



# TWISTED

## Era of ignoring Tornado Warnings in RI is over

By RORY SCHULER

The twister churned the cemetery grounds, mixing earth and mighty trees and bending grave markers perpendicular to the souls interred beneath.

The spinning winds struck Johnston where the town buries its dead and the neighborhoods where residents live their lives.

Many massive trees fell throughout town — on cars, homes and graves. The wind knocked down old growth behemoths, soggy earth clinging to their giant root balls. The tornadoes sheared whole patches of woodland.

“I am grateful to report that despite significant damage caused by the tornado in multiple communities, there were no serious injuries or loss of life reported,” reports Johnston Police Chief Mark A. Vieira. “I applaud our residents, who heeded severe weather warnings and showed the strength of the Johnston community in the face of adversity. We were very fortunate that most of the damage sustained in town only consisted of downed trees, branches, and power lines.”

### 115 mph winds

The Friday, Aug. 18 storm drew the attention of meteorologists across the nation.

Following the path of debris, weather-trackers have assessed the “hop-scotching” tornadoes struck in several Ocean State communities, leaving a trail of toppled trees, tangled wires and shaken residents from Scituate, Johnston and North Providence.

A Tornado Warning blew up the cell phones of most residents in surrounding towns at 8:35 a.m.

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**DIRECT HIT:** Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Johnston seems to have taken a direct hit by Friday morning's tornado. A path of destruction: fallen trees, scattered planters, grave markers dislodged and huge trees toppled. (*Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler*)



# Do you have something you'd like to share with the JSC?

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

A pleasant, almost calming aroma, filled the Johnston Senior Center this past Thursday, as Claudia Allore, a Holistic Practitioner, presented to members of the JSC, on the benefits of natural, essential oils.

The discussion centered on how therapeutic grade essential oils can rejuvenate your emotional state. As you can imagine, this subject really piqued the interests of our population.

Claudia said if we ignore our emotional health, it is difficult to enjoy optimal physical health. Further, she said essential oils offer a wonderful and powerful way to experience release from negativity, fear, pain, and overall emotional imbalance.

As the presentation continued and the aroma of the oils filled the building, many more members became interested in the topic, resulting in another presentation to be scheduled in early Fall.

The Johnston Senior Center is always looking for individuals or groups who would like to share on topics of interests appropriate for older adults. If you have something you would like to share, please call the JSC at 944-3343.



**THE WHOLE PICTURE:** Claudia Allore shared her "holistic" guidance to members at the Johnston Senior Center on a recent visit. (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)

# Senior Spotlight



**MORE THAN 20 YEARS:** Connie Ucci started volunteering at the Center when it was located on Priscilla Lane more than two decades ago. Her late husband Thomas was the JSC "Driver" for all trips and activities outside the Center. (Photo courtesy Richard J. DelFino Jr.)

## Family service at the Johnston Senior Center

By **RICHARD J. DELFINO JR.**  
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The Johnston Senior Center Spotlight this week shines on Connie Ucci.

Connie started volunteering at the Center when it was located on Priscilla Lane, some 22 years ago. Along with her late husband Thomas, who was the JSC "Driver" for all trips and activities outside the Center, Connie has been a fixture here.

Connie was one of the original chaperones and escorts here at the Center. She has been a great representative of our JSC out in the community, always meticulously attired, and proudly wearing her gold plated identification badge.

When not escorting trips, Connie staffs our "Café," making sure the snacks and drinks are always available. Connie's son, former State Rep. Stephen Ucci, an attorney, also makes time to volunteer at the JSC, also driving groups to and from various day trips.

Connie says she enjoys her time at the Center, interacting with many friends, both new and old. Connie says simply put, the Johnston Senior Center is a "wonderful" place.

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



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# Graniteville Vets host VJ Day celebration

By PETE FONTAINE

There were many moving and memorable moments Saturday morning at what some people call "Monument Park" next Fire Department Station 2 on Putnam Pike in Johnston.

For the 23rd time in as many years, the Graniteville World War II Veterans Foundation held its annual VJ Day Celebration under a sparkling sun that people like Anthony "Tony" Carlino said "remains a most special event for those veterans who can and still attend the ceremony."

"Good morning and welcome," Carlino began while standing in front of the impressive Graniteville monuments. "Today we remember and honor those men and women for their service and sacrifice, and whose names are on these monuments etched in stone, and forever in our hearts."

There was a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by the placement of a wreath and flowers by Jo-Ann Carley Barbieri and Terri Catley Assalone and Carlino issuing an invitation for people to "join us next door at the (Johnston Historical Society) Museum Barn" where there was more pomp and circumstance and several presentations.

Laura Charnley Panicucci, chairperson of the group's Board of Trustees, began with speaker introductions in honor of Donald Catley and Angelo Carlino, two of the "boys from Graniteville who gave their lives to protect the freedom of our country."

Clemence read a hand-written speech dedicated to Donald Catley, while Marie Carlino Butera, the foundation's secretary, read a passage about her late father Angelo Carlino.

Frank Donald Catley was born Oct. 4, 1932, on Pine Hill Avenue in Greenville and became an active member of the Boy Scouts and dedicated volunteer for the Graniteville Fire Department for 40 years, serving as captain for 17 years.

He was an active member of the Graniteville Baptist Church as a deacon, moderator and organist. He served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the World War II Monument Committee. He was devoted to his family, including his wife Hazel of 69 years, his five daughters, 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Catley was also remembered with the raising of a new American flag donated to the foundation by his wife Hazel, and daughters Karen, Lori, Joann Terrie and Stracy.

Also, Karen Catley Clemence made a special quilt in patriotic colors, as well as three with his picture, for Lori Bessette and Jon-Ann Barbieri.

Meanwhile, Angelo Carlino, a Chief Petty Officer, had a distinguished service career after listing in the U.S. Navy three days before his 18th birthday. From his first assignment to the USS Arkab AK-130 — a Navy cargo ship — he fought in many battles all over the world and was one of the top 50 commissary men in the USN during his illustrious 30-year career.

As Marie Carlino read from an impressive six-page list of her father's history, he served during World War II, Korean War and at the very beginning of the Vietnam War while in the Navy Reserve.

Among the superlatives people used to define the late Carlino was "he was one of the most outstanding chiefs in the U.S. Navy; he was unique and had effective leadership capabilities but most importantly he earned respect from his men and everyone he met throughout his career."

For Tony Carlino — who earned many medals during his time with the Navy — will always be remembered as a model citizen in the local community who enhanced the USN picture in all he did 24 hours a day.

Thus, people will also tell you Chief Petty Officer Angelo Carlino — from the "greatest generation — who took the advice of someone years ago who suggested he join the Navy and see the world; and as Marie Carlino related "my father did just that and we are all proud of the honor and glory he brought to our family, the town of Johnston and our great country."

Saturday's ceremony also included Lori Catley Bessette who read of the names of 11 men from Graniteville killed in action in WWII: Ralph "June" Bridges, John K. Burrows, Walter Charbonneau, Alfred A. Chartier, Raymond Draper, George Harrington Jr., Wiliam Hickey, Raymond J. Herther Jr., James Paterson, Joseph Roy Searle and William Thorpe Jr.

The ceremony concluded with a prayer from Rev. David Butea and closing remarks and a thank you from Tony Carlino.



**GRANITE GREETING:** Tony Carlino delivers his opening remarks at the outset of Saturday's 23rd annual Veterans Foundation event in Johnston. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



**OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS:** The leadership of the Graniteville WW II Veterans Foundation who took part in Saturday's 23rd annual memorial service included Karen Casale, Lori-Charnley-Panicucci, Carlie Carlino-Butera and Rev. David Butera.

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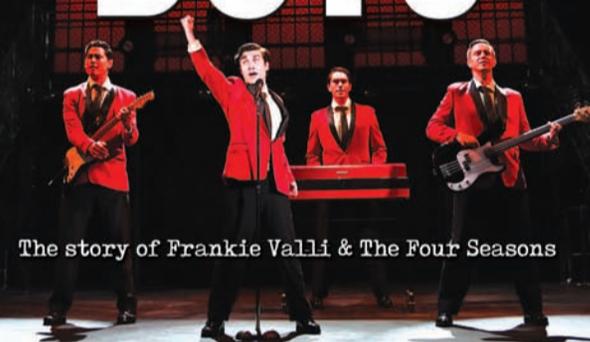
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**FEAST STARTS FRIDAY:** Shown here, Santa Maria DiPrata Society Chairman Anthony Rocchio and Treasurer Anthony Mastantuono, are trying to get the word out on this year's events. According to member Louis J. Spre-mulli, "every year they get about 3,500 people," and "all food (is) made by (the) society." (Photo courtesy Louis J. Spre-mulli)

## Santa Maria DiPrata Society Feast this weekend

The Santa Maria DiPrata Society will hold their 37th annual Feast "A Taste

of Italy" during Labor Day weekend, from Friday, Sept. 1 to Sunday, Sept. 3, at the society headquarters, 29 Walnut Grove Ave., Cranston (across from Shore's Market on Atwood Avenue).

The group's president is Ray Fanaro. The feast will include live entertainment each night, rides and games (including a special raffle, in which only 100 tickets will be sold). Nightly the feast will feature homemade

doughboys, clam cakes, sausage and pepper sandwiches, eggplant and meatball sandwiches, polenta and Italian pasta dishes, hot dogs, hamburgers, tripe, a beer garden and fine Italian pastries. Specials will include snail salad and calamari, and other delicacies. At 6 p.m. the feast grounds open (on Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and on Friday evening, "Ambrosiani" is scheduled to provide music from 6:30 to

10:30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 2, Ron Giorgio is scheduled to play for the crowd, for Our Blessed Mother will be held at noon, Sept. 3, at St. Rocco's Church in Johnston. If you have questions, email [fasn3@cox.net](mailto:fasn3@cox.net). The special raffle will feature a mountain bike as the third place prize, \$300 for second place and \$1,000 cash for first place, according to the Membership and Feast Committee.



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## More at Mohr Library

Registration is ongoing for a variety of programs and events at the Mohr Library, 1 Memorial Ave, Johnston. In addition, all ages can still report on their summer reading and enter to win prizes donated by our Friends of the Library.

**Library Events:**

Adults can join Ms. Pauline Genest for a free yoga class on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The last few classes will be held outdoors weather permitting. Bring a yoga mat, water, and sunscreen. This program is sponsored by TriCounty HEZ.

Drawing for adults is held at 3 p.m. Thursdays. The Knitting and Crochet group meets at 10 a.m. Fridays. The Children's Library always has drop-in, self-directed activities for kids and families like crafts and scavenger hunts. Preschool storytimes and elementary-age kids programs start up again in October — more news to come.

Activities for middle-school and high-school age kids will be offered afternoons. Kids should talk with our Young Adult Librarian, Marissa, for more information.

The Library offers help with technology, information, and finding books and media. They have fax service, self-service copying and public computers, and a Notary Public most evenings (call ahead to confirm). You can reserve quiet rooms and meeting space.

There is an ongoing book sale in the lower level, whenever we are open. The Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and beginning Sept. 9, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Labor Day.



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# SUN RISE SCOOPS

## Sun Rise Staff Reports

Aug. 26

### Pagan Pride Day

Rhode Island Pagan Pride Day (PPD) festival will return to Johnston's War Memorial Park on Aug. 26.

The RI PPD event has been held in Johnston's War Memorial Park "on and off since 2008." The festival was last held in the park in 2018, the year after Moore became PPD Local Coordinator (LC). After taking a several-year pandemic hiatus (from 2020-2022), event organizers were eager to throw another celebration.

The event has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, and organizers have circulated a press release promising "a vibrant and inclusive celebration of spirituality, diversity and community." It's free and open to everyone.

Aug. 26

### Clear the Shelters™ Animal Adoption Event

On Sat., Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clear the Shelters Animal Adoption event will be held at Potter League Animal Care & Adoption Center, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown. The official Clear the Shelters event is offering reduced pet adoption fees, half off, to empower families to embrace a new animal companion. Visit CleartheShelters.com to access more information about Clear the Shelters™ and a real-time pet adoption tracker is posted on the same site across all participating markets. For more information, visit [www.potterleague.org](http://www.potterleague.org) or call 401-846-0592.

Aug. 29

### Food Truck Tuesday

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, Johnston's War Memorial Park will once again fill with food trucks.

Partnering with PVD Food Truck events, June's inaugural event was followed by another on Tuesday, and a third on Tues., Aug. 29. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and runs through sunset.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, Johnston welcomes a farmers market back to Memorial Park.

"We're looking forward to hosting a Pop-up Farmers Market this Saturday ... at Memorial Park!" According to a post on the town's social media accounts. "Find our friends from African Alliance of Rhode Island Bami Farm and Gather Farm at the park from ( 9 a.m. to noon). Get all of your fresh produce, ice cream, and enjoy music and glass blowing lessons ... We look forward to seeing you there."

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## PRESS RELEASE

# RIDOT Travel Advisory: I-95 weekend lane closures for bridge replacement in Cranston start Aug. 25

Starting at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) will begin a series of four consecutive weekend lane closures of I-95 near Route 10/Exit 33 at the Cranston/Providence line for replacement of the Wellington Avenue Bridge. Travelers should expect delays and use alternate routes such as Route 10 and I-295 on these weekends.

Each weekend, lanes will be closed on both sides of the highway as RIDOT demolishes and replaces different parts of this structurally deficient bridge. The closures start each weekend at 8 p.m. on Fridays with all lanes open by 5 a.m. Monday morning. RIDOT will keep at least two lanes open on the side of the bridge being worked on each weekend.

For brief periods of time, for

the week of Aug. 28 for I-95 South and the week of Sept. 11 for I-95 North, there will be a lane split with two lanes on either side of the work zone. Drivers should not stop or suddenly change lanes at the split. This unsafe behavior will cause traffic delays and could lead to a crash. All lanes go through.

