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Pay increase for department heads sought

Council asks Town Manager to find money in budget to boost pay for certain positions

BY ETHAN HARTLEY

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With very little money left to allocate before eclipsing the 4% tax levy limit that is set by the state, the Warren Town Council unanimously requested for Town Manager Kate Michaud to find \$20,000 in cuts throughout the approximately \$26.2 million budget in order to boost the salaries of certain non-union town employees (department heads, essentially) to bring them to a level more in line with surrounding communities.

The request occurred during the second preliminary budget meeting on Wednesday, March 29. While the budget has not been finalized, the Council worked through all department requests, anticipated revenues, and capital requests throughout the past two preliminary meetings. During the March 29 meeting, various amendments to the Town Manager's suggested allocations were proposed and approved, which will need to be finalized during the next meeting on April 11 (a charter change during last year's election changed the deadline for a preliminary budget to be due, from April 1 in prior years to April 15 this year).

A 'raise' or not a raise?

After last budget meeting featured a plea from the town's Tax Assessor, Kristopher Leadem, regarding what he found to be ample evidence that his own position and many others throughout the town government leadership were not paid comparatively well when looking at surrounding communities, Town Councilman Joe DePasquale broke the ice by essentially agreeing that low pay for department heads was something he wanted to address.

"This is trying to bring things to a position that will hold merit when these positions become vacant and you try to bring in new staff. And, I think, keep people here," he said. "You value the people you have working here. It's a human capital investment. They're here. I believe that we should show some

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RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Allison Newsome gathers with members of the Bristol Garden Club, which commissioned this "RainKeep" sculpture located off Route 114 in Bristol, near Guiteras School, in 2017. It was the first practical implementation of the rain-catching sculpture in Rhode Island, which has now gained considerable interest among international water conservation advocates.

An artful balance of beauty and conservation

Warren artist's attention-provoking, rain-collecting sculptures earn international acclaim

BY ETHAN HARTLEY

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Warren sculptor Allison Newsome has made a living and a name for herself crafting works of art that demand attention. That same skill and goal has coalesced into a unique sculpture concept that is equally as captivating as it is functional, and environmentally forward-thinking — which has recently earned international recognition as a game-

changing idea for public green spaces.

"One of the only really positive things to come out of Covid in my mind, is that there has been an increased focus on providing open, green spaces for people to gather," Newsome said. "The problem is, they're using municipal water to take care of the plants and planters that occupy these spaces. It's taking a toll on the municipal water supply."

Years before the pandemic, Newsome had devised a conceptual sculpture as part of an art show at Blithewold Mansion in Bristol in 2014, with sculptures meant to harness the powers of, and represent the importance of, water, wind, and solar. When she saw that none of the sculptures planned focused solely

on the theme of water, she stepped in to fill the gap.

"So I made three structures to harvest rain-water, with hoses attached for watering plants," she said. The structures were such a hit that the Bristol Garden Club commissioned her to create a larger version for one of their public gardens at Thomas Park.

The prototypical structures were fragile, however, and not meant to withstand time or damage. So she reached out to Julie Blount, a longtime friend, fellow artist, and owner of the revered Blount Boats in Warren, to fabricate

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Savoring their moment

Mt. Hope musicians open up about their appreciate for Musicafe events



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POLICE REPORT

Police: Five arrests another public urination report

Monday, March 27

A parent reported at 10:06 a.m. a past assault that occurred at school the prior week.

Police checked on a person who fell off their bicycle near Child and Mulberry Streets at 3:18 p.m. They refused a rescue and had a friend drive them home.

Tuesday, March 28

Police advised a man in a Main Street apartment to stop yelling after a neighbor complained at 12:06 a.m.

A caller on Main Street reported a shoplifting incident at 10:34 a.m. which occurred over the weekend.

Warren PD worked in conjunction with Port Orange PD in Florida at 5:37 p.m. to locate a car that had been stolen.

Wednesday, March 29

A stray cat was reported on Market Street at 9:56 a.m.

Police received a report of a verbal altercation occurring between a man and woman on Child Street at 3:05 p.m.

April Doyle, 33, of Warren, was arrested on Metacom Avenue at 6:47 p.m. following an argument within a business. She was charged with two counts of simple assault and/or battery and disorderly conduct, and was arraigned and released later that evening.

A caller on Main Street reported at 11:56 p.m. that a person had followed them home, parked in their

driveway and exited their vehicle. They were described as wearing a backwards hat, sunglasses, and a "painted on" beard. Police searched the area but didn't find anyone matching the description.

Thursday, March 30

Police dispersed a person on Main Street at 1:30 a.m. who appeared to be "staring aggressively" into a business. They turned out to be an Uber driver waiting on a fare.

A box truck reportedly clipped the edge of a building on Market Street at 9:20 a.m., causing an unknown amount of damage. A note was left for the building's owner.

A caller reported at 9:24 a.m. that someone appeared to have intentionally urinated near their vehicle on Main Street, and said that they believed they were being targeted, as a similar incident had occurred in the past.

Police restored the peace at 12:30 p.m. on Market Street following an argument between a property owner and a construction crew regarding the placement of traffic cones blocking off a parking lot. It was resolved without issue.

A Serpentine Road resident was transported to the hospital at 1:12 p.m. after falling off a horse.

A caller reported at 1:43 p.m. that there were middle school-aged juveniles running in front of cars near Kickemuit Road and Arlington Avenue. Police searched the area but they appeared to have left the scene.

At 6:56 p.m. another caller reported a juvenile female was jumping in front of vehicles on Serpentine Road with a similar description as the prior

log. An officer advised the girl to walk on the grass.

Friday, March 31

Police told a resident on Joyce Street to quiet down loud music at 2:28 a.m.

A caller on Davis Street reported that someone was threatening to harm someone else with a weapon, possible a knife or a club, at 12:46 p.m. Police responded and found no weapons.

Police logged a report of someone finding credit cards in a student's backpack on Market Street at 2:47 p.m.

Police looked for juveniles on Fern Drive on ATVs at 3:09 p.m. but didn't locate them.

Michael J. Rodrigues, Jr., 30, of Warren, was arrested on Touisset Road on a warrant at 5:13 p.m. He was charged with possession of a schedule I-V controlled substance (first offense). He was transported to the hospital that evening and was arraigned and transported to the ACI early the following morning.

A caller requested police assistance regarding a tenant on Metacom Avenue that wasn't picking up after their dog. The person agreed to do so in the future.

Saturday, April 1

Anna Medeiros, 38, of Bristol, was arrested at 1:07 a.m. near Metacom Avenue and Bee Jay Court and was charged with DUI of liquor (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer. She was arraigned and released later that morning.

A Read Avenue resident reported seeing a raccoon out during the daytime hours at 6:02 p.m. and was unsure if it was sick. Police didn't see it in the area.

Sunday, April 2

A woman called police to report her vehicle had been struck while parked near Cole and Joyce Streets at 12:37 a.m. Police found a car with matching damage in the area.

The recreation director reported damage to the door of the women's restroom on Water Street at 12:39 p.m.

Police dispersed individuals who were reportedly trespassing while fishing off docks along Water Street at 1:15 p.m.

Police recorded a report at 1:21 p.m. from Vernon Street where a man allegedly returned to a residence and punched a window and threatened to return and commit a shooting. They sent a BOLO to Bristol for the man, who was wanted on 24-hour domestic charges.

In a follow-up to the prior log, **Faceson Hicks**, 19, of Warren, was arrested on a warrant on Vernon Street at 4:05 p.m. He was charged with two counts of domestic violence (vandalism and disorderly conduct, both first offenses). He was arraigned later that evening.

Monday, April 3

Alexandra Polan, 33, of Warren, was arrested near Market and Asselin Streets at 2:23 a.m. She was charged with DUI of liquor (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer. She was arraigned and released later that morning.

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Warren charms popular 'streetscape' influencer

As a lover of things quirky and historic, Matthew Dickey was delighted by Town's vibe



Matthew Dickey, seen here when he was interviewed by a Boston CBS affiliate regarding his Instagram page, which chronicles interesting historic structures and tells their story. His account has over 40,000 followers,



Dickey photographed 146 Water Street and dedicated an entire post to it, writing, "This little commercial building is likely the best preserved little shop in all of Rhode Island. What really makes it special is that it sits on a street with several other, small-scale and well preserved commercial buildings. Together, they provide a sense of what it was like to live in 19th-century coastal New England."

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Warren's large and unique cluster of Victorian-era historic buildings — many of which still operate as mixed-use structures with residential units above and commercial units on the street level, as they have since the 19th century — found a new fan in recent weeks; one whose adventures attract tens of thousands of followers.

Matthew Dickey, who runs an increasingly popular Instagram page called "streetscapcurator", normally focuses his attention throughout the Greater Boston area, which became his home in 2011 when he moved to the city for graduate school while pursuing a career in the arts.

During Instagram's early days, Dickey took to his bicycle and began taking photos and researching Boston's many historic buildings, sharing simple but attractive photos and detailed stories about architectural landmarks and lesser known structures to a growing audience of fans interested in historic preservation and the buildings located around them.

"I really like to learn why and how cities look the way they do and what choices were made, or what was maybe erased to build something new," he said during a recent interview. "What histories were lost? What stories are we trying to tell, and what stories haven't been told?"

When Dickey was approached by some Warren residents, including Town Councilwoman Keri Cronin, he admits that he hadn't heard of the town before, but quickly realized it fit right into the mold he had created for his page.

"I did not know that Warren was a

thing," he said. "But then I was looking at different buildings on Water Street on Google Street View and I was like, 'Oh I gotta go.'"

Dickey made the journey to Warren in late February, touring up and down Water Street and branching off to various side streets throughout the town's historic waterfront district, and was immediately smitten, not only with the number of historic structures that had been preserved and maintained their original aesthetic from the past, but by the people he met as well.

"I think Warren has one of the largest collections of Victorian-era commercial buildings," he said. "But it also has a music performing space, it has multiple coffee shops, multiple bookstores, amazing food. You can walk everywhere. There's a brewery right on the water, like how is this here? It felt amazing when I was there, but then also meeting all the artists who kind of just take over a building and make it work."

At the time Dickey was visiting,

the proposal to convert 119 Water St. into a mixed-use apartment building was still in full swing and the outcome remained uncertain. He spoke about the importance of trying to save historic structures, which is near and dear to his heart considering his day job as the Communications Director for the Boston Preservation Alliance.

"Architecture has this rare ability to punch through time, because it was built in one period and then we exist with it today. So it's that physical, tangible link to the past," he said. "And you can only experience when you're with it. Once it's gone, it's gone, and that link to what was there before is and the entity of that neighborhood is erased...Why would you get rid of something that makes your town unique?"

Further, Dickey made the argument that demolishing historic structures is also an unwise move from an environmental standpoint.

"Every time you demolish something, especially something that's

that old, you are releasing embodied carbons into the world because those carbons are stuck there," he said. "The greenest building we have is the one that already exists. So why would a coastal town demolish structures when it has the most to lose with climate change and other endeavors of sea level rise?"

It was no surprise to Dickey that there was a large community response to the proposal to demolish two buildings in order to build the aforementioned housing development.

"People don't really think they have an opinion about buildings, until you ask them, and then everybody has an opinion," he said. "And it's never just a wishy washy opinion, it's a firm opinion, and I love that about architecture."

As of this writing, Dickey's Instagram page has over 40,000 followers, and his posts from Warren all garnered hundreds of likes and comments. He said he'd love to come back during the summer time to see the town's historic district alive with people, food, and music.

As a native of a small midwestern town in Illinois, he said that he never takes such small-town New England charm for granted.

"The history of New England is all tied together, but these small towns have so much of it too, and they're so unique in the United States in that they are all highly walkable, and highly human in scale."

"Once you got to the Midwest that doesn't exist," he continued. "Like the Walmart parking lot is the size of downtown Warren."

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LEFT: Talia Reid sings "Like a Tattoo," by Sade accompanied by David Lauria on guitar. **RIGHT:** Casey Ruth Little sings "Not My Crowd," a song that she wrote about not fitting in. Little will attend Berkley College of Music next fall.

Performers bloom at 26th Mt. Hope Musicafe

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
RICHARD W. DIONNE, JR.**

The high school cafeteria buzzed as a crowd of 200 students, family and friends sat in the dark with anticipation. Mt. Hope senior Casey Ruth Little and her pink electric guitar took the makeshift stage and like a young Taylor Swift, played and sang, "Not My Crowd," a song with a folky vibe about not fitting in, during the 26th edition of the popular "Musicafe" last Thursday night.

