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Construction of new high schools to begin

So far, \$8 million savings in projected costs



Demolition of the former Drum Rock Elementary School on the Toll Gate campus is expected to start this week. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

By **JOHN HOWELL**
Warwick Beacon Editor

On Nov. 5, 2022, a total of 58.8% of 33,045 Warwick voters casting ballots approved a \$350-million bond issue to build new Toll Gate and Pilgrim high schools. Next week, two groundbreakings will be held – the first on Monday, June 9 at 1 p.m. at Toll Gate and the second on Tuesday, June 10 at noon at Pilgrim – in a symbolic start to a process that has the schools opening in 2027.

Symbolic, because the planning, design, site borings and bidding on construction materials started more than a year ago. The shovels-in-the-ground ceremonies, however, are the visual starting gun of the two projects that have been at the

center of City Council and School Committee meetings for months.

Acting superintendent William McCaffrey said last week that, in addition to a speaking program, sixth-graders from elementary schools feeding into Pilgrim and Toll Gate would be in attendance. Those students will be the first to attend the new schools when they're completed.

While the groundbreakings are public, invitations were also emailed to about 100 people.

"It will happen," McCaffrey said of school construction. "It's going to change the city for the better."

School Committee member and school building committee chair David Testa said he is elated to have reached this milestone.

"After five years and a lot of hard work by a lot of people, I'm excited to be finally breaking ground. I've said from the beginning that having high schools that look the same to your grandchildren as they did to you when you attended them was nothing to be proud of. These buildings have long outlived their effectiveness as high schools," he said in a statement.

School Committee Chair Shaun Galligan called groundbreakings "historic moments."

"This is more than just the start of a construction project; it's the beginning of a bold new chapter for education in Warwick. These schools represent our collective investment in the future of our students, our fam-

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Eyes on the road

Cameras to catch motorists who run red lights



Against the backdrop of the Main and Greenwich Avenues intersection, where cameras have been installed to catch motorists who run red lights, Mayor Frank Picozzi announces the program designed to enhance safety and generate revenue. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

By **ALYSSA WALKER**
Beacon Media Contributor

In less than two weeks, motorists who run red lights at five intersections in Warwick will be caught on candid camera.

On Wednesday, overlooking one of those intersections, Mayor Frank Picozzi and Warwick police held a press conference regarding the implementation of red light and speed cameras in school zones in partnership with Altumint, a Maryland company.

Red light cameras will be installed at the following intersections:

- Greenwich Avenue and Main Avenue
- East Avenue and Route 2
- Airport Road and Post Road
- Airport Road and Warwick Avenue
- Jefferson Boulevard and Kilvert Street

Altumint has been in operation for over a decade and has developed 75 programs in 11 states. The city has a five-year lease with the company that will begin when the last camera is installed. No city funds will be used, as citation fines will cover the cost of the lease. Altumint will also pay for the installation and maintenance of the traffic cameras. Both Altumint and Warwick police are confident fines will cover the cost of the lease [\$2,000 a month per red light camera] and then generate additional revenues for the city.

For now, there is a 30-day grace period in which drivers who commit red light violations will receive warning tickets. After that, citations will be issued by first-class mail, and the fine will be \$85. If one re

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Bell buoy R8, between Patience Island and Warwick Neck, which serves as a marker to Greenwich Bay, is one of 32 navigational aids in Narragansett Bay being considered for removal. *Submitted photo by Warwick quahogger Jody King*

Mariners cite hazards of pulling 32 buoys from Bay

By **JOHN HOWELL**
Warwick Beacon Editor

Imagine that the Department of Transportation decided to remove selected road numbers on the basis they are no longer needed because motorists have access to GPS.

One could argue that's akin to what the US Coast Guard is proposing to do by removing 350 navigational aids from a total of 5,640 – mostly buoys – between New Jersey and Maine on the basis that they no longer serve a useful purpose.

In Narragansett Bay, 32 buoys are considered to be potentially no longer essential. That has some mariners concerned.

While many buoys provide a marine road map, they just as importantly mark rocks and shoals that could be disastrous for boaters. They also serve as visual guideposts, especially to sailors who depend on the wind and cannot always sail a straight line between points and must tack. Additionally, some buoys are lit and have bells, valuable features at night and in fog.

In a release issued last month the Coast Guard says "the current buoy constellation predates global navigation satellite systems, electronic navigation charts and electronic charting systems (ECS), which are widely used by today's mariners. This long term effort is designed to determine the most sustainable navigational risk reduction tools to support and complement mariners' ECS and smartphone navigation apps that are more widely available

and affordable. Regardless of technological advances, a robust physical aids to navigation network will always complement electronic systems."

The Coast Guard envisions the proposed buoy changes as:

- Supporting the navigational needs of the 21st century
- Delivering efficient and economical service to manage vessel transit at an acceptable level of risk
- Better maintaining the most critical risk reducing buoys

• Reducing the risk of aids to navigation discrepancies and electronic system failures for those aids most critical to safe navigation

Recreational and commercial boaters we reached don't see it that way.

In a letter to USCG First District Commander, George Shuster, who lives on Mill Cove, lists six buoys that he finds helpful in his travels to Edgewood Yacht Club, where he is the past commodore, and to Prudence Island, where he owns property, via his 17-foot Boston Whaler Montauk.

Shuster makes it clear he is not commenting in his capacity as former commodore of the yacht club or as current president of Save The Bay.

"My boat does not have any electronics; I use cell phone GPS when needed, but mostly navigate by sight both in daylight and at night," he writes.

Getting into specifics, he cites buoys 13 and 14 approaching Conimicut Light from the east. He writes, "While Conimicut Light itself is sufficient

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Teacher puts science in motion with seafaring boats, wind turbines

By **ALYSSA WALKER**
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Pilgrim High School science teacher Gregory Rowe recently received a \$60,000 grant from the Rhode Island Department of Education, a goal he'd been working toward since November.

Rowe previously taught environmental science at Burrillville High School. His lesson plans involved building and tracking miniature boats and making wind turbines, and he even dabbled in beekeeping. Rowe credits his time in Burrillville as his inspiration not only for his curriculum at Pilgrim but also for applying for the state grant.

"Burrillville was a great experience, great teachers," he said. "I loved their campus because they had a stream as well as a pond on school grounds, and I thought there's no reason we can't do that here with Narragansett [Bay] being five, ten minutes down the road."

Being from Warwick, Rowe wanted to bring his

knowledge to his own community and transferred to Pilgrim three years ago. Upon being hired, he brought his idea for an environmental-science Career and Technical Education program to administrators after seeing how much his previous students enjoyed it. He knew this would be a great opportunity for his new students to gain more hands-on experience with environmental science, specifically offshore wind power.

"There isn't really a CTE program in the state that's focused on offshore wind, even though we have it right off our coast," Rowe explained.

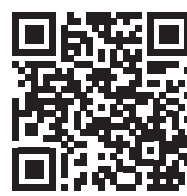
Before getting his teaching degree from Providence College and his state certification in 2019, Rowe was a consultant. He did environmental assessments of various energy projects for permitting, a line of work where he frequently dealt with offshore winds. Now that he is a teacher – and one who works so near Narragansett Bay – he wants to bring his knowledge of the environment to his classroom, giving his students hands-on, real-world experiences.

