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Familiar places, new faces

As always at this time of year, there are many new faces in Cranston schools. That's the process and to be expected. Yet classroom veterans will likewise be seeing and meeting new administrative faces. We make the introductions on page 6.



A lifetime of learning

Eden Park students enter their school for a new year full of learning. Aug. 29 was the first day for Cranston's Pre-K, kindergarten, grades one, six and nine students. On Aug. 30, students in grades two through five, seven through eight and 10 through 12 started their fall 2022 courses. (Courtesy of Cranston Public Schools)

90 PD officers to wear body cameras

By RORY SCHULER and EMMA BARTLETT

In response to Rhode Island's statewide body camera policy program, Cranston's Police Department is looking at several body camera companies for 90 of the department's officers. Chief of Police Col. Michael Winkquist said Monday that officers up to the lieutenant rank will wear the cameras.

Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha and Colonel Darnell S. Weaver, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and Director of Public Safety, recently announced the start of the formal notice and comment period for the draft regulation to establish a statewide policy for the use and operation of police body-worn cameras.

"Last summer, Rhode Island enacted a statewide program that aims to equip every frontline police officer and supervisor with body-worn cameras," according to a press release from Neronha's office. "As part of the program, the Attorney General and Director of the Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association (RIPCA), were tasked with promulgating rules and regulations to create a statewide policy for the use and operation of body-worn cameras that participating departments will be required to adopt."

Cranston's department will look at purchasing cameras once the statewide policy is finalized. Winkquist believes the cameras will benefit both the department and public by increasing transparency and strengthening prosecutions through video footage. Cranston Police already participated in a

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KEEP THE LINE GOING: With a long line of cars, volunteers hastily gathered backpacks and handed them over to families Saturday morning. (Herald photo)

Backpacks full of hopes, dreams Nonprofit hands out free school essentials

By EMMA BARTLETT

"What color would you like?" was one of the first questions volunteers asked kids Saturday morning when families picked up free backpacks from the Back to School Celebration of Rhode Island (BTSCRI) nonprofit outside Cranston's YMCA. Site Coordinator Lamnis Vargas said cars lined up half an hour before the drive-by event began. In just one hour, the nonprofit handed out 600 backpacks and school supplies so kids could begin school with the essentials.

BTSCRI celebrated its 23rd anniversary of delivering backpacks to kids this past weekend. Jorge Cardenas and Melvin Bell founded this program in 1999 where they handed out school supplies to 600 students at the West End Community Center. Today, the organization has expanded to dispersing 16,000 backpacks to Rhode Island students across 12 community sites.

"The backpack may physically carry notebooks and pencils, but if you're a parent, that

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1838 bell to sing again

By EMMA BARTLETT

It takes one flight of stairs, a pull down ladder and two fixed steel ladders to reach the 870 lb. bell at the top of the steeple at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church. The bell, which was cast in 1838 by Paul Revere's student G.H. Holbrook, has not been rung consistently for the past 20 years. The church's new minister Amy Chilton intends to change that.

Chilton, who has been at the church on Pontiac Avenue for the past two and a half months, has found herself exploring the building's nooks and crannies in her free time. One aspect that caught her attention early on was the bell.

"I went up in the steeple, found this bell, said 'why isn't this bell ringing' and nobody knew," said Chilton.

There was no rope attached to the 184-year-old bell to ring it, so the mystery continued. About a week later she asked Ginny Rasmussen how to ring the bell; Rasmussen's late-husband had served as the church's assistant, associate and se-

nior pastor for 28 plus years. She told Chilton it was easy and took her to a switch with a key that had been sticking out from the wall for 20 years. With a simple turn, the bell sounded.

The approximately two foot tall bell is two feet and eight inches at the widest point and comes with a rich history. The bell started its journey in 1838 at Providence's Old Pine Street Baptist Church where it would mostly ring for church services and to announce fires. In 1857, the church caught fire and the bell crashed to

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RINGING FOR ALL TO HEAR: Amy Chilton, the new minister at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, plans to get the Swarts bell ringing again on a regular basis starting Sept. 11. (Herald photo)

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Falcons eyeing playoff return



The Cranston West girls soccer team is looking to make a deep run in Division I this fall.

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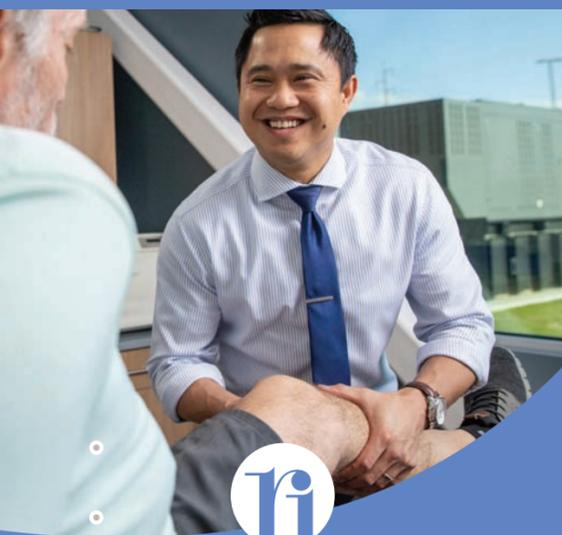
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73 more days

Allan Fung, Republican candidate for Jim Langevin's second congressional district seat, opened his campaign headquarters Saturday at 52 Rolfe St. in Cranston. James Donahue, who serves as co-chairman of the Fung for Congress campaign and is running for a seat on the City Council, introduced Fung.

Donahue said the campaign is off to a fantastic start – adding that through donor support, the campaign is on track with fundraising and is looking to hit its \$1 million mark by the end of September.

Fung said donations have helped put them on the national stage; the money has also assisted in producing his first commercial which launches this week.

Between now and November, the campaign's goal is to knock on 100,000 doors.

"Seventy-three more days we're going to sneak up on that Democratic opponent and take this seat back," said Fung. *(Herald photos)*



ADDRESSING THE CROWD: Fung addresses those attending his campaign headquarters opening on Aug. 27.



COME ON IN: 52 Rolfe Street quickly became packed as supporters gathered at Allan Fung's new campaign headquarters Saturday afternoon.

POLICE LOG

RESISTING ARREST

At 2:25 a.m. on Aug. 30, Cranston Police arrested Shaqonda Amado, 33, of 58 Berkshire St., Providence, on charges of Obstruction of Justice and Resisting Illegal or Legal Arrest. The arrest was the result of a traffic stop on Reservoir Avenue near the Providence City line. Amado awaited arraignment.

At 2:25 a.m. on Aug. 30, Cranston Police arrested Kevon Amado, 21, of 58 Berkshire St., Providence, on charges of Obstruction of Justice and Resisting Illegal or Legal Arrest. The arrest was the result of a traffic stop on Reservoir Avenue near the Providence City line. Amado awaited arraignment.

ASSAULT

At 6:17 p.m. on Aug. 29, Cranston Police arrested Juana Diaz, 63, of 5839 Mango Road., West Palm Beach, Florida, on charges of Domestic Simple Assault and Domestic Disorderly Conduct. The arrest was the result of a disturbance at 44 Woodbury Road. Diaz was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace.

At 1:11 a.m. on Aug. 29, Cranston Police arrested Giovanni F. Risco, 49, of 10 Randall St., Cranston, on charges of Domestic Simple Assault (one count) and Domestic Disorderly Conduct (one count). The arrest was the result of a disturbance call at the aforementioned address. Risco was held for morning arraignment.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

At 12:29 p.m. on Aug. 28, Cranston Police arrested Bart Davis, 36, of 99 Sum-

mit Ave., West Warwick, on charges of Disorderly Conduct and two Superior Court Bench Warrants as the result of a disturbance at 55 Beacon St. Davis awaited arraignment.

OFFICER OBSTRUCTION

At 5:13 a.m. on Aug. 28, Cranston Police arrested James Dolo, 21, of 84 Warrington St., Providence, on charges of Obstructing an Officer in Execution of Duty and Resisting Legal or Illegal Arrest. The arrest was the result of a motor vehicle accident in the area of 1303 Elmwood Ave. Dolo awaited arraignment as a bail violator.

VANDALISM

At 5:32 p.m. on Aug. 23, Cranston Police arrested Ronnie Figueroa, 37, of 28 Bartlett Ave., Cranston, on charges of Vandalism/Malicious Injury. The arrest was the result of a call for service at Cranston Police Department headquarters. Figueroa was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace.

NO CONTACT ORDER VIOLATION

At 5:50 p.m. on Aug. 23, Cranston Police arrested Jesus Montes, 35, of 80 Mercy St., Providence, on charges of Violation of a No Contact Order. The arrest was the result of the Rhode Island State Police Department transferring him over to Cranston Police custody on an Arrest and Affidavit Warrant. Montes was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace and transported to ACI Intake as a probation violator.

WARRANT

At 2:11 a.m. on Aug. 30, Cranston Police arrested Johnnie Key, 46, of 4 Bos-

worth St., Providence, on a Cranston Police Department arrest warrant for Larceny Under \$1,500. The arrest was the result of an RISP arrest. Key awaited arraignment.

At 2:40 p.m. on Aug. 27, Cranston Police Jason Joseph, 37, of 1703 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, on a Cranston Police Arrest Warrant for Firing in a Compact Area as a result of a traffic stop at 1375 Pontiac Ave. Joseph awaited arraignment.

At 11:36 a.m. on Aug. 26, Cranston Police arrested Matthew Johnson, 31, of 23 Fair St., Warwick, on a Cranston Police Department Arrest and Affidavit Warrant for Violation of a Protective Order. The arrest was the result of a call from Third District Court that they had him in custody. Johnson was processed and transported back to Third District Court.

At 12:12 p.m. on Aug. 23,

Cranston Police arrested Pedro H. Rodrigues, 26, of 17 Parker Ave., East Providence, on a Cranston Police Department Warrant as a result of a warrant pick-up by East Providence Police. Rodrigues was held for Arraignment by the Justice of the Peace.

On Aug. 25, Cranston Police arrested Hector Rosario, 50, of 30 Howard Ave., for an Arrest and Affidavit Warrant for Sex Offender Address Change. The arrest was from a pick-up at the Providence Police Department. Rosario was held for arraignment.

DUI

At 8:05 p.m. on Aug. 21, Cranston Police arrested Michael Corson, 41, of 33 Havens Court, West Warwick, on charges of DUI – BAC Unknown (first offense) and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Burlingame Road. Corson awaited arraignment.

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CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the Cranston Herald, the sub-headline for "360,000 streams and climbing" listed Nate Poshkus as a Cranston West grad. Poshkus is a graduate of Cranston East.

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You could start seeing Rocky Point plates this year

By JOHN HOWELL

Stuart Malone was one of the first to hand out \$41.50 to order a Rocky Point license plate. Now, more than five years later, his wait is about to come to an end. Malone and more than 180 Rhode Islanders who ordered the plates with a scene of the park and its iconic peace arch can expect to get their plates by Thanksgiving.

The Rocky Point Foundation is not the only non-profit organization faced with hundreds of unfilled charity plate orders for failing to meet the 600 pre-order threshold for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to produce the plates. According to the DMV, other organizations with approved plate designs but failing to meet the threshold include Autism Awareness, Boston Bruins Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Gaspee Days Committee, Providence College, RI Day of Portugal and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation.

But legislators -- under a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Evan Shanley of Warwick and signed into law this year -- opened an alternative path to producing the plates with a minimum threshold of 150 pre-orders.

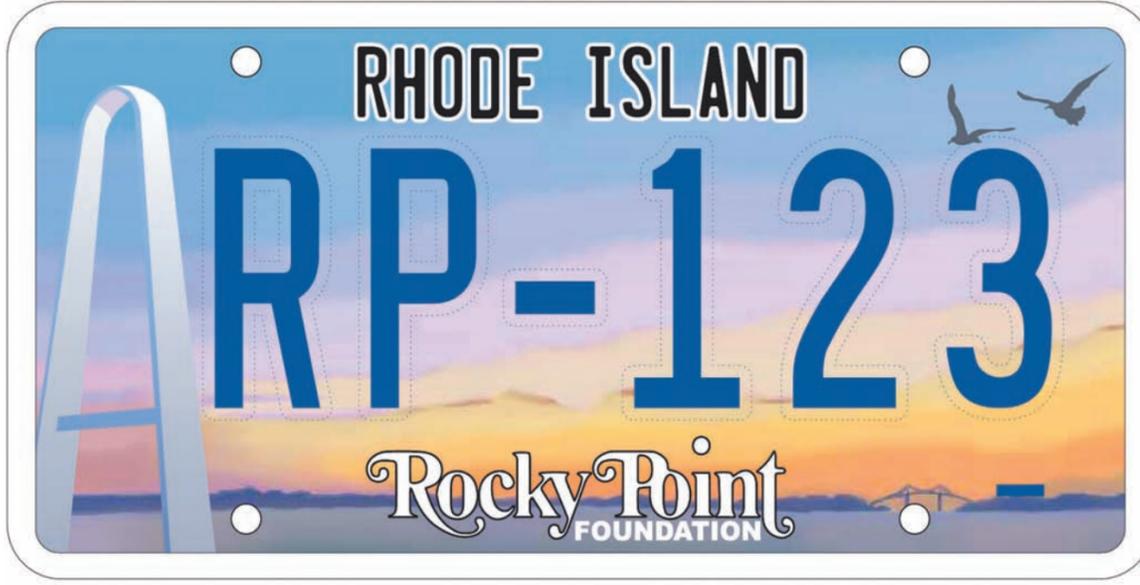
"With the new law, an organization can have the DMV start distribution if it submits orders for at least 150 plate sets along with a payment to make up for the production shortfall. The fee is \$30 for each set below the minimum 600 order," explained DMV spokesman Paul Grimaldi.

Under the law, organizations can still choose to gather 600 pre-orders without paying an upfront cost that is non-refundable.

With many people waiting so long and the 600 pre-order seemingly unattainable because of the uncertainty of delivery, people moving out of state and selling their cars, the Rocky Point Foundation elected to upfront the money and get people their plates. The expectation is that once the plates are on vehicles and people see them, they'll want them, too. As that happens, the foundation will recover the funds invested and take in added revenues to assist with park programs and projects.

Meanwhile, motorists needn't wait to order Rocky Point plates. The plates can be ordered from the DMV or the Rocky Point website with payments going directly to the DMV.

Under the law the DMV has six months in which to produce the plates, however, since Rocky Point is the only organization to seek plates under the lower pre-order threshold at this time the expectation is for them



to be produced sooner. When the initial pre-orders are completed, the foundation and the DMV will coordinate an event most likely scheduled for a Saturday to distribute the plates. Those with pre-orders will be notified by email of the location and time and there will be press notifications as well.

Rep. Joseph Solomon Jr., whose Warwick district encompasses Rocky Point introduced legislation for what is termed a "charity plate."

The foundation called upon student graphic art programs to enter a design contest for the plate. The graphics arts program at the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center took on the challenge coming up with more than a dozen designs that people could vote for online. There was no clear winner with three designs coming up as favorites. The foundation turned to the students and asked that they collaborate on a design incorporating elements from each of their works.

Once that happened and coupled with publicity, orders for the plate poured in and it appeared the foundation could easily meet the pre-order threshold. It wasn't to be. As new orders reduced to a trickle, those tired of waiting for their plates requested refunds.

The foundation joined by other non-profits in a similar holding pattern sought to change the legislation, first by simply reducing the threshold of pre-orders to 150 and then working on a plan that would produce the same revenues for the state as if the 600 pre-orders were fulfilled.

That's what ended up getting passed. Grimaldi reported there are currently eight charity plates in distribution: Bristol Fourth of July, Conservation Through Education (Audubon Society of RI & Save The Bay's Osprey Plate), Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation (Ribbon of Hope), New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse, RI Community Food Bank (Mr. Potato Head), Red Sox Foundation and Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of RI.

He said the General Assembly, during its last session, approved charity plates for the Atlantic Shark Institute, Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association and Rose Island Lighthouse. Designs for these new charity plates are incomplete, he said.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND CITY OF CRANSTON

STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION

In the name of the Board of Canvassers of the City of Cranston, notice is hereby given to the qualified electors thereof to assemble on:

TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2022

AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

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For registered Cranston voters who may be unable to vote by mail-in ballot or vote at their assigned polling location on Primary Day, **early voting** is available starting Wednesday, Aug. 24 at the Peter T. Pastore, Jr. Youth Center, located at 155 Gansett Ave in Cranston, RI, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays (closed on Labor Day), and ending at the 4 p.m. statewide deadline on Monday, Sept. 12. Voters may call the Canvassing Authority at 401-780-3121 with any questions about early voting. For mail voters, there are two mail ballot drop boxes in the City of Cranston which open on Aug. 24 to receive completed mail ballots in their oath and/or mailing envelopes: Cranston City Hall - 869 Park Ave (Side entrance of the building, next to Cranston East), and the RI Board of Elections - 2000 Plainfield Pike (Parking lot at Sailor Way entrance). Any completed Rhode Island mail ballot can be placed in any official Board of Elections Mail Ballot Drop Box, statewide, no later than 8 p.m. on Primary Night, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022.

AND TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID ELECTION. Said election, as the law directs, shall be kept open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Hereof fail not, and true return of this warrant make with your doings thereon.

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Witness our hands and those of the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Cranston this 25th day of August A.D. 2022:

This notice is hereby posted and published in accordance with R.I. Gen Laws § 17-15-17 by the Cranston Board of Canvassers.
Randall A. Jackvony, Chairman; Gary J. Vierra and Quilcia I. Moronta, Members.

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West Bay Chorale Celebrates 42nd Season
 West Bay Chorale will kick off its fall 2022 season on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., with registration starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at St. Kevin Church (333 Sandy Lane, Warwick). Current singers as well as those interested in joining the Chorale are invited to register and learn the details of the upcoming concert season. Information regarding Covid-related rules will be shared. Artistic director Eric W. Van Dervort and the chorale's board of directors will lead the meeting. All current singers and those interested in joining must be vaccinated and boosted as recommended and everyone must show proof of vaccination. Masks will either be required or recommended, depending on Covid trends. In particular, we are seeking Tenor and Baritone voices. Feel free to listen to pieces from our concerts on our West Bay Chorale Facebook page and please email us at info@westbaychorale.org if you are interested in joining us.

Scouts' BSA units resume meetings
 BSA Troops 13 (girls) and 22 (boys) begin their 2022/2023 season on Sept. 8. We meet in the Sawyer Room at Edgewood Congregational Church (1788 Broad St., Cranston) at 7 p.m. Any youth ages 11 to 17 are invited to attend with their parents. We offer a youth planned and lead program that focuses on personal growth, advancement and fun! Any questions, call Paul Kelley at 401-595-6726.

Beer Garden City
 Join Garden City Center at the gazebo for a rotating lineup of local breweries on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Sept. 2 through Oct. 2. Newport Craft Brewing will be there Sept. 2 through Sept. 5, Whaler's Brewing Company will be there Sept. 9 through Sept. 11, Grey Sail Brewing will be there from Sept. 16 to Sept. 18, Narragansett Beer will be there from Sept. 23 to Sept. 25 and Proclamation Ale Company will be there Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. On Fridays, the beer garden will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturdays, it will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays it will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Labor Day, they will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The beer garden is open to the public - no cover charge. Customers must show a valid ID in order to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

Celebrate Summer Memories
 Bring the whole family to OneCranston HEZ's arts and crafts event on Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Huddle Center (70 Gansett Ave., Cranston). Individuals will make paper bag scrapbooks and OneCranston HEZ will provide the materials - you just need to bring printed photos. Registration is required for this event. If you have questions, contact Brandi Silvia at bsilvia@comcap.org or by calling 401-302-2145.