"The song is about learning to be comfortable," said Little, who wrote it along with many other original pieces. "Saying no and trusting your gut, even when it'd be much easier to just follow the crowd. It's my self-confidence anthem and one of my favorite songs I've written."

The talented Little sat on a stool under the lights and sang her song. Her smooth voice and rhythmic guitar boomed out to the audience. She heralded her fans after the show.

"They are so welcoming," she said. "No matter how I perform up there, I'm going to get a hug. I'm going to get screaming and cheering. I could fall flat on my face and they'd be like, 'Oh my God, you were amazing.'"

Little is heading to the Berkley College of Music next fall, to pursue a career in music.

"Mr. Lauria went there and he is a big part of the reason why I want to go there," said Little. "This is something that I want to do for the rest of my life."

Music teacher David Lauria, the director of the high school vocal ensemble, created the event when he began teaching at the high school in 2016. The idea was to have three to



Megan Harley (left) and Grayson Lautieri sing "Need You Now," by Lady A.

four shows a year.

"My goal with this event was to create something that belonged to the students," he said. "They are incredibly talented, but also smart and capable."

Mr. Lauria is also multitalented and accompanied some of the acts on guitar and on piano.

"The acts must be live — no karaoke," he said, "The choral department officers recruit the acts, help find accompanists if needed, do the advertising, and run as much behind of the

scenes as possible. They also have a student tech crew, stage manager, and hosts for every show."

"There are a lot of people that work really hard to make these happen," said Sonia Bradley president of the vocal ensemble. "Me and the other officers do a lot of organization. We make the set lists. People come to us with their songs. We do them every year and they have just grown since I have been here."

Bradley, who also co-hosted the Musicafe, said that the team has gotten good at spread-

ing the news to performers as well as the public. "When people watch them, they want to perform," she said. "We get so many performers rolling in. This time we couldn't fit everyone unfortunately."

The staff also records all of the shows and publicizes it online.

"There's a lot of work that goes into it before hand," said Bradley. "But it's really worth it once we have the event."

Senior Jefferey Gonzalez co-hosted the show and performed a duet with Kiara DeRobbio to sing, "Shallow" by Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga, and also performed solo and sang, "How to Return Home" by Bree Lowdermilk.

"It's a way that we can express ourselves through music and truly be ourselves," Gonzalez said. "Some people have sports and can do what they love. This is what we love. This is kind of like our sport."

Over the years performers have debuted new material. Some bands played their first gigs. There have been rappers, poetry readings, classical duos and trios, jazz bands, and live electronic music performances, according to Mr. Lauria.

"We have watched many students grow and become confident as performers, and the audience is always enthusiastic and supportive," he said. "Obviously, I love these shows. Even with all that we do in the music department, these are some of my favorite nights of the year."

Fans can see the show on YouTube at <https://youtube.com/@mthopemusic>

The last Musicafe of the year will be held on May 25 at 6:30 p.m., and will feature senior performers.

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Opinion

COMMENTARY

Changes

BY FREDERICK MASSIE

Billowing bright orange blooms with silken folds and long trailing tentacles mark the Bay's first day of spring. Lion's mane jellyfish passing under the hull.

Ruby bud blush tints the tips of shoreline treetops. Above the light green wash of returning underbrush.

Small clusters of stocky buffleheads still duck and dive in the cove. Soon to join the rest of their tribe migrating north.

Canada geese take flight. Their white feathered undersides reflecting the seasonal resurgence of native cottontail rabbits in the nearby forests and fields.

In the saltmarsh, around a tide-covered boulder, broken clam shells left by feeding gulls glow ghostly white in the shallows.

A bright red male cardinal sparks a brilliant flash of color among the leafless grey and brown branches.

Rebirth and renewal. Tracing time with the paddle blades' metro-nomic movement.

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WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Full-time seasonal employment

Application Deadline is Thursday, April 14, 2023. Applications available at the Town Hall or online at the Parks & Recreation website.

■ Lifeguards (June 22 - August 20) \$16 an hour - Certifications required. Lifeguards will maintain constant surveillance of patrons in the facility; act immediately and appropriately to secure safety of patrons in the water and at the park.

■ Beach attendants (June 22 - August 20) \$13 an hour - Beach Attendants will collect fees & monitor beach passes, along with other daily responsibilities. Must be at least entering freshman year of high school to apply.

■ Beach Supervisor (June 22 - August 20) \$16 an hour - will oversee the weekend operations of the Warren Town Beach. Collect fees, monitor beach passes, oversee lifeguards, along with other daily

responsibilities. Must be 18+ to apply.

■ Camp Supervisors (June 22 - August 18) \$13 an hour - Camp counselors will provide a safe, supervised, fun, respectable, clean environment during program time, meals, and field trips. Supervisors will report to the assistant director & the director. Must be 16+ to apply.

Warren Community Easter Egg Hunt RESCHEDULED

In collaboration with Bridge-Pointe Christian church

■ Date is now Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Location: Burr's Hill Park

■ Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../warren-egg-hunt-2023>

Spring Tennis Lessons (at Burr's Hill Park Tennis courts)

■ Sign up online on the Parks & Recreation website

■ Adults - DATES: Thursdays May 4 - June 8; TIME: 6-7:30 p.m.; \$85 for a 6-week program

■ Children - DATES: Saturdays May 6 - June 17; \$75 for a 6-week program

■ Grades 1-2 (red ball) 9 - 10 a.m.

■ Grades 3-5 (Orange ball) 10 - 11 a.m.

■ Grades 6-8 (Green ball) 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Pete Sepe Pavilion Rentals (Warren Recreation Park)

Looking for a location to host an event? The Pavilion is available to be rented out. It holds 450 people with picnic tables, bathrooms, beach volleyball court, water access, basketball courts, playground and lots of open space. There is electricity in the pavilion so it can be used during a later time in the evening.

The pricing for a Warren resident/non-profit organization \$200 per day/ \$400 per day w/clambake, for a non-warren resident/non-profit organization \$300 per day/ \$500 per day w/clambake.

Warren Community Garden Application process now open

■ Applications can be found on the Town of Warren website. Reserve your spot today. Open to Warren Residents

■ Completion of the garden will take place this summer into Fall. Volunteers will be needed.

■ General registration for new lessees is for 2024 season. Registrations may be dropped off/mailed to the Warren Parks and Recreation building, 790 Main Street.

■ Plot are assigned on a first come, first served basis. A garden plot will be selected for you among those available and you will be notified of the plot number after your

application is processed.

■ Lessees may begin working in the garden as soon as you receive your plot number. Plots will be numbered.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

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■ July 10 & 12 - Tryouts & teams picked - 5 p.m.

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Broken PA system at Mt. Hope stirs concern

Administration says problem was amplified by supply chain issues, should be fixed today

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Last week the Times-Gazette received an anonymous letter from a parent of a student at Mt. Hope High School, alleging certain health and safety issues occurring within the school that had troubled them to the point of concern — including an assertion that the school's PA system was broken and unusable when a lockdown drill occurred following a series of hoax threats were called in to schools throughout Rhode Island last

Monday.

While our policy requires letters to come with a name attached in order to be published (the letter isn't appearing in print for this reason), the allegations raised within it seemed to warrant a response from Principal Michelle King and Superintendent Ana Riley — who did so via email earlier this week.

The letter alleged that the PA system had been broken at Mt. Hope High School for “the last few weeks,” and constituted “gross negligence” that it had not been fixed yet, further alleging that if the incident on Monday had not been a hoax, it would have put students and staff in peril.

Principal King confirmed via email Monday morning that the PA system

has, indeed, been out of order for approximately three weeks, but that, “the vendor was out to the high school immediately to assess the situation, determined the issue and then ordered the necessary part. The part was on backorder and estimated to arrive in mid-April but arrived yesterday [April 3]. The vendor was at the school today [April 4] to hopefully finalize the repair. We actually anticipate this to be operational by the end of the day [April 4].”

King further added that the school has taken steps, while not ideal, to keep people alerted during moments of possible crisis.

“We have communicated the issue to our faculty and staff that classroom phones will be utilized as an interim

solution,” a joint statement from Riley and King read. “We are mindful that this is not ideal for some locations within the building and we have taken steps to ensure those areas of the building receive time-sensitive communications. In addition, we are working on the installation of a phone in the Gym area. The safety and security of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority, and we continue to work with our school resource officer and the Bristol Police Department to ensure that we are complying with all school safety regulations.”

Question on bathroom repair

The letter also made allegations that a “majority” of bathrooms at Mt. Hope were out of operation or

locked throughout the day, and the ones that are open have broken stall doors or broken locks.

The joint statement from Riley and King seemed to indicate this was an exaggeration.

“All of the restrooms at Mt Hope are in working order with the exception of one of the boys restrooms due to a plumbing issue. The necessary parts have been delayed and we hope to have this restroom repaired as soon as the parts arrive,” they wrote. “We can confirm that there were two incidents where a bathroom stall door and bathroom stall wall were each in disrepair due to vandalism. Both issues have been repaired and restrooms are fully functional.”

BUDGET: Though nothing has been decided, support for increases was eventually unanimous

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kind of increase in their salary, and any attempt to do that, I think, would be helpful.”

DePasquale suggested the idea to make room in the budget for increases by nixing plans to convert a part-time position within the Town Clerk's office into a full-time position. Some quick math found that would save around \$20,000, but immediately generated some disagreement among other members of the Council — who argued that the Town Clerk asked for the full-time position for a reason.

“I'm looking at our clerk and deputy clerk, who have been asking for this full-time

employee for I don't know how many budget cycles, and would be deeply impacted by the loss of that full-time person and going back to a part-time person. It just hasn't been working for them,” said Councilwoman Keri Cronin.

Town Manager Michaud added that next year was going to a particularly challenging year, with a special election held for the empty Congressional seat vacated by David Cicilline becoming necessary.

With some more back and forth ensuing among the members of the Council, it was ultimately decided to retain the full-time position for the clerk's office, but also to request Michaud to find \$20,000 in cuts elsewhere in the budget to utilize for increases to depart-

ment heads' salaries — though DePasquale bristled at the notion of calling such increases “raises.”

“I'm not looking at what I'm doing here as a raise,” he said. “I believe that when it's looked at that way, it's out of context. This isn't a raise. We've been struggling for years in trying to figure out, without giving a raise...for how to bring these departments up to a fair market rate based on our neighbors. That's what this proposal was. It may not be ideal, but that's what this was.”

The details of where Michaud finds those cuts, and which positions would potentially be getting what increases, will be discussed more in depth during the April 11 meeting.

Money set aside for a mural

As with the discussion regarding potential increasing salaries for department heads, it was DePasquale who kicked off lively discussion regarding a proposed mural on the town's wastewater treatment facility. DePasquale motioned to set aside \$5,000 for that project. “I want to get this done before I die,” he said.

Ultimately, at the behest of Council President John Hanley, the council ceased some back-and-forth talk on how to delineate the task of choosing a muralist and focused on whether or not to approve the \$5,000 allocation — which they unanimously agreed upon.

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LEFT: This RainKeep project, commissioned by re-a.d architecture design of New York City for an outdoor patio in the SoHo neighborhood, earned Newsome honorable mention in the 2022 "World Changing Ideas" award by Fast Company. **RIGHT:** The RainKeep sculpture in Bristol holds 300 gallons of rain water and is used to water the surrounding green space and plants, maintained by the Bristol Garden Club.

SCULPTURE: Potential applications are many for the water-conserving sculptures

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one from much sturdier aluminum. "She said I was lucky," Newsome recalled. "They were in between making two boats, so they had room and time to work with me."

The result is something Bristolians likely drive by most days — a metallic structure resembling a tropical flower that blooms amidst other flowers in the garden that sits in the foreground of Guiteras School, just across from Sip N' Dip on Route 114. It holds 300 gallons of rainwater, which is utilized to water the surrounding green space with no waste, as all water eventually returns to the water table from where it originally came from.

She has created multiple structures, patented under the name, "RainKeep," since then. They can be found in Chelsea, Mass., the center of downtown Olneyville in Providence, and at Casey Farm in Saunderstown. The latter is

particularly special, as it was a collaboration with Deborah Spears Moorehead, a Native American Wampanoag visual and performing artist, to tell the story of "The Three Sisters," three crops (bean, squash and corn) that are of great cultural and historical importance.

International recognition

When Newsome was asked to collaborate with New York City architectural firm re-a.d for an environmentally self-sustaining pavilion concept in the city's SoHo neighborhood that utilized one of her RainKeep sculptures, things accelerated quickly.