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Maintaining the overlook

A \$1,000 legislative grant to the Warwick Neck Improvement Association will be used to maintain the Warwick Cove overlook park on Warwick Neck Avenue. Sen. Mark McKenney , left, recently presented the grant to Jonathan Knight, president of the Warwick Neck Improvement Association. Submitted photo

Man faces animal abuse charges

A city man faces multiple charges after an abortive 911 call led the police to his home last week and they found dead and mistreated animals there, according to the Warwick Police Department.

On Tuesday, May 27, officers responded to 200 Negansett Ave., in the city’s Pilgrim Park neighborhood, after a 911 hang-up call. Upon arrival, the police say, officers encountered Michael Gast Jr., a 30-year-old resident of the home. During the interaction, Gast became combative and assaulted two Warwick police officers. He was subdued and taken by Warwick Fire Department personnel to Kent Hospital for evaluation.

It was later determined that Gast had placed the 911 call for unknown reasons. As officers conducted a protective sweep of the residence to ensure the safety of any occupants, they found the interior in deplorable condition and

discovered one deceased dog and one deceased parrot.

Warwick Animal Control was called to the scene and removed two additional dogs, a cat and two parrots. Following an investigation, Gast was charged with the following offenses:

- 1 count of Malicious Killing of Animals
- 1 Count of Unnecessary Cruelty to Animals (Death Resulting)
- 5 Counts of Unnecessary Cruelty to Animals
- 2 Counts of Simple Assault
- 1 Count of Resisting Arrest

Gast was held overnight at the Warwick police headquarters and appeared before a judge in District Court last Wednesday.

Police Log

DUI

At approximately 3 a.m. on May 3, Officer Tyler Luiz observed a vehicle on Airport Road veer off the roadway and strike the adjacent curb while traveling westbound. Speaking with Officer Luiz during a traffic stop, the vehicle’s operator mentioned drinking a margarita at a friend’s house and presented with eyes that were blood-shot and watery. After conducting three field sobriety tests, Officer Luiz determined that the operator was unfit to safely operate a vehicle and placed the woman in handcuffs.

At Warwick Police Headquarters, the vehicle operator refused to submit to a breathalyzer test. She was then held in a cell until she was seen before a bail commissioner. The offenses listed are DUI of Liquor – Blood Alcohol Concentration Unknown and Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test.

DUI

On May 5 at roughly 6 p.m., Officer Kaity Cabrejos responded with another officer to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries at 500 Bald Hill Road. Two vehicles were pulled over in a breakdown lane at the scene; the first operator left without incident after providing the necessary paperwork. The second operator appeared unsteady on her feet and presented with slightly slurred speech. After observing this and hearing the operator admit to consuming an alcoholic beverage beforehand, Officer Cabrejos initiated a series of field sobriety tests.

After completing three tests with poor results, the operator was placed in handcuffs and brought to Warwick Police Headquarters. The woman began a breathalyzer test shortly before 7 p.m., where her blood alcohol content was recorded to be over the legal limit of 0.08%. She was charged with DUI of Liquor - .10 to .15 – 1st offense.

Driving with suspended license

At approximately 4 p.m. on May 2, Officer Nathaniel Gray observed a vehicle with a seemingly counterfeit paper registration on the rear registration mount. After a motor vehicle stop, Officer Gray learned that the operator had a suspended license and an outstanding warrant for shoplifting. Upon being taken to Warwick Police headquarters, the suspect removed his shoes in a cell block and an officer located a crack pipe in the suspect’s shoe and a suspected crack/cocaine rock in the suspect’s sock. The suspect was charged with one count of Felony Shoplifting, one count of Habitual Offender – Shoplifting and one count of Driving with Suspended/Revoked/Cancelled License – 4+ offense.

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Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Angélica Infante-Green, left, with some of the local high school seniors who recently completed the New England Institute of Technology's Early College Program to earn college credit during their last year of high school. *Beacon Media photo by Tara Monastesse*

Early college credit program grows at NEIT

By TARA MONASTESSE
Beacon Media Staff Writer

Forty-five students were honored last week in a completion ceremony for the New England Institute of Technology’s Early College Program – a group more than three times larger than the inaugural program’s 12 students last year. The program allows high school seniors to earn college credit while completing their final year of high school with a focus on career readiness. This year’s graduating cohort was so large that the completion ceremony had to be split into two sessions to accommodate each student and their family members, a further testament to the program’s growth. “Last year, you made a bold commitment to leave the familiar hallways of your high school and embark on a unique opportunity to complete your first year of college while finishing your senior year of high school,” Amy Grzybowski, vice president of workforce development and community relations at NEIT, told students at the ceremony on Thursday, May 29. “You built a community here at New England Tech, one that you will always be part of,” said Grzybowski. “And it’s truly been a privilege to have you here

on our campus.” Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Angélica Infante-Green praised the students for challenging themselves by participating in the program. “Our state can only be as great as it is and continue to grow because of you, your leadership, your dedication and your focus,” Infante-Green said. “Each and every one of you has a bright future ... you began to lay that path within this program.” Douglas Sherman, NEIT’s senior vice president and provost, himself a graduate of Cranston High School West and a first-generation college student, also commended the students. “We’re here to celebrate your ambition,” he said. “We’re here to celebrate your resilience. And we’re here to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment. You should all be very proud.” The program’s graduating seniors said their time at NEIT taught them how to handle the rigors of a college education. “It was hard being a high school student here, because everyone else in my class was grown,” Abby Khounvichith, a graduating senior at Pilgrim High School, said in an interview. “I made some good friends here ...

they’ve helped me with my classes, my work, and they helped me get through this.” Khounvichith said she plans to complete a Licensed Practical Nurse certificate at NEIT. “It really gave me some good experience in getting my stuff together,” Alexandra Hart, a graduating senior at Cranston High School West, said in an interview. She said that the program helped her with “getting on top of deadlines and due dates and really giving me an experience that is similar to the one I’ll hopefully experience in the workforce.” Hart, whose studies focused on software engineering and web development, will continue her education at NEIT. Across this year’s entire cohort, students earned more than 2,300 college credits. Participants hailed from 18 high schools across Rhode Island and one located in Connecticut, with 80% planning to continue their studies in post-secondary education. Other students plan to enter the workforce, completing an apprenticeship or enlisting in the military. The program will induct a third cohort of high school seniors to pursue studies at NEIT for the coming academic year.

Local author pursues ‘true nature of humankind’

By ALYSSA WALKER
Beacon Media Contributor

Author Raina C. Smith does it all – supernatural, mystery, even sci-fi. The best part? She lives right here in Rhode Island, and she uses that to her advantage. Growing up in North Scituate and now residing in Cranston, Smith has always been fascinated with everything Rhode Island has to offer, and so it was a no-brainer to make the state the primary setting in many of her stories. “I love Rhode Island’s deep history and picturesque landscape, and I enjoy finding ways to weave it all throughout my stories,” Smith said. “There’s so much to introduce readers to.”

