

# Mayor comes up with riptide alarm system

By CADEN DILLON

“It keeps me awake at night,” said Mayor Frank Picozzi Monday morning.

Picozzi was referring to the death of Yoskarly Martinez, a 10-year-old girl who drowned at Conimicut Point Beach in 2021. He was with her family when the body was recovered. In the two years since, Picozzi took the initiative to prevent future tragedies. While there are warnings near the point parking lot, he had two giant signs erected on the beach. He thought more could be done, believing an active warning system could be developed.

When Picozzi started getting inquiries about electrical work at the point, he figured it was time to disclose what is being contemplated.

“I wanted to get the facts out,” he said at a press conference. Picozzi, who before becoming mayor was known throughout Warwick for a technologically impressive Christmas lights display at his home, designed the system himself. The mayor spent months working on the project, identifying what the warning system would need before turning to Philip Carlucci, the city’s management information systems director, to track down suitable components. “Many of them [he] got on Amazon,” Picozzi laughed.

The sandbar at Conimicut Point is well-known for the danger it poses to unsuspecting beachgoers. In addition to rip currents that make swimming in the area dangerous, the incoming tide can quickly cover the sandbar, sweeping away walkers. Signs placed at the sandbar warn of the danger, but they’re difficult to see at night, and drownings have continued to occur since their installation. The new warning system includes flashing lights and a recorded announcement. It will be installed on a utility pole close to the sign within two weeks. It is planned to operate 24/7

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**ALLURING POINT:** The Conimicut Point sandbar offers panoramic views of Narragansett Bay and the Providence River, but it can be treacherous during tidal changes. This view showing beach goers and fishermen was taken Saturday. (Warwick Beacon photos)



**UP FOR GRABS:** The Warwick Neck Light as pictured on Easter 2023. (Warwick Beacon photo)

# Lots of potential Warwick Neck Light owners

By WILL STEINFELD

The July 14th deadline has come and gone, and United States General Service Administration (GSA) Spokesman Paul Hughes says “over a dozen” parties have expressed interest in Warwick Neck Lighthouse.

To recap, the lighthouse, built in 1826, sits at the tip of Warwick Neck, is owned by the Coast Guard and still operates a navigation aide, but currently sits vacant. The GSA listed a notice of availability for the lighthouse in May. This NoA means that interested nonprofit and public organizations can express interest, visit and inspect the site, and then decide whether or not to submit an application to the National Park Service. Once applications are in, a NPS Review Committee will select a recipient for a no-cost transfer of the lighthouse to the organization deemed best able to maintain the site and comply with government preservation standards.

While Hughes says that the GSA would not disclose the identities of all the interested parties, at least three have publicly said that they submitted an expression of interest:

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# Former parishioners buy St. Catherine Church

By CADEN DILLON

St. Catherine Church that has been a part of Apponaug Village since 1917 was recently sold by the Diocese of Providence to Bluth, LLC for \$1 million.

Matt Tanning, who manages Bluth alongside his brother, Bob, said they “fully intend on keeping the structure as is.” They haven’t yet decided what they’re going to do with the building. Tanning laughs at a rumor that St. Catherine is being turned into apartments. “I’m not sure where that one came from.”

Anything is on the table, he says, but first they have to navigate what uses are permitted under Roman Catholic canon law, which dictates that former churches cannot be used for “sordid” purposes. Tanning claims what the Church deems “sordid” could range from an abortion clinic to, amusingly, a “pinball arcade.”

The brothers are no stranger to working with church buildings, having previously purchased two others, one in Niagara Falls, Canada (now a vacation rental property) and one in Conway, New Hampshire (now a pair of single-family homes).

“We love the buildings...” says Matt, “and like to keep their history going



**A NEW CHAPTER:** The owners of St. Catherine Church in Apponaug have yet to decide the future of the property in the heart of the village. (Warwick Beacon photo)

for many years to come.” This is their first Catholic church, however. And there’s another reason this is a special purchase: the Tonnings grew up as St. Catherine parishioners.

The Tanning family moved to Warwick when Bob was young. Matt was baptized at St. Catherine and many years later, his two daughters would

be baptized there as well. Fr. David Ricard, the pastor during Matt and Bob’s youth — “as close to a saint as anyone could be,” says Matt — is still a family friend. Matt laughs again as he recalls a story from his teenage years when he rode his bike to church without bringing a lock, ignoring his

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# Council to get estimate on building new high schools

By JOHN HOWELL

Within a month the City Council could have another estimate of what it would cost to build new Pilgrim and Toll Gate high schools.

City Planner Tom Kravitz has hammered out an agreement with Ellana Construction Consultants, one of three companies that do this type of work to submit a RFQ (request for qualifications) to do the job. Ellana is to complete the cost analysis within four to six weeks at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 Kravitz said last week.

The council set aside \$100,000 from its budget for the study. Kravitz got Ellana to shave off \$15,000 from their initial \$100,000 proposal.

“This is what I was hoping for,”

City Council President Steve McAllister said Friday. He said cost estimates provided by school architects Saccoccio Associates, and a review of those estimates done by a peer architectural group have been made available to Ellana. Once the analysis is complete, McAllister plans to “get it out there” so the community can see it. He said there would be individual cost estimates for each of the schools as was done by architects when they drafted conceptual plans to replace the schools that are more than 50 years old.

The next step would be for the council to address whether to approve bond allocations to start final designs for the schools, implementation of a construction schedule, hiring

of contractors and the commencement of construction. Although almost 60 percent of those casting ballots in the school bond referendum favored issuance of the \$350 million bond, the council has the power to without the funding and therefore kill the project. The plan is to build the new schools on the existing Toll Gate and Pilgrim athletic fields and then demolish the existing buildings as sites for the fields.

Given legislation extending the deadline for Rhode Island State Department of Education eligibility for approved school construction projects, McAllister believes there is sufficient time for another projection of construction costs. Legislation gave

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## NORTH ROLLING IN REGIONALS

The Warwick North Little League senior softball team won its first four games of the regional tournament with hopes of advancing to the World Series. See story on page 23. Pictured is pitcher Haley Boudreau, who threw a perfect game.

## NOTABLE Quote

“The possibility of acquiring the lighthouse is, without exaggeration, a potentially remarkable opportunity for the Warwick Neck Improvement Association to expand the work we do to promote the welfare of the Warwick Neck community and for the benefit of all Warwick residents.”

- WNIA President Jonathan Knight, page1

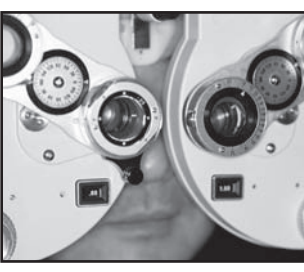


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## A summer treat

What's better than an ice cream sundae on a summer afternoon? Those at the Pilgrim Senior Center Thursday afternoon were afforded such a treat thanks to the Scandinavian Communities. Center employees filled orders from a wide selection of flavors adding an assortment of toppings including whipped cream and a cherry. Here Stephanie Plamondon, Scandinavian Communities admissions and marketing director and Kathleen Bohl, program manager at the center look ready to share a dish of the delight. But, instead, they handed it to the Beacon photographer. (Warwick Beacon photo)

## POLICE LOG

**DUI**  
At 1:21 a.m., June 9, Warwick Police Officer Connor W. Craig was on routine patrol in the area of Hoxsie Four Corners when he spotted a vehicle enter the intersection "at a high rate of speed, turning right improperly onto Warwick Avenue" traveling south. Craig followed the vehicle and clocked it traveling around 60 mph. "It should be noted that I had to travel at a very high rate of speed to catch up to the vehicle," Craig wrote in the arrest report. "I eventually caught up to the vehicle in front of the Shell gas station at 2413 Warwick Ave." He initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Seven C. Verino, 40, of 27 Hendrick St., Providence. "It should be noted that once I approached the vehicle, it appeared that Verino was unaware that he was being pulled over, and he seemed surprised that I was at his window," Craig wrote. "Verino turned off his vehicle and attempted to exit the vehicle, gathering his belongings." Craig said he smelled alcohol. Verino told police he was coming from the Grid Iron and when asked if he was drinking, he allegedly replied, "I didn't have too many," according to the report. Police asked the driver to consent to a series of standardized field sobriety tests. Following the tests, Verino was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (BAC unknown, first offense), and received citations for Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test (first offense), Manner of Turning at Intersection and Speeding (11+ mph). He was turned over to the custody of an adult friend.

**HABITUAL OFFENDER SHOPLIFTING & RECKLESS DRIVING**  
A shoplifting report led to a car chase, foot pursuit and ultimately, a West Warwick man behind bars. On June 25, around 8:50 a.m., Johnston Police responded to a store in town following a reported shoplifting. Police were advised the suspect was an adult Hispanic male wearing a blue sweatshirt. He was fleeing the store's parking lot in a red Ford sedan with a rear Rhode Island plate. The vehicle was spotted traveling east and about to turn onto Atwood Avenue. "While traveling southbound on Atwood Avenue I observed the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Atwood Avenue with no front registration plate," Johnston Police Patrolman Patrick Gendreau wrote in the arrest report. "As the motor

vehicle began to approach the on ramp to Route 6 East it mounted the curb and passed a vehicle on the right side in an attempt to merge onto the highway. I then activated my police cruisers lights and sirens in an attempt to detain the suspect vehicle however the vehicle did not stop." The car continued onto Rout 6 for about a half-mile, traveling 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, according to police. Eventually, as it approached the Killingly Street exit, the vehicle came to a stop and the driver opened the door as if to exit the vehicle, closed the door and sped off again. "The motor vehicle then began traveling at a high rate of speed to the right of the interstate onto the grass and into a wooded area," Gendreau wrote. "As the motor vehicle approached the wooded area it then collided with a small wire fence and dense brush as it again came to a complete stop." Once the car stopped, the man exited the car and ran into the woods. Gendreau pursued on foot. He shouted, "Police! Stop you're under arrest!" Backup arrived on the scene. "The suspect had already fled into the dense brush out of my sight," Gendreau wrote. "We began to pursue the suspect in waist high grass, which was matted down with footprints where the suspect had run. I then drew my firearm as I was unaware of where the suspect was hiding in the dense brush and I followed the trail of matted down high grass." Police followed the tracks for several hundred feet until they faded. Johnston Police contacted Rhode Island State Police to request a K-9 response for tracking purposes. They arrived on scene quickly. After just a few minutes, the dogs located the suspect in dense brush nearby. He was arrested and identified as Jonathan M. Oconnell, 30, of 32 Saint Mary St., West Warwick. "It should be noted that a blue sweatshirt as well as a stolen Milwaukee Impact Drill was located in the dense brush where Mr. Oconnell was located," Gendreau wrote. The car was towed from the scene. Oconnell was transported to Johnston Police Headquarters. Police determined Oconnell also had a suspended driver's license and the car did not have an active registration. He faces misdemeanor charges for Habitual Offender-Shoplifting, Reckless Driving, Eluding Officer with a Motor Vehicle, Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty, Resisting Legal or Illegal Arrest

and a felony Shoplifting charge. He also received traffic citations for Driving with a Suspended License, Operation of Vehicle When Registration is Canceled, Improper Use of Evidence of Registration, Laned Roadway Violation and Speeding (1-11+ MPH in excess of Posted Limit). On Sunday, June 25, Oconnell was arraigned and held as a bail violator. He was remanded to the ACI.  
**DUI**  
At 1:13 a.m., June 10, Warwick Police Officer Michael J. Rosa was dispatched to the area of 205 Lambert Lind Highway for the report of a motor vehicle crash. Warwick Rescue also responded to the scene to evaluate all the parties involved, and found no injuries. Police identified one of the drivers involved as Ryan M. Yankee, 24, of 5 Cady St., Johnston. "While speaking with Yankee, I could detect the strong odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from his breath while he spoke, his eyes to be moderately blood shot and his state of mind to be disoriented," Rosa wrote in the arrest report. "When requesting Yankee's proof of insurance, he appeared confused, going back to his vehicle several times and returning with different documents that were not his insurance. I asked what insurance company Yankee had during one of our many conversations which he replied 'Blue Cross Blue Shield.'" Yankee allegedly told police that he was coming from a friend's house where he had 5 to 6 beers and stopped drinking around 45 minutes prior to the crash, according to the arrest report. Police asked Yankee to consent to a series of standardized field sobriety tests. Following the tests, he was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (BAC unknown, first offense), and received citations for Due Care by Drivers, Interval Between Vehicles, No Insurance, and Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test (first offense).

**AG: West Warwick man banned from possessing guns charged with lying on firearm purchase application**  
Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha announced charges against a West Warwick man in Kent County Superior Court. The defendant has been charged with providing false information in order to purchase a firearm following his attempt to buy a gun from a licensed

firearms dealer in West Warwick in February. On July 7, Neronha's office charged Nicholas Muschiano, 43, of West Warwick, by way of criminal information, with one count of providing false information while attempting to secure a firearm, according to a press release. Prosecutors alleged in the complaint that on Feb. 25 the defendant attempted to purchase a firearm from Heritage Gun and Coin in West Warwick and was subsequently denied after a National Instant Background Check System (NICS) check returned results flagging that the defendant is prohibited from possessing a firearm, according to the AG. "As alleged, investigators found that the defendant entered a nolo contendere plea on July 18, 2022, to one misdemeanor count of violating a domestic violence-family court protective order and received a one-year filing, and a domestic No Contact Order that expired on July 18, 2023," according to the press release. "Further, the defendant also has an active family court restraining order against him, with an expiration date of March 14, 2025." According to the AG, "under federal law, certain individuals are restricted from possessing a firearm. Individuals subject to a court order restraining them from harassing, stalking, or threatening their child, intimate partner, or child of such partner are prohibited from possessing a gun or ammunition. This law informs one of the questions on the federal gun purchase application." "As further alleged, on his federal application, the defendant allegedly lied by denying that he was currently under such a court order," prosecutors will argue. "The defendant is scheduled for a pre-trial conference on (Aug. 22) in Kent County Superior Court."

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# UPS strike is off, National Night Out is on

By DANA RICHIE

“Everything is good to go,” Captain Robert Hart said yesterday. “It’s full speed ahead.” After the potential of a nationwide Teamster Union strike was resolved, the National Night Out celebration is set to proceed as scheduled on Tuesday August 1 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Rocky Point. On July 25, the Teamster Union and UPS reached a tentative contract agreement including wage increases for part-time and full-time workers. Prior to this agreement, a national strike 340,000 strong beginning as early as August 1 was a possibility. The Warwick UPS distribution center is

the largest in the state and a strike could have resulted in hundreds of picketers on Plan Way and Service Road and the need for police presence. Facing that possibility, Police Chief Col. Bradford Connor issued a general mobilization of the department in expectation of having 50 to 80 officers at the site. Hart, director of community policing, said the Warwick National Night Out would have been canceled had there been a strike. He explained that the police officers who were slated to manage the event and control traffic would have been called in to monitoring the strike. Hart added that 90% of the details of

the event were finalized weeks in advance, so they did change any of their plans. The worst case scenario, he explained, would have been to cancel the event as close to the day as possible. Now, with this tentative agreement, the festivities can commence as planned. The family-friendly event including 25 food trucks and 300 arts and crafts vendors is sponsored by the Warwick Police Department, Warwick Police Athletic League (PAL), Warwick Police Department Citizens’ Police Academy, City of Warwick and We Be Jammin’ Events in order to support “police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie,”

according to its website. The free event will also feature police demonstrations including k-9 and SWAT demonstrations to provide “something for everyone.” Mark Jandreau, patrolman for the community service division, said that he’s been overseeing the planning and logistics of the Warwick National Night Out event for seven years. He said not only will this year make Warwick’s 30th year participating in this national program, but it will also be “bigger than ever.” He boasted that Warwick’s version event is the largest in the state and the only one with fireworks. He added that it is a “total family environment” complete with

bouncy castles, face painting and balloon animals. Jandreau recalled that the event used to be held at Oakland Beach when he first started with the force. He said they “grew out of the space” and now, they get to use Rocky Point, which he described as the “most incredible piece of real estate in the state.” Hart added that it is important to have an event like this one so that the public has the “chance to meet the police in a fun environment.” He explained that the event is mandatory for the police officers managing and working it, but all other officers are “highly encouraged” to bring their families.

# Remake of Rte. 37, Post Rd. intersection hailed Yet, Councilman Rix concerned by traffic, mayor had hoped for local link

By JOHN HOWELL

There was nothing but applause for the state’s Congressional delegation, and in particular Senator Jack Reed, for securing two federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants totaling \$66 million for work on Route 37 at a Friday morning press conference at Balise Motors on Post Road. Yet the plan to eliminate the Route 37 bridge over Post Road, replacing the clover leaf with an at grade traffic light regulated intersection raises concerns with Ward 2 Councilman Jeremy Rix. Rix fears the intersection could back up traffic on Route 95 and Post Road during rush hour. And he suggested the state Department of Transportation conduct a public hearing before proceeding with the plan. He also feels the DOT is advancing the plan to save on the reconstruction of the bridge that is currently being supported by “Lincoln logs.” “The DOT’s number one concern should be on the impact on traffic not on the budget,” he said as officials gathered outside the Balise showroom. Because of visibility restrictions, both the southbound and northbound Post Road merge lanes are the sites on multiple accidents. DOT Director Peter Alviti said after the press conference that his office had been in conversations and reviewed plans with Mayor Frank Picozzi and his administration. During the press conference he said that Route 37 was initially designed as a beltway around Providence and that the Post Road ramps were built to be part of a larger system and not the end of the line. He sees no reason for a public hearing as the administration was included in the planning process. Picozzi wasn’t entirely pleased with what he learned from Warwick Beacon coverage of the intersection. The July 13 Beacon reported that the intersection wouldn’t include a link to Minnesota Avenue. Picozzi said he questioned Alviti and was told federal funding would not cover the work. Gov. Dan McKee spoke of the “team effort” on behalf of state legislators and the Congressional delegation to secure the funding for road and bridge repairs. House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi said the project includes a “big secret.” With elimination of the clover leaf, he said nine acres would be freed for development. Picozzi is excited for what that could mean for development on Post Road. Reed said winning the \$25 million RAISE grant involved the participation of every level of government Senator Sheldon Whitehouse said the \$25 million brings the total in federal funding for Route 37 to \$66 million. In a DOT release, Alviti said, “Combined with other federal funds and matching Rhode Island state funds, this \$100 million project (the Post Road intersection) will complete a \$261 million investment to finalize the transformation of Route 37 across three projects. We’re already starting the planning process to initiate this final phase, which will result in a significant economic boom to Rhode Island.” Derek Torrey Rhode Island Division Administrator with



**IT’S GOING TO COME DOWN:** The Route 37 ramp over Post Road, now supported by wooden “logs” that looked to be swayed under the load, will come down and replaced by an at-grade intersection. Above, Derek Torrey from the Federal Highway Administration addresses the July 21 press conference at Balise Auto to announce a federal \$25 million grant enabling the project. (*Warwick Beacon photos*)



the Federal Highway Administration said the state and elected officials had “checked all the boxes” to qualify for the grant in a demonstration “of how everyone in Rhode Island is working together.” Congressman Seth Magaziner said the grant does more than rebuilding roads and bridges. “It’s about more money in the pockets of Rhode Islanders.” That went along with Michael F. Sabitoni’s take on the significance of the grant and the project. “What is the impact,” he asked rhetorically. “Quality of life,” he answered citing the impact on businesses and jobs. Sabitoni is President of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council . Alviti said the “design-build” project would start immediately. He said the first shovel would go in the ground in 2024.