The schedule for the bridge replacement and traffic impacts is as follows:

- Aug. 25-28: The two left lanes on I-95 South and the left lane on I-95 North will be closed beginning at 8 p.m. Friday night, Aug. 25. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28.
- Aug. 28-Sept. 1: There will be a lane split on I-95 South near Route 10 in Cranston, with two lanes

on either side of the split. All lanes go through.

- Sept. 1-4: The two right lanes on I-95 South and the left lane on I-95 North will be closed beginning at 8 p.m. Friday night, Sept. 1. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4.
- Sept. 8-11: The two left lanes on I-95 North and the left lane on I-95 South will be closed beginning at 8 p.m. Friday night, Sept. 8. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11.
- Sept. 11-15: There will be a lane split on I-95 North near Route 10 in Cranston, with two lanes on either side of the split. All lanes go through.
- Sept. 15-18: The two right lanes on I-95 North and

the left lane on I-95 South will be closed beginning at 8 p.m. Friday night, Sept. 15. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18.

The bridge replacement operation also requires the closure of Wellington Avenue at the bridge, with a signed detour established for local traffic. The detour went into effect on Monday, Aug. 21 and will be in place for approximately one month.

This rapid approach to bridge replacement saves motorists more than two years of lane closures, shifts and splits. Again, for this brief time, drivers can expect delays, should plan extra time for travel, and consider alternate routes such as Route 10 and I-295.

RIDOT has coordinated with its neighboring states to inform

motorists of anticipated construction delays from this bridge work prior to major highway interchanges, including on I-95 South in North Attleboro, Mass. before I-295 and on I-95 North in East Lyme and Waterford, Conn. before I-395.

All construction projects are subject to changes in schedule and scope depending on needs, circumstances, findings, and weather.

The replacement of the Wellington Avenue Bridge is made possible by RhodeWorks and the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Improvement Act. RIDOT is committed to bringing Rhode Island's infrastructure into a state of good repair while respecting the environment and striving to improve it. Learn more at [www.ridot.net/RhodeWorks](http://www.ridot.net/RhodeWorks).



# I-95 WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES AT ROUTE 10 IN CRANSTON



## AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 18

RIDOT will close lanes on I-95 at the Wellington Avenue Bridge, at the Cranston/Providence line, just north of Route 10. The closures will take place on four consecutive weekends, Friday, Aug. 25 through Monday, Sept. 18. **Travelers should expect delays and seek alternate routes such as Route 10 and I-295.**

Each weekend, lanes will be closed on both sides of the highway as RIDOT demolishes and replaces different parts of this structurally deficient bridge. The closures start each weekend at 8 p.m. on Fridays with all lanes open by 5 a.m. on Mondays. We'll keep at least two lanes open on the side of the bridge we're working on each weekend.

Also, for the week of August 28 there will be a lane split on I-95 South, and for the week of September 11, there will be a lane split on I-95 North. **All lanes go through.** This rapid approach to bridge replacement saves motorists more than two years of lane closures, shifts and splits. For more details, please visit [www.ridot.net](http://www.ridot.net).



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6:55 am KILLINGLY ST @ RUTH ST

**Bus:101**

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6:45 am CEDAR ST @ GREEN ST  
6:46 am MERINO ST @ KING ST  
6:48 am PLEASANT VIEW AV @ DAY ST  
6:49 am TRAVER AV @ HILLSIDE AV

**Bus:102**

6:45 am NORMANDY ST@NIVERVILLE ST  
6:48 am LEADING ST @ HARRISON ST  
6:50 am ONEIDA ST @ HIGHLAND AV  
6:52 am CLIFTON ST @ ROSEMONT AV  
6:53 am ROSEMONT AV @ MILBURN ST  
6:55 am FREEDOM CT @ EAGLE ST

**Bus:103**

6:34 am WILSON AV@GARDEN AV  
6:35 am WILSON AV @ N LOXLEY DR  
6:37 am WILSON AV @ WHITE DR  
6:41 am HARTFORD AVE @ WOODWARD RD  
6:42 am 861 HARTFORD AVE  
6:43 am WINFIELD RD @ HARBOARD RD  
6:44 am HARDING AV @ PERSHING RD  
6:46 am HARTFORD AVE @ S LONG ST  
6:47 am HARTFORD AVE @ S WILLIAMS ST  
6:49 am HARTFORD AVE @ HENRY CT  
6:50 am 1137 HARTFORD AV  
6:51 am 1137 HARTFORD AVE/1139 HARTFORD AVENUE

**Bus:104**

6:40 am PINE HILL AV@BELKNAP FARM DR  
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6:46 am CENTRAL AV @ MONGONE DR  
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**Bus:106**

6:41 am PLAINFIELD ST@BINGLEY TERR  
6:42 am PLAINFIELD ST @ WILLOW ST  
6:43 am PLAINFIELD ST @ MAPLE AV  
6:46 am PLAINFIELD ST @ EVERGREEN DR  
6:47 am PLAINFIELD ST @ CALEF ST  
6:49 am SCHOOL ST @ HERITAGE CIR

**Bus:107**

6:42 am ATWOOD AV@SCALABRINI DR  
6:43 am ATWOOD AV @ LUTHER ST  
6:44 am ATWOOD AV @ PARK ST  
6:47 am MELODY LN @ LAFAZIA DR  
6:49 am SPRAGUE CIR @ CRANDALL DR  
6:53 am ATWOOD AV@ROTARY DR/1184 ATWOOD AV

**Bus:108**

6:32 am 2051 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
6:33 am 2111 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
6:40 am SHUN PIKE @ NICOLE LN

**Bus:109**

6:43 am CAPITOL ST@VIOLET ST  
6:45 am TARTAGLIA ST @ SIMMONSVILLE AV  
6:47 am 193 SIMMONSVILLE AV  
6:49 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ FOUNTAIN AV  
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**Bus:110**

6:34 am HARTFORD AV@BELFIELD DR  
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6:42 am HILLTOP DR @ HILL DR  
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**Bus:111**

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6:48 am GREENVILLE AV @ FAIRMOUNT AV  
6:50 am GREENVILLE AV @ BECKER AV  
6:52 am CHERRY HILL RD @ BIRCHTREE DR

**Bus:113**

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6:41 am GREENVILLE AV@CHARLIE'S WAY  
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6:42 am 713 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
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6:46 am 14 SANDERSON ROAD  
6:47 am GREENVILLE AV @ OLD GREENVILLE RD  
2nd Entrance  
6:50 am 760/762/764 GREENVILLE AV  
6:50 am 760 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
6:50 am 752 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
6:51 am 712 GREENVILLE AVE  
6:51 am GREENVILLE AV@CHARLIE'S WAY  
BF VILLA  
6:52 am GREENVILLE AV @ SMOKEY DR  
6:52 am GREENVILLE AV @ JANET DR  
6:54 am CARPENTER DR @ BUONA VISTA AVE

**Bus:114**

6:45 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD@BRAYTON ST  
@SERREL SWEET RD  
6:46 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ DERBY AV  
6:48 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ TEAKWOOD DR  
6:50 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ GARNER AV  
6:52 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ DEXTER ST  
6:53 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ SPRING HILL DR  
6:54 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ SHERIDAN ST  
6:56 am GREENVILLE AV @ GEORGE ST

**Bus:115**

6:31 am CENTRAL AV@APPLE TREE LN  
6:32 am CENTRAL AV @ OLD POCASSET RD  
6:33 am 710 CENTRAL AVENUE  
6:34 am CENTRAL AV @ FALCON CREST DR  
6:35 am CENTRAL AV @ DAWN DR  
6:38 am 424 CENTRAL AVENUE  
6:39 am LINWOOD DR @ CRESTWOOD DR  
6:40 am OLD ATWOOD 50 FEET FROM THE LIGHT  
6:48 am FEDERAL WY @ CONSTITUTION CT

**Bus:116**

6:45 am 28 SUSAN AVENUE  
6:46 am DEAN AV @ MOWRY AV  
6:47 am 4 MOWRY AVENUE  
6:48 am PUTNAM PIKE @ SCENERY LN  
6:49 am PUTNAM PIKE @ HEBDEEN ST  
6:50 am PUTNAM PIKE @ EARL ST  
6:50 am EARL ST @ DEAN AV  
6:52 am PUTNAM PIKE @ ANGELL ST

6:54 am PUTNAM PIKE @ COTTAGE ST  
6:56 am PUTNAM PIKE @ JENCKES ST

**Bus:117**

6:26 am BISHOP HILL RD@PINE HILL RD@CROSS RD  
6:27 am BISHOP HILL RD @ ROSEMERE AV  
6:28 am BISHOP HILL RD @ E WOODHAVEN DR  
6:30 am BISHOP HILL RD @ BOULDER RD  
6:32 am BISHOP HILL RD @ BAY VIEW DR  
6:35 am BISHOP HILL RD@CAMELOT CIR  
@GOLDEN VIEW DR

**Bus:118**

6:35 am STARR ST@SIMMONS ST  
6:37 am DELUCA ST @ WATER ST  
6:38 am WATER ST @ VENICE AV  
6:38 am VENICE AV @ STARR ST  
6:39 am VENICE AV @ MILL ST  
6:41 am MILL ST @ JOY ST  
6:43 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ JOHN ST  
6:44 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ PLEASANT ST  
6:46 am 1595 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
6:47 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ NARDOLILLO ST

**Bus:119**

6:15 am 33 WINSOR AVE  
6:17 am 77 WINSOR AVENUE  
6:17 am 104 WINSOR AVENUE  
6:21 am QUAKER RD @ ROGER WILLIAMS DR  
6:28 am 10 DEER RUN TRAIL  
6:31 am 120 HOPKINS AVENUE  
6:32 am 97 HOPKINS AVE .  
6:35 am HOPKINS AV @ MOSWANSICUT DR  
6:37 am 2808 HARTFORD AVENUE  
6:38 am HARTFORD AVE @ RED OAK DR

**Bus:120**

6:20 am 117 BROWN AVE  
6:20 am 102 BROWN AVENUE  
6:23 am BROWN AV @ WOODVALE DR  
6:27 am HARTFORD AVE @ E SCENIC VIEW DR  
6:28 am REEDY ST @ REEDY ST  
6:29 am 9/12 ROLLINGWOOD DR  
6:33 am NORWICH DR @ MATHEW DR  
6:38 am 2598 HARTFORD AVE  
6:39 am HARTFORD AVE @ E SCENIC VIEW DR  
6:39 am HARTFORD AVE @ LAKEVIEW AV  
6:43 am 2150 HARTFORD AVENUE

**CRANSTON WEST VOC**

**Bus:124**

6:55 AM JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**NICHOLAS A FERRI MS**

**Bus:100**

7:12 am KILLINGLY ST@MERILINE ST  
7:13 am BORDEN AV @ ARCADIA AV  
7:15 am BORDEN AV @ ZOAR AV  
7:15 am BORDEN AV @ N WILLIAMS ST  
7:17 am N OLNEY ST @ PLEASANT AV  
7:18 am PLEASANT AV @ HOMELAND ST  
7:20 am HOMELAND ST @ BORDEN AV  
7:23 am BORDEN AV @ CLEVELAND AV  
7:25 am 1137 HARTFORD AVE/1139 HARTFORD AVENUE  
7:26 am FRANCES AV @ TARA ST  
7:28 am DREAMLAND PARKING LOT

**Bus:101**

7:20 am GREEN ST@CEDAR ST  
7:22 am DYERVILLE AV @ HEDLEY AV  
7:23 am ELM ST @ MERINO ST  
7:25 am MERINO ST @ HOMESTEAD AV  
7:27 am PLEASANT VIEW AV @ DAY ST  
7:29 am TRAVER AV @ HILLSIDE AV

**Bus:102**

7:08 am CITY VIEW PKWY@NEWBURG ST  
7:10 am NIVERVILLE ST @ NORMANDY ST  
7:12 am AUDUBON ST @ FLANDERS ST  
7:13 am OSTEND ST @ LEADING ST  
7:14 am HARRISON ST @ WAVELAND ST  
7:16 am WAVELAND ST @ ONEIDA ST  
7:18 am WAVELAND ST @ LAUREL ST  
7:19 am ONEIDA ST @ FAIRMOUNT AV  
7:21 am CLIFTON ST @ ROSEMONT AV  
7:23 am FREEDOM CT @ EAGLE ST  
7:25 am BIRCHTREE DR @ PINE CREST DR  
TOP OF PINE CREST  
7:26 am BIRCHTREE DR @ PINE CREST DR  
BOTTOM OF PINE CREST

**Bus:103**

7:00 am WILSON AV@GARDEN AV  
7:02 am WILSON AV @ N LOXLEY DR  
7:04 am ANN DR @ WHITE DR  
7:07 am LOXLEY DR @ N LOXLEY DR  
7:10 am HARTFORD AVE @ WOODWARD RD  
7:11 am WINFIELD RD @ EDWARDS RD  
7:13 am HARDING AV @ PAOLINO ST  
7:14 am HARDING AV @ BOUNDARY AV  
7:16 am CENTRAL AV @ SCHOFIELD ST  
7:19 am KILLINGLY ST @ WESTWOOD MANOR DR  
7:21 am 745 HARTFORD AVE  
7:22 am HARTFORD AVE @ S LONG ST  
7:23 am HARTFORD AVE @ S OLNEY ST

**Bus:104**

7:15 am BELKNAP FARM DR@SURREY DR  
7:18 am SURREY DR @ PINE HILL AV  
7:20 am PINE HILL AV @ FOX TALE DR  
7:21 am 95 PINE HILL AVENUE  
7:22 am PINE HILL AV @ STEERE ST  
7:24 am MORTON AV @ HARRIS AV  
7:27 am CHESTNUT ST @ CAMILLE DR  
7:29 am BUCHANAN ST @ GROVE AV  
7:30 am CHARLES AV @ SERREL SWEET RD  
7:32 am SERREL SWEET RD @ WYCHWOOD PL