Though Smith has a passion for writing, it was not always her life goal. She received a bachelor’s degree in communications from Rhode Island College and was a news reporter with various broadcast outlets for seven years. It was covering so many “heavy stories” that made her tap into her creativity in order to unearth questions she had about humanity. “As a reporter, I saw such a negative segment of society that it made me wonder about the true nature of humankind, and I wanted to tell a story about the choices that everyone has when making decisions that impact their lives as well as that of others,” Smith said. Smith also credits a lot of her creativity to her father, Edwin J. Smith Jr., to whom she dedicated her 2023 novel “The Earth Consented.” Growing up, her father, a lover of science fiction, was always watching TV shows and movies like “Star Trek,” “Star Wars,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “Battlestar Galactica.” He would talk openly with her about the possibility that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe. “He knew there was more to our world than what we see to be our reality, and he gave me permission to think outside the constructs of society’s view of our place in the universe,” she said. Writing has become something Smith does whenever she has a moment to herself, and she got her first book, “The 13th Apostle,” published in 2011. She set out to tell a story of a higher power looking down on Earth and seeing the destruction that humankind has wrought. This book tells that story through an angel named Glenn who comes down to Earth to determine if humanity is beyond saving. Smith has published five novels since – with her most recent in February – and all have sought to answer similar questions about humanity. In doing research for her novels, Smith says she has managed to discover much more about the human condition than she previously knew. She has become increasingly passionate



Raina C. Smith

about reincarnation and the idea of other realities, themes that are pursued throughout her novels. Since she is so passionate about her writing, Smith has taken to self-publishing her novels to maintain full control. Though the process can be tricky, she says there are more positives than negatives to the approach. She credits her success so far to a combination of stories resonating with readers, word of mouth and her current career in marketing. She says that the number of readers she has reached has surpassed her expectations, including readers from other countries, which always gives her a thrill. Smith’s most recent book, “The Vampire – A Covenant for Peace,” is a sequel to her 2018 story “The Vampire.” She notes that this is not your typical vampire story, as the main vampire, Rex, is not a bloodthirsty supernatural being. Smith describes him as being conflicted about his nature and dealing with an internal struggle to grasp his human lives in order to feed like an average vampire, he seeks out only those he deems unworthy of life in order to satiate his appetite, seeing it as a public service. As with all her novels, Smith’s sequel explores questions about humanity, specifically within the character of Rex, perpetually torn between the human and supernatural worlds. When Smith got reader feedback on this long-awaited sequel, she was pleasantly surprised to learn that readers loved it even more than the first one. At the moment, she is taking a break from writing but explained that she has written a full chapter of a third book in the series, in which a particularly exciting scene takes place. “WBZ Book Club” with Jordan Rich recently ran a feature on Smith and goes into more detail about “The Vampire – A Covenant for Peace” as well as her other books. “Jordan’s insight and storytelling appreciation make this recognition especially meaningful, and I am deeply grateful for his endorsement,” Smith said. Her segment is now streaming nationwide on iHeartRadio.



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Never too early for a visit from Santa

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

Santa was dressed for the occasion. He’d put aside his heavy coat trimmed with fur for something lighter. His beard was fluffy white. He was jaunty, quick to laugh and delighted to see the kids, a leather-bound book of Santa’s list of who’s naughty and nice at his side.

One thing was missing. What had happened to Santa’s rotund figure? He looked trim in his vest, even svelte. Had he been on a New Year’s resolution diet? Actually, those who know “this Santa” can attest that he looked just as fit during the pre-Christmas Apponaug stroll, when he and Mrs. Claus waved to spectators from the perch on a Warwick Fire Department ladder truck. Santa was right at home on the truck. After all, as a retired Warwick firefighter, he should be.

He was also right at home welcoming two kids from each of the city’s elementary schools last Thursday at Robertson School for the Warwick Rotary Club annual Christmas party.

The party for students chosen by their school principals as coming from families who could use an extra boost was traditionally held between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But then along came Covid, turning traditions upside down. The Rotary Club board with Lara D’Antuono leading the way, reasoned a pre-summer vacation party could be more fun for the kids (mostly fourth-graders) as there could be games out-



Santa and Mrs. Claus found a quiet corner to greet the kids and hand out gifts provided by the Warwick Rotary Club. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

side – even tossing water balloons or wet sponges at Rotary Club members such as Dan Scanlon Jr., Steve Tilley and Bob DeGregorio as they poked their heads through plywood cutouts.

Originally planned for May 22 – remember that windy and wet Thursday? – the party was postponed to last Thursday. The weather was better with only brief interludes of wet mist. That didn’t stop the Warwick Police and Fire Departments from showing up and letting the kids climb in and out of fire trucks and police cruisers or meet Brady, the police K-9. But there were no water balloons or wet sponges.

And then it was time for pizza. Rotarians dispensed hot slices of pizza on

paper plates along with fruit drinks at tables labeled by school. Meanwhile, a line formed to meet Santa, who handed his admirers brightly wrapped gifts. The students returned to their seats to finish their pizza or to go for seconds. The lure of those gifts were hard to resist – and once one boy ripped away the paper and opened a box to reveal a remote set of crazy wheels or a set of microphones and a karaoke speaker, the fun began, the rest of the kids joining in.

Santa caught the action from the adjoining hallway.

But we didn’t see him eat a single slice of pizza. After all, he had to keep up appearances.

The Buzz

June 5: Volunteer Appreciation Night: the Volunteers of Warwick Schools board of directors warmly invites you to a special evening in celebration of VOWS 50th Anniversary on Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m., at 2225 Post Rd., Chelo’s Warwick Banquet Room. All volunteers are welcome to bring one guest. Seating is limited—please RSVP by May 31. For more information call 401-298-6973.

June 5: Warwick Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be joined by performers from Coffee Milk Opera and Community College of Rhode Island Music. This performance will be on Thursday at 7 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church on 237 Garden Hills Dr. Tickets can be found on the website: wsori.org/performances or at the door. Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors & Students, Free children 12 and under. Parking free onsite / fully accessible performance.

June 7: Gaspee Days: Symphony in the Park: the Warwick Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be joined by performers from Coffee Milk Opera and Community College of Rhode Island Music. This performance will be on Saturday at 7 p.m., at Pawtuxet Park, 2 E. View St. Admission is free. Bring your own seating.

June 7: Conimicut Village Association Farmer’s Market: The CVA farmer’s market will happen on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Shields Post American Legion, 662 W Shore Rd. The market will be open in the parking lot and backyard. We still have room for more vendors. Call Leslie at 603-0787 or email conimicutvillage@gmail.com

June 7: Central High School Alumni Association: A donation drive will be held by the association on Saturday at Central High School, 70 Fricker St., Providence from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are not able to drop off your items, please call 401-595-8012 to arrange a pick-up.

June 8: Epilepsy Foundation of New England (EFNE) Rappel Boston Fundraiser for Team Purple Rain at Papa’s Ice Cream: Support Team Purple Rain from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Papa’s Ice Cream, 2987 West Shore Rd., Warwick as they raise funds to support those with epilepsy for the Rappel Boston event on June 14. For more information, please email Jennifer Cardillo at jennifercardillowork@gmail.com.

Jun. 12: Oakland Beach Association Meeting will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 715 Oakland Beach Ave., Warwick (side entrance).

June 14: Warwick Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be joined by performers from Coffee Milk

Opera and Community College of Rhode Island Music. This performance will be on Saturday at 6 p.m., at the Washington County Fairgrounds, 78 Richmond Townhouse Rd., Richmond RI. Admission is free. Bring your own seating. Food trucks will be serving from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parking free onsite / fully accessible performance.