# Walker succeeds Gibbons in key sports slot at PWCVB

# 14 nonprofits to benefit from Blue Cross & Blue Shield day of service

Jonathan Walker has been promoted to Director of Sports Sales within the Rhode Island Sports Commission (RISC), a division of the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau. Walker, who joined the team in 2019, most recently served as Sports Sales Manager. “Jonathan Walker is an asset not just to the PWCVB team, but to the entire state of Rhode Island,” said Kristen Adamo, president and CEO of the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau. “As part of the RISC, he spotlights our communities through the platform of sports, which helps drive visitation and revenue for Rhode Island. His track record speaks for itself, having supported nearly 50 sports-related meetings and events in fiscal year 2022, and he is most deserving of this opportunity to further showcase his talents. I am proud of his continued efforts and look forward to seeing what he can achieve in this new position.” Walker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Entertainment and Event Management from Johnson and Wales University. He later received his Master of Business Administration with a Hospitality Concentration, and is a certified Sports Tourism Strategist by the Sports Events and Tourism Association. Jonathan began his career in sports and entertainment in 2014 with PSE Agency, a Rhode Island-based sports marketing firm that owns and operates the Providence Bruins. He later worked with the Pawtucket Red Sox and the TPG Hotels and Resorts-managed Hilton Garden Inn Providence before joining the PWCVB. In his new role, Walker will oversee the sales, marketing and servicing efforts related to sports groups utilizing Rhode Island as a base for competitions and sports-related meetings. He will continue to work closely with clients across the country to



Jonathan Walker

bring sporting events to Rhode Island and bolster the state’s reputation as a premier sports destination. The RISC brought in nearly 78,000 hotel room nights in fiscal year 2023 - with an estimated direct spend close to \$55 million - under the leadership of the late John Gibbons, who passed away in June. “Jonathan stepped up to the plate in a big way after the devastating loss of our friend and RISC Executive Director John Gibbons, with whom he worked very closely. I’m confident that, in his new role, Jonathan is well-positioned to continue advocating for Rhode Island and its evolving sports landscape,” Adamo added. “I’m extremely fortunate to have absorbed a great deal of knowledge during John’s tenure, and I’m honored to prolong the profound legacy of the Rhode Island Sports Commission,” said Walker.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) has announced the nonprofit organizations to benefit from Blue across Rhode Island, the company’s signature day of service in which hundreds of employees spend the workday volunteering at community and social service agencies. On Sept. 15, Blue Cross associates will have the opportunity to volunteer for one of 14 nonprofits that applied for support with their efforts to help Rhode Islanders. This is the 12th consecutive year for Blue across Rhode Island, one of the largest annual volunteer events of its kind in the state. The 2023 beneficiaries were revealed Tuesday at a spirited kickoff for Blue across Rhode Island during which associates learn about this year’s volunteer opportunities from team leaders and prepare to begin signing up the next day. “We look forward to Blue across Rhode Island so much that the theme of our 2023 day of service is ‘Best. Day. Ever,’” said BCBSRI Managing Director of Corporate Social Responsibility Carolyn Belisle. “The kickoff generates real excitement for our day of service and that excitement builds throughout the summer as we prepare to lend a hand to our community-based partners, who work tirelessly year-round to make a difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders. It’s an honor to support their efforts through Blue across RI.” The BCBSRI volunteers will support a variety of community-based organizations and their projects, including ones that address food, housing, dental care, mental health, community recreation, and LGBTQIA+ youth. The following are the 14 participat-

ing organizations that BCBSRI employees will support:

- Amenity Aid
- Bike Newport
- Crossroads Rhode Island
- Gotta Have Sole Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island – Greater Providence
- Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island – South County
- Happy Hope Foundation
- Hope Alzheimer’s Center
- NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley
- Playworks New England
- Rhode Island Oral Health Foundation
- The Elisha Project
- YMCA of Pawtucket
- Youth Pride

In addition to the time and effort of volunteers, BCBSRI awards each partner organization \$5,000 in grant funding. Since the launch of Blue across Rhode Island in 2012, \$749,000 in BCBSRI funding has been distributed to 78 organizations across the state and employees have logged more than 34,000 volunteer hours. These projects have had an impact on the lives of more than 162,000 Rhode Islanders. Since its founding, BCBSRI has partnered with community organizations across the state through philanthropy, partnership, and service. BCBSRI’s multifaceted corporate social responsibility program, Blue-Angel Community Investment, has enabled associates to serve our community for more than 20 years, with efforts such as Blue across Rhode Island.



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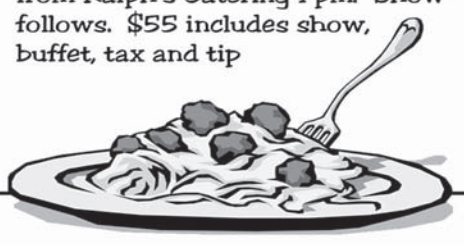
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**July 22, The Prout Class of 1973** will hold its 50th reunion on Saturday, July 22, at 12 p.m., at The Prout School, 4640 Tower Hill Road in South Kingstown. All 1973 graduates are cordially invited to attend. For further information, 1973 graduate alumni are asked to join the Facebook Group "Prout Class of 1973," or contact Mary Paolino at mary.paolino@yahoo.com.

**July 22, Craft Show** will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., 560 Tiogue Avenue. Over 25 vendors. Various raffles. 50/50 Raffle. To benefit the BNL Elite Basketball Team. For more information: 401-345-1165.

**July 26, OSCIL Announces Lunch and Learn Workshop Topic The Ocean State Center for Independent Living**, 1944 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, will hold an informative presentation on July 26 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. by a representative from Rhode Island Energy. Find out if you may qualify for discounts on your utility bill(s). They will also be covering payment plan options. Energy efficiency opportunities and rebates which can lower overall utility costs will also be discussed. Pizza and beverages will be served. An ASL interpreter and captioning will be available.

This will also be available on Zoom: Zoom info: Meeting ID #872 2748 0787, Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87227480787. Advance registration is necessary to attend in-person as space is limited. Please contact: Heather Schey, heather.schey@oscil.org or 401-738-1013.

**July 29, Warwick Republican City Committee Fund-raiser** on Saturday, July 29, from 6 – 9 p.m. the Warwick Republican City Committee will hold a Fire and Ice fundraiser at the Tri-City Elks Lodge, 1915 West Shore Road, Warwick. This will be a chili cookoff and ice cream social. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$50pp. Contact: Marjorie, info@warwick.gop.

**July 30, Warwick Veterans/TollGate High School Class of 1973 Reunion** Warwick Veterans Memorial High School/TollGate High School Class of 1973 will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sunday, July 30, at the Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave, Warwick. Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. \$50 per person. Checks payable to "VetsTollGate Class of 1973" can be sent to Ms. Judy Snow, 29 Oberlin Dr. Warwick 02886. Contact us at ClassOf73VetsTollgate@gmail.com with any questions.

**August 10, Second Annual Neighborhood Ice Cream Social** will be held on Thursday, August 10, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., at 33 Potters Ave., Warwick. There will be an ice cream truck with FREE ice cream and to socialize with your neighbors. Everyone is welcome! Steve McAllister City Council President.

**August 20, Greenwood Fire Company and Museum** will be holding their next Bingo on Sunday, August 20, at the Greenwood Fire Hall, 45 Kernick Street in Warwick. Everyone is invited. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. sharp and bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. Registration is recommended; space is limited to 50 guests. Reserve your spot by leaving a message at 401-241-7203 or email greenwoodvfc1@yahoo.com. You must be 18 to play. Snacks and drinks are for sale. Bingo markers are also for sale. Cash prizes, door prize and 50/50 special. Price of admission is \$15pp.

**Sept. 9, Stepping Stone Ranch Presents Waves of Glory** Stepping Stone Ranch, 201 Escoheag Hill Road, West Greenwich, presents Waves of Glory III on September 9 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. FREE outdoor, all-day event filled with worship, guest speakers and more! Tickets are free but

are required through Eventbrite. Visit www.inhisimageoutreach.org for more information.

**Weekend Spotlight**

July 20, Music on Main Stroll, on Thursday, July 20, starting at 5 p.m., East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly Stroll on Main Street, Main Street, East Greenwich. This month is Music on the Main Stroll. Local restaurants and retailers provide sidewalk offerings. Come join a great local gathering!

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

**Sept. 16, The Annual Conimicut Village-Wide Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 (Rain Date Sept. 17) from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Set up is at seller's home and seller keeps all their profits. Conimicut Village Association advertises and publishes a map. Email conimicutvillage@aol.com to get on the map if you are participating as a seller. Provide your name, address, phone number and indicate if you are also available for the rain date. Last day for listing on the map is Tuesday, Sept. 12.

**Sept. 19, The Ocean State Toastmasters Open House** will be held at the Proclamation Brewery, 298 Kilvert Street, Warwick, on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 6 – 8 p.m. Come and find out why the Ocean State Toastmaster's Club (OSTM) is a place to learn, grow, have fun and practice leadership, problem solving, storytelling and public speaking skills. RSVP - Please. For more information call (401) 359-3197 or go to oceanstatet Toastmastersclubs.org or send an email to: oceanstatetm.20@gmail.com. The Warwick-based Ocean State Toastmasters, 99 James P. Murphy Industrial Highway, Warwick, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7 p.m. there is informal networking and from 7 – 8:30 p.m., the Toastmaster meeting begins which includes testimonials, presentations, conflict resolution, blog post.

**Sept. 30, Warwick Central Baptist Church Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, September 30, from 12 to 4 p.m., 3270 Post Rd., Warwick. A fun time for all. Community Outreach opportunities. Music performed throughout the afternoon, children's activities and crafts, lunch, snacks and beverages. No cost to attend. For more information: pblagburn@yahoo.com.

**Sept. 30, Conimicut Village Arts Festival** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., in Conimicut Village, 765 West Shore Road, Warwick, behind Friends Way. Artists, Food trucks and entertainment. Joanne Miller 401-286-3946.

**Sept. 30, Pilgrim High School Class of 1983** will hold its 40th Reunion at Quonset Tavern by the Green, 615 Callahan Rd., North Kingstown, RI. For more information, please email pilgrimclass1983@gmail.com or visit our new Facebook page Pilgrim High School Class of 1983. Hold the date!

**Oct. 14, Annual No More Hunger Walk** A walk to call attention to food insecurity and raise funds for local food pantries will be held on Saturday, October 14. Registration is at 9 a.m. and

the walk begins at 10 a.m. Over \$20,000 has been raised in the past two years. The walk will begin at St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

111 West Shore Road, Warwick and proceed along West Shore Road to Donovan Park, in Conimicut Village. Any interested churches, organizations, and individuals are invited and encouraged to join. Call 401-737-8232 or e-mail WoodburyChurchRI@gmail.com for details.

**Oct. 15, Central Falls High School, Class of 1963 Reunion** Central Falls High School Class of 1963, will hold a 60th Class Reunion on Sunday, October 15, 12 – 4 p.m. at Chelo's Banquet Hall, 2225 Post Rd., Warwick. Tickets: \$60 for buffet and dancing. Please send checks to: Patricia (Guillette) Mannix, 111 Col. John Gardner Rd., Narragansett, RI 02882. Please include maiden name and phone number on check. For more information call or email Patricia Mannix 401-789-0451; Patriciagmannix@gmail.com Or, Nancy Dube Brazeau 401-789-0304; nancybraz@gmail.com.

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

**Every Monday, Gaspee Celtic Jam** - The Gaspee Celtic Jam meets at the Pawtuxet Village Baptist Church, 2157 Broad St., Cranston, every Monday from 7 – 9 p.m. Do you play fiddle, guitar, Irish flute, pennywhistle, bodhran, mandolin, banjo, concertina, accordion, folk harp, hammered dulcimer, Appalachian dulcimer, banjo, acoustic bass, ukulele, keyboard, recorder, or sing? All skill levels welcome. Visit www.gaspeecelticjam.org for more info (including the current tune list/tune book) or to send us any questions. No specific Celtic music experience is required.

**Every Tuesday, Jeep Night** Tri-City Elks Lodge #14, 1915 W. Shore Rd Warwick presents Jeep Night every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Around back at the lodge. Jeeps and 4 x 4's of all shapes and sizes are welcome. The Tiki Bar will be open for beverages and there will be food prepared by PB&J's available to purchase.

**Every Second Tuesday West Warwick AARP Chapter** West Warwick AARP Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, 70 Church Street, West Warwick. Looking to expand its membership. All are welcome to come to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with new friends.

**Every Wednesday, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** Meets every Wednesday night with weigh-in at 5:45 p.m., St. Rita's Church, 722 Oakland Beach Avenue, Warwick. TOPS is a great way to improve your health. Stop by for free!

**Every Third Wednesday Old Warwick Grange #41** The Grange Hall is located at 1175 West Shore Road, Warwick, meets the third

Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For information, please call either Joan Clegg at 401-465-7259 or Mike Osienksy at 508-954-9712. The Grange is a fraternal community service, non-profit organization with a special interest in rural life and the traditions of faith, patriotism, leadership and family values. It's a place where the whole family can go and grow. Help us to help others. There are no meetings in July and August.

**Every Thursday, Custom Collectible Car Show** Tri-City Elks Lodge #14, 1915 W. Shore Rd. Warwick, presents a Custom Collectible Car Show every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Around back at the lodge. Bring your auto and show it off or just come and enjoy! Motorcycles are welcome. There will be live music & food for sale and the Tiki Bar will be open for beverages!

**Every Thursday, Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS #38** is meeting every Thursday morning at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (lower level), 99 Pierce Street, East Greenwich. Weigh-in begins at 9:30 a.m. The is from 10 – 11 a.m. Enter from the side parking lot, go down the stairs to the kitchen area. All are welcome as well as any canned food donations. For information, call: Joan Tinkham 401-739-5322.

**Every Thursday Meadowlark Seniors** the Meadowlark Seniors meetings will resume on Sept. 7, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Kevin Church Hall, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick. Short meetings, fun activities, and socializing. Come join us. New members are welcome.

**Every Thursday - Get a Job Thursdays We Make RI, 200 First Ave., Cranston.** An organization that provides free manufacturing training, hosts a series of job fairs every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. We Make RI offer job seekers a chance to meet with employers, get career counseling, resume help and more. Some employers include Swissline Precision, Admiral Packaging, KB Surfaces, Warwick Hanger and Hitachi Cable. For more information about this event or other training opportunities, visit www.wemakeri.com/get-a-job-thursday or contact Mike at (401) 232-0077 x109.

**Every Friday Cribbage Players** Do you play cribbage? If so, consider joining a small group of cribbage players every, who meet and play at the East Greenwich Community Center, Pierce Street, East Greenwich every Friday at 9:30 p.m. This is a social group where all levels of players are invited to play and meet new friends; there is no cost involved. If you are interested in joining, contact Barbara at 737-6477.

**Starting Saturday, September 25, Citizenship Prep Classes** at WPL Prepare for the U.S. Naturalization Interview with Citizen Preparation classes at the Warwick Public Library, starting Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Practice citizenship vocabulary, learn the necessary civics content, and work on interview skills using the N-400 application form. Sign up at the library. For more information, call (401) 455-8041. These free classes are offered by the RI Family Literacy Initiative.

**Jan. 1, until July 31, St. Francis Xavier Academy Scholarship Applications** The St. Francis Xavier Academy Alumnae Association is accepting scholarship applications from Forms are available on our two Facebook pages, by mail at SXA, P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, 02920, or contact a board member.

*Hear that sound? It is all the buzz on what is happening this month! Want to buzz about your next outing? What about a fundraiser or club meeting? Share the love! Send your event information to: Ida at ldaz@rhodybeat.com!*





## Mickey delivers

Virgilio Silva is a fan of Mickey Mouse. He hasn't counted, but he estimates he must have 1,000 of them with the smallest being less than an inch – to the robot Mickey Mouse he created for a mailbox in front of his home at the intersection of Ralston Street and Falcon Avenue. The box is designed so that depressing in the arm opens the box for the delivery of packages. (Warwick Beacon photo)

## Rock N Jock for FARA planned for Aug. 13

On Sunday, Aug. 13, it's time again for Rock N Jock Charities' 23rd annual two-day event at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick.

The organization helps raise money to fight illnesses, including Friedrich's Ataxia, an illness battled by beloved Johnston resident Matthew DiIorio, who's family has pledged to keep up the good fight.

"In his 40 years of living, Matt literally inspired thousands in whatever he was involved but no more so than getting people to participate in raising funds and awareness and making the need to find a treatment and a cure for Friedrich's Ataxia a priority," according to the organizers of the Race for Matt & Grace. "Through each challenge Matt encountered during his 27-year battle with FA, he always managed to find the good in it, and it was Matt's mission to help others with FA experience the benefits of the FARA community, which has converted an FA diagnosis from a lonely place of uncertainty into one full of hope and optimism."

The beloved son of Sallyann and Jack DiIorio and big brother to twins Andrew and Nicholas, Matt passed away on the Fourth of July 2021, due to complications from FA.

Attending the Rock N Jock Charities 23rd annual two-day event is yet another way to show support for Matt's family and the cause he believed in.

A Golf Tournament has also been scheduled for the following day, Monday, Aug. 14, at Potowomut Golf Course.

"They have been supporting FARA and A Wish Come True for the last few years, last year they were able to give each organization \$14,000," said Matt's father, Jack DiIorio.

For more details or to purchase tickets go to [www.rocknjockcharities.com](http://www.rocknjockcharities.com).

The 2023 Rock N Jock Charities entertainment line up for our 23rd Night of Entertainment is now official. The event will feature Neal & the Vipers, who will return as the show-opener. As always Steve Smith and the Naked's will perform. Renowned Latin percussionist Tito Puente Jr. will be joining the lineup.

"We dare anyone to stay in their seat for his performance!" Declares the Rock N Jock organizers. "We are thrilled to announce that Rhode Island's own Billy Gilman has confirmed he will perform for us this year."

Tickets are available now.

There's also an update on the annual Race for Matt & Grace (partially named for Johnston's Matt DiIorio).

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

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

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

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

## Gas demand lower, but pump prices higher

Rhode Island's average gas price is up two cents from last week, averaging \$3.53 per gallon. Monday's price was one cent higher than a month ago, and .96 cents lower than July 24, 2022. Rhode Island's average gas price is six cents lower than the national average.

