:

Thanks to you, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, we have the solution to school safety. One single entrance with an armed guard at his/her post. Well, by golly, this idea requires a closer look.

Virtually all schools are campuses comprised of several buildings, sports facilities, play fields, parking lots, and cafeterias. Unless an over-arching dome were constructed, one single entrance would not be feasible. Hmmm.

For the few schools contained in monolith buildings, one single entrance could work. Oops, a fire would likely cause a jam at the now one single exit, resulting in panic, stampeding, and more injuries and loss of life. Hmmm.

Back to the armed guard

standing just inside or outside the one single entrance: He would likely be outgunned if a shooter had an automatic weapon or an accomplice. Or would that guard need to sit behind a sand-bagged machine gun? This idea assumes that each school would have trained, brave, competent, armed guard who could be recruited and equipped with, for example, a urinal, a coffee pot, snacks, and no-doze pills. This idea also assumes that said guards could unfailingly recognize all students and staff, all entering the school at about the same time, and could also with absolute fairness and certainty successfully challenge — and possibly shoot — any student who had a concealed weapon preparatory to an act of violence.

Hmmm.

Gosh, Senator Cruz, your idea appears unworkable. Was it a sincere idea? May I remind you that risk assessment is a profession with expert knowledge, based on lots of research and experience. The experts report that risks cannot be eliminated, certainly not in a large society. There is, however, little doubt among them — and among sincere, reasonable people — that the risk of mass shootings is higher where there are more guns and lax or no gun safety laws. Senator Cruz, you know this is true, you with your world-class education and elevated position in America. To argue otherwise is quite beneath you.

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BCWA project 'provides greater water security'

Interconnection with East Providence costs \$6.9 million

the BCWA cross-river pipeline located in East Providence on Pawtucket Avenue near the Silver Spring Golf Course.

Pipe was installed from that point north to Wampanoag Trail then to Dover Avenue until it reached East Providence's Kent Heights water facility. Much of the work during the 2022 calendar was spent on the Kent Heights grounds making final connections.

"This interconnection is a significant milestone as it provides greater water security for both Bristol County Water and the City of East Providence," said Stephen Coutu, P.E., executive director and chief engineer for BCWA. "We wish to thank the mayor and his staff for their support and cooperation as well as the residents and

businesses that were along the project route for their patience and understanding during construction of this critical infrastructure project."

The completion of the project establishes a backup water supply for both BCWA and the City of East Providence. If something should happen to either utility's pipeline, both will still be able to provide safe, reliable water to its customers.

"Our administration took the safety and security of our residents' access to water very seriously," East Providence Mayor Bob DaSilva said. "This project had been tabled by previous councils and administrations – but we took action. We sat with the Bristol County Water Authority and moved this project forward so that our residents can

have continued, reliable access to water."

BCWA funded the \$6,909,780 project, with East Providence providing support and assistance with traffic control during construction.

The construction work was performed by CB Utilities of Bristol and the design engineering firm was Beta Group from Lincoln.

The new interconnection comes after BCWA experienced two leaks in April 2019 in its East Bay Pipeline. The leaks were unexpected and took more than six months to identify, access and repair. During that time, an existing East Providence interconnection was used selectively with activated water restrictions, as it was not able to supply enough water to support both utilities' full distribution needs.

Confetti Kids' book drive will benefit Uvalde, Texas community

People can purchase books or send money

BY VIKRAM BANSAL
Special to the Times

gram's inception in 2019. The children are partnering with Barrington Books to support the El Progreso Memorial Library (Uvalde's public library) with a book drive.

"My goal for the project is that the word gets out to a number of communities and to news mediums," Chonoles-Currie said. "My hope is to shop this article to the Boston Globe, Projo, and to reach out to Channel 10 and Channel 6 to see if they will tell our story so that we can have an even greater impact and success for the children of Uvalde. I want our children to inspire others to do good for those healing through tragedy, letting them know that they are loved and cared for."

The book drive will continue for most of

the summer — it concludes on Aug. 15.

The books of interest are for all school-aged children (Grades Pre-K through 12). The children in Uvalde speak both English and Spanish and could use both translations. They are hoping for any genre of fiction or nonfiction: the priority is for books that speak about the sciences, history, and math. Within Barrington Books, there will be an established area where customers and donors can buy a book and deposit the purchase into boxes labeled "The Children of Uvalde" and "Bookraiser for the Confetti Kids of New England." They will not be able to accept books outside of the bookstore.

Chonoles-Currie said the group decided to hold a book drive, because she believes

that the most powerful gift to give to anyone is knowledge and perspective.

"We have created this project using our love of learning through perspectives and reading books," she said. "The greatest gift of healing that we can give the community of Uvalde right now is the gift of knowledge and learning."

There are several ways to get involved in the event — people can send a monetary donation via Venmo @Justine Chonoles Currie or they can write out a check made out to "El Progreso Memorial Library." Donations will be directed toward the purchase of books or donations to the Los Angelitos Robb Memorial Fund, which was established by the El Progreso Memorial Library.



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Budget official turned away from school meetings

Susannah Holloway wanted to attend school facilities visioning sessions

BY JOSH BICKFORD

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Michael Messore, which thanked Holloway for her interest in the visioning sessions, but added that she had not been selected to attend.

“...we have selected our volunteers and unfortunately were not able to include all of them in this session as we had more applicants than we were able to accommodate,” it stated.

Holloway said school officials had earlier requested members of the Committee on Appropriations attend the visioning sessions.

“I am the only (COA) member who asked to attend and I was denied,” Holloway said.

Cynthia Rosengard, the former chair of the COA, is a member of the Barrington School Building Committee and attended the visioning sessions. Messore said Rosengard was not representing the COA during the sessions. In an email, Rosengard wrote that she was invited to join the Barrington School Building Committee last summer because she is someone who has a strong interest in and a deep knowledge of school and municipal financing, not because of she was formerly the leader of the Committee on Appropriations.

Holloway said she was frustrated by the

snub.

“I was furious. I think it’s ridiculous,” she said.

“He (Messore) had children taking up spaces (in the visioning sessions). If they were limited on space then he should have bumped some of the children. They’re talking about revamping four elementary schools.”

According to information provided by the school department, the objective of the deep dive visioning session was to “understand the goals and values of the community while exploring a variety of interrelated issues regarding school facilities and education.”

Fifty people attended the sessions on May 16 and 17, stated a press release from the district.

“Participants in the deep dive sessions were selected to be representative of Barrington stakeholders, including district leaders, teachers, parents, residents, town leaders, one student, and the master planning design team,” stated the release.

During a recent interview, Messore and school department finance director Doug Fiore explained the situation. They said Holloway was not the only individual who had

applied to attend and then been turned away. They said their decision about who attended the visioning sessions was based on a desire to have a wide representation of people and groups from around town.

“No, this was not based on prior criticisms,” Messore said. “We looked at what their background was...”

Messore said there was not an effort to have town officials or members of boards and commissions. He added that the consultant, Frank Locker, also played a key role in choosing who would be selected to volunteer for the deep dive visioning sessions.

Holloway has spoken out about the school department in the past, including during the annual budget hearing when she talked about the district’s expected surplus. She said she studied the school department’s finances and it appeared that the schools were on pace to finish the year with a \$2 million surplus. She was one of the three Committee on Appropriations members who voted to recommend a smaller budget increase for the school department next year.

During a recent interview, Holloway also voiced concerns about information shared by Kaestle Boos Associates as part of the facilities study process. KBA served as architects for the Barrington Middle School construction project and was also hired as consultant in the current facilities work.

“I feel they don’t like my scrutinizing...” Holloway said of school officials.

“I have questioned publicly the information that Kaestle Boos and the school department are peddling to the community.”

Holloway said the information included in the school department’s Stage 1 submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education, specifically that Nayatt School qualifies as overcrowded, is inaccurate.

She said a school needs to have a functional utilization score of 120 percent or higher to qualify as overcrowded. Holloway said data included in a recent report has Nayatt School’s functional utilization score at 73.

“That is absolutely crucial,” Holloway said.

The COA vice chair added: “I am one of the few Barrington residents going behind the information to try to verify it...what they are telling us doesn’t match up.”

SCHOOLS: Design team completing visioning report

From Page 1

relationships among teachers and students, and equity across all school building facilities.

“Over the next several weeks, the design team will be working on completing the visioning report which the district will share with the community,” stated the email. “The design team will incorporate the concepts the participants developed from the deep dive visioning workshops, along with data from the community survey, into multiple options.”

According to the email, the design team will present the facilities options at a Barrington School Building Committee meeting in July, in advance of selecting the path forward.

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Barrington native plays a key role for URI Women's Crew

Julia Fortin makes the team as a walk-on, earns scholarship

BY MIKE SCANDURA
Special to The Times

When Julia Fortin was at Barrington High School, her primary sports were volleyball and basketball.

In fact she was a member of the Eagles volleyball team that captured the 2016 state championship.

Fast forward six years and Fortin, a senior at the University of Rhode Island, occupied a key seat on the women's crew team that recently captured its fourth consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference women's championship and clinched a bid to the NCAA's for the sixth time in program history.

"I initially wanted to row somewhere in college because I wanted to be part of a team," said Fortin, who was previously a member of East Bay Rowing.

"Rowing is a sport that you can walk onto. I wanted to be part of a team so when I came to URI, I walked onto the team."

As a freshman Fortin wasn't on scholarship. However, she was awarded a partial scholarship as a sophomore and junior, and then, as a senior she was awarded a full ride.