June 14: Gaspee Day parade parking: \$5! Safe, off-street Parade parking at Asbury UMC (1 block from the parade route), 550 Fair Street on the corner of Ann Mary Brown Dr., from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Water for sale & bathrooms open until 12 p.m. For any questions call Andrea at 401-207-8017.

June 15: Greenwood Fire Company and Museum will host their next bingo on Sunday at the Greenwood Fire Hall, 45 Kernick St., in Warwick. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Registration is recommended; space is limited to 50 guests. Reserve your spot by leaving a message or text to Diane at 401 241-7203 or email greenwoodvfc1@gmail.com. You must be 18 to play. Snacks and drinks are for sale as well as bingo markers. No alcohol on premises. Price of admission is \$15.

June 18: RISPCA Summer Learning Series: Rhode Island SPCA kicks off their Summer Learning Series on Wednesday, June 18. Please join us for a workshop with Missing Dogs Massachusetts to learn what to do if you lose your dog or if you find one! This free event starts at 6 p.m. Registration is required. For information: www.rispcsa.org.

June 21: Warwick Library Summer Reading Kick-off: On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Warwick Public Library will kick off their Summer Reading Challenge at 600 Sandy Ln., Warwick. Crafts, games and snacks will be available. At 2 p.m. the library will host a science story with friends from Science Heroes. Please register separately for this event.

June 21: Moosup Valley Music Series: On Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a summer concert at the Moosup Valley Church, 81 Moosup Valley Rd., Foster, will be held on the outdoor stage, weather permitting, otherwise inside the church. Light refreshments are provided. For more info, contact Laurie @401-623-0320.

June 25: RI Trout Unlimited: On Wednesday, RI Trout Unlimited will have its monthly membership meeting at the check station, on rt 165, in Exeter. We will start with a cookout at 5 pm, then the meeting at 6. After the meeting we will fish in the Wood River. All are welcome.

June 23-August 8: WCFA Sum-

mer Art Camp 2025 at the Warwick Center for the Arts. Join us for one week or the whole summer. Morning and afternoon sessions available with different themes each week. For further information, please call 401-737-0010 or warwickcfa.org

July 12: Boot-Camp Breakfast and Veterans’ Resource Fair: Mission: Boots to Briefcases will hold a breakfast and veterans’ resource fair on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Pilgrim Senior Center, 27 Pilgrim Pkwy, Warwick.

July 19 & Aug. 23: Gaspee Celtic Jam Musicians: Enjoy performances of Irish and Scottish musical selections at the Sprague Mansion Carriage House (located behind the Mansion) at 4 p.m. Visit gaspeecelticjam.org ahead of dates for their announcement on songs for the evening. Tickets each performance: \$13; \$5 age 12 & under. Seating is limited. Parking in back of Mansion. No pets.

August 23: Class of 1975 Warwick Vets - 50-year reunion at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, 10 Water Street, East Greenwich, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person. Please contact Jeff Voigt at meddevconsultant@aol.com.

Aug. 24: Johnston High School Reunion Classes 1965 and 1966: Johnston High School will hold its class reunion for the classes of 1965 and 1966 on Sunday Aug. 24, at The Dance Floor, 332 Atwood Ave., Cranston from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Food, beer, wine and entertainment is included. No cash bar. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. Dress is smart-casual. Checks made payable to Dorothy (Rapone) Whelan, 6 Celebration Way, Johnston, RI 02919. Please include your maiden name and graduation year on your check. For information/questions contact: Dottie (Rapone) Whelan: 401-714-7625 or dottiewhelan@gmail.com or Nadine (Gravel) Skovron: 401-837-0496 or ngskovron@yahoo.com.

October 11: Pilgrim High School Class of 1975 - 50-year reunion at The Quonset “O” Club on 200 LT. James Brown Rd., North Kingstown., from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. Please contact Dean Plowman 401-413-9978 or Dean695@gmail.com.

St Francis Xavier Academy Alumnae Association: is accepting scholarship applications for Catholic High School until July 31. Forms are available by writing to SXA, P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, RI 02920 or email sva.alum@gmail.com.

Conimicut Village Art Festival: the Conimicut Village Association is now accepting artist and maker applications for its annual Art Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 5. Artists are asked to be available for both dates. Space is limited, so don’t wait to apply. Original artwork will be reviewed by a jury committee and artists will be notified of their acceptance by July 15. Questions, or to request an application (\$60 registration fee) can be directed to conimicutvillage@gmail.com or for more information visit conimicut.org.

Every Monday through Friday: Virtual Dementia Caregiver Support Groups are specifically designed for people caring for loved ones with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Monday, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p. m.; Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p. m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a. m. Information and registration, call 401-415-4664; or email to: info@HopeDementia.org. Follow us on Facebook @HopeHealth.

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

Every First and Third Monday Rhode Island Active Toastmasters meets, serving both Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. Rhode Island Active Toastmasters holds its meetings at New England Institute of Technology in East Greenwich, in Rm N214 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact us Rhode Island Active Toastmasters. All are welcome!

Every Tuesday, ASL Interpreted RI AA Meeting will be held at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Every Second and Fourth Tuesday the Fall River Toastmasters Meeting, serving both Rhode Island and Southern Mass. the Fall River Toastmasters holds its meetings. Doors open at 6 p.m. and meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us at The Chamber, 200 Pocasset St, Fall River, Mass., 2nd floor. For more information, call Sean DaCosta at (508)-840-6621. All are welcome!

Third Wednesday of the month, Old Warwick Grange #41 will hold meetings at 7:30 p.m., at 1175 West Shore Rd. There are no meetings in July and August. The Grange is a fraternal community service, non-profit organization



Emmitt Rattey



Joshua Kline

Hendricken students awarded scholarships

As part of its ongoing dedication to investing in the future of Rhode Island’s community through education, Navigant Credit Union announced the 2025 recipients of its annual scholarship program.

Now in its 28th year, the annual Navigant Credit Union Scholarship Program recognizes local high school seniors who exhibit exemplary academic achievement, teamwork and community involvement over the course of their high school careers. This year, Bishop Hendricken students Emmitt Rattey and Joshua Kline are among 19 students awarded \$1,500 each to help support their education journeys.

“We are thrilled to support these talented and dedicated students as they continue their education” said Kathy Orovitz, Navigant Credit Union President and CEO. “These students’ achievements and contributions to the communities in which they live are inspiring, and we look forward to seeing the positive impacts they will make in their future.

with a special interest in rural life and the traditions of faith, patriotism, leadership and family values. For information, please call either Joan Clegg at 401 465-7259 or Mike Osiensky at (508) 954-9712.

Every Thursday, The Warwick Rotary Club meets from noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Every week features a different speaker.

Every Thursday, Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS #38 is meeting every Thursday morning at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church (lower level), 99 Pierce Street, East Greenwich. Weigh-in begins at 10:15 a.m. The meeting starts at 10:45 a.m. Enter from the side parking lot, go down the stairs to the kitchen area. All are welcome as well as any canned food donations. For information, call: Angela Henderson at 401-225-6174.