That project won an honorary mention for Fast Company's 2022 World Changing Ideas Awards, which brought Newsome to Manhattan's Javits Center for the awards ceremony. There, she met Jacquelyn Tran, an urban climate resilience professional who now works for Wavin, a Dutch multi-national company

that focuses on water sustainability projects throughout the world. Tran was so impressed with Newsome's sculpture concept that she invited her to be a keynote speaker for an event during New York Water Week — a series of events held in conjunction with the United Nations that brings together some of the most diverse and skilled professionals in water conservancy and innovation.

For Newsome, the marriage of intriguing art with environmental sustainability is a match made in heaven, and one that she sees endless potential for.

"I have a lot of different designs. This is just the tip of the iceberg with the flower design," she said. "They can take on all different forms and shapes. They can be designed for a space. The whole idea is that they're attractive and you may not even think about the fact that they work as rain storage."

But at the same time, the fact that these eye-

catching sculptures naturally draw attention is also part of the larger strategy to inform more people about the importance of developing the public spaces of tomorrow with the future of our environment's health simultaneously in mind.

"It's about using art to bring awareness to get people to think about the bigger picture," she said. "My art always was environmental, always about the message...Now the idea is to be a part of the utility world, and the art world, and be a beacon."

"We're so drawn to art and design; humans," she continued. "I don't know of any other animal on the planet as obsessed with the idea of art and design as humans. We'll build something so disruptive and harmful to the environment if it's beautiful, and that needs to change. We need to build things that are symbiotic with nature and our concept of what's beautiful."


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Warren's solicitor might work for Little Compton soon, too

Anthony DeSisto gets council nod, official hiring comes to vote Thursday

BY TED HAYES
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Anthony DeSisto, during a Warren Town Council meeting in 2020.

community. He also hopes DeSisto's expected hiring will "bring down our legal bills a little bit." DeSisto charges a flat across the board \$125 hourly rate, while Humphrey's hourly rate has fluctuated between \$185 to \$225 per hour over the past several years.

The town's legal services budget is \$129,000, with \$54,960 going to the solicitor's annual stipend and the balance, \$74,040, for "other legal services and litigation."

Iriarte-Moore said that Humphrey's practice has been to collect the stipend for general town council and town business, and then bill separately out of the "other legal services" line item for work relating to the planning and zoning boards, as well as litigation.

"We found during our interviews that most solicitors include planning and zoning work as part of their general services and don't bill those at a different rate," Iriarte-Moore said.

Humphrey, who practices law out of Tiverton, has been in Little Compton's employ since 1990 and specializes in civil and criminal proceedings including injury claims, construction litigation, malpractice and DUI or OUI cases.

In November, he said he hoped to continue his service to the town:

"I've always enjoyed working for the town, for the past 33 years, and I look forward to serving in the future," he said. "It's a great town council, they're very forward-thinking, very inclusive, very smart, and always have the best interests of the town at heart. It's a great group of people to work for, and I hope they look favorably upon my application."

Little Compton could soon have a new town solicitor, after town council members voted 4-1 last week, with Paul Golembeske opposed, to negotiate a contract with Anthony DeSisto of Anthony DeSisto Law Associates in Providence. Andrew Iriarte-Moore made the motion to negotiate with DeSisto.

The council is expected to finalize and formally vote on DeSisto's appointment Thursday. If it is approved, he will replace solicitor Richard Humphrey, who has served the town for more than 30 years.

DeSisto, of Barrington, has long worked in municipal law. Currently the town solicitor for Warren and Lincoln, he is also legal counsel for the state Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and is Warren's probate court judge.

DeSisto was one of three finalists for the solicitor post. The other two included Humphrey and Per Vaage and Steve Sypole, both of Gidley, Sarli & Marusak. Sypole was formerly Warren's municipal court judge.

The council voted 3-1 in November to seek applicants for the position, with Golembeske casting the lone 'nay' vote. The decision to advertise came weeks after Iriarte-Moore said at a public candidates' forum that the time had come to look for new legal representation.

"One of the areas of our budget that really

has ballooned over the last few years is our legal budget and our town solicitor budget," he said. "When I was elected in 2018 ... one of my first motions on the council was to put out a notice that the town was hiring a solicitor, and asked applicants to come forward with letters of interest. The council received three applicants for the position, including the current solicitor, and I proposed that we move on to an interview phase. But my three Republican colleagues voted against that, and moved to hire the current solicitor. When I was elected in 2020, I was defeated in sug-

gesting that we even post a position for a new applicant."

"I think it's time that we conduct a full and thorough search for a new applicant for the solicitor position," he said.

On Tuesday, Iriarte-Moore said he is happy that members of the council were able to work together and make the right choice, dedicating a host of meetings, and much research and thought, to the search.

"Change doesn't always come easy but I've enjoyed working with my colleagues to come to a decision that will ultimately benefit the

Special Guild brew to benefit Warren FD

New 'Pint with a Purpose' beer will be sold from April 13-26 to help purchase new uniforms

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The Guild in Warren is continuing its promotional beer campaign, "Pints for a Purpose," with a special brew that will help benefit the Warren Volunteer Fire Department.

Between April 13 and April 27, \$2.00 from every purchase of "The Big Red One" will go towards raising money to purchase new Class A and Class B uniforms for members of the

Warren Fire Department. A launch party has been scheduled for April 13 from 6-9 p.m. (it has sold out, but you can still purchase the beer at any time to aid the campaign during the two weeks).


The name of the beer is an homage to the nickname for the Central Fire Company, and is described by Captain Chris Stanley as a "smooth and bold brew" that "reflects the unique personality of the fire company."

"The only thing better than a pint is a pint with a purpose," Stanley said. "So please come help Central Fire Company launch their draft beer on sale until April 27."



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Taken from the pages of the Warren and Barrington Gazette, this week in 1923

Two accidents, one fatal, occur in same spot within hour

Two accidents within two hours, on almost the identical spot, one of which was fatal, and another near accident is the report on the Barrington records of the Chief of Police for Thursday night. The accidents occurred near the center of Barrington Bridge and one of the victims died in the ambulance while on his way to the Rhode Island hospital.

The first accident occurred at 6:45 when a Ford truck, driven by Antonio Mancino, was going in a westerly direction along County Road. When on the bridge he struck the rear end of a wagon going in the same direction driven by Gaetano Avatte. He and his wife Caterina were thrown to the ground.

Mancino stopped his machine and assisted both to get up and into his car and took them to the office of Dr. J.J. Conway in Warren. He found that both had suffered numerous bruises and scratches, but neither were seriously injured and were able to go to their home on Maple Avenue.

At 8:50, a Ford touring car was proceeding in a westerly manner along County Road. The car was owned and driven by Rosalind J. Oliver of 131 Brown Street, Providence. As he neared the power station he saw a horse and wagon going in an opposite direction. The outfit was on the wrong side of the

road and was without lights. Mr. Oliver turned onto the side path to avoid hitting the wagon, but the wagon struck the auto, damaging the steering rod. The wagon continued going in an easterly direction. Joseph E. Silva of John Street, Providence, who was with Oliver, got out of the machine and hailed a large touring car, which was going east, and asked them to catch up with the horse and wagon. The car speeded up and as they reached the bridge, struck an object which was lying in the car track. Silva yelled and jumped from the running board of the car, the driver of which continued on toward Warren.

Silva found that the man was the driver of the wagon. While he was trying to pick up the man, who proved to be Astillodoro DiOdati, who lives off Sowams Road, Frank DelSanto came from Warren in a sedan and nearly struck the two men. He thought it was a holdup he said and so kept going.

Word was telephoned to Chief Robbins, also to Dr. Conway, both of whom arrived shortly at the scene of the accident. Dr. Conway placed the man in his machine and took him to his office in Warren. He found that his ribs had been crushed, that his lungs had been punctured and that he was suffering from an internal hemorrhage. He ordered his removal to the Rhode Island hospital, but the injured man died before reaching there.

DiOdati was 47 years of age, a native of Italy. He owned a small farm off Sowams Road, Barrington.

The theory regarding the accident is that his horse had become

frightened after striking the auto and bolted and when the wagon struck the car tracks on the bridge the man was thrown from the wagon, directly in the path of the oncoming touring car. Who was driving the touring car has not as yet been learned.

Warren artist sketched by Cleveland reporter during visit

Mr. Henry N. Cady of Union Street, who has been spending the winter with his son, Mr. Lawrence W. Cady of Lakewood, Ohio, has just returned to his home in Warren.

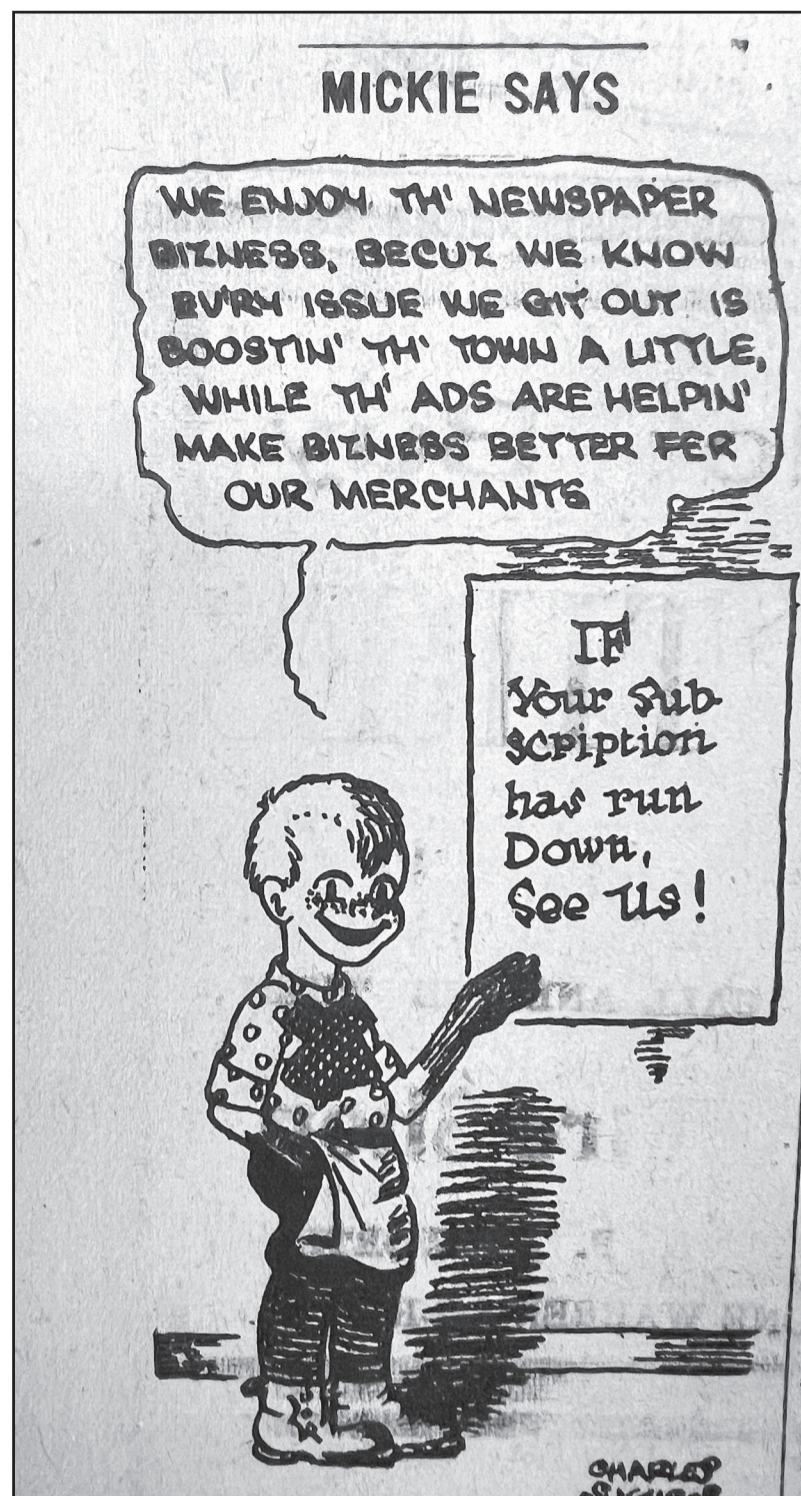
During his stay in Lakewood, which is a suburb of Cleveland, a reporter from the Cleveland Press called at the home of Mr. L.W. Cady and sought an interview, his work as a marine artist having made him an outstanding figure throughout the middle west, where he has disposed of many of his pictures, most of which represent scenes along Narragansett Bay. The article was copied in the paper at Lakewood, which is a city of about 50,000, and we feel sure that the readers of The Gazette will be interested in the pictures which the reporter of Cleveland paper has sketched of our Warren artist. It reads as follows:

World Famed Marine Artist Visits Son

Artistic temperament is a pose affected by those who wish to impress others of an artistic ability which does not often exist in such cases, according to Henry Cady, famous marine artist who has honored Lakewood with a visit during the past week.