**Bus:105**

7:19 am MONSON ST@IPSWICH ST  
7:20 am ENFIELD ST @ ORLEANS ST  
7:24 am CENTRAL AV@ASHBY ST@ALDEN ST  
7:27 am CENTRAL AV @ MONGONE DR  
7:28 am MILLS DR @ PICOTTE DR  
7:30 am CORRINE ST @ PINWOOD AV

**Bus:106**

7:21 am PLAINFIELD ST@WILLOW ST  
7:22 am PLAINFIELD ST @ MAPLE AV  
7:24 am PLAINFIELD ST @ SPRUCE ST  
7:25 am PLAINFIELD ST @ CALEF ST  
7:27 am MORGAN AV @ THORNTON ST  
7:29 am SCHOOL ST @ HERITAGE CIR

**Bus:107**

7:17 am SPRAGUE CIR@CRANDALL DR  
7:18 am 3 BARTLETT DR  
7:20 am LAFAZIA DR @ MELODY LN  
7:21 am S BENNETT DR @ E PARK ST  
7:23 am VANNER ST @ SCHOOL ST  
7:25 am ATWOOD AV @ SCALABRINI DR  
7:26 am ATWOOD AV @ LUTHER ST  
7:27 am ATWOOD AV @ PARK ST  
7:29 am ATWOOD AV@ROTARY DR/1184 ATWOOD AV

**Bus:108**

7:15 am 2011/2005 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
7:16 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ TAYLOR RD  
7:20 am 36 PECK HILL RD  
7:22 am PECK HILL RD @ SHUN PIKE  
7:23 am SHUN PIKE @ NICOLE LN  
7:24 am 7/8 NICOLE LANE

**Bus:109**

7:11 am SIMMONSVILLE AV@SCITUATE AVE  
7:13 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ BELMONT AVE  
7:15 am SIMMONSVILLE AVE@JAIME DR  
7:16 am FOUNTAIN AV @ MACERA FARM RD  
7:18 am SCITUATE AVE @ KIMBALL AV  
7:20 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ ALMY ST  
7:22 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ TARTAGLIA ST  
7:23 am TARTAGLIA ST @ BELLA WOODS CT

**Bus:110**

7:12 am HARTFORD AV@BELFIELD DR  
7:15 am 23 SHORE DRIVE  
7:17 am STEERE DR @ HILL DR  
7:19 am STEERE DR @ VALLEY DR  
7:21 am HILLTOP DR @ HILL DR  
7:23 am 25 BEECHNUT DRIVE  
7:26 am TARRAGON DR @ CARAWAY DR  
7:28 am PEPPERMINT LN @ JASMINE LN

# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Nursing homes face an age-old dilemma

Last week we featured an op-ed written by Matthew R. Trimble, President & CEO of Saint Elizabeth Community, regarding a growing crisis involving Rhode Island's nursing homes.

The issue is about as thorny as they come, involving complex federal systems such as Medicare and Medicaid, and is underscored by a tricky, bitter to swallow reality: that we don't have enough people, or pay them enough, to care for our state's most vulnerable citizens.

The events leading up to this simmering crisis (which now approaches a boiling point), as elder care facilities around the state close down or face impending closure, is a classic conundrum.

Decisions that were made with the best of intentions to prevent the mistreatment and neglect of senior citizens may actually be doing more long-term harm than good, due either to a lack of care in assessing the impact of the decisions prior to making them, or simply ignoring the warnings that were given regarding those decisions.

We have experienced enough consequences to now know for certain that Rhode Island does not have enough caregivers to provide the minimum care requirement passed by the state in 2021.

As a result, and as pointed out by Trimble, someone with direct and authoritative insight in the field, nursing homes and elder care facilities are facing skyrocketing costs and many are faced with possibly closing down entirely; others already have.

Let us be clear that we are not philosophically opposed to requiring a standard quality of care for nursing home patients, nor are we against hard-working caregivers earning enough money to avoid relying on Medicaid themselves. Our main concern is that the current workings of the state's mechanisms to support staff required to provide that level of care is insufficient, and that won't change without targeted and thoughtful effort.

Trimble cites a roughly 30% increase in senior healthcare costs contrasted by an increase in Medicaid reimbursements that amounts to roughly one-sixth of that. And although that reimbursement rate is scheduled to increase to around 11% next year, it still won't fix the underlying problem.

It is not the first time that a state government has put the well-intentioned cart before the beleaguered, ill-prepared horse, and it likely won't be the last. The state's recognition of this reality is evident in this case by the fact that they have not actually held elder care facilities liable to the fines that were promised with the new care requirement legislation. Because they know it's not feasible, and that it will spell more disaster if those facilities are forced to shutter amidst an inability to find, pay, and retain staff.

The only solution is to make Rhode Island a more attractive state for caregivers. Enact salary bonus programs for caregivers who excel, provide credits for both in-state and out-of-state students to attend state universities where they are trained in the field, and reward them for getting a job in-state and working with Rhode Island seniors. Boost the federal reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid however possible, and to whatever extent is needed to start fixing the problem. Prevent opportunistic temp agencies from overcharging for support staff amidst this crisis.

Any action, save for action that merely amounts to a feel-good press release without any feasible way to make that action actually happen, is better than what we have right now.



LETTER

## Highland Memorial Park Cemetery damaged, but its board remains grateful

I think that President Joe Swift of the cemetery and his crew led by Robert Branch did an excellent job given the situation of what occurred last Friday morning. They worked together as one team to ensure the safety of the folks that were in the park and themselves in working to restore and beautify the cemetery.

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RoryS@RhodyBeat.com

We are fortunate that no one was injured as we had crews on the property when the storm hit. The residents in the surrounding area all pulled together helping one another which was great to see.

As I was heading up to the property I talked to one of the residents from the Rhode Island Avenue area and he simply indicated that it appear(ed) to be all tree damage and everybody was safe in his neighborhood, but they (were) all out there already cleaning up the debris to open up the roads.

Also (I'd like) to note the great staff that we have at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery. We actually had employees that were on vacation and when they heard of the tornado strike they came into work to make sure that their colleagues were safe and to see what they can do to lend a hand.

Lastly, all board members were in contact with the president and all stopped up at the cemetery grounds to see if they could lend a hand. Highland Memorial Park Cemetery is a great little gem in the town of Johnston where people can go to visit their loved ones and be in a nice park-like setting.

Robert J. Civetti  
Johnston

**Editor's Note:** According to Joe Swift, President of the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Town Councilman Robert J. Civetti arrived at the cemetery shortly after the storm hit, around 10 a.m., and stayed through 6 p.m. to try to keep people from entering under still dangerous conditions. Civetti also serves as treasurer and board member at the cemetery. Town Council President Robert V. Russo also visited the cemetery Friday to survey the damage. "I think Mr. Civetti, as a councilman, should be commended," Swift said Wednesday morning. "And I really do appreciate Mr. Russo's visit on Friday."

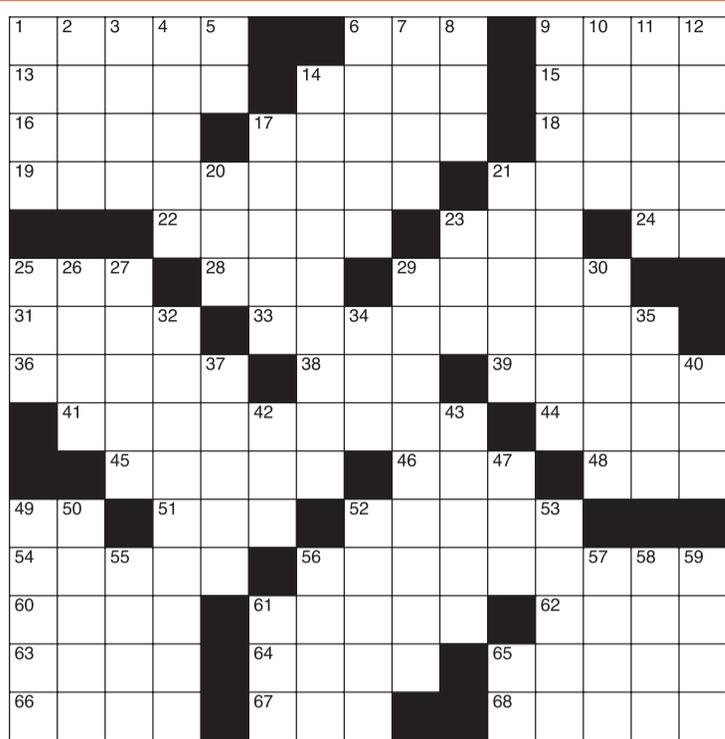
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORNER



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Russian painter
- 6. Very fast jet
- 9. Phillipine municipality
- 13. Intestinal
- 14. Small freshwater fish
- 15. Algerian coastal city
- 16. Vomit
- 17. Famed astronomer
- 18. Ghanaian currency
- 19. Improved the condition of
- 21. Int'l association of interpreters
- 22. Infections
- 23. Dish made with lentils
- 24. Thou
- 25. Former CIA
- 28. Unit used to compare power levels
- 29. Members of Pueblo people
- 31. Myanmar monetary units
- 33. Polished
- 36. Signed a contract
- 38. Nothing
- 39. Once-ubiquitous department store

- 41. Neural structures
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 46. Longing
- 48. Senior officer
- 49. Levels of frequency
- 51. Bird's beak
- 52. Move rapidly downwards
- 54. Koran chapters
- 56. Stretches out
- 60. Top of the human body
- 61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Sea eagle
- 64. Dry
- 65. Zodiac sign
- 66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
- 67. Have the ability to
- 68. Take somewhere

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie

- 2. Wings
- 3. Adjust the spacing
- 4. They're usually locked
- 5. Atomic #43
- 6. Wise individuals
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 9. Confines
- 10. Colorless crystalline compound
- 11. Unsatisfactorily
- 12. Plant of the parsley family
- 14. Determines time
- 17. Causes the birth of
- 20. Small ornament on a watch chain
- 21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
- 23. Vito Corleone was one
- 25. Igbo musical instrument
- 26. Put in harmony
- 27. Japanese alcoholic drinks
- 29. Tinseltown
- 30. Closes tightly
- 32. Songs sung to one's lover
- 34. One thousandth of an inch
- 35. Small drink of whiskey
- 37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. Baby's eating accessory
- 43. Very long periods of time
- 47. Small block of wood
- 49. Town in Surrey, England
- 50. Enquiry
- 52. Murdered
- 53. Bura-\_\_: Chadic language
- 55. Crater on Mars
- 56. Mammal genus
- 57. Sock
- 58. Make
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Partner to cheese
- 65. Pound

## ■ Scoops

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### Sept. 7-10 Our Lady of Grace Feast & Festival

Our Lady of Grace Church in Johnston has set the dates for it's the annual Italian Feast and Festival 2023 in honor of La Madonna Della DiFesa.

The 2023 festival will begin on Wed., Sept. 6 with a 6 p.m. mass followed by a candlelight procession and rosary. He said the carnival rides on Rockwell Amusement's Midway along with games and all food booths will open Thurs., Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Known as one of Rhode Island's most popular summertime events the Italian Feast and Festival will continue through Sun., Sept. 10, with a grand raffle drawing for \$7,000 in prizes.

"Admission is always free," Father Gower said. "We're bringing back the Big Top and all events will be held rain or shine."

Also, the 2023 Fest and Festival will have a first on Sun., Sept. 10, when The Most Rev. Richard D, Henning, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 10:30 a.m. mass with Father Gower serving as Celebrant.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is given that on or soon after August 25, 2023 a 2007 Toyota Camry sedan vin #4T1BE46K47U513521 that is in After Hours Towing LLC storage yard located at 7148 Highway 101 N GRAY COURT SC 29645; Ph.8644495378 / 8643861366, will be sold at auction. Anyone with interest in this vehicle can contact After Hours Towing LLC at number above.

8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23

**Public Auction  
Legal Notice**

To: GARY DINGLEY 310 PROVIDENCE ST W.WARWICK RI, CPS INC PO BOX57071 IRVINE,CA 92619 A public auction will be held at 100 South Street Johnston RI on SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2015 HYUNDAI 5XYZTDLB8FG260636 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

8/24/23

**Public Auction  
Legal Notice**

To: Sharrod J. Dawson 80 Mercy St Providence RI, Credit Acceptance 25505 W 12 Mile RD Southfield MI 48034 A public auction will be held at 100 South Street Johnston RI on September 2, 2023 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2018 Toyota 4T1B-11HK9JU569694 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

To: ROBYN BRITTON 17B PIERCE ST DOVER,NH, CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE PO BOX 660068 SACRAMENTO,CA A public auction will be held at 100 South Street Johnston RI on SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2017 NISSAN 3N1CB7AP6HY220856 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

To: DIANE BENABIO 10 POND VIEW DR W.WARWICK RI A public auction will be held at 100 South Street Johnston RI on SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 at 900 am. The vehicle a 2003 CHEV 1CCGCC-S14H538264348 belonging to the above. the auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

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### Sept. 9 The Hope Historical Society Annual Meeting

On Sat., Sep. 9, at 2 p.m., at the Howland Barn, 35 Ryefield Road, Hope, The Hope Historical Society invites the community for the kick off a new program year with a 2023 Archives Presentation The election of Hope Historical Society officers will take place during the Annual Meeting with the Archives Presentation to follow. Refreshments will follow the Archives Presentation. For more information, please go to the HHS Facebook page: Hope Historical Society, Hope, RI.

### Sept. 9 Ocean State Orchid Society Auction

On Sat., Sept. 9, the Ocean State Orchid Society will hold an auction from 12:30 p.m. (pre-view), start time: 1 p.m., at Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Train, East Greenwich. Entrance in rear. A variety of Phalaenopsis, Brassavola, and other orchid genera will be available for auction. Come purchase orchids not commonly available at big box stores and house plant nurseries and to speak to an OSOS member to get care instructions to help ensure growing success! Complimentary refreshments will be available. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Sept 10 The Kerri McClean "Vision of Hope" Cancer Walk

On Sun., Sept. 10, The Kerri McClean "Vision of Hope" Cancer Walk will be held at Warwick City Park, Asylum Road, Buttonwoods/Warwick, with registration at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee: \$30pp. The 14<sup>th</sup> annual walk is to benefit women with gynecological cancer and their families. Proceeds go to the "Women in Need Fund" and the "Integrative Care Service Fund," programs at Women & Infants Hospital in memory of Kerri McClean who succumbed to a five-year battle with cervical cancer in 2009. Baskets and gift cards will be raffled. Refreshments will be provided. For more information: Carla at 401-829-1670.