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

Christmas in July Sale: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Hope (Scituate), is looking for donations of Christmas items for Christmas in July sale. Call Barbara: 401-827-8054

NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups: The Rhode Island chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones struggling with mental health. Groups are led by trained facilitators with experience with family members. Meetings last 90 minutes, and everyone gets a chance to share. Group members offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at namirhodeisland.org. or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

Editor’s Note: To submit your news to The Buzz, send information and photos to Rosegalie at rosegalie@beaconmediari.com by Friday at 3 p.m. to appear in the following week’s edition. Items can include community and school event announcements and calls for volunteers. Submissions may be edited for space and are not guaranteed to run. To guarantee space, please call 401-732-3100 and ask to place an advertisement.

Aladdin’s magic lights up Norwood School stage

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

Janice Ruggieri has worked at Norwood School for years. She knows the parents, the kids and what to expect. Last Thursday, however, she was in for a surprise. Since last October, school Principal Sabrina Antonelli, five teachers, a number of parents and, of course, the students had been working on the Disney Aladdin Kids production as part of the Disney Musicals in Schools, outreach program in partnership with the Providence Performance Arts Center. There was no way Ruggieri could miss the school buzz. Crews and student performers [third-, fourth- and fifth-graders] worked after school hours on the sets, their lines, their songs and dance routines. Ruggieri knew what was going on, but she really hadn’t seen anything until Thursday. “It was amazing to see how the kids had grown ... they just shined out,” she said. Antonelli, who was picked as the state’s elementary school principal of the year in 2023, was the show’s producer. This was no idle

commitment. Under the partnership with PPAC, she underwent training. And then during the fall, she learned of a sale at a theater shop warehouse. When she walked in, she spotted three boxes marked “Aladdin Kids” and without hesitating bought them for \$150 unopened. “We really lucked out,” Ruggieri said. This was the second show the school has performed under the PPAC /Disney program. Last year it was “Finding Nemo.” Antonelli has already had inquiries from teachers about next year and is planning in the fall to see what shows are available then. Next year, she said, the school would need to pay half the cost of scripts which she estimated normally go for \$30 per cast member. The students staged three performances of Aladdin last Thursday. The first was for school students during the day that was followed by one at 5 p.m. and the third an hour later. As producer, Antonelli introduced the show to parents, siblings and friends before the cast trooped into the all-purpose room and gathered on stage. The curtains were



The cast takes the stage to sing a final song in the performance. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

drawn back; the scene was revealed, the music played and the show was on. Antonelli was in and out of her seat making sure things ran smoothly. They did run smoothly, very smoothly. The audience applauded enthusiastically following scenes and stood to give a standing ovation after the final scene. Funds raised with the sale refreshments and raffle will help Maggie-Beth Herbert, who played the role of the Genie. She is the winner of a scholarship to the PPAC Next Stop Broadway summer camp. In part, Antonelli attributes the school’s dramatic decline in absenteeism to the theatre program. “The kids are excited to come to school,” she said. Speaking of those students who get involved she said, “they gain confidence ... speaking [in public] ... and really come out of their shell. It’s another way they can excel.”

A star with stripes

Miss Rhode Island is a sergeant in the Army National Guard

By ALYSSA WALKER
Beacon Media Contributor

Your new Miss Rhode Island has made it her duty to serve her state while wearing both her crown and her Army uniform. Sgt. Alexia Rodrigues, who also holds the title of Miss Warwick, was crowned Miss Rhode Island on May 11 at North Kingstown High School. After eight years in the Miss Rhode Island organization, Rodrigues clinched the crown and began spreading her two main messages: the need to recognize women in the armed forces and the desire to mend America’s foster-care system. A Rhode Island native, Rodrigues briefly left the Ocean State to attend Syracuse University, where she was involved in organizations such as Students Demand Action and the Resident Housing Association. However, the on-line learning environment that plagued students in 2020 proved to be unsatisfactory for Rodrigues, who didn’t feel like she was making a difference while sitting at home. In order to fulfill her desires to better the world, Rodrigues surprised her friends and family by joining the Rhode Island National Guard. Though she originally joined only part time, she obtained a job with the Guard where she could give back to the community, something that was especially important during the trying times of Covid-19. Rodrigues’ commander, Lt. Col. Jarred Rickey, had this to say about the Miss Rhode Island winner: "I have always been inspired by people that succeed when they try difficult things. Lexi is one of those people. She is a fierce, determined, hardworking and empathic leader. These qualities are why we selected her to be a recruiter, and I am confident they helped her win Miss Rhode Island 2025. She has a very bright future ahead of her and I look forward to watching her win the Miss America pageant." Rodrigues credits the National Guard with making her the person she is today: “The great thing about the military is that it doesn’t change you, but it makes you a better version of yourself.” While serving, she has worked alongside two former Miss Rhode Island winners, Col. Gloria Berlanga (Miss Rhode Island 1989) and Capt. Alexandra Curtis (Miss Rhode Island 2015).



Alexia Rodrigues, who also holds the title of Miss Warwick, is crowned Miss Rhode Island on May 11 at North Kingstown High School. *Submitted photo*

About Rodrigues, Curtis said, “In the year in which she was in my unit, she was both influential in leading soldiers and being an influence for others.” Curtis said Rodrigues “has a very bright future ahead of herself.” Today, Rodrigues works as a recruiter. She is the first actively serving member of the Guard to win Miss Rhode Island. The masculine stereotypes that come with being in the National Guard have not deterred Rodrigues from competing in Miss Rhode Island pageants. In fact, they only strengthened her drive. “My femininity and my leadership skills can coexist,” Rodrigues said. With the voice that comes with her crown, Rodrigues wants to spread the message that women can be in military service and that it does not make them any less of a woman. Since the start of her pageant journey, Rodrigues’s main goal has been to advocate for reforming America’s foster-care system. Being moved around the system herself until age 7, Rodrigues has seen and experienced the many dangerous faults it harbors. She expressed how difficult it is as a child to not feel like you belong. “I wasn’t surrounded by people who had an experience similar to mine,” she said. Due to this, Rodrigues has many issues that she plans to bring to light with the help of her crown and the audience it gives her. “That is my goal, to utilize the crown,” she



Shown here in her Army National Guard fatigues, Alexia Rodrigues is the first active-service member of the Guard to be named Miss Rhode Island. *Submitted photo*

said. She wants to be a role model and educate people on the foster-care system, as she has noticed a lack of knowledge surrounding the topic. While people tend to believe that adopting a child from another country is the best route, Rodrigues pointed out that there are more than 300,000 children in America who need a home and a family. Due to the neglect of children in the American foster system, they tend to age out of it before being adopted, leading to lives of homelessness, a lack of job opportunities and even incarceration. Rodrigues wants to advocate for policy reform and use her voice to uplift the silent. As for today, Rodrigues has a packed schedule full of parades, events and preparations for Miss America. On top of that, she is planning to continue her education by taking online classes at West Virginia University, where she will study integrated marketing communications. Rodrigues is also writing a children’s book, “The Somewhere Kid,” about a child in foster care. She hopes that, upon reading it, America’s youth will garner a further understanding of the foster-care system at such a young age. As she moves into the Miss America competition, she is representing our state with pride. “Rhode Island,” she said, “is small but mighty.”

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House may vote on assault-weapons ban today

Shekarchi, Blazejewski make rare panel appearances to support bill

By CHRISTOPHER SHEA
Rhode Island Current

After years of stalling at the committee level, legislation banning the sale and manufacturing of assault-style weapons in Rhode Island starting in July 2026 is headed to the House floor for the first time in legislative history.