Mr. Cady destroys the ideas we have always had concerning artists of note. Instead of the careless pompadour fitting gracefully over one eye, the artist in flowing tie and colorful smock fades out when Henry Cady enters the picture.

His white hair, neatly parted, is closely cut. A knotted black four-in-hand reposes under a stiff collar. His tailor made suit fits rather loosely, for he believes in absolute freedom



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of motion while he works.

Mr. Cady is 73 and has been a painter by profession for 40 years. At one period he wore glasses, later abandoning them and now never uses them at all.

Mr. Cady specializes almost entirely in view of the ocean he loves so greatly. His latest painting, The Rocks of Nahant, has a Cleveland

Sky for a setting.

The painting of the rocks of Nahant shows a sunrise lighting rugged brown rocks dashed with green foam. "I saw above Lake Erie. Your lake has wonderful views with the sunlight, wind and clouds. It seems queer to me, though, to see such tiny waves on the vast inland ocean."

Mr. Cady was born on Narragansett Bay, that place so often famed in song and story. His boyhood was spent there where old whalers and merchantmen often landed.

As a boy he used to swim far out into the blue ocean, to climb over boats and rigging and spend his noon hour high in the school belfry sketching harbor scenes.

He planned to become an architect, but when photoengraving was invented he turned to that, keeping up his sketching and painting as a hobby.

As he became more interested in art he devoted his whole time to it. From water color, he progressed to oil and canvas, forsaking the former as being too monotonous and not rugged enough for the sea scenes he enjoys most painting.

During his 40 years of painting, Mr. Cady has procured hundreds of marine scenes. He has also illustrated several books.

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Free Family Fun Day and vacation week fun at Audubon

Spring is a magical time at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., on the Warren/Bristol town line.

The Nature Center and Aquarium is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden remain open for all to enjoy from dawn to dusk.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4 and members.

Unless noted, registration is required for all programs. Register online and view a complete listing of programs around the state through the events calendar at www.asri.org/calendar.

Masks are required for all indoor guests ages 2 and up during indoor programs or for participants on Audubon van trips regardless of Covid-19 vaccination status.

■ **The Citizens Bank Free Family Fun Day** is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. The center and

aquarium is open to the public for free on the first Saturday of each month courtesy of Citizens Bank. Families can explore environmental exhibits representing Rhode Island's diverse habitats, enjoy the nature trails, and participate in programs listed below, which are free.

Activities are from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden are open from dawn to dusk.

Join Audubon for crafts, nature stories, animal discoveries, hikes and more. No need to register.

— 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Nature craft table

— 10 a.m.: Nature story

— 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.: Animal interview

— 1 p.m.: "Celebrating Planet Earth." Join a guided nature walk and group cleanup to celebrate Earth Day. Learn about the birds and animals that live on the wildlife refuge and discover what you can do to care for our planet.

■ **April school vacation week**

fun is on Monday to Friday, April 10 to 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vacation week programs and activities are available each day and are free with admission. No registration required. Nature crafts are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, as well as a nature story at 10 a.m. and animal interviews at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Special programs for children are also available each day at 1 p.m. These programs are recommended for children ages 6 and older.

— Monday, April 10: Spring Nature Walk. Explore the wildlife refuge and use your senses to find signs of spring. Look for spring colors, smells, animals and more.

— Tuesday, April 11: Owl Pellet Dissection. Join Audubon naturalists in dissecting real owl pellets and discover what owls like to eat.

— Wednesday, April 12: Fairy Fort Building - Head outside to our

woods with a naturalist and build tiny forts and shelters for fairies and other small critters.

— Thursday, April 13: What's a Bug? Learn the difference between different types of bugs, link insects, arachnids and more. Explore bug specimens and play some buggy sorting activities.

— Friday, April 14: Turtle Races. Join Audubon naturalists and race some of their turtles to see who can reach the finish line first.

■ **A beginning birding walk** for ages 12 and older is on Saturday, April 15, at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave., Bristol, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Join Lauren Parmelee, Audubon senior director of education, for a walk geared for beginning and novice birders. Learn from an expert how to find and identify birds.

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring your

binoculars or borrow a pair from Audubon. Registration required. Walk is weather dependent. The fee is \$7; \$5 for members. Register online.

■ **Wednesday morning bird walks** are offered for ages 14 and older from 9 to 11 a.m. The walks are in small groups with naturalist Laura Carberry through June. Each week, a new birding destination is chosen.

Advance registration is required. Locations are determined weekly. The fee is \$10; \$5 members. Register through the events calendar at asri.org.

■ **"Life on the Wing," photography by Ryan McAssey** is at the center through April 28 during regular hours. It is free with admission. The exhibit showcases both environmental interactions and detailed portraits of birds in the greater New England region.

AT THE LIBRARY

Noodles the Therapy Dog

Meet Noodles the Therapy Dog on Wednesday, April 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Come by the Youth Services room and say hello to Noodles. Pet him, chat with him, read a book with him; whatever you need Noodles can do! Open to all ages.

Friday Favorites

The Friday Favorites monthly book club is on Friday, April 7, at 11 a.m. Talk about a book that you love. Zoom link available; call the library for more information.

Unicorn Party

A Unicorn Party is on Friday, April 7, at 3:30 p.m. Come for games, books, crafts and more unicorn filled fun! Registration is not required, but is appreciated (for craft preparation).

Call 245-7686, ext. 102, or email youthservices@georgehail.org if you are interested or have any questions. Best for ages 4 to 10.

Family events

• Duckling Storytime is on Monday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. Join youth services librarian Michaela for a special storytime all about ducklings. She will share books and music and lead a simple craft. Best for ages 2 to 10.

• A Take & Make Bunny Craft is on Tuesday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. while supplies last. Drop by the youth services room for a bunny-themed craft to go. Best for ages 2 to 10.

• A family movie is on Friday, April 14, at 11 a.m. It's a family friendly movie in the youth services room (call 245-7686, ext. 102, for the title). They will provide a small snack. Bagged lunches are welcome. For families with children of all ages.

Dungeons and Dragons

Come and play Dungeons and Dragons on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Players of any experience are welcome. Registration is required. Sign up at the library or call to request a spot. For ages 12 and up.

Books on Main Book Club

The club will meet to discuss Laura Dave's "The Last Thing He Told Me" on Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. They will also discuss last month's book, "We are the Brennans" by Tracy Lange.

Knitting group

A knitting group meets in the Reading Room every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. No registration or skill required.

Elementary events

• A stuffed animal workshop is on Wednesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Make your very own stuffed animal. When you register, you can choose a frog, lamb, bunny or duck. Spots are limited. Email youthservices@georgehail.org or call 245-8672, ext. 102, to save a spot. Best for ages 4 to 10.

• "How Animals Survive" (presented by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island) is on Thursday, April 13, at 11 a.m. Animals have many ways to adapt to seasonal challenges. Kids will explore hibernation, migration, raising young and more through hands-on activities. There will be a live reptile! Best for ages 4 to 8.

Daily book sale

A daily book sale is in the back entrance with a variety of adult and children's titles. Sales are by donation only.

Space is limited. If you wish to make a book donation, check with a librarian first.

Museum hours

The Charles Whipple Greene Museum is open on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

George Hail Library is at 530 Main St. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 245-7686 or visit www.georgehail.org. The library is a member of the Ocean State Library Consortium.

5 Things You Need To Know Before Hiring A Roofing Contractor

1. **NEVER** give your roofing contractor a dime until 100% job completion. Everyone knows someone that has been burned by a contractor!
2. **ALWAYS** confirm that your roofing contractor has workman's compensation insurance that covers roofing work. If you skip this step and someone gets injured then you may lose everything, you could even lose your home.
3. **NEVER** negotiate with your roofer, instead demand their best and final no haggle price right up front. This will guarantee that you always get their best price and avoid their pricing schemes/games.
4. **ALWAYS** get a lien waiver from your roofer before paying for the project. If you skip this step then you may be legally obligated to pay for the roof TWICE! That's crazy but true.
5. **ALWAYS** confirm in writing that the labor/workmanship warranty from your roofer lasts as long as the manufacturer's material warranty. What good is a lifetime roof if it only comes with a 2 year or 5 year workmanship warranty? If they do not have faith in the quality of their workmanship then how are you supposed to have faith in their work?

401-943-5050

RiskFreeRoofs.com

AROUND TOWN

Pop-up shop of work by eight local artists

The Warren Arts and Cultural Commission has installed a third pop-up shop of eight local artists in the windows of Billy Manzo's Italy at 495 Main St. and invites all to stop by and "window shop" for original, locally created art.

This exhibit includes works by Judi Israel, Mark Wholey, Geraldine Purcell, William Schaff, Arlene McGonagle, Elizabeth Springett, Dr. Lisa Cowley and Victor Westgate, and John Irwin. All the art in the windows is for sale, with all proceeds going to the artist.

The art is on display until April 15, when new local artists will create the fourth window display. The artists' contact information is at the storefront and also posted on the Warren Art and Culture Commission's website: https://www.townofwarren-ri.gov/town_government/boards_and_commissions/arts_and_culture_commission.php

The pop-up shop was created to promote local artists who are not affiliated with a gallery. New artists are selected every six weeks. Interested local artists can contact WACC at warrenartsandculturecommission@gmail.com.

Documentary film is on wooden sailboats

The Warren Harbor Management Commission invites the public to view "Wood Sails Dreams" on Wednesday, April 5, at the Historic Warren Armory, 11 Jefferson St. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a chance to socialize and view this historic venue.

The documentary film by John Stanton and Dan Driscoll honors a craft that has nearly vanished, the wooden sailboat. The film begins at 6:30 p.m. and is followed by a Q&A with John Stanton. Bring your own snacks.

It is free for all ages, but please bring an item to donate to the local food pantry. RSVP to Woody Kemp at woodyjkemp@gmail.com.

'Cryptic Clutter' is at the Imago Gallery

A group exhibit hosted by Imago Foundation for the Arts (IFA), "Cryptic Clutter," features still-life artworks by IFA exhibiting artist Stephen Fisher and guest artist Crickett Fisher, along with artwork by other IFA exhibiting artists, at the Imago Gallery, Market Street. The exhibit is open through April 23.

Describing his still-life intaglio drawings, Stephen Fisher says, "Common to all my still-life drawings is an obsession with intense perceptual rigor, compositional manipulation, the viscosity of light,

and the tactile, sensual nature of drawing materials."

Crickett Fisher is a maker of paintings, drawings, prints and occasionally other things. She says, "With my still-life artwork I aim to breathe magic and mystery into inanimate objects, animating them with the dreamlike - or nightmarish - hallucinatory vividness of childhood imagination."

Other IFA exhibiting artists participating in the exhibit are Sally Barker, Eileen Siobhan Collins, Mary Dondero, Philip Gruppuso, Carl Keitner, Eileen Mayhew, Linda Megathlin, Mercedes Nuñez, Anne Marie Rossi, Lenny Rumpfer, Howard Windham and Meredith Wolf.

Regular gallery hours are Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

'Where Warren Meets the Water' workshops

Warren HEZ presents a "Where Warren Meets the Water" workshop series on Thursdays, April 6 and May 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at George Hail Library. The series prepares residents to use stories to push for action and provides practice in coping with the emotional side of climate change.

Dinner and childcare will be provided and \$25 will be given to each attendee.

To register for the workshop series, email eschloemer@ebcap.org or call 847-7821, ext. 1635.

The Collaborative has exhibits, classes, more

The Collaborative's Main Street Gallery is open at 498 Main St. on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Collaborative Studio at 4 Market St. is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 2 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m.

At The Collaborative Studio this month, featured artists are Melanie Ducharme and Barbara Swanson.

At the Main Street Gallery, the featured artists are Tiffany Baillie (with an opening reception on Thursday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.) and Youth Artist Gayatri Buchta (with an opening reception on Thursday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.).

At The Collaborative Studio, some new workshops are coming up. Pop Art Cats is on Sunday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. with Melanie Ducharme. On Saturday, April 22, they will have Blackout Poetry from 2 to 3:30 p.m. And, The Art of Songwriting with Morgan Johnston is on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Go online for details and to register.

The monthly creative writing

workshop with Eve Kerrigan, "New Beginnings," is on Thursday, April 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Register online.

Live figure drawing with Erin Lobb Mason is on Tuesday, April 25 (always the last Tuesday of each month), from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pay what you can on a sliding scale from \$7 to \$20. Register online.

To register for events, visit <https://thecollaborative02885.org>.

Vigil for peace and justice is each month

A vigil for peace and justice is held on the second Saturday of each month, April 8, from 11 a.m. to noon in front of the Bristol post office, Hope Street.