The fact that she rowed for the East Bay Rowing Club factored into coach Shelagh Donohue's interest in recruiting her.

"I talked with her coaches (Deb and Patrick Sullivan) who run the East Bay Rowing Club," Donohue said. "It's always important to me to get Rhode Island rowers in our program. She was coming to Rhode Island and was interested in coming out for the program."

"She started out her freshman year and every year she moved up. She had a great work ethic and was persistent. If somebody works as hard as Julia, she's going to climb. In rowing, that usually leads to a successful rower."

How successful has Fortin been?

As a freshman she rowed in the bow seat on the Varsity 4 boat that placed 19th in its flight at the NCAA championships, the highest finish ever by any URI boat in program history. As a senior, she rowed in the second seat on the Varsity 8 boat that edged George Washington for the A-10 Championship.

"The Varsity 8 boat gets the most points," Donohue said. "I think with the people in the boat, I look at their body of work throughout the whole year."



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Barrington's Julia Fortin (fourth rower from the left) is shown competing for the URI Women's Crew team. Initially she made the URI team as a walk-on.



As a freshman, Julia Fortin rowed in the bow seat on URI's Varsity 4 boat that placed 19th in its flight at the NCAA championships.

"That body of work tells me if they're capable of rowing in that boat. That was the case with Julia." (The coxswain in that A-10 Championship boat was freshman and Barrington native Ellie McGee.)

The fact Fortin occupied the second seat was a key to URI's success.

"This year she was in the second seat which is behind the per-

son who sets the tone and rhythm," Donohue said. "The second seat is important because it backs up the stroke."

Because Fortin is capable of rowing in any seat, it makes her even more valuable to the program, the coach said.

"As a freshman, she rowed in the bow seat for the Varsity 4 boat," Donohue said. "If you make any seat it's a good thing. Sitting

in the bow seat or the second seat is because she's technically sound. She's very versatile and can sit in any seat which gives her more options.

"I think being a freshman and rowing in the NCAA's is a major accomplishment. Julia is one of the kids who made it her freshman year and that was an achievement in itself."

Fortin's mother, Tara Cunningham, rowed for URI when it was a club team. The love for rowing has been shared from one generation to the next.

"She definitely got me into rowing at East Bay," Fortin said. "It always was something we could talk about. Rowing is a sport people don't know much about."

Donohue could see the influence Fortin's mother had on her daughter which was another factor why the latter was recruited.

"She came in knowing all the basics," Donohue said. "She was taught the basics which was good because when she got here we could improve her fitness. Fitness is a big thing you need to work on."

Given the various seats in which Fortin has rowed, might one be more difficult than another?

"I would say the stroke seat because that person is setting the

rhythm and tone for the boat so everyone has to follow that person," Fortin said. "It definitely takes a lot of rhythm to be in that seat."

Moreover Fortin's boat won its flight in each of URI's three most recent visits to the A-10 Championships.

"She's important otherwise she wouldn't be in that boat," Donohue said. "With her technique and her power and the fact she's a great teammate and captain gave the boat some good stuff."

Regardless of which seat she rows, Fortin knows what's the most important aspect of the sport.

"The whole sport is who can push themselves the hardest and whoever can get their bow seat ahead and win the race," she said. "Getting yourself in shape is important."

Fortin knows that being part of a championship program isn't a fluke.

"We're successful because of our team's commitment to win," she said. "In the off-season you have to use the erg machines and we're on those every day in the winter to push ourselves with the mission always to be to win the Atlantic 10."

"That's our main goal."



PHOTOS BY JULIE FURTADO

LEFT: Cole Fluet makes contact while at bat against East Providence in the 12U All-Star playoffs, Saturday. **RIGHT:** Relief pitcher, Finn LoVerme and first baseman, Nate Romano celebrate after executing a double-play against East Providence during the 6th inning of Saturday's All-Star playoff game.

Barrington bounced from Majors All-Star bracket

Local team loses to East Providence in opener

The Barrington Little League Majors Division All-Star baseball team lost to East Providence in the first round of the District 2 tournament on Saturday night, and was eliminated on Sunday night after losing to Middletown.

Barrington faced a tough pitcher in the

first round game, East Providence's JJ Renard. Renard struck out 15 Barrington hitters, and helped his own effort by driving in all three East Providence runs in the 3-1 final. Renard gave East Providence the 1-0 lead when he smashed a line drive off Barrington pitcher Tommy Coutant's leg in the third inning. Later in the game, Renard crushed a two-run home run, giving East Providence a 3-0 lead.

But in the sixth inning, Renard ran out of

pitches, and Barrington mustered a rally. With one out, Luchi Floriani hit a single. Finn LoVerme followed that with an infield single, but Floriani was thrown out while trying to advance to third. LoVerme later scored to cut the lead to 3-1, but Barrington could draw no closer.

On Sunday night, Barrington traveled to Middletown for an elimination bracket game. Barrington came up short, losing 4-2. LoVerme pitched for Barrington and did not allow a hit through the first five innings, but the Barrington lineup struggled to make any noise at the plate. Barrington Manager Will LoVerme said the team's normally strong defense struggled throughout the game. Floriani finished the game with two hits and LoVerme had a single.

Seniors softball

The Barrington Little League Seniors Division All-Star softball team lost to Portsmouth 13-0 last week.

Barrington got on the board first when Anna Aguiar led off the second inning with a walk and later scored on a pass ball. In the third, Abigail Capuano was hit by a pitch and then Riley Fogarty walked. But with runners at second and third, Barrington was not able to plate any more runs. Fogarty and Joy Cassidy pitched well for Barrington, and were supported by some great defensive plays by Aguiar behind the plate, Alexis Soares at third base, Alice Serpa at first, Hannah Greene at shortstop and Capuano in right field.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fall sports coaches needed at Barrington High School

Barrington High School has several coaching positions available for the Fall season: Girls varsity tennis, girls JV soccer, JV field hockey. If you have any interest in one of these positions please apply on the school district website www.barringtonschools.org under Employment Opportunities. For more information please contact George Finn, Director of Athletics and Student Activities at 401-529-1117 or via email at finng@barringtonschools.org

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Registration is open for Barrington Pop Warner

Barrington Pop Warner is getting ready to kick off another season of football and cheer. Organizers are filling rosters for multiple cheer and tackle football teams. The age range for cheer athletes is 5 to 16 and for football, 8 to 14. The fall season starts August 1. To register visit <https://tshq.blue-sombrero.com/barringtonpopwarner>

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RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Barrington's Charlie Enright and his crew led *Málama* to a second place finish in the Newport Bermuda Race recently.

Boat with local ties finishes second in Newport-Bermuda

Málama completes the race in 41 hours, 28 minutes

Barrington resident Charlie Enright skippered the IMOCA 60 *Málama*, of 11th Hour Racing, to a second place finish in the Newport-Bermuda race earlier this month.

Enright and *Málama* crossed the finish line about eight and a half hours after first place finisher, *Argo*, which completed the course in 41 hours, 28 minutes and 48 seconds, at an average speed of 15.3 knots. *Argo* clocked the fastest time in the history of the race.

Málama finished the race with a time of 41 hours, 28 minutes, 43 seconds, which is the fourth-fastest time ever. *Málama* and *Argo* are foil-assisted crafts and they book-ended the 100-foot *Comanche's* 34-hour, 49 minute mark in 2016 and the 90-foot *Rambler 90's* 39-hour, 39-minute time in 2012.

Enright said that *Málama* experienced winds up to 35 knots and never sailed lower than 70 degrees to the wind.

"It was pretty impressive," he said, "sailing with cracked sheets upwind doing 18 knots."

"We had some adversity, but we were able to fight through it," said Enright, referring to issues that cropped up with electronics and rigging.

"In those conditions," he added, "we try not to come out of the water [on the foils]; we're trying to displace as much of the boat as possible. We can control how much we come out by adjusting the rake of the foil and the extension of the foil."

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Members of PWC hold their trophies in the air after winning the minors division championship at Haines Park.

PWC celebrates softball championship

Minors division game draws a crowd to Haines Park

Team PWC defeated Team Navigant 8-4 to capture the Barrington Little League softball minors division championship recently. The game was played before a large crowd at Haines Park.

Ava Lucas pitched for PWC and worked out of a couple bases-loaded jams. Lucas scattered four hits, walked 11 and finished the game with eight strikeouts. She also helped her own effort, hitting a single to

centerfield. Aviya Pelley hit a double and scored two runs for PWC.

Amelie Bruneau and Claire Bickford shared the pitching duties for Navigant. The tandem combined to strike out eight batters, walk seven, and scatter six hits. Carly Gill reached base twice for Navigant and scored one run.

PWC reached the minors division championship game by defeating Barrington Automotive in the semifinals 12-5, while Navigant outlasted Baycoast 10-9 in the other semifinal game.

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URI names local students to spring dean's list

Barrington students were named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Included are Dahlia Ardizzone, Adam Bagdasarian, Cait Blanco, Harry Browne, Austen Cocca, Katelyn DeAngelis, Lexie DeMarco, Christina Ducharme, Hugh Elliott, Caoilfhionn Farrell, Nolan Fletcher, Julia Fortin, Emma Freel,

Maggie Giordano, Nick Goltso, Rebecca Goodridge, Audrey Gravelle, Angelica Hasenfus, Katie Hoag, Caitlin Igoe, Hannah Igoe, Sean Imbusch, Aidan Keenan and Robert Knight.