"Gas demand has fallen nearly 10 percent since the holiday, as folks have returned to their day-to-day driving routines," said Diana Gugliotta, AAA Northeast's Director of Public Affairs. "Typically,

this would lower gas prices, but such a move is being countered for now by the increasing cost for oil, the main ingredient in gasoline."

AAA Northeast's July 24 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be three cents higher than last week, averaging \$3.59 a gallon. Monday's national average price is two cents higher than a month ago, and is .77 cents lower than this day last year.

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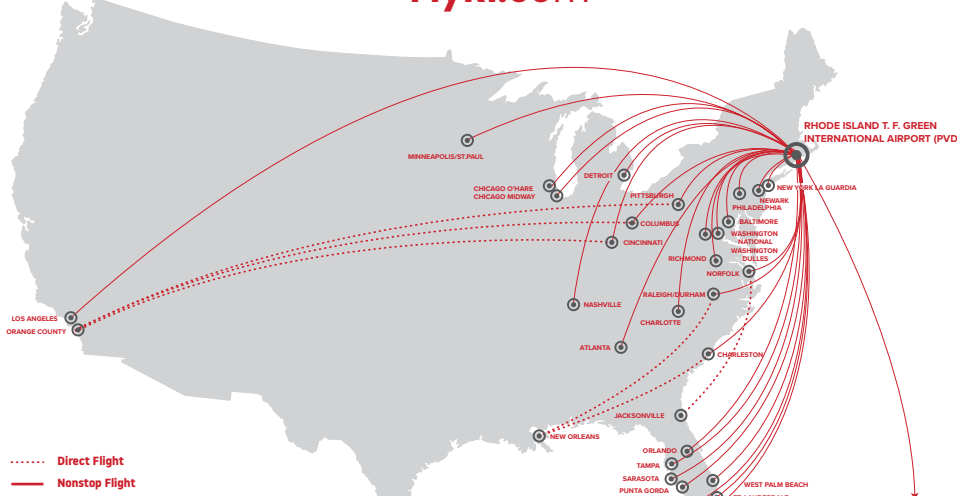
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**Clam Cakes** 1/2 DZ. **\$7.50**  
1 DZ. **\$12.50**

**Lobster Bisque** Cup: **\$7.50** Pt: **\$12.50** Qt: **\$16.50**

**Stuffed Quahogs** (ea.) **\$3.99**

**Portuguese Stuffy** **\$4.99**

**Shrimp Basket** 1/2lb. **\$13.99**

**Shrimp Tempura** (5) **\$9.99**

**Fried Calamari** **\$13.99**  
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**Fried Smelts** **\$13.99**

**Crab Cakes** (2) **\$14.99**

**Mozzarella Sticks** (6) **\$7.99**

**Chicken Tenders** (5) **\$7.99**

**Onion Rings** Large! **\$6.99**

**Cheesy Bacon Fries** **\$8.99**

**Fried Double Stuffed Oreo Cookies** (5) **\$7.99**

**SIDES**

**Coleslaw** **\$3.00**

**Piece of Fish** **\$12.99**  
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**Tender Bay Scallops** **\$16.99**

**Deep Sea Scallops** **\$22.99**

**Fried Shrimp** **\$16.99**

**Fried Seafood Platter** **\$24.99**  
Fish, Shrimp, Clams, & Scallops

**Fish Bites** **\$14.99**

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**Baked Stuffed Shrimp** (5) **\$22.99**

**Baked Bay Scallops** **\$22.99**

**Stuffed Sole** (2) **\$22.99**

**Baked / Blackened Cod** **\$17.99**

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**Scallop Roll** **\$15.99**  
Bay Scallops

**Fish Tacos** (2) **\$13.99**  
w/ lettuce, pico de gallo, spicy tartar

**Shrimp Tacos** (2) **\$13.99**  
w/ lettuce, pico de gallo, spicy tartar

**Fried Shrimp Roll** **\$14.99**

**Salmon Burger** **\$14.99**  
w/ lettuce, tomato, remoulade sauce

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# “Easy to do, but difficult to master”

By CADEN DILLON

Through an unassuming door on the side of 2699 Post Road lies a world of color.

When she was 15, Renee Metro’s art teacher took copper foil from the materials closet.

“Do you know what this is?” her teacher asked. She didn’t. Her teacher explained it is used to join together pieces of stained glass. Fast forward 25 years, and Metro has her own stained glass studio on Post Road.

Fulcrum Stained Glass opened in April and offers classes for beginners, open studio hours for more advanced artists to receive guidance on personal projects, and a variety of decorative glass for sale. Metro held a formal grand opening for Fulcrum on June 24 following a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Frank Picozzi the previous day, and now, things are in full swing. Classes, which range from \$225 to \$300 and run 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for six weeks, are currently full at six students each. Metro says she likes to keep class sizes small to better focus on individual students. After they finish the beginner course, students have the opportunity to keep returning for open studio hours at \$25 a week.

Fulcrum’s interior is like an artisan’s workshop enveloped in a rainbow. A shelf in the back of the studio houses the glass art for sale, which ranges from earrings and seasonal trinkets to a velvet-lined glass book for storing small items in. One wall houses a selection of dichroic and trichroic gems that appear in different colors depending on the light. These, Metro says, enjoy a particular popularity from her social media followers: “They go ‘Ooh, shiny thing!’” Hanging above the gems, meanwhile, are two of her largest pieces, including her “magnum opus” she calls “Rainbow Vortex,” a colorful, swirling piece that took her a year to finish. (Given the labor that went into its creation, Metro prices the piece at \$4,200, but admits that it’s “mostly because I don’t want to sell it!”)



Renee Metro with “Rainbow Vortex”

A project in the studio starts with choosing which colored sheets to work with, she says. The desired pattern is first drawn or printed on a piece of paper, and then traced over the glass with a special “scoring” tool. This makes a shallow crack, called a “score line,” in the shape of the traced pattern. Then, pliers can be used to turn the score line into a clean break that goes through the entire sheet. Different types of pliers lend themselves to different types of score lines: for example, a pair with wider jaws that raise in the middle are best for long, straight score lines.

After the glass has been cut into the right shape, its edges are smoothed by a grinder—a spinning cylinder that has different bit sizes, like a drill. The resulting dust is wiped off with alcohol. Then, the copper foil comes in. Solder doesn’t stick to glass, but it does stick to copper, so the edges of the glass are wrapped in thin copper foil before being soldered to adjacent pieces in the final stained glass work. Even a piece like Rainbow Vortex follows the same essential process, repeated pains-

takingly until complete.

Archimedes famously said “Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world.” The Fulcrum name, however, comes from a less weighty origin. An informative card on display in the studio explains it all: while apprenticing at Trinity Stained Glass & Windmill Studio in 2009, Metro was scoring a sheet of glass when it unexpectedly shattered. The problem lay in a failure to sweep the table clean before cutting. “[T]here was a tiny chip of glass left on the table, underneath the sheet I was cutting. This tiny glass chip had created a fulcrum, causing my glass sheet to break over it as pressure was applied while scoring.” The “fulcrum” became a running joke—a joke that, 20 years later, she honored in the name of her studio.

It hasn’t been an easy road to Fulcrum for Metro, however. The Trinity apprenticeship came to an abrupt end when the owner, Amy Custis, changed locations from Warwick to Martha’s Vineyard. Custis offered to sell her the store, but Metro didn’t feel ready to head her own business yet. She eventually started selling glass art through Etsy, but “their fees got really high,” so she moved to an online store on Shopify. Later opportunities to have a studio fell through, and for many years stained glass could only be a hobby. Metro is also autistic and has ADHD, which she says makes it “difficult for me to assimilate into everyday life and various jobs.” The focus required to settle in at a new job often led to exhaustion, affecting her physical as well as men-

tal health.

A hyperfocus on detail

In many ways, however, these obstacles helped her become a better artist. When opening an art studio seemed like a far-off fantasy, Metro worked in the jewelry industry. At one point her job was to mix resin into the right colors for beads. Her ADHD allowed her to hyperfocus on the task, lending her a sharp eye for color that she says is useful when making stained glass designs. “When I hyperfocus, I can learn every single detail about a specific area of interest,” she explains. “I learned how to pour and color resin beads so well, I became a master color mixer and even the overseas companies could not match my level of quality. I was told I had to dumb it down a bit in order for them to match what I was producing.” She also credits her ADHD for helping her to match glass for repairs and replacements; the same ability to focus intently on minute detail means she can pick up a piece of glass and quickly tell where it might be from and whether it’s still in production. Grants from the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services and the Rhode Island Developmental Disability Council helped her to finally realize her dream of opening a studio.

Stained glass is an expensive and relatively esoteric hobby, however, and art glass manufacturers have struggled to stay open in the 21st century. For many years Metro worried the industry was dying, but a new wave of glass enthusiasts has arisen from an unlikely place: Instagram.

Metro has been selling stained glass art through the photo-sharing app for several years now, and has watched as the younger generation drives a newfound interest in the art form. “When I started showing my work on social media in 2018, there was a handful of the younger generation working with stained glass,” she says. “Now I am seeing new glass artists’ accounts starting every day!” Her most popular posts document the work that goes into a new piece of glass art, demystifying the creative process and inspiring viewers to try it themselves. Newer techniques, such as glass fusion—which allows compatible pieces of glass to be melted together in a kiln—mean that not all stained glass needs to be soldered anymore. As a result, the latest generation of glass artists are thinking outside the box. “Stained glass isn’t just for churches and Victorian windows anymore,” Metro says.

In addition to classes, Metro sometimes holds three-hour special event workshops and takes commissions from customers who want a custom image in glass, like a portrait of a pet. Commissions are an extra time commitment, however, so she only opens them periodically, and they are currently closed until November. Metro also sells her stained glass work as part of the Hotpoint Emporium Artist Collaborative, located in Bristol. “I have to get my name out there more,” she says, but as Fulcrum becomes more established in the Rhode Island community, she hopes to run more classes and move to a larger studio space.

Stained glass is “easy to do, but difficult to master,” says Metro. Whether one desires to master or simply to learn, Fulcrum Stained Glass is there. Metro hopes it will stay for many years to come.



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Zachary Brown as Shylock pitches his plan to Angelo Cipolla as Nick Bottom. McKenna Kampper (center) dances with the ensemble (at right).



## ‘Something Rotten’ is happening at Hendricken this summer



The company of Something Rotten! enjoys dinner together before a dress rehearsal.



Benjamin Passarelli as The Minstrel leads a musical number.



(L-R): Casey Breiding, Kristen Carcieri, Sofia Borges, Sarah Burns, and Amelia Albino singing during a musical number.

Summer Stage at Bishop Hendricken High School presents Something Rotten!, a hilarious mash-up of sixteenth-century Shakespeare and twenty-first-century Broadway, from July 27-30 at the Dr. Daniel S. Harrop Theater at the school.

The production features a 4-show run with performances Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m.; Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$15 for adults.

“This production has been a huge undertaking, but our student actors, crew, and musicians have certainly risen to the occasion,” said Julia Paolino, Director of Arts. “The entire creative team is so proud of their hard work and dedication during these summer months. With show-stopping dances and laugh-out-loud comedy, especially for Shakespeare or musical theatre enthusiasts, Something Rotten! is sure to energize and delight our audiences.”

Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star, William Shakespeare. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world’s very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self.

Bishop Hendricken’s production features a company of 50+ student actors, technicians, and musicians



The ensemble kick lines during a musical number. (Warwick Beacon photos by John Howell)



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# What the mayor said on Facebook

The following posts were gleaned from the mayor's Facebook page during the last week.



## July 26

Last night a resident sent me these photos, this was happening to her street. Fortunately, I saw the message and I called our Highway Chief and he sent someone to mark the area with barrels and will send a crew out this morning to find out how this happened and repair it.

If you encounter something like this or anything that you think could be an emergency like a downed tree in the road, a water main leak, etc., after hours or on weekends, call the police department at 401-468-4200. They can get ahold of the DPW and other departments. You're welcome to message me of course but even though I check my messages as frequently as possible, in an emergency calling police would probably bring more immediate action.

## JULY 25

• We've confirmed reports that UPS and the Teamsters have reached a tentative agreement and a possible strike has been averted. The entire nationwide membership still has to vote

on the TA and that takes at least two weeks from what I was told. For Warwick this means we won't have to mobilize our police force, cancel events or incur any expenses.

We're all very pleased that the company and the workers could agree on fair compensation for very hard work. See you all at National Night Out!!!

## JULY 24

• Sadly, retired Warwick firefighter Captain Richard Baker has passed away. We thank him for his courageous service to our city.

We send our condolences to his family and friends. City flags will be flown at half-staff through Wednesday to honor his memory.

(edited)

• This morning I held a press conference announcing that a warning system has been developed for the Conimicut Point sandbar and it will be installed and functional in about two weeks.

I have been working on this system for a very long time. There was no "turnkey" device available anywhere. The sandbar is a very unique and dangerous area, and I designed this system specifically for it.

One of the features of the system is that we can access it remotely for any programming that needs to be done due to adverse and unusual conditions such as storms. Police and fire will have access.

The tide schedules have all been downloaded into the device. At the specific time that we've determined that conditions will start getting dangerous, an alarm will go off followed by an announcement warning of the danger and instructing people to leave the sandbar and will be repeated periodically. The announcement will be in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

In addition, there will be a pole at the beginning of the sandbar with police lights on it. The lights will begin flashing at the announcement and will continue flashing until the system turns it off when the tide has gone back out enough that conditions become safe again. There will be signage with graphics instructing people to stay off the sandbar while the lights are flashing.

-Most of the drownings that have occurred there happened because the victims weren't local and were unaware

of the dangers of the sandbar. This system will warn them in an emphatic way. It will save lives. The one flaw that we can't conquer is that people will have to heed the warning.

## JULY 23

• As many of you know the Rocky Point Pier has been subject to vandalism for a long time now. A lot of the vandalism is focused on the metal screening of the railings. They get kicked or

battered, bending them. At the very end of the pier there are three missing, the area is blocked off with plastic barriers. I consider it dangerous because the barriers can be easily moved. I thought new panels had been ordered but found out from Councilman Ladocuer last week that he had spoken to the director and learned that the manufacturer is no longer in business so they're looking for options.

In the meantime, I still consider it very dangerous to have missing panels. I had our police divers go down to search to see if they could locate the missing panels. Captain Bob Hart brought some help and searched today. They recovered the missing panels. I'll contact the RIDEM first thing in the morning and work out a way for them or us to get them reinstalled ASAP.

Kudos to Bob Hart and crew, WPD always comes through!!!

• This was sent to me from Councilman Timothy Howe. Tim is retired Army and a combat veteran. He runs RIMO and the military lounge at the airport.

22 July action report.

Early this morning, 133 Cadets and Cadre from the US Coast Guard Academy were bused to TF Green Airport. The plan was they would walk from the buses to the tarmac and board their plane. The plane was unexpectedly delayed indefinitely.

They were immediately invited to the RIMO Military Lounge. RIAC authorized usage of their conference rooms for the cadets to wait out the delay. RIMO immediately called into action our "Quick Reaction Force" (QRF) and within an hour, we had extra food, drinks and volunteers on hand to accommodate any needs and requests of our honored guests.

The USCG members, RIMO, RIAC and the City of Warwick were preparing for a long stay and the possibility of an early morning departure.

At 1400hrs, it was determined the plane would not be in the area until tomorrow, so the academy picked up the cadets and bused them back to the campus.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE (NEW)

LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A RETAILER'S BEVERAGE LICENSE **CLASS BL** TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Lin's Home 1 Inc.  
DBA: SenJoy  
400 Warwick Ave Unit 22  
Warwick RI 02888

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, 2nd floor WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
James H. Paolucci CLERK

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 468-4217, OR TDD AT 739-9150 **AT LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING DATE.

7/20, 7/27/23

## FOR SALE

All Saints Parish Complex: 323 Rathbun Street (21D-41-53) Zone: 0.15 acres, 8,055 sq ft of living area Rectory built in 1952; 365 Rathbun Street (21D-109-52) Zone: 0.94 acres, 18,169 sq ft living area Church built in 1902; 35 George Street (21D-42-51) Zone: 0.57 acres, 24,665 sq ft living area School built in 1922; and, 0 Social Street (21D-110-50) Zone: 0.44 acres, Parking lot.

The former All Saints Church Complex is for sale by the owner: the City of Woonsocket. The complex is made up of four (4) lots totaling over two (2) acres of land encompassing an entire city block between Social, George, Privilege and Rathbun Streets in Woonsocket. The site is located less than a half a mile from the Massa-

chusetts border and conveniently located within three (3) miles of Route 99 which connects to RI-146 and RTE 295.

The parcels are located in an R-4 Zoning District and the city is open for commercial and mixed used redevelopment plans that require relief from local ordinances: commercial use is desired. All parcels are serviced by city water, sewers and natural gas. Prospective purchasers are asked to review the recorded restrictions and covenants, and aerial photograph at <https://www.woonsocketri.org/purchasing-department/pages/bid-opportunities> The property will be sold on an "as-is" basis by Quit Claim Deed. Walk-throughs are available on request.

Solicitation of Offers: The City of Woonsocket must receive submission of offers, in a sealed envelope, either by mail or in person, no later than 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, delivered to the Purchasing Agent: 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02985. All questions and requests for information should be directed to Michael Debroisse, Director of the Department of Planning & Development, City of Woonsocket, at 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI, 02895, (401) 767-9231; or [mdebroisse@woonsocketri.org](mailto:mdebroisse@woonsocketri.org). Offers submitted late or improperly shall not be considered. FAXED or E-MAILED offers are not accepted.

The minimum offer that will be considered by the City of Woonsocket is One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$1,375,000.00) Dollars.

The City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, a municipal corporation, reserves the right to waive any defect or irregularity and the right to reject, in whole or in part, any offer to purchase the parcels. The City of Woonsocket has the right to negotiate with any offeror and reserves the right to seek Final and Best Offers. Proposed use, Closing date, price and terms shall be considered in selecting any offer.