It is sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace. All are welcome. For more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or visit www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org.

Food pantry open at St. Mary of the Bay

The St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall at 645 Main St.

They offer Client Choice, where guests can choose their own food items. They also have meat and dairy items, fresh produce, bread and pastries, as well as non-food items, such as toiletries or paper goods.

If you or someone you know needs food, come by or call them at 245-7000, ext. 19. The only qualification is your need for food. The church hall can be accessed by the ramp on the left side of the church.

For the safety of guests and volunteers, you must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Monthly bird and nature walks with Trust

The Warren Land Conservation Trust hosts a monthly walk at Haile Farm Preserve. The walks are on Saturdays, April 15 and May 13, and start at 8:30 a.m. and last for about an hour and a half. Haile Farm Preserve is at the end of New Industrial Way with signs for it on Market Street.

The preserve is one of the Trust's premiere properties with about 1.5 miles of trails that meander through meadow, shrubland, forest and salt-marsh habitats along the Palmer River. With several habitats to explore, many bird species may be found, along with a diversity of plant species. The walks will be casual strolls along the trails to enjoy what nature presents.

The next two walks cover spring migration, so bird (and plant) activity is picking up. Dress for the weather, bring snacks/water, and don't forget your binoculars and cameras. Group sizes are limited so RSVP to



Chase branch team brings sweet treats to the senior center

As part of its commitment to supporting the local community through acts of kindness big and small, the Chase Barrington team donated baked goods to the Warren Senior Center. Led by Culture Champion Lorie DiColo, the branch brought zeppoles to celebrate St. Joseph's Day with senior participants. "We appreciate the hard work of the organization and its staff, and hope to brighten the days of our local senior citizen neighbors," said Branch Manager Bobby Pelland.

Paul Miller, Warren Land Trust's executive director, at warrenlctri@gmail.com.

Pasta and meatballs dinner eat-in or take-out

A pasta dinner is on Saturday, April 15, from 4 to 8 p.m., eat-in or take-out (containers provided) at St. Alexander Church, 221 Main St.

The menu includes antipasto, pasta (all you can eat) meatballs, Italian bread and coffee. Extras available for purchase are soft drinks, wine (by the glass or the bottle), extra meatballs and desserts.

The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under, and free for 5 and under. Take a chance on some of the raffles being held, too. For tickets, call Pat Dugan at 245-3134.

Taste of Warren 2023 coming up on April 20

The Taste of Warren 2023 is on Thursday, April 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Historic Warren Armory hall, 11 Jefferson St.

They are featuring several restaurants with tasting tables. The eTicket price to sample several local eateries has remained the same for the last five years — \$25 per person.

The event is sponsored by Grace Barker Health and The Willows, Short Term Rehab, Adult Day Care, Assisted Living, Long Term Care, and Malik's Fine Wines and Spirits.

Tickets can be purchased at Don's Art Shop, 543 Main St.; Tap Printing, 628 Metacom Ave.; Malik's Fine Wines and Spirits, 254 Market St.; or on Historic Warren Armory's Facebook page.

Note: If you have tickets from the 2020 Taste of Warren (canceled by the R.I. Health Department) and wish to redeem them, include them with the current ticket stubs as an indication of payment. www.historicwarrenarmoryinc.org

Scary stories of Warren walking tour

Bristol Haunted Walking Tours is

presenting "Scary Stories of Warren," a walking tour of about one hour around the downtown area. Warren is the Sowams area for the Native Pokanoket Wampanoag tribe. Burial grounds and battles from King Philip's War are prevalent in Warren.

Hear the stories, see the architecture and maybe see a ghost. Tours run nightly and reservations are required. Call 286-1209. Spend the night with Joan, a historian and paranormal researcher who appeared on the Travel Channel's "Kindred Spirits" show.

Blood center urgently needs donations now

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.rirc.org or call 453-8360. The closest center in the East Bay is the Aquidneck Donor Center in Middletown.

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.

Bristol County Lions Club continuing its mission

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

To Submit Community News

BY EMAIL (PREFERRED): lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com

BY MAIL: Warren Times, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809

BY FAX: 253-6055

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 253-6000, ext. 107

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

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

Milestone events, such as births, weddings, engagements, etc., must be submitted with in the year following the event.

DEADLINE: Noon on Mondays

Photos

of events, people, etc.

available for purchase
eastbayri.com

Churches celebrating Easter with vigils, music, special services

Christians are celebrating Holy Week through Easter Sunday, April 9, with special services, music and vigils in preparation for commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, there is a sunrise service at 6 a.m. at Burr's Hill, 540 Water St. If it rains, they will gather under the pavilion.

First United Methodist Church of Warren & Bristol

25 Church St.
245-8474

<http://umcwarrenbristol.org>

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, a service at 6 p.m. begins with a vegetarian potluck in fellowship hall followed by a symbolic Passover Seder meal with lamb.

On Good Friday, April 7, it's A Day of Prayer. All are welcome to pray at home or at the church. There will also be interactive Lenten stations in the sanctuary from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, there is a sunrise service at 6 a.m. at Burr's Hill, 540 Water St. If it rains, they will gather under the pavilion.

An Easter Resurrection service is at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary with lively music, Easter flowers, and a joyful message for all ages.

Radiant Christian Church
The Rev. Larry Mangone
895 Main St.
245-1486
www.radiantchristianchurch.com

St. Alexander's Church
The Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Upton
221 Main St.
245-6369
www.saintalexanders.com
On Good Friday, April 7, Stations of the Cross is at 3 p.m.
On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mass is at 9:15 a.m.

St. Mary of the Bay Church
645 Main St.
The Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Upton
245-7000
www.stmaryofthebay.org
On Maundy Thursday, April 6, a Mass is at 7 p.m.
On Good Friday, April 7, a Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, April 8, the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is at 8 p.m. There is no 4 p.m. Mass.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, Masses are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. There is no 6 p.m. Mass.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
The Rev. John E. Abreu
500 Metacom Ave.



245-4469
On Holy Thursday, April 6, a Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7 p.m., with adoration until 11 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 7, confessions are from 11 a.m. to noon in the chapel, Stations of the Cross is at 3 p.m., and a Celebration of the Lord's

Passion and Death is at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, April 8, an Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection is at 7:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, Masses are at 8 a.m. (Portuguese) and 10 a.m. There will be no 7 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

The Baptist Church of Warren
Main and Miller streets
245-3669
www.baptistchurchinwarren.com
On Easter Sunday, April 9, the service is at 10 a.m.

SENIORS

Senior center to close early on Good Friday

The Warren Senior Center is at 20 Libby Lane. Visit the center on Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 247-1930.

Check out the monthly newsletter (available at the center, the library or online at www.townofwarren-ri.gov or <http://www.ourseniorcenter.com>).

Membership is open to anyone 55 years of age or older or those disabled at a cost of \$7 a year. Membership fees help to support the many programs and classes held at the center. For a membership application, or more information, contact Betty at 247-1930 or bhoague@townofwarren-ri.gov.

The senior center will close at 12:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 7. There will be no afternoon activities.

A movie presentation is at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, with "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris." In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

Refreshments will follow. Sign up with Betty.

Book Club, a reading/discussion group, takes place on the last Wednesday of each month, April 26, at 10 a.m. This month's selection is "The Wife Upstairs" by Rachel Hawkins. Newly widowed, Eddie is the center of all the chatter in Thornfield Estates, as his wife, Bea, and her best friend recently drowned in a boating accident. For Jane, Eddie is an opportunity for both unimaginable wealth and protection from her past.

Books are available to borrow from George Hail Library. New readers are always welcome. Sarah Weed is the leader.

Tax aide volunteers from AARP are available on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment to assist elderly

and low- to moderate-income residents with their tax returns at no cost. This includes the filing of federal and state returns as well as property tax relief applications. Call the center.

The dining room is open with hot lunches on Monday to Friday. The suggested donation is \$3. Lunch reservations can be made between 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

Senior bus transportation is available Monday to Friday at no cost to Warren residents 60 and older for shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy visits and transportation to the senior center for lunch and activities. For more information, or a schedule, call Betty at 247-1930.

Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHIP) is available Tuesday mornings by appointment with a qualified SHIP counselor, John Garrahan, who offers assistance with health insurance options, retirement options, prescription drug plans, prescription assistance programs and eligibility. Call 247-1930 to schedule an appointment.

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) provides extra help to purchase food. To see if you qualify, complete an application, or for more information, call the center for an appointment.

Ongoing events

Recreational bowling is at Dudek's Bowling Alley on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. It is \$4 per member, which includes three games of bowling and shoes. Sign up with Betty.

Bingo is on Fridays at 1 p.m. with a variety of games with cash prizes (\$20-40) and refreshments. Arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Coloring is at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Functional Fitness classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Classes are offered to members for \$1.50 a class.

Ceramics is at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Knitting/crocheting is at 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

Mah jongg is played at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Play Rummy 500 at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, hi-lo-jack at 9 a.m. Thursdays and cribbage at 1 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Fridays.

Crafts are with Joan Allen on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. No experience necessary. Sign up with Betty.

Chair yoga is at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

Smart phone, tablet and eReader assistance is on Wednesday afternoons by appointment with David Jameson. He will work one-on-one with you and your gadget providing simple answers to your questions. Call 247-1930 to book an appointment.

Strength and balance is on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

Tenants Association has bingo on Wednesdays

Bingo is played from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Kickemuit Tenants Association, 20 Libby Lane. Doors open at noon.

Food packages for low-income elderly

The food pantry at St. Mary of the Bay Church at 645 Main St. works with the R.I. Community Food Bank to offer the USDA's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to qualified seniors. The program works to improve the health of low-income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with a monthly box of nutritious USDA foods.

If you are interested in receiving this free box of food for yourself or a member of your family, call the food pantry at 245-7000, ext. 19, or come to the pantry to fill out an application during their working hours on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall. The program is open to all Rhode Island residents who qualify based on age and income.

Imago's youth poetry program on Saturday

The R.I. Center for the Book's 2023 Youth Poetry Ambassadors will kick off Part II of Imago Foundation for the Arts' "Giving Voice: A Celebration of Youth Poets" program with poetry readings at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at Imago Gallery, 36 Market St.

The student poets reading will include Youth Poetry Ambassador Natasha Connolly, Deputy Ambassador Sadie Jackson and two students who received honorable mentions, Marvellous Awe and Karuna Lohmann. The public is welcome to attend the readings.

Sponsored by R.I. Poet Laureate Tina Cane and the R.I. Center for the Book, the Youth Poetry Ambassador Program selects a new youth poetry ambassador, deputy ambassador and honorable mentions each year.

The readings will be followed by a poetry workshop led by Cane from noon to 4 p.m. for high school age students attending school or living in the East Bay. The workshop will include a working lunch and exercises for registered students focused on reading, writing and sharing poems. It is planned that students will leave the workshop with one new poem, ideas for future poems, revision tips and a new network of peer poets.

All high school age students attending school or living in the East Bay are welcome to register for the free workshop on Eventbrite at <https://youthpoetryworkshopatimago.eventbrite.com> or call 528-7210 or email imago_gallery@gmail.com by noon on April 6.

IFA's "Giving Voice: In Celebration of Youth Poets" program concludes on Sunday, April 30, when families, friends, fellow students and the public will be invited to hear workshop participants share some of their poems at a poetry reading at Imago Gallery from 2 to 4 p.m.

Credit union group offering scholarships

People's Credit Union is offering graduating high school seniors planning to attend college in 2023-24 the opportunity to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship from the Cooperative Credit Union Association.

The scholarship program is supported by credit unions across Rhode Island with their Better Values - Better Banking campaign and will fund three \$1,500 scholarships to high school graduates.

Scholarship applications are available at any People's Credit Union branch office. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 7.

Warren and Barrington work together to combat underage drinking

In February, the Warren Police Department conducted compliance check operations at local liquor stores, bars, and restaurants, and found that half of the businesses visited sold alcohol to underage decoys.

To address this issue, the Warren Prevention Coalition requested the Barrington Liquor Training program, which has been successful in reducing underage drinking in neighboring Barrington, to be brought to the Warren community.

The Barrington Prevention Coalition has been providing the town-mandated training to Barrington businesses that serve alcohol with the annual Barrington Liquor Training since

2012. Since the implementation of this training and other strategies to reduce underage drinking, past 30-day use of alcohol by Barrington High School Students has decreased steadily from 32% in 2011 to 13% in 2022, according to the Barrington Student Survey and Rhode Island Student Survey.