Also, Elias MacGillivray, Brian Materne, Anna McGee, Kerry Moran, Ellen Murphy, Jagger Pacheco, Nick Peecher, Linden Petersen-Rockney, Lily Piette,

Daniel Prates, Matthew Richardson, Alison Riley, Emma Rocha, Ainsley Rose, Allison Senechal, Ben Silva, Chris Silveria, Will Silveria, Jacob Soares, Haley Testa, Alexa Thibodeau, Tyrone Thomas, Lindsay Turgeon, Olivia Tutt and Amanda Woodard.

GRADUATES

New England Institute of Technology

MATTHEW CARMONE of Barrington received an associate in science degree.

LOGAN C. COOPER of Barrington received an associate in science degree.

DANIEL GEOGHEGAN of Barrington received an associate in science degree.

LAURA E. SIMON of Barrington graduated with honors and received an associate in science degree.

STANLEY R. KLEIN of Barrington graduated with honors and received a bachelor of science degree.

EDWARD T. MORRISSETTE of Barrington received a bachelor of science degree.

GLEN E. REICHARD of Barrington graduated with honors and received a bachelor of science degree.

named to the spring semester dean's list at the College of the Holy Cross. Included are **BRYCE DOLAN** and **BENJAMIN VESEY**, Class of 2022; **JAMES FAY**, Class of 2023; **KATE BABINEAU** and **MOLLY MUNGOVAN**, Class of 2024; and **ANDREW PRETE**, Class of 2025.

JOE CAITO and **MORGAN HARRIS** of Barrington were named to the spring semester dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

PAYTON PRETE of Barrington was named to the spring semester dean's list at Quinnipiac University.

ZACHARY O. LOCKE of Barrington was named to the spring semester dean's list at Husson University where he is in the communications technology program with a concentration in audio engineering.

MATTHEW SPEARS of Barrington was named to the spring head of school scholar honors list at Pomfret School.

Graduation ceremony for 56 at St. Andrew's School

Fifty-six students graduated from St. Andrews School on June 4 during an in-person morning ceremony featuring an address from St. Andrew's alumnus and Rhode Island businessman David A. Brown '52, a senior address from Anastasia Dornbeck '22, and remarks from Head of School David Tinagero.

The Class of 2022

Calliope Patricia Anderson
Samuel David Beausejour
Vivian Grace Brochu
Brian Alexander Cerullo
Javier Ignacio Castaneda Chang
Alex Benjamin Chasen
Qiye Chen
Holly Reagan Cobery
Joseph B. Demopulos
Lily Elise Deslaurier
Anastasia Marie Dornbeck
Alfred J. Elson
Saliou Ibrahim Fall
Soraya Fanion
Anna Louise Fox
Sean Elias Fullerton
Shelby M'Lynn Green
Nathaniel Hall
Lena Faith Hicks
Victoria Rose Holden
Alexandra Katherine Howes
Anajah L.T. Ingram
Dmitri Itzkovitz

Dhazyah Mo'Nae Johnson
Aydin Kocak
Alessandro Lancia
Xin Li
Yihan Li
Julio Cesar Lopez
Carter Lynch
Nicholas Kyung-Hwan Morgan
Alana Dior Muon
Preston Murphy Jr.
Anh Quang Ngo
Christopher Thomas Nolan
Nicholas Oliveira
Jesutobi Jesusean Onigbogi
Faith Achieng Opiyo
Adam Osorio
Katerina Parizkova
John Paulino
Oliver A. Peloquin
Mauricio Fernando
Raboin Noah James Rivet
Noah Safian Saltzman
Heidi Annan Sarris
Nirmaan Singh
Rhiannon A. Sousa
Horacio Augusto Vicioso
Run Wang
Zhijie Wang
Peyton Lula Williams
Stepan Zelnicek
Shipeng Zhao
Bohong Zhou
Jiacheng Zhou

ACHIEVEMENTS

GRACE CESERETTI of Barrington graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon on May 22.

ANNA HOPWOOD of Barrington was named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Alabama.

ALEXIS ANDERSON, SARAH HUGHES and **CAMILLE BROUSSEAU** of Barrington were named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Delaware.

Barrington students received dean's high honors for the spring semester at Connecticut College. Included are **JULIAN TIEN**, Class of 2022, majoring in history; **MAYA SHEFF**, Class of 2022, majoring in sociology; **EMMANUEL DESPINES**, Class of 2023, majoring in neuroscience; **MADISON MARCUM**, Class of 2023, majoring in biological sciences and environmental studies; **EMILY SWINTAK**, Class of 2024, majoring in American studies; and **ELLA RUDISILL**, Class of 2025, major undeclared.

Barrington students were

AROUND TOWN

Barrington Village has a summer fun schedule

The Barrington Village invites all to enjoy its newly announced summer fun lineup.

- Friday walks are at 9:30 a.m. every Friday, weather permitting. Join Villagers for exercise and conversation. Starting from Police Cove Park at Rte.114 and the Warren River. They usually walk for about an hour.

- Sunset relaxation: Meet Mondays at 7:15 p.m. through Aug. 25 at Latham Park in West Barrington. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy good company and the beautiful view.

- Summer concerts: Join them on Sundays in July and August from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Meet the group at the flag by the water. Bring your chair.

- Other events: On Sunday, July 17, visit their booth at Barrington's first-ever Street Fair on Wood Avenue.

- Special events: The Barrington Village and Village Common of Rhode Island are taking part together in special events this summer. Stay tuned.

For more information about these events and the Barrington Village, email barrington@village-commonri.org or call 400-5599.

Lobster rolls have returned on Fridays

Lobster rolls are back on Friday nights at St. John's Episcopal

Church, where \$23 will get you a lobster roll, bag of chips and bottle of water.

They are open at 191 County Road on Fridays from 5 p.m. until they sell out. To reserve a roll, call the office from Monday to Wednesday at 245-4065.

Barrington Lions Club holding a scavenger hunt

Are you looking for a fun activity for family and friends? The Barrington Lions Club is hosting a scavenger hunt. Beginning July 15, complete a task list for prizes and bragging rights.

The scavenger hunt ends on Sunday, July 17, during the Barrington Street Fair. The \$20 team entry fee benefits the club's community service projects and scholarship fund.

Register online at BarringtonRI.LionsClub.org and enjoy a week-end of fun.

Tap-In is serving clients at Peck Center

Tap-In is serving clients in the lower level of the Peck Center, 281 County Road. The all-volunteer organization serves people in need in East Providence, Warren, Bristol and Barrington.

The renovated space has an enlarged distribution area, a client-choice pantry on the first floor, and handicapped access.

The nonprofit agency is accept-

ing donations of seasonal children's clothing and household items, including small electrical appliances. All donations are tax deductible.

Tap-In is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 247-1444 or visit www.tapinri.org.

It takes a village... and Barrington Village is here

Staying in their own homes as they age is the goal of most seniors, and it was the rationale for forming the local volunteer organization, Barrington Village. Because they rely on volunteers, they hope you will want to get involved.

Here are some of the ways you can assist village members:

- Provide rides to appointments or events
- Make friendly calls or visits
- Shop or do errands
- Help create small-group social events
- Give tech advise
- Help with tasks such as putting up a shelf or clearing snow off a car

As one of the volunteers stated, "I can't believe the wonderful people I have met through volunteering at Barrington Village. It's rewarding to know I am helping folks in my own community. I want to give now, while I can. I know that someday I may be the one asking for services."

If interested, contact them at

Fourth of July will change news deadlines

Due to Independence Day on Monday, July 4, the deadline for community news will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 1.

To submit community news —

■ Email your news to lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com

■ Mail it to Lynda Rego, Barrington Times, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809.

For more information, call 253-6000, ext. 107.

Or stop by our office at 1 Bradford St., Bristol.

Photos are encouraged. Email us a digital photo in a high-resolution jpg or tif format and send it as an attachment.

Milestone events, such as births, weddings, engagements, etc., must be submitted within the year following the event. We publish such items for residents and former residents and there is no charge.

400-5599 or email barrington@villagecommonri.org.

Meals are available; volunteer drivers sought

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island provides a nutritious meal, well-being check and social visit to 1,500 homebound seniors statewide.

For more information about the meal program or how to volunteer to deliver meals, visit www.rimeals.org or call 351-6700.

Blood center is in need of blood, platelet donations

At this time, the R.I. Blood Center is in need of blood and platelet donations. Local drives are sparse;

but, the donor centers around the state are open and you can make an appointment to donate blood at your convenience.

All types are needed; but, there is an additional need for blood types O, O-, A-, B-, AB-.

To schedule an appointment, visit donate.ribc.org or call 453-8360. The closest donor center in the East Bay is in Middletown.

Bristol County Lions Club continuing its mission

The Bristol County Lions Club is a nonprofit organization for Bristol County where men and women help raise money for their local community. If you are interested in more information, call Lion member JoAnn Silva at 439-8861.

AT THE LIBRARY

Family programs

There are a variety of programs for families. Watch here each week for updates.

- A Gazebo Pond Story Walk is daily through July 25. Stroll around the Gazebo Pond behind the library and enjoy "Be A Maker" by Katey Howes, a story about teamwork, creativity and STEM.

- The first movie in the Summer Outdoor Movie Series is on Thursday, June 30, at 8 p.m. in Library Cove. See "Encanto" (2021, 1 hour, 49 minutes, rated PG) on the library's giant inflatable screen. Come sing "The Family Madrigal" and "We Don't Talk About Bruno" and enjoy popcorn and other fun Encanto-themed activities before the movie starts.

Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. And, bring a canned good for Tap-In. It is free and open to all. No registration required.

July programs for kids

Programs are taking place for kids during July. Watch here each week for updates.

All outdoor programs will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.

- The Kids' Online Summer

Reading Challenge is from July 5 to Aug. 19. Using the interactive, online platform Beanstack, kids can log summer reading from anywhere.

Badges are earned for reading, writing book reviews and completing activities. The more badges earned, the more raffle tickets to use toward exciting prizes.

- Circus Dynamics is on Thursday, July 7, at 6 p.m. at Library Cove. It's an energetic, outdoor juggling and balloon show for all ages. Registration is required.

- A matinee is on Monday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Take a break from the sun and enjoy an indoor showing of "The Sandlot" (1993, PG, 1 hour and 41 minutes). It's a summer classic for all ages. Registration is not required.

Film on Tuesday

A film, "Moonrise Kingdom," will be shown on Tuesday, July 5, at 6 p.m. The Wes Anderson film is rated PG-13. The running time is 94 minutes.

"In this comedy set in 1965, two 12-year-olds fall in love at a summer camp and run off together into the wilderness leaving various adults and friends to search for them as a violent storm approaches."

Board Game Night

A fun, family-friendly board game and activity night is on Wednesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. Grab your friends (or come alone) and get ready for a night of friendly competition or independent fun.

They will have puzzles, word games, coloring, board games, cards and more. Feel free to bring your own favorite game as well.

This is a drop-in event; no need to register. It is free and open to all.

Book brick painting

A book brick painting workshop is at the library. Help them create a beautiful art installation at the library. Make book bricks inspired by your favorite books that will be used to surround trees on the library campus.

Simply choose a book and paint either the book cover itself or a scene from the book. The more colorful, the better. The librarians will be on site to help you if you need it.

There will be four workshops:

- Thursday, July 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to noon
- Friday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 4 to 6

p.m.

No registration required. First-come, first served. It is open to all ages — kids, teens and adults.

One-on-one tech help

Tech help is offered to the community through monthly computer classes and one-on-one tech help. In-person one-on-one tech help is available by appointment only on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Visit barringtonlibrary.org or call 247-1920, ext. 2, to make an appointment.

If you have any questions, contact them through the Live Librarian Chat on the website or email information@barringtonlibrary.org.

New art exhibits

There are new exhibits at the library during July.

In the Jennifer English Gallery, "From Scratch" is by artist and Rhode Island resident Valerie Ottaviano. It explores themes of luck, fortune and chance, while examining the diversity of regional lottery tickets in America. Inspired by Byzantine mosaics, the pieces in the show utilize elements of discarded lottery scratch tickets and textiles, which are reconstructed to highlight the

buzzwords and imagery from the tickets that are used to motivate the consumer and inspire excitement.

In the main floor display case is a display of heirloom wooden jigsaw puzzles created by Barrington residents Jerauld and Sara Adams. Their love of puzzles inspired them to start a family business that comes from the heart. Hope Puzzles makes heirloom quality wooden jigsaw puzzles with unique whimsy piece designs that often tell a story within the story of each puzzle image.

The puzzles are designed and created in a historic mill building in Pawtucket. Jerauld and Anna use unique and, sometimes, commissioned images for their puzzles. They hope to inspire puzzling around the world. The puzzles will be available for check-out in the library's Library of Things following their time on display.

The "Child's Reimagining" exhibit will remain in the Main Floor Gallery until August.

Barrington Public Library at 281 County Road is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 247-1920 or visit www.barringtonlibrary.org.

PECK CENTER/RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS

There are activities at the Peck Center and Barrington Recreation Department.

Peck Center activities

Hot lunches are served Monday to Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For reservations, call 247-1926, ext. 201, or see Peck Center staff. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.

Peck Center is now offering mini-smoothies to complement its exercise programs on Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. They are made on-site in the kitchen and 90 percent of ingredients are organic.

The center provides transportation for lunches on Monday to Friday and trips to Shaw's on Thursday afternoons. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. For more information, call 246-1926, ext. 201.

- The Peck Center activities:

If you are interested in soft indoor bocce, let the Peck Center receptionist know.

Bingo is on Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There is a 30-member max and signup is required ahead of time.

Cribbage is played on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

A meditation class is every Monday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and is open to anyone 18 years or older. Peck Center membership is required (Barrington residents, no fee; non-Barrington residents, \$10 fee for the membership year).

Mah jongg is played on Mondays from 12:24 to 3:30 p.m.

Standing cardio classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Class includes at least 15 to 20 minutes of standing cardio exercise, followed by strength and stretch routines.

A knitting group is held on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bring your knitting, grab a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate at the center

and enjoy an afternoon of knitting by the fireplace in the lounge.

Line dancing classes are on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. No prior dance experience is needed.

A bridge group meets on Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m. At this time, the group is full. If interested in being put on a waiting list, or being a substitute, call the desk and leave your contact informa-

tion.

Chair yoga is at the Bayside YMCA on Thursdays at noon. At your first visit you will be asked to show a photo ID.

You will need to show your current Peck Center scan card or be a YMCA member. No registration needed. Just bring your water bottle and yoga mat.

A book club meets on the second Thursday of the month from 1

to 3 p.m. The group picks out a book to read at each meeting; suggestions are welcome. Anyone interested in joining should contact Robin Bacon at robinplus@aol.com.

- Peck Center services:

The Alzheimer's Association holds a caregiver support group on the first Monday of every month (or the second if the first is a holiday), July 11, at 1 p.m.

Recreation news and events

The recreation department offers a variety of classes for different ages. Registration for summer camps is open. There are day camps for ages 5 to 12 as well as tennis and theatre camps.

Join the email list for the latest updates and registration openings for all classes.

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TWELVE ACRES, Smithfield
Wed. Matinee - July 20 - 12:30

TWIN OAKS, Cranston
Sun. Matinee - July 24 - 12:30

BELLA Restaurant, Glendale
Saturday Early Bird - Aug. 6 - 4:30

CHELO'S, Post Rd. Warwick
Sunday Matinee - Aug. 14 - 12:30

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2. APR: The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) reflects the estimated total cost of the loan, including origination fees (SO), accruing interest, and the effect of capitalized interest. Interest begins accruing after each loan disbursement. Rate shown includes the 0.25% interest rate reduction for using the auto-pay feature. If monthly payment is calculated to be less than \$50 per month for full term, lowest payment is \$50 per month with term reduced.

3. RHODE ISLAND ADVANTAGE: applies to any Rhode Island Students attending school in any state or Non-Rhode Island Students attending a school in Rhode Island who select an Immediate or Deferred Repayment loan.

OBITUARY

John Alves

Purple Heart veteran, truck driver, singer and storyteller



John H. Alves, 73, of Landseer Street, West Roxbury, Mass., passed away, Monday, May 16, 2022, at home. He was the Husband of Cheryl (Gear) Alves. Born Feb. 12, 1949, in Barrington, R.I., he was the son of the late Herman and Florence (Souza) Alves.



Mr. Alves served two tours with the United States Army during Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. Mr. Alves worked as a Truck Driver for Hanna Paper Recycling Company in Mansfield, Mass., for thirty-one years. He Loved driving his truck, singing, playing his guitar and sharing the memories of his full life through captivating stories of his adventures.

Besides his wife of twenty-three years, he leaves his mother-in-law, Helen Gear; two daughters, Carrie Rehak of Northport, Fla., and Christen Davenport of Coventry, R.I.; one sister, Elsie Gardner of Barrington, R.I.; four grandsons, one granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews. He was brother of the late Anthony Alves.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 20, 2022, at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Providence. Military Honors followed the service.

Arrangements by the REBELLO FUNERAL HOME, East Providence.

www.rebellofuneralhome.com

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROBATE COURT OF THE TOWN OF
BARRINGTON
NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING AND FOR
HEARING IN SAID COURT

The Court will be in session at the Barrington Town Hall on the dates specified in notices below at 9:00 a.m. for hearing said matters.

Hannifin, Kevin M.; Estate of - Twenty-first Accounting for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Lownes, Ann Conca; a/k/a Lownes, Ann C.; a/k/a Lownes, Ann; Estate of - First and Final Accounting for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

McCampbell, Kevin Michael; Estate of - Petition for Guardianship for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Pickering, Joshua S.; Estate of - Petition for Guardianship for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Pickering, Joshua S.; Estate of - Petition for Co-Guardianship for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Reinhardt, Marina Theresa; Estate of - Petition for Name Change from Marina Theresa Reinhardt to Rowan Marino's Reinhardt for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Ross, Louise, B.; Estate of - Petition for Probate of Will for hearing on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Sandhu, Rajdeep Singh; Estate of - Jaspal Singh of Quebec, Canada appointed Administratrix and Joshua Slepokow of East Providence, RI appointed RI Agent. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning June 22, 2022.

By Order of The Honorable Matthew J. Leonard, Judge of Probate

THE TOWN HALL IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED. INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES MUST NOTIFY THE BARRINGTON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT 247-1900 EXT. 301 (BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TDD, 247-3750), IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING DATE

Barrington resident sets sights on Senate seat

Pam Lauria running for District 32 seat

Barrington Democratic Town Committee Chair Pam Lauria announced last week that she will be running for the District 32 seat in the RI Senate. The seat is being vacated by retiring Sen. Cindy Coyne. The district includes all of Barrington and portions of Bristol and East Providence.