### Sept. 11 Square Dancing

Mon., Sept. 11, Swing Squares is hosting a free, first class on square dancing from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Oaklawn Community Baptist Church (in the hall at the back of the church), 229 Wilbur Ave., Cranston. Swing Squares is also seeking new members. No partner, special clothing or experience required. Contact: Lisa Breault (401) 524-7610 for more information. Great way to stay in shape, make friends and have fun!

### Sept. 11 The Comedy Course

On Mon., Sept. 11 at 7

p.m., 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. 13 NAMI-RI: Fall "Family-to Family" Course and Support Groups

The Rhode Island Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) is now accepting registration for their Fall session of which begins Wed., Sept.13, at 6:30 p.m. This is a free, virtual, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidence-based program, which means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition. NAMI-Rhode Island's Family-to-Family course is taught by trained family members who have lived experience with a loved one, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. For more information on the Family-to-Family curriculum and registration requirements, visit [namirhodeisland.org](http://namirhodeisland.org) or call 401-331-3060 or email [beth@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:beth@namirhodeisland.org)

### Sept. 19 The Ocean State Toastmasters Open House

On Tues., Sept. 19, from 6 - 8 p.m., The Ocean State Toastmasters will hold an open house at the Proclamation Brewery, 298 Kilvert Street, Warwick. Come and find out why the Ocean State Toastmaster's Club (OS-TM) 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, go to [oceanstate.toastmastersclubs.org](http://oceanstate.toastmastersclubs.org) or email [oceanstatetm.20@gmail.com](mailto:oceanstatetm.20@gmail.com).

The Warwick-based Ocean State Toastmasters, 99 James P. Murphy Industrial Highway, Warwick, meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month from 6:30 to 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.

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# St. Rocco's feast rocked

By PETE FONTAINE

"Team St. Rocco's" scaled new, exciting and record-setting heights during last weekend's 83rd annual Feast and Festival in Johnston.

"It takes a small army to get this done," long-time Chairman Richard Montella offered Monday while enjoying a brief respite after the fun and food-filled four-day feast. "You have to work as a team, and that's exactly what our proud parishioners do year-in and year-out."

Montella said, "we had upwards of 150 volunteers and every man and woman played an important part in this year's success. We would also like to thank all the patrons who visited the feast; seeing what a good time they are having with their families in our motivation."

With that, Montella said with a satisfying smile on his face: "Please mark our calendars for our 2024 feast; it will be held Aug. 15-18!"

Likewise, Montella went on: "We would encourage everyone next year to stop by our bakery booth and try one of our best sellers. Pastry Chef Lisa (Ciunci) made granpuet pudding that sells out every year and should be on every supermarket shelf."

In keeping with tradition, the 2023 feat will long-be remembered for the record sale of more than 3,000 doughboys that many people proclaimed, were "larger than an extra-large pizza."

"Once again, our newly anointed Patron Saint Don DePetrillo provided us with enough dough for the doughboys; Don and the hard workers from the Original Italian Bakery are vital to our success; we could not ask for a better partner." Moreover, as Montella wanted it known: "Harold Fera and the team from Rockwell Amusements never disappoints us and this year we had more rides than ever before. People lined up last weekend to enjoy thrills and chills on the midway."

There were many co-stars, if you will, that led to many recoding-setting firsts, beginning with St. Rocco's pastor Rev. Angelo N. Carusi, who as Montella emphasized "his spiritual leadership is truly an inspiration to us all."

Enter Sister Donna whose religious booth smashed record in sales of an extraordinary total of items, while the tireless St. Rocco's Women's Guild reached new heights by selling more than 110,000 straws in the ever-popular Straw Booth.

Yet another fantastic first came on Sunday morning after the annual 11 a.m. Feast Mass.

That happened courtesy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rhode Island's new Bishop Richard G. Henning, who Montella said, "did a wonderful job introducing himself to the parish faithful as well as delivering a heartfelt homily."

After the Mass, Bishop Henning invited all the children who made their communion in the spring to the altar for photographs.

"It was a heart-warming moment for sure!" Mondella exclaimed. "All the young ladies in communion dresses and boys in suits was something special, as was Bishop Henning leading our parishioners through the streets for our annual procession and blessing our delicious St. Rocco's Bread for all to enjoy."



**FEAST FIRST:** Donna Brown introduces her grandson Colin, who came from his home in Maryland, to his first-ever St. Rocco's Feast Doughboy. (Photos submitted by Ron Cece)



**WONDERFUL WELCOME:** Bishop Richard G. Henning is all smiles as he joins St. Rocco's School children at the start of Sunday's annual post-mass procession.



**SPECIAL SMILES:** Matthew Volpi is all smiles after his daughter Natalia Volpi won this prize during a visit to a Rockwell Amusements game during Saturday's St. Rocco's Feast.



**DELIGHTFUL DUTY:** Sister Daisy, Sister Mary Antoinette and Sister Sheeba worked tirelessly last weekend preparing the famous St. Rocco's Church Feast doughboys.



**PADRE'S PEOPLE:** St. Rocco's Pastor Rev. Angelo N. Carusi (left) joins Bishop Richard G. Henning, Johnston Police Chief Mark Vieira, his wife Erica, sons Marco and Anthony at the start of Sunday's feast procession.



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**NEAR MISS:** Bobby Baccala stands next to his neighbor's house with Don Sepe, a tree surgeon with RI Tree & Landscaping. An approximately 65-year-old red oak fell onto the private street that accesses his home and the home seen here. His house is behind, obscured by the fallen trees. Baccala was drenched in sweat and rainwater after trying to cut his way free from his house following Friday morning's storm. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

## ■ Tornado

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An hour later, a path of fallen trees and wreckage could be traced from Scituate, into Johnston, crossing through the Central Avenue and Peck Road region, bouncing across I-295 and into Highland Memorial Park Cemetery where it caused severe damage, upturning trees and twisting flat tombstones.

"The tornado initially touched down in Scituate as an EF-2 tornado in the area of Byron Randall Road where the most severe damage occurred," said Vieira, who also serves as Johnston's Emergency Management Director. "The damage was consistent with winds around 115 mph. The tornado then hopscotched into Johnston heading in a north-easterly direction toward Central Avenue. The area of Central Avenue and Apple Tree Lane had trees that were snapped, one of which fell onto a home on Apple Tree Lane."

### Tailgating Twister

Dashcam footage from a passing motorist caught a twister crossing Interstate 295. Police and fire crews responded to the scene where a woman said the passing funnel cloud picked up her car and spun it around.

"The tornado was positioned just northeast of Central Avenue before crossing Route 295 in the area of Exit 10 where a Dodge sedan was lifted into the air before being dropped back onto the highway," Vieira recalled Monday morning, recapping the town's response to the storm. "Fortunately, the driver sustained only minor injuries. The tornado then continued its path in a north-easterly direction through the area of Bridle Way and Carriage Way, which is just east of Pine Hill Avenue, where a number of trees were snapped or uprooted, some of which fell onto homes or vehicles."

The winds blew down Rhode Island Avenue, across George Waterman road, leveling trees and tossing a boat on Amber Street, before heading into North Providence.

"Since it hit the entire Town we are focusing on incoming requests from constituents and anything the first responders (police, fire) see while they are out assessing the damage," Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Jr. reported on Friday immediately after the storm. "All DPW crews are currently on the road."

### Take Cover

About a half-dozen cemetery workers took cover as the storm cut a wide swath through Highland Memorial Park, the town's 150-acre burial ground.

Joe Swift, president of the Highland Memorial Cemetery and president of the Johnston Lions Club, (and past president and current treasurer of the New England Cemetery Association), wept when he visited Friday.

"The tornado went over about 20 acres of the cemetery," Swift said several days into storm clean-up. "We don't have an exact count, but the tornado destroyed in excess of 100 trees. These trees were between 40 and 100 years old unfortunately. And unfortunately it doesn't fall under insurance."

The cemetery has hired North Eastern Tree Service to help clear the fallen.

"We're paying three crews \$2,100 an hour for tree removal and clearing," Swift said.

Some half-century-old trees, and older, fell over from the roots, pulling gravestones out of the ground. Others snapped in the center of their trunks. Paths and roads were blocked by trees throughout the cem-

etry.

"You can see the path right there," said cemetery employee Devin Prentice. "We hid in our truck."

Visibility dipped to zero as Prentice waited out the storm.

"We could feel it inside the truck," he recalled. "It cut a path right through the cemetery. You can see the path right there. Look at that hole in the ground. It pulled a tree out of the dirt and threw it way over there."

Prentice pointed to the hellish post-storm landscape; flower baskets and bouquets scattered like dandelion seeds and large healthy trees broken like bones, poking through the earth's cracked flesh.

"My crew was there when it hit," Swift said. "We had one lady who hid in the back basement. A huge tree fell right in front of a truck with two of my drivers inside. I was crying when I visited. Thankfully no other buildings beside the farm house was touched and no one got hurt. But it devastated the grounds and we ask people to be please be patient."

Thick trees snapped and fell in all directions — north, south, east and west. Some were sheared off halfway up to their canopies, while others toppled at the base.

Swift has never seen damage like this at a cemetery — any cemetery.

The cherry blossom trees are gone. Oaks. Pines. Walnut. About a quarter of the cemetery has been flattened.

"I've been in the industry 47 years, and took over Highland Cemetery 27 years ago," Swift said. "I come from the south and I've never seen devastation like this from a tornado. I'm absolutely shocked. It's going to take us years to recuperate."

### Widespread Damage

"Some homes also lost some shingles from their roofs," Vieira said. "The tornado continued causing damage to the area of Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Rhode Island Avenue, and George Waterman Road where a number of large trees were either snapped or uprooted. The damage observed in Johnston was consistent with winds of 90 to 100 mph, which is classified as an EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale."

An hour after the tornado passed, mourners lined up outside the chapel, behind a vintage white hearse. There were still services scheduled at the cemetery, tornado or not. And as the sun crept through the thick white cloud cover, a flock of Canada geese landed amid the cemetery's scattered synthetic flowers and piles of broken wood — the calm after the storm.

Joe Carreau stood at the entrance of the cemetery. He helps guide processions in and out of Highland Memorial Park. Friday morning was a strange day, full of post-twister visits by curious residents and worried loved ones of those buried there previously.

"I can confirm a tornado touched down on 295 in the area of Greenville (Avenue)," according to an email from Polisena later Friday morning. "We also have extensive damage near Peck Hill (Road). On the western portion of Johnston and also extensive damage along George Waterman (Road) on the northeastern portion of Johnston."

### No Injuries

The loss of property and mature trees was palpable, but human casualties were minimal.

"Damage includes power lines, property damage, downed trees," according to Polisena. "Thankfully we

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**SIGNS OF DAMAGE:** Residents stand along George Waterman Road looking down Amber Street at damage caused by Friday morning's storm. A sign fell from the business behind them. Workers worked at clearing fallen trees to clear an exit for trapped Amber Street residents. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

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have had no reports of injuries."  
"Johnston Police officers demonstrated exceptional professionalism while the storm unfolded and also provided mutual aid to the Town of Scituate in the area of Byron Randall Road," Vieira added. "Their swift and coordinated efforts with the Scituate Police Department provided vital assistance to those affected by the tornado, which included assisting residents whose homes were encircled by downed trees and wires."

**Landscape Altered**

It may be years before Highland Memorial Park Cemetery starts to look familiar again.  
"We've been trying to contact FEMA ... and other groups," Swift said. "We have a couple of corporations that will look into it and find some funding for us. I know (Town Council) President (Robert V.) Russo was out that day and looked at it. We'll see if there's any way the town can help us. We are a vital part of Johnston. Whenever there's a family that doesn't have money, we always donate the service."  
While the chapel's stained glass wall survived, and none of the cemeteries frequently used buildings sustained direct tornado damage, a historic building on the grounds may be a total loss.  
"The farm house, there at the cemetery, is probably 200 years old, was completely destroyed," Swift said. "The tornado crushed the whole front. We're hoping the insurance company can help us with that since it's a building."  
Insurance won't cover the \$2,100 hourly rate for tree-clearing. Swift estimates just that will cost at least \$100,000.  
"We closed the cemetery for three days unfortunately," Swift said. "Sunday night, the cemetery was packed. People moved the cones and ignored the signs."  
About a dozen people have stepped up and volunteered to help the cemetery bounce back.  
"Hundreds and hundreds of family baskets had been destroyed," Swift said. "Most of our small garden sections, the tornado just picked them up and threw them. The cemetery's not going to look the same, with all of those trees gone. One lady came out and looked, counted the rings (on one of the fallen trees) and said that tree was over 150 years old."