The Barrington Prevention Coalition worked closely with the Warren Prevention Coalition to tailor the program to the Warren community. Steven Eiland, Project Director of the Partnerships for Success grant to prevent underage drinking for the East Bay Regional Coalition, who has been a part of the Barrington trainings, facilitated the new Warren Liquor Training this March. The Warren Police Department agreed to utilize the training as an alternative to fines and allowed businesses whose employee had not previously been caught selling to minors to attend.

"Working in a store, bar, or restaurant is hard, especially when you are new or rushing," said Eiland. "Our goal was to give staff the tools or skills needed to avoid the common mistakes you can make when you're new to the business or dealing with a rush. Underage alcohol use doesn't stop at a town's borders, so reducing access to alcohol in one town, is going to help protect the rest of us."

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WARREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of Warren will hold the second reading for the following Ordinance Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Town Council Chambers, 514 Main Street, Warren, RI

Proposed Ordinance:

Chapter 7: Finance and Taxation Article I: In General, Section 7-9 – Tax Classifications Tax classifications shall be adopted in accordance with the requirements of RI General Law 44-5-11.8 (b) Classes of Property.

The proposed Ordinance can be reviewed on the Town Website www.townofwarren-ri.gov or at the Town Clerk's Office, 514 Main Street Monday – Friday 8:30. A.M.-4:30. P.M.

Per Warren Town Council
Sandrea J. Speroni, CMC
Town Council Clerk
April 5, 2023

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OBITUARIES

Donald J. Flanagan



Served in the National Guard, was active in the community, worked at Almac's

Donald J. "Tiny" Flanagan, 79, of Warren, passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023. The son of the late William and Alice (Harris) Sweet and the husband of the late Catherine



Laroche, Tiny was a life-long resident of Warren.

Tiny, or as his beloved grandchildren called him, "Papa", was a long-time parishioner of St. Mary of the Bay Church in Warren as well as a long-standing member of the Bristol County Elks Club #1860 and The German American Club of Warren. In his younger years, Tiny joined the U.S. Army National Guard after graduating high school and went on to serve for 6 years. After, he worked for Almac's Supermarket for over 30 years. Tiny then went on to work for East Side Marketplace until his retirement.

Tiny is survived by his daughter, Aimee Lamothe, and her husband Kenneth; his grandchildren, Kyla and Kelsey Lamothe; his niece, Debbie and her husband Jim; and his very dear friends, Grace Batista and her husband John of Warren, R.I.

Services are with Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, R.I., where the family will receive relatives and guests for Visitation on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 9 to 11 a.m., followed immediately by a service in Smith Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Jean the Baptiste Cemetery, Greenlawn Avenue, Warren, R.I. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 146 Clifford St., Providence, RI 02903. For directions or tributes, please visit: www.wjmsmithfh.com.

Ernest R. Miner Sr.



A proud Marine, also a firefighter and Postal worker

Ernest R. Miner Sr., 69, of Warren, passed away after a brief illness. A son of the late Gilbert Harris and Margaret Reid (Weir) Miner and the loving husband of Joan (Mackin) Miner, Ernest and his family moved around a bit before settling in Warren for the last 30 years.



Ernest was a proud Marine, having enlisted right out of High School, in 1971, and continued his military career for over 20 years. He went on to join the Fire Department – Engine #4 in Warren for 30 years. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement.

In his free time, Ernest loved having cook-outs at Colt State Park, watching the Bruins play and going to see Monster Trucks at Monster Jam. Ernest would often go bowling with his wife, Joan, and loved to spend time with his cats and his family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife, Joan, Ernest is survived by his sons, Ernest Russell Miner Jr. of Warren, R.I. and Daniel Miner and his wife Jennifer of East Providence, R.I.; five brothers, Allen Miner and Richard Miner, both of South Carolina, Robert Miner of Warren, R.I., Lyndon Miner of North Providence, R.I. and Steven Miner of East Providence, R.I.; two sisters, Anna Primiano of Providence, R.I., and Sharon Barboza and her husband Michael of Warren, R.I.; and his grandchildren, Hunter Christensen of Warren, R.I. and Grace Miner of East Providence, R.I. He was the brother of the late George Miner and the dotting grandfather of the late Aaron Miner.

Services are with Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, RI, where the family will receive relatives and guests for Visitation on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by a service at 7 p.m. in Smith Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Providence Rhode Island VA Regional Office, 380 Westminster Mall Providence, RI 02903. For directions or tributes, please visit www.wjmsmithfh.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

WARREN ZONING BOARD

Notice is hereby given by Warren Zoning Board of Review will be holding a Special Meeting on **April 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM**. Located at the Warren Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers, 514 Main Street Warren Rhode Island. The meeting will also be livestreamed over YouTube,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXCU4IM1qLjzxFiFjNor-Q>

1. **Application # 23-14, Gregory and Sarah Collins, owner and applicant**, 10 Ridgewood Dr., Plat Map 15B, Lot 263, request for a Dimensional Variance, to construct a front porch with less than the allowed front yard setbacks and greater than the allowed lot coverage, under section 32-77, in the R-10 Zoning District.

2. **Application # 23-16, Horace Pinheiro, owner and applicant**, 37 Parker Ave., Plat Map 13C, Lot 37, request for a Dimensional Variance, to reconstruct the second floor by raising the height and pitch of the roof to a legal non-conforming structure, under section 32-76(a), in the R-10 Zoning District.

3. **Application # 23-17, 957 Main LLC, owner and Centerville Bank, applicant**, 957 Main St., Plat Map 15C, Lot 42, request for a Sign Variance, to replace an existing free standing sign and install an affixed sign to a legal non-conforming building, under section 32-112, 32-113, 32-115, in the R-20 Zoning District.

4. **Application # 23-18, Edward Cabral, owner and Jared Hunt, applicant**, 477 Metacom Ave., Plat Map 13A, Lot 1, request for a Dimensional Variance, to construct an addition front porch with less than the allowed side yard setbacks to a legal non-conforming structure, under section 32-77, in the R-10 Zoning District.

April 5, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

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Leyare-Mazurkie, Gail Marie Est. #23-16
Petition for Name Change to be heard on April 13, 2023
March 22, 29 & April 5 2023

**Fortin, Rhonda Lee a/k/a
Fortin, Rhonda L. Est. #23-09**
Miscellaneous Petition to Substitute Executor and Trustee to be heard on April 13, 2023
March 29, April 5 & 12, 2023

**McDonough, Anne Patricia a/k/a McDonough, Anne P. a/k/a
McDonough, Anne Patrice Est# 20-33**
Patricia McGloin has qualified as administratrix d.b.n.c.t.a of the estate. Creditors must file their claims in the Clerk's Office in the time required by law beginning March 29, 2023
March 29, April 5 & 12, 2023

Motta, Janice C., Est. #13-33
Petition for Eighth Accounting to be heard on April 27, 2023
April 5, 12 & 19, 2023

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John Migliori with a 25.5-inch pickerel he caught on Aquidneck Island last week.

POLI-TICKS

Bows and boos for the start of 2023

Rhode Island notables surely serve up a potpourri of decisions for which they should take a bow or offer an apology. 2023 has had some sterling examples of both genius judgments and mistakes. Here are just a few examples

Bow

Curt Columbus, artistic director of Trinity Repertory Theater, constantly re-earns his stripes over his almost 17 years in leadership. His most recent brilliant choice is selecting "The Inferior Sex" (now running through April 16) for the 2022-2023 season. In 1972 when the play takes place, Women's Lib was grabbing a toehold in the United States, albeit issues like equal pay, day care, professional jobs as lawyers, doctors, engineers, etc. were nascent. The play tracks these issues with characters like Shirley Chisholm running for President, and a theme of a publishing revolt.

Before the play began on opening night there was a reception. In attendance not only were reviewers but also people who personified the next wave of equality of rights. LGBTQ attended in outfits that personified who they are. I felt privileged to be there in support of their self-expression and was heartened by their dressing as they wanted.

Now it is time for the rest of society to acknowledge the same rights which played during the performance.

Boo

Bishop Thomas Tobin is confoundingly blind. After allowing a dispensation on St. Patrick's Day previously, he mysteriously balked at extending one this year. It is all well and good to argue sacrifice, but the folks who really suffered weren't His Excellency but the restaurateurs. Several said it was a financial punch to their gut, as many of the reported 67.5% of Catholics stayed home.

So much for helping this segment of business recover from COVID losses.

Bow

Rep. Rebecca Kislak, the sponsor of a bill requiring an "equity impact" statement, who identifies as a lesbian, was asked by Rep. Robert Quattrocchi, whether she was a pedophile. She maintained her dignity by almsly pointing out that wrongly and dangerously conflating sexual orientation with pedophilia is repeating ages-old prejudice.

She is correct. On my watch as Attorney General we handled close to 50 cases of pedophilia. Ninety percent were cases of heterosexual men preying on prepubescent or early teen girls. Another 7 percent were men preying on boys. The remaining 3 percent were women in places of power,



Arlene VIOLET

It's Opening Day on Saturday throughout R.I.

Opening Day of the freshwater fishing season in Rhode Island is at 6 a.m. this Saturday, April 8. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has stocked 100 waterways, many with brook, brown, tiger and rainbow trout, as well as Sebago salmon in select areas in advance of the season.

Hatchery-raised golden rainbow trout are being stocked in waterways throughout Rhode Island for Opening Day. These trout are a color variation of a rainbow trout and provide an exciting angling experience.

For licensing information and a list of waterways that are being stocked by DEM, visit their website at www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fisheries/index.php.

A 2023 fishing license (\$21 online) is required for anglers 15 years of age and older. A Trout Conservation Stamp (\$5.50 online) is also required of anyone wishing to keep or possess a trout or to fish in a catch-and-release or "fly-fishing only" area. Trout Stamps are not required for persons possessing trout taken from a lake or pond that shares a border with Rhode Island.

The minimum size for trout is eight inches (8"), and the daily creel or possession limit is five from April 8, through Nov. 30, and two from Dec. 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024.

Fly tying and fishing the cinder worm hatch

The annual Cinder Worm Fly Tying and Fly Fishing workshop being held next month still has some openings at press time. The program will be held on two weekday evenings, with



Anglers fishing for trout on Opening Day at Willet Avenue Pond, Riverside, RI.

classes in fly tying instruction, and one weekend evening, with a focus on fly fishing. The program is free to registrants.

The cinder worm hatch is a springtime ritual as thousands of cinder worms wiggle their way from the mud to the surface to mate. Striped bass feed on the worms. Participants get to make their own flies in class then take them out on the water to experience this great fishery.

Instructors will be available to assist novice

participants on rigging and casting. Dave Pollock and Capt. Ray Stachelek have led a team of volunteer instructors to produce the workshop series for years, which is sponsored by U.S. Fish & Wildlife and DEM's Aquatic Education Outreach program. The program is open to any adult or child over the age of 10, regardless of skill level — 40-person maximum, so register early. Instruction and guidance will be

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like a schoolteacher, preying on a student, usually male.

Boo

Rep. Robert Quattrocchi was probably correct that the bill was overbroad, but he

didn't know how to zip his lip. He did say that he didn't mean to offend anybody, but then continued to do just that. To add insult to injury was his subsequent sanctimonious speech about "bowing only to God and not man." For heaven's sake, can't politicians just say "Sorry! I was wrong."

Boo

So this is a double "boo-boo." First, Gov. Dan McKee was caught flat-footed over the homeless issue. His "solution" was to place the homeless in the unsafe Cranston Street Armory.

The number of studies about the disgraceful condition of the facility are legion. Then-Gov. Lincoln Chafee promised a

complete renovation. A 2016 study, costing \$180,000, pegged the cost at \$100 million to create an asset no more than \$25 million. Now the Governor has another costly study going on.

Decide!

Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.

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provided by some of the area's most proficient and knowledgeable worm hatch fishers.

All fly tying materials will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools and equipment, but all necessary fly tying tools and equipment will be loaned to registrants upon request. Saltwater fly fishing equipment, including rods, reel, lines and leaders, will be loaned to registrants who do not have their own gear and tackle upon request in advance.

The Fly Tying classes will be held Tuesdays, May 2 and 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown, R.I. The Fly Fishing portion of the program will take place Saturday, May 20, from 4 p.m. until dark at Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, Charlestown, R.I.

For information or to register for the program, contact Marisa Podbros, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, at marisa_podbros@fws.gov or call 401-213-4400.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater. "We have customers stocking up for opening day Saturday. The bait of choice for hatchery raised trout that have been



Anglers fishing the cider worm hatch on Ninigret Pond. Photo courtesy of Capt. Capt. Ray Stachelek.

stocked in ponds is Power Bait," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside. The bait and other synthetic baits like it resemble what these fish eat in the hatchery. After a couple of weeks and the fish are acclimated, they start to eat natural baits in their new environment."

Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly, said, "The anticipation of opening day for trout season for both Rhode Island and Connecticut customers is very high. Additional stockings have taken place in both states, as fish in the hatchery matured early this year and the fish needed to be moved. We are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but Opening Day, Saturday, April 8, we plan to open very early; give us a call."

Vincent Castaldi of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, said, "Things have been kind of quiet. Some anglers, including myself, are catching largemouth and pickerel. Ryan Park, North

Kingstown, and Lake Tiogue, Coventry have been producing some fish."

For licenses and trout/salmon waterway stocking information in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, and in Massachusetts www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report.

Striped bass holdovers continue to be caught in the upper Providence River. "We have had some non-confirmed reports that school bass are in the salt ponds already," said Mike Wade of Watch Hill.

The tautog spring season opened on April 1. Anglers fished last weekend but no reports of fish at this point. Rhode Island and Massachusetts have the same trophy fish regulations that Rhode Island had last year. Anglers are allowed just one trophy fish, 21" or larger. The minimum size is still 16" and a 10-fish-per boat limit applies for private recreational vessels. The spring season runs from April 1 to May 31 and allows for three fish/person/day; the season reopens Aug. 1 to Oct. 14 with a three fish/person/day limit and then jumps to five fish from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31. In Massachusetts anglers are allowed to take one fish in the spawning season of June and July.

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

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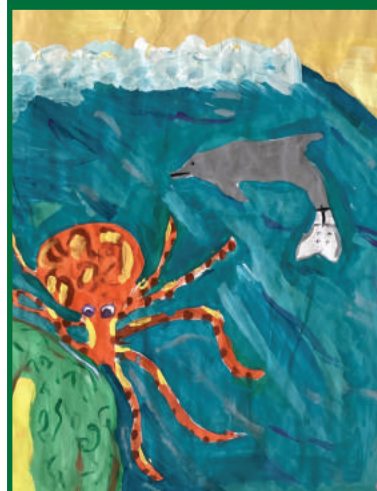
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Friday, April 7	9:31 (3.9)	9:50 (4.6)	2:54	2:48	6:16	7:18
Saturday, April 8	10:13 (3.9)	10:31 (4.5)	3:31	3:32	6:15	7:19
Sunday, April 9	10:58 (3.7)	11:18 (4.4)	4:08	3:59	6:135	7:20
Monday, April 10	11:49 (3.6)	—	4:48	4:40	6:11	7:21
Tuesday, April 11	12:10 (4.3)	12:45 (3.5)	5:34	5:28	6:10	7:22
Wednesday, April 12	1:09 (4.2)	1:44 (3.5)	6:33	6:28	6:08	7:23
Thursday, April 13	2:11 (4.1)	2:46 (3.5)	8:09	7:49	6:07	7:24

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Land Trust celebrating Earth Day with Osamequin walks

Barrington Land Conservation Trust and Barrington Garden Club team up to lead walk

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust and Barrington Garden Club are joining together to lead guided walks to Osamequin Nature Preserve in Barrington on Thursday, April 20, Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23.

Advance registration is required due to limited parking at the site. Carpooling is encouraged. To register, go to www.blct.org/events.

Osamequin Nature Preserve is a 42-acre conservation area along the western shore of Hundred Acre Cove in Barrington. The property is owned by the Town of Barrington and co-managed by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust, the Barrington Garden Club, and the Town. The walk will be co-led by Kathryn Beauchamp, co-chair of the Barrington Garden Club's Osamequin Management Team, and Victor Lerish, chair of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust's Stewardship Team.

All ages are welcome. The terrain is gentle but wet in places. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy, waterproof footwear. You may wish to bring a walking stick to assist you when crossing wet areas. The property is open to the public throughout the year.

Osamequin Nature Preserve is rich with history as part of the ancestral homelands of the Pokanoket people who occupied these lands prior to colonization. It is now home to a diversity of animals and native plant species that depend on this property for habitats and food.

The property's extensive network of trails introduces visitors to fields, forests and salt marshes where you can see first-hand the effects of sea level rise as well as nature's ability to regenerate after a fire.

After the flooding on Dec. 23, 2022, extreme high tides and gale force winds caused flooding throughout the preserve and lifted one bridge off its pilings, causing



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ABOVE: Osprey have returned to Rhode Island and choose locations like Osamequin Nature Preserve to build their nests on raised platforms. RIGHT: This sign greets visitors to Osamequin Nature Preserve.

the closure of one section of trails. A fire which took place last fall burned a small area of the preserve, where regrowth is now visible.

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust has preserved nearly 300 acres of open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. For more information on the Land Trust and its properties, visit www.blct.org or email cindyelder@blct.org.



URI hosting Land and Water Conservation 'mini-summit'

Public invited to URI to learn more about Rhode Island's environmental community

The University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension, with the Rhode Island Land Trust Council and Audubon Society of Rhode Island, are joining forces to offer a half-day Land and Water (and Gardens) Mini-Summit at URI this year.

On Saturday, April 8, the university will host the summit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in URI's Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences, 120 Flagg Road, Kingston Campus.

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Land Trust Council are partners in the annual statewide conservation summit. The Ocean State has more than 45 land trusts, a dozen watershed organizations, numerous conservation commissions and multiple education and outreach programs based at URI that rely on volunteers. This year, the mini-summit will honor those volunteers, and highlight many land and water conservation-related initiatives that are community-based and impactful.

The half-day mini-summit will feature a vibrant panel discussion, breakout sessions, a marketplace, and opportunities to network with other volunteers and individuals interested in land and water conservation, with a focus on land stewardship, water conservation, gardening and more.

Ian McSweeney of the Agrarian Commons, an innovative land-ownership model that challenges corporate and large-scale agriculture models, and offers a new, sustainable



David Vissoe, URI Master Gardener and liaison to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Kettle Pond Nature Center Native Plant Gardens, talks to a visitor during an open house. David will share the story of the gardens during a breakout session at the 2023 Mini-Summit on April 8. (Photo courtesy URI Cooperative Extension)

approach for the small farmer, will deliver the keynote address. Sessions will also be offered on funding strategies for land conservation, water quality protection from an indigenous perspective, and community-based native plant gardening with opportunities to meet and network with others in the environmental community. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse will join the day's program.

The public is invited to attend the mini-summit; \$55/general admission includes breakfast and coffee. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door, and a pay-what-

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TALKING POLITICS

Can R.I. cut its way to a better business climate?

STORY OF THE WEEK: Can Rhode Island tax-cut its way to a more appealing business climate? That

question has been subject to debate for years and it won't stop now. For supporters, the Carcieri-era move to flatten the top rate of the state income tax was a step in the right direction, for example, while critics said too much stock was placed in the notion that rich people flee Rhode

Island due to high taxes.

Now, the Rhode Island Senate has rolled out one of its top priorities for this session – a move to eliminate the tangible property tax for an estimated 85% of the businesses that currently have to pay it. Senate President Dominick Ruggerio unveiled the initiative during a speech to the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce. “This is a step we can and should take to help companies to continue to grow and invest here in Rhode Island,” Ruggerio said.

Under a bill sponsored by Sen. Melissa Murray (D-Woonsocket), the state would compensate cities and towns for lost tangible tax revenue, with an exemption offered to businesses for up to \$100,000 in liability for things like computers and furniture. This is likely music to the ears of the local business community. The proposed cut is all the more noteworthy given how the Massachusetts Society of CPAs is sounding an alarm about what it calls an exodus of high-income residents leaving the Bay State.

Still, economic uncertainty raises questions about Rhode Island's ability to pay for more tax cuts; the May revenue-estimating

conference will reveal the latest data on state revenue. And when it comes to attracting business, Rhode Island's glass chin remains our under-performing public schools, an area where Massachusetts still comes out on top.

CD1: The calendar is set for the special election to succeed U.S. Rep. David Cicilline in the 1st Congressional District, with the primary set for Sept. 5 and the general election for Nov. 7. More candidates are floating runs on an almost daily basis. We'll see who formally declares by the June 29-30 deadline, but a field of 10 or more candidates isn't completely out of the question.

Former GOP AG Arlene Violet revealed on A Lively Experiment on RI-PBS that she is seriously considering an independent run. Violet is a first-ballot Rhode Island Hall of Famer (disclosure: we are former co-panelists on WPRI-TV's Newsmakers), and somewhat like Robert “Cool Moose” Healey, she might find support as a folk hero/unconventional candidate, although running as an independent makes life a lot more challenging.

Here's my current list of candidates who say they're running: Nick Autiello, Mickeda Barnes, Stephanie Beaute, Nathan Biah, Sandra Cano, Stephen Casey, John Goncalves, Sabina Matos and Allen Waters. With the calendar turning to April, keep an eye on Pawtucket Mayor Don Grebien and a native son of Pawtucket who now works in White House, Gabe Amo.

MATOS: A lot of the Democrats running in CD1 share similar views on the issues, so setting themselves apart from one another will be among the challenges in a crowded field. Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos brings some political assets to the contest, including winning statewide last year and building her profile through many years on the Providence City

Council. During an interview on Political Roundtable, she said it's her experience that mostly sets her apart from rival candidates.

Asked if she is violating a pledge to voters by seeking a different office so soon after the November election, Matos said, “No, it's not actually – right now, for me and any other elected official that is contemplating running, it's not a violation. I always, when I look at myself and my political career, I consider myself to be a public servant. I have always looked for ways in which I can better serve the people of the state of Rhode Island. This is a new, this is new, we had no clue that Congressman Cicilline was going to be resigning. So right now, I just analyzed the situation and thought that this is a way in which I can continue to serve the state of Rhode Island.”

APPOINTMENTS: The administration of Gov. Dan McKee and Lt. Gov. Matos will mark 100 days in office in mid-April. Here's Matos' response to why there are still so many interim directors in state government, including at the Department of Health, DCYF, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Administration: “The administration has been actively searching for directors for the different agencies. Those agencies have a direct impact on the life of the people of Rhode Island. And that's our decision that shouldn't be rushed. And we should not be just putting in someone just to say that it has, we have someone in there. So I trust the process that the governor is going through with his staff to make sure that we get the right directors for the agencies.”

CANNABIS CONFIDENTIAL: As I reported last year, the state's new Cannabis Control Commission will decide regulations and determine who gets 24 new retail cannabis licenses in Rhode Island. The pertinent law called for Gov. McKee to appoint three members to the commission by last July 4. When I looked into this last October (4th item), the governor's office said McKee was waiting until the General Assembly was back in session. Here's how McKee spokeswoman Olivia DaRocha explains the lag: “The Rhode Island Cannabis Act requires that a comprehensive background check be conducted on all of the governor's selections prior to appointment. This is an extensive process involving coordination with the State Police. The governor's selections will be announced when the full background check process is complete for all potential candidates.”

GOVLAND: Tony Silva, who stepped down amid controversy as Gov. McKee's chief of staff in 2021, has signed on to coordinate fundraising and political activity for McKee's campaign organization. Attorney General Peter Neronha found last year that McKee had no involvement in Silva's attempt to pursue a development project in Cumberland. Neronha also found that Silva used very poor judgment and appeared to throw his weight around. Asked about this last August – his most recent appearance on Political Roundtable – McKee emphasized how no laws were broken and how he was not involved. Pressed on Neronha's finding about Silva's conduct, the governor steered clear of criticizing his former aide.

AMAZON: For better or worse, Amazon is a big economic force. Rory Schuler of the Johnston Sunrise reports on how the giant retailer has yet to set a firm date for opening its local distribution center: “While empty Amazon warehouses litter the nation, the online mega retailer insists their Johnston distribution center will open as planned. And the company plans to hire ‘more than 1,500’ local job-seekers.”

REPUBLICAN THUNDER: One of the longstanding challenges for RI GOP is tepid support from Rhode Island's business community. Money is the mother's milk of politics, or so it's been said, so Senate Minority Leader Jessica de la Cruz's unveiling of a new Senate Republican Leadership PAC could boost the cause. As de la Cruz said via news release, “It is no secret that election cycle after election cycle, Democrats outraged Republican candidates at every level. My goal is to raise the necessary funds to assist our state senate candidates in the upcoming cycle. In 2022, we had an outstanding group of candidates that stepped up to run, and although they were not successful, many of them have committed to run again in 2024. By creating a separate leadership committee, we can pool together resources to supplement candidates' efforts. Unfortunately, Rhode Island has been dominated by one party for decades, and if we want to foster a pro-growth environment, we must elect candidates that will make it easier for Rhode Islanders to start and grow their businesses.”

TAKES OF THE WEEK – a mix of views from various Rhode Islanders.