7/27, 8/10/23

STATE WIDE 7

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND Probate Court of the CITY OF WARWICK NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING AND FOR HEARING IN SAID COURT

The Court will be in session at

## WARWICK CITY HALL on the dates specified in notices below at 9:00 AM for hearing said matters:

### ABEL, Susan F. est.

Sale of Real Estate for property located at 15 Windermere Way, Warwick, RI 02886 further designated as Assessor's Plat 235 Lot 225; for hearing August 3, 2023

### BEAULIEU, Angelique, est.

Guardianship Petition; for hearing; August 3, 2023

### BROWN, Alfred H. alias Alfred Brown, est.

Sale of Real Estate for property located at 65 Suburban Parkway, Warwick, RI 02889, further designated as Assessor's Plat 376 Lot 300; for hearing August 3, 2023

### CREIGHTON, Natale alias Natal Steven Creighton, est.

Name Change to Natale Steven Creighton; for hearing August 3, 2023

### DESJARLAIS, Stephan-Leo, est.

Name Change to Charlemont Léon Desjarlais; for hearing August 3, 2023

### MAGGIACOMO, Kevin R. alias Kevin Ronald Maggiacomo, est.

Allowance for Support Petition; for hearing August 3, 2023

### MCKEOWN, Portia Arleen alias Portia McKeown, est.

Administration Petition; for hearing August 3, 2023

### MUREDDU, Payge Anne, est.

Name Change to Zoey Anne Mureddu; for hearing August 3, 2023

### NORRIS, Pauley Rena alias Pauley Norris, est.

Sale of Real Estate for property located at 38 Titus Lane, Warwick, RI 02888 further designated as Assessor's Plat 294 Lot 166; for hearing August 3, 2023

### PEPPER, Leonard, Jr., est.

Guardianship Petition; for hearing August 3, 2023

### BARTH, TaliaMay Rose, est.

Francis William Barth, Jr., has qualified as Guardian of the Person

and the Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### CASIMIRO, Barbara L., est.

Michelle Sousa has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### FAGUNDES, Donald Robert Jr. alias Donald R. Fagundes, Jr.,

Tyler L. Fagundes has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### FERNANDEZ, Debra J., est.

Gerald A. Fernandez, Sr. has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### GILL, Elizabeth A. alias Elizabeth Ann Gill, est.

Kenneth Gill has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### GUGLIELMETTI, Luigi alias Louis Guglielmetti, est.

Francesca Labbadia has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### KRAMER, Dorothy G. alias Dorothy Gloria Kramer, est.

Barbara Goldberg has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

### PARIS, Richard J. alias Richard Jay Paris, est.

Amy V. Paris has qualified as Executrix (Marcia J. Boyd of 343C Main Street, South Kingstown, RI 02879 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

## JULY 22

• There was a house fire tonight on Warwick Neck. The Warwick Fire Department knocked down the fire very quickly and although damaged, the structure is intact. All residents and their pets got

out safely with no injuries. I spent some time with the residents and although they're shaken up they are otherwise fine.

Great job WFD!!!

• Some of the recent results of investing Federal ARPA funds into our infrastructure and equipment. This tractor arrived in the city yard this morning. It is similar to the one we got about a month ago. Before these two we had a tractor that was over 30 years old that we couldn't even get parts for anymore and it's been out of service for a long time. We had another that was more light duty and inadequate for the work and was broken down more than it worked. With the new tractor it takes one man four hours to cut the grass at Rocky Point, before that it took four men two days to do the same job using the other type of mowers than we have. Having these two pieces of equipment will free up many, many hours and allow us to get much more work done. These tractors also have the articulating arm needed to cut back brush in minutes as opposed to laborers spending hours doing it by hand.

We also have a new salt and sand enclosure. Before this structure we used tarps. We lost a lot of material to weather which is bad for not only the environment but also the wallet. We'll now be able to buy and stockpile larger quantities.

## JULY 21

• City of Warwick Beach Advisory update.

The Department of Health has issued an advisory that Oakland Beach, City Park Beach and Conimicut Beach are all able to reopen for swimming as of July 20, 2023 @ 4:00pm.

• I found this kicking around. The process for the construction of Warwick Town (now City) Hall began way back in 1892.

The total cost was \$49,037.69.

The electrical work was \$259.46.

The furniture was \$702.70.

Just incredible

## JULY 20

As most of you have seen in the news, the labor contract between UPS and their employees will expire on July 31.

I've met with both UPS management and union representatives along with Police Chief Brad Connor.

Both sides have said that negotiations are ongoing. The Union has said that employees have already voted to authorize a strike should an agreement not be reached.

My concern is how a strike would impact our city considering that UPS has a large facility here that would be a picket location which would require a large and constant police presence.

Our police department is a very competent and professional organization with outstanding leadership. They have already explored resources and devised logistical plans in the event of a strike. Colonel Connor has issued a mobilization plan for August which basically is an "all hands-on deck, no vacation or time off and on call 24/7" order.

In the event of a strike, police manpower and resources will be stretched to the limit and unfortunately that may result in the cancellation of some public events because we won't be able to cover them.

Both management and the union have said that even if an agreement is reached in the very near future, it would take a couple of weeks for the nationwide vote to get accomplished. In that eventuality workers are expected to continue working but demonstration pickets may occur.

In this situation we are hoping for a resolution, but we are prepared to deal with whatever happens.

## REILLY, Patricia A. alias Patricia Ann Reilly, est.

Dianne M. Reilly has qualified as Executrix (Donna S. Madden of 65 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023

City Clerk's Office at (401) 738-2006 Ext 4 at least (48) hours in advance of the hearing.

**ATTEST: LYNN D'ABROSCA, CITY CLERK**

7/20, 7/27/23

## INVITATION TO BID

Bridgemark, Inc. invites sealed bids for demolition, removal and replacement/installation of a modular aluminum (or equal) ADA compliant ramp, including required permits, inspection and documentation of ADA compliance at 1990 Elmwood Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888.

Each General Bidder may obtain complete sets of the Bidding Documents at Bridgemark, Inc. from Monday July 31st through Monday August 21st, 2023. For questions regarding the specifications or to arrange pickup of bid documents please contact (401) 781-2700.

Hours for pickup will be 10:00AM-4:00PM. Bid packages can also be obtained by emailing [milaurent@bridgemark.org](mailto:milaurent@bridgemark.org).

Bids are due by: Friday September 8th by 2:00PM. Opening of bids will follow.

Bids must be sealed and properly labeled. Emailed, faxed or unsealed bids will not be accepted. Bid proposals are to be sent to: Megan Laurent, Bridgemark, Inc., 1990 Elmwood Ave, Warwick, RI 02888.

This is a Federally Funded project. The contractor and subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 2 CFR 200, Build America Buy America ("BABA"), Davis-Bacon Act, Non-Discrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act, and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. HOHCDC is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women and minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

Contractor shall be paid for completion of work in accordance with the contract documents and funding requirements from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Bridgemark, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the bidding, and to enter into a contract with the bidder whom in their consideration offered the lowest and best proposal. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades.

7/27/23



## Amenity Aid

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

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

## Coventry Senior Band

The Coventry Senior Band is looking for musicians. A group of retired volunteers, we play gigs at Nursing Homes, Senior Centers, etc. If you are over 55 and play an instrument call David at (401) 368-6895 or email at [walsh-david170@gmail.com](mailto:walsh-david170@gmail.com)

## Alarm

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during the summer months.

A demonstration of the system, which had been pre-programmed to go off at 10:10 a.m.—and it did so, down to the second. The warning begins with a police siren and flashing red-and-blue lights, followed by a pre-recorded announcement warning of the danger. The announcement repeats twice each in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, and then the siren sounds again. This repeats in five- or ten-minute intervals until the sandbar is considered safe. The police lights will continue flashing between these intervals with accompanying signage. The fire and police departments plan to program the system to go off every day at the most dangerous times, and new alarms can be activated in anticipation of storms and other one-off weather events. To avoid disturbing nearby residents' sleep, however, the speaker and siren will only operate during the daytime. The lights will continue to operate at night.

According to Picozzi, the warning system technology isn't far from his famous Christmas display. The system runs on 12-volt external power with various easily replaceable parts, including the lights and speaker repurposed from an old police car. For timing, the system uses the same online service that Warwick schools use to schedule school bells. Reusing exist-

ing components like these helped the city keep costs down. The Conimicut Village Association tried to have a warning system installed in 2016, but was deterred by the estimated \$50,000 cost.

According to Carlucci, the mayor's system that is made up of spare police car lights and speakers ended up costing less than \$1,000. Although the mayor's system is less technologically sophisticated than the one explored by the CVA—which would have drawn energy from a solar panel and directly measured the tide with underwater sensors rather than using tidal data—Lonnie Barham, who spearheaded the 2016 effort, says that from what he's heard about it, he's confident in the new system's viability.

"I think this system's gonna work," he said. "I think it's great." He also gives kudos to the mayor for addressing the problem at all, contrasting Picozzi's efforts with the lackluster response from the city under Scott Avedisian, who was mayor in 2016, when the CVA requested a grant. "I want to emphasize that Mayor Picozzi is the first mayor that has shown real interest in solving the drowning problem at Conimicut Point," said Barham.

Picozzi said that most drowning victims at the sandbar are non-local and hence unaware of the danger. The most recent was Nicolette Biber of East Greenwich, who lost her life earlier this month when she went swimming at night. Warwick Police receive calls about the sandbar almost weekly.

"Two summers ago," Picozzi said, "a young girl named Yoskarly Martinez fell victim to the sandbar, as well as Valentin Cardona Sanchez, a very courageous hero who died trying to save her... That family wasn't familiar with the dangers of the sandbar, and I know if we had this system in place, that tragedy would not have happened."

With two weeks to go, preparations for the warning system's installation are just about finished. Picozzi said the city is "currently awaiting a weatherproof enclosure to house the components of the system and one more street lamppost to put on the sandbar to mount the police lights," as well as the finished design for the new signage, but the system itself is all set up and ready to go.

"We were all determined to find a way to prevent another tragedy," he said, "and I think we have."

**WITH LIGHTS FLASHING:** Phil Carlucci, who helped build the system the mayor designed describes the tidal warning system at Monday's press conference.



The Beach Avenue overlook in Conimicut offers a view of the Providence River from Fields Point in Providence to Conimicut Light and Narragansett Bay. Here a pair take in the sights on a recent summer day. (Warwick Beacon photo)

## Light

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the City of Warwick, Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse, and the Warwick Neck Improvement Association.

Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi wrote a letter on June 22nd to the GSA and called the lighthouse a "cultural, environmental, and historic asset to not only the residents of the City, but also to the entire State of Rhode Island." The five sentence letter just serves to express in-

terest. The letter reads that "preservation of the historic light, and providing public access to the property are elements that will be explored in more detail in the full application."

Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse already maintain Plum Beach Light – the squat red and white lighthouse that sits in the shadow of the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge in waters off of North Kingstown. Friends of Plum Beach point to their proven track record of caring for the North Kingstown lighthouse, which they have

done since 1999. Friends president David Zapatka wrote in a press release that "many groups fail to realize the difficulty, especially financially, in taking control of properties like the Warwick Neck Lighthouse. We've proven since 1999 that we have the knowledge, desire, and personnel to care for not only the Plum Beach Lighthouse, but to care for Warwick Neck as well."

While there will be repairs to the lighthouse necessary, as well as year to year upkeep costs, Friends

of Plum Beach wants Warwick Neck Lighthouse to be financially self sustaining. According to Zapatka, they have funded upkeep at Plum Beach Light through the sale of over 12,000 lighthouse license plates over the last 12 years. Zapatka did not say whether or not there would be Warwick Neck license plates, instead pointing to a different angle: tourist stays.

"There are many lighthouses offering overnight stays and we envision that possibility at Warwick Neck. People love lighthouses, people love staying in lighthouses, and our group has a great understanding of how they work."

The Warwick Neck Improvement Association says they will wait to publicly discuss a funding or operation plan until after they have inspected the property and determined whether or not to submit an official application. However, their level of enthusiasm sug-

gests an application is likely.

WNIA President Jonathan Knight said that "the possibility of acquiring the lighthouse is, without exaggeration, a potentially remarkable opportunity for the WNIA to expand the work we do to promote the welfare of the Warwick Neck community and for the benefit of all Warwick residents." In addition, while there is no official plan yet, Knight says that "opening the property to the public beyond what is now done for Easter Sunday service will certainly be a key consideration for us."

According to Hughes, the GSA did not receive an expression of interest from any State agencies. Hughes also says that there is "no set timeline for the review process." In its release Plum Beach said a final decision on control of the lighthouse would be made "within about two years."

## Schools

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municipalities an additional six months on either side of projects that previously had to be completed in five years to gain Rhode Island Department of Education reimbursement.

Thanks to a 2.5 percent increase in state funding resulting from legislative action initiated by House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi, Warwick is eligible to receive 55 percent reimbursement of the projected \$314.6 million hard costs of building the schools.

Should costs exceed the \$350 million, Mayor Frank Picozzi has said the city would not seek to make additional funding available for the schools.

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# IN THE NEWS

## Help us shine the light on achievement

Is a member of your family or a friend deserving of recognition? Did they make the honor roll, have they earned a promotion, have they been recognized by their school or an organization for an act of kindness, have they achieved a personal goal such as running their first marathon? Perhaps you have shared the good news on social media. Now celebrate it in print with your hometown community.

Send your good news report along with a photo if you choose to John Howell at [JohnH@rhodybeat.com](mailto:JohnH@rhodybeat.com). Please use "good news" in the subject line of your email and include your name and a phone number should there be questions or we want to follow up with a more in-depth story.



## Church

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father's advice under the assumption that no one would steal a bike from a church. (Spoiler alert: it got stolen.)

According to Fr. Robert Marciano, pastor at St. Kevin Parish and president of Bishop Hendricken High School, there are three reasons a church might be closed and the building relegated "from sacred to profane," or secular, use: structural issues, a lack of funds, and a decline in the number of parishioners. In St. Catherine's case, it was the third.

St. Catherine originally opened in Apponaug in 1919, following a three-year construction period that had suffered delays due to the onset of World War I. In 1955, it acquired a nearby home, which it remodeled in 1971 to add a convent. The convent was sold in 1988.

By 2014, the modern religious vocations shortage led St. Catherine to share a priest, Fr. Pierre Plante, with the nearby St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Plante retired in 2021. Coupled with declining Mass attendance and sacramental activity (only three marriages, eight baptisms, and 13 First Communions were performed at St. Catherine between 2016 and 2019), knowledge of Plante's impending retirement led Bishop Thomas J. Tobin to make the decision to merge both St. Catherine and St. Francis with SS. Rose and Clement Parish that July. The St. Catherine parish buildings were left

vacant and put up for sale at an asking price of \$1 million.

Although St. Catherine has emotional value to the Tonnings, Matt can still think like a businessman about the sale. Tonnig says the property is "in the ballpark of 6- to 8,000" square feet, with the building in high-quality condition, acquired at an appealing price per square foot.

"Financially it's a win" for the city as well, he says. Churches are exempt from income and property taxes, so putting the building to secular use means Warwick will receive tax money it didn't have before.

The final factor in the purchase was the location close to home. Matt lives in Warwick and Bob in Massachusetts, and both of them have children. Out of state properties, Matt says, take away the time that he'd rather be spending with his family. As a result, most of the properties they've worked with are in Providence, and a few in Warwick. "This is by far our largest purchase," he said, "and we are excited to see where it goes."

Marciano said three Warwick parishes have closed in recent years. One, St. Benedict, is up for sale and has been proposed as the site of a new affordable housing project. The other two have been sold. St. Francis, with its vacant school building, is planned to be the permanent home of brand-new Catholic high school Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope.

St. Catherine's fate, meanwhile, lies in the Tonnig brothers' hands alone.





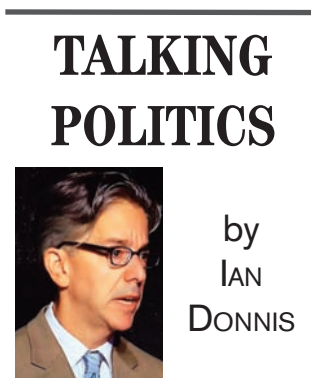


# No such thing as dog days of politics

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** With a bit more than six weeks until the Sept. 5 primary in Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District, the race took a dramatic turn last week. Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos, generally considered the frontrunner among 12 Democrats, emerged at the center of a controversy involving signatures gathered by her campaign. At first, the dubious signatures were found in Jamestown, then Newport and East Providence, with fresh findings fueling widespread media coverage through the week. The big field of candidates means that a Democrat could win the primary with a narrow slice of the vote. That could offer hope for Matos as her campaign tries to regain its footing. But the signature controversy sparked a clear line of attack for rivals Gabe Amo, Don Carlson and Aaron Regunberg, who have been most outspoken in criticizing Matos; in part, they faulted her for not directly addressing questions about the signature-collection effort. (Matos staged a news conference Friday evening, apologizing while also trying to distance herself from blame.) The story is all the more curious since Matos (who first won office in 2010) is no stranger to politics, and getting 500 signatures to qualify for the ballot without the whiff of scandal would seem like a straightforward lift. Instead, two different campaign workers are listed as those who gathered the signatures (one of whom appeared in a campaign ad for Gov. Dan McKee last year). The controversy can be expected to become part of TV ads in the weeks ahead, as well as fodder for debates, and State Police and AG Peter Neronha are involved in investigating what happened. "I'm surprised about the error because the lieutenant governor has run for office many times, has been the City Council president and lieutenant governor, and these are mistakes that are very preventable," House Speaker Joe Shekarchi said during a Political Roundtable interview. Matos' campaign manager, Brexton Isaacs, tried to create some distance from the wave of unflattering headlines. In a statement Thursday he said, "Our campaign was deeply disappointed and angry to learn of reports that inaccurate signature were submitted to the campaign. Our campaign provided clear instructions to circulators on how to correctly gather signatures. Anyone who violated these detailed instructions and the nomination process has no place in our campaign and will be held accountable. Any insinuation that our campaign in any way encouraged this is simply false and contradictory to the facts." For now, the signature controversy scrambles the dynamic in CD1 as the race goes red hot, with Matos fighting the political fight of her life and her rivals arguing that the situation demands a different choice in the race.

**ARMORY:** The McKee administration last week poured cold water on the idea of Scout Ltd. redeveloping the Cranston Street Armory, citing a report by consultant JLL in arguing the makeover could become a money hole for taxpayers. But maintaining the long-vacant Armory costs the state a few million dollars each year. And after the disastrous visit by two RI officials to Scout's home city of Philadelphia earlier this year, some observers view the McKee team's move as nothing other than retribution. The fundamental question remains whether the Armory can be restored to a productive use that benefits the surrounding neighborhood. Amid talk of a possible transfer of the building to Providence, it's unclear for now if the cash-strapped city could muster the economic resources to move a revitalization project forward.

**ECONOMY:** Is the glass half-full or half-empty when it comes to Rhode Island's economic outlook? According to the state Department of Labor and Training, RI-based jobs grew by 700 from



**TALKING POLITICS** by IAN DONNIS

May to June, lowering the unemployment rate to 2.9%. While the labor force of 569,900 was down by 3,000 from June 2022, DLT reported the labor participation rate at 63.2%, better than the national figure of 62.6%. Yet URI economist Leonard Lardaro's latest monthly report finds that Rhode Island's economy is contracting and in a state of what he calls a statistical recession.