Despite the twisted earth and lifted burial stones, Swift assures the families of interred loved ones that "none of the markers have been damaged, and more importantly, none of the grave sites were disturbed."  
"We had a lot of markers that were pulled up, but in time, we will reset all of the markers," Swift assured families. "No graves were disturbed. No markers were damaged, but there were quite a few that were raised. That was our immediate concern ... When you lose over 100 trees, that's going to take years. I just hope the families have some patience."  
"I am very, very disappointed that we never heard one word from the mayor," Swift said Wednesday morning, nearly a week after the storm. "We have 150 acres altogether, about 80 are developed, and I'd say out of the 80 that are developed this tornado hit about 20 acres of that. Very honestly, I was very disappointed we haven't heard from the mayor. This was a major thing in Johnston and the cemetery had major destruction."  
Reached by email later Wednesday morning, Polisena responded to Swift's concerns.  
"With all due respect to Mr. Swift, my primary concern is with ... the living," Polisena wrote. "Myself, the Assistant DPW Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief have all been working since Friday to make sure Johnston \*\*residents\*\* are taken care of. Working with Rhode Island Energy to restore power, RIEMA to determine the path of the tornado, clearing downed power lines and cleaning up debris for residents in their yards are my primary concern. So much so we allowed residents to drag any debris from their yards to the street and our DPW trucks went around town picking it up."  
Polisena recapped the town's response to the widespread damage.  
"When power to DPW went down during the storm Friday, I immediately went online and instructed people to call the Mayor's Office with their requests," Polisena continued. "When they called, either myself, my secretary or the deputy chief of staff immediately called the proper town officials on their cell phones to respond accordingly and immediately. I spoke to Council President Russo about his district and he informed me of the damage to residents houses and businesses. We had residents with their roofs ripped, their siding destroyed and yards made impassable by debris. That's my primary concern."

# Bus

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**Bus:111**  
 7:22 am GREENVILLE AV@CELEBRATION WY  
 7:24 am 463 GREENVILLE AVE  
 7:25 am BRENDA DR @ DAVID DR  
 7:25 am 6/7 DAVID DR  
 7:27 am 435 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
 7:28 am TRUMAN ST @ MULBERRY CIR  
 7:30 am MULBERRY CIR @ BARBATO DR  
 7:31 am LAKEWOOD DR @ SALINA AV  
 7:32 am SALINA AV @ GREENVILLE AV  
 7:33 am 369/366 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
 7:35 am GREENVILLE AV @ BARNES AV

**Bus:112**  
 7:18 am KILLINGLY ST@ELM ST  
 NO CROSSING ALLOWED  
 7:19 am BORDEN AV @ ALCAZAR AV  
 FRONT OF IMAGINATION STATION  
 7:20 am KILLINGLY ST @ HOMESTEAD AV  
 STOP ON KILLINGLY  
 7:21 am HUNTER AV @ PHOEBE ST  
 7:24 am KILLINGLY ST @ WAVELAND ST  
 7:25 am GREENVILLE AV @ FAIRMOUNT AV  
 7:26 am GREENVILLE AV @ BECKER AV  
 7:29 am CHERRY HILL RD @ BIRCHTREE DR  
 7:30 am CHERRY HILL RD @ ATWELLS AV  
 7:33 am CHERRY HILL RD @ CAVALCADE BLVD

**Bus:113**  
 7:07 am ATWOOD AV@OAK HILL DR  
 7:12 am 761 GREENVILLE AVE  
 7:13 am 787 GREENVILLE AVE  
 7:14 am 825 GREENVILLE AVE  
 7:16 am 14 SANDERSON ROAD  
 7:20 am 760/762/764 GREENVILLE AV  
 7:23 am 6 APPLE BLOSSOM DRIVE  
 7:25 am GREENVILLE AV@CHARLIE'S WAY  
 BF VILLA  
 7:27 am 632 GREENVILLE AV  
 7:28 am BACK DRIVEWAY FOR 1975 ATWOOD AVE  
 7:30 am CARPENTER DR @ BUONA VISTA AVE  
 7:31 am ATWOOD AV @ HEYWOOD LN

**Bus:114**  
 7:19 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD@BRAYTON ST  
 @SERREL SWEET RD  
 7:21 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ RHODE ISLAND AV  
 7:22 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ DERBY AV  
 7:24 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ TEAKWOOD DR  
 7:26 am SWEET HILL DR @ ALLENDALE AV  
 7:29 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ DEXTER ST  
 7:31 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ SPRING HILL DR  
 107 GEORGE WATERMAN RD  
 7:32 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ KATHERINE DR  
 7:33 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ LAFAYETTE ST  
 7:35 am DISARRO AV @ BINGHAMPTON AV  
 7:36 am BINGHAMPTON AV @ GREENVILLE AV  
 7:37 am GREENVILLE AV @ GEORGE ST

**Bus:115**  
 7:16 am CENTRAL AV@APPLE TREE LN  
 7:18 am 725/724 CENTRAL AV  
 7:19 am CENTRAL AV @ OLD POCASSET RD  
 7:20 am 710 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 7:21 am CENTRAL AV @ FALCON CREST DR  
 7:22 am CENTRAL AV @ DAWN DR  
 7:24 am 468 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 7:26 am BROWN DR @ LINWOOD DR  
 7:27 am LINWOOD DR @ HOPE CT  
 7:31 am HARTFORD AVE @ PARKVIEW DR  
 7:34 am FEDERAL WY @ CONSTITUTION CT  
 7:35 am LEDGES MAIN OFFICE

**Bus:116**  
 7:19 am PUTNAM PIKE@ANGLEWOOD AV  
 7:20 am 24 SUSAN AVENUE  
 7:21 am DEAN AV @ MOWRY AV  
 7:22 am PUTNAM PIKE @ HEBDEEN ST  
 7:23 am 142 PUTNAM PIKE  
 7:24 am ANGELL ST @ GREYSTONE AVE  
 7:26 am RIVERSIDE AV @ LOOMIS ST  
 7:27 am DEAN AV @ EARL ST

7:29 am PUTNAM PIKE @ COTTAGE ST  
 7:30 am PUTNAM PIKE @ GRANITEVILLE DRIVEWAY

**Bus:117**  
 7:05 am 2365B HARTFORD AVENUE  
 7:06 am HARTFORD AVE @ HAWKES ST  
 7:11 am BISHOP HILL RD @ PINE HILL RD  
 7:13 am E WOODHAVEN DR @ WOODHAVEN DR  
 4 WOODHAVEN DRIVEWAY/SIDE OF 86 BISHOP HILL  
 7:15 am MALOM DR @ LINCOLN DR  
 7:19 am BISHOP HILL RD @ SARAN DR  
 7:20 am BISHOP HILL RD @ BOULDER RD  
 7:23 am BISHOP HILL RD @ BAY VIEW DR  
 7:25 am BISHOP HILL RD @ CAMELOT CIR  
 7:27 am BISHOP HILL RD @ CENTRAL AV  
 7:28 am 1072 CENTRAL AVENUE

**Bus:118**  
 7:23 am WATER ST@GENOA AV  
 7:25 am VENICE AV @ MILL ST  
 7:26 am MILL ST @ JOY ST  
 7:28 am JOHN ST @ PLAINFIELD PIKE  
 7:29 am JOHN ST @ VICTORIA MOUNT ST  
 7:32 am RACHELA ST @ MICHAEL ST

**Bus:119**  
 7:07 am WINSOR AV@COUNTRYSIDE DR  
 7:09 am WINSOR AV @ LAKESIDE DR  
 7:13 am ROGER WILLIAMS DR @ BETSY WILLIAMS CIR  
 7:21 am 10 DEER RUN TRAIL  
 7:24 am 160 WINSOR AVENUE  
 7:25 am 114 HOPKINS AVENUE  
 7:29 am 11 HOPKINS AVENUE  
 7:32 am 2952 HARTFORD AVE  
 CREATIVE CENTER  
 7:35 am HARTFORD AVE @ E SCENIC VIEW DR  
 7:36 am 2551/2558 HARTFORD AVENUE  
 7:37 am 2450 HARTFORD AVENUE  
 7:41 am 2150 HARTFORD AVENUE

**Bus:120**  
 7:07 am 120/119 BROWN AVE  
 7:10 am BROWN AV @ WOODVALE DR  
 7:12 am SUSAN ELIZABETH DR @ ELIZABETH ANN DR  
 7:13 am 8 ELIZABETH ANN DR  
 7:15 am BROWN AV @ INDIAN VALLEY DR  
 7:17 am 2597 HARTFORD AVENUE  
 7:19 am REEDY ST @ REEDY ST  
 7:20 am 7 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 7:21 am 11 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 7:23 am 36/37 ROLLINGWOOD DR  
 7:25 am 71 ROLLINGWOOD DR  
 7:26 am 24 MATHEW DRIVE

### BROWN AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Bus:108**  
 8:23 am CENTRAL AV@OLD POCASSET RD  
 8:24 am OLD POCASSET RD @ APPLE TREE LN  
 8:25 am 740 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 8:29 am 1072 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 8:30 am CENTRAL AV @ BEECHNUT DR  
 8:32 am 25 BEECHNUT DRIVE  
 8:34 am CINNAMON DR @ NUTMEG DR  
 8:36 am CINNAMON DR @ CARAWAY DR  
 8:38 am 16 ALMOND DRIVE  
 8:39 am JASMINE LN @ PEPPERMINT LN  
 8:42 am PEPPERMINT LN @ RESERVOIR AV  
 8:43 am 54 RESERVOIR AVE/75 RESERVOIR AVENUE  
 8:45 am SHORE DR @ SPRING DR  
 8:47 am 11/10 SPRING DRIVE  
 8:48 am HILL DR @ HILLTOP DR  
 8:51 am STEERE DR @ BUTLER DR  
 8:54 am STEERE DR @ HILL DR

**Bus:117**  
 8:09 am CENTRAL AV@BISHOP HILL RD @BEECHNUT DR  
 8:11 am BISHOP HILL RD@CAMELOT CIR  
 @GOLDEN VIEW DR  
 8:13 am BISHOP HILL RD @ CAMELOT CIR  
 8:14 am BISHOP HILL RD @ BAY VIEW DR  
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 8:22 am SARAN DR @ BISHOP HILL RD  
 8:23 am E WOODHAVEN DR @ WOODHAVEN DR  
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 8:25 am MALOM DR @ LINCOLN DR

8:27 am 15 WASHINGTON DR  
 8:34 am BISHOP HILL RD @ ROSEMERE AV  
 8:37 am JUNIPER LN @ PINE HILL RD  
 8:39 am 51 BISHOP HILL ROAD  
 8:40 am BISHOP HILL RD @ EVERETT CT

**Bus:118**  
 8:19 am HOPKINS AV@BALDWIN DR  
 8:21 am 33 HOPKINS AVE  
 8:22 am 37 HOPKINS AVE  
 8:22 am 40 HOPKINS AVE  
 8:24 am 75 HOPKINS AVENUE  
 8:24 am 79 HOPKINS AVENUE  
 8:25 am 81 HOPKINS AVENUE  
 8:28 am 160 WINSOR AVENUE  
 8:30 am 10 DEER RUN TRAIL  
 8:33 am 141 WINSOR AVE  
 8:34 am 139 WINSOR AVE  
 8:37 am QUAKER RD @ ROGER WILLIAMS DR  
 8:38 am ROGER WILLIAMS DR @ BETSY WILLIAMS CIR  
 8:43 am 93 WINSOR AVE  
 8:44 am WINSOR AV @ LAKESIDE DR  
 8:45 am WINSOR AV @ CRYSTAL CT  
 8:46 am WINSOR AV @ EMERALD LN  
 8:49 am 7 WINSOR AVE.  
 8:50 am 872 GREENVILLE AVE  
 8:51 am GREENVILLE AV @ NORTH K ST  
 8:52 am FINNE RD @ AETNA WY  
 8:53 am GREENVILLE AV @ OLD GREENVILLE RD  
 8:56 am 122 BROWN AVE  
 8:57 am 120/119 BROWN AVE  
 8:58 am 109 BROWN AVENUE  
 9:02 am SUSAN ELIZABETH DR @ ELIZABETH ANN DR

**Bus:119**  
 8:18 am FEDERAL WY @ CONSTITUTION CT  
 8:20 am LEDGES MAIN OFFICE  
 8:27 am HARTFORD AVE @ BELFIELD DR  
 8:30 am HARTFORD AVE @ HAWKES ST  
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 8:44 am 36/37 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 8:47 am 71 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 8:48 am MATHEW DR @ WESTBOUND CT  
 8:49 am 2 NORWICH DRIVE  
 8:51 am 36/37 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 8:52 am 16 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
 8:53 am HARTFORD AVE @ E SCENIC VIEW DR

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**Bus:102**  
 8:40 am LYMAN AV@DISARRO AV  
 8:42 am LAFAYETTE ST @ DELMONT ST  
 8:43 am 78 LAFAYETTE STREET  
 8:43 am 71 SHERIDAN ST  
 8:44 am SHERIDAN ST @ ENDICOTT ST  
 8:46 am IRONS AV @ DELMONT ST  
 8:47 am 29 GEORGE WATERMAN RD  
 8:48 am DIAZ ST @ ARMENTO ST  
 8:49 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ SPRING HILL DR  
 107 GEORGE WATERMAN RD  
 8:51 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ RICE ST  
 8:53 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ ACORN ST  
 8:55 am 81 ALLENDALE AVENUE  
 8:56 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ LENA DR  
 8:58 am 13 SPRING HILL DRIVE

**Bus:104**  
 8:44 am ATWOOD AV@ST ROBERT BELLARMINE  
 PARKING LOT  
 8:46 am 1770 ATWOOD AVE  
 8:47 am 4 HILTON DR  
 8:49 am 1795 ATWOOD AVE  
 8:51 am 37 OAK HILL DRIVE  
 8:53 am 55 OAK HILL DRIVE  
 8:55 am GOLINI DR @ DIPONTE DR  
 8:57 am 6 BELVEDERE ST  
 8:58 am BELVEDERE ST @ MULBERRY CIR  
 8:59 am 43 BELVEDERE STREET  
 9:00 am 30 MULBERRY CIRCLE

9:01 am MULBERRY CIR @ CELONA DR  
 9:01 am 45 MULBERRY CIRCLE  
 9:03 am SALINA AV @ BARBATO DR  
 9:06 am TRUMAN ST @ STRAWBERRY LN  
 9:06 am TRUMAN ST @ TOLEDO ST