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2022 Celebrate the Movement
 Special Olympics, Garden City Center and the Cranston police Department's Office of Community Outreach will host a 5K run and walk-a-thon on Oct. 23. Register by Oct. 10 for \$30 per person and you will receive a T-shirt. Sign up on or after Oct. 10 and the cost is \$40 but you will not get a T-shirt. Sign up today by visiting www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/22856-2022-celebrate-the-movement.

19th Century Music Concert
 Join the Providence Brigade Band for a living history concert at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 at the Church of the Ascension (390 Pontiac Ave., Cranston). The concert will feature 19th century music performed on antique instruments. All proceeds will benefit the Church of the Ascension. Tickets are \$10 at the door and include light refreshments.

Community Yard Sale
 There will be a community yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the Cranston YMCA (1225 Park Ave.). The cost will be \$25 per space (additional spaces are set at \$15 each), and the proceeds will benefit the Cranston YMCA Financial Assistance Fund. Individuals must bring their own tables and chairs; food cannot be sold. For more information, contact Melissa Carvalho at 401-943-0444 or mcarvalho@gpymca.org.

Harvest Festival
 Cranston Police will host its Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24 at 100 Sockanosset Cross Road (rear). There will be food trucks, crafts, vendors, exhibitors, a K-9 demonstration, a dance and karate demonstration and more. R&J Revue, Steve Quirri and Luca and Danni will provide special performances. Cali, the department's therapy dog, will also be present. For vendor information, contact Debbie Wood at 401-527-0414 or at webjamminevents@gmail.com.

Rising Leader Scholarship
 Apply for the R.I.S.E. leadership scholarship - funds can be applied to tuition, textbooks or graduate exam application fees. An applicant must be the following: a woman residing in the United States as of Jan. 1, 2022; a high school senior or first year college student with a 3.0 minimum GPA; and an individual who is able to demonstrate personal commitment to serving as a leader in their school, extracurricular activities or community. Five winners will be chosen. They will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, networking and mentoring opportunities and opportunities to serve as a brand ambassador. To learn more and to apply, visit forms.gle/2WQA9etfHindJ58cA.

Arts Commission Gallery
 The second annual Cranston Arts Commission Gallery will be held from Sept. 2 through Sept. 28 at Cranston Central Library (140 Sockanosset Cross Road). Exhibiting artists will be the finalists of the Bright Box Project, a public art initiative aimed at beautifying utility boxes throughout the city. These artists include Cory Bergeron, Forrest Curl, Ryan Dean, Carolyn Jayne, Kyle Machado and Sharli Polanco. All final works will be professionally photographed and on display at the gallery, in addition to other pieces from the artists' portfolios.

Author Event at the Ceilidhe Club
 Sean Sands was only 17 years old when his brother Bobby died while on hunger strike. Bobby was the first of 10 young men to die during

this terrible period in the spring of 1981.

Fast forward to the present day, Sean is now a successful musician. He and two multi-talented performers make up the group, Celtic Heritage. They will be performing a special concert to partially underwrite the cost of a Hunger Strike Monument planned for the site of the Famine Memorial site. Also joining them will be well known Irish dancers Kevin and Maureen Doyle. The venue is the RI Irish Ceilidhe Club 50 America Street Cranston beginning at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9. Pub grub will be available before the concert. There will be a second performance on Sept. 11 at the Galway Bay Irish pub in Pawtucket. The music will start at 4:30 p.m. (or whenever the Patriots' game finishes). Joining Sean for the second concert are Mark Haddock and Adam Costa. The donation is \$20 and all proceeds will go to the monument fund. Tickets are available at the Galway Bay Pub South Bend Street, Pawtucket, the Ceilidhe Club and from members of the 1916 Committee.

History & Future of Automobiles
 Join the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center on Sept. 20 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a free presentation on the history and future of automobiles. The University of Rhode Island Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Olli) will host the presentation where individuals will learn about automobile development from steam engines to internal combustion engines, electric and hydrogen engines and autonomous self-driving vehicles. They will also examine which vehicles are most sold to date and most sought-after vintage vehicles. Space is limited, so please register by calling 780-6000.

Greek Festival
 The Church of the Annunciation will hold its Greek Festival from Sept. 9 to Sept. 11. There will be authentic Greek food, Greek music and dancing and Odyssey Dance Troupe performances. There is free admission and the event will take place at 175 Oaklawn Ave. The festival will be open the following days/times: Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Additionally, there will be free shuttle buses running from Cranston West.

Volunteer Opportunity
 Friends Way invites caring, sensitive and committed individuals to take advantage of the organization's volunteer opportunities. Approximately 15 volunteers come together each group night to work with the grieving children, teens and adults. Facilitators work with a specific group of children, teens or adults by helping them safely and openly express their feelings of grief through age-appropriate activities using the expressive arts. Hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. every other week on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Professional training is provided. Friends Way asks for a commitment of one year and eight hours a month. The dates include Aug. 29, 31, Sept. 6, 10 and 13. Interested applicants should contact Ryan Loisele at 401-921-0980. All trainings occur at 765 West Shore Road, Warwick. Meals are provided, a background check is required and the Covid vaccine is required.

Author Event
 Susan Mills' new novel, "On the Wings of a Hummingbird," follows a 15-year-old Guatemalan girl who draws on Mayan mythology to help her carve a future out of a childhood scarred by gang violence. Join Mills for a reading, discussion and Q&A at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Central library and at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21 William Hall Library. Copies of the book will be for sale; Mills accepts cash, checks, Venmo, PayPal, CashApp or credit cards. Free and open to the public. Register here for the event:

https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/event/9277722.

Service Saturday
 Drop by Central Library for Service Saturday on Sept. 10 where teens in grades 6 through 12 can earn community service hours. The volunteering opportunity will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - stop by for a little while or stay the full two hour block. There will be an activity for teens to do that benefits the library or community. Registration is required. Contact Alyssa Taft, teen librarian, at teens@cranstonlibrary.org for questions.

Humans of Cranston Nominations
 OneCranston Health Equity Zone is starting a new initiative with the Cranston Herald and local photographer Timothy McFate called Humans of Cranston; they will be interviewing Cranston residents to gain a deeper understanding of and celebrate those who live here. Those interviewed will be featured in a new column and on OCHEZ social media. If you are interested in nominating a Cranston resident, please email JB Fulbright at jfulbright@comcap.org or call 401-208-3487.

RI Art Educators Exhibit
 The Rhode Island Art Educators Exhibit will run from Aug. 27 to Sept. 24 at the Warwick Center for the Arts (3259 Post Road, Warwick). This second annual Rhode Island Art Educators Exhibit is an opportunity for students, colleagues, patrons, friends and family to recognize and celebrate Rhode Island's Art Educators' own art. The opening reception will take place Aug. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For further information, visit www.warwickcfa.org or call 401-737-0010.

Second Paint-Out
 Warwick's Clouds Hill Museum is planning for a second "Paint-out" this fall on Oct. 8. For more information and registration, contact the Warwick Center for the Arts at warwickcfa.org or 401-737-0010.

Caregivers
 Are you caring for someone with dementia who exhibits difficult to manage behaviors? You may be eligible to participate in a research study seeking advice and feedback from caregivers about what types of supports are needed. Enrolled participants will be compensated for their time. The study will take place (video call) through Rhode Island Hospital's Neuropsychology Program. If interested, contact the study coordinator Dr. Kim Chapman at 401-829-4310.

Free Farmer's Market
 OneCranston HEZ will sponsor a free farmer's market on Thursdays from now until Sept. 15. The market will start at 5 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. at the track next to Bain Middle School. The market will be free for all Cranston residents. The only questions asked will be what zip code they live in and if their child goes to school what school they attend.

CHSE Class of '55 Reunion
 Cranston East's class of 1955 will hold its reunion at noon on Sept. 6 at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown. Anyone interested in attending please call Margie Grossi Gemma at 401-263-2129 or Ethel Caparrelli DiPrete at 401-632-4705.

CHSE Class of '65 reunion
 Join the Cranston High School East Class of 65 for a belated 55th reunion on Sept. 17 at the Radisson Hotel (2081 Post Road, Warwick), from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Join the class for dinner, dancing and seeing old friends. Tickets are \$65 per person. For more information contact michaeljsepe@yahoo.com.

To submit your news from the community, email Emma at EmmaB@rhodybeat.com. This includes virtual events, which should be submitted two to three weeks ahead of the event. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and non-

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Educators take on new roles in Cranston Public Schools

By EMMA BARTLETT

As the new school year begins, Cranston Public Schools welcomes 13 educators to new principal/director roles within the district. From seasoned educators switching schools to new educators entering the district, the Cranston Herald will highlight these individuals in the following weeks.

John Fontaine

After seeing what a school could do for a kid, John Fontaine knew he wanted to go into the education field. He has spent the last seven years as the Cranston High School West assistant principal and will now take on the role of principal at the school.

Fontaine, who is a 2004 Cranston West graduate, cited his teachers and Principal Edmond Lemoi for being an inspiration for him. He attended Rhode Island College, which he graduated from in 2008 with a bachelor's in education and a focus on secondary mathematics. His first job was teaching ninth through twelfth grade math at Cranston East.

"East has a special place in my heart," said Fontaine.

After five years at East, Fontaine returned to West as the assistant principal in 2013; he graduated from Providence College with a master's in educational leadership that same year.

In his new position, Fontaine is looking forward to helping kids, their families and staff members everyday. He said he learned a lot from Principal Lemoi and added that Principal Thomas Barbieri was an incredible mentor.

Fontaine said right now the goal is to keep the ship sailing at West. From his time there and working with Barbieri, he knows

what does/doesn't work. The ultimate goal for the school community is to take West from a four-star school (as determined by RIDE) and bring it to a five-star school.

Fontaine, who met his wife at West in eleventh grade, still lives in Cranston. He is also the recipient of the 2018 assistant principal of the year award from the RI Association of School Principals. This will be his 15th year in CPS's district.

Kenneth Hopkins Jr.

Working at Cranston High School West is like coming home for Kenneth Hopkins Jr. Hopkins will serve as the district's director for the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center (CACTC). Coming from a family of teachers and growing up in Cranston, Hopkins always had a strong passion for educating kids. He attended Garden City Elementary School, Western Hills Middle School and graduated from Cranston West in 1999.

Hopkins went on to Providence College where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in theology and with a minor in political science in 2003 and later received his master's in school administration in 2011.

He has held numerous positions over the years at Mount St. Charles, Smithfield High School and East Greenwich High School before coming to Cranston. He started his career as a religious studies teacher in 2003 and stayed there until 2011. At Smithfield, his endeavors included serving as an assistant principal of Gallagher Middle School and Smithfield High School while also taking on the role as acting principal. He was also named Rhode Island Assistant Principal of the Year in 2015 while he was at Smithfield High

School. For the past two years, Hopkins was the East Greenwich principal.

In his new position, Hopkins looks forward to continuing the district's outstanding programs and working in partnership to develop more opportunities and experiences for Cranston students.

Hopkins added that it's wonderful being back.

"I passed my senior locker the other day, and it added a little smile to my face," said Hopkins.

While this is his first time teaching in Cranston, he spent seven years coaching the boys' JV basketball team at West.

He said the fact that Cranston has a lot of former students come back to help out at the schools in some way or to teach is phenomenal and it's a credit to the district's institutions.

Alex Kanelos

Park View Middle School's new principal, Alex Kanelos, cites some of his educators and coaches as reasons for why he decided to go into the education field. These individuals had a positive impact on his life and, when he started thinking about his career, he decided to become a teacher.

Kanelos began his teaching career at East Providence High School as a health and physical education teacher. He was there for eight years and spent time coaching football, baseball and serving as the dean of students. Eventually transitioning to Cranston Public Schools, Kanelos began his administrative career at Cranston West as an assistant principal. After working three years there, he said he was humbled to be appointed the principal of Hope Highlands Middle School.

Kanelos got involved with the administrative side of education because he thought he could have a bigger impact on the school communities.

"I think this year is an opportunity to hopefully get back to some of those things we weren't able to do in the past two years," said Kanelos.

He's looking forward to building relationships with the students, teachers and families and said school culture is a huge component to any successful school. Kanelos wants to bring back extracurricular activities prior to the pandemic and get kids involved – whether it is athletics, the arts or other activities related to the school's content areas.

Attendance and having students on time every day are top priority for Kanelos. He said some kids have gotten out of the habit of going to school, due to distanced learning and quarantining and it's time to get them back in and engaged.

Kanelos obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Is-

land where he was a member of the baseball team. He also holds a master's in educational leadership from Providence College.

Amy Vachon

After two years as the assistant principal of Gladstone Elementary School, Amy Vachon will now serve as the school's principal.

Vachon's desire to be a teacher came at a young age.

"I had always wanted to be a teacher, since the age of four. I had a playroom as a child that had a desk and chalkboard. I made all my friends play school with me including my younger brother. It was my favorite pretend time activity," said Vachon.

Prior to working in Cranston Public Schools, Vachon spent 15 years at Windham Public Schools in Connecticut. She spent five years teaching fifth and sixth grade, five years teaching fourth grade, one year as the K through fifth grade technology teacher and four years in an instructional coaching position. In her new role, Vachon is excited to work alongside the teachers, support staff and families at Gladstone to promote academic success and to strengthen our community partnerships.

Her goal this year is to improve student attendance and reading engagement. Gladstone will have special school events for students – such as Mrs. Vachon's monthly Town Hall meetings along with family events such as Trunk or Treat. Additionally, the school has created social emotional spaces in each classroom, which students have access to at any point of the day.

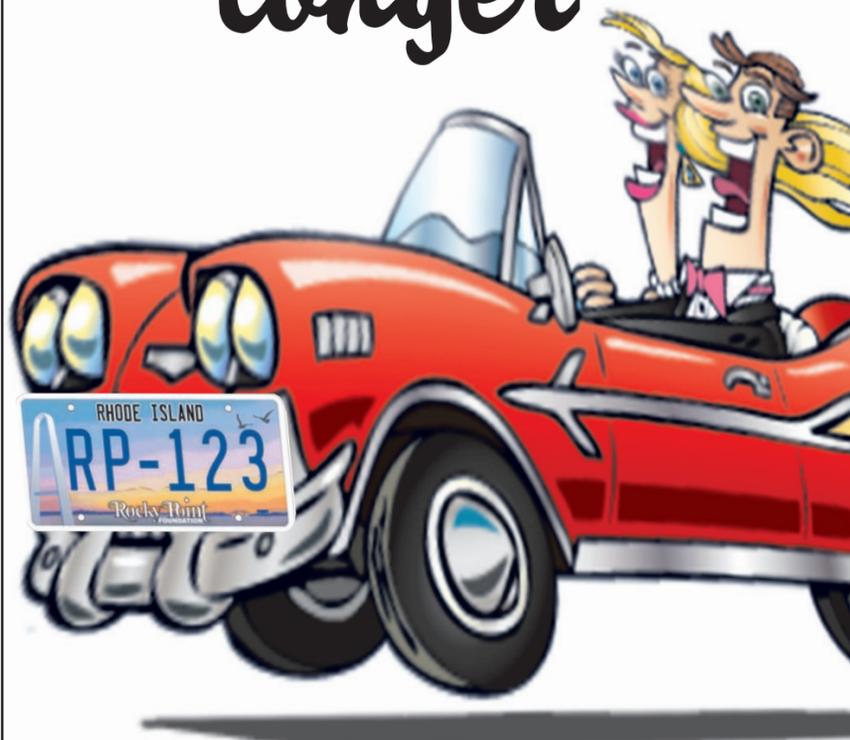
Vachon added that reading is a crucial part of learning, and she has embedded a 15-20 minute window of time into the master schedule for all students and staff to read; the objective is to promote engagement and encourage students to become lovers of reading.

Vachon graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Psychology. She immediately went into a master's program at the University of New Haven and completed a Master of Science in Education in 2005.

In 2018, she started her leadership program with the University of New England.

"After working closely with teachers over the past few years, I realized my biggest impacts came from working with everyone involved in the educational process," Vachon said. "I felt I could make more of a difference moving into a leadership role. I completed my program and hold my certification in Advanced Educational Leadership in 2019."

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and you'll be seeing Rocky Point license plates

Thanks to legislation approved this year, the DMV is moving ahead with the production of Rocky Point plates. Pre and new orders will be filled with delivery expected this fall. For new orders visit the Rocky Point Foundation website at rockypointfoundation.org where you will find an order form to be returned to the DMV with payment. At this time, plates are available for passenger registrations only

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St. Rocco's treats the public to an incredible feast

By PETE FONTAINE

Never before, according to records dating back to 2004, has the St. Rocco's Feast and Festival enjoyed as much sparkling success as last week's four-day fun, food and music fest.

"It seemed as though people were coming out of the woodwork," mused Richard Montella, who has been the extraordinary event's co-chairman for 15 years. "People have been tired of being cooped up and that was obvious every night."

So much so, in fact, empty seats were far and few between under the 120-foot long and 90-foot wide "Big Top" where families and friends enjoyed everything from delicious doughboys to sausage and pepper sandwiches, macaroni and meatballs, cold beer and a variety of first-class entertainment as well as carnival ties and games.

Thus, the 2022 Feast and Festival will long be remembered for setting several records including its signature doughboys selling out on last Thursday's opening night.

Likewise, as Montella said while issuing a heart-felt thank you to everyone who attended the feast and festival, by the time Sunday night rolled out there were only slim pickings of food left.

"Every night was better than the previous day," Montella went on. "Although our Women's Guild and chairwoman Arlene Troia didn't break a record, the Straw Draw Game sold almost 100,000 straws."

Even Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee,

who has attended previous Feasts and Festivals and was accompanied by Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos and joined by Johnston native and Cranston Mayor Ken Hopkins noted how impressed he was with the crowd.

Rev. Angelo N. Carusi, the popular pastor at St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church who served as the event's grand greeter was ecstatic with the turnout and as Montella added, "the huge success we enjoyed this year."

Some people. Like Johnston Fire Department Lt. and Local 1950 treasurer David Pingitore, offered: "The crowd is incredible. It's like a gigantic family reunion."

Meanwhile, Montella credited many people — including the Johnston Police Color Guard for their dedicated duty and again leading the annual post-feast mass procession with the success of this year's event.

"We had former (St. Rocco School) students who are now in high school or college, confirmation classes, all sorts of adult volunteers who had fun and performed many different non-stop duties for four days," Montella emphasized. "We are proud to have such a terrific tradition here at St. Rocco's."

A people and palate pleasing tradition featuring great food and excellent entertainment as countless attendees will attest and, as Montella related amid another huge thank you for such special support: "Building community, building family and having good, old-fashioned fun."

Cranston Cares helps brighten up Stadium Elementary

By PAM SCHIFF

Under a bright and sunny sky, Cranston Cares and a roster of volunteers worked for several hours on Aug. 27 to clean up and plant around the front entrance; Cranston Cares was also able to provide an outdoor classroom space for teachers to utilize.

"This was a great first project on the Eastern side of the city. We look forward to numerous more projects as the months come," said Cranston Cares President and co-founder, Justin Erickson. "Coming up will be our first Cranston Scare Halloween costume drive at the Park Theatre. We are planning our annual turkey and toy drives. We look forward to growing Cranston Cares to the point where we can do any request that comes our way."