**SHEKARCHI:** Speaker Shekarchi and I discussed a range of issues on Political Roundtable this week. While the RI League of Cities and Towns maintains that a new law offering presumptive hypertension/heart disease benefit for firefighters is misguided, Shekarchi said the measure includes appropriate safeguards: "[It] still requires three medical professionals to make some kind of a certification. And it just shifts a little bit of the burden in the process. It doesn't automatically guarantee anybody any right to any kind of a disability pension."

**MILLER:** State Sen. Josh Miller entered a no-contest plea last week, after being accused of keying a parked car with a "Biden sucks" sticker at Garden City Center in June. Still, Miller's critics seemed unimpressed by the resolution of the case, with the longtime state senator sticking to the words in a contrite statement accepting sole responsibility for what happened. Barring further unlawful behavior, the misdemeanor charges of vandalism and obstruction will be expunged. As part of his plea, Miller agreed to pay \$2,850 to the victim and an additional \$250 to the RI Community Food Bank.

**SCOTUS:** The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee this week sent to the Senate a measure backed by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse that would require the Supreme Court to adopt a code of conduct. While support for the measure breaks along party lines in the Senate, Whitehouse remains bullish about the outlook due to sinking public confidence in SCOTUS. As he said in a joint statement with Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois, "Public support of the Supreme Court is at an all-time low following the steady stream of reports of Justices' ethical failures. This vote is a first step in restoring the American people's confidence in its highest court. We've been working for 11 years to encourage the Supreme Court to adopt a binding code of conduct for all its Justices, whether appointed by Democratic or Republican Presidents. Chief Justice Roberts had his chance to act, and he refused. Now, we will – and it's well within our constitutional authority to act. These reforms would apply in equal force to all Justices and – importantly – reinforce the Court's legitimacy, contrary to the unfounded assertions by Senate Judiciary Republicans. It's time for the nine Supreme Court Justices to abide by a code of conduct just like every other federal official. We look forward to working with our colleagues on its consideration before the full Senate."

**RI IN DC:** U.S. Rep. Seth Magaziner has moved up faster than anyone expected to be the Ocean State's senior House member in Washington. Now, Magaziner has passed his first series of legislation in the chamber. In an FAA reauthorization bill, he advanced an amendment meant to strengthen cybersecurity at airports. And in the National Defense Authorization Act, Magaziner was able to move amendments meant to expand defense sector workers' access for affordable housing, ensure service members get accurate health-care information, and provide

service members and their families with "smart sleepers" for babies. With an eye to 2024, the National Republican Congressional Committee continues to send releases critical of Magaziner, and the freshman lawmaker is using the attacks in turn in calling for more contributions to his campaign account.

**EDUCATION FUNDING:** A significant part of Massachusetts' late 1990s education reform was an effort to replace a property tax-based funding formula with a more equitable approach. So it's worth noting how the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council recently found that legislative moves over recent years have eroded earlier progress toward more equitable funding. Excerpt: "This retreat from more equitable funding is illustrated by the fact that some of the state's most affluent districts received the greatest percentage increases in state aid per pupil over the past three years, while none of the five urban core districts were among the eight districts receiving the highest percentage increase in state per pupil aid. The percentage increase for Providence (16.6 percent) was less than the average increase for all districts (19.7 percent)."

**WALK THE WALK:** Pedestrian safety remains a concern in Providence and elsewhere in Rhode Island, so check out this recent segment of Freakonomics Radio (heard each weekend on The Public's Radio) – "Why is the U.S. So Good At Killing Pedestrians?" Excerpt: "Last year: around 7,500 deaths. And it's not just the raw numbers increasing: the rate of pedestrian deaths per mile driven is the highest in more than 40 years. Even during the pandemic, when driving was way down, pedestrian deaths continued to rise. Among the world's high-income countries, the U.S. is particularly good at killing pedestrians — the death rate here is much higher than in places like northern and western Europe, Canada, and Japan."

**TAKES OF THE WEEK** is gearing up after my recent vacation.

**PAIGE CLAUSIUS-PARKS,** Executive Director of Rhode Island KIDS COUNT: "In the Supreme Court affirmative action case, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote, 'Many universities have for too long ... concluded, wrongly, the touchstone of an individual's identity is not challenges bested, skills built, or lessons learned but the color of their skin.' I disagree. Past and current systemic racism in the U.S. and in Rhode Island have created persistent disparities in college access and attainment for people of color. The color of a child's skin correlates to that child's economic well-being, development, education, health, and safety. The U.S. Constitution and laws are not, and have never been, color-blind. As a result, the skills, worldviews, and identities of many people of color are greatly influenced by our race and our lives are shaped by our racialized experiences. I would not have had the perspective required to make the positive contributions that I made while a student at Providence College, like starting an LGBTQ student association, if it weren't for the experiences I had living in a Black body. Colleges and universities have long recognized the value of admitting racially diverse students because diversity is a critical element of learning and growth. I commend Rhode Island's colleges and universities for their continued commitment to equity and diversity. Thank you for seeing our Black and Brown skin and for knowing we are an asset."

**BILL REYNOLDS:** Here's a tribute from Scott MacKay after the recent death of former Providence Journal sports columnist and author Bill Reynolds.

"For nearly four decades, Billy Reynolds entertained, enlightened and educated thousands of readers, so naturally there were stories among the hundreds who lined up to pay respects at his wake Tuesday. Projo col-

leagues and local broadcast journalists thronged the wake. Boldface basketball names were in the long, snaking line at Nardolillo Funeral Home – former Big East Commissioner Mike Tranchese, Brown coach Mike Martin, PC and NBA star Joe Hassett. Chris Herren, too; Billy wrote about the Fall River player and former Boston Celtic, and helped Herren when he descended into drug addiction. Others there knew him only from lunch-time hoop pickup games or his books or columns. Reynolds was unique. As the Boston Globe's Bob Ryan said on ESPN, other sportswriters were in awe of Reynolds because, unlike them, he was a hoop star at Brown and could actually play the game about which he wrote so passionately. Billy had a sense of history, recalling the two-handed set and an era when the pride of mill towns across New England rested on how well high school teams played on winter nights in sweaty gyms with roll-out bleachers. He once told me that when he played for Barrington in the 1960s, games against Warren and Bristol were 'class and ethnic dogfights.'

"Reynolds' Saturday morning one-liner column, For What It's Worth, was a must-read. It was as if every head in diners from Napa-tree Point to Woonsocket's North End were buried in his column. Yet, to those who knew and loved him, Reynolds' greatest legacy was his humanity, humility and deep respect for those who had less. How he mentored young reporters. His quiet but insistent prodding of Brown football coaches to recruit a talented, impoverished Black kid from Pawtucket with great grades and fine SAT scores (Dereck Knight). His reporting trips to such places as Anderson, S.C., hometown of Jim Rice, to discover how race and Rice's roots limned the future Hall of Famer's career in Boston. The winter he spent with the Hope High School hoop team for his poignant book, Hope: A School, A Team, a Dream. Reading this book will give you a better insight into the challenges of Providence schools than 20 Johns Hopkins reports. Reynolds retired at 74. His voice was stilled by a joust no one ever wins, the Alzheimer's that smothered it at 78. His wife, the wonderful Liz Abbott, has compiled a bunch of Billy's best writing into a book, "Story Days." There will be a book event at Brown's Pizzitola Sports Center on Saturday, July 22, 2-5:30 p.m. All are invited. As Ryan said, 'He'll never be replaced.'"

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE FIGHT:** The Rhode Island Supreme Court this week ruled, four to one, that Richmond resident Jessica Purcell is entitled to a seat on the Chariho Regional School District Committee. Via my colleague Alex Nunes: "The decision ends a months-long legal battle that began when Republican members of the Richmond Town Council went against the town's home rule charter to appoint a statewide conservative activist named Clay Johnson to fill a vacancy on the school committee instead of Purcell, who was the highest unelected vote-getter in the 2022 election. Johnson, who was not a candidate, is well known as chair of The Gasppee Project, a group that supports right-leaning candidates and conservative causes in Rhode Island, and once promoted the Jan. 6 rally that led to the attack on the U.S. Capitol. 'I think it is a victory for all Richmond residents,' Purcell said of the ruling in a phone call Tuesday morning. 'I think we've been truly served by this decision, because it affirms the belief that Richmond deserves representatives, not rulers.'"

**KICKER:** To the untrained eye, it may appear that we're living in plush times to be a television viewer, with streaming services creating content and offering an array of choices for viewers. Yet the ongoing strike by writers and actors raises the question of whether the TV/film industry is reshaping or collapsing. In one sign of

change, Bloomberg entertainment reporter Lucas Shaw writes that Netflix and YouTube will soon account for as much TV viewing as all the broadcast networks. As Shaw tells Terry Gross, "The truth is, that may already be happening. But the measure for that is this Nielsen measurement called The Gauge, which just measures viewership on television for the most part. So think about how much viewership of YouTube happens on a mobile device, and the total amount of time viewing those two could already have exceeded. But Netflix and YouTube have really been the two companies over the last

10-plus years that certainly I've spent a bulk of my time writing about, and that have completely revolutionized the entertainment and media business from two ends – you know, Netflix at the premium high end, very much like HBO, but breaking a lot of the rules of how the entertainment business has worked, and then YouTube at the lower end, creating this new generation of user-generated content that a lot of people like. And while we can dismiss it as low quality, you know, a lot of viewers feel otherwise."

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Rev. Scott R. Lee  
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## Wave officers make a splash for ALS

Wave Federal Credit Union's first CEO Splash for the ALS Association took place at the credit union's main office in Warwick on July 19th. David P. Dupéré, President and CEO, said that the credit union is very thankful for the outpouring of support that raised over \$5,500 for the ALS Association. ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that causes people to lose their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe. The CEO Soak, inspired by the Ice Bucket Challenge of 2014, was hosted by the credit union to raise money toward treatments and a cure for ALS.

At this event, the community was invited to watch the credit union's executive officers get soaked to include the President/CEO, Vice President of Lending – Elizabeth L. Zachow, and Vice President of Operations – Betty A. Pinheiro. A donation page was set up online to support the team with the option to donate to their team or join their team to help raise critical funds and awareness to help fight back against this disease.

Dupéré said the credit union would do whatever it takes to help the ALS Association make ALS a livable disease. He thanked everyone for making this such a fun event for a great cause and said that the success of this event would not have been possible without the generosity of their members who are always there to help support the community.



**GETTING DOSED:** (left to right front row) Elizabeth L. Zachow, VP of Lending, David P. Dupéré, President/CEO, Betty A. Pinheiro, VP of Operations. (back row) Wave CEO Soak Team

### Paul F. Silva, Sr.

Paul F. Silva, Sr., passed away suddenly on July 14, 2023, at his home in the arms of his son and with his wife by his side at the age of 84. He was the son of the late Frank and Edna (Chamberland) Silva. Paul resided in Warwick for the past 62 years.

Paul was self-employed and opened his first gas station in Cranston, RI in 1959. He relocated his business in 1965 to Providence St. in West Warwick, known as Brookfield Hills Service Center, Inc. His service center was a fixture in the community where he knew his customers by name. His business flourished and he went on to continue to service the community with his towing business. He towed for AAA of New England for many years. He later purchased a second service center in the Buttonwoods section of Warwick where he towed for the Warwick Police Department for numerous years. He retired after 37 years in business. His retirement was short lived, ever the hard worker, he decided to renovate his West Shore Road service center into Papa's Ice Cream, LLC. The name being the culmination of his wife and children's names and he being the "S" for Silva. His goal was to have a 1950's inspired ice cream shop where families could make happy memories as he did as a child. He continued to be involved in the business until a few years ago. His son and daughter-in-law are carrying on his legacy.

Paul loved nothing more than to watch his grandson on the baseball field at Warwick Continental bringing back so many memories of watching his son playing for the same league. Back in the day he was actively involved with Warwick Continental running the concession stand. Always the man giving back to his community. Paul also served in the Air Force Reserves.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 62 years, Adelaide "Addie" (Murphy) Silva, his children Addie Fandetti (Stephen) of Foster, Pamela Silva of Warwick, Paul Silva, Jr (Amy) of Warwick and the light of his life, his grandson Cole Silva.

He was the brother of the late Carol (Silva) Nottage. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 8:30AM from the URQUHART-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 800 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick at 10:00AM. Burial will follow at St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston.

Calling hours were on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 5:00PM-8:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Tomorrow Fund, RI Hospital Campus, POB, Suite 422, Providence, RI 02903.

www.murphyfuneralhomes.org

### Maureen Dolores Moran

Maureen Dolores (O'Connor) Moran, 83, of Warwick, passed away on Saturday, July 22, 2023. She was the loving wife of the late Thomas R. Moran. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Marie (Deslauriers) O'Connor.

Maureen is survived by her beloved children, Amy E. Moran and Thomas R. Moran, Jr. (Wendy), her siblings, Robert Logan of Providence, Lorraine O'Connor of North Kingstown, Barbara Herron of North Kingstown and Jean Smith of Providence, her grandchildren Ashley Moran and Jack Moran, and her pet canine Roxy.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Frederick O'Connor, Norma Marsh, Thomas Logan, and Edward Logan.

Funeral Services will be private and have been entrusted to THE URQUHART-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 800 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beacon Hospice Care, Professional Office Park, 1130 Ten Rod Road, Suite A205, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

## Stephen M. D'Angelo

JULY 29, 2022  
MARKS EIGHT YEARS...



Beloved son, brother, uncle and loved by so many, you are truly missed. July 29, 2023 marks eight years since your passing. No child should predecease their parent and no one or time can prepare anyone for such a loss. We thank you for all your signs and again you find ways to comfort all. We pray that you are alright and know we will all be together once again.

Forever in our hearts and prayers.  
Mom, Dad & Family/Friends

## GARY P. CLARE

62nd Birthday Remembrance  
1961 JULY 28 2023



One bright and sunny July morn  
My fair-haired blue-eyed boy was born  
He came to me so I could see  
What truly was inside of me

He came, he learned and grew so smart  
And worked his way into my heart  
What beauty and gladness I did find  
He truly was one of a kind

Then one cold January day  
The angels came to say  
Your boy is going somewhere else to stay  
Do not be sad they said, he is just away

He left me too soon to deal alone  
The sadness and reality that life has shown  
We both enjoyed our bit of time  
But forever was not to be, his or mine

Love & miss you always,  
'til we meet again...  
Mother Dot & Brother Doug

# OBITUARIES

### Samuel F. Palumbo, Jr.

Samuel F. Palumbo, Jr. passed away at his home in Bluffton, SC, on July 10, 2023. Recently retired to Bluffton, he lived most of his life in Warwick, Rhode Island. He is preceded in death by his father, Samuel, and his mother, Clara, and survived by his beloved wife, Barbara (Clegg), with whom he had just celebrated his 57th anniversary.

As a young boy he helped his father grow flowers in the family nursery business. While in high school he developed an appreciation for classic cars that would remain with him throughout his life--always tinkering under the hood of an old Ford or Chevy. Surpassing his appreciation for classic cars were his uproarious games of High Low Jack that he played with his late brother and sister, Joe Castro and Marie LaSalandra, and family.

Sam one day altered his career path by taking a job manufacturing windows for Ford Products Company. Hard work and ambition eventually led him to become owner of the company.

Yet later in life he returned to the nursery business, this time with his two sons, Dean and David, to run Airport Nursery. Customers often joked that the plants flowed through Farmer Sam's blood, keeping him young.

He was a private man who rarely exposed his heart, but one Thanksgiving, with his family around the dinner table, he tearfully stood with his glass to toast the happiness that filled him working with his family in the nursery business. Rest in peace, husband...Dad... Grampa. We will meet again. Sam's remains will be laid to rest in the Gates of Heaven Cemetery in East Providence, RI.



### George R. LaPlante

George R. LaPlante died peacefully at home on July 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He will be greatly missed for his loving soul and selflessness. He was man of great faith and a depth of kind-heartedness that is rare. He blessed all he encountered.

He is survived by his wife, Frances "Fran/Pee-Wee" (Poli), and children Irene Rocchio Leddy and her husband Frank, Raymond J. Rocchio Jr and his wife, Dena, and John Rocchio and by grandchildren: Amanda Zonfrillo and her husband, Brian, Nicole Rocchio, Jack Rocchio, Julia Rocchio, Katherine Rocchio and Elizabeth Yeremian. George is also survived by his great-grandson, Cristian Zonfrillo and George's brother Emile La Plante.

He was preceded in death by parents Rosaire and Alice (Richotte) La Plante and sister Jean LaPlante.

He worked for 35 years at Soluol Chemical, but most enjoyed his years as a bus driver for special needs children at First Student Warwick.

Calling hours are Friday, July 28, at Woodlawn Funeral Home, 600 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, from 8:00 – 9:00 am, followed by funeral services at 10:00 am, at St. Thomas Parish, 65 Fruit Hill Ave., Providence. Burial will take place at St. Ann Cemetery, 73 Church St., Cranston.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: St. Thomas Church, 65 Fruit Hill Ave, Providence, R.I. 02909.



### 95th Birthday Remembrance

## Pat Sousa

7/25/1928 – 3/28/2023

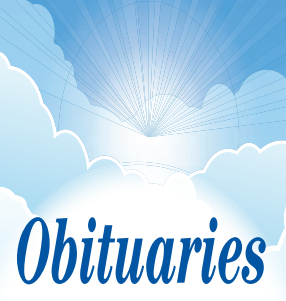


Missing and remembering you on your 95th birthday.

We know you are enjoying a beautiful celebration with Dad after 41 long years apart.

You both are forever in our hearts, thoughts and memories

With much love,  
Your Family



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– Thank you

### Richard C. Baker

Retired Captain WFD Richard C. Baker (78) passed away at home in Warwick, RI on July 19, 2023, he was surrounded by his family and close friends. Richard, fondly known as Rick, was born to Edgar and Vivian Baker on January 22, 1945, in Cranston, RI. He was a graduate of CCRI where he earned a degree in fire science. After high school, he spent time in the Navy. He spent the next 30 years as both a Warwick Firefighter and in the Coast Guard Reserve, as well as working as an EMT for 20 years. After retirement, he was a member of The Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Rick was a boating enthusiast who had a boat before he had a car and enjoyed a lifelong passion for the ocean. He was a true "Rhode Islander" and loved visiting Beavertail lighthouse and going on annual trips to Block Island. He enjoyed both riding on trains as well as model trains as a hobby, an interest which he shared with his grandson. He enjoyed watching Nascar racing and going to Seekonk Speedway, watching and going to Boston Bruins and Providence Bruins games and going for drives with his dog, Billie. He was a devoted husband, a trusted friend and a loving father who cherished his time with his young grandchildren, who knew him as "Grampy". He was easy-going and easy to talk to, happy to spend hours talking or just listening. He lived a life full of love, respect and integrity and had a wonderful sense of humor with a contagious laugh. He was very loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years Debra McLaughlin Baker R.N., as well as his two children and two grandchildren. His son, Dr. Christopher Baker, daughter-in-law Xiao Baker and granddaughter Cara Baker. His daughter Ashley Plummer, his son-in-law Ryan Plummer and grandson Oliver Plummer. Also his sister Loretta Botelho, her husband Keith, his brother Larry Baker, his brother Raymond Baker as well as many in-laws, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister Sharon Vieira.