**Bus:106**  
 8:51 am CARPENTER DR@BUONA VISTA AVE  
 8:53 am GREENVILLE AV @ CELEBRATION WY  
 8:53 am 490/485 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
 8:54 am 463 GREENVILLE AVE  
 8:55 am GREEN VALLEY DR @ SWEET HILL DR  
 8:56 am 11 DAVID DRIVE  
 8:56 am DAVID DR @ BRENDA DR  
 8:59 am ALLENDALE AV @ VAN BUREN ST  
 9:00 am COLONY DR @ TABOR DR  
 9:02 am 8 CINDY CIRCLE  
 9:04 am 416 GREENVILLE AVE  
 9:04 am GREENVILLE AV @ PROGRESS AV  
 9:05 am AUDREY DR @ CONTILLO DR  
 9:06 am 395 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
 9:07 am 348/352 GREENVILLE AVE  
 9:08 am 351 GREENVILLE AVE  
 9:08 am 325 GREENVILLE AVE  
 9:09 am 320 GREENVILLE AVE

**Bus:120**  
 8:32 am 18 ANITA ROAD  
 8:34 am MEMORIAL AV @ CHERYL DR  
 8:36 am CHERRY HILL RD @ KERN ACRE DR  
 8:36 am CHERRY HILL RD @ SETIAN CIR  
 8:37 am OLD CHERRY HILL RD @ WOODCREST DR  
 8:38 am 8 WOODCREST DRIVE  
 8:39 am WOODCREST DR @ BELL DR  
 8:41 am CYNTHIA DR @ ALBERT DR  
 8:43 am ROWENA DR @ BIRCHWOOD DR  
 8:45 am 24 CAVALCADE BLVD  
 8:47 am CHERRY HILL RD @ SETIAN CIR  
 8:48 am CHERRY HILL RD @ ATWELLS AV  
 8:53 am 61 CHERRY HILL RD  
 8:54 am CHERRY HILL RD @ PAULA LN

**Bus:122**  
 8:38 am IMAGINATION STATION  
 6 BORDEN AVE  
 8:41 am 1 SEVILLE ST  
 SCRIBBLES ACADEMY  
 8:43 am SPRINGFIELD AV @ OSGOOD AV  
 8:45 am BUCKLIN AV @ GREENVILLE AV  
 ON GREENVILLE AVE  
 8:46 am 23/22/25 JACKSON AVENUE  
 8:48 am CLIFTON ST @ ROSEMONT AV  
 8:50 am FREEDOM CT @ EAGLE ST  
 8:51 am 6 FREEDOM CT  
 8:53 am BIRCHTREE DR @ PINE CREST DR  
 TOP OF PINE CREST  
 8:54 am BIRCHTREE DR @ PINE CREST DR  
 BOTTOM OF PINE CREST  
 8:56 am GREENVILLE AV @ GEORGE ST  
 8:57 am BINGHAMPTON AV @ SPRINGFIELD AV

### THORNTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Bus:101**  
 8:39 am 145 CENTRAL AVENUE  
 8:46 am ATWOOD AV @ MORGAN MILL RD  
 AMAZING KIDS  
 8:47 am ATWOOD AV @ PARK ST  
 8:49 am ATWOOD AV @ LUTHER ST  
 8:51 am ATWOOD AV @ STARR ST  
 8:52 am STARR ST @ HILL ST  
 8:53 am 27/27A STARR ST  
 8:54 am WATER ST @ GENOA AV  
 8:56 am MILL ST @ VICTORIA MOUNT ST  
 8:57 am MILL ST @ JOY ST

**Bus:105**  
 8:37 am GREENVILLE AV@VERMONT ST  
 8:39 am ARCHER AV @ CLIFTON ST  
 8:41 am ONEIDA ST @ HIGHLAND AV  
 8:43 am HIGHLAND AV @ HARRISON ST  
 8:45 am LEADING ST @ ONEIDA ST  
 8:46 am LAUREL ST @ WAVELAND ST  
 8:48 am 1 SEVILLE ST  
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**Bus:107**  
8:37 am 1269 PLAINFIELD ST  
OVER THE RAINBOW  
8:38 am PLAINFIELD ST @ MAPLE AV  
8:42 am PLAINFIELD ST @ SPRUCE ST  
8:43 am PLAINFIELD ST @ CALEF ST  
8:45 am PLAINFIELD ST @ COOLIDGE ST  
8:49 am MORGAN AV @ THORNTON ST  
8:51 am SPRAGUE CIR @ GRANDALL DR  
8:52 am 3 BARTLETT DR  
8:55 am LAFAZIA DR @ MELODY LN  
8:56 am LAFAZIA DR @ RIVER DR  
8:57 am RIVER DR @ E PARK ST

**Bus:110**  
8:41 am KILLINGLY ST@WAVELAND ST  
8:42 am 670/675 KILLINGLY ST  
8:43 am KILLINGLY ST @ DAY ST  
8:43 am KILLINGLY ST @ OAKLAND AV  
8:45 am KILLINGLY ST @ DANTE AV  
STOP ON KILLINGLY  
8:46 am PHOEBE ST @ HUNTER AV  
8:48 am PHOEBE ST @ MANUEL AV  
8:50 am BORDEN AV @ ALCAZAR AV  
FRONT OF IMAGINATION STATION  
8:52 am BORDEN AV @ ARCADIA AV  
8:53 am BORDEN AV @ ZOAR AV  
8:54 am MERILINE ST @ ALCAZAR AV  
8:55 am KILLINGLY ST @ MARIBETH DR

**Bus:114**  
8:32 am SIMMONSVILLE AV@SCITUATE AVE  
8:33 am SCITUATE AVE @ GESMONDI DR  
8:34 am SCITUATE AVE @ BARONE DR  
8:35 am SCITUATE AVE @ KIMBALL AV  
8:36 am FOUNTAIN AV @ MARIA CIR  
8:37 am FOUNTAIN AV @ MACERA FARM RD  
8:39 am 13 REGINA DR  
8:41 am OLD SIMMONSVILLE RD @ FILLMORE AV  
8:42 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ BELMONT AVE  
8:43 am 347 BELMONT AVE  
8:44 am 351 BELMONT AVE  
351 SIMMONSVILLE AVE APT 302  
8:48 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ ALMY ST  
8:50 am 4 ROBERT CIRCLE  
8:51 am 19 COUNTRY VIEW DR  
8:54 am WOOD ST @ MCKINLEY ST

**Bus:115**  
8:17 am 1595/1603 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
8:19 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ NARDOLILLO ST  
8:23 am 2001 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
8:24 am 2011/2005 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
8:24 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ TAYLOR RD  
8:25 am PLAINFIELD PIKE @ EVERBLOOM DR  
8:26 am 2099 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
8:29 am 40 PECK HILL ROAD  
8:31 am PECK HILL RD @ SHUN PIKE  
8:32 am SHUN PIKE @ NICOLE LN  
8:33 am NICOLE LN @ ASHLEY CT  
8:34 am 21 ASHLEY CT.  
8:36 am 102 PECK HILL RD  
8:48 am 2053 PLAINFIELD PIKE  
8:53 am RACHELA ST @ MICHAEL ST  
8:54 am ZANFAGNA ST @ ANGELICO ST  
8:55 am JOHN ST @ PEZZULLO ST  
8:56 am JOHN ST @ JOY ST

**Bus:123**  
8:37 am GREEN ST@CEDAR ST  
8:39 am 34 DYERVILLE AVE  
8:40 am DYERVILLE AV @ HEDLEY AV  
8:42 am ELM ST @ MERINO ST  
8:43 am MERINO ST @ KING ST  
8:45 am PLEASANT VIEW AV @ DAY ST  
8:46 am TRAVER AV @ HILLSIDE AV  
8:48 am 34/27 GREENVILLE AV

**WINSOR HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Bus:102**  
8:34 am WILSON AV@GARDEN AV  
8:36 am N LOXLEY DR @ PEMBROKE DR  
8:38 am ANN DR @ WHITE DR  
8:39 am WHITE DR @ RAYMOND DR  
8:40 am WHITE DR @ DIX AV  
8:41 am LOXLEY DR @ N LOXLEY DR  
8:43 am DIX AV @ IVANHOE AV



8:43 am IVANHOE AV @ DIX AV  
8:44 am 1133 HARTFORD AVE  
8:45 am 3 CITY VIEW PKWY  
SIDE OF 1093 HARTFORD AV  
8:46 am CITY VIEW PKWY @ NEWBURG ST  
8:47 am CITY VIEW PKWY @ MARNE ST  
8:49 am 1133 HARTFORD AVE  
8:50 am 1142/1141 HARTFORD AVE  
8:50 am 1145 HARTFORD AVE  
8:51 am FRANCES AV @ TARA ST  
8:52 am DREAMLAND PARKING LOT  
8:54 am 1285 HARTFORD AVE - HAMPTON PLACE  
8:56 am 1150 HARTFORD AVE  
1142/1141 HARTFORD AVE

**Bus:103**  
8:37 am S FAIRVIEW ST@HILLTOP ST  
8:37 am 861 HARTFORD AVE  
8:39 am HARTFORD AVE @ CALUMET AV  
8:40 am BORDEN AV @ CALUMET AV  
8:42 am BORDEN AV @ ARGONNE ST  
8:43 am ARGONNE ST @ NORMANDY ST  
8:45 am FLANDERS ST @ ANTWERP ST  
8:47 am 12 OSTEND STREET  
8:48 am SIDE OF 140 BORDEN AVE  
8:49 am HOMELAND ST @ N FAIRVIEW ST  
8:51 am HOMELAND ST @ PLEASANT AV  
8:52 am PLEASANT AV @ N WILLIAMS ST  
8:53 am N WILLIAMS ST @ N FAIRVIEW ST  
8:56 am IMAGINATION STATION  
6 BORDEN AVE  
8:59 am 745 HARTFORD AVE  
9:00 am 811 HARTFORD AVE

**Bus:109**  
8:34 am CENTRAL AV@DOWNING DR@DEER VIEW RD  
8:37 am MONSON ST @ IPSWICH ST  
8:38 am MONSON ST @ ENFIELD ST  
8:41 am JAFFREY ST @ GROTON ST  
8:42 am ASHBY ST @ ENFIELD ST  
8:45 am 26 PINWOOD AVE  
8:47 am PICOTTE DR @ MILLS DR  
8:48 am RICHARDSON DR @ MONGONE DR  
8:50 am CENTRAL AV @ SUSAN CIR  
8:52 am CENTRAL AV@ASHBY ST@ALDEN ST  
8:53 am CENTRAL AV @ CHARTER ST  
8:54 am CENTRAL AV @ SCHOFIELD ST  
8:56 am BOUNDARY AV @ ORCHARD ST

**Bus:111**  
8:32 am ANGLEWOOD AV@CADY ST@TRAVERSE ST  
8:33 am ANGLEWOOD AV @ MILNERFIELD RD  
8:35 am PUTNAM PIKE @ SCENERY LN

8:36 am PUTNAM PIKE @ HEBDEEN ST  
8:37 am PINE HILL AV @ STEERE ST  
8:39 am WARREN AV @ MORTON AV  
8:40 am MORTON AV @ HARRIS AV  
8:42 am 87 PUTNAM PIKE  
JOHNSTON CHILD CARE CENTER  
8:43 am 98 PUTNAM PIKE  
8:44 am PUTNAM PIKE @ COTTAGE ST  
8:46 am ANGELL ST @ GREYSTONE AVE  
8:47 am ALFRED AV @ JOHNSON AV  
8:48 am JOHNSON AV @ DEAN AV  
8:49 am DEAN AV @ KENTON DR

**Bus:112**  
8:31 am TEAKWOOD DR@COLONY DR  
8:32 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ LINDEN ST  
8:33 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ VINTON ST  
8:35 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ DERBY AV  
8:36 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ EDNA ST  
8:37 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ BRAYTON ST  
8:39 am SERREL SWEET RD @ WYCHWOOD PL  
8:40 am HARRIS AV @ CHARLES AV  
8:40 am CHARLES AV @ GROVE AV  
8:42 am CAMILLE DR @ CHESTNUT ST  
8:43 am CHESTNUT ST @ GROVE AV  
8:44 am CHESTNUT ST @ HARRIS AV  
8:46 am 58 SERREL SWEET ROAD  
8:54 am 1 SEVILLE ST  
SCRIBBLES ACADEMY

**Bus:113**  
8:40 am OLD ATWOOD AVE@HOPE CT  
8:41 am HOPE CT @ LINWOOD DR  
8:42 am LINWOOD DR @ BROOKWOOD DR  
8:45 am 581 CENTRAL AV/548 CENTRAL AVENUE  
8:47 am CENTRAL AV @ FALCON CREST DR  
8:49 am SIDE OF 587 CENTRAL AVE ON DAWN  
8:49 am DAWN DR @ YOUNG LN  
8:53 am ROTARY DR@ELDORADO DR/16 ROTARY DR  
8:55 am 1077 ATWOOD AVE  
8:58 am ATWOOD AV @ MORGAN MILL RD  
AMAZING KIDS

**Bus:116**  
8:29 am SANDERSON RD@ELMGROVE AV  
8:32 am 780 GREENVILLE AVE  
8:32 am 764 GREENVILLE AV/762 GREENVILLE AVE  
8:33 am 760 GREENVILLE AVENUE  
8:34 am 756A GREENVILLE AVENUE  
8:36 am 6 PEACH TREE RD  
8:39 am GREENVILLE AV@CHARLIE'S WAY  
BF VILLA  
8:42 am 632 GREENVILLE AV

8:43 am BELKNAP FARM DR @ SURREY DR  
8:44 am BELKNAP FARM DR @ STAGECOACH DR  
8:45 am STAGECOACH DR @ WAGON TRL  
8:48 am 36 PINE HILL AV  
8:50 am 95 PINE HILL AVENUE