The House Committee on Judiciary voted 12 to 6 Tuesday to advance the amended bill by Rep. Jason Knight, a Barrington Demo-



From left, House Majority Leader Chris Blazejewski, a Providence Democrat; House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi; Rep. Matthew Dawson, an East Providence Democrat; Rep. David Bennett, a Warwick Democrat; and Rep. Julie Casimiro, a North Kingstown Democrat, during the House Committee on Judiciary meeting on Tuesday. Photo by Christopher Shea/Rhode Island Current

crat, for consideration by the full chamber on Thursday.

The historic vote drew rare attendance from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi and House Majority Leader Christopher Blazejewski, who used their ex-officio role on all House Committees to participate in the vote. All of the state’s general officers have already expressed support for the bill.

“This is a very historic and important bill,” Shekarchi told reporters after the meeting. “It’s a bill that accomplishes what we wanted to do: To take these weapons off the street.”

Knight’s bill would prohibit the sale and manufacturing of assault-style shotguns, handguns and rifles beginning July 1, 2026. Violators of the proposed ban would face up to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000 and seizure of their assault-style weapons.

The bill applies to any semiautomatic firearm that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one attachment such as a stock, pistol grip or barrel shroud.

Certain .22-caliber rimfire rifles and Olympic-style target pistols would remain exempt from the proposed ban.

How the committee voted on the proposed ban

“Yes” votes came from Chairman Robert Craven, a North Kingstown Democrat; Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee, a South Kingstown Democrat; Rep. Jason Knight, a Barrington Democrat; Rep. Edith Ajello, a Providence Democrat; Rep. José Batista, a Providence Democrat; Rep. Justine Caldwell, an East Greenwich Democrat; Rep. Julie Casimiro, a North Kingstown Democrat; Rep. Cherie Cruz, a Pawtucket Democrat; Rep. Matthew Dawson, an East Providence Democrat; Rep. Leonela Felix, a Pawtucket Democrat; House Majority Leader Christopher Blazejewski, a Providence Democrat; and House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi, a Warwick Democrat.

“No” votes came from Rep. David Bennett, a Warwick Democrat; Rep. Arthur Corvese, a North Providence Democrat; Rep. Marie Hopkins, a Warwick Republican; Rep. Thomas Noret, a Coventry Democrat; Rep. David Place, a Burrillville Republican; and House Minority Leader Michael Chippendale, a Foster Republican.

Knight said the latest definition was based

on feedback the committee received during the bill’s initial hearing on March 29. But lawmakers – both Republican and Democratic – still voiced numerous concerns with the amended legislation Tuesday, while gun rights advocates in yellow T-shirts listened silently in the audience.

Bennett, a Warwick Democrat, asked if there were any carve-outs for orthopedic pistol grips. No, Knight responded. “That’s too bad,” Bennett said.

But Knight said gun owners can still purchase firearms with any of the outlawed features if they are purchased ahead of the proposed ban, along with any firearm passed down through a family.

Firearm owners can voluntarily register their weapons with state and local police in order to receive a certificate of possession. Knight’s original bill had mandated that grandfathered weapons be registered, which Second Amendment advocates called unconstitutional.

The voluntary certification did not appease House Minority Leader Mike Chippendale, a Foster Republican. He argued that certification would be necessary to prove ownership in the event of a police arrest.

“That sounds like a registry with a different name,” Chippendale said.

‘A political Trojan horse’

Rep. Thomas Noret, a Coventry Democrat, said he was concerned that the bill could criminalize people who post photos of themselves with guns they don’t own on social media.

“That mere second that they possess it – it could potentially ruin their lives,” he said.

Knight responded that law enforcement already uses social media posts as evidence and that police always have the discretion to not file charges.

Rep. David Place, a Burrillville Republican, argued that passing the bill would not reduce gun violence and suggested it would disproportionately penalize people of color.

“No one [who] looks like me is going to be sent to jail for this bill unless I fire on somebody who comes to my door,” he said. “We move this bill out of fear at the expense of individual liberty.”

Rhode Island Republican Party Chairman Joe Powers called Knight’s legislation “a political Trojan horse.”

“It’s designed to look like public safety, but it’s nothing more than government overreach wrapped in fear-mongering,” Powers said in a statement. “They’re hoping you won’t notice your rights being stripped away, one inch at a time.”

Gun safety advocates celebrated the committee’s vote.

“Our advocates and partners have worked tirelessly for more than a decade in the name of public safety and we are thrilled to have made it this far in the legislative process,” Melissa Carden, executive director of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, said in a statement.

Tony Morettini, legislative chapter lead for Moms Demand Action, said he’s hopeful the bill will clear the full House.

“A chamber passing it sends a big message,” he said.

That message, he said, will be directed across the rotunda to the Senate, where the proposal remains uncertain.

Companion legislation filed in the Senate by Lou DiPalma, a Middletown Democrat, has 23 additional sponsors, including

Senate President Valarie Lawson.

DiPalma’s bill was heard by the Senate Committee on Judiciary on May 14 where it was held for further study. Three Democrats who serve on the committee voiced opposition to the proposal during the initial hearing on DiPalma’s bill.

Senate Majority Leader Frank Ciccone, a Providence Democrat and federal firearms dealer, has also voiced opposition to banning assault-style weapons as initially drafted.

Lawson did not immediately respond to request for comment on where the proposed ban lies on her list of priorities.

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The Conimicut Village Association’s Farmers Market is coming to town starting this Saturday at 9 am. This year’s new location is Shield’s Post American Legion at 682 West Shore Rd. Vendors will be selling baked goods, fresh produce, cheeses, honey, eggs, handmade crafts, wood products and more. The market will be open from 9 am to noon in the parking lot and backyard. Come visit and support the village’s amazing local businesses and hardworking neighbors, says CVA president Leslie Derrig. She said there is still room for more vendors and those interested can reach her at 401-603-0787 or email conimicutvillage@gmail.com. *Submitted photo*

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ceives a citation, they can review it online before either transferring liability, contesting it or paying it.

Citations will be issued to drivers who go through a light that turns red before they enter the intersection. Altumint will review all citations for accuracy, and the Warwick Police Department will then approve or deny them before they are issued.

“These programs are being implemented with one clear goal in mind: to make our roads safer for everyone,” said Warwick Police Cmdr. Michael Lima. “We have seen firsthand the risks that come with red light running, and in too many instances, a few seconds of impatience or distraction have resulted in crashes that have forever changed lives.”

Altumint is installing 15 cameras among the five chosen intersections. To determine where to place the cameras, Warwick police conducted a two-day study at intersections they believed would have the most violations. In just one day, the intersection of Post and Airport Roads recorded 508 red light violations.

Also going into place late this summer will be 24 speed cameras at 11 locations as part of the School Zone Speed Enforcement Program. To be issued a citation, drivers must be going at least 31 mph, 11 over the limit. These speeding cameras will be in operation from 6 am to 7 pm on weekdays during the academic year and will be placed in school zones on Aug. 28, the first day of the academic year in Warwick schools. The fine will be \$50.

“Children deserve to walk, bike, and ride to school in safe conditions,” said Commander Lima.