His wake was held at Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick on Monday July 24th from 6-8pm, funeral Tuesday was for close friends and family only. Donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105, in his name will be greatly appreciated.

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." -Unknown

## Mary "Betty" McLaughlin

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1/15/1947 – 7/28/2021



The tears in my eyes  
I can wipe away,  
The ache in my heart  
will always stay.

Love, John

85th Birthday Remembrance

## June C. Silvia



It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You were such a gift to us.  
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Love,  
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# 'Constructed Prisms' capture artists' perspectives

By DANA RITCHIE

"We got what we were hoping for," said Anabel Vázquez Rodríguez, artist, curator and professor, as they walked through the Constructed Prisms exhibit at the Warwick Center for the Arts space during the opening event on Thursday July 20. Though they selected the pieces on display, they had not yet seen the exhibit.

**SCULPTURE:** Alex Tum said that he was inspired by the human body and militarism when crafting his piece "...Something With Blood" that won the Excellence in Sculpture Award.

"It was such an abstract and specific description," Vázquez Rodríguez said. "We wanted folks to be inspired and have wild interpretations, and I think we got that."

Howie Snieder, the other jurist for the exhibition, joined them as they lingered on each piece. As a sculptor and Executive Director of The Steel Yard— a non-profit industrial art area, he pointed out the craftsmanship in the selected pieces.

Constructed Prisms is the artistic brainchild of Snieder and Vázquez Rodríguez. Snieder recalled that when Danielle Salisbury, Executive Director of WFCFA, reached out to him looking to exhibit a sculpture-dominant show, he thought it would be creatively interesting to work with his studio-mate, Vázquez Rodríguez, to put sculpture in conversation with photography. "Anabel and I started talking about it, and we decided on this combination of the sculptures, which are real physical forms, versus photography which is like the illusion of form," Snieder said. "They both play with light in an interesting way." "Sculpture meets photography," Vázquez Rodríguez added, motioning to the exhibition space.

Salisbury said that this vision created a "very beautiful balance" and "fills the space beautifully." "What I particularly loved about this idea was that we were going to have work on the walls and a sculpture show," she added.

Salisbury said the exhibit features 31 local artists, and at least 30% of the artists had never shown with WFCFA before. She added that some people submitted multiple pieces, likely encouraged by the waived submission fee for the first entry. She was pleasantly surprised by the multigenerational draw of talent, adding that there were "18 year olds to 80 year olds" showing their art.

"The age range is really cool," Salisbury said. "We have a number of college kids in this show, and I don't think you can pick them out by the quality of their work."

4 awards presented

Nearly a hundred visitors gathered to celebrate the artists.

Towards the end of the event, Salisbury presented four awards to artists featured in the exhibition. Snieder and Vázquez Rodríguez were also in the conversation to select the winners. In addition to a year-long artist membership with the WFCFA, the winners were also awarded a cash prize of \$50 and a family 4-pack of Bring Your Own Improv tickets.

Carol Mossa received the Excellence in Photography award for "Congruence," a black and white photograph of a child holding an umbrella and staring into the distance.

"I love the shadows on his face," she said. "I love all the black and white in his jersey."

When explaining the decision, Snieder said that the piece "has the feeling of such a personal moment, but there's something about it that becomes so universal about the experience, the expression (and) the feeling."

Mossa has been a member with WFCFA for a year, and this was her first time showing in their gallery. She added that she has been taking pictures "for years and years." In 2014, she published a book of photographs entitled Linger Longer: Lessons of a Contemplative Life, and recently, she's gotten into urbex photography in which she explores and captures abandoned buildings.

It was not until this past year, when she realized she turned 68 instead of 69 and had "an extra year," that she decided to start showing her work in galleries. So far, she said her work has been accepted everywhere she's applied.

Rylie Paul, a rising senior at MassArt majoring in Ceramics, won the Excellence in Craftsmanship award for her ceramic piece "Fungal Epergne." She said she was inspired by the "natural systems of growth" to create what she describes as if "a mushroom decided to become a centerpiece." She used carving, which she described as a "very meditative process."



East Greenwich native Rylie Paul was awarded the Excellence in Craftsmanship award for her ceramic piece entitled "Fungal Epergne."

Praise for artists

"We loved the detail," Vázquez Rodríguez said. "Just the amount of work and energy that we got from your piece and also we love that mirror so that we can see that hard work."

Snieder also praised Paul's curatorial decision to place the ceramic piece on a mirror. He said that it is difficult to convey the texture and fullness of sculpture through a photographic submission, but with the inclusion of the mirror, the jurists "considered every surface."

Paul grew up in East Greenwich showing some of her work at the WFCFA student shows. She currently teaches jewelry making at the WFCFA summer camps. Paul said that this was her first show "with adults."

"This was my first time showing with established artists," she added. "I definitely feel really honored that I even got into this show. I'm very excited to be here."

Sophia Koevary won the award for Excellence in Photo-

**CONSTRUCT-ED PRISON:** Sophia Koevary won the Excellence in Photographic Concept award for her photo of MCI in Concord, Massachusetts.



graphic Concept. Her photograph "MCI Concord, MA" is the first installment in a photography project in which she's thinking about prisons and how they structurally integrate— or stand out — in the communities around them. Koevary is from Boston, so her first subject was the Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Concord, Massachusetts.

"When you drive to it, there's a rotary of a bunch of Dunkin' Donuts and then there's just a prison, and after driving past it many times, I thought there's something really interesting about the way they sit together," she said.

The jurists were moved by Koevary's selection of subject matter.

"It really spoke to the concept of our exhibit," Vázquez Rodríguez said. "It's sculptural and also photographic but also the weight of the piece and the project you were working on, we felt it spoke to the theme and the call."

"The image almost looks and feels like a prism the way the light is traveling through it," Snieder added. "It's just a really beautiful image standing alone, but I think the concept of it... the choice to turn your camera to it and capture it really highlights that we all need to be aware of the endemic prison system that exists in this country."

Koevary said that a friend in Providence told her about the call for art, so she decided to submit. This is the first show she's participated in at WFCFA.

Alex Tum, a sculpture student at Rhode Island Community College, won the award for Excellence in Sculpture. He had two hanging steel pieces in the show, "...With Teeth" and "...Something With Blood." Tum said the forms are a "synthesis of



everything I've been researching," combining industrial design with how objects relate to the human body with his family's history with war. His father's side of the family immigrated from Cambodia, so he thought a lot about the Viet-

**INSPECTING:** Exhibition jurists Anabel Vázquez Rodríguez and Howie Snieder walked through the gallery space, observing how the exhibit came together.

nam War when crafting these pieces.

Snieder was struck by the movement of the pieces. "It needs to be swinging," he said. "Walking around it, seeing it moving as the room filled up and people started moving the air, it became animated."

"It must be so heavy, (but) it has a lightness that is beautiful," Snieder added.

The Constructed Prisms exhibit closes on August 19, 2023.

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**AMERICAN PICKERS:** Mike Wolfe and Danielle Colby are looking for Ocean State collectors who want to show off their collections and shed a few items. According to the show's producers, the "American Pickers" are looking for large, rare collections and things they've never seen before." (Photo courtesy American Pickers, History Channel)

By RORY SCHULER

Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz drove down Simmonsville Avenue in Johnston and pulled into Paul Ruotolo's property eager to dig for treasure.

"They bought a lot of stuff," Ruotolo told the Johnston Sun Rise in 2010. "They filled up a U-Haul."

Now, 13 years later, the American Pickers want to return to the Ocean State.

The legendary reality TV screen antique hunters and peddlers — sans Fritz — are back on the road and looking for junk (or treasure) hoarders (or collectors).

"One of the things I like about picking is discovering things, finding things, digging them up myself," Wolfe said while touring Ruotolo's barns in Johnston. "And that was a great pick for that."

Most of the junk had been gathered by Paul's late father Thomas "Okee" Ruotolo. The collection included carnival pieces, motorcycles, pinball machines and a vintage mechanical horse-racing game.

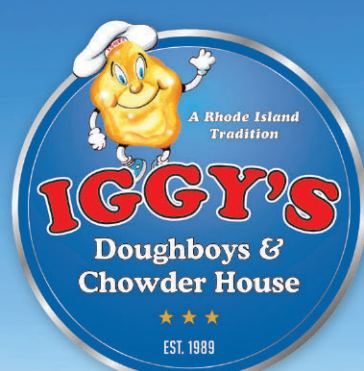
Although Fritz has left the show, Wolfe plans to return to Rhode Island in August, and the Pickers are looking for locations to pick and shoot a new episode.

"We love the rich history and stories that are tied to the people of Rhode Island," said Joshua Kerlin, Associate Producer for American Pickers. "We've had great success in New England in the past so we're very excited to be coming back through."



**JUNK EDUCATION:** American Picker Mike Wolfe likes to learn about the history behind each collection. (Photo courtesy American Pickers, History Channel)

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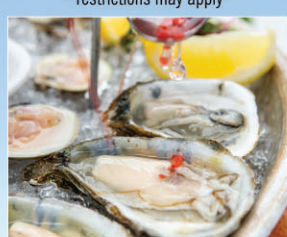
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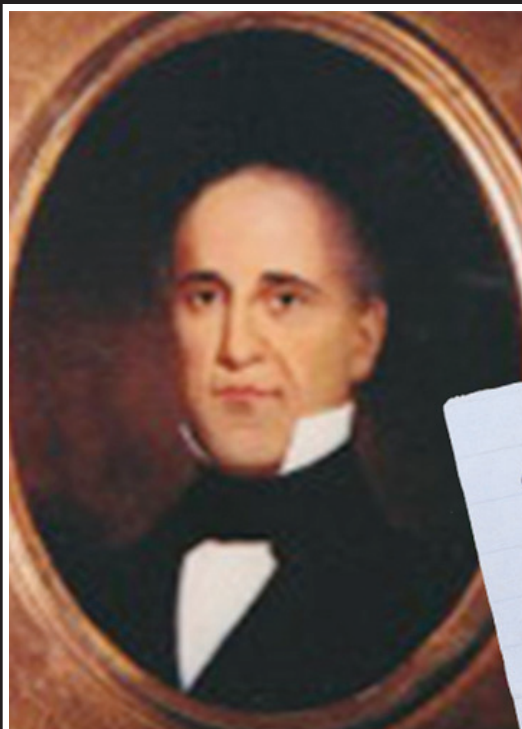
## 50th Wedding Anniversary

A 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Robert and Linda Keefe was given by their daughter, Brenda Holland and granddaughter, Sheila Demoura, on June 24, 2023. The celebration was held at the Friendship Baptist Church, 2945 W Shore Rd, Warwick, where family and friends gathered for this happy occasion. This was a day of celebration that Robert and Linda will remember and cherish forever.



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## An Identified Confederate Officer's Uniform



By Joel Bohy  
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Military clothing has always fascinated me. Thirty years ago, I began studying Civil War uniforms and reproducing some of them for historical interpretation. Surviving Confederate uniforms are fairly rare, and when they are identified it adds a great human element to them.

I received a uniform from a museum who had deaccessioned it as it was not related to their mission. The records as well as the name written in the back of the coat and the pocket of the trousers identify it as belonging to Johnston De Lagnel. He was born in New York in 1831 to a military family. His father, Julius Adolphus De Lagnel was an army ordnance officer who died in 1840. In his youth, Johnston ended up in Alexandria, Virginia with his brother, Julius Adolphus De Lagnel. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, both brothers joined the Confederacy.

Johnston was a captain in the 20th Battalion Virginia Artillery and manned heavy guns around Yorktown, Virginia in 1861 and 1862. By late 1863, he was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. While there, he had C.D. Carr, a tailor on Broad Street, make him this

uniform as the original receipt was still in the pocket. There are a handful of surviving uniforms made by Carr and they have some distinct features. Sadly, De Lagnel didn't have much of a chance to wear his new uniform as he died on April 7, 1864, of pneumonia and his body was shipped by steamer back to Alexandria.

The coat is made from cadet gray superfine broadcloth with bright red superfine broadcloth collar, cuffs, and piping. The cut of the front around the chest is a Carr signature. The coat has some Confederate staff buttons; however, someone stole some of the buttons off the front when it was being displayed at some point. The lining is green wool/silk blend, and the sleeves are plain woven white cotton. The collar has another Carr feature: gold embroidery to denote a captain. The sleeves are adorned with two rows of gold galloon. The trousers are made from the same cadet gray with bright red welts set into the out seams. The cotton watch pocket is marked on the outside "Capt. J De Lagnel" and has the inseam and waist measurements on the back side of the bag.

One of the very cool things about this uniform is the original receipt for its purchase from C.D. Carr. It is dated January 20, 1864, and he was charged \$200.00 Confederate for making and trimming the coat, and \$30.00 for the trousers. Although the uniform could be attributed to Carr, the receipt is the icing on the cake.

It does need a little conservation work and some replaced buttons, but it is still a wonderful piece of Civil War history that has survived the ravages of time ... and the moths.



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# Senjoy brings Japanese delights to Cranston/Warwick

Restaurant Review  
DON FOWLER

The confluence of Warwick Ave. and Post Rd. near the Cranston/Warwick line offers a variety of ethnic foods that will satisfy most palates.

Adding to the traditional Italian, Chinese, Thai. And Irish establishments, Mediterranean, Southern BBQ and regional soups are all within a mile of the area.

Add Japanese to the mixture and we now can eat different ethnic food every night of the week.

Senjoy Sandwich& Tea & Noodle opened last week at 400 Warwick Ave. They also own a restaurant in Pawtucket.

We were greeted by four sharp looking young Japanese men who were eager to explain their appetizing menu, which featured seven Ramen Noodle soups, 4 Teriyaki Combos, and a wide variety of chicken sandwiches and combos.

Senjoy is one of the few places we have ever come across where you can get a classic or spicy chicken sandwich with either dark or white meat (\$4.68/\$4.88). Being a dark meat lover, I'm thrilled to pay twenty cents less for my preferred meat.

Where else can you get a seafood salad (\$6.98), Shrimp Shuma, Gygza, Harumaki, and Takomaki appetizers?

There is also a page of interesting drinks, including Cheese Foam Fruit tea Slush(\$5.68), Brown Sugar Milk Tea \$4.68), and Watermelon Juice (\$5.68).

On our first visit, I ordered Miso Ramen with pork. (\$14.88) a dish I was familiar with. The large bowl was loaded with noodles, bean sprouts, mushrooms, a half-hard-boiled egg, scallions, red ginger and other spices.

Joyce ordered the spicy Senjoy Ramen with chicken, mushrooms, bamboo shoots, a half hard boiled egg, scallions and other spices. (\$15.98).

Take-out Ramen dishes come with easy directions.

The chef flash-boils and chills the noodles for delivery and pick-up so they are chewy and tender when they are cooked or reheated at home.

Reheat the broth, which is in a separate bowl for 3-5 minutes in the microwave until very hot.

Pour the broth over the noodles and let it sit for about three minutes or until the noodles just start to soak up the broth.

Enjoy!

To order ahead, call 678-0979.

## Philharmonic tribute to The Movie Maestro at Roger Williams Park on Aug. 2

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra presents its Summer Pops 2023 Series – The Movie Maestro: A Tribute to John Williams with Troy Quinn, conductor. The Summer Pops honors John Williams, the iconic film composer with 53 Oscar Award nominations – he is the second most-nominated individual behind Walt Disney. Remaining concerts in the series are at Roger Williams Park in Providence (August 2) and Slater Park in Pawtucket (September 9).

The concert features some of John Williams' most memorable music including the "Imperial March" from Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back and the theme from Jurassic Park. Williams, in a career spanning five decades, has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and for the concert stage. He has served as music director and laureate conductor of one of the country's treasured musical institutions, the Boston Pops Orchestra, and he maintains thriving artistic relationships with many of the world's great orchestras, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Mr. Williams has received a variety of prestigious awards, including the National Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honor, the Olympic Order, and numerous Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, Emmy Awards and Golden Globe Awards. He remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices.

"John Williams' music is especially accessible as multiple generations connect with films like Star Wars, Harry Potter, and E.T.: The Extraterrestrial and we are so excited to share it with our Summer Pops audience," said David Beauchesne, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School. "We are also thrilled to welcome back Troy Quinn for his third year conducting our Summer Pops concert series. This series is one of our favorites as we are able to travel all around Rhode Island bringing free music to residents of all ages. We look forward to creating magical moments together as our audiences enjoy a live orchestra under the stars."

For more information visit [riphil.org/summer-pops](http://riphil.org/summer-pops)

### ■ Pickers

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A lot of fans have been missing Frank on the show's most recent episodes.

"Frank is no longer with us and we wish him well," Kerlin said via email, when asked who's on the current American Pickers roster. "The Pickers now are Mike and his brother Robbie, as well as Danielle."

The show's producers sent out a press release earlier this month, calling all collectors:

"The American Pickers are excited to return to Rhode Island! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in August 2023."

Wolfe and Fritz bought an Evel Knievel pinball machine from Ruotolo. They also dug a wooden horse-racing game from the back of a barn.

Ruotolo told them his father likely stored the broken down relic back in the 1970s.

"I put that stuff in there with my father when I was a kid," Ruotolo told Wolfe during the July 2010 taping. "It kind of brought back memories for me."

"This is the kind of stuff that we live for," Fritz said to the camera. "Old barns — stuff that's been out of sight (and) hasn't been seen for 15 years."

Wolfe balked at Ruotolo's \$300 opening price for the horse-racing game. Ruotolo said he always had aspirations of restoring the item.

"Some things I budged on, no problem," Ruotolo told Wolfe.

"I had a feeling about this piece," Wolfe told the camera. "I needed to have it."

Wolfe offered \$200. Ruotolo stood firm. Wolfe countered with \$250. Ruotolo didn't budge.

Wolfe blinked and scooped it up for \$300. On a later episode, following an expert appraisal, the item was valued at far more than the pickers paid.

"This place turned out to be a real honey hole," Wolfe said to end the segment. "It was amazing to go through this stuff, climbing over, getting under things ... It was a great pick."

Typically, before a visit to the state, the American Pickers' production staff

starts searching for collectors, so the show's stars won't have to "freestyle" their way through Rhode Island.

"We're looking for leads throughout the state, specifically interesting characters with fascinating items," Kerlin wrote to local media outlets. "The way we find people and collections for our show is through spreading the word far and wide so that people know we're coming to town."

"I hope I see them again," Ruotolo said after bidding the pickers farewell. "I hope they come by and even if we're not buying and selling we'll just go for a beer."