In attendance were members of Cranston Cares, the Stadium community and even Stadium alumni parents.

"It was great to see the community come together to clean up and make the front of Stadium School look nice for the start of school. I would like to thank Cranston Cares for the donation of the outdoor classroom white board. Coming together as a community, to help, support and improve is what it is all about. Expanding children's education is something I truly appreciate," said Domenic Fusco II, parent of two Stadium gradu-



CURB APPEAL IS EVERYTHING: Community volunteers working on improving the Stadium Elementary front entrance.

ates and current Ward 3 school committee member.

Cranston Cares was founded out of the wish and desire to keep the memory of Sgt. Adam DeCiccio alive and integral to the community.

Adam's philosophy of "deeds not words" resounded with him, his family and friends. To this date, Cranston Cares has worked on many community projects in his memory.

The volunteers who helped included Andrew Barron, Drew Barron, Laura

Barron, Leena Barron, Linda Barron, Tyler Barron, Jason Case, Gianni Cecilia, Dawn DeCiccio, Gunner DeCiccio, John Donegan, Justin Erickson, Domenic Fusco II, Loann Natale, Tony Natale, Leena Quinones, Nicole Renzulli, Melody Salisbury, Andrea Stackhouse, Jada Stackhouse and Erica Williams.

To learn more about Cranston Cares or to get involved, visit their website: www.cranstoncares.org.



HEARTFELT THANKS: Volunteers and Cranston Cares members take a moment to share the joy and pride in a job well done.

Senior Enrichment Center news

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major breakdowns. We will examine which vehicles are most sold to date and most sought-after vintage models. Finally, we will review what may lie ahead for the future of automobiles, including electric and hydrogen engines and autonomous self-driving vehicles. Space is limited please register early call 780-6000.

Alternative Treatment Options for Chronic Pain
Wednesday, Sept. 7 - 10 a.m.

URI Pharmacy Outreach Program
New studies are encouraging! There are alternative ways to assist you in managing your pain. Activities such as yoga, breathing exercises, aromatherapy and massage are all worthwhile alternatives as we age. At this presentation, these alternatives and others will be explained and discussed.

Caregiver's Support Group
Wednesday, Sept. 7 - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Facilitator: Jennifer Kevorkian
Our support group gives you the opportunity to get things off your chest. Sharing your experiences with the group can help ease your emotional burden and feelings. As others in the group share their stories, you can gain valuable insight about how others deal with similar situations. For more information, call Jennifer at 780-6254.

Intermediate Ballroom Night Class
Beginning Wednesday Sept. 7 - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Four week series \$40 per person

Advanced registration required. Please call the Center for additional details and register at 780-6144.

9/11 Recognition Event "Let Us Not Forget"
Friday, Sept. 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us to honor our heroes who sacrificed their lives for us. Some of Cranston's First Responders will be joining us for lunch. Please take advantage of the opportunity and thank them for all the sacrifices they make to keep us safe.

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Policy Change for Medical Transportation Effective Sept. 1

Medical appointments must be made between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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Early voting for the September 13 primary began Aug. 24 and will continue through Sept. 12 at the Peter T. Pastore Youth Center located at 155 Gansett Ave (voting is closed Labor Day). Early voting will take place weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the statewide election being held Sept. 13. For more information on Cranston voting, visit the Canvassing Authority tab on the city's website: cranstonri.gov.

What residents will vote on:

According to Registrar/Director of Elections Nick Lima, there are no School Com-

mittee or City Council primaries. Declared party registered voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots for General Assembly candidates and Ward Committee members. There was supposed to be a School Committee primary between Ward 5 candidates Kimberly Lettieri, Tera Norberg and Arthur Scavitti, however Lettieri withdrew. The question remains on the ballot since they were printed prior to her withdrawal. As for the House races on September's ballot, there will be a primary for District 14 between Democrat incumbent candidate Charlene Lima and Giona Picheco. In District 15, there will be a race between Repub-

lican incumbent candidate Barbara Fenton-Fung and Suzanne Downing. In District 16, Democrat incumbent Brandon Potter will pair up against Natalya Delsanto. In District 19, incumbent Joseph McNamara will go against Stewart Wilson. In District 42 there will be a three-way race between incumbent Edward Cardillo, Dennis Cardillo and Kelsey Coletta. On the Senate side of the General Assembly races, there will be a primary in District 26 between incumbent candidate Frank Lombardi and Eric Asselin. In District 31, there is a primary between Democrat candidates Matthew LaMountain and Harrison

Tuttle and Republican candidates Lisa Morse and John Silvaggio.

Meeting Your Candidates

The Cranston Herald asked primary candidates to submit a 400-word profile on their thoughts on the current condition of Rhode Island government and policies, what they would bring to the state legislature should they be elected or simply why they've decided to run. Candidates for House District 14, House District 42 and Senate District 26 were featured in last week's paper.

House District 15: Barbara Fenton-Fung



FENTON-FUNG

"Since I was first elected two years ago, Cranstonians have seen a lot get done at the General Assembly. We've eliminated the car tax a year early, finally removed the tax on military pensions and raised the tax exemption for social security recipients. At the same time, we've capped co-pays on insulin, made huge investments in our mental health infrastructure, improved cybersecurity measures around our voting processes and increased state funding to the Cranston school system.

Locally, we've made targeted investments through a lot of state grants. We've secured \$5,000 to rebuild in the infields at Brayton Park, \$5,000 to improve safety infrastructure around Cranston Western Little League fields, \$21,000 for speed deterrent radar signs across the city, \$10,000 for Knights-ville Gazebo renovations and \$5,000 to Cranston His-

torical Society. We've also been able to support the Western Cranston Garden Club, the St. Mary's Feast Society and Special Olympics.

In the next two years, my focus will be on working with DEM and legislative leadership to start the long overdue process to renovate and revive Meshanticut Lake State Park. We have massive infrastructure and environmental resiliency issues at play, but an opportunity to work together and make great things happen in an area

that is so important for recreation and relaxation in our city.

I'll also be working with members to do more for those who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. The PUC has been wholly ineffective at limiting the rise in electricity prices, and LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) needs to be expanded to help those on fixed incomes cope with the rapid rise in home heating oil - a direct consequence of extreme swings in policies coming from Washington DC. I won't allow my elderly neighbors to freeze in their own homes, and it's going to require a full court press to help on the frontlines first, and fix in Washington D.C., second.

We've done big things in Rhode Island during my first two years in the legislature. Now it's time to hit it out of the park, and I humbly ask for your support in the Republican primary on September 13th."

House District 15: Suzanne Downing

Suzanne Downing will

run against Barbara Fenton-Fung in the upcoming primary. The Cranston Herald was unable to get

in touch with her, even after visiting her home, for this article.

House District 16: Brandon Potter



POTTER

"These are challenging times for a lot of us. The cost of living has gone up, and people are feeling the effects in their pocketbooks. The division in our politics, efforts to undermine our democracy and threats of political violence have a lot of folks rightfully concerned. That's why I believe it's never been more important to have real Democrats in office that not only fight for our values, but deliver results on the issues that matter to everyday people. In my first term as a State Representative, I've seen how people can come together to get good things done. We've made major progress on a host of issues from healthcare, education, housing, worker protections, voting rights, gun safety and the environment. We've delivered real economic relief by eliminating the car tax early, cutting taxes for seniors and veterans and raising wages for

working people. But no matter how much progress we've made, there's a lot more work to do to build a Rhode Island that works for everyone. I've focused a lot on healthcare policy issues, and I'm especially proud of what we got done in the last two years. We expanded access to Medicare and Medicaid, we took bold steps to combat the opioid epidemic and we finally passed nursing home safe-staffing. But I'm also very concerned about our healthcare delivery system, the shortage of

workers and what it means for the most vulnerable among us. We have an aging population, and we need to ensure that people can age and be cared for with dignity. We have both children and adults with developmental disabilities that can't get the care they need because of worker shortages. Tackling these issues takes real policy work. It takes maintaining and recruiting a workforce that's equipped to care for people like they deserve to be cared for. It takes a willingness to take on corporate greed and put people first. And that's why I'm running for reelection. I believe people deserve leaders in office that focus on real issues, stand up against special interests, and build coalitions to get things done. I've done that. And I believe that by delivering on major issues, we can show people that the government can in fact work for them - and that's the best way for us to start to heal the division in our country."

House District 16: Natalya Delsanto



DELSANTO

"Natalya Delsanto was born in the Soviet Union and came to Rhode Island with her family when she was 19 years old, living in a small apartment above a Providence bakery. Although she spoke almost no English, Natalya went to work the day after arriving in America, cleaning houses with her mother for a combined \$2.50 an hour. She worked hard enough to afford to attend cosmetology school and start her first business working as a hairdresser.

She currently owns the European Food Market, which sells traditional Eastern European food, des-

serts and decorations. The business was started by her mother, Yelena, over 30 years ago and moved to its current Cranston location in 2000. Natalya knows that her story of going from cleaning floors to running a small business is only possible in America. She wants to make sure other people can enjoy the same success she has. She's running for State Representative to be a voice for regular working people like herself. Owning her own business has shown her how Rhode Island's government can be an obstacle for entrepreneurs to

start and grow a company. At the State House, she will fight against insider deals and radical policies, speaking truth to power on behalf of her constituents.

Natayla is the proud mother of two daughters, Sophia and Ivana, who both

attended Cranston Public Schools. One of Natayla's top priorities is making sure every child can access a high-quality public education. That means giving our teachers the resources and training they need, making sure our school

buildings are worthy of the children inside them and keeping politics and age-inappropriate material out of the classroom so people are focused on learning." (The Cranston Herald obtained this information via Natalya's website.)

House District 19: Joseph McNamara



MCNAMARA

"I am running for office to continue working to improve the lives and economic opportunities for every resident of our state. I hope to continue to be an effective voice at the State House who listens to our neighbors in the 19th District. I graduated from Warwick Public Schools and raised my own family here. I love this community and want to continue working to make it even better, whether it's the historic reconstruction of the Pawtuxet River Bridge in the Village or identifying resources to improve our parks and ensuring that our community members continue to have access to the natural resources that enhance our neighborhoods.

I will continue to be an effective advocate for our community, and have a track record of successful leadership:

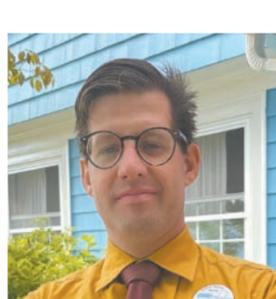
I led the fight to end the car tax.

I co-sponsored critical gun safety legislation.

I sponsored legislation that placed a school construction bond on the ballot and doubled the amount of preschool slots.

I co-sponsored legislation that codified Roe v. Wade

House District 19: Stewart Wilson



WILSON

"My name is Stuart Wilson, and I think it's time for change. I've biked through all of District 19, Warwick and Cranston, knocking on doors. (Maybe you've seen me on my old Blue Schwinn.) I hear it every day: voters are ready for change after 27 years of the same representation.

I was born in Rhode Island, and I've been here my whole adult life. My mom was a nurse, and my dad ran a small business in Pawtucket. Today, my wife Nicky and I are raising our kids here in Warwick. My oldest is about to start in the public schools in Warwick (shout out to the Wyman Wolves!). We love it here, but we also see the potential for a better and stronger future for our community and our state.

I've worked as an educator throughout the state, teaching mostly in Providence and Central Falls schools. Cranston and Warwick schools face similar challenges. Suffice to say, every child in this state deserves access to a high-quality education, not just the ones who live

into law.

I co-sponsored the Act on Climate.

Additionally, I have worked on the transformation that has taken place in Pawtuxet Village, with traffic calming, new sidewalks, dredging the cove, removal of the dam and, most recently, advocating for increased oversight by DEM on environmental issues impacting our community. We have a wonderful community of advocates, such as Pawtuxet Green Revival, who I enjoy working in partnership with to ensure that our historic access to the Pawtuxet watershed is preserved.

As a retired public school teacher and administrator, I care deeply about education and expanding access to opportunities. I am the Chair of the House Educa-

in wealthy communities. I've been talking to voters all across District 19 and have heard so many people say the same thing: we are ready for a representative who stands up to lead on important issues.

Women's rights: why haven't we protected the reproductive rights of every woman in this state?

Education: building the schools that equip our kids for the future.

Safer Streets: a smart, forward-thinking transportation plan that considers pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and automobile users over the interests of the oil lobby.

Gun safety: meaningful legislation that will keep our kids and neighbors

safe. We must take meaningful action on these issues. These aren't just ideas supported by Democrats, but the overwhelming amount of Warwick and Cranston residents I meet every day. They don't want half-measures that end up costing taxpayers more in the long term; they want real solutions. Solutions that require bold imagination and hard work. At the same time, people are struggling out there, and we need to find ways to make these changes without placing the burden on working families. I'm ready to stand up and push for this kind of change, with the needs of our community in the front of my mind.

I don't take any money from special interests or corporations - just regular citizens. I won't just bring the General Assembly leadership's message to you, I'll take your concerns to them. This is the power we can have if we work together as a community.

It's time for change."

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Primary

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**Senate District 31:
Harrison Tuttle
(Democrat)**

“My name is Harrison Tuttle, and I’m running to be the next State Senator of District 31. I’m running to continue the legacy of Senator Kendra Anderson and make sure that the people of District 31 have a working-class champion representing them on Smith Hill.

I am 23 years old, and I work in the education sector for Genesis Center in Providence. As the son of a disabled, single mother, my lived experiences with poverty and homelessness give me a unique insight as to how to best advocate for working people. We see it everyday: people having to choose between essentials, people choosing either



TUTTLE

medical care or bankruptcy, or if they feed their family or pay the rent. I’m running because we need an advocate for working people, not the corporate lobbyists and special interest groups that have a stranglehold on our political leaders.

I want to go to the State House to make life better for working class people in our state. I want to fight for affordable housing, to make sure college grads can build

a life in our state and that elders don’t have to leave the Ocean State. I want to increase our minimum wage, so people can make a good living in Rhode Island. I want to fight for Medicare for All, to make sure everyone has equal access to medical treatment. I want to invest in our education system to make sure our kids have a strong start: putting mental health and career readiness counselors in our schools.

My lived experience guides my conscience. Experiencing elements of poverty and homelessness shaped my worldview with a bend toward the arc of equality and justice. We must make an investment in the working class of the Ocean State. If the people of District 31 want a working class guy to work for working class people, I would be honored to be their champion and State Senator.”

**Senate District 31:
Matthew LaMountain
(Democrat)**

“In recent years it has become increasingly difficult for young families to buy a home, afford childcare and raise their children in Rhode Island. We can change this by electing more young parents to the General Assembly who will fight for working families. That’s why I decided to run for the State Senate earlier this year. When my wife, Casey, and I purchased our cape home on Mayfair Road in 2012, we pictured ourselves raising a young family across from St. Peter’s Church, strolling with our children down to Salter Grove and dining out on Friday nights in Pawtuxet Village. Casey was working as an R.N. at Rhode Island Hospital, and I was prosecuting criminal cases in the Attorney General’s Office. We both had substantial student loan debt, but we scrimped and saved and finally closed on our home. Casey and I now have two children, and we often take them to Salter Grove to play with their grandparents. But right now, the economic pains of parenthood are inescapable. Gas prices are through the roof, grocery bills are high... not to mention the cost of diapers. The



LaMOUNTAIN

skyrocketing cost of childcare has us constantly rethinking whether it’s more affordable for one of us to stay home with the kids. We need to increase state investments in early learning, affordable childcare and Universal Pre-K. We must also act to combat the effects of Climate Change to preserve our coastal communities for our next generation to use with their families. As the son of a public-school teacher, I know the benefits of supporting our teachers, students and providing a quality public education. Our school buildings are in desperate need of renovation and I will fight to increase our reimbursement rate for school construction. We also need to ensure Warwick gets the necessary state funding to support students

with learning disabilities, English Language Learners and students from lower income families. As a nurse’s husband, I have watched firsthand the toll Covid-19 took on Casey and our frontline healthcare workers. It is clear how important accessible and affordable healthcare is – including access to reproductive and maternal healthcare. As a former state prosecutor, I witnessed first-hand the tragedy of gun violence, and the plague illegal firearms have on our streets. Because of this, I will fight for common sense gun laws. And, in light of recent Supreme Court rulings, I will use my legal and courtroom experience to protect women and marginalized communities. I carry with me the lived experience of a working family and know first and foremost a community is judged by how it respects its seniors. I will be a strong advocate for reducing taxes on retirees and the elderly so they may age gracefully in their communities. We must work together to solve the issues facing us. I believe I have the vision and temperament to be an effective advocate for our community. With your support, we can work together building a Warwick that works for working families.”

**Senate District 31:
Lisa Morse
(Republican)**

“Thank you for your time and consideration. This is my first campaign, so campaigning is new to me. I am a regular Rhode Islander and a mom who has had enough. Rhode Island has become impossible to live in. Decades of bad policies have driven us to the bottom of the lists in all state categories – except depression. We are number one in that! Rhode Islanders are suffering, and we must help each other.

I want to restore hope and independence to all Rhode Islanders. The State Legislature refuses to focus on the things that matter in ordinary Rhode Islanders’ everyday lives. Drugs, crime, decaying cities, un-



MORSE

safe roads, unusable schools, burdensome taxes, regulations, laws, ordinances and mandates are crushing us -- especially financially. We are tired of watching businesses and people leave. We are tired of watching Rhode Island crumble before our eyes. I will vote against more nonsense,

burdens and bad policies. I will work to repeal and abolish all of the laws, taxes, mandates, ordinances and regulations that oppress and depress us. We need a Rhode Island that is safe, affordable and free.

I will restore a public service attitude at the State House. I am a public service person by nature. I am a perpetual volunteer, currently serving at ATCRI Women’s home. I am second vice-chairman of the Warwick Republican City Committee. I loved serving in restaurants. As a waitress, mom, grandmother and volunteer, I say to people, ‘What do you need?’ They tell me, and I do it. We all need that attitude of serving from our elected leaders.

It would be an honor to serve you as your Senator.”

**Senate District 31:
John Silvaggio
(Republican)**

John Silvaggio will run this campaign for District 31 Office of State Senator as a Republican. Silvaggio’s name appeared in the Providence Journal and in a corresponding story on TurnTo10 showcasing his involvement with The North American Competitive Beard and Moustache Alliance (N.A.C.B.M.A.). This charity contributed over one million dollars to various causes.

Silvaggio currently sports the number eight ranking in the world in addition to holding second within The United States of America



SILVAGGIO

for facial hair. He is a proud dad of one daughter who attends school in Cranston, where he was actively involved in her previous elementary school at Gladstone Elementary; there he

helped raise thousands of dollars while serving as treasurer within the Parents and Teachers of Gladstone (PTG).

Before becoming a public servant, Silvaggio was the principal of ‘JP Silvaggio & Associates’ a Private Detective and State Constable Agency involved in over 200 documented court cases. He is an Instructor for the Use of Force Continuum by Armament Systems and Procedures which is considered the standard for Defensive Tactics within Law Enforcement that comes in addition to an array of NRA Civilian Instructor Certifications with emphasis on Personal Protection.

Gas prices fall below \$4 for first time since February

Rhode Island’s average gas price is down 13 cents from last week, averaging \$3.95 per gallon. The state’s average hasn’t been below \$4 a gallon since February of this year. Monday’s price is

48 cents lower than a month ago, and 89 cents higher than August 29, 2021. Rhode Island’s average gas price is 10 cents higher than the national average.