"I want to thank Sen. Coyne for serving our community so well these past 8 years," Lauria said. "Cindy has been a true leader on many important issues, and I was honored when she recently encouraged me to run for this seat. After careful consideration and discussion with my family - I am ready to run. I know that I can bring my experience in healthcare, advocacy, and community service to the critical policy discussions in the Senate while collaborat-

ing on real solutions."

Sen. Coyne said, "Pam was one of the first people I reached out to, to let her know that I was not seeking reelection... and I encouraged her to run for this seat. Pam has been an incredible leader for the RI Democratic Party, the Barrington Democratic Town Committee, and has been an important voice from the advocacy community on many important issues including reproductive rights, gun safety and education. She will represent this district well."

Lauria is a life-long East Bay resident. She grew up in East Providence before moving to Barrington with her husband and raising their family there. She is a primary care nurse practitioner at Coastal Medical with 25 years' experience, now serving as a trustee on Coastal's board. She is a volunteer and advocate with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America,

and a member of Barrington's Housing Board of Trustees, working to increase affordable housing in Barrington. She has led the Barrington Democratic Town Committee since 2017, and has successfully helped elect Democrats to local, state and federal office. She is married to David Lauria, a teacher at Mt. Hope High School in Bristol. Their two children, Jacob and Maddie attended Barrington Public Schools and are both currently enrolled in college.

"Working on policies that impact all Rhode Islanders' health and wellness will be high among my priorities. Affordable/equitable/accessible healthcare, commonsense laws to reduce gun violence, affordable housing, supporting children educationally and emotionally, and making RI affordable for all are essential. I love the East Bay and would be honored to represent the community in the RI Senate," she said.

Small business owner vying for District 66 seat

Barrington resident Mark Tracy running for House seat

Barrington resident Mark Tracy recently declared his candidacy for State Representative in District 66.

"As a father of two children in Barrington public schools, I will fight at the State House to ensure our students are getting the resources they deserve. We need to overcome the divisiveness that has prevented us from thoughtful solutions - and we deserve representation that will focus on improving our quality of life," he said.

"I believe in public service, which starts with listening, engaging, and finding common ground. I am committed to being a strong and responsive voice to fight for our community."

Tracy cited a desire to ensure more state resources are devoted to Barrington

schools, affordable housing, protecting local seniors from rising costs due to record inflation, and replacing the East Bay bike path bridges.

"Having lost my father when I was 9, I was raised by a single mother who depended on our social security checks to make ends meet. I worry about our most vulnerable community members getting by on a fixed income in this environment."

Tracy is the board chair of the Rhode Island Public Health Institute (RIPHI), which during his tenure opened the Open Door Health Clinic, the state's first dedicated LGBTQ+ health care clinic.

Tracy is secretary of the board of Hope Health, which runs the largest non-profit hospice, palliative, and visiting nurse service in the state. Tracy recently completed Ironman Florida to raise money for Hope Health's Camp BraveHeart, a free grief camp

for children who have lost a parent or sibling on Hope Health's hospice service.

Tracy is a proud parent of two children - Kate (12) and Jonah (9) - who both attend Barrington public schools. He is a small business owner and entrepreneur who is focused on reducing the effects of climate change. Tracy is a graduate of Brown University and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Riverside resident aims to fill District 66 seat

Steven Santos enters the race for General Assembly seat

Steven Santos, of Riverside, recently announced his intention to seek the General Assembly District 66 seat which covers the Riverside section of East Providence as well as a large portion of Barrington.

Santos said the time is now for the General Assembly to redirect its approach to governing in Rhode Island.

"The majority of our representatives seem to focus their governance on how further to tax, fine, and regulate the very people they claim to represent," Santos wrote. "The job of a representative is to work with the people who have elected them to help them flourish both financially and socially within the state. Why then is this state always the best of the worst?"

Santos said the General Assembly has, over the past years, found new ways to attack taxpayers.

"At times it seems they find squeezing the working people of this state to be a sport," he wrote.

"I want to change that perspective. I want to really represent the people in our community."

Santos said changes can be made, and he is confident that he can be part of that movement.

"I am hoping the people in my district will want to work with me, work with me to have a better responsive government, one with a goal to make their lives better, not more difficult," he wrote.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BID
TOWN OF BARRINGTON
WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT

The Town of Barrington is requesting proposals for wayfinding signs in accordance with Town-provided plans and bid specifications. The proposed signs will help create an identity within Barrington's main commercial center focused on County Road, as well as mixed-use streets (Waseca Avenue, West Street, and Maple Avenue). The intent of the wayfinding program is to install signs that serve as branding for Barrington that also are functional and assist people in finding the areas of interest in town.

For an emailed electronic copy of the bid specifications and plans, please contact Teresa Crean at (401) 247-1900 ext. 347, or tcrean@barrington.ri.gov.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled: **Town of Barrington Wayfinding Signage Fabrication and Installation Project**. The envelope shall contain one (1) original, plus two (2) additional copies of the Proposal and Bid Form (including unit pricing).

Proposals must be in the Town's receipt no later than 11 a.m. local time on Friday, July 15, 2022. No submissions received after this time will be considered. Emailed submissions will not be accepted.

All proposal submissions shall be delivered to: Town of Barrington, Attn: Town Manager, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806.

Bids will be opened and publicly read immediately after the 11 a.m. submission deadline in the Town Manager's Office at Barrington Town Hall.

June 29, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BARRINGTON
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed competitive bids will be received by the Department of Public Works, 84 Upland Way Barrington, Rhode Island 02806 for

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"ONE (1) PICKUP TRUCK"

Until 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Works, 84 Upland Way, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806.

Bids are to be placed in sealed envelopes and appropriately marked and addressed to:

Barrington Department of Public Works
84 Upland Way
Barrington, Rhode Island 02806

The Town of Barrington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Alan M. Corvi
Director of Public Works

The Town of Barrington will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation in all meetings. Please contact the DPW office prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance. A request for accommodations can be made in writing to 84 Upland Way or by calling 401-247-1907. The Barrington Department of Public Works is accessible to the disabled.

June 29, 2022

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So much more than a shell game

The Aquidneck Shells project has thousands of shells, thousands of participants and profound impacts

BY KATIE LANGLEY

The Farias' Bristol home is filled with a uniquely Rhode Island decoration: quahog shells, decorated with inspirational messages, jokes and paintings of nautical scenes and childhood characters. For Melissa Leary Faria and thousands of others in the East Bay, finding, decorating and hiding seashells has become a way to connect with family and community.

It's all part of a grassroots effort launched by Sheri Scetta Arbige during a trip to Second Beach in Newport with her son in 2020, when a friend told her that her family likes to decorate the large clam shells they find.

"So I grabbed a huge bag of (shells), and my son and I started painting them," Scetta Arbige said. "And then I'm like, 'Oh, my God, what are we supposed to do with all of these shells?' Because I started off with just swirls of color and rainbows. And then it hit me."

"It's just absolutely amazing. And I've created friends, amazing friendships with so many people."

■ SHERI SCETTA ARBIGE

Scetta Arbige began hiding shells around Aquidneck Island. She then created the Aquidneck Shells Facebook group, with the mission of spreading positivity in the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"So there was seven of us maybe, just painting random shells and hiding them, and I created the group, and sometimes it'd get posted and a lot of times they wouldn't, but I knew that even if they didn't get posted, that whoever found them, it would it would make their day. I know that it put a smile on their face," Scetta Arbige said. "So the first year it was just a couple of us. It was like a few hundred in the group."

Today, the group has more than 7,200 members.

The rules are simple: if you find a shell, share it online so the artist can see their work. Then, hide the shell again or keep it for yourself. Members can also hunt down their own shells to decorate and hide them for the next passerby.

Members share images of shells they've decorated or found. Local businesses and parks, like Glen Park in Portsmouth and Paradise Park in Middletown, are especially popular hiding spots, but Leary Faria said the Aquidneck shells have traveled as far as Arizona.

Her first design was a shell that read "sweet dreams are made of brie," which she placed on top of the cheese display at the Shaw's grocery store in Middletown.

"This was something that was encourag-



ABOVE: Melissa Leary Faria works on a batch of Fourth of July-themed shells to hide around Bristol. She has painted more than 3,000 shells since 2020 as part of the grassroots Aquidneck Shells effort. **LEFT:** Addie Loveland shows off two of the painted shells. People taking part in the project both find and paint shells, often posting them to a group Facebook page. **BELOW:** Kaleb Sabulis holds up a painted shell with a swan.



SHELLS: Grassroots group has attracted more than 7,000 followers

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ing, and making people laugh,” Leary Faria said.

A prolific artist

Leary Faria said that since 2020 she has painted and hidden more than 3,000 shells. She has even created her own in-home workspace for crafting and has boxes of seashells she’s collected from many visits to the beach with her 4-year-old son.

“One of the places I like to hide shells is actually at a gas station because of how cranky are you getting gas right now? You look down and you see a shell, and you’re like, ‘that’s fantastic,’ ” Leary Faria said.

Leary Faria’s most recent project is designing red, white and blue shells to hide around Bristol during Fourth of July celebrations.

Each shell painter has their own signature look, from playful garden gnomes to intricate crochet. The group has formed friendships around their shared hobby, swapping shells like the ones lining Leary Faria’s walls and supporting each other through tough times.

“We have tons of incredible, creative painters, from age 2 to 70 years old,” Scetta Arbige said. “It’s just absolutely amazing. And I’ve created friends, amazing friendships with so many people, and when my mom passed away in January, sitting down painting was one of the things that helped me destress.”