"The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure," according to the show's producers. "If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell ... we would love to hear from

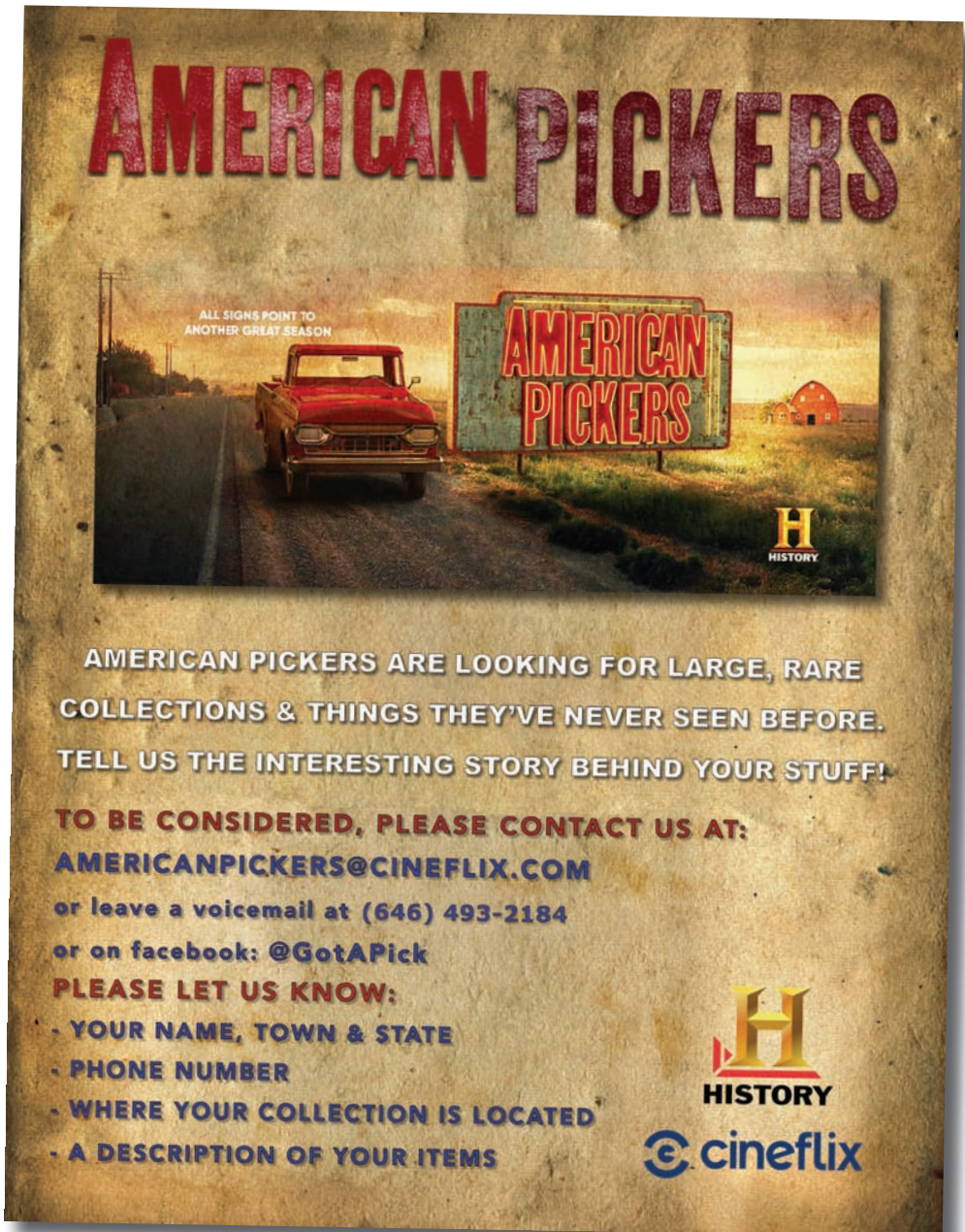
you."

The American Pickers made later, subsequent trips to Rhode Island, picking a Newport Mansion for a 2014 episode and buying a motorcycle in Pawtucket while filming a 2016 episode.

The producers warn that the American Pickers have a rule against picking "stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public."

If interested there's still time to send them "your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: [americanpickers@cineflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cineflix.com)" or call 646-493-2184 (or via Facebook @GotAPick).

"I'm junk drunk right now," Wolfe told the TV audience, following the 2010 Johnston episode titled "What's in the Box?" (Season 3, Episode 3). "That was an awesome pick."



### RHODE ISLAND PICKERS:

The American Pickers visited the Ocean State at least three times in the past.

They stopped by Johnston in 2010, and filmed a 2014 episode in Newport and a 2016 episode in Pawtucket. They're looking for new stops for their planned August return to Rhode Island. (Screen capture)



### JOHNSTON HONEY HOLE:

In July 2010, the American Pickers stopped by a Simmonsville Avenue property and found a "honey hole." As they arrived, they shook hands with Johnston resident Paul Ruotolo. (Screen capture)

## The joy of a cell phone and what's free: Part Two

Last week I wrote about the most important uses of a smart phone, but there are many other joys I get out of the little miracle device.

If my toilet paper is about to run out, or my toothpaste is down to its last squeeze, or, horrors! I am about to run out of Diet Coke, I can order it using my telephone. Places like Stop and Shop and Walmart have delivery, and will generally be able to plop a package of much needed items on my doorstep in a few hours. I order what I need, grab a quick nap, and by the time I wake up, Ta Da! There they are! If it is something more elaborate that I need, such as a room dehumidifier or a special snorkel and face mask, I can order it on Amazon and get it the next day. The NEXT day! FREE! I remember years ago my son, Francis, in California needed AA batteries for his alarm clock.

Unable to drive because of his vision, he ordered them, and ONLY them, from Amazon and by 10:00 the next morning they arrived in a tiny box, (albeit too late to actually benefit the alarm for that day.) The amazing keyword is FREE! Previously for my grandchildren's birthday I would purchase gifts I knew they would like, wrap them up, include a card and mail it to California for an exorbitant price the equals a down payment on a new car. Now, I order them from Amazon, have them placed in a gift bag, with a note saying "Happy Birthday" for FREE.

Speaking of birthday's, my handy dandy phone has a calendar that keeps track of birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. Amazingly, it will send me reminders of the events the day before, ensuring I make the proper phone calls and texts when the time comes. Sending

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cards through my phone are also a big help and money saver. After paying \$5.99 for a birthday card the other day at CVS, I realized just how much is really saved by sending virtual cards.

My genius phone is also a great entertainer. I have Hulu and Netflix on it, but admit that it is impossible to watch shows with teeny tiny people in them, so

they are saved for my large television. However, with glasses, I can easily play one of the games whose icons grace my screen; Solitaire, Candy Crush, and the ever popular Words With Friends which serves the dual purpose of having fun while also communicating with my friends. I used to dread waiting at a doctor's office for my appointment, but now it feels intrusive if I am called into the exam room before my game is finished.

One of the biggest benefits of my clever phone is the ability to do virtual meetings. Although this became popular during the pandemic, it continues to be useful for work. Like many other people, I make myself professionally presentable from the waist up, while being barefoot and wearing pajama bottoms to be comfy. Recently I attended such a meeting for a grant application,

and there were 3,476 other people on the call!

My phone praises would not be complete without extolling the benefits of on-line banking. I just love checking the accounts every day, and switching money from the savings account to the checking account at the last minute in order to get the most interest possible.

The camera on my phone is another sight to behold. When I take a picture, there is the option to edit the photo so we all look our best. Instead of keeping old fashioned photo albums, my precious pictures are stored in "the cloud", and easily shared with all of my "contacts".

Smart phones are incredible devices, and I can only imagine the amazing things they will be able to do in the future!!





Eastern Medicine Singers  
(Submitted photo)



Nickel Creek  
(Photo by Josh Goleman)



Dan Blakeslee (Photo by Melody Matters)



The Hold Steady  
(Photo by Shervin Lainez)



Aimee Mann (Photo by Scott Kowalchuk)

# 5 bands & musicians you can't miss at this year's Newport Folk Festival

By ROB DUGUAY

This weekend from July 28 - 30, one of the prime events of the summer will be taking place at Fort Adams in Newport. It's the Newport Folk Festival and it'll be once again happening in one of the most idyllic settings in Rhode Island with a stacked bill of music occurring on numerous stages. This is one of the many reasons why it's one of the hottest tickets you can get during the music festival season and you never know who is going to show up. For example, both Paul Simon and Joni Mitchell made surprise appearances during last year's edition of the festival and people are still talking about it a year later. For the ones who are guaranteed to make an appearance, here are five of them that shouldn't be overlooked.

**Eastern Medicine Singers**  
**July 28 @ Fort Stage**  
**12:25 - 1:20pm**

A local Algonquin Drum Group from both Providence and Woonsocket, the Eastern Medicine Singers are a musical entity that's dedicated to maintaining the American Indian culture of the eastern woodlands and keeping it intact. They sing and drum in the language of Massachusetts and Wampanoag dialect while often making the audience move around in a vibrant fashion. This is bound to be an extraordinary experience to witness

on the festival's biggest stage, especially with guitar phenom Yonatan Gat and Lee Ranaldo from New York City noise rock pioneers Sonic Youth joining in on their performance.

**Nickel Creek**  
**July 28 @ Quad Stage**  
**4:10 - 5:10pm**

Nickel Creek's latest album "Celebrants" that came out on March 24 is the first release from the trio of mandolinist Chris Thile, fiddle player Sara Witkins and her brother on Sean on guitar in nearly a decade, and in my opinion it's one of the best records to come out so far this year. This is why I'm personally excited to see them play during the first day of the festival. Once you check out their stellar recordings, I'm willing to bet that you'll feel a similar way.

**The Hold Steady**  
**July 29 @ Quad Stage**  
**2:50 - 3:40pm**

Another band taking part in Newport Folk that released a new album this year is The Hold Steady from Brooklyn, who released "The Price of Progress" on March 31. Their upcoming set is probably going to piss off a few "folk purists", and part of me can't believe those people still exist, due to Craig Finn and the crew having a rock & roll sound. Regardless, what these guys bring on Saturday

should be something special.

**Aimee Mann**  
**July 29 @ Harbor Stage**  
**5:05 - 6:05pm**

Aimee Mann has had a unique journey with her music career ever since she started out in Boston while attending the Berklee College of Music during the '80s. She was in the alt-rock act The Young Snakes, then briefly with the industrial metal icons Ministry before co-founding the new wave band Til' Tuesday and releasing a top ten single with "Voices Carry". She's been a prolific songwriter and collaborator since those days and it'll be cool seeing her exhibit her pure acoustic essence as a musician when she performs on Saturday.

**Dan Blakeslee**  
**July 30 @ Fort Stage**  
**11:25 - 11:55am**

Kicking off the last day on the biggest stage is Dan Blakeslee, who is an absolute New England treasure. Chances are that you've seen the South Berwick, Maine native busking at the entrance and exit of the festival grounds over the years and it's going to be awesome seeing him perform in such a big setting. Rumor has it that his backing band known as The Calabash Club will be joining him, but the only way to find out is by showing up and checking his set out.

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Jenay Naima (Rachel Marron) and the cast of "THE BODYGUARD The Musical" playing at Theatre By The Sea thru August 5. (Photo by Mark Turek)

## Houston hits highlight TBTS's "The Bodyguard"

Theatre Review by  
**DON FOWLER**

It is no coincidence that all four musicals at Bill Hanney's Theatre-by-the-Sea this summer center around the classic songs of great performers.

Opening with Sinatra's "My Way", following with the Carole King Musical, "Beautiful", and closing with the Frankie Valli story, "Jersey Boys", the 90 year old barn theater lights up with great music and dancing.

Snuggled between King and Valli, and now playing through August 5, is "The Bodyguard" based on the smash hit movie starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner.

Jenay Naima fills Houston's shoes beautifully as Rachel Marron, the singing sensation on her way to accept her Oscar while living in fear of a stalker.

Enter Frank Farmer (Rob Sherman), the tall handsome bodyguard hired to protect her..

The slim story has them falling in love

(Surprise!) causing conflict in their relationship and that of her sister.

While Naima is undoubtedly of star quality, she gets a run for her money from LaDawn Taylor who has her "Moment in Time" and joins her in a couple duets.

The production numbers are enhanced by a terrific cast of singer/dancers who both open and close the show with blockbuster performances.

Your favorite Houston hits are all there, including "Greatest Love of All", "Saving All My Love For You", "Wanna Dance With Somebody", and, of course, "I Will Always Love You".

If I have any problem with the show, it lies with the writers, who at times awkwardly interject the weak story in and around the musical numbers.

See this show for the music, which dominates the stage, enhanced by Kyle Dixon's clever laser-like backgrounds and Kelly Baker's costuming.

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For most homebuyers, their dream homes are not something they’re likely to find already on the market. With a unique vision of your dream home’s look, location and features, building a custom home is generally the easiest way to make that dream a reality.

To keep things moving as smoothly as possible amid what can be a complicated process, consider these tips as you embark on the journey.

### Set a Realistic Budget

You’ll need to start by determining how much you can spend on your house. Typically, the cost of building a home is around \$100-\$200 per square foot, according to research from HomeAdvisor. You’ll also need to account for the lot price as well as design fees, taxes, permits, materials and labor. Materials and labor should make up about 75% of the total amount spent, but it’s wise to build in a buffer for price changes and overages. While building your budget, consider what items and features are “must-haves” and things that should only be included if your budget allows.

### Identify the Perfect Location

Think about where you’d like to live and research comparable lots and properties in those areas, which can give you a better idea of costs. Because

the features of many dream homes require a wider footprint, you may need to build outside of city limits, which can make natural gas more difficult to access. Consider propane instead, which can do everything natural gas can and go where natural gas cannot or where it is cost prohibitive to run a natural gas line. Propane also reduces dependence on the electrical grid, and a propane standby generator can safeguard your family if there is a power outage.

“As a real estate agent and builder, I have the pleasure of helping families select their dream homes,” said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV’s “Build it Forward.” “The homes we design and build are frequently in propane country, or off the natural gas grid. Propane makes it possible to build an affordable and comfortable, high-performing indoor living spaces and dynamic outdoor entertaining areas.”



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### Keep Universal Design Principles in Mind

Many homebuyers want to ensure their space is accessible to family members and guests both now and for decades to come. As the housing market slows and mortgage rates rise, buyers may look to incorporate features that allow them to age in place. Incorporating principles of universal design – the ability of a space to be understood, accessed and used by people regardless of their age or ability – can make it possible to still enjoy your home even if mobility, vision or other challenges arise as you age.

For example, the entryway could have a ramp or sloped concrete walkway leading to a front door wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair with a barrier-free threshold. Inside, wider hallways and doorways, strategic lighting and appliances installed at lower heights are mainstays of universal design. Counters of varying heights, drop-down cabinet racks and roll-under sinks in kitchens and zero-entry showers, slip-resistant flooring and grab bars in bathrooms offer enhanced accessibility.

### Consider Alternative Energy Sources

With today’s electric grid, more than two-thirds of the energy is wasted; it never reaches homes. Unlike electricity, propane is stored in a large tank either above or below ground on the property. A 500-gallon tank can hold enough propane to meet the annual energy needs of an average single-family home – enough to power major systems in a home.

Propane pairs well with other energy sources, including grid electricity and on-site solar, which makes it a viable option for dual-energy homes. Like natural gas, propane can power major appliances such as your furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, fireplace, range and standby generator. Often, propane works more efficiently with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than



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electricity, meaning your home is cleaner for the environment.

Propane can even power a whole-home standby generator, which is often a big selling point. When a homeowner purchases a standby generator, a licensed electrician installs the unit outside the home and wires it to the home’s circuit breaker. When a power outage occurs, the generator automatically senses the disruption of service and starts the generator’s engine, which then delivers power to the home. From the warm, comfortable heat of a propane furnace to the peace of mind offered by a propane standby generator, many homeowners trust propane to provide a safe, efficient, whole-home energy solution.

### Build a Team of Experts

Hiring the right people can make the process of turning your dream into reality go much smoother. Start by

researching reputable builders, paying special attention to the types of homes they build to find a style that matches what you’re looking for as well as price ranges for past homes they’ve built. Consider how long the builders have been in business and if they’re licensed and insured.

Depending on your builder’s capabilities, you may also need to hire an architect or designer. In addition to your real estate agent to assist with purchasing the lot and selling your previous home, you may need assistance from other professionals, such as a real estate attorney, landscape architect and propane supplier. A local propane supplier can work with the builder to install a properly sized propane storage tank either above or below ground and connect appliances.

Find more ideas for building your dream home at [Propane.com](http://Propane.com).

## Propane-Powered Appliances

You may be surprised to learn propane can power major appliances, which can increase the value of a home because of their high performance, efficiency and reduced dependence on the electrical grid.

### Furnace

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### Boiler

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### Standby Generator

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### Clothes Dryer

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### Range

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# What to know about kitchen countertop materials

Kitchens are the busiest rooms in most homes. Kitchens have become more than just places to prepare meals, with many functioning as gathering spaces and even go-to dining spots in homes that do not feature formal dining rooms.

So much time spent in the kitchen makes it worthwhile to invest in these popular spaces. Kitchen renovations are high on many homeowners’ to-do lists, and there’s many decisions to make once they commit to redoing the room. When renovating a kitchen, homeowners will have to choose which countertop material they want to install, and the following rundown of popular options can help simplify that decision.

### Quartz

Quartz is considered a low-maintenance and durable countertop material. The home improvement experts at This Old House note that quartz countertops are typically 94 percent ground quartz and now come with a honed, sandblasted or embossed treatment, which makes them appealing to homeowners with varying ideas on the ideal look of a kitchen countertop. Quartz can crack if it’s not handled properly, and edges and corners can chip over time. Rounded edges can minimize the risk of chipping. Costs vary by location and product availability, but quartz typically costs about the same as natural stone.



### Granite

Consumer Reports notes that no two slabs of granite are the same, and that uniqueness has long appealed to homeowners. Tests run by Consumer Reports found that heat, cuts and scratches did not harm granite, though this material, like quartz, can crack around edges and corners. Granite is a durable material that, if properly maintained, can last several decades. Granite also is nonporous, which makes it resistant to bacteria.

### Laminate

Laminate countertops appeal to budget-friendly homeowners and Consumer Reports notes that they’re easy to install. Home Depot also notes that laminate countertops come in a wide

range of colors, textures and designs. Laminate countertops also are durable, which helps budget-conscious homeowners stretch their dollars even further. Laminate countertops are easily maintained, though it’s also easy to permanently damage them with knives, so Consumer Reports recommends always using a cutting board when preparing meals on laminate.

### Butcher Block

Butcher block countertops are among the more unique options homeowners may consider. Sometimes referred to as “wood countertops,” butcher block countertops are made from wooden strips that are fused together. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that butcher block is among the more affordable materials, but the final cost will be dictated by location and availability. BobVila.com notes that butcher block countertops are highly sensitive to liquid, so exposure to moisture should be limited. Sealing butcher block countertops immediately after installation can help protect against bacteria and warping. Though butcher blocks can be high maintenance, many homeowners find the unique look is well worth the extra elbow grease.