“Gas prices remain rela-

tively high here in the northeast, where inventories are lower than in other parts of the country,” said Lloyd Albert, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs for AAA Northeast.

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EARLY VOTING

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from August 24 through September 12.
Closed on Labor Day**

Cranston Early Voting Location:
**PETER T. PASTORE, JR. YOUTH CENTER
155 GANSETT AVE**

Please note Early Voting will **NOT** take place at City Hall

Early voting at the Pastore Youth Center ends at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 12, which is the statewide deadline.

**A photo ID is required to vote.
No appointment is required.**

After September 12, you can only vote at your assigned polling place on Primary Day, Tuesday, September 13.

All Cranston polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13.
 Visit vote.ri.gov to find your polling place, view a sample ballot, or review your voter information.

Cranston Canvassing Authority office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 100, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave, Cranston, RI 02910-2786. Phone: 401-780-3121.
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'Do nut' pass up these donuts

By PETE FONTAINE

Move over Dunkin', there's a new kid on Rhode Island's donut block.

It's called Rhode Island Homemade Donuts and has two locations — one at 1745 Main Street in West Warwick and another in units 12-13 at 1500 Place on Atwood Avenue in Johnston — where owner Sophal Cheng's shop has become highly-popular since opening her doors only two short weeks ago.

Last Thursday morning, in fact, RI Homemade Donuts celebrated its official grand opening with a ribbon cutting and warm welcome from Mayor Joseph Polisena who was accompanied by JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza and Deputy Chief Mark Vieira.

After looking around the colorful and caloric donut shop, Polisena made it official for what's believed to be Johnston's first-ever and only exclusive independently owned donut store.

"I have a Town of Johnston official commendation for you," Polisena told Cheng while reading

from the citation. "Be it hereby known to all that the mayor's office and citizens of Johnston hereby offer sincere congratulations to RI Homemade Donuts, Inc. for the opening of your of your business in town."

After which, Polisena concluded the official welcome saying: "I would like to express the hope for success and best wishes, now and in the 1 years to come."

The mayor told Cheng's family and friends — as well as some customers — "As I've said time and again, this is one of the most favorite parts of my job; it's small businesses that continue to drive the economic engine of Johnston."

Cheng then thanked Polisena then presented the Mayor — as well as Razza and Vieira — with a box of her donuts that have received rave reviews all over the state and now in Johnston.

"The donuts there are outstanding!" exclaimed Arnie Vecchione, former DPW Director in Johnston, who since visiting the store has become a fan of RI Donuts. "The place has lots of flavors and everything is always fresh."

Statements like that have become commonplace from people who have been visiting Cheng's store in Warwick, which ironically is housed in a former Dunkin' Donuts location and is always filled with satisfied and repeat customers.

"There only one problem here," a customer who took in the Grand Opening ceremony mused. "There are so many flavors you really don't know what to buy."

To which Bob Moulton, who has been a loyal customer and friend who took part in the ribbon cutting added: "That's what everybody says; the choices and flavors seem endless."

Meanwhile, perhaps one recent comment from a lady in West Warwick offered: "I can't believe I'm saying this, but the donuts are better than Allie's and I've always been a big fan of that product."

What adds to RI Donuts, as Moulton and other people have said: "The people here are very friendly; you don't find that everywhere in today's customer service world."

Nor is there another donut store



SPECIALTY STORE: This is the left side of two storefronts in the 1500 Place off Atwood Avenue in Johnston that occupies not one but two units and is open seven days a week.

that occupies not one but two storefronts in Johnston and serves everything from blueberry glazed and delicious jelly donuts to smoothies as well as a nice selection of breakfast sandwiches.

Cheng also told Polisena, "we

have New England Coffee, tea and soft drink."

Rhode Island Homemade Donuts (401-563-3725), is located at 1500 Place on Atwood Avenue in Johnston and is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that PODS ENTERPRISES, LLC, located at 185 Compass Circle, North Kingstown, RI 02852, will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of containers belonging to certain customers that owe PODS rent if payment is not received by September 19th, 2022. Auction will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com starting on October 5, 2022 and ending at 10AM EST on October 12, 2022. The following individuals and the respective amounts owed are as follows: Verina Vann (329B61) \$1,219.05

8/18, 8/25, 9/1/22

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Safety Services & Licenses Committee on **Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cranston City Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Avenue, City Hall, Cranston, R.I. in accordance with the RI General Laws Chapter 45-24-53 for the purpose of considering the application listed below. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov.

New Class BV Liquor License

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Nicole Renzulli, Chair
Safety Services & Licenses Committee

Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Sep 12, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Safety, Services & Licenses Committee

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PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON

NOTICE Of Matters Pending and For Hearing In Said Court On the dates specified in notices below at 9 A.M. for hearing said matters

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ANTONELLI, LORI ANN ESTATE Petition for Administration; for hearing September 8, 2022

BOWEN, WILLIAM EDWARD, JR. ESTATE First and Final Account; for hearing September 8, 2022

CANNATA, LORETTA ESTATE Petition for Probate of Will; for hearing September 8, 2022

COCLIN, DEMETRA A. RESIDENT WARD Petition for Guardianship; for hearing September 8, 2022

EDMONDSON, KATHLEEN RUTH ESTATE Petition for the Sale of Personal Estate; for hearing September 8, 2022

FARRELL, WILLIAM RUSSELL ESTATE Petition for Administration; for hearing September 8, 2022

GALVIN, BRYAN K. ESTATE Petition for the Sale of Real Estate located at 163 Laurens Street, Cranston, RI; for purposes set forth, now on file, wherein said property is more fully described for hearing September 8, 2022

HAUMANN, CAROL A. RESIDENT WARD Petition to Establish an Estate Plan; for hearing September 8, 2022

JOHNSON, MICHAEL ESTATE Petition for Probate of Will; for hearing September 8, 2022

MACCARONE, MARIE M. RESIDENT WARD Guardian's First Account; for hearing September 8, 2022

ARNOLD, BRENDA J. ESTATE Natalie Arnold has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required

by law beginning August 25, 2022

BARBOZA, STANLEY A. ESTATE Toni-Maria Spencer has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

BURNS, MORAIN E. ESTATE Deana Rochelle Burns has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

DARCY, WILLIAM ROBERT RESIDENT MINOR Bonnita B. Darcy and William S. Darcy have qualified as Co-Guardians of the Person Only

DESJARLAIS, LYDIA RESIDENT WARD Carl Desjarlais and Ronald Desjarlais have qualified as Co-Guardians; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

DISANO, EVELYN P. ESTATE James A. Bigos, Esq. has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

HAUMANN, CAROL A. RESIDENT WARD Barbara J. Rathbun has qualified as Guardian of the Person; Richard A. Haumann & Barbara J. Rathbun have qualified as Co-Guardians of the Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

RICCARDI, ROBERT N. ESTATE Patricia Karwan has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

RODRIGUEZ, LESTER JUANITO MONTUFAR RESIDENT MINOR Cruz Elena Rodriguez Estrada has qualified as Guardian of the Person Only

VALLANDE, MARY M. ESTATE Domenic Mirante has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning August 25, 2022

Rosalba Zanni
Acting Court Clerk
8/25, 9/1/22

CITY OF CRANSTON PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Safety Services & Licenses Committee on **Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cranston City Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Avenue, City Hall, Cranston, R.I. in accordance with the RI General Laws Chapter 45-24-53 for the purpose of considering the application listed below. Remote participation is also available by using the logon information provided below as posted on the City's website at www.cranstonri.gov and the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ri.gov.

City of Cranston CAPER REPORT Community Development Block Grant July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

On September 30, 2022, the City of Cranston will file with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Boston Regional Office the CAPER report for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

The report contains the City's description of its use of CDBG entitlement funds during the preceding 12-month program cycle ending on June 30, 2022, and is filed in compliance with 24 CFR 91.250 regulations governing the Consolidated Planning process.

A draft of this report is available on September 14, 2022, for public examination at the office of the Department of Community Development, 35 Sockanosset Cross Road, Ste. 6, Cranston, RI 02920, Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM. A copy of this report is also available on the City's website www.cranstonri.com.

All comments on the report should be addressed to the Cranston Department of Community Development, 35 Sockanosset Cross Road, Ste. 6, Cranston, RI 02920 or emailed to Ernest Tommasiello, Director, at etommasiello@cranstonri.org on or before the 15-day comment period ends at 11:59PM September 28, 2022.

For further information, call the Department of Community Development at 780-6239.

Kenneth J. Hopkins Ernest Tommasiello
Mayor Director
Department of Community Development

9/1/22

You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Sep 12, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Safety, Services, & Licenses Committee

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89314690115?pwd=cnBhaUZZUmFleFU2STN6MkoxTGJGZz09> Passcode: 222566

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Or Telephone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 309 205 3325 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 646 931 3860 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 386 347 5053 or +1 564 217 2000 or +1 669 444 9171 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 719 359 4580 or 833 548 0282 (Toll Free) or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free) or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) or 833 548 0276 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 893 1469 0115 Passcode: 222566

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kZx3osUE7>

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE
LEV Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Majestic Liquors 1075 Park Ave.
MAB Liquors, LTD d/b/a Atwood Wine & Spirits 426 Atwood Ave.
Ruthvi Inc. d/b/a Liquid Assets 995 Pontiac Ave.
Wines & More of RI, Inc. 125 Sockanosset Crsrd.

CLASS BVL LIQUOR LICENSE

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE
Chapel Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Chapel Grille 3000 Chapel View Blvd.
Cinets, Inc. d/b/a The Blue Moon Pub 42 Phenix Ave.
Dean Nicholas, Inc. d/b/a Campanella's 930 Oaklawn Ave.
Fabrizi Fast Food, Inc. d/b/a Betty's Pub 31 Gansett Ave.
Fresco Too, Inc. d/b/a Fresco 140 Comstock Pkwy.
Kochi Sushi & Steakhouse 1800 Plainfield Pike.
Lang's Bowlarama, Inc. d/b/a Lang's Bowlarama 225 Niantic Ave.
Mendon Food Corp d/b/a Uncle Tonys Pizza & Pasta 1455 Oaklawn Ave.
Millers Crossing 43 Bald Hill Rd.
Riviera Main Event and Pub, LLC 1612 Elmwood Ave.
Spice Kraft, Inc. d/b/a Chaska 16 Midway Rd.

CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE
The Edgewood Yacht Club 1 Shaw Ave.

CLASS J LIQUOR LICENSE
Rhodes On The Pawtuxet, Inc. 60 Rhodes Place.

REMONSTRANTS WILL BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE STATED.

BY ORDER AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY SERVICES AND LICENSES OF THE CRANSTON CITY COUNCIL.

"INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AT 461-1000 EXT 3198 SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE."

Nicole Renzulli, Chair Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk

9/1, 9/8/22

CRANSTON BOARD OF CONTRACT AND PURCHASE AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Board of Contract and Purchase on September 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Pursuant to City Council Ordinance, the following advertises the agenda for that meeting. All matters listed are subject to a vote and/or final action by the Board unless otherwise noted.

BID OPENING:

Knightsville Revitalization (Phase 1) Knightsville Park

BID WAIVERS:

Parks & Recreation	The Lawn Beauticians, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Senior Services	Health Care Services	\$30,000.00
Public Works	Universal Excavating, Inc.	\$13,500.00
Police Department	American Animal Cruelty Investigations	\$600.00
Police Department	Street Cop	\$796.00
Police Department	Celebrity	\$3,850.00
Building Maintenance	Industrial Refrigeration Corp.	\$10,000.00
Planning Department	Acentech	\$7,500.00
DPW/ Public Buildings	Rochester Midland Corp.	\$3,000.00
DPW/ Public Buildings	TJ Russell Supply	\$6,000.00
Public Works	Universal Excavating, Inc.	\$46,560.00
Highway Department	Rambone Disposal Service, Inc.	\$3,040.00
Ice Rink	Wood & Wire	\$5,472.00
Ice Rink	Jimmy's Painting & Repairs	\$13,500.00

Mark J. Marchesi, Purchasing Agent

9/1/22

CRANSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A/E Professional Services

The Cranston Housing Authority is requesting proposals for professional services necessary to prepare specifications and blueprints for the completion of renovations and improvements under HUD's Capital Fund Program. Interested parties may receive a copy of the scope of services by calling the Authority at 401-944-7210 or by emailing wmalloy@cranhousing.org between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The deadline for proposal submission is September 16, 2022 @ 4:00 PM. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposals which in its' judgment best serves the interest of the Cranston Housing Authority.

Robert J. Coupe
Executive Director

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

9/1/22



Notice of Public Hearing

Cranston Historic District Commission (HDC)

At a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 6:00pm, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave, the HDC will review four (4) applications for Certificates of Appropriateness as follows:

Property: 150 Scituate Avenue, AP 12, Lot 3109; Applicant: NPM Realty; Contractor: Jamie Harrington
Project Description: Application to make numerous exterior improvements to single family dwelling, detached garage, and other fences/structures on property.

Property: 238 Wilbur Avenue, AP 18, Lot 1784; Applicant: Sarah Kern; Contractor: LOPCO Contracting
Project Description: Application to replace basement access door with new steel door and frame to match existing style and dimensions.

Property: 238 Wilbur Avenue, AP 18, Lot 1784; Applicant: Sarah Kern; Contractor: Heritage Restoration
Project Description: Application to restore front door, back door, back windows, and six arched attic windows.

Property: 5 Turner Ave, AP 18, Lot 481; Applicant: Pam and John Lawson; Contractor: Genesis Remodeling
Project Description: Application to seek preferred option between 1) removing "stack" on top of detached accessory building, or 2) demolishing the entire detached accessory building and replacing with new accessory structure.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the City Clerk (461-1000, Ext. 3197) 72 hours in advance of the hearing.

9/1/22

EDITORIAL

Don't become a super spreader

Too many months of dealing with Covid has brought many people to the same conclusion: We can't do anything about its place in our lives, so therefore it's not worth worrying about anymore.

Personal experiences within this newsroom have reinforced the notion that we all should have learned years ago — it is highly contagious, and can be spread to people who may not be able to survive it easily.

Although we may be in a moment in time where masks are purely optional, this does not mean we are free from the clutches of the pandemic, or the consequences that can result from a lack of awareness and responsible actions. Although a large portion of our local population has been vaccinated and boosted against the virus, new variants seem to be particularly adept at bypassing these protections.

And while those who have been vaccinated may still fare better in their recovery from the virus, it does nothing to protect those who remain immunocompromised or at greater risk of death from catching any kind of communicable disease. It remains our important personal duty to avoid careless spread of this illness, which still lingers everywhere that people pub-

late and travel.

The simplest thing we can all do is to be more aware of what our bodies are telling us. If you have any symptoms associated with a normal cold or flu, do not assume that Covid isn't responsible. Tests are available for free through your insurance, so there is no reason to not take them (over multiple days, since you may not immediately test positive once infected), just to be sure. Once you are out in the community with symptoms, you risk becoming a super spreader — not just to strangers at the supermarket that you don't know, but to your own friends, family and loved ones.

It is an awful feeling to know that you are the one responsible to get someone else sick, and it is a burden you do not have to carry if you take some of the most simple precautions. At the first sign of feeling off, take a test, wear your mask, and then test again in the coming days.

We understand the fatigue associated with living in this kind of environment. We all wish that this was simply over with, but the hard reality is, indeed, that this virus is with us for the foreseeable future. We cannot simply plug our ears and close our eyes and ignore it, else we risk more people being needlessly sickened and possibly killed.



Before you revitalize Knightsville, rid us of rats

To the Editor,

Driving home to Knightsville this past week I was shocked to see the dismantling of the gazebo across from the feast society — callously ripped apart with pieces strewn about Cranston Street. Not only was I sad to see this iconic structure that beckoned memories of Christmas tree lightings and summer feast cookouts be destroyed, but I also wondered how many hundreds of rats were burrowed under there that will now be visiting mine and my neighbors trash cans for sustenance. This year, we planted 10 tomato plants and other vegetables in our garden and blocked off the section as best we could to keep wildlife out. Rats chewed away at the foundations of the plants and soon all of them had fallen

down. When I walk on the bike path in the mornings, you can actually hear legions of rats running through the bushes besides you. It is disgusting and sad to see such a beautiful and fun city have such a bad infestation and poor response. For the record, we've made over 50 calls to City Hall as early as three years ago and have only received one call back and only one visit to the house to switch out the bait in a rat trap that I could have done three times over by going to Lowes. It's nice to see the city trying to improve itself but, before you revitalize anything else, rid us of these rats.

Vexed by Vermin
Dan Carrara
Cranston

Rep. Lima, champion of our most vulnerable elders

To the Editor,

As the President & CEO of the Rhode Island Health Care Association (RIHCA), an association with 64 member facilities representing 80 percent of the profession, I am writing to recognize the tireless work of Rep. Charlene Lima in support of RI elders who reside in nursing homes and the dedicated staff who care for them 24/7/365. Over the past decade, Rep. Lima has advocated for nursing home residents when prior governors proposed deep Medicaid cuts to nursing home reimbursement. She also fought to provide annual inflation increases to adequately cover the cost of care and to allow facilities to increase staff wages through sustainable reimbursement.

Rep. Lima understands the major challenges facing Rhode Island's nursing facilities. Eighty-seven percent of nursing homes in our state are operating "At Risk" — losing 7.5 percent margins or worse. This is up from just 19 percent operating at that level as recently as 2019. Five RI nursing homes have closed since the start of the pandemic.

Rep. Lima's advocacy and action to preserve and improve Medicaid reimbursement that funds the care for 70 percent of RI elders in nursing homes have helped to prevent additional closures. Facility closures are always heartbreaking. Residents are displaced from a facility they call home. Their routines are disrupted, and they lose connections with their friends and the staff who cared for them. Staff lose their jobs, and the families of the residents and staff are also impacted. Rep. Lima's actions have helped to sustain the nursing homes that these residents call home. She has worked to preserve vital health care jobs and those workers' livelihood.

Rep. Lima is a proven champion for our most vulnerable elders and the dedicated health care workers who care for them. While RI nursing homes still face a myriad of challenges, they are fortunate to have a fighter like Rep. Lima in their corner.

John Gage
Rhode Island Health Care Association
President & CEO

Did Nellie hand Dan the edge he needs going into the primary?

TALKING POLITICS

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STORY OF THE WEEK

With less than three weeks until Rhode Island's Sept. 13 primary, the five-way Democratic race for governor took a curious turn. Nellie Gorbea's campaign aired an ad meant to spotlight unflattering headlines about the ILO Group educational consulting contract controversy that has cast a bit of a shadow on Gov. Dan McKee. Problem was, the ad leaned on an article (about an entirely different subject) written for the conservative National Review by Mike Stenhouse of the RI Center for Freedom & Prosperity. The backlash was swift. Considering Stenhouse's rightist political profile, former National Education Association Rhode Island executive director Robert A. Walsh Jr. tweeted, "For @NellieGorbea to

quote him in her negative campaign ad is indefensible. Say it isn't so, Nellie, say it isn't so." Gorbea's campaign scrambled to edit the ad and said the intent all along was to highlight the ILO Group issue. Given months of news stories on this topic, an eventual attack ad was easily anticipated. Yet Gorbea's stepping on her own message was a gift for Team McKee, which didn't squander the opportunity. "Nellie Gorbea's decision to spread right wing propaganda in a Democratic primary shows how desperate her campaign is," said McKee campaign spokeswoman Alana O'Hare in a statement. "It's not surprising that the only people running negative ads now in this race are Republican Ashley Kalus and Nellie Gorbea." McKee's campaign faulted Gorbea for moving too slowly to replace the initial ad, and generated its own attack-rebuttal as a result.