A face to face gathering

Scetta Arbige invited group members to meet, some for the first time ever, at Glen Park in Portsmouth earlier this month, an experience which she said helped “put a face to the shells.”



Sheri Scetta Arbige, shown with her son, Jaxon, was inspired to start the Aquidneck Shells effort back in 2020. It has grown exponentially since then.

“Kindred spirits who love making and sharing art as a way of uplifting others met each other in person for the first time, coming from many local towns,” shell painter Laurie Heyden wrote in an email to East Bay. “It was a glorious moment of joy and fun. As all gazed upon the large picnic table of almost 150 shells, the beauty of self-



Maureen Coffey works on new shells at home.

expression was a sight to behold.”

As the Aquidneck Shells community continues to grow, Scetta Arbige encourages anyone who wants to get involved to try their hand at painting and shell-sharing, whether they are located on Aquidneck Island or not.

“Many of our shells have traveled across

the world now,” Scetta Arbige said. “They’re everywhere.”

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Experts gather to forecast climate change impacts

Climate change impacts on East Coast fisheries are hard to figure. What will happen as temperatures rise, with ocean acidification, sea level rise, habitat degradation and the other climate factors that could impact access, fish, fishermen and fishing communities?



Capt. Dave MONTI

Last week I was honored to help plan climate change scenarios at the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Creation Workshop in Arlington, Va.

Seventy-five participants from commercial and recreational fishing, climate, social and fisheries scientists, representatives of non-governmental organizations, community leaders and fishery managers met for three days collaborating to imagine what the future might hold in the next twenty years.

Scenario planning is an approach that helps people and organizations prepare for uncertain futures. We cannot be sure of the precise nature of the changes to come. The planning workshop aims to produce possible scenarios or stories, then it will be a matter of selecting which ones may happen and plan for them.

The initiative is being conducted by NOAA Fisheries and its East Coast partners, the New England, Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, as well as the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The aim of the session was not to generate and agree on solutions but to consider what challenges and opportunities we may face over the next twenty years. What will change? What will stay the same? What we expect to happen? And, what could surprise us?

The initiative is designed to prepare fishing communities and managers for an era of climate change. The next phase will be to use select scenarios to explore consequences for fishery governance and management and to consider changes that may be beneficial under a range of different future conditions.

For details on the initiative visit <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>.

Baird Symposium relates key learnings

The 2022 Baird Symposium wrapped up June 24, with a reception and premiere screening of a key learnings video on "Climate Impacts on Recreational Fishing and Boating." The event took place at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Key learnings from anglers, climate and fisheries scientists and non-governmental organizations that participated in the Symposium include: new abundant bait profiles in our waters attracting pelagic fish in greater numbers, i.e. mahi, bluefin tuna, cobia; and, in addition to an increase of warm



Janet Coit, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries (and former R.I. DEM Director and Barrington resident), caught this 29" fluke Saturday when fishing with Greg Vespe, Tiverton, RISAA's executive director.

water fish like black sea bass and scup, and the departure of cold water fish like winter flounder and American lobster, anglers felt that migrating and spawning behavior of some species are being impacted.

For example, fishing author and kayak fishing expert Todd Corayer said, "In December we caught striped bass to 36" with lice on them in our coves and estuaries. These fish decided not to migrate, they were out in front in our ocean (as the lice would indicate), and when it got cold they came into our sanctuaries. I caught over a dozen nice keeper sized fish in two days. The fishing continued through January and February."

Rhode Island Sea Grant and the Coastal Resources Center at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography hosted the event. Lead supporting sponsors were Ørsted, owners of the Block Island Wind Farm, and Ocean Conservancy. Participating organizations included the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Science Center, the American Saltwater Guides Association, Safe Harbor Marinas, RI Marine Trades Association, Save the Bay, and The Natures Conservancy.

Visit <https://seagrants.gso.uri.edu/special-programs/baird/> for tapes of both workshops and the key learnings video which is expected to be posted in the next few days.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish has been very good in upper Narragansett Bay in the Prov-

idence River. John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside said, "Striped bass fishing in the East Passage, particularly the Providence River, has been outstanding this past week. Customers are catching fish in the slot (28" to less than 35") and above slot size at the Providence Hurricane Barrier, at Sabin Point both from shore and from kayaks and boats on the water. The upper reaches of the River are on fire."

One customer caught 16 fish in one outing, most of them in the mid-20-pound range. Trolling tube & worm and liver lining or fishing chunks of Atlantic menhaden is working." Conner Glynn of the Tackle Box, Warwick said, "Customers are catching striped bass and bluefin at Conimicut Point, Rocky Point and India Pont Park, Providence."

Declan O'Donnell of Misquamicut Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "Striped bass

continues to impress, with reports of nice sized bass being caught both along the coastal shore and out at Block Island. There are even nice sized bass back in the pond, where yours truly had a fish up to 27 pounds last past week."

East End Eddie Doherty said, "The Cape Cod Canal has died down some, but nice fish are still being caught. Adam Smith from East Sandwich landed a 17-pound striper during an early morning slack tide near the east end, the only fish caught in that area. The Marine Corps veteran of two tours in Iraq used a green mac Savage to fool the linesider on the bottom."

Flounder/fluke

Summer flounder (fluke) fishing is improving. Greg Vespe, executive director of the RI Saltwater Anglers Association said, "We managed to catch fluke north and south of the Newport Bridge last week. Angler Janet Coit, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries (and former RI DEM Director) caught a 29" fluke Saturday when fishing north of the Newport Bridge.

Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait and Tackle, Warren, said, "The fluke bite picked up quite a bit off Newport. Anglers are catching keepers, and last Friday Bob Hurricane caught a 13-pound fluke off Newport with Capt. Kurt Rivard of K & M Coastal Charters, Warren."

"Anglers re-catching fluke with jigs on Rocky Point and Warwick Neck," said Conner Glynn of the Tackle Box.

Black sea bass and scup

The scup bite is good throughout the Bay and offshore, just about anywhere there is structure like ledges and jetties and water movement. Rocky Point, Warwick; Colt Sate Park, Bristol; and Sabine Point, East Providence have a good scup bite. Black sea bass fishing for keeper size fish (16" minimum this year) is spotty. Larger fish are being caught in the ocean along coastal shore and at Block Island.

Freshwater fishing remains strong in area ponds for largemouth bass. "Little Pond and Gorton Pond, Warwick are yielding nice size largemouth bass for customers," said Conner Glynn of The Tackle Box.

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Thursday, June 30	9:45 (3.7)	9:56 (4.2)	3:10	2:42	5:13	8:24
Friday, July 1	10:24 (3.7)	10:32 (4.1)	3:47	3:25	5:13	8:24
Saturday, July 2	11:04 (3.6)	11:09 (4.0)	4:21	4:06	5:14	8:24
Sunday, July 3	11:45 (3.6)	11:50 (3.9)	4:52	4:46	5:14	8:24
Monday, July 4	—	12:29 (3.7)	5:23	5:29	5:15	8:24
Tuesday, July 5	12:34 (3.8)	1:14 (3.8)	5:58	6:19	5:16	8:23
Wednesday, July 6	1:21 (3.7)	2:00 (4.0)	6:40	7:20	5:16	8:23
Thursday, July 7	2:11 (3.6)	2:49 (4.2)	7:31	8:33	5:17	8:23

New Moon July 28 — Full Moon July 13

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

TALKING POLITICS

Abortion will be a big topic in state races this year

STORY OF THE WEEK: The sweeping ability of the U.S. Supreme Court to reshape American life – and the power of justices with lifetime appointments – used to be a quiet topic for the inside baseball of political geeks. That’s clearly no longer the case, and it hasn’t been for a while. SCOTUS unveiled decisions this week in two big cases, involving guns and abortion.

The latter was anticipated, although that didn’t dim condemnation from Rhode Island’s mostly Democratic political structure and other groups. “Let’s be clear: a radical faction of Supreme Court justices is taking away a right from every woman in America,” the typically restrained U.S. Sen. Jack Reed said in a statement. “This is an unprecedented decision that flies in the face of the claims of recent Supreme court nominees that they would defer to long-standing precedent.”

Almost half of U.S. states have laws that will immediately ban abortions or pave the way for doing so, a situation that pleases most opponents of abortion-rights. Rhode Island created its own law to protect abortion in 2019, after some top pols, including then-LG Dan McKee (who now speaks in support of abortion rights), downplayed the threat to Roe. But that’s little solace for those who perceive an unwinding of personal rights for women and remain concerned about what SCOTUS will decide in the future.

ABORTION IN RI: While the Ocean State has its own abortion law, the General Assembly didn’t act this year on a proposal to expand coverage to include Medicaid and those on the state employee health plan. House Speaker Joe Shekarchi released a statement saying the House next year will discuss expanding coverage to include Medicaid. Senate President Dominick Ruggerio and Majority Leader Michael McCaffey say the issue has a financial impact so it should be addressed through the budget, and neither Gov. McKee nor the House included expanded coverage in their spending plans.

Finally, Sen. Bridget Valverde (D-North Kingstown) responded by saying that she and Rep. Liana Cassar (D-Bar-



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rington) had proposed legislation for expanded abortion coverage for the last three years. Via tweet, Valverde added: “Any of these men could have prioritized abortion access in that time.” Watch for the issue of expanded abortion coverage to emerge as a topic in the races for governor and CD2.