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**Bus:122**  
7:10 am BELL DR@WOODCREST DR  
7:14 am WILSON AV @ WHITE DR  
7:17 am 993/992 HARTFORD AVE  
NO CROSSING  
7:21 am 49 MARIBETH DR  
7:24 am 53/82 MANUEL AV/51 MANUEL AVE  
7:28 am 78 KING ST/83 King Street  
7:30 am 126 BORDEN AV  
7:31 am 13 1/2 FLANDERS STREET  
7:33 am 115 WAVELAND ST  
7:36 am 34/27 GREENVILLE AV  
7:39 am CLIFTON ST @ ROSEMONT AV  
7:43 am GEORGE WATERMAN RD @ SPRING HILL DR  
7:46 am 12 PROGRESS AV  
7:48 am GOLINI DR @ DIPONTE DR

**Bus:123**  
7:11 am MORTON AV@WARREN AV  
7:13 am ANGLEWOOD AV @ TRAVERSE ST  
7:25 am 75 BROWN AVENUE  
7:33 am HOPKINS AV @ MOSWANSICUT DR  
7:43 am BISHOP HILL RD @ CENTRAL AV  
8:00 am SIMMONSVILLE AV @ RANDALL ST  
8:06 am 37 S BENNETT DR

**ST PHILIP SCHOOL**

**Bus:126**  
6:16 am 43 TARTAGLIA ST  
6:29 am 211 CONSTITUTION CT/210 CONSTITUTION CT.  
6:51 am BORDEN AV @ CRAIGIE AV  
6:55 am ROWENA DR @ HOLLAND AV  
6:57 am 39 Cavalcade Blvd.  
7:01 am CLIFTON ST @ WATERMAN AV  
7:01 am 83 WATERMAN AV  
LITTLE ANGELS  
8 Celebration Way  
7:07 am 9/10 Carriage Way  
7:10 am 697 GREENVILLE AV  
7:14 am 94/96 BROWN AV  
7:20 am 2 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
7:25 am WINSOR AV @ COUNTRYSIDE DR  
7:42 am



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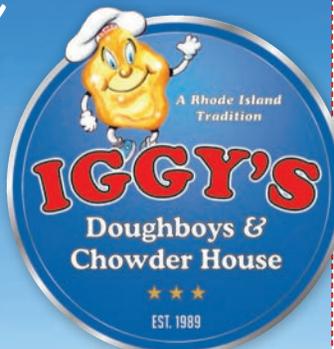
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By **JENNIFER COATES**

The pandemic that disrupted our lives for nearly three years was officially declared “over” on May 11th of this year. Despite all the changes that happened during this worldwide health crisis, one thing remained constant ~ Medicaid recipients were able to receive their benefits without interruption. This relief occurred because, during the dark days of the pandemic, Medicaid’s annual eligibility reviews were temporarily suspended.

As of April 1st, with the COVID crisis over, these reviews have resumed. If you are one of the thousands of Medicaid recipients of this often life-saving benefit, now is the time to plan for your Medicaid renewal.

For many people, this process can be daunting and overwhelming. While some recipients will be automatically renewed, others must be prepared to show their ongoing eligibility.

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- Find out when your renewal date is
- Provide general information about the process and how to respond to your renewal letters.

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## ■ Tornado

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### Chainsaw Exit

Down the hill from Memorial Park Cemetery, along Rhode Island Avenue, a mighty red oak snapped and fell onto the private road that leads to Bobby Baccala's house.

Immediately after the storm, the dull rage of a chainsaw could be heard, starting from Baccala's home, which was no longer visible from the street. The sound of the chainsaw was the only sign the occupants were safe and alive (and able to wield a saw).

Later in the morning, a RI Tree & Landscaping truck showed up, with Don Sepe, a tree surgeon. By that time, Baccala was drenched in sweat and rainwater. The professionals took over and Baccala took a break.

Sepe estimated the giant red oak was likely around 65 years old; it hadn't been pruned and was heavily weighted with foliage and limbs on one side.

He said the heavy downpour that soaked the soil early Friday morning contributed to the easy toppling of so many trees. He said the wet dirt coupled with high winds created a dangerous mix for large, un-pruned trees throughout the neighborhood. Sepe expected Friday would be a busy day for tree pros throughout the Ocean State.

Vieira praised spirit of cooperation between federal, state and local agencies.

"I want to commend our officers for their response, as well as extend my appreciation to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, and the Johnston Fire Department," Vieira said Monday. "Their assistance helped manage this situation effectively. I would also like to recognize the efforts of the Johnston Department of Public Works (DPW) for their dedicated cleanup work and Rhode Island Energy for promptly restoring power to the affected areas."

Life in Johnston quickly returned to normal.

"DPW crews were out working all day Friday clearing debris and fallen trees from affected roadways to make them safe," according to Vieira. "By Friday evening, all roadways were cleared and power was restored throughout the Town of Johnston."

**RESTING PLACE SHATTERED:** One cemetery worker said he rode out the tornado in a truck and could feel it inside the cab. He said one large tree was picked up and tossed across the cemetery leaving an empty hole behind. Some grave markers have also been uprooted. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



**BOAT LOAD OF DAMAGE:** This boat was tossed into the trees, and a few trees fell onto Amber Street houses. Residents were unable to exit via George Waterman for hours following the storm.

# Sports

## Mazzulla honored in summer league finale

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston Indoor Recreation Center wrapped up its summer basketball tournament last week and also honored the late Dan Mazzulla during the championship game as well.

The league hosts 24 teams across the state and Classical went on to beat Bishop Hendricken in the Division A championship. Rocky Hill would take the Division B title. Johnston went 7-3 in the tournament for the second straight season.

After the league semifinals last week, the rec center unveiled two replica Dan Mazzulla jerseys — one from Bryant University and the other from Johnston High School — where he enjoyed legendary careers as a player. Each jersey will be put on display at the rec center.

Below each jersey in their cases were a handful of Mazzulla's accomplishments during his time in each school. At Bryant, he was a member of the 2007 Hall of Fame class and fin-

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TRIBUTE: The Johnston community including the Mazzulla family unveil the replica jerseys. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

## Thirty years of baseball

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Although Rhode Island native John Ruzanski retired from his full-time gig as a school administrator, he still has not hung up the cleats when it comes to his life's passion: the Boston Red Sox.

Ruzanski, 83, is originally from West Warwick and graduated from Providence College in 1960. From there, he became a teacher and principal in the Coventry school system and eventually went on to work in Connecticut.

He and his family have been avid Red Sox fans since the days of Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky and Bobby Doerr, who was his favorite player growing up. As a child, he and his father would take the train into Boston for a handful of games each season and he began following the team to Florida for spring training each March.

Thirty years ago while in Florida, he decided that he wanted to be more than just a fan of the Sox and find a way to be part of the team himself. Ruzanski would watch the various members of the Red Sox staff at work and joked that he was even jealous of the bat boy, who

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DREAM JOB: John Ruzanski with the 2004 World Series trophy. (Submitted photo)

## Setting table for football season

Football season is here as teams began practicing last week and are getting set to scrimmage as we near kickoff in a couple short weeks.

The quality of talent across the state is the best it's been since I began covering sports in Rhode Island and I am thrilled to get going. Here is where our teams stand as we get ready to get back out there. These are not predictions ... those will come in two weeks when we enter the first week of the season.

**Bishop Hendricken**  
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### My pitch



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state championship as the high-flying La Salle Rams earned the shootout victory last November.

It will be fun to see how the Hawks rebound after the tough loss. Last time they were beat in 2017

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**THROUGH TRAFFIC:** Jaziah Mazzulla battles a defender.

■ **Mazzulla**

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ished with 1,390 points, 761 rebounds and reached the NCAA Tournament in both 1978 and 1980. In Johnston High, he finished with 1,217 points

and led the team to state championships in 1974 and 1976.

Parks and Rec director Mike Bedrosian, who also coaches the JHS boys basketball team, was thrilled to present the Mazzulla family with the two latest pieces to honor Dan. Bedrosian also said they are

looking to make another replica jersey to add to the gym at the high school.

"Everything we do for Danny is obviously well deserved for all that he's done for the town and the state. Having these jerseys up, the family was happy that we did it," said Bedrosian.

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they picked up themselves up and would win each year until 2022. Hendricken's program is consistent and deep, so there is no doubt that they'll be right back in the mix this year.

Not many people realize this, but the Hawks were young last season. Quarterback Jayden Falcone as well as running backs Oscar Weah and Ronjai Francis are returning. Rushaune Villane will also be returning on defense.

The biggest key for the Hawks this season will be experience. Will last year's run and loss pay dividends for these returners?

**Cranston West**

The Falcons had a big bounce back season last year to reestablish themselves among the state's elite. West reached the Division II semifinals and was right in it until Portsmouth ran away with the win in the second half.

The question heading into this season will be who runs the ball for the Falcons? Marcus Chung, Dimitri LeBlanc and Steve Girouard all graduated which leaves a gaping hole in production. West will need a few young guys to step in and produce ASAP.

Quarterback Kelan Cornell had a breakout year last season and will be back as a junior. His progression this season will be massive, especially when considering the possible growing pains in the first few weeks. If Cornell can sling it, then West will be able to weather the storm early. The defense never concerns me, West is a tough, physical group that is always stingy.

**Cranston East**

The Bolts are looking to improve on their one-win season in 2022 but will have to establish their lineup after graduating a large chunk of their core.

Keep an eye on running back A'Driahn Foreman, who was one of the team's most productive rushers last year. As a senior on a rebuilding offense, expect a ton of carries and a big impact on a weekly basis from the back.

**Pilgrim**

Heading into last season, many of us held our breath when watching Pilgrim

as the Pats had an eye-opening young roster. It felt like a season that could go in any direction. Luckily, the Pats shook off a slow start and would settle down as the year wore on.

Of all of our teams, I expect Pilgrim to take the biggest step forward this fall. Both of its quarterbacks are back from last year in Carter Clifton and Chace Roberts. Other returners include Jack Coffey, Justyn Murphy, Cole Bigelli, Andrew Vicino, Dylan Roberts and Brandon Wolfendon, just to name a few.

By season's end, the Pats were playing .500 ball. Now, with so many returners and a motivated squad, don't be surprised if Pilgrim is back in the championship mix.

**Toll Gate**

The Titans underwent a total makeover last season from the coaching staff to the roster. The team went winless which is not what anyone in the program wanted. However, sometimes it is best to just reset everything and rip it down to the studs, which is exactly what happened.

As much as the Titans would love to get back into the mix, I think a realistic and achievable goal is simply to make progress. Don't worry about the wins, just worry about what we see on the field.

Receiver Jonathan Almeida had a big game last Thanksgiving and Kason Wirtz will likely take the reins at quarterback after seeing some time as a backup last year. The young kids will have a chance to spread their wings this season.

**Johnston**

The Panthers had a disappointing, one-win season last year in league play after graduating a large core that reached the Super Bowl.

Although Johnston is still rebuilding, the Panthers should look closer to a contender than a rebuilding team this fall as quarterback Neari Vasquez returns as well as running back Steven Finegan. Jahaziel Rodriguez will also be back to help the Johnston offense, which should have enough firepower to hang with the best in the division.

The question will be defense. That unit struggled mightily last season and allowed 300 points to the opposition. As nice as it is to have a capable offense, you also need to be able to shut teams down.

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had the best seat in the house.

He applied for a position in security for spring training and was hired. Three decades later, he is still a mainstay in the Red Sox dugout when they play in Florida.

"When I was hired, it was like I died and went to heaven," said Ruzanski.

Over the course of his career with the Red Sox, Ruzanski had the joy of meeting his idols from years past including and especially Johnny Pesky, who was a close friend until the time he passed away in 2012.

Other notable friendships that he built were with players such as David Ortiz, Dwight Evans, Derek Lowe and Nomar Garciaparra. He also became a friendly face to players from other organizations ... even with the rival New York Yankees. Ruzanski got to know Derek Jeter over the years while more recently interacting with players like Aaron Judge. He spent 22 years working security for the Pawtucket Red Sox as well and enjoyed seeing

young players climb the ladder from the minors to the majors.

Perhaps the most fun Ruzanski has had in his years of work was during the 2004 and 2005 seasons when the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years. Getting to know the players from those teams and take part in some of the celebrations were memories that he'll never forget and felt like a reward after years of patience.

Growing up with many friends that were Yankees fans in Rhode Island, he would always tell them, "Wait 'till next year." Next year finally came and he got to watch it unfold in ways you can't see on TV.

As Ruzanski approaches 84 years old, he felt the time was right to retire and enjoy more time with his family, which includes kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He is taking his Red Sox job in the spring on a year-to-year basis at this point but one thing is for sure ... he will be devoted to the team every day for the rest of his life.

"I have been a diehard fan since the day I could walk, so I have been very fortunate," said Ruzanski. "It really has been a dream job."

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# Tips for a great fall tautog season

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Tautog (or blackfish) is a great eating fish with a white delicate meat. They are not often sold in fish markets because they are difficult to harvest commercially. They are usually caught by rod & reel or fish traps rather than trawling for them because they live in or near structure.

Anglers are allowed just one trophy fish, 21 inches or larger, the minimum size is 16 inches and a ten fish boat limit applies for private recreational vessels. The season reopened Aug. 1 and until Oct. 14 there is a three fish/person/day limit and then it jumps to five fish from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31.

Here are six tips that can help you have a great tautog season.

Find structure to find tautog. Tautog can be fished from shore or boat and in both cases they like structure (rocks, wrecks, bridge piers, dock pilings, mussel beds, ledges, holes and humps along the coast). So, no structure, no tautog.

Fish where the fish are. This is particularly true with tautog because they are a territorial species, you have to find the tautog, they are not going to find you. So if you get no bites move to another spot. When you find them, you find them and the bite is on.

Boat placement is important. Find structure, estimate wind/drift direction and anchor up current from where you want to fish and drift back to the spot as the anchor is setting. Once in position fish all sides of the boat. Cast a bit to cover as much area as you can. If still no bites let some anchor line out to change your position, if still no bites it is time to move the vessel.

Tautog baits. Green crabs or Asian crabs are the baits of choice in the fall. When using green crabs make it easy for the tautog to bite and take the bait. I like to break off most of the legs and claws leaving one per side on the end, cut the crab in half and hook it through one leg socket and out another.