The kerfuffle added to the perception that McKee (who has been neck and neck with Gorbea in a trio of public polls) has an edge as the Democratic primary races to the finish. Gorbea's move to go on attack reinforces that view. Rival Democrat Helena Buonanno Foulkes avoided wading into the scrap and her campaign staged a few low-profile events through the week. McKee, meanwhile, has had the clearest, most coherent advertising in the race

for governor. While public speaking may not be McKee's strong point, his focus on the issues and relatability has resonated with voters — including the heralded spot with Willa, his 94-year-old mom, and two issue-based spots in which he speaks directly to the camera on such issues such as abortion and gun safety. If McKee winds up winning the primary, it will reflect an accumulation of advantages, including incumbency, broad union support, and a well-timed campaign strategy. But polls have become increasingly unreliable in the iPhone age, and voters — like jurors — are not wholly predictable. Sure, Gorbea's unforced error on the campaign ad dominated RIPoli Twitter for the day — and her team probably wishes it could have a do-over. But tweetland is not real life, the ground game will be significant in the outcome of the election, and voters will have the ultimate say next month.

SHEKARCHI

The joint state-federal investigation into a mysterious May 2021 fire at the Warwick law office of House Speaker Joe Shekarchi remains ongoing, and Shekarchi — who talked this week with the state Fire Marshal's office — said on Political Roundtable he's been asked by investigators to not discuss further details.

WEIRD YEAR

Count Speaker Shekarchi among the seasoned observers who think this has been an unusual campaign year, marked by questionable public interest and far fewer campaign events than usual: "I think there's a lot of voter apathy ... I attribute it to coming out of COVID. I think people have been focused in the house, watching TV, reading the newspaper, reading the media, and finally after two-plus years of near-hibernation, people got out. And this summer, they were not interested in listening to politicians."

SHEKARCHI SHORT TAKES

The Warwick Democrat and I discussed a range of issues during Political Roundtable. Here are some highlights:

WHY GOV. MCKEE HASN'T HIT 30% IN PUBLIC POLLS

"I don't really know the specifics of his internal polling and what it's showing ... [being lieutenant governor] is a very low-profile office and it doesn't really generate a lot of headlines. He's only been the governor, the acting governor, for a year and a half."

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND

Ken Block used a thread this week to criticize state officials for allocating \$100 million — rather

than the full \$270 million in obligations — for the UITF, leaving the balance on the backs of business. Shekarchi doesn't dispute the numbers, but he defends the stance taken by state officials: "I think businesses are coming back stronger. They will slowly start to replenish that. But we wanted to make sure we had enough resources in there [in case an uptick in COVID requires more spending] ... I wish we could have done more, but we had other priorities, and it was about balancing it. And I will point out that both RI-HEBC [the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation] and the Manufacturers Association applauded the General Assembly for making that [\$100 million] investment. That was the amount that both had requested."

WHETHER ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE MORE SKIN IN THE GAME ON IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"... I've always been a little bit cautious because there are so many outside factors that can go into the results ... I feel quite frankly that the General Assembly has done its part and continues to do its part. We're very much in tune with the voters. We go for elections every two years and I think there's a certain accountability [in facing voters] ..."



HERE YOU GO: A Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island volunteer hands a blue backpack to students. (Herald photo)

Backpacks

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backpack is carrying your hopes and dreams," said Dr. Andrew Saal of Providence Community Health Centers (PCHC) at Saturday's press conference outside PCHC's Atwood Avenue location.

The pink, purple, green, blue and black backpacks were filled with folders, notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, markers, hand sanitizer, a pencil sharpener and a pencil holder. Cranston's drive-by site consisted of 25 volunteers from OneCranston HEZ, BankRI, Neighborhood Health Plan, the Department of Health, Cox Cable, Cranston YMCA and high schoolers in need of community service hours. Together, they filled backpacks onsite and rapidly distributed them to families. Vargas said by 11 a.m., the Cranston location was out of supplies and volunteers guided families to alternative distribution sites.

"There are still families trying to keep their heads above water," said Vargas, who talked about how much the school supplies

could assist families.

Grace Gonzalez, board chair for BTSCRI, said the costs and availability of products impacted the organization, but it was through the help of sponsors that they successfully pulled off this year's event.

In past years the day was filled with educational information, resources, entertainment, food and music; due to Covid safety concerns, the nonprofit decided to host a drive-by event.

"It is our hope next year that we can resume our normal back to school celebration activities," said Gonzalez.

Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza attended the Atwood Avenue press conference Saturday and said he has supported the event from the beginning. Elorza added that the backpack makes such a big difference because kids have the tools and equipment they need to succeed – giving a boost to their confidence.

"We don't want any kid thinking they are less than or lacking in some important way, and you're filling in that potential void," said Elorza.

He added that next year he'd be back with his own son to collect his backpack for kindergarten.

Superintendent of Providence Public Schools Javier Montanez shared his experience as a Providence student – recalling the days where he had to worry about where his next meal would come from, along with his appearance and wondering if he had the tools in order to go to school.

"You may know what you're doing but not understand how you're reaching the hearts of many students in our communities," said Montanez. "We want to be able to give our students the opportunity to be successful because they are our next mayors, our next superintendents, our next elected officials."

The nonprofit and sponsors recognized that cost of living expenses – such as rent, food, transportation and clothing – has all increased and may put a strain on families who are seeking to purchase back to school

items.

"A backpack and school supplies may seem like a small gesture, but helping the children of our community to be their best, prepared in confidence is critically important to their success at the start of school and in life," said Larry Warner, chief impact and equity officer at United Way of Rhode Island.

Operations Manager Andrew Beuttler from Sodexo added that as schools go back to normal this year, there are many children who don't know school prior to Covid. He called upon teachers to support students and provide a strong foundation to build their hopes and dreams.

BTSCRI is an all volunteer organization that works year round. For their Back to School Celebration event this year, the organization hosted distribution sites in Cranston, Central Falls, Cumberland, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, South County, Woonsocket, and West Warwick.



WHICH COLOR: A BankRI volunteer shows families the available backpack options. (Herald photo)

Cameras

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pilot program back in 2018 using Axon body cameras – which are used across the country, as well as locally in Providence and Newport.

The department is leaning toward Axon cameras and funding from the state and Department of Justice will go toward buying the cameras, storage cost and administrative costs. Winquist said there should be no additional costs to the city.

The state's top law enforcement officials have been reviewing "extensive stakeholder input and engagement" over the past year.

"Obtaining public input from a wide range of stakeholders during the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking period has helped us ensure that this statewide policy reflects best practices, and is responsive to the needs and expectations of our communities," Neronha said. "This policy ensures important interactions between law enforcement and members of the pub-

lic are documented, advances the protection of important constitutional rights including privacy, and ensures transparency and accountability for critical use of force incidents. I am grateful to our partners and to all who have participated throughout this process, and I encourage the public's continued participation during this notice and comment period. I am looking forward to bringing this process to a conclusion and getting cameras on Rhode Island's frontline officers."

The statewide policies address when an officer should activate or deactivate a camera, retention and access to body-worn camera footage, and specific protocols for use of force incidents, among other issues.

"The widespread use of body-worn cameras by members of law enforcement will be a critical tool in providing the accountability and transparency that both the police and the public desire," Col. Weaver said. "Our team has worked closely with key stakeholders to develop appropriate policies to govern the use of the cameras and the footage the cameras will generate. We

hope that members of the public will engage in the process and share their input so that the program can (move) forward expeditiously."

Police Chiefs throughout the state have shown support for the program.

"The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association is a strong supporter and advocate for the use of body-worn cameras," said Sean Corrigan, RIPCA President and Narragansett Police Chief. "We recognize the immense value they provide in accountability, transparency and professionalism as they work to increase police training opportunities, expedite the truthful resolution of police misconduct complaints, and promote public trust. One of the key components of our Twenty for 2020 campaign was a pledge for every department in the state to research the feasibility and oversee the implementation of body-worn cameras. We are grateful to every stakeholder involved in the process of developing this new statewide policy, and look forward to taking this important step forward."

EXPLORING NOOKS AND CRANNIES:

In her explorations in the church's rafters, Chilton discovered a wooden horse from a vacation bible school session back in 1997. (Herald photo)



Bell

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the ground and was dragged out by volunteers. The bell (which had been dubbed the Swarts bell after Gardner T. Swarts acquired it at an auction) passed through the hands of the Richmond Fire Station, Eden Park Volunteer Fire Company and the Budlong Fire Company. In 1930, the volunteer fire company donated the bell to Phillips Memorial Baptist Church in honor of Robert P. Scott, the only Eden Park boy to die in WWI.

That year through funding from Alonzo Sanborn, the bell was installed in the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church's original tower for approximately \$500. The bell hung in the old church tower but over time couldn't be used – while the bell remained strong, the tower weakened over time and the bell's vibrations were causing cracks on the tower's ceiling. For a six year period, the bell remained silent until it was moved to the sanctuary's new steeple.

Chilton plans to have the bell rung every Sunday at 9:45 a.m., starting

Sept. 18 – on Sept. 11, the church will ring the bell at 10:45 a.m. after the Sunday service. She said Deacon Rick Norberg used to ring the bell each Sunday before the service, but after he died roughly 20 years ago, the regular ringing came to a halt. The church plans to reawaken the bell and have some celebratory pieces during the Sept. 11 service – including having its bell choir play. Chilton said member Peter Chatellier has agreed to be the church's Quasimodo and ring the bell each week. On Sept. 11, parishioner Anne Crocker will ring the sanctuary bell to notify Chatellier to ring the Swarts bell.

Chilton said the bell is in good shape, and that the church just needs some window repairs to the steeple. In addition to the bell, the steeple holds an electronic carillon system and chimes. The carillon system was turned on roughly two weeks ago and now plays music everyday at noon and 6 p.m.

Crocker, whose great-grandfather and his brother built Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, is looking forward to hearing the bell ring again. At 89 years old, she said several weeks

ago she parked her car at the market across from the church, sipped on coffee and listened to the chimes. Crocker is the tenth generation great-granddaughter of Roger Williams.

Crocker has held every role at the church except minister and remembers the days in the new sanctuary where they had such a full house that chairs were put down the side and middle aisles until the Fire Department said that wasn't allowed.

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church spawned from the People's Church which met at the old Eden Park School and was organized in 1900 and named after Rev. James Phillips who was a medical missionary to India who served as the interim pastor for People's Church. The parish house was built in 1901 followed by the second edition in 1940 due to increased attendance. Over the years the church has held suppers, May breakfasts, bazaars, picnics, concerts, doll carriage parades, clambakes and more.

The bell ringing launch will take place at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 11. To learn more about Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, visit phillipschurch.org/.

CRANSTON WORSHIP

Anchor Baptist Church
New Meeting Place
868 Reservoir Avenue
Pastor Alex Martinez
632-9672
www.sermonaudio.com/anchorbaptist

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Parish
175 Oaklawn Avenue
401-941-4188
Sunday Liturgy 9:30am
www.annunciationri.org

Asbury United Methodist Church
143 Ann Mary Brown Drive
Rev. Yohan Go
467-5122
worship Service 9:30am
asburymcri.org
Child Care available

Assemblies of God The Solid Rock Church
1753 Phenix Avenue
Rev. Richard K. Leahey
827-0770
www.solidrockchurchag.com

Christadelphian Ecclesia
2104 Cranston Street
441-7432
www.christadelphia.org

Church Of The Ascension (Episcopal)
390 Pontiac Avenue
The Rev. Michael Coburn
461-5811
www.ascensioncranston.org

Church Of The Transfiguration
1665 Broad Street
461-3142
Sunday 10 am
Holy Eucharist

Edgewood Congregational Church
1788 Broad Street
461-1344
Sunday 10 am w/coffee hour
www.edgewoodchurchri.org

Faith Chapel Lutheran Brethren
43 Sicutate Ave.
Rev. Michael Natale
944-2771
www.faithchapelri.org
Sunday Worship 10am

Gateway Pentacostal Fellowship
711 Park Ave. (rear)
Pastor Russell Farmer
467-3830
www.gatewayupc.org

Grace Bible Church
116 Rolfe Street
481-0030
www.gbcri.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer

Holy Apostles Church
800 Pippin Orchard Road
Very Reverend William J. Ledoux
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The mayor's annual senior picnic

Seniors from the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center joined Mayor Ken Hopkins at Governor William Sprague Mansion on Aug. 26 for the annual mayor's senior picnic. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests enjoyed food, music, activities and conversations with one another. (Photos by Steve Popiel)



THE MAIN COURSE: Director of Social Services Jennifer Kevorkian helped bring food to seniors who were sitting under the tent.



GREETING THE GUESTS: Mayor Ken Hopkins greeted seniors who attended the mayor's annual senior picnic on Aug. 26. (From left) Nicole Crompton, 91, Mary Cardi, 92, Mayor Ken Hopkins, Vi MacKinnon, 84, and Iva Peruginio, 89.



KEEP THE MUSIC COMING: Mike Dee provided the music at Friday's picnic. His tunes consisted of standards, oldies and singalongs.



ORDER UP: Ed Brady, co-owner of the Park Theatre, and Emily Sanita, a Senior Enrichment Center employee, served food Friday. The senior center had been short a cook, so Brady stepped in at the last minute and cooked the food at the Park Theatre.



CATCHING UP: Former mayor and current CD2 Republican candidate Allan Fung talked with Barbara Peck at the mayor's annual senior picnic on Friday.



A PRIME LOCATION: The mayor's annual senior picnic was held this year at Governor William Sprague Mansion on Cranston Street. Guests enjoyed food under a tent and had Del's Lemonade, which the business donated for the event.

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Nonprofit raises funds to assist Haitian children, mental health consultation for migrants

By EMMA BARTLETT

Dr. Merites Abelard recalled many of his classmates dropping out of school due to finances while he grew up in Haiti. Abelard, now assistant executive director of Hope and Change for Haiti, was lucky enough to attend high school and college, which he told guests at Hope and Change for Haiti's gala Thursday night at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.

Hope and Change for Haiti, a Cranston-based nonprofit, invests in children's education in Haiti, supports women's empowerment through microfinance and provides shelter to individuals impacted by homelessness. The organization assists those in Haiti but also Rhode Islanders.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the organization's third annual gala raised funds that will go toward providing school supplies and maintaining its sponsorship program to ensure children go to school. Additionally, the funds will be used to offer mental health training awareness and consultation to traumatized Haitian migrants who recently arrived in Rhode Island.

Channel 12's Chelsea Jones emceed the event followed by keynote speaker Melissa Husband, Chief of Staff at Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, who spoke on her personal experience with mental health.

"Oftentimes, Black and

Brown people struggle with their mental health due to trauma, violence abuse and poverty. I am certainly no exception to that," said Husband.

Husband has served many careers from being a janitor and receptionist to serving as the founding executive director of Community Action Partnership of Providence. In CAPP's role, she was one of three Black female executives of nonprofit organizations in the state and, when she was appointed to the position of Deputy Secretary of State in 2017, she was the only woman of color to be deputy secretary in the country.

Husband grew up on the south side of Providence in poverty. At age eight, she was molested by a cousin and at 10, her sister convinced her to tell her mother who the abuser was. The situation tore the family apart and Husband felt guilty for destroying her family with the truth. During her teenage years, she also experienced emotional and psychological abuse at the hands of her father who struggled with drug abuse.

"These traumatic experiences created a battle inside me which was destructive," Husband said.

The trauma she experienced as a youth followed her throughout life and showed up in different ways. Admitting she needed help was a difficult pill to swallow, but she prayed on it and looked for therapy.

"Therapy helped ground



STANDING OVATION: Keynote speaker Melissa Husband received a standing ovation following her personal story on seeking therapy to address past life traumas. (Herald photo)

me; to reinforce my purpose and help me identify what I wanted – not what others wanted," Husband said.

After attending therapy on three separate occasions, Husband said she came out the other side feeling like a warrior.

Elected officials including Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos, Attorney General Peter Neronha, Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, General Treasurer Seth Magaziner, Representative Brandon Potter and Representative Gregg Amore also shared their appreciation for Hope and Change for Haiti at Thursday's event.

"In times like this, it's reassuring to see Hope and Change for Haiti as a resource to the community and to set an example of what the United States re-

ally should be about," said Gorbea, adding that current events with Haitians and other immigrants looking to gain refugee status in the U.S. are distressing.

Potter said it shouldn't take nonprofit organizations doing this work for people to have housing or a fair shot at getting into the country and obtaining immigration status.

"We should all leave here tonight and think about what we can do in changing these systems that feed inequity and injustice, racism so it doesn't take nonprofit organizations to pick up that slack," said Potter.

Executive Director Aniece Germain thanked guests for attending Thursday's gala and added the importance of working together for a more equitable approach to issues within the community.



HEARING FROM SUPPORTERS: Representative Gregg Amore greets Executive Director Aniece Germain before speaking on Hope and Change for Haiti's impact. (Herald photo)

28th annual homeless animals day celebrated at Sprague Mansion

By MERI KENNEDY

The Defenders of Animals held its 28th annual Homeless Animals Day/Candlelight Vigil/Award Ceremony and Raffle at the Governor Sprague Mansion in Cranston on Aug. 20.

This event was held in conjunction with the International Society for Animal Rights campaign and serves as an opportunity for animal advocates from around Rhode Island to band together on a special day and jumpstart new spay/neuter/adoption campaigns while rekindling existing programs in their communities that raise awareness about pet overpopulation.

At the event, the Defenders of Animals presented Representative David A. Bennett (District 20, Warwick) with a Humane Hero award in recognition of his successful legislative efforts, dedication, and steadfast commitment to the concerns of the plight of animals throughout Rhode Island.

Bennett introduced a new bill allowing emergency medical treatment to police dogs injured in the line of duty, which would include transporting by ambulance when it does not inhibit the ability to provide emergency medical attention or transportation to a person requiring such services. Governor Dan McKee



IN ATTENDANCE WITH HER DOG: Michelle Rose, a regular at the vigils, was there with her rescued dog "Mike" a seven-year-old Bull/Pitty mix. (Photo by Steve Popiel)

signed House Bill 7021 Sub A into law this year on June 29.

Bennett is Chairperson of the House Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, a member of the House Health and Human Services Committee and a member of the House Judiciary Committee. In addition to this bill, Bennett co-sponsored over a dozen animal protection bills.

The organization also recognized RI State Police K-9 Ruby, a search-and-rescue dog for Rhode Island State Police that recently was the topic of a Netflix movie. Unfortunately, Ruby passed away in May due to cancer – she was 11 and a half years old. K-9 Ruby and her handler, Rhode Island State Po-

lice Cpl. Daniel O'Neil, were side by side helping to save lives for 11 years.

Lastly, Defenders of Animals recognized the hard work and dedication of the K-9s and handlers at the RI State Police Canine Unit. Trooper Joseph Pronk and K-9 Jax accepted the award.

The plaque reads: In Recognition of Your Brave and Unyielding Vigilance, Selfless Dedication, Loyal Service, and Steadfast Commitment to Protecting the Citizens of Rhode Island.