SMITH HILL: While the Rhode Island Senate’s approval of the state budget usually amounts to a rubber stamp, House-Senate relations have on occasion gotten tense on the last night of session. This time around, the Senate’s interest in having CCRI-Newport renamed for former president Teresa Paiva Weed, now head of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, led to a brief late-night stalemate. Senate spokesman Greg Pare said the chamber’s support for the proposal was clear all along: “M. Teresa Paiva Weed was the first woman to serve as Senate Judiciary Committee Chairwoman, Senate Majority Leader, and Senate President. Her advocacy for Newport, and particularly for the CCRI campus, is admirable, which is why it is so important to the members of the Senate, and Newport and CCRI officials, to name the Newport campus in her honor. This was not a ‘late push,’ but something the Senate felt strongly about throughout the session. Legislation was introduced in March and heard the next week, then passed by the Senate in April with overwhelming support. This initiative is important to the Senate, to CCRI, to Newport, and to all Rhode Islanders.”

But the House didn’t share the Senate’s ardor for renaming a campus of CCRI for the former president of the chamber, and it didn’t go along when another attempt was included in a nursing home bill getting voted close to midnight during the last session, leaving the issue to be taken up some other time.

GOV STUFF I: Gov. McKee is seen as having the inside track for the state Democratic Party endorsement when Democrats convene during a convention Sunday in Cranston. Party endorsements

mean a lot less than in the past. At the same time, every little bit can help and it would signal momentum for another candidate if they got the blessing channeled through the party leadership.

Speaker Shekarchi has already announced that he’s personally supporting McKee: “We have an excellent working relationship which resulted in a great budget for all Rhode Islanders this year. Our budget provided targeted tax relief that eliminated the car tax a year ahead of schedule, increased tax credits for seniors and disabled, and included a tax credit to working families with children. The governor and I share the mutual goal of increasing affordable housing opportunities for all Rhode Islanders, which is evident by the \$250 million in housing investments contained in the budget, and we worked together on a comprehensive package of new housing bills. I appreciate his leadership and ability to collaborate with the legislature on such key issues as the landmark Act on Climate bill to protect our precious environment, as well as making key investments in education, health care and assisting our small businesses.”

GOV STUFF II: Did perceived Democratic front runner for governor Nellie Gorbea raise her standing or make a blunder with her first TV ad? On the surface, Gorbea’s commercial is visually appealing, with the candidate speaking from the jagged RI coastline. The spot plays on her amiable political persona, with Gorbea comparing herself to Rhode Island as small and sometimes underestimated. Yet the commercial also takes a political risk, by calling for an increase in corporate taxes, to help address such needs as housing and pre-kindergarten classes. That provided an opening taken by some of her Democratic rivals.

“Governor McKee has a plan that doesn’t slow our economy with higher taxes as we recover from the pandemic -- Rhode Island is a national leader in economic recovery,” said McKee’s campaign manager, Brexton Isaacs. Helena Buonanno Foulkes chimed in with this: “The truth is that the Nellie Tax will affect thousands of businesses, including small businesses in our state—businesses like Big Blue Bug Solutions, Iggy’s, Chelo’s, Gregg’s and Dels.”

Gorbea campaign manager Dana Walton pushed back against Foulkes: “Of course a corporate CEO thinks it’s more important to preserve corporate tax loopholes than invest in our state. Nellie believes that corporations should pay their fair share so that we can invest in affordable housing and expanded early childhood education.”

The back and forth show how the September 13 primary is quickly approaching – and how Gorbea is hoping to solidify support from the more progressive pool of voters typical of a Democratic primary.

GETAWAY I: The last night of session for the General Assembly is always worth watching for a surprise announcement about someone not seeking re-election. This time it was House GOP Leader Blake Filippi of Block Island, first elected in 2014, and someone who merged his different interests in the law, yoga, organic cattle farming and libertarianism. While Filippi faces his first Democratic opponent since 2014 (Tina Spears), he suggested in a letter to constituents that he had decided it was time to go in a different direction: “Now having served in the General Assembly for eight years, nearly 20% of my life, I have struggled about whether to seek another term in office. The time is now to step aside and for new public servants to step up and serve our communities in the House.”

An outpouring of affection from fellow representatives underscored how well-liked Filippi was in the chamber (even with a lawsuit against the powers that be over JCLS, the hiring and spending arm of the legislature) – and that might be about the best tribute a departing lawmaker could get.

GETAWAY II: With the filing deadline for candidates coming up next week, chatter suggests another incumbent lawmaker or two may add their name to those not seeking re-election. Here’s who’s indicated they are leaving so far besides Filippi:

House: Rep. Liana Cassar (D-Barrington); Rep. Marcia Ranglin-Vassell (D-Providence); Rep. Gregg Amore (D-East Providence), who is running for secretary of state; Rep. Steven Lima (D-Woonsocket); Rep. Deb Ruggiero (D-Jamestown), who is running for lieutenant governor.

Senate: Judiciary Chairwoman Cynthia Coyne (D-Barrington); Sen. James Sevener (D-Portsmouth); Minority Leader Dennis Algieri (R-Westerly); Sen. Kendra Anderson (D-Warwick); Sen. Cynthia Mendes (D-East Providence), who is running for lieutenant governor.

KICKER: Dan Kennedy laments the shallow bench in Massachusetts, normally fertile terrain for future politicians: “State Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz’s withdrawal from the gubernatorial race on Thursday underscores the astonishing collapse of politics in Massachusetts. This is a state where politics has traditionally been a year-round sport. In the past, an open governor’s seat would have attracted multiple candidates. Instead, Attorney General Maura Healey will run uncontested for the Democratic nomination and will probably beat either of the two Republicans who are running.”

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CONOR O'NEIL

Bobbie Marelli's "Magoo" sailing to victory in Cruising Class.

A Fiasco of a season opener for sailing club

BY NICK BOWEN

The Twenty Hundred Club opened their season on Saturday, May 22, with the third annual "Bridge Fiasco" Race. The rules are simple: start the race just south of Prudence Island and sail under each of the three bay bridges in any order: the Newport Bridge, the Jamestown Bridge, and the Mt. Hope Bridge. The race is 27.8 nautical miles long, and the format of the race is pursuit style, which means your handicap is taken at the start of the race.

The highest rated boat, "Able" (an Able Poitin) sailed by David Bruce, started at 9:35 and the lowest rated boat, "Mischief" (a Lyman-Morse 40) sailed by David Schwartz, started at 10:48.

There were 10 boats that competed in two classes. There were six spinnaker boats and four cruising class boats. This was down significantly from our high of 21 boats in the 2020 race. This was largely driven by miserable weather in May (cold and fog) that had many owners delay launching. We also lost several boats to practice sessions for the upcoming Newport-Bermuda race.

The forecast was for low morning winds and fog. Low tide was at 6:25, which normally meant riding the tide to the Mt. Hope Bridge first would be the wise choice. What was not expected was the density of the fog. Curt Spaulding's "Serenity" ran aground leaving their harbor when a fishing boat suddenly emerged from the fog and was blocking the channel (fortunately on a soft sand bar that they easily backed off from and then decided to use auto pilot to get to the starting line).

Marcus Cochran, race committee, had to make the starting line only 100 feet wide because that was as far as he could see. Marcus delayed the race by half an hour to go from zero breeze to at least enough that he thought boats would be able to get across the starting line.

The logic behind pursuit races is they make for an exciting finish because your penalty is taken at the start and in theory all boats should finish at the same time. However, in super low winds (when a breeze is expected later) it is incredibly unfair to the boats that start first. David Schwartz's "Mischief" started more than

'Bridge Fiasco' results

Spinnaker Class

1. "Serenity", Curt Spaulding
2. "Party Tree Racing", Michael Filimon
3. "Lead Mine", Alexander Young
4. "Mischief", David Schwartz (Retired)
5. "Mystic", Christopher Borden (Retired)

Cruising Class

1. "Relentless", Robert Laska
2. "Cetacean", Peter Maloney (Retired)
3. "Mental Floss", Randy Church (Retired)
4. "Able", David Christopher Bruce (Retired)

an hour after the first boat and was able to pass the entire fleet within an hour. But as karma would have it, after "Mischief" turned at the Jamestown Bridge they would find a deep wind hole north of Jamestown and retired at 14:00.

The boats that wanted to ride the incoming tide north to the Mt. Hope Bridge would not see a breeze until 15:00 and all would retire. The smart move was to head south to the Jamestown Bridge, which is where all but one of the spinnaker boats would head ("Mystic", who headed to the Newport Bridge, would retire).

Once the fleet turned north after the Jamestown Bridge, the sea breeze started to fill in. The fleet collectively decided that a long run to the Mt. Hope Bridge would be the right choice. Curt Spaulding decided to lone-dog it to the Newport Bridge and he would emerge the winner of the day. By the end of the day the racers would see 17+ knots of wind. Party Tree Racing reported boat speeds of 12+ knots as they approached the finish line.

It was a long day, with the boats finishing around 18:00, but overall, the race was a great start to the 2022 season for the first of the club's six races this summer.

Nick Bowen is the Commodore of the Twenty Hundred Club and races his Lyman-Morse e33 on Narragansett Bay. He can be reached at commodore@twentyhundredclub.org.

BOOK REVIEW

A heart-warming tale from the Old West

'News of the World'

By Paulette Jiles

Widower and war veteran Capt. Jefferson Kyle Kid, age 71, earns his living traveling on horseback in the 1870s, bringing the news to settlers in Texas. For ten cents, those eager to know what's happening in other states and countries, gather in bars and hotels to hear Capt. Kid read current events printed in newspapers he collects daily in his rounds.