State Rep. LEONELA FELIX (D-Pawtucket): “This week, during a House floor debate,

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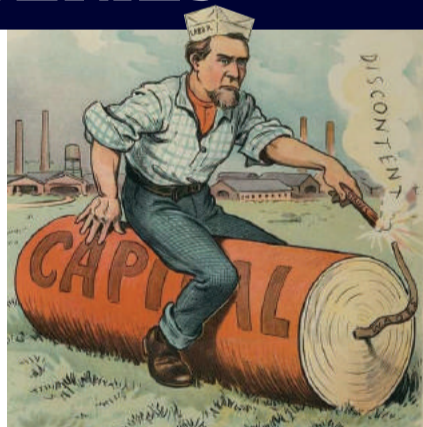
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BOOK REVIEW

A haunting photo, a poignant story

'Sold on a Monday'

By Kristina McMorris

It all started with a picture. Set during the hardship years of the Depression, young reporter Ellis Reed is looking for an interesting story or scoop. In Laurel Township, Pa., he comes across two young siblings holding onto each other on the porch of a dilapidated farmhouse.

Donna DELEO BRUNO

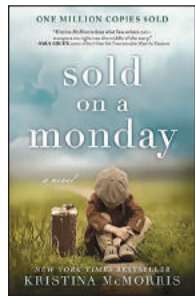
sign: "Two Children for Sale." Struck by the poignancy of the scene with their obviously ill and desperate mother hovering in the background, he offers a few bills to photograph them.

When Ellis runs the picture with a story

about hardship in the Examiner, it catches the attention of many readers who want to know who they are. Working in the same newsroom is Lily Palmer, who keeps to herself because of a secret – a small son born out of wedlock being cared for outside the city by her parents. Lily's goal is to earn enough money to find an affordable apartment in which to raise her beloved child.

As donations pour into the newsroom for the destitute family in the photo, Ellis delivers the funds to them. Ellis has a testy relationship with his father, who detests newspeople and has little respect for what his son does for a living. While Ellis has a crush on Lily, she has also caught the eye of an older, experienced, and established journalist Clayton, hence the beginning of a love triangle.

When the mother and two kids disappear, Ellis takes it upon himself to find out where. With Lily's assistance they visit a sanitarium where she is said to have died from TB, leaving the children to be adopted. When the pair



find that the mother is very much alive, they are puzzled.

Upon investigation, they find that Ruby has been placed with a well-to-do family, but the little brother has mysteriously disappeared. They take upon themselves the responsibility of finding him, as they suspect foul

play.

This is a poignant story about the desperate lengths to which the destitute will go to provide for their family. The mother's decision was to give her children a better chance, but she could never have known that the girl was given to a mentally-ill woman who was trying to make the girl into a carbon-copy of a child she had lost, even renaming her after that lost daughter. When they locate Cal in an orphanage much like a reformatory, they stage a dar-

ing escape with him in tow.

McMorris has created a stirring plot about two reporters combining their efforts to reunite a family. In the meantime, the couple experience growing feelings for each other but hold back from expressing them. Lily will first have to overcome her shame regarding her past indiscretion, as well as sort out her feelings for the two men who love her.

Conflicts abound: the mother's decision regarding her children; Ellis' strained relationship with his father; the romantic feelings Lily has for two competing suitors; and her struggle to come to term with her previous decision.

A moving novel, "Sold on a Monday" was "inspired by an actual newspaper photograph that stunned the nation."

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

Rhode Island needs to put a stop to predatory pay-day lending

From **FACING PAGE**

some of my colleagues used derogatory language such as "drug addict," "opium den," or "crack house," when referring to individuals with substance use disorder. As someone who has also experienced the pain of addiction, I was left speechless, knowing how hurtful and stigmatizing these words can be. People with substance use disorder already face enough stigma and shame, and this type of language only reinforces those negative perceptions.

"Although I wished to respond in the moment, I took some time to gather my thoughts. I decided to act and, together with Haley McKee, a leader in the addiction and recovery space, organized a day of action at the Statehouse. In just two days, we brought together individuals, families, friends, advocates, providers, and allies from across the state to share their stories of pain, struggle, and resilience with lawmakers. They shared how addiction has impacted their lives and communities, the pain caused by using derogatory language, and the resources needed to support public health and recovery efforts.

"It is important to recognize that addiction is a disease, just like cancer, diabetes, or heart disease. We do not use derogatory language or blame individuals for these illnesses, and the same should be true for those with substance use disorder. By avoiding stigmatizing language and instead centering people's humanity with our words, we can foster a cultural shift that has the potential to save lives."

Businessman and former gubernatorial candidate KEN BLOCK: "Surprisingly, politi-

cally ambitious people with wide statewide name recognition are not competing for David Cicilline's seat representing R.I.'s 1st Congressional District (CD-1). An open congressional seat is a big deal. So what could be standing in the way? The problem is the special election, which will be held in November. Special elections are notorious for their low turnout. A lesser-known candidate can steal a special election when a tiny fraction of voters cast ballots.

"Moreover, the winner of this November's race must immediately begin running for reelection in November 2024. I can easily see how these factors have kept the big players out of the race this year. Unless a big name jumps into this year's special election and wins, I would expect to see more recognizable names lining up to run for CD1 in 2024, when a presidential general election guarantees a healthy turnout of voters. This November's special election is winnable by pretty much anybody who can get their message out – and, of course, have a message that resonates with voters."

MARGAUX MORISSEAU, deputy director of the RI Coalition to End Homelessness and a longtime anti-payday activist: "Payday lending is a predatory practice charging 260% APR and it is targeted at low-income Rhode

Islanders, costing our communities millions of dollars annually and propelling our neighbors into a cycle of debt, which has caused some families to become homeless. Rhode Island is one of only two New England states permitting triple-digit interest rates, something we would not tolerate if it was aimed at small business owners.

"The US Defense Department argued predatory lending 'undermines military readiness,' so Congress acted in 2006 to protect active-duty military personnel by capping loans to such individuals at 36%. Payday lending reform is a priority for Rhode Island voters and legislators; 56 Democratic, Republican, and Independent legislators – 75% of House members – have signed Rep. John Lombardi's letter urging a vote on Rep. Karen Alzate's H5160, a bill that would cap the interest rate at 36% and end the loophole exempting payday lenders from the rules that apply to other small loan lenders. Powerful corporate lobbyists have used their influence to keep this bill from advancing for 13 years. The time is now to allow payday lending reform to have a committee and floor vote."

PATRICK CROWLEY, secretary-treasurer of the RI AFL-CIO: "There is always lots going on in the world of organized labor, but this week was particularly busy. While some news

stories focused attention on how inflation is hampering the push to rebuild our infrastructure (think Tidewater Landing in Pawtucket and the Superman Building in Providence), any union organizer will tell you that the real news about economic development in Rhode Island often has an under-reported side: worker exploitation. Thanks to Justin Kelley from the Painters Union and the reporting of Amanda Milkovits in The Boston Globe, Rhode Islanders got a taste of what it's like to work at a non-union job site: dangerous and sometimes illegal working conditions.

"And exploitation isn't limited to the construction industry. We saw earlier this week when healthcare workers who are members of the Service Employees Union local 1199 overwhelmingly voted 'no confidence' in their management at Women and Infants Hospital after enduring disrespect, harassment, racialized language, and systematic mistreatment. Likewise, Teamsters Local 251 members were forced to hold a strike against the Rhode Island School of Design because they are treated like expendable labor, even though RISD is sitting on an endowment of \$440 million."

Ian Donniss can be reached at idonnis@ripr.org

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This feature is written by Hazel Bradley, a Kickemuit Middle School student. It offers pets for adoption from all East Bay shelters.

April school vacation week fun at Audubon

Vacation week programs and activities are each day. No registration required. Nature crafts are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., a nature story is at 10 a.m. and animal interviews are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Special programs for children are also available each day at 1 p.m. These programs are recommended for children ages 6 and older. On Monday, it's a spring walk, Tuesday is an owl pellet dissection, Wednesday is fairy fort building, Thursday it's all about bugs, and on Friday there are turtle races.

WHAT: School vacation week fun
 WHEN: Monday to Friday, April 10 to 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 WHERE: Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., Bristol
 COST: Free with admission
 MORE INFO: See full schedule and admission fees at www.asri.org



Author of book on Abe Lincoln to speak

The dealings that propelled Abraham Lincoln from defeat and obscurity to prominence and power are the subject of a new book by Edward Achorn, "The Lincoln Miracle." The author and former Providence Journal editor will give a preview of the book about the candidate's 1860 election. "I zoom in on seven days in gritty Chicago in May, and one day in Springfield," he said, "where Republican leaders went to meet the eccentric man they had nominated for president."

WHAT: Bosworth Lecture Series
 WHEN: Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.
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A showcase home along the Portsmouth shoreline



Originally built as the "Coastal Living Idea House," this Carnegie Harbor home enjoys sweeping water views, facing west toward Narragansett Bay.



The designer kitchen is the anchor of the first floor.



The great room features vaulted ceiling and fieldstone fireplace.

Thoughtfully designed and built as the "Coastal Living Idea House," this property was sited to capture water views and sunsets over Narragansett Bay. A gated driveway gracefully curves and welcomes guests to the front of the home.

Enter the mahogany front door under a curved portico to a bright and airy New England décor. A handsome navy dining room with water views in the background also has a wall of fine-crafted built-ins.

The designer kitchen is the center of

the first floor, with an oversized island, top-of-the-line cobalt blue appliances, and a sun-filled dining area overlooking beautiful water views. Here, French doors lead to a stone terrace.

The first floor continues with a sun-filled living room appointed with custom millwork with glass doors that lead to the mahogany front porch. Located adjacent to the living room is a private home office/first floor bedroom option with ensuite bath. This level is completed by a Great Room with vaulted ceiling and fieldstone

fireplace as its focal point.

A separate back staircase leads to guest quarters with a sitting area, bedroom, and ensuite bath. Walls of windows flank the upstairs hallway. Here you will find three additional ensuite bedrooms, each with water view decks. The lower level is finished with wet bar and additional recreation space. Additional features include a private putting green, full house generator, and deeded access to the Carnegie Tower pool adjacently located. Property conveys with a separate buildable lot.

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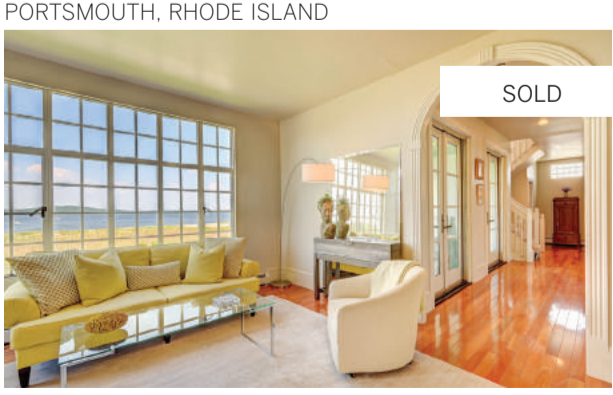
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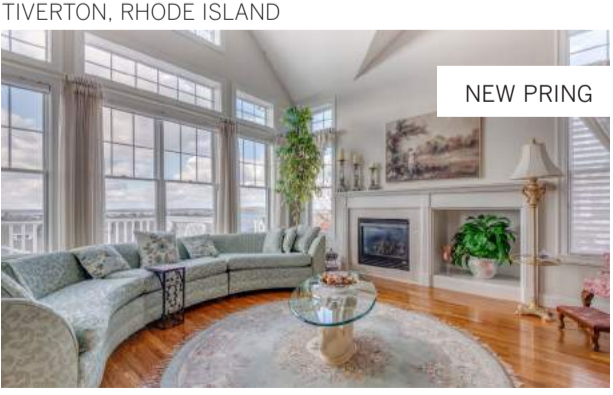
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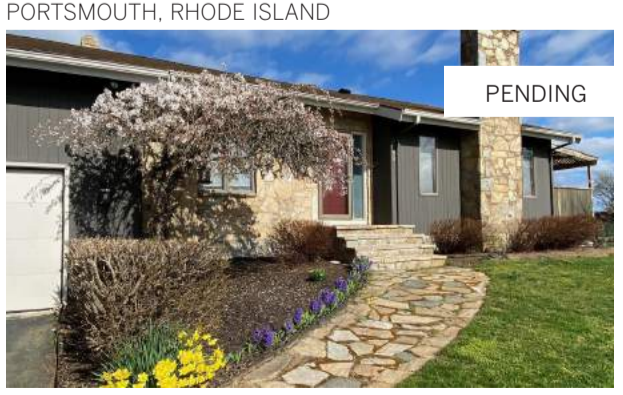
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