These new programs promise many favorable outcomes. By installing red light and speed cameras, Warwick police officers will be able to put fewer resources into traffic violations and instead “focus on les

There is also the hope that these particular traffic violations will decrease and therefore save lives. In 2022, a study shows that cities with red light camera programs had a 21% reduction in fatal red light crashes.

“People know the cameras are there, they drive differently, and eventually, those corrective actions become normal behavior” said Senior Vice President of Altumint Jason Norton.

Coming soon: Speed cameras

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Opinion

LETTERS

Not all roads lead to college

For too long, the pathway from graduating high school to starting a good career has been filled with an overabundance of complexity, and more than a little elitism.

For multiple generations, the prevailing thought (at least one projected through popular media) was that “successful” kids went to college before entering the work-force. Everyone else – the less academically achieving, the trouble-makers, the ones with “less potential” – they would forgo college to immediately begin laboring in the lesser category of jobs known only as “the trades.”

For your child to become a plumber, a contractor, a pipe-fitter, a welder, et cetera, was like admitting they couldn’t be “more,” that they lacked ambition or any other number of derogatory assumptions based on the reality that they didn’t wind up sitting in an office somewhere doing white-collar work.

It was not until a generation of kids who went through college only to find themselves in a similar place as they were before college – unemployed, uncertain what their true passion was, what they could do with their new, ludicrously expensive degree – or competing for a finite number of jobs in brutally competitive fields – that we started to realize the error in this generalized way of thinking.

Thankfully, Rhode Island has been atoning for this monumental mistake at an advancing rate for the past decade. Hundreds of career and technical education (CTE) programs have started up in schools all throughout the state, giving kids the opportunity to explore dozens of different possible career pathways that lead directly to certifications, apprenticeships, or directly into jobs with tangible upward mobility immediately upon graduating.

As we covered in a recent story where more than 200 recent high school graduates were welcomed into the professional world by state officials and executives from General Dynamics and Electric Boat, there already exists one example in Rhode Island where an industry giant actually relies on this pool of talent coming from our high schools to fill their talent rosters.

We shouldn’t rest on the laurels of this success. While Electric Boat is a great place to land for any student who enjoys industrial trades, and while it helps bolster our national defense at a time of growing international uncertainty, we can’t help but wonder why there aren’t more “Electric Boat-type” graduating ceremonies in the state.

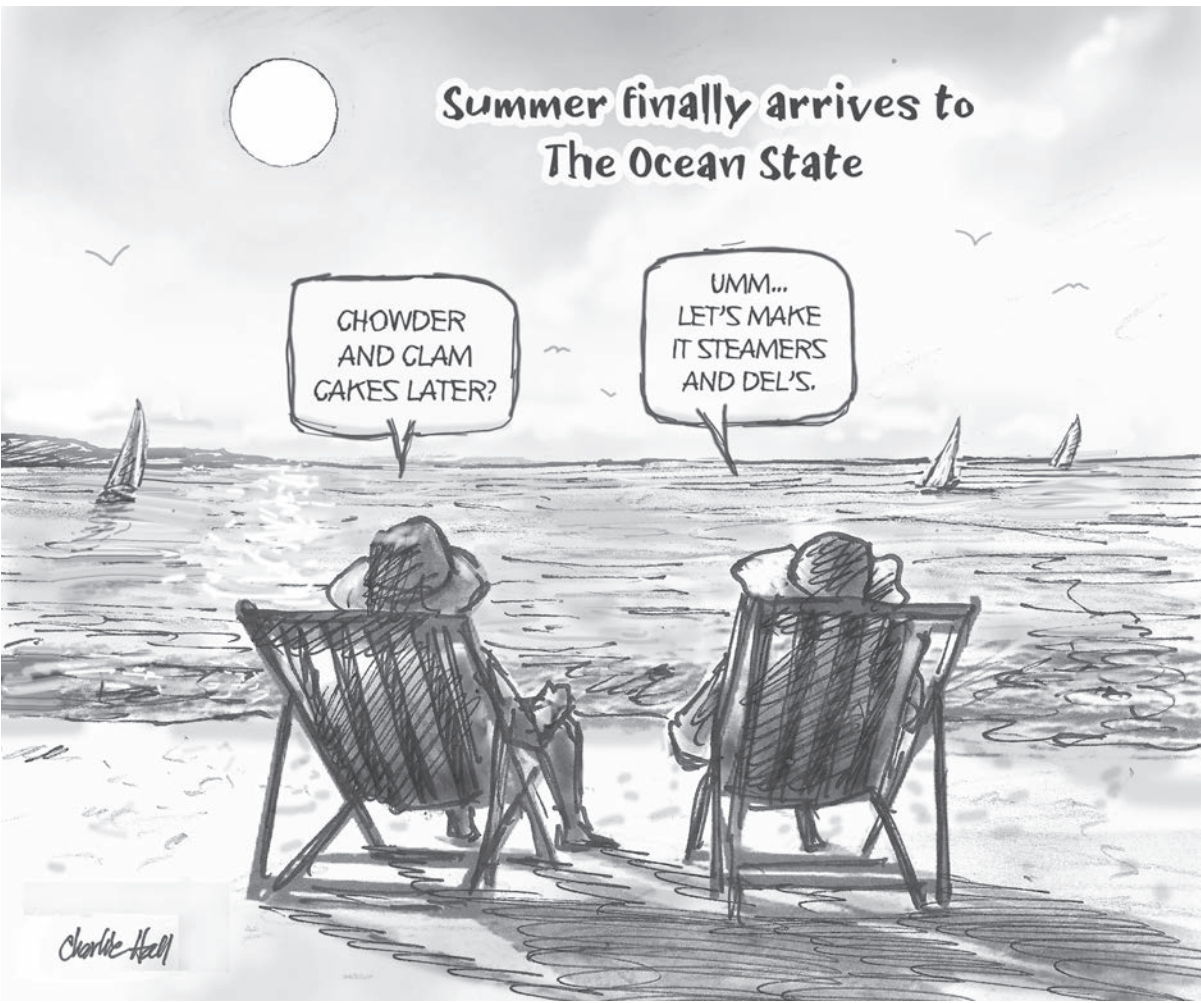
Imagine having five more partners with the same level of commitment. Imagine if cybersecurity, green energy and other forms of advanced manufacturing all had similar pipelines ready for young people. What kind of economy could we build then?

State leaders should be proud of the connection forged between high schools and Electric Boat, but they should also be eager to find the next Electric Boats and bring them to Rhode Island – companies that have a place for eager, hard-working and intelligent Rhode Islanders to begin working directly after graduation. We would all benefit from those opportunities.

What’s on your mind?

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Even near the end, Grandma Gloria lived her way

Gloria was outrageous in a good way.

She was colorful and commanded attention no matter where she was. That was her trademark, but as I learned, not her defining attribute.

Gloria Walker was a foster grandparent who for many years was known as Grandma Gloria to kids at Wickes School. She and school principal Roy Costa were well matched. Both stood out as live, high-energy wires. Roy, who loves anything Disney but especially Mickey Mouse, wore ties featuring Disney cartoon characters. Not surprisingly, Mickey and his friends inhabited his office.

If only in my elementary school there had there been a principal who loved cartoon characters, I wouldn’t have dreaded being called into the principal’s office.

Wickes School is no longer. Single family homes are sprouting from the property. Roy has retired. Gloria died March 18 at the age of 97.