Tautog rigs should have as little hardware as possible to avoid bottom tie-ups. I make single hook rigs with about a seven or eight feet of monofilament leader and attach it to the main braid line directly with a dropper loop for a pre-snelled "Lazar Sharp" brand hook (you need sharp hooks to get through tough tautog lips). The loop is about five inches above the sinker.

To reduce bottom tie ups by 50 percent I use an egg sinker rig when in heavy structure. The egg sinker slides on a small piece of monofilament adorned with red and white beads which has a two-way swivel on each end, a pre-snelled lazarus sharp hook is attached to the end of the swivel and hangs down about eight inches.

Anglers also use tautog jigs tipped with crab with outstanding success. The jigs are made in a variety of colors mimicking Asian crabs, baby lobsters, green crabs (whole or cut in half).

Where to fish for Tautog. From shore look for rocky coastline like Beavertail Point, Jamestown, locations off Newport and off breakwater rock jetties in



**TAUTOG SEASON:** Angler Geoff Monti had no trouble catching his limit of tautog off Newport in late October. (Submitted photo)

South County or the sides of the Cape Cod Canal. Bulkheads, pier pylons as well as fishing areas at Sabin Point, Colt State Park and Rocky Point Park. From a boat the Plum Point light house next to the Jamestown Bridge, the rock jetty north of Coddington Cove in Portsmouth, rock structures off Hope Island, around Brenton Reef in Newport, Whale Rock off Narragansett and the bolder fields south of Scarborough Beach, Ohio Ledge in the East Passage and any other place there is structure, debris, rock clusters, wrecks, mussel beds, etc.

### Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. "Bluefish have followed large schools of scup into the upper reaches of the Bay with a modest striped bass bite. The skipjack bluefish bite has been strong in estuaries," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence.

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "Bass fishing has been very good both out in front of South County Beaches and in the salt ponds. Fish are chasing a variety of bait. Mackerel, sand eels, bunker, silversides, and rain bait. These fish are from school bass to slot and many over slot (28 to < 31 inches), both tides are producing fish in different locations. Bluefish are around too and as temperatures continue to drop more will filter in."

Tautog. Angler Paul Boutiette reports, "This weekend it took a while to hook up off Pt. Judith, Narragansett in 40 feet of water but we let out 20' more anchor rode and my bride caught the first keeper at 17 inches. Finally I caught a keeper tog and we both were on the board. It was great to be catching tog again, and they are around."

O'Donnell said, "Tautog bite

from shore has been great. Not too many people targeting from boats yet." "The tautog bite is good in the lower Bay in 20 to 40 feet of water off Narragansett, Tiverton and Jamestown," said Henault.

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. O'Donnell said, "Fluke fishing has been slow but lots of seabass being caught with some nice sized ones in the mix."

"We have a very strong scup bite in the entire Narragansett Bay with the black sea bass and summer flounder (fluke) bite improving," said Henault.

Offshore. O'Donnell said, "Tuna reports are still really solid. Both yellowfin and bluefin can be found relatively close. Even reports have been flying around of 70-pound bluefin a mile from shore chasing mackerel. Always carry a bigger rod in your boat this time of year never know what you might run into." Angler Greg Vespe of Tiverton said, "We caught and released a thresher shark Sunday just southeast of the Sakonnet River. It took about an hour to land. It jumped fully out of the water once and tail slapped the water into a froth a few times. My father was at the helm, my son Shawn Hayes Costello and cousin Stephano were on the reel."

Freshwater fishing continues to improve as things have cooled off a bit. "Shiners continue to produce for largemouth bass customers," Henault of Ocean State Tackle.

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).

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1001 Main St Lot 15	Delgado, Floreena	Peacedale Partners LLC	8/1	\$380,000
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## Signs a roof must be repaired or replaced

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Roof wear and tear may not always be so evident, particularly because most homeowners do not make it a point to get on their roofs very often. The first sign of roof damage typically is a leak that is noticeable from the indoors. It may include a browned spot on the ceiling or even pooling water in the attic. Leak from storm damage or something minor like a water intrusion through a nail hole or from a lost shingle typically can be repaired easily enough. However, additional indicators may necessitate a complete roof overhaul. Here are some signs a roof is in need of repairs or replacement.

- **Sagging roof:** If the roof is sagging, it could be due to excess loads, such as water-damaged shingles or even weakened roof structure. A professional will need to restore the integrity of the roof.
- **Cracking and buckling:** It is likely that shingles will have to be replaced if there is cracking or if shingles are buckling and warping.

• **Exposed nails:** Exposed nails may rust and contribute to a leaky roof, says Family Handyman. How long the nails were exposed could indicate if the roof can be repaired or if everything should be redone.

• **Lost granules:** Asphalt roofing shingles have small granules on the surface. Over time these granules will slowly degrade and fall off. If there are many granules in gutters or if one can see that portions of the shingles are bare, it is likely time for a new roof.

• **Visible light:** Homeowners who can see light streams coming into the home need roof repair. This is indicative of holes, cracks or spaces in the roof.

• **Growth on the roof:** Mold and mildew on the roof is a sign that the roof needs to be repaired or replaced. Such growths contribute to rot that jeopardizes the integrity of the roof.

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# ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



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## Jasmine

Her smile will steal your heart! Jasmine is a beautiful 2 year old Lab mix who will bring her magic into your life! She likes belly rubs, yummy treats and snuggling! Her hazel eyes and pearly whites just make her a perfect beauty! She is also doggie friendly, so what's not to love! Jasmine has the looks and the love to give so contact Animal rescue Rhode Island at 401-783-7606 or visit their website for more information [www.animalrescueri.org](http://www.animalrescueri.org). Jasmine is an overall great girl and now all she needs is a great family!

If you have been thinking of adopting or know of an animal in need, please contact Karen directly at [animaltalk1920@gmail.com](mailto:animaltalk1920@gmail.com)



Photo credit: Ten Lives Cat Rescue

## Marbles

Meet Marbles! She is a five year old stunning silver Tabby. Marbles is in search of a loving forever home and she would love a home that has another friendly cat, she'd love to have a friend! She is a little shy when you first meet her but warms up quickly. Some of her favorite activities include playing, yummy treats, being brushed and hanging out on her cat tree by the window! If you'd like to meet Marbles to see if she's a purr-fect fit for you, please contact Ten Lives Cat Rescue. You can email [hello@tenlivescatrescue.org](mailto:hello@tenlivescatrescue.org) and you can also visit their website for more information at <http://www.tenlivescatrescue.org>. Marbles is waiting to roll right into your heart and home!

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**Sept. 23**  
**Race for Matt & Grace**  
 Annual Race for Matt & Grace (named for Johnston's Matt DiIorio).

The race was started in Sept. 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.

**Nov. 7 - 9**  
**NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups**

The RI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones who are struggling with their mental health. The groups are led by trained facilitators who also have lived experience as family members themselves. The group meetings last about 1.5 hours, and everyone who participates in the meeting gets a chance to share. The other members of the group try to offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their own experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at [namirhodeisland.org](http://namirhodeisland.org) or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

First Thursday at 6 p.m. In person only at the Rochambeau Library in the Community Room, Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope Street, Providence (NEW-starts Aug.)

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

Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. meets via Zoom only. Please call 401-331-3060 or email [info@namirhodeisland.org](mailto:info@namirhodeisland.org) for the Zoom link.

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

**Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund**

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

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance**

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Visit [www.tricountyri.com](http://www.tricountyri.com) for more information about the LIHEAP program, and other weatherization programs that can help to reduce your home energy bills. To apply for LIHEAP, or to see if you qualify, contact them at 401-519-1913. The Tri-County LIHEAP program has locations in

North Providence and North Kingstown.

**Help OSDRI restock their pantry!**

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

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Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at OSDRI's main office, 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the OSDRI office at 401-383-4730.

**Johnston Youth Soccer opens 2023 registration**

Registration has opened for Johnston Youth Soccer's 2023 fall season (which runs from the end of August through the beginning of November). The league is now accepting registrations, according to a flyer posted by the Johnston Recreation Department.

The price includes a jersey, socks and insurance (\$75 for an individual 4-year-old clinic, \$60 for each additional sibling; \$85 for U6-U14 individual, \$75 for each additional sibling).

The 4-year-old clinic will be held on Saturday mornings. Under 6 co-ed will hold practice on Tuesday and games on Saturday. The U9 Boys and Girls will practice on Wednesday and play games on Saturday. The U12, U14 Boys and Girls will practice Thursday with Saturday games (ages as of Sept. 1, 2023).

"Please help spread the word and refer friends to play," organizers ask Johnston residents. "If we do not have enough players for an age group, we will need to make a co-ed league."

You can register in person at the Johnston Recreation Office in Memorial Park, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (or mail forms and check to 1385 Hartford Ave., Johnston RI, Attn: Johnston Recreation Department).

Sponsors and volunteer coaches are still needed. Go to [www.johnstonrec.com](http://www.johnstonrec.com) for more information.

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



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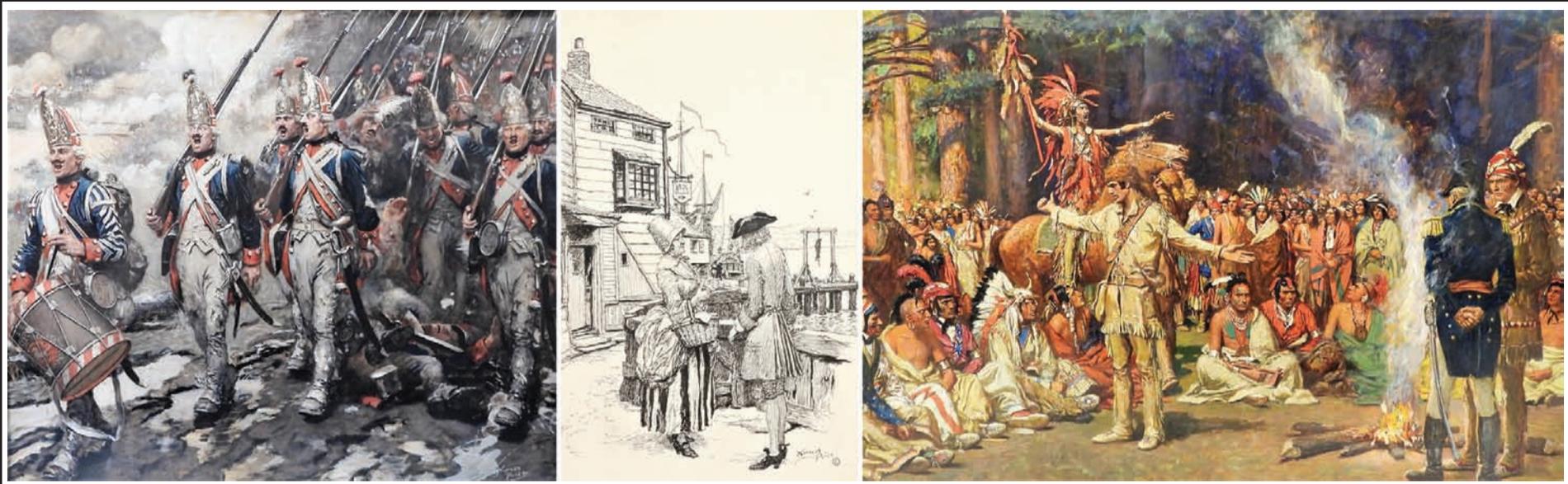
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A generous and humble man, a superb draftsman much admired for his skill as an artist and illustrator, known for his meticulously researched historical paintings and drawings, Norman Mills Price was among those who worked during what is known as the Golden Age of Illustration.

Norman Mills Price was born in the small town of Brampton, Ontario, Canada in 1877. Although an aspiring concert pianist, Norman enrolled in the Ontario School of Art. By 1902, having abandoned his musical plans, he decided to further his art education in Europe. Along with three fellow art students, Norman traveled to London. After studying briefly at the Goldsmith Institute, and the Westminster School of Art, the four young artists opened Carlton Studios, and waded into the art business. In 1909, Norman moved on to Paris and studied at the Academie Julian under Jean Paul Laurens. Along the way, Norman met and married an English woman named Nita E.J. Anson. Together they had a son, Donald.

In 1911, the Price family moved to New York where Norman opened a branch of Carlton Studios on 23rd Street. Af-

ter a year, Norman Price left Carlton Studios and began illustrating for many publications including *Liberty*, *Harper's*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Argosy*, *Collier's*, and *Women's Home Companion*. Among his many advertising clients were The Metropolitan Insurance Co., Sherwin Williams Paint, Victrola, and Coca Cola.

Mr. Price, however, was known mainly for his book illustrations, in which he worked in color and pen and ink. A stickler for detail, he would immerse himself in the research for his subjects. Leaving no stone unturned, he would read voraciously, and study historic artifacts, clothing, uniforms, and weapons. It was said of Mr. Price that his talents exceeded his fame, possibly due to the amount of time that he spent sequestered in his research. The results are spectacular.

Mr. Price would illustrate many classic novels including

those of Robert Louis Stevenson, Alexandre Dumas, Rebecca West, and William Shakespeare. Other subjects of interest were the lives of Meriwether Lewis, Paul Revere, Leif Erikson, and Will Rogers. The illustrations that he is most fondly remembered for, however, are the novels of Robert W. Chambers, namely *The Rogue's Moon*, and *The Rake and the Hussy*. Robert Chambers said of Price's illustrations: "I am at a loss for words to describe my admiration for Norman Price's work. Drawing, composition, and character are unusually fine. I am most grateful to Mr. Price for putting the vital spark into my stuff."

In 1947, the paintings of Norman Price, Harvey Dunn, Frederic Gruger, and Wallace Morgan were featured in an exhibition titled "The Big Four" which was heralded with much acclaim.

Throughout his career, Norman Price was very involved with the Society of Illustrators and served for a time as an honorary president. Following his death in 1951 a memorial exhibition of his work was held at the Society of Illustrators in New York, after which the society library was named in his honor.



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