Representative Charlene Lima was in attendance and presented the Defenders of Animals, Inc., with a \$4,000 legislative grant to be used for low-cost spaying/neutering of cats and dogs and to assist with medical ex-



THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK: The Defenders of Animals presented Representative David Bennett with an award in recognition of his successful legislative efforts, dedication, and steadfast commitment to the concerns of the plight of animals throughout Rhode Island. (Photo by Steve Popiel)

penses with medical treatment of dogs and cats.

Christine Dorchak, president and general counsel of Greyhound Protection Group (GREY2K USA Worldwide), was the event's guest speaker. She works to pass laws that prohibit dog racing and promote the adoption of greyhounds

across the globe. Her small group has been working for over 20 years, closing down dozens of dog tracks in the U.S. and in foreign countries. She led the 2018 campaign to ban dog racing in Florida and to close China's only legal dog track, the Canidrome in Macau.

Defenders of Animals also

distributed free milkweed seeds from the Save the Monarchs Foundation. Experts consider monarch butterflies to be endangered and on the brink of extinction. Milkweed plants are the only source of food for the monarch caterpillar – they need milkweed on which to lay their eggs.

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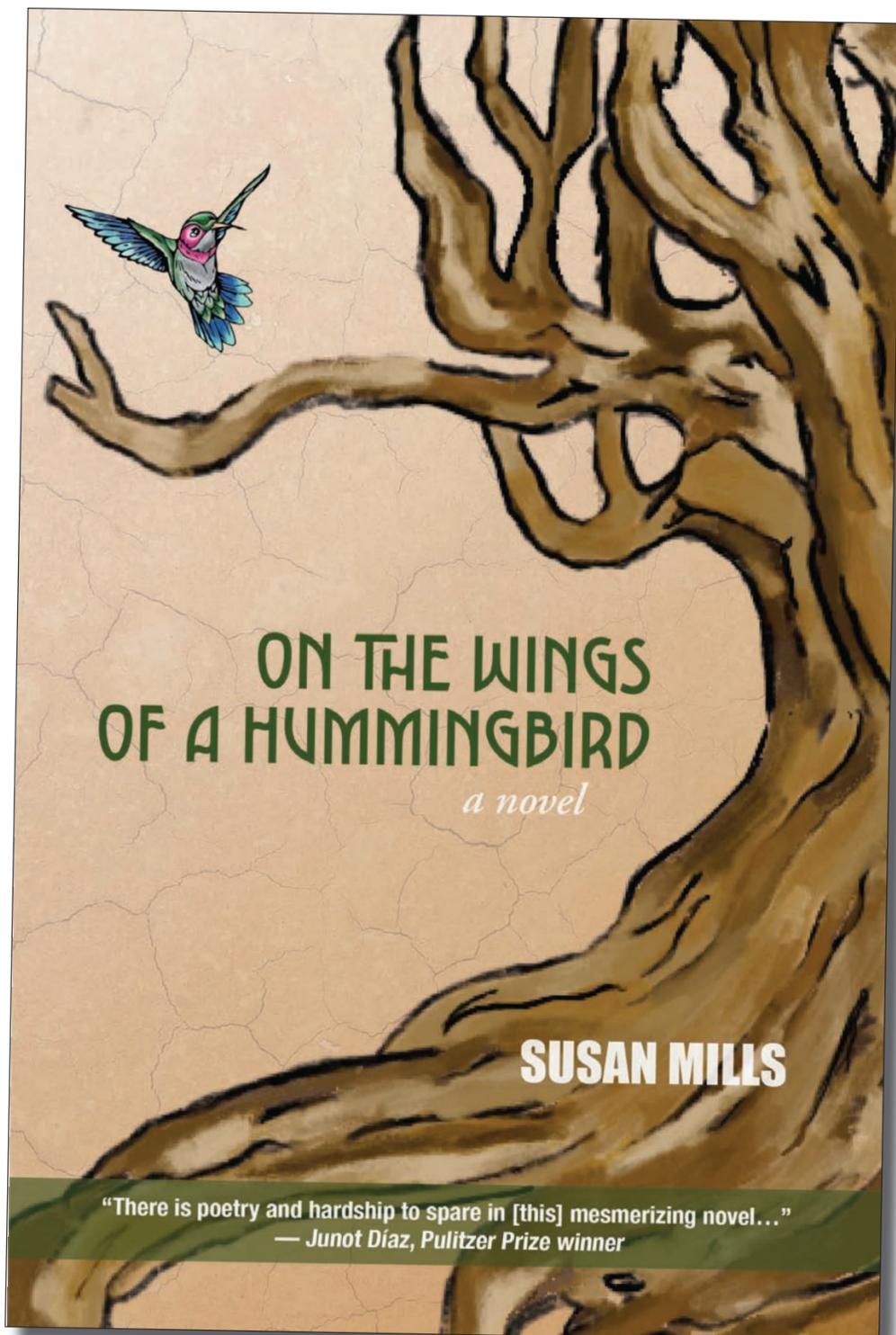
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Susan Mills to present 'On the Wings of a Hummingbird' novel at area libraries



By EMMA BARTLETT

It's a story of betrayal, gang violence, forgiveness and fleeing to America. Susan Mills, 61, will present her first novel, "On the Wings of a Hummingbird," at Central Library at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 and William Hall Library at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21.

The book follows 15-year-old Petra whose life has been upended by local gang violence in her small Guatemalan village. Her childhood friend, Emilio, had a hand in their friend Justina's murder, and his father is the local gang leader's right-hand man. Betrayed by Emilio and abandoned by her mother who fled to the U.S., Petra now fears for her own life. She flees to America, but the pressures follow her there. As she attempts to reconcile with her mother over the abandonment, Petra is alarmed that her mother disregards the danger when Emilio shows up near their home.

Mills, who grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, during the 60s and 70s, came from a family that was steeped in social change. Her mom was a civil rights activist, and later on her brother became a civil rights attorney while her sister became a human rights and prisoner defense lawyer.

Coming to Rhode Island to attend Brown University, Mills graduated in 1983 with an independent major from the American Civilization Department that focused on racism, classism, sexism, social inequality and social change. She became a lesbian feminist and worked for sanctuary for Central Ameri-



SUSAN MILLS

can refugees before attending Northeastern University Law School. After that, she spent 20 years as a Spanish-speaking immigration attorney and ran her own immigration law firm which dealt with asylum cases for thousands of immigrants from Central America with a focus on unaccompanied minors.

Mills had a knack for writing since age eight; she wrote her first 40 page novel at that age and another one in middle school. Exploring her creative ambitions after retirement, Mills said over the years, she heard many sad and heart-wrenching stories which were channeled into her novel. She added that her main character, Petra, was inspired by one particular Guatemalan client with short hair and who played soccer (just like Petra), but Mills also pulled characteristics from other clients.

"On the Wings of A Hummingbird" explores forgiveness and redemption, how to heal oneself and find a future of integrity with friends and

community who have participated in atrocities. Mills said the novel ponders the big questions in life: Who am I? What is my purpose? Petra must figure all this out while trying to survive difficult experiences and the story truly depicts how complicated people are. Mills said the book has no big answers about immigrants but simply the idea that immigrants deserve to be treated with the same humanity as everyone else.

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Plain White T's (Submitted photo)

Plain White T's rock the Park Theatre

By ROB DUGUAY

Built in 1924, the Park Theatre on 848 Park Ave near Rolfe Square in Cranston has had a long history of entertainment. It originally started out as a place to see films while eventually becoming a prime venue to see live music, comedy and theatrical performances. A couple years ago it sadly became dormant, but fortunately a few months ago it reopened to begin a new era for the much loved establishment. One of the first major shows happening at the revitalized Park Theatre are the pop punk act Plain White T's who'll be taking the stage on September 2nd at 8pm. Folks might know them from their major hit "Hey There Delilah" that topped the charts back in 2007.

I had a talk with vocalist, guitarist and keyboardist Tom Higgenson ahead of the show about the early years of the band, being the sole original member, the legacy of that major hit and a new album that'll be out next year.

Rob Duguay: How would you describe the experience of starting out in the Chicago music scene during the late '90s?

Tom Higgenson: It was pretty amazing, it was really cool. I was coming up in high school and this was like the time where all these bands like Weezer, Green Day, Smashing Pumpkins and No Doubt, they all were hitting it big when I was first starting to love music, go to concerts and stuff. Chicago being such a big city, all of those bands came through town and played small venues as I was just starting to go to concerts and everything so it was kind of the perfect time to really be inspired. Like I said, any artist that I loved was always coming through Chicago so I got to see them and I always kind of dreamed that someday that's going to be me. I'm going to be on those stages, I'm going to be in a band like that and stuff.

I just kind of set my sights on that and

never really gave up. I kept working at it until it happened.

RD: That's awesome, that's great.

TH: Yeah

RD: Being the only remaining founding member of the band, how have you dealt with the lineup changes in Plain White T's over the years? Has there been high amounts of uncertainty or stress at times?

TH: Definitely early on, it was a little bit weird when we lost our bass player after he quit. He was a founding member but it was when we first started touring and we were still figuring out what being in a band was all about. To be honest with you, it's not for everybody. Living on the road, especially in those early days where we'd pay ourselves 10 bucks a day to eat for per diems and that's it. We'd do a tour for two to three months and we'd be gone from our friends and from our families, then we'd come home and maybe have a few hundred bucks to split up between us. It was more about getting out there, playing in front of people and building up a fan base, so in the early days we had a couple of the guys quit because it wasn't for them and it wasn't really the life that they wanted.

It's been this current lineup pretty much ever since 2003 or 2004 and then recently over the pandemic we had the final remaining founding member quit. He was unhappy for a while and with everything shutting down it was a good time for him to be able to reset his priorities and his life a little bit. To answer your question, every time it has happened it shakes things up but I'm always kind of an optimistic person and I always try to look at the bright side of things so I usually look at it as an opportunity. It's like a brotherhood, when somebody quits you're going to feel like "Oh man, I'm gonna miss that dude" because it's like we're family but you can take it as "Ok, well we can find someone even better to replace them." In this case,

when Dave [Tirio] just quit two years ago it was like "Cool" because he was kind of a bummer these past few years because he wasn't happy so now the band morale is going to be that much better so it's all good. I'm always trying to find the silver lining in every situation, for sure.

RD: That's a good way to look at it. What do you think makes this current lineup of Plain White T's stand out from prior lineups?

TH: It's kind of the same lineup as it has been, we're just short one guy and honestly it's so funny. We just played in Columbus, Ohio a few weeks ago and an old high school buddy came to the show, he used to tour with us way back in the day. He came to the show, he hadn't seen us in a bit and I had to ask him after the show "How did it sound without Dave in the band?" and he was like "Woah, until you said that I hadn't noticed a difference." With that being said, I think it's going to be like the same Plain White T's that it has for the past 15-20 years so I don't think it's going to be a real difference without Dave there basically. If anything, it's going to be more fun because everybody is in a good headspace, wanting to do it and wanting to be there.

RD: This year marks 15 years since "Hey There Delilah" hit #1 on the Billboard charts.

TH: That's crazy.

RD: Yeah, so to reflect, how do you view the legacy of the song when it comes to you and the band's career?

TH: That song has always had a life of its own. Ever since we put it out, it was the fans that told us it was a great song. We did a poll on Myspace back in the day on which song we should do a music video for and 98% of the fans voted for "Hey There Delilah". It's always been the song doing all the work for us and it's crazy because

through the years it kind of hasn't stopped. Every few months there's something about the song that happens, Post Malone releases a video of him singing it backstage and it goes viral or a bunch of people start using it on Tik Tok for some trend and it goes viral again. There was a talk about a TV show in the works at one point that never ended up happening but again, it still seems like the sky's the limit for the song even though it came out so long ago.

RD: It's maintained its presence in the pop culture nucleus in various ways.

TH: Exactly. People are still hearing it to this day, kids for the first time are hearing it. I think it's holding up in a way that it might as well be new for them without it feeling dated or anything.

RD: It's definitely one of those songs that has a lasting impact because musically it's pretty much an acoustic folk song. Those always last, they always have a way of being timeless on their own.

TH: Right. There's nothing in the production that sounds like it's from a certain era or something. The song sounds like it could have been made in the '60s or the '70s or the '80s or the '90s, it has a vibe where you can't really set a date to it which definitely helps in the longevity.

RD: Absolutely. It's been a few years since Plain White T's released their last album Parallel Universe in 2018, so can we expect some new music soon?

TH: We actually started to play some new material on some of these shows we've been doing so by the time we get to Cranston we'll definitely be debuting at least one new song. We got a new album in the works, we're going to start releasing new music later this year and I don't want to say it like it's all set in stone because things can change but right now we're looking to have a new album out probably next spring or summer.

Pandemic or not

There have been many cultural changes due to Covid; less excitement to meet and greet with hugs and kisses, an aversion to filling water bottles at public water fountains, squeamishness to be lumped together in big crowds, and virtual doctor appointments. Some of the changes are no longer needed, or, at least, not needed to the extent that they were.

Hubby and I like to eat out for lunch at restaurants such as 99, (love their free popcorn), or Applebees, (love their half-priced appetizers from 2:00-5:00). Other people, I am sure, love them also. During the active pandemic, these restaurants no doubt did a roaring business from take-out orders, and they generally have seven or eight front row parking spots reserved for this purpose. Hubby gets annoyed that these spots sit there vacant, nary a take-out customer in sight, while we must park at the back of the parking lot. He considers it a tease, "Look at these convenient, close spots just sitting here empty!" He is bothered by the fact that potential take-out customers are treated so royally, while we, the customers who will spend extra money in the restaurant on drinks, dessert, and a tip, must endure a hike to get into the establishment. While it is fine to save a few spots for take-out, it seems superfluous to have so many, and it has created

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ill will. The last time we ate out, Hubby parked in the 8th spot, still leaving 7 spots for non-existent take-out customers. Nothing has created hard feelings as much as the bright green flyer that was placed on our windshield alerting us to the fact that we were parked "illegally." (Note: this was not at a restaurant in central Rhode Island.) I was appalled, stunned by the fact no such notice is placed on the windshields of cars that are actually illegally parked in the handicapped spots! Let people with disabilities drag themselves across a parking lot the size of a baseball field to get inside, but heaven forbid someone with a take-out order not have their pick of eight spots in which to park. Outrageous!

Another change, be it due to the pandemic or just plain advancing technology, is my use of Amazon for retail purchases. Shopping at the malls used to be a favorite activity of mine. Browsing in the store windows, stopping to buy this or that, and grabbing lunch at the food court was great fun.

However, the fact that my

mother and brother are no

longer with us, and that

my children are all grown,

had made the trip a solitary

one. It became easier to

just make purchases on

my laptop, especially since

my son turned me on to

"Prime," which delivers

items free in two days. He is

actually a great spokesman

for this service, touting the

fact that he purchased 2

pounds of special nuts and

bolts sent by way of Fed-

Ex, taking eight days to

get delivered and costing

\$37.50, as opposed to the

25-pound bag of dog food

delivered the next day,

free, by Amazon. The lure

of shopping in person is

still there, but the ease of

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A saved man confesses

When Washington Bailey confessed his sins in 1904, it's possible that God forgave him. But Theodore Andrews did not.



Sherriff Theodore Andrews

Theodore Slocum Andrews lived in Warwick with his wife Sadie (Randall), who he had married in 1889, and their daughter Flora. Theodore worked his way up the ladder of local law enforcement. He was elected police chief in 1902 at a salary of \$500 per year, then promoted to deputy sheriff and finally obtained the position of sheriff of Kent County.

Prior to becoming a lawman, Andrews had operated a stable in Riverpoint selling hay and renting out horses, harnesses and wagons to the many customers who came in. On March 29, 1900, a man who gave his name as Washington Bailey appeared at the stable and announced that he was headed to Oaklawn and needed the use of a horse, a wag-

Back in the Day



by KELLY SULLIVAN

on and a harness for the trip. Andrews fitted him out, the man left and that was the last Andrews ever saw of him – or of his horse, wagon and harness.

Almost three years later, Bailey returned to town and looked up Andrews, who was now in the

business of enforcing the law. When the two men met up, Bailey explained that he had once been a horse thief. He admitted that he had taken Andrews' horse, wagon and harness to East Greenwich all those years ago and sold it all for \$25. He confessed he then jumped on a ship and spent the next two years journeying upon the sea.

Bailey said that when he returned to dry land, in New Bedford, Mass., he got into some slight trouble when he assaulted a man. The crime resulted in him being sentenced to the house of correction. It was there, he went on, that he found God and devoted his heart to becoming a law-abiding person.

Now that he had been released

from prison, Bailey had returned to Warwick to right his wrong by making a full confession and offering to pay Andrews the money he owed him for the stolen goods. Andrews showed little mercy, immediately putting the man under arrest. Soon, the former thief was indicted by the grand jury and lodged in Kent County Jail under \$1,000 bail.

Bailey pleaded guilty to the crime he had committed before he became religious. But he did not remain secluded behind steel bars, the place where he had found God. The court instead issued him a suspended sentence, a probation officer and a second chance.

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

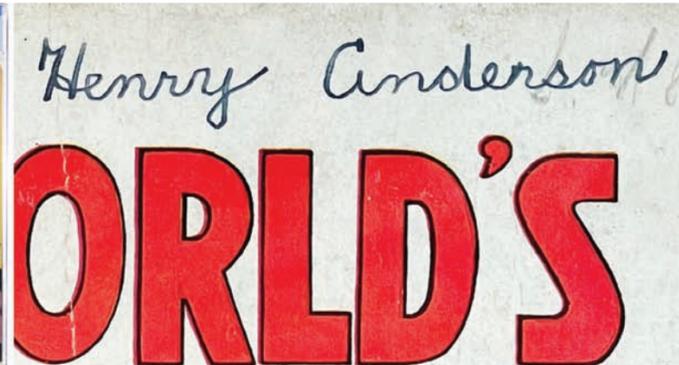
COLLECTIBLES



WHO IS HENRY ANDERSON?



By Travis Landry
Auctioneer & Specialist
Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers
Cranston, RI



On October 1st, Bruneau and Co Auctioneers is hosting a single owner comic book auction billed under the title "The Henry Anderson Collection." Already, we've gotten questions about who Henry was and why his collection is worthy of its own auction, so I thought I'd take a moment to explain our reasoning!

Growing up during the Golden Age from 1938 to 1956, Henry's generation was the first to lay hands on some of the most revered comic books in pop culture history. He started buying comics with his allowance in 1939 when he was 8 years old from his neighborhood drug store, which was located just a half a block walk away on Broad Street in Cranston, Rhode Island. Eventually, Henry began working at the store part-time, and several years later he moved to a bigger drug store in Pawtuxet Village where he continued adding to his collection. As such, Henry's comic books coincide with the start of WWII in Europe and continue through the war's conclusion in August 1945. As a young boy and teen living through WWII in America, he was understandably quite interested in combat and war, which was a common theme in comic books of the time. Henry stopped purchasing comics in 1947, but he kept them stored safely in two metal boxes in the decades since.

So, like many others, Henry Anderson spent his childhood collecting comic books. However, unlike many oth-

ers, Henry Anderson did not throw out his comics or break up his collection over the years, and thus it remains complete and in near mint condition! How do we know these are all comics from Henry's childhood collection? Many of them still carry his boyish signature! A diligent youngster, when his mother advised him to write his name on anything he brought into school he did, without thinking those scrawls may one day affect their collectible value. Mama Anderson should not feel too bad about her advice though; Some of Henry's comics are so rare that even with the handwriting they are estimated to bring several thousand at auction!