Donna DELEO BRUNO

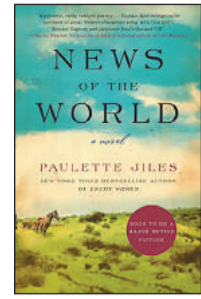
At a stop in Wichita Falls, he commits to a mission of returning to her aunt and uncle a white, 10-year-old girl orphaned and kidnapped four years earlier by the Kiowa Indian tribe. Although blond and blue-eyed, Johanna has all the characteristics of an authentic Indian, speaking only Kiowa, filthy in appearance, dressed in rags, eating with her hands, proficient in the handling and loading of guns, and fond of swimming nude in creeks.

She is more savage than civilized; and the elderly Kid soon rues his decision of not only taking on this responsibility, but also the long days and weeks in the saddle to reach their destination.

At first, he considers her a burden and an obligation since he took payment for this job. It is a dangerous trek, and they are more than once beset by profiteers looking to capture her for their own purposes. When the captain and the girl are attacked by one of these gangs, they must fight a gun battle for survival in which Johanna proves to be a worthy and clever adversary to these assailants.

This cooperative effort, in addition to the long and arduous days on the plains and in the wilderness, gradually creates a bond between the two. It grows stronger every day as the little "Indian" realizes that the Captain is, in every way, her protector from harm even though she has no desire to be reunited with her family.

In fact, realizing Johanna's desire to go back to the Kiowas, Kid can never let her



out of his sight. He treats her in a grandfatherly manner and begins to teach her English, hoping that she will remember her life before her abduction and be better prepared for assimilation into pioneer life. But when he meets her severe and unloving aunt and

uncle, who show no fondness for Johanna, his affection for the girl overpowers him and he begins to believe the reuniting is a mistake.

Much of the book focuses on the developing relationship between the "captive" and the captain; and in the process, the author deftly reveals the softer side of this savvy and battle-hardened curmudgeon. In his more objective moments, Kid is able to empathize with the trauma this little girl has experienced — seeing her parents and siblings brutally murdered, herself taken prisoner by the Indians, having to adapt to a totally new lifestyle, and now again being uprooted and transported to those who would only use and abuse her as a work-horse.

This is a sweet story despite some graphic depictions of Indian slaughter; and there are humorous and touching elements as Kidd tries to "tame" the child's wild ways. In addition is the suspense when they must battle for their lives, outnumbered and outgunned. Treachery and danger lurk everywhere as they make their way across the prairie.

Read to find out how this true Western hero, Capt. Kid — although old, battle-weary, and tired of his wandering — digs deep into the inner recesses of his heart, to rescue this innocent and friendless child once again and give her a second chance.

This heart-warming tale is currently on HBO. Tom Hanks is masterful as Capt. Jefferson Kyle Lid.

Donna Bruno is a prizewinning author and poet recently recognized with four awards by National League of American Pen Women.

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Art Night Bristol Warren celebrates local artists on the last Thursday evening of each summer month. Experience art and history this month in Warren. See handcrafts and clothing, visit artists' studios, Maxwell House and the Washington Masonic Lodge,

hear music by Hollow Turtle and The Whelks, experience "Inside the Mind of the Artist" as part of the #meetheartist series, sip a cocktail from R.I. Cruisin Cocktails and more.



WHAT: Art Night Bristol Warren
WHEN: Thursday, June 30, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Downtown Warren, primarily along Water Street
COST: Free and open to the public
MORE INFO: Get a full program at artnightbristolwarren.org



It's a woolly mammoth StoryWalk

The Westport Historical Society invites families to explore the new woolly mammoth StoryWalk along the Handy House Heritage trail. The StoryWalk features the children's book "Wild and Woolly Mammoths" by Aliko. Travel back to the time of the woolly mammoth, learn about them and their struggle for survival against their greatest enemy – humans. Visitors will also

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A new solarium addition was added in 2016.



The newly renovated kitchen.

This much admired colonial is one of the most distinctive houses in the coveted Bristol Highlands neighborhood. Built in 1905 by Charles Foster, this vintage shingle-style retreat is sited on an acre of horticultural paradise with outstanding specimens, including an American Linden tree (one of the biggest and oldest of its kind).

The home was extensively renovated in 2016 with an addition of a solarium and a new Ian Thompson kitchen, updated mechani-

cal, Kevin Baker-designed mill stone patio, mahogany decking with outside shower, redwood pergola, etc.

Located just steps to the shores of Narragansett Bay, the home has westerly views and fabulous sunsets throughout the year. The neighborhood association offers the homeowner an optional membership for beach/dock access, a clay tennis court, clubhouse activities, children's programs, etc.

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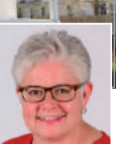
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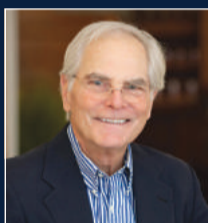
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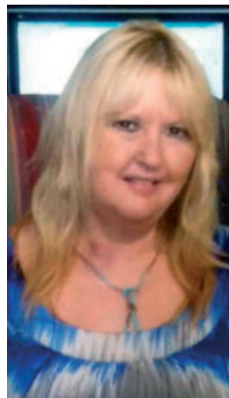
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684 County Rd	Jonathan Blasi	Millington F.T. and Cheryl Benedetti	\$270,000
91 Highland Ave	Jessica Vida	Richard Rosa and Robin Laub	\$615,000
Puritan Ave	Stephen Edwards and Lin Eleoff	Edward F. Lundgren	\$499,900
77 Hamilton Ave	Hamzeh Sarairoh and Raya Alhalawani	Blue Water Realty LLC	\$955,000
EAST PROVIDENCE			
69 Jackson Ave	Teixeira Investments Inc.	Hayley L. Lamarre	\$220,000
17 Glen St	Brittany Waycott and Eusebio Cumplido	Alden Simons	\$292,500
9 Warren Ave	S&J Realty LLC	Rosemary D. Graves	\$360,000
74 Temple Dr	Jonathan Garris and Rachel Perrucci	Jeffrey and Amy Corrado	\$400,000
41 Garden Dr	Vincent Sullivan	Tricia and John Bowler	\$355,000
494-498 N Broadway	Joseph F. Pereira	Vera Treglia Est. and Neil Treglia	\$340,000
17 Riley Dr	Jessica Silva and Johannes Toensing	Judite Correia and Paula Ferrara	\$415,517
180 Grove Ave	Pamela V. Perez	Stacia and Jordan Jones	\$473,500
211 Pleasant St	Donnell and Audrey Usry	Jeffrey Miller and Rizalina Suriben	\$445,000
188-190 Waterman Ave	Carter Capital LLC	Joseph and Belinda Camara	\$477,500
30 Whitaker Ave	Edwin Calderon	Debra and Joseph Laduke	\$400,000
25 Gill St	Katelyn and Joshua Decknick	Francis and Dianne Hughes	\$440,000
5 Sutcliffe Cir	Eloisa Pais	Rose & Raymond Levesque I.R.T. and Cathy Alves	\$392,000
345 Massasoit Ave	Tellez Innovation LLC	Dionisio Cepeda	\$257,000
60 Centre St	Joseph E. Medeiros	Edna L. Morse Irrev. F.T. and Kim Cogavin	\$425,000
258 Terrace Ave	Blair Warren and Luz Cervantes	Mary and Charles Miller	\$505,000
80 Barney St	Julia and Robin Stern	Charles E. Plante Est. and Philip Gerzog	\$485,000
50 Rhodes Ave	Carmen Y. Nazario	B & B Development LLC	\$510,000
65 Circuit Dr	Shelby L. Griebel	Steven and Jessica Jennings	\$422,000
41 Bullocks Point Ave #3A	Debra L. Laduke	Kelly M. Doern	\$273,000
1 New Rd #B2	Rodolfo and Mireya Fernandez-Criado	Shashank Dwivedi and Yara Tayeh	\$380,000
20 Kettle Point Ave #20	Hoi Chan and Minxian Liang	Long Rock Cove LLC	\$849,000
LITTLE COMPTON			
60 E Main Rd	Little Comptn Agri Cons T	Kyle Jacyssin	\$785,000
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PORTSMOUTH			
76 Summit Rd	76 Summit LLC	John and Lucia Sousa	\$315,000
25 Lilac Ln	Caroline C. Walker	Joseph and Marie Casale	\$750,000
35 Maize Corn Rd	Robert Asencio and Michelle Kasprak	KZ Living R.E.T. and Zachary Beach	\$715,000
367 E Main Rd	Portsmouth Holdings LLC	Osiris Holdings Of RI LLC	\$175,000
27 Pheasant Dr	Lisa L. Martin-Lasky	Barbara S. Lucas	\$117,562
43 Viking Dr	Alex Dodane and Mary Herman	Shannon L. Driscoll	\$499,000
42 Kristen Ct	Stuart and Leslie Streuli	Richard and Margaret Taylor	\$616,000
TIVERTON			
31 Carpenter St	Adam Rapoza	Jennifer Dyer	\$32,590
19 Walnut St	Michael and Jennifer Dias	Daniel M. Servant	\$280,000
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East Providence - The celebration will take place at Pierce Memorial Field. In case of bad weather, the rain date is Tuesday, July 5.

Newport - Weather permitting, this year's Fourth of July Fireworks display is scheduled to light up the harbor beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 4th, with a rain date slated for Tuesday, July 5th.

Portsmouth - Celebrates Independence Day put on by the Escobar family at their Middle Road Farm on July 4th

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