Kitchen countertops can define how the room looks, and homeowners have many options to choose from when designing a new kitchen.



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By JENNIFER COATES

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The Courthouse Deli is the brainchild of Anthony Arena and William "Bill" Corsa ~ two friends who also happen to be cousins. They are joined in the kitchen by Chef Cliff Phelps and at the counter by daughter & cousin Ashley DeCorte, and longtime friend Kathy Casasanta. It's a family venture that has been a labor of love.

Owners Bill Corsa, a recent retiree, and Anthony Arena, the owner of another restaurant in Cranston, took a former deli and gave it a thorough facelift. With some good old-fashioned elbow grease and a lot of heart, they created The Courthouse Deli. Today, the deli is immaculate, welcoming, comfortable, and very convenient ~ especially to those who work at Kent County Courthouse nearby. Whether stopping by on a lunch break or on the

way home from the beach, the deli provides lunch and dinner fare that is as delicious as it is accessible. Those who order take-out or delivery (via Grub Hub, Door Dash or Uber Eats), or who dine in, will never ever leave here hungry or disappointed!

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# SPORTS

## Rolling in regionals

North wins first four games of tourney

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Warwick North Little League senior softball team is continuing its hot streak this summer as it won its first four games of the regional tournament in Massachusetts. The team is now just two wins away from punching its ticket to the World Series.

The team's most recent win came against Stroudsburg in a 13-0 shutout win, where pitcher Haley Boudreau finished the day with a perfect game and racking up 16 strikeouts. Boudreau, Skyler Hawes and Reagan Motta all knocked in multiple runs to help pace North's offense. North led 4-0 heading into the fifth inning and the bats would take off as they scored five runs in the fifth and four more in the sixth to run away with the victory.

North defeated Bristol 14-0 the previous game. Boudreau, Gretchen Dombeck and Emma Manzo were

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### Athlete of the Week: Haley Boudreau

The *Warwick Beacon's* Athlete of the Week is Warwick North pitcher Haley Boudreau. Boudreau has been a force for the team in the regional bracket. With a trip to the World Series on the line, Boudreau pitched a perfect game on Monday afternoon to help the team advance in the tournament while also knocking in multiple runs at the plate. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)



SHORTSTOP: Emma Manzo makes a play in the field at regionals for Warwick North.



ON THE HILL: Warwick PAL's Jack Colvin delivers a pitch last week. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

## PAL gearing up for playoffs

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Warwick PAL Connie Mack baseball team is approaching its final regular season games and is gearing up for the playoffs that begin next week. PAL sat at 6-4 heading into the week with three makeup games remaining to be played.

PAL is made up of primarily Pilgrim and Toll Gate players. To this point, the team has boasted one of the league's most talented and deep pitching rotations, with five arms that regularly get work.

"We lost a few guys from last year but picked up a few new guys and they've done a good job. We are an average offensive team, but we're pretty good defensively and our pitching has been lights out," said manager Ed Colvin, who returns for another season.

Some of the team's standout pitchers to this point have been returning ace Bobby Court, as well as Toll Gate ace Brayden Ogden. Filling out the rest of the rotation have been Devyn Robbins, Tyler Cote and Jack Colvin.

Although the pitching has been excellent to this point, the team's offense is still trying to keep pace. Without many big bats in the middle of the lineup, PAL has been making the most of its speed and savvy on the basepaths.

"We don't have a ton of power which was the expectation going into the season, but we have a lot of team speed and we steal a lot of bases. We can play small ball. We have been in a lot of close games and really only had

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## Bergeron an understated great

Tuesday was a whopper of a news day for Boston sports which is unusual in the summer. Although I had a few topics to touch on, there was just too much national news to chew on that broke.

Here are a few thoughts on all of the news that unfolded:

In my opinion, the biggest story to break was Patrice Bergeron. The Bruins' captain and longtime standout center announced his retirement after 19 historic seasons and in my eyes, he should be considered one of the best athletes to come to Boston.

Bergeron was the model

### My pitch



by ALEX SPONSELLER  
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of consistency both on and off the ice. Sure, he was never the best player in the league, but he was always above average and finished his career as the

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## Hanging with Habs

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Local players from the Warwick Freedom Men's Softball League played with a special purpose this past summer season as they honored the late Gerry Habershaw.

Habershaw, who was a longtime principal and teacher at Pilgrim and Warwick Vets, passed away in 2021. Habershaw spent decades in the Warwick school district and impacted thousands of students and athletes along the way.

Prior to the start of the season, the Bob G's Auto Repair sponsored team discussed possible nicknames for the club and landed on Hurricanes after the Vets mascot. Player and Pilgrim graduate Nick Cote thought that it would be a nice idea to honor Habershaw, possibly incorporating a patch to the team's uniforms with his name on it.

His dad Mike, who also plays on the team along with his brother Derek, decided to take it one step further and have one more team jersey made with Habershaw's name on the

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HONORING HABS: Warwick bothers Nick and Derek Cote, along with their father Mike, show off the jersey they designed to honor the late Gerry Habershaw, as they dedicated their season to him in the Warwick Freedom Softball League. (Submitted photos)



# Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament big success

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament ended Sunday, July 23 with a winning striped bass measuring 48 inches caught by team “Frayed Knot” led by Capt. Richard Lipsitz of North Kingstown with the Best Scenic Photo in the Block Island Wind Farm going to Dariusz Kolodziejczak of Johnston.

The First Place Team category saw a three way tie between team Tightlined led by Taylor Ingraham of Norwalk, CT; Defiant led by Eugene Burger of Cutchogue, NY; and team Grateful 5 including Rick Black, Dustin James as well as Flynn, Hayes and Tucker Jansen who were also awarded the Best Team photo in the Block Island Wind Farm area.

Angler Colin Mansfield of Medford, MA dominated the shore division with a 29-inch striped bass and a 33-inch bluefish taking first place for both shore division species.

Twenty-five teams participated in the two day event. Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fishworks, tournament host, said, “We increased participation by a third for a total of 122 anglers and we were able to make a \$6,000 contribution to the Block Island Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department.”

Capt. Willi said, “Thanks to Ørsted (owners of the Block Island Wind Farm) and their sponsorship of the Tournament we were able to donate 100 percent of Tournament fees to the Fire & Rescue Department along with a gift from Capt. Nick’s Rock & Roll Bar where the Tournament awards ceremony was held.”

Over \$10,000 in prizes, gift cards and tournament swag were awarded at the “After Party” on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Tournament included shore, fly fishing, youth and boat divisions. Striped bass and bluefish for all divisions plus black sea bass and fluke for boat and youth divisions. Also, a team prize with photo division prizes taken with the Block Island Wind Farm in background were awarded for best fish, best scenic and best team photos.

Tournament co-sponsors were Whalers Brewing, South Kingstown; Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, North Kingstown; The Saltwater Edge, Middletown; Ocean State Tackle, Providence; Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown; and Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly.

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### Where’s the bite?

Tuna. “Customers are hooking up with school bluefin tuna about seven miles south of Beavertail. A customer was reeling up to heavy up on her jig when their first bluefin hit,” said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, Warwick.

Declan O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, “Offshore reports have been very good with bluefin, and yellowfin tuna being caught south of the island. Most of the action has been on the troll but a few fish are being caught jigging.”

Summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and scup. O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, said, “The fluke bite in local waters has been good still a lot of shorts but some nice fish mixed in (7-8lb). A new batch of squid just moved in with plenty of other bait in the water to keep them satisfied. A trick while targeting fluke when the tide is slow or slack is to cast out, let your bucktail sink to the bottom, and then retrieve.”

Last week angler Shaina Boyle of Smithfield caught a 27-inch fluke drifting north of the Newport Bridge with an incoming tide.

John Littlefield of Archie’s Bait & Tackle, Riverside, said “Fluke fishing and black sea bass fishing have not been good. Anglers are catching both species in the Bay but mostly shorts. The scup bite remains strong in the Bay.”

“The scup bite is very strong with 14 to 16 inch fish being caught at the Newport and Jamestown Bridges. Anglers are killing it at Rocky Point Pier catching large scup, with the Greenwich Bay area yielding some nice squeteague at Sally Rock and anglers are catching keeper fluke at Warwick Light,” said Giddings of the Tackle Box.

Striped bass. Littlefield of Archie’s said, “The striped bass bite in the Providence River is not good. The water is very warm. Last week it was 82 degrees.”

The bass bite at Block Island on the Southwest Ledge remains strong with multiple bass in the 40 to 50 inch range being taken.

O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, said, “Striped bass fishing is still very good but, as the water continues to warm the bite is better earlier in the morning or at night. Also try live eels on deeper pieces of structure to try to lure the fish out. The ponds have been coming alive on the incoming tides with strippers coming airborne after sand eels.”

Greg Vespe of Tiverton caught his personal best last week, a 51-inch, 52-pound striped bass he caught off Newport free swimming an eel with Capt. Mike Littlefield Charters.

Freshwater fishing for largemouth bass continues to be good early morning and at dusk when things cool off or when anglers target shaded areas under trees.

“Little Pond behind Warwick Vets is yielding largemouth bass in the four pound range, and we are just starting to hear that customers are catching Pike at Gorton’s Pond in the Apponaug, Warwick,” said Giddings of the Tackle Box.

Dave Monti holds a captain’s master license and charter fishing license. He serves on a variety of boards and commissions and has a consulting business focusing on clean oceans, habitat preservation, conservation, renewable energy, and fisheries related issues and clients. Forward fishing news and photos to [dmontifish@verizon.net](mailto:dmontifish@verizon.net) or visit [www.noflukefishing.com](http://www.noflukefishing.com).



**FAMILY FISHING:** Shaina Boyle and her father Gary Vandemoortele both of Smithfield, RI with the 27-inch summer flounder Shaina caught fishing the Newport Bridge area last week. (Submitted photo)



**BEST TEAM PHOTO:** Best Team Photo in Block Island Tournament was awarded to team ‘Defiant’ for this photo taken in the Block Island Wind Farm with some nice fluke caught by young anglers.



**GENEROUS DONATION:** Ross Pearsall, Jon Mansolillo and Claire Hodson of Ørsted (owners of the Block Island Wind Farm) and Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fish Works present the Block Island Fire & Rescue Department with a \$6,000 donation check from the Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament held July 22 and 23, 2023.



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HABERSHAW'S HURRICANES: The Bob G's Hurricanes earlier this summer season prior to a game.

## ■ Habs

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back. The team would then be able to travel with the jersey and hang it in their dugout each game. The team also dedicated its summer season to the late principal.

"We were trying to come up with a team name and one of the guys threw out the name Hurricanes since we had all gone to Vets. I began thinking about it further and thought, 'I have a great idea,' and thought that if we could put his name on our jersey, or have a patch, that would be awesome," said Nick Cote.

Habershaw was also an impressive athlete during his playing days, winning a state championship in basketball with Bishop Hendricken and playing baseball as well.

Nick Cote was thrilled to honor Habershaw through athletics, which were his passion until the day he passed away as he was a regular at Pilgrim sports events on nearly a daily basis.

"It's awesome because a few of (the older guys on the team) had him as a coach and we all knew that he was super athletic in his day, too. We just want to play good and honor his name, we are all friends so we are having a ball, win or lose," said Nick Cote.

Nick Cote remembers the influence that Habershaw had on him in the classroom as well, and considered him a positive influence on every student he came in contact with.

"I wouldn't have even graduated high school if it wasn't for him, he helped me so much throughout. I would talk to him in the hallway every day to stop and chat," said Nick Cote. "He was a wicked nice guy. He would talk to anyone in Warwick, everyone knew who Gerry Habershaw was."



IN THE DUGOUT: The jersey that the Hurricanes made in honor of Habs.

## ■ Pitch

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all-time leader in Selke Awards. Not many players can say that they were above average for 19 seasons, but he is one of the few that can say that.

He was the best two-way player ever, arguably, and was a leader early in his career. Although Zdeno Chara wore the "C" for much of Bergeron's tenure, everyone in the city knew that it was just as much Bergeron's team as it was Chara's. One of the most satisfying feelings was the first time Bergeron skated on the ice with the "C" a few years back after Chara left. It was a longtime coming and a title that he earned years earlier.

It is a shame that Bergeron walks away with just one championship ring. For the player that he was and some of the talented rosters behind him, it just feels like even just one more could have happened. They lost in the Stanley Cup Finals twice and each of them burned because we all knew that the Bruins could have won. If Bergeron added just one more title to his resume, I truly believe he'd have a case as the franchise's best player of all time, even above Bobby Orr.

It is what it is, though, and either way, Bergeron is an all-time Bruin and an all-time player. It will be interesting if the NHL Hall of Fame recognizes him as such considering he never won an MVP, but I do believe the Selke Awards should absolutely be enough to get him in. In fact, I'd say to exclude him would be a gigantic oversight. It would be inexcusable.

Next up is the Boston Celtics extending Jaylen Brown and giving him a super max deal that exceeds \$300 million in value. It is an overpayment, but the reality in professional sports these days is that if you want the player, you need to cough up more than what should be necessary.

I like Brown as a player, I do. He's talented, experienced and plays with an edge that the rest of the Celtics roster has lacked over the past few years. This team continues to be a perennial playoff squad but is

missing that x-factor. Although Brown has come up short, I do believe he is a worthy piece to keep in the building.

It is an overpayment, though, don't let my compliments fool you. He is now the highest-paid player in the history of the league which is absurd.

Again, anytime a big player gets a new deal it reestablishes the market just as this contract extension did. Brown is a very good player, but not a guy that will lead a team to a championship as its best asset. Most people refer to him as a No. 2, when in my eyes, he's a No. 3 on a championship team. A valuable player that is top, say, 30 in the league, but certainly closer to 30 than 1.

Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum are one of the best young duos in the league and locking Brown down will now give the Celtics a chance at a title every year. I don't like their mental makeups, but physically, they're as good as a 1-2 punch as any. I like the signing, but don't love it.

The third item that broke, well items, were the returns of Jack Jones and Lawrence Guy to the Patriots just in time for training camp, which started on Wednesday.

Jones was arrested at Logan Airport back in June for carrying multiple, loaded firearms in his carry on luggage. Guy skipped OTA's in May and June over a contract dispute. No one was sure if they'd be back in the building in time for camp, so it was a relief to see them report.

Guy has been a model citizen for the Patriots since joining the team a few years ago and is one of the most underrated players at his position. It sounds like cooler heads will prevail when it comes to his contract which is important.

As for Jones, he is due back in court in August. Not sure how the legal process will play out, but if he misses time this season, and he could potentially be facing significant jail time, that would be a massive blow to the defense. Having him in the building is a positive sign, but Patriots fans should be holding their collective breaths as the weeks go on.

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**PLAYOFF READY:** Warwick PAL infielders Conner Salzillo (above) and Bobby Court (at right) compete in a recent game.



## ■ PAL

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one bad night,” said Ed Colvin. With its full roster expected to be available to compete in next week’s postseason,

PAL is looking to make a run at a title as the final pieces fall into place. “The kids are ready to go. We should have everybody back in time for the playoffs, the standings are close so we do not know who we’ll have, but we’re hoping to get home field,” said Ed Colvin.

## RIC athletes nab LEC honors

Fifteen Rhode Island College student-athletes were named to the 2023 Little East Conference Spring All-Academic team as announced by the league office. **BASEBALL:** David Iannucci (Johnston, R.I.), Cal Parrillo (Greenville, R.I.), Lucas Pierce (Chepachet, R.I.), Joseph Pitrone III (Smithfield, R.I.) and Cole Podedworny (Wakefield, R.I.). **WOMEN’S LACROSSE:** Hannah Marley (Tiverton, R.I.), Shannon O’Connell (Narragansett, R.I.) and Ashley Rewers (Oakdale, Conn.). **SOFTBALL:** Katelyn Ashe (Colchester, Conn.), Alexis Boyce (Wolcott, Conn.), Abby Clesas (Johnston, R.I.), Amanda Conti (Lincoln, R.I.), Avery Katz (Brookfield, Conn.) and Shannon McDonald (Saunderstown, R.I.).

## ■ North

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stellar in the circle, allowing just two hits and combining for 10 strikeouts. Dombeck was dominant at the plate, finishing the day going 3-for-4 with five runs batted in. North beat Massachusetts 14-6 in the second game of the tournament. Bryce Principe pitched a complete game while racking up 12 strikeouts. Principe, Lia

Wasilewski and Dombeck led the offense, recording three RBI each in the win. North’s first win came in a 10-0 shut-out. Boudreau got the win in the circle, pitching four innings and allowing just one hit, no runs and striking out 10 batters. Boudreau also had a big day at the dish, going 2-for-3 with three RBI. The team was slated to play its next game on Tuesday evening but the game was postponed due to weather. Play picked back up on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time.



**BEHIND THE PLATE:** North catcher Marin Prest on Monday.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bonus materials

7. Formal names

13. Free from restraints

14. One who scrapes away

16. Type of device

17. Skin cancers

19. The Show Me State

20. Plate glasses

22. Red-brown sea bream

23. Small (Fr.)

25. Flightless Australian birds

26. High IQ group

28. Stiff structures

29. Revolutions per minute

30. Where a bachelor lives

31. Licensed for Wall Street

33. A place to park

34. Energy, style and enthusiasm

36. An important creed in Catholic Church

38. 18-year astronomical period

40. Furies

41. Removes from the record

43. Noted child psychiatrist

44. Feline

45. High schoolers’ test

47. Not happy

48. They \_\_\_\_

51. On top

53. Precious stones unit of weight

55. Moved quickly

56. Seagulls

58. A seed with hooks or teeth

59. Partner to “oohed”

60. Exclamation of surprise

61. Most unpleasant

64. Organization help service members

65. Type of cockatoo

67. Humorous criticisms

69. Went through and organized

70. Wakes up

CLUES DOWN

1. Settle in tents

2. Big

3. Books

4. Masses of eggs in fish

5. Language

6. Not standing

7. Chinese philosophy

8. Computer giant

9. A device to catch

10. Emits coherent radiation

11. Actor O’Neill

12. Smallest interval in western music

13. Not lower

15. Revolves

18. Leavened bread

21. Number above the line in a fraction

24. Cable

26. Adult male

27. Airborne (abbr.)

30. Bullfighting maneuvers

32. Broadcast

35. \_\_\_\_ Angeles

37. Vehicle

38. Not religious

39. North American peoples

42. A baglike structure

43. Body art (slang)

46. Picked for a role

47. Actress Tomei

49. Former hoopster “Big Country”

50. Icelandic poems

52. More pleasant

54. It can add flavor to meat

55. Self-immolation by fire rituals

57. Expression of annoyance

59. \_\_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)

62. Consumed

63. Body part

66. Thus

68. In reply (abbr.)

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