A few standout titles come to mind, including D.C. Comics Wonder Woman #1 CGC Graded 5.5, D.C. Comics Detective Comics #38 CGC Graded 3.0, a selection of Fiction House Fight Comics and a selection of Fiction House Jumbo Comics.

So, you may wonder: if Henry's comic book collection

is so exceptional, why is it not graded with a CGC Pedigree? While it's a valid question, the answer to it and the reasoning why was not up to me or anyone else here at Bruneau and Co. Basically, CGC holds four criteria for a collection to be considered for Pedigree status, they are:

1. The collection must come from the original owner.
2. The collection must be vintage.
3. The collection must be of high grade.
4. The collection must contain over 1000 comics.

While Henry's comic books hit three of the four criteria, his collection does not number into the thousands. Only the rarest books from small collections might qualify for a pedigree, and that would be entirely at the discretion of CGC. Henry's collection totals 150 comic book lots.

Hopefully this explains a bit about who Henry Anderson was, what makes his collection so special, what qualifies for a CGC pedigree, and why I opted for a single owner auction for his rare and beautiful comic books! Oh, and for future reference – NEVER write anything on your comic books, even just your name, even if your mom yells at you!



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THE INVITATION
** 1/2

(Another Vampire Movie)

For some strange reason, movie-goers like vampire movies. "The Invitation" takes a while to get there, but if you have seen the trailers, you know where it is headed. Evie meets an Englishman online and discovers he is a distant relative. He invites her to come to a wedding at the family gathering and meet the lord of the spooky mansion. The weird family is preparing for a wedding. Strange events occur. Things go bump in the night. Maids disappear. Don't go in the library. During all this chaos Evie falls in love with the lord of the mansion. The big night arrives. Guess who the bride is!

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Movies

Can she escape? Does she turn into a vampire?
At this point I really didn't care.

NETFLIX

KLEO
*** 1/2

(Stylish, slick spy flick)

With nothing worth watching on TV except AGT, I turned to a stylish, slick German spy story on Netflix. Jella Haase plays a German Democratic Republic spy who is assigned the job of killing a businessman. Her bosses make a scapegoat out of her, sending her to prison. Two years later, the Berlin Wall comes down and

she is released. The series follows her as she relentlessly tracks down the people in high and low places who are responsible for her imprisonment. Kleo joins forces with a naive policeman who is in awe of her violent behavior. They team up to uncover a deeper plot involving the cultural and political differences between the East and the West, eventually solving a major political plot. If you don't take this one too seriously, you can have fun watching Kleo change disguises and eliminate those who have wronged her. Violence is often tongue-in-cheek, and the cop and the spy make a very funny pair.



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Enough with the pumpkin stuff!

Don't get me wrong, I love fall. But as we turn the corner into September, there is still one third of summer left. Everywhere you go all you see are fall and Halloween decorations. Let's not rush it. I rebooted my yard this weekend for the last few weeks of summer. New mulch, getting rid of dead leaves and blooms. I also add some mums to fill in the bare areas. This makes the yard look as pretty, as ever.

Morris Farm is right down the road from me. Years ago, I went to buy new plants because mine had gotten leggy. He told me to simply cut them back and they would return. He was right! I was really impressed because his teaching me this made him lose a sale.

I love his farm. The staff is friendly and helpful. He always has beautiful flowering and vegetable plants. This time of year, he has the sweetest corn for sale as well as lots of vegetables. Another thing that I do this time of year is divide perennial plants that have gotten too big. It's easy to do. Just dig up the entire plant and split the root ball. If you don't have a place to plant it, check with a neighbor. I've done this over the years and it's always nice to see the plants flourishing in my neighbor's yards. You need to do this at least six weeks before the first frost. You can also sow some wildflower seeds that will bloom in the spring.

This is also a great time to plant some vegetables in the areas of your garden that the summer crops are done. Crops that will tolerate a light frost and keep growing even when temperatures drop include broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and kohlrabi, as well as carrots, parsnips, rutabagas, scallions, spinach, and turnips.

Let's not rush fall. Let's continue to enjoy the summer and prepare our yards and gardens for next year. Remember, after fall comes winter. Take a deep breath, and don't take out your fall decorations just yet...

60s and Sexy



by
CINDY
WILSON

Rhythm & Roots at Ninigret this weekend

By DON FOWLER

The weather report looks perfect for the Rhythm and Roots Festival at Charlestown's Ninigret Park this weekend.

I've got my lawn chair, blanket, iced tea, sunblock, hat and money for some delicious Cajun food, and I am ready to go.

Friday night, the festival opens at 5 p.m. with New Orleans piano powerhouse, John Papa Gros, setting the tone for three days of the best Cajun, Zydeco, roots, country, blues and any music form that causes your feet to start moving.

Saturday's lineup brings headliner Grace Potter to center stage. The Vermont singer/songwriter has toured with Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw, and recently joined Chesney in the smash country hit, "You and Tequila," which was nominated for a Grammy.

The music begins on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and continues well into the evening both on the main stage and the dance tent.

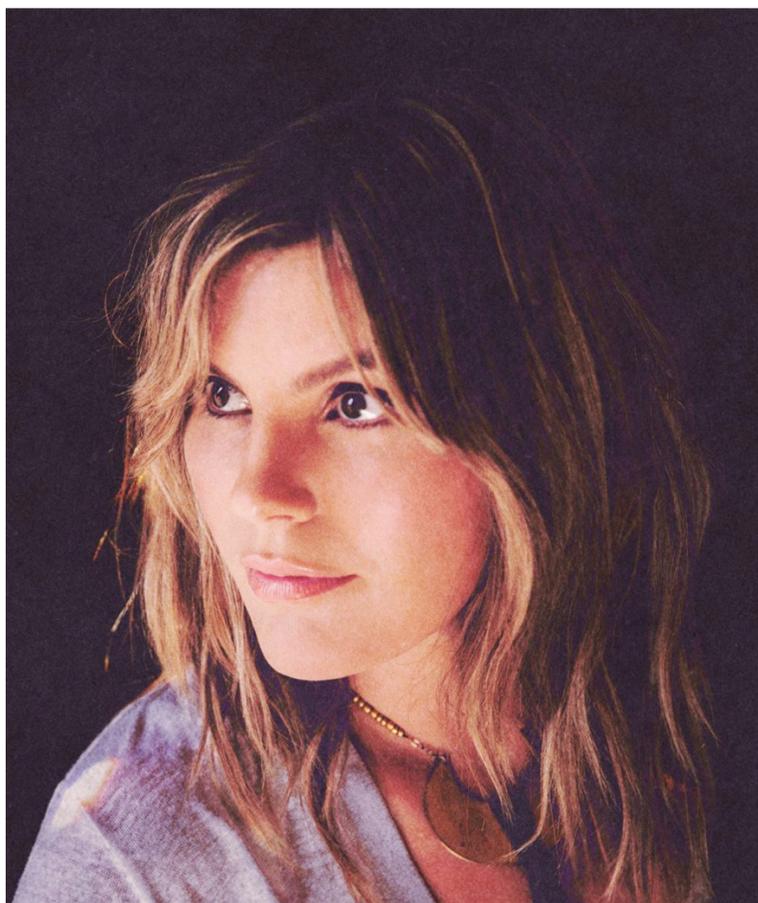
I find my way to the festival site by taking Route 95 to Route 4 and then taking the exit to Exeter and the Veterans cemetery, following Route 2 to Route 1 and avoiding much of the beach traffic.

There is plenty of parking on site and room to spread out on the lawn. There are loads of activities, including a special music tent, crafts and games for the kids.

Rhythm and Roots is the most laid back festival I have ever attended. People are very friendly, sober and interested in one thing: listening and dancing to some great music.

There are loads of craft and food tents to visit, and a chance to meet the artists who love to mingle with the crowd.

See you there.



Grace Potter headlines Saturday's lineup. (Submitted photo)



Samantha Fish takes the stage on Sunday. (Submitted photo)



Nathan & the Zydeco Cha-Chas perform on the Dance stage on Sunda. (Submitted photo)



Nick Bosse & the Northern Roots take the Roots stage on Saturday. (Submitted photo)



Anders Osborne and Jackie Greene bring their music to the stage on Saturday. (Submitted photo)

Tommy's expands menu

By DON FOWLER

Warwick's Tommy's Clam Shack is much more than clams.

While the fried clams, clam cakes and clam chowder are all delicious, Tommy's offers a wide variety of other seafood specials, plus hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken fingers for those fussy kids.

Tommy's Trio drew us to the Warwick Avenue clam shack when it opened. Three clam cakes, a cup of chowder (get the Rhode Island clear chowder) and a 3/4 lobster roll for \$23.99 became our favorite.

Tommy's is an offspring of the Dockside Market next door where we have been buying our fresh fish and deli items for years.

Many of their items are now cooked for you and can be enjoyed under the tent or umbrellas on the property.

We have been buying Dockside's jumbo lump Crab Cakes with their special Remoulade sauce and heating

them in our microwave. Now you can order them ready to eat for \$14.99 for two.

Baked/blackened cod with potato salad, coleslaw, lemon and seasoned crumbs (\$17.99) has been added, along with fried smelts (\$12.99). You don't find smelts on many menus, but they really are quite tasty. Maryland-style soft shell crabs are \$14.99.

Tommy's had a recent lobster special weekend, which I hope they will bring back. The lobsters were cooked perfectly, cracked open for you, and reasonably priced.

There are daily specials including a variety of stuffies that are also available at the market next door. All you need to do is warm them up.

Fish and chips are always a popular item (\$16.99). They claim to be the largest and freshest in the state. I won't argue that, but they are large and fresh.

No need to travel east or south for hot and cold lobster rolls any more.

Tommy's has them for \$29.99 (hot) and \$26.99 (cold) with a half pound of fresh lobster meat.

The lines can get long on weekends, with everything cooked fresh to order. While waiting, chances are you'll be treated to one of their hot clam cakes.

They now have beer and wine available, which makes the wait more tolerable. Live music on weekends and a DJ during the weekend add to the fun.

The address is 2247 Warwick Ave. Check out Dockside while you're there.

CORRECTION: Last week I talked about lobsters at another seafood shack and mentioned not eating the tails. Of course, I meant the bellies. We used to entertain people from mid-America at Chamber of Commerce conventions in Newport, as they tried their first lobster. I would tell them, "Don't eat the tails. Give them to me. I'll take care of them."

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian
Local Adoptable Loveable



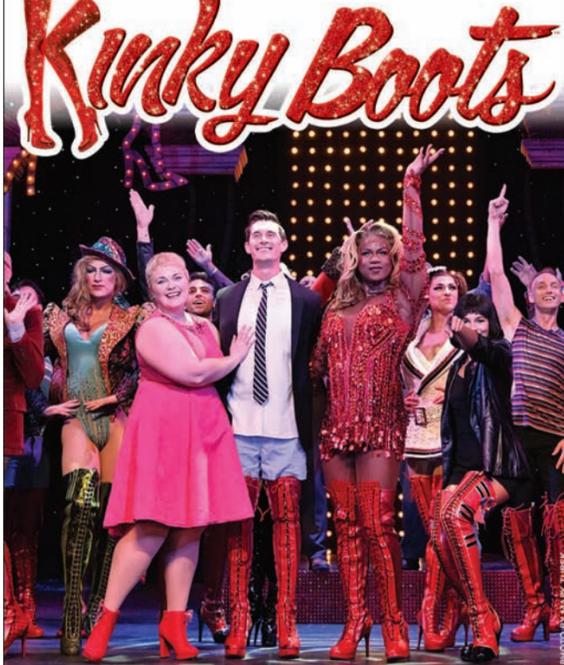
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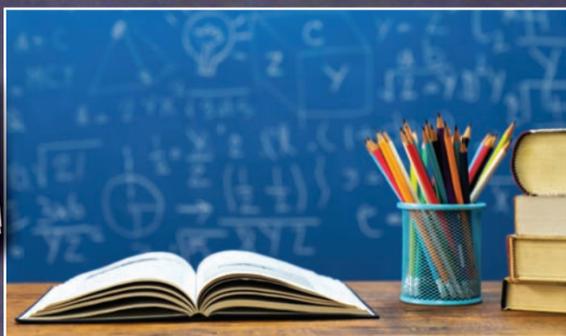


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Novel (Continued from page 15)

When writing the book, Mills said her favorite character was Petra. After finishing the story, Emilio has slid into number one. Emilio, who had a difficult childhood and was pushed into the gangs at age 10, flirts with Petra in an unstable way. While Petra hates what he's become, she struggles because she believes that somewhere in him must be the friend she loved. Mills enjoys Emilio's character because everyone has a history and likes seeing individuals as human even when they do terrible things.

One of the most challenging aspects of the writing process for Mills was making dialogue

sound real, and not using it to convey information that should be communicated in other ways. She said it took her a year to write the book's initial draft, followed by six to eight months of working with a private editor before finding her way to Apprentice House Press which is located out of Maryland's Loyola University.

Some of Mills' research entailed looking up Mayan mythology. She obtained a copy of Popol Vuh – which holds the origin story of Mayan creation – and selected different myths that added another layer to her book.

Mills also included an author's note in the beginning of the book to address today's controversy of cultural appropriation and how she is a white woman writing in the voice of



a 15-year-old Guatemalan girl. Due to working among Central Americans and being immersed in their language, culture, history, politics and literature, she felt comfortable with writing "On the Wings of a Hummingbird" while being sympathetic to today's controversies. She added that fiction writers do often take on the voice of people they are not familiar with.

At the upcoming library

events, Mills will read from "On the Wings of a Hummingbird" and open discussion on issues the book raises; she said audience members tend to ask about the book's themes of forgiveness and healing. At the end of the event, Mills will have books available for purchase and to sign.

Mills has been a Providence resident for 40 years and now spends most of her time residing in Vermont. She is already working on a draft for another novel, which she says is a suspenseful story on a group of asylum seekers.

"On the Wings of a Hummingbird" is 364 pages long and costs \$19.99. Individuals can pick up a copy at Providence's Books on the Square, Amazon, Barnes and Noble or bookshop.org – which

supports independent bookstores. Additionally, a portion of "On the Wings of a Hummingbird" will go to Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), a U.S. based organization devoted to the protection of unaccompanied and separated children.

Anyone interested in hearing more about "On the Wings of a Hummingbird" can find Mills at one of three Rhode Island events this September. She will be at Central Library on Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. On Sept. 21, she will be at William Hall Library at 7 p.m. for a joint discussion with Dr. Michael Fine, author of "Abundance and RI Stories." On Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. she will be at Sprout CoWorking (166 Valley St., Providence) for a larger, joint author event with Diane Josefowicz and Karen Lee Boren.

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By JENNIFER COATES



Residents at the Briarcliffe Preserve experienced a true "sense of arrival" at the Founders Club Brunch celebrating the Preserve's one year anniversary. Residents were greeted with these gift bags as a token of gratitude.

Well-known in the hospitality industry is the notion of a "sense of arrival." Broadly defined, a "sense of arrival" is that special feeling a customer experiences during the first few moments they arrive at a destination. That desired "sense of arrival" is critical to newcomers as it creates that ever-important first impression.

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The Preserve at Briarcliffe is the longtime vision of President/CEO Akshay Talwar and his team. As with the other residences on this sprawling campus, this latest installment is the result of years of thoughtful planning. Each of this residence's 66 apartments is designed to meet the specific needs of those who live independently or those who require assistance with such basic needs as medication management or help with simple activities of daily living.

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housekeeping, landscaped grounds to explore, sunny patios and balconies, a full-service salon and fitness center, laundry service and cozy lounges where scheduled activities and entertainment are held are amenities afforded to all. The Preserve has the feeling of comfortable, luxury living where people engage in activities that invite socialization, friendship, and ongoing enrichment. The energy is uplifting and palatable.

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Cheeseburger Turnovers

FAMILY FEATURES

A menu of filling, delicious recipes is just what your family needs to make each school day a successful educational adventure. Satisfying lunch and dinner ideas can give loved ones the fuel they need while delicious desserts provide motivation for growing minds to get homework finished before enjoying a treat.

When weeks get hectic due to busy schedules, these recipes offer simple solutions to make cooking easier while limiting time spent in the kitchen. Start with a lunch that's as easy to make as it is to pack in a lunchbox, recharge in the evening thanks to a veggie-forward main course and satisfy everyone's sweet tooth with a chocolatey favorite to round out the day.

Keep your family full and energized each school day with more recipe ideas at Culinary.net.

Make School Lunches a Breeze

There's a lot to remember when sending your student off to school each morning, from backpacks and school supplies to last night's homework. Don't forget one of the key ingredients to a successful day: lunch.

These Cheeseburger Turnovers provide the energy little learners need to power through their afternoon lessons. One winning idea to make the week easier is to prep a full batch of these easily packable, kid-friendly handhelds Sunday night so you've got lunch ready for each day.

To find more school day recipe inspiration, visit Culinary.net.

Cheeseburger Turnovers

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons ketchup

- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 can flaky biscuits
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- dill pickle slices, halved
- 1 egg, beaten

Heat oven to 375 F.

In large skillet, cook ground beef and onion until beef is thoroughly cooked and onions are tender. Drain. Stir in ketchup and mustard.

Separate biscuit dough. On ungreased baking sheet, flatten biscuit dough to form 6-inch rounds. Spoon beef mixture onto one side of flattened dough. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with dill pickle half. Fold dough over filling. With fork tines, press dough edges to seal. Cut two slits in top of dough to release steam. Repeat with remaining dough, beef mixture, cheese and pickles.

Brush each turnover with egg wash.

Bake 18-22 minutes, or until deep golden brown.



Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne

A Perfect Pasta for School Nights

Weeknight meals are all about putting tasty dishes on the table in a short amount of time so you can share precious moments together despite busy schedules.

In a matter of minutes, you can prepare this Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne for a quick yet flavorful recipe that can be enjoyed by little ones and adults alike. Featuring Veggiecraft Farms Cauliflower Penne as its key ingredient, this family meal makes it easy to incorporate vegetables without sacrificing taste. Available in popular shapes like penne, spaghetti and elbow, and made with lentils, peas and cauliflower, zucchini or sweet potato, the veggie-based pastas are gluten-free, non-GMO, vegan, Kosher and good sources of protein and fiber.

Visit veggiecraftfarms.com for more information and family-friendly recipes.

Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne

- 1 cup dry French green lentils or brown lentils
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup vegetable broth
- 1 box Veggiecraft Farms Cauliflower Penne

Toppings:

- fresh basil
- Parmesan cheese
- red pepper flakes

Cook lentils according to package directions. Drain then return to pot and add marinara and vegetable broth. Stir well and simmer over low heat about 10 minutes.

Cook penne according to package directions. Top cooked pasta with lentil Bolognese, fresh basil, Parmesan cheese and red pepper flakes.

A Heaping Serving of Homework Motivation

Heading back to school doesn't have to mean forgetting the fun of warm weather treats. Once the homework is done and you've enjoyed dinner with loved ones, turn your attention to a dessert that tastes like it was prepared by a professional baker.

This S'mores Skillet starts with a sweet brownie base made with Domino Light Brown Sugar and is then infused and topped with traditional s'mores ingredients. Just combine in a skillet then bake – or grill for that familiar outdoor feel – until warm and gooey.

Find more dessert ideas to sweeten up back-to-school season at DominoSugar.com.

S'mores Skillet

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup Domino Light Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup mini marshmallows, divided
- 6 graham crackers, roughly crumbled, divided

Preheat oven or grill to 350 F.

Place medium heat-proof bowl over medium saucepan simmering with water. Add butter, 1/4 cup chocolate chips and unsweetened chocolate; melt. Remove from heat and allow mixture to cool 15 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt.

In large bowl, mix eggs, sugar and vanilla. Add chocolate mixture and mix until well combined. Stir in flour mixture. Add 1/4 cup chocolate chips, 1/2 cup mini marshmallows and three graham crackers to batter.

Pour mixture into 8-inch skillet. Top with remaining mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and graham crackers. Grill or bake 10-12 minutes. Remove from grill. Cool 10 minutes and serve.



S'mores Skillet

Sports

Falcons eyeing playoff return

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Cranston West girls soccer team is looking to return to the playoffs this coming season after a disappointing loss in the Division I Quarterfinals last fall.

West graduated a large core of senior leaders from last year's club, including Maddie Alves, Maddie Barbieri, Karol Matamoros and Angela Marses. This year's team will be led by returners Brynn Bachner, Riley Welch and Emily Webb, who were all named captains.

West coach Jeremy Sherer has been happy with the team's performance in the preseason and has noticed a more well-balanced lineup this fall.

"We have a higher, more uniform ability across the roster, there's not much drop off, which I believe gives me some options. There are some really phenomenal young players that have come in. We're focused on process and not result. The result will come if we get the process and details down," said Sherer.

Webb has been excited to get back to work and to grow into the leadership role.

"I'm excited, it's definitely an adjustment losing so many players from last year but I'm excited to see what this season has for us. We have a lot of great incoming players so it's going to be a building year for us," said Webb.

As a leader, Webb is looking to maintain the winning culture at West while pushing the younger players at practice.

"It's carrying over what we had last year, which is very high standards and being competitive at practice. I think if we can hold everybody to those high standards then we will see the results," Webb said.

Another key returner for West is keeper Oceanna Orlandi, who enjoyed a breakout season as a freshman last fall. Now, as a sophomore, Sherer and his staff are expecting her to take another step forward as she is set to become an even bigger part of the program.

"Oceanna is here and is healthy. The



READY TO GO: Cranston West sophomore Sarah Pimental at practice earlier this week. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

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Bolts look to make run in new division

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Cranston East girls soccer team is looking to make some noise in a new division as it moved down from Division II to Division III for this fall season.

The Bolts struggled last year and finished the season with just one win. The team was one of the youngest in the division and will still be young in 2022. The Bolts roster will feature just three seniors and a large population on underclassmen behind them.

"(Seniors) Kylie McCreavy and Norah Flinn have been leading since their junior year. I think now that we've moved down to Division III, it will suit us and the talent that we have. A lot of the kids that came in last year were new to the sport so their determination alone has been



CLEARING THE ZONE: Cranston East's Norah Flinn plays defense last week during a scrimmage. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/Rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

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New football format is better, but imperfect

Another year, another realignment to examine in Rhode Island high school football.

This year's realignment, in my opinion, is an upgrade from the previous layout. This fall there will be a four-team Division I, with Hendricken, La Salle, North Kingstown and Central filling out the list. Then, there will be a 14-team Division II with Cranston East and West included. Division III will have 16 teams including Pilgrim, Toll Gate and Johnston, followed by a nine-team Division IV.

In the previous design, there was a Power Four division, followed by Divisions I, II, III and IV. It's largely the same, but the naming was different as well as the number of teams in each division.

I've heard some people complain about the new Division I, saying that it is

My pitch



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unfair to many of the teams in Division II that should not be considered Division II teams, if that makes sense.

Although I can see their point, I feel like a Power Four division is a little silly in that we all know what it means ... it's the best four teams in the state.

What I like about this new format is that it separates the teams that are

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RI Hockey HOF inducts 2022 class

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Five local hockey greats who represent the RI Hockey Hall of Fame's Class of 2022 were inducted last weekend at the Hall's annual Enshrinement Celebration & Dinner at historic Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston, RI.

Vin Cimini, founding chairman of the Hall of Fame, noted that the five new inductees are, "among the most accomplished our state has produced. Aside from their professional hockey careers and their play representing our nation, they each earned legendary status on the ice at their respective schools." With their formal inductions, the number of honorees in the Hall reaches 37.

Also honored was 101-year-old Don Mellor, recipient of the Hall's prestigious Malcolm Greene Chace Trophy, awarded for "Lifetime contributions of a Rhode Islander to the game of hockey." Mellor, a Cranston native and father of HOF inductee, Tom Mellor, was a farmhand of the Boston Bruins as a young man. He later co-founded the legendary CLCF hockey program in his hometown, which developed many of the state's most accomplished players in the mid-century.



HALL OF FAMER: Cranston native, Tom Mellor (right) proudly displays his 2022 RI Hockey Hall of Fame medallion alongside brother, Duke Mellor. (Photos courtesy of the RI Hockey HOF)

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CLCF Green Machine wins again

With its first 9v9 tournament entry, the CLCF Green Machine soccer team played in the Bayside preseason summer tournament as the only town team to play in a premier club style tournament. Green Machine was unbeaten in its first three games, allowing no goals. The team would then go on to win 4-0 in the finals to win the 11-U Gold Division. Players included: Lorelei Braddock, Malin de Roxas, Mia Nippo-Minchez, Hannah Shone, Hailey Shone, Anna Venditelli, Madison Liese, Hannah Liese, Angela Thompson, Elizabeth Vang, Serafina Sweeney, Chelsea Hallidri, Alana Palazzo, Raquel Nippo- Minchez. Coaches were Chris Braddock, George Nippo, and Paolo de Roxas. (Submitted photo)



UP THE FIELD: East's Kylie McCreavy works the ball up the field.

■ Bolts

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pretty impressive. As far as team chemistry, we're still working on that, especially on the offensive end of the field. Defensively we are looking pretty solid," said East coach Brianna Oakes.

Although East is still young, many of the returning girls saw significant minutes last season, which Oakes hopes will pay dividends this campaign.

"They've gained quite a bit of experience (last year) and I'm looking for four or five girls to come off the bench from my JV team last season. It will be interesting to see who will fill in those gaps. They are still learning our defense, we may be trying some new formations at midfield, hoping to score more goals," said Oakes.

The Bolts will now take on a new slate of opponents, many of which they are unfamiliar with. Oakes hopes that the team will

focus on themselves, rather than who is across the field.

"We scrimmaged Johnston and they're in Division IV and they looked great, so you never know what you'll be facing. We don't want to focus on moving down, we just want to focus on what we know about ourselves. We're going to see how it goes," said Oakes.

According to Oakes, the key to the team taking a step forward this season will be playing as a unit and communicating.

"If you're doing your job on the field, then your team is going to move in a positive direction. If you depend on each other to pick up on each other's mistakes, or a skill that you may be lacking, we could be in the same position as we were last season. We need to build on that chemistry because that is something that we've been lacking the last couple of years," said Oakes.

The Bolts will open their season next Wednesday when they take on St. Ray's at home.



FOOTWORK: East's Isabella Acevedo looks to make a play.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxi
4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
7. Before the present
8. They burn in a grill
10. Enough (archaic)
12. "A Doll's House" playwright
13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
14. Napoleonic Wars battle
16. Chinese surname
17. Fragrant essential oil
19. Follows sigma
20. Model
21. A place with many dining options
25. BBQ dish
26. Corn comes on it
27. A sheep in its second year
29. Triad
30. They ___
31. Actor DiCaprio
32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
39. Sustenance
41. Man who behaves dishonorably
42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
43. A way to take in liquids
44. Gene type
45. The Miami mascot is one
46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
48. Casino machine
49. Contains cerium
50. Something with a letter-like shape
51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
52. Legendary actress Ruby
18. Dorm official
19. The bill in a restaurant
20. Type of jug
22. Importance requiring swift action
23. Outfit
24. Small Eurasian deer
27. Weight used in China
28. A major division of geological time
29. Popular beverage
31. Confined condition (abbr.)
32. Practical joking
33. Pouchlike structure
34. Pound
35. Lilly and Manning are two
36. Stopped discussing
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Candymaker
39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
40. Northern sea duck
44. Partner to cheese
47. Cannot be found

CLUES DOWN

1. Conqueror
2. Kin relation
3. Increases the value of
4. Pack
5. Popular nut
6. Dogs' enemies
8. Former OSS
9. Unpleasant person
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14. Beverage container
15. Rock formation

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Atlantic menhaden hearings

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Rhode Island and Massachusetts have scheduled hearings to gather public input on Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic menhaden (commonly called pogies). The Addendum considers potential changes to current provisions for commercial allocations, the episodic event set aside (EESA) program, and the incidental catch and small-scale fisheries (IC/SSF) provision.

Over the years anglers have advocated for Atlantic menhaden conservation measures that left enough fish in the water as forage fish for striped bass, bluefish, tuna, whales, osprey and other animals that rely on these fish for sustenance.

The Rhode Island online webinar hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. To register for a virtual public hearing webinar please click HERE [attendee.gotowebinar.com] and select the hearing(s) you plan to attend from the dropdown menu. Hearings will be held via GoToWebinar, and you can join the webinar from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

The Massachusetts meeting will be held in-person Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA. For information contact Nichola Meserve at 978,619.0017.

NOAA Fisheries announces dates for angler input sessions

NOAA Fisheries is asking the recreational fishing community for their input at three webinars to update the 2015 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy. With perspectives shared during the 2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit, NOAA Fisheries requests angler input on revising the Policy.

The three meeting dates are: Aug. 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (EST); Sept. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (EST); and November 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. (EST). You just need to express your perspectives at one of the sessions. To register for a webinar or provide an online comment visit www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/public-presentations-recreational-fisheries-policy-update.

During the webinars, NOAA Fisheries will provide a concise overview and history of the Policy, answer questions, and accept comments and suggested improvements.

The public comment period and electronic comment portal will remain open through Dec. 31, 2022.

The purpose of the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy is to provide guidance for Agency consideration in its deliberations pertaining to development and maintenance of enduring and sustainable high quality saltwater recreational fisheries. With climate impacts on fishing, stock movement, multi-uses of our oceans the new policy is needed to guide NOAA Fisheries.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. The striped bass bite in upper Narragansett Bay improved this weekend. Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "The water is still warm and sort of defies what is happening but keeper slot size bass (28 to <35 inches) were caught all the way up to Pawtucket this weekend. Anglers are catching fish with swimming and mid water lures five to seven inches in length with



FLOUNDER BITE: Greg Spier with a 22-inch summer flounder he caught last week off the Sakonnet River. (Submitted photo)

some anglers using chunks of Atlantic menhaden."

John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside, said, "The water is still very warm, 77 degrees in the upper Bay but this weekend we had bass at Rumstick Point and Barrington Beach but they were picky with anglers trying to hook up using jigs, tube & worm and lures of all types but the striped bass were not feeding. The bluefish bite remains fairly strong at Rocky Point, Warwick Light and Barrington Beach."

Bonito and false albacore. Now is the time to fish for bonito as the fish caught were larger this week. Still a lot of small fish around but nice fish are being caught too.

"Angler Dave Garzoli weighed in a 9.2-pound bonito for the RI Saltwater Anglers Association tournament. Anglers are hooking up with bonito off Narragansett and at the East Wall of the Harbor of Refuge, South Kingstown. We had one report last week of false albacore in front of Newport but no reports of anglers hooking up," said Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

Summer flounder, fluke, black sea bass. "Anglers have not been able to hook up

with keeper black sea bass in the Bay. They are catching smaller fish. One customer said the ratio this year is about five keepers compared to the 125 small black sea bass (under 16 inches) that he has caught. However, scup fishing remains strong with customer Albert Bettencourt of Riverside catching his limit (30 fish/person/day, 10-inch minimum) with fish ranging from 1.5 to 2 pounds and a strong bite off Conimicut Point and Warwick Light."

Scup fishing was good in the lower Bay round the bridges with fish to 15 and 16 inches being caught family often. The summer flounder (fluke) bite is still very spotty in the lower Bay, south of the bridges and out in front of Newport with the keepers being caught just in the 18 to 19-inch range. Henault of Ocean State said, "The best fluke bite is in the Block Island Wind Farm area, off Newport and the Sakonnet River, and off Scarborough beach in Narragansett. But anglers need to know where to fish with ideal conditions (wind and tide in line)."

Tuna bite. The yellowfin and bluefin tuna bite is still strong close to shore. Angler John Stavrakas said, "We saw a bunch of

life near the Gully (whales, dolphins, birds, slicks) and went lines in there. By 8:30 a.m. we had two nice yellowfin in the boat (48 and 54 inches). Spent the morning trolling within sight of Block Island. I couldn't believe we were catching yellowfin within sight of the Island, nice yellowfin at that."

Freshwater fishing remains sluggish with water still being very warm. Henault of Ocean State Tackle said, "We have anglers fishing for largemouth but things are slow. Some pickerel being caught in northern Rhode Island and Massachusetts ponds, however, it will now be a matter of waiting for the early fall stocking of trout by the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts once the water cools a bit."

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above the rest annually, of course I am referring to Hendricken and La Salle, while also giving a couple of other top public programs a chance to pull off the upset. I'm torn between whether or not the league should have expanded Division I to maybe six or eight teams, though.

Central and North Kingstown have knocked on the door and each have nearly caught up to the private schools at times in the past couple of seasons. There is also Portsmouth, who was in the state championship not too long ago, and South Kingstown, which went on a run and beat Central in the regular season in 2021.

If I had to say, I guess I am satisfied with four teams. Although I just made the case for Portsmouth and South Kingstown, they realistically won't have much of a chance against Hendricken and La Salle. That is what it all boils

down to ... which teams have a chance to compete with those two programs.

As for the ripple effect in the other divisions, I love the competition that will take place in Divisions II and III. We don't have any teams in Division IV, so I will be watching that from the periphery.

I am excited to see how Cranston East and West fare in Division II. It's perfect for those two teams in that they are rebuilding and on the upswing. They will still be tested against some of the state's best competition while having a chance to compete against teams that may be a step behind, which will allow them to build confidence and toy around with some things that they would not be able to do otherwise. It's perfect.

Division III wound up being very interesting last season with Pilgrim, Narragansett, Chariho and Johnston making runs. I'm looking forward to seeing another dogfight this season as well.

Overall, I like how organized this new format is and I love the

matchups that we will get to see this coming fall. Sure, it's not like things are significantly different from a year ago, but the tweaks are just enough to spice things up.

The other topic regarding the realignment that I want to touch on, and have touched on numerous times, is whether or not there should be a private school championship.

Most people are for this considering how Hendricken and La Salle have dominated the state over the past decade. I for one am not for this.

The reason is simple ... there are only two teams to choose from.

If we were to do a private school division and/or championship, then what is the point of having the Hawks and Rams play other teams? By giving these two programs their own championship, it's admitting that they are unbeatable. So, if they are automatic losses for other teams, why schedule them to face one another?

If there were say, four or five private schools battling every year for supremacy, then yes, I would be all for that. But with just two? Nah, keep them in the top division and throw in a couple of the best public schools. The league has done that the past few seasons and I think that it is as good as it gets, although it's not perfect.

I will end this column with a Patriots take. I have been fighting this day for as long as I could, but after last week's preseason debacle against the Raiders, I can't anymore. The Patriots are no longer a good team.

Sure, in 2020 with Cam Newton and it being the first season post Tom Brady, a rough transition was expected. Last season, the team took a step forward and seemed to be nearly back.

Between the coaching changes, the offensive line struggles, the failed attempt at installing a new offensive scheme, Mac Jones struggling, the defense being

maybe just a tick above average, this team is no longer a true threat in the AFC.

Was I expecting a Super Bowl this year? No, but going into training camp, I was excited to see this team take another step forward, especially considering it added a couple of new faces including Devante Parker and draft picks.

I have been disappointed in not only the lack of progress, but the big step back that it has taken to this point. It's only preseason, but still, things have been looking shaky at best.

I will give an official prediction prior to kickoff, but I am struggling to see how this team can make the playoffs. Vegas has their win over/under at 8.5, and I am beginning to think the under is the safer bet, which would make the postseason virtually impossible.

We'll see how the next few weeks go, but I hate saying that I am expecting a down year for the Pats.

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CAPTAINS: West's Brynn Bachner (left) and Emily Webb at practice on Monday afternoon.

■ **Falcons**

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majority of last year she was nursing groin injuries but played anyway, hopefully she can play this year healthy. With a little more experience she is going to be a phenomenal keeper, and that's big because you need the team to have confidence in their keeper, which they do," Sherer said.

The Falcons were one of the best teams in the state last season and were able to host a playoff contest for the first time in seven seasons when they took on North Kingstown in the quarters. The Skippers caught fire and would pull off the upset in penalty kicks and then go on to win the state championship.

Last year's tough loss has motivated the returners, who are now looking to return to the postseason and take it a step further.

"The relationships last year were unlike any team that I've been on. We were with each other all day, every day. When (we lost), it hurt a lot so it's in the back of my mind. You just have to build off of it," Bachner said. "This is going to be a building year, but I have already seen connections growing."

The Falcons will open their season on the road on Sept. 8 when they travel to take on East Greenwich. West's home opener will be against East Providence on Sept. 12, with a pivotal Division I matchup against La Salle on the 14th on the road.

■ **HOF**

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The "Class of 2022" inductees are:
BOB BELLEMORE

This LaSalle and Providence College goaltending legend backstopped the Friars' first ECAC championship and Final Four NCAA title bid in 1964. After organizing and coaching Smithfield's first high school hockey team and serving as assistant coach with the Friars, he became the longtime goalie coach for the NHL's New Jersey Devils. He returned to PC to coach the Lady Friars' goaltenders for 19 years and has been honored as our nation's Assistant "Coach of the Year" in women's hockey.

HARVEY BENNETT, JR.

One of the stars of our state's most famous hockey family, he led Cranston East to the Rhode Island state and New England championships before starring at Boston College and playing for 5 NHL teams over his pro career. He twice represented the USA in international play with his brother, Curt, who he will join, along with his father, Harvey, Sr., both charter inductees of the Hall of Fame in 2018.

ROBBIE GAUDREAU

A graduate of Bishop Hendricken, Robbie is the all-time goals scoring leader at Providence College. He also tied the single-season goals record with the Friars and was later selected an All-American, New Eng-

land Player of the Year, and a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award as the USA's best collegiate player in 1991. He has been voted one of the Top 50 players in Hockey East history. Rob went on to score the most goals of any native Rhode Islander to play in the National Hockey League. He scored the first two hat tricks in San Jose history. He will join his father, Bob Gaudreau, a 2021 inductee of the Hall of Fame.

TOM MELLOR

Tom graduated from the Cranston CLCF youth hockey program that his father, Don, co-founded. He starred at the Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY, before earning All-America honors at Boston College where his retired jersey hangs in the rafters of the Conte Forum. He played for Team USA on 3 occasions, taking home a Silver Medal at the 1972 Olympics before joining the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. He ended his hockey career by being named MVP of the International Hockey League in 1977.

RALPH WARBURTON

This former LaSalle great captained Dartmouth College to the NCAA title during its famous 47-game unbeaten streak in the 1940's. He then became Rhode Island's very first Olympian, scoring a remarkable 16 goals in the 1948 Games in St-Moritz before leading the Rhode Island Scarlets to our state's first National Amateur Championship later that year. He was previously honored by the Hall of Fame in 2018 as its first Malcolm Greene Chace Award recipient for lifetime contributions to the game.



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