Yet there’s no forgetting Grandma Gloria or what she brought to Warwick schools and the larger community. Indeed, part of it is a person who didn’t hide her unabashed passion for life and sharing.

She was bold, upbeat and flamboyant. She drove a bright orange car. I don’t remember the make, but it was small and just to be sure she could be seen – also a reflection of her personality – sported a large plastic sunflower wired to the antenna. Her attire was equally as loud, with red or orange being the dominant colors. Her blond hair was springy and her lipstick was always carefully applied. Her eyes danced. Gloria would stop by the office on Halloween, Valentine’s Day and always on St. Patrick’s



This Side Up

by John Howell

Day – appropriately dressed for the occasion – with a card and a report from Wickes.

Over the years I learned more and more about Gloria. She was friends

a gay bar in Providence. The two hit it off, and when it came to closing time Paul asked Brian where he was going to spend the night. Brian’s parents had kicked him out. He had no place to go. Paul told Brian to come home with him and then told Gloria when they arrived that night that Brian would be staying with them. He became a member of the family.

“She lived with an open heart ... [her] generosity of spirit was truly unmatched,” Brian said. He said the strength of their friendship enabled him to face any challenge.

James Russell, who also spoke at Gloria’s service, said he had not met an active senior until Gloria. He spoke of her cards and holiday celebrations.

Gloria’s nephew, Scott Carlson, recalled her feisty, even defiant, nature.

“She hit it off with anybody she met,” he said. There was no discrimination of age, color or ethnicity, or reservation in expressing her opinion.

When it came to politics, “It was Trumpy Dumpy,” said Scott.

And then there was the occasion in a packed restaurant where the music resonated with Gloria. Paying no attention to what people would think, she stood up and danced and danced. On another occasion, Gloria, who was a flirt, told Scott she wanted to meet a young man she had spotted across the room. Scott told her the man was a priest. Gloria’s answer: “I don’t care.”

Scott was a frequent visitor during Gloria’s final days. A priest had been summoned and was giving her last rites when she sat up and told him to “shut up.”

I can see her, frail and fading, yet with that pure spark of life that she generously shared with so many.



“Grandma Gloria” with James Russell, left, and his husband, Brian Belovitch, in a photo from spring 2015. *Beacon Media files*

with baseball legend Ted Williams, which made for an interesting interview with insights to the man who loved fishing and shied from crowds and the limelight. In the spring of 2015, Gloria stopped in to let me know that Karen Bernstein, a niece of renowned composer Leonard Bernstein, was working on a film about her son, Brian Belovitch. They would be filming at her Matthew 25 apartment. She knew I would want to see what this was all about. I got to meet Brian and hear how he met Gloria. He told the story again at her memorial service May 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The story goes back to 1972, when Paul, Gloria’s biological son [now deceased] and Brian, both 16, met in

GUEST OPINION

Searching for balance in RI’s short-term rentals

By Rep. LAUREN H. CARSON

For the last year and a half, a House commission I have led has studied the economic and social effects of the short-term rental industry in Rhode Island. We have met with state and municipal leaders who grapple with tax, housing and safety issues, leaders in the tourism and hospitality industries and property owners who list rooms or homes on short-term rental platforms.

We have collected written and oral testimony from more than 200 members of the public, with opinions on virtually every facet of the industry, including state and municipal regulation of it, its effects on the housing market and neighborhoods and its opportunities for property owners.

Over the course of our work, the commission has identified a lack of coordination between the state’s registration system for short-term rental properties and the 17 separate registration systems operated by municipalities around the state, as well as a lack of transparency in the way short-term

rental platforms remit the hotel, sales and municipal taxes they collect and submit on behalf of property owners. The commission has also identified a number of safety concerns, such as how to ensure individual adherence to fire and building codes.

One of the issues that our commission has encountered over the course of studying the short-term rental industry in Rhode Island is the matter of jurisdiction – whether the state, municipalities or both can or should be in charge of regulation.

That issue is at the heart of three lawsuits currently pending in state courts challenging the legality of ordinances passed in Newport, Narragansett and Exeter to regulate and ensure the safety of short-term rentals. The courts have ruled in favor of the municipalities in the Exeter and Newport cases, which are being appealed; Narragansett’s ordinances have been stayed since October while a ruling is awaited in that case.

I am eager to address this matter legislatively so that we have robust protections

that ensure the safety of renters, property owners, neighborhoods and our housing supply, as well as systems that ensure the proper, equitable collection and distribution of tax revenue generated by this industry.

However, the prudent action is to see how these cases are decided by the courts before we forge ahead with new legislation. It’s unfortunate, since there are pressing public safety concerns and effects on our dire housing crisis, but we need to create a lasting, well-crafted path forward with this industry, and it does us no good to pass a law that could well face its own legal challenge within months.

As someone who has worked on legislative efforts related to short-term rentals for the entire decade I’ve spent in the House, and a representative of heavily affected Newport, I am disappointed that we cannot feasibly address this issue legislatively before the current legislative session ends in the coming weeks. However, I am hopeful that our commission will be able to move quickly once these cases are resolved,

which is likely to happen by fall. It’s my intention that we will then issue our report and that I will then propose legislation informed by it.

I am very grateful to all the members of our commission for their effort and dedication throughout this process, and to the 200+ members of the public who have contributed their testimony. I remain determined to develop solutions that enable Rhode Islanders to generate income through the short-term rental industry while also protecting public safety, residential neighborhoods, economic equity and the housing supply Rhode Islanders desperately need, and I am hopeful this summer brings a successful tourism season to Newport and the whole state.

Rep. Lauren H. Carson (D-Dist. 75, Newport) is chairwoman of the Special Legislative Commission to Review and Provide Recommendations for Policies that Deal with Numerous Economic and Social Short-Term Rental Issues.

GUEST OPINION

A fond farewell to two Warwick pillars

By JO-ANN SCHOFIELD

As the school year draws to a close, Warwick Public Schools face a bittersweet moment: the retirement of two extraordinary leaders, Lynn Dambruch and Patricia Cousineau. For decades, these two individuals have poured their hearts and souls into serving the young people of our community, and their departure marks the end of an era that has profoundly shaped the educational landscape of Warwick.

My own connection to their impact began early in my career, in 1997, when I served as the program assistant for MENTOR RI’s Warwick Mentor Program (then the Chamber Education Foundation). It was through my volunteer work as a mentor at Robertson Elementary School that I first encountered the exceptional leadership of Lynn Dambruch. As principal, Lynn didn’t just administer a school; she cultivated a vibrant, welcoming community where students thrived and volunteers felt genuinely valued partners. I vividly recall the tangible "kid-centered vibe" of Robertson under her guidance – a quality that, I soon realized, was a direct reflection of her unique and deeply caring approach.

Even as my career path led me to become CEO of MENTOR RI, my connection with Lynn remained strong. Her unwavering support for the mentor program was evident, perhaps most poignantly when the program faced complete defunding in 2018. It was Lynn who personally delivered the difficult news, a testament to her empathy and her deep understanding of the program's vital role in the lives of students. Together, we navigated the challenging aftermath, eventually working to restore

LETTERS

Let’s boost TCI’s benefit to caregivers

To the Editor:

In 2008, Andrew was born five weeks early, and instead of being able to take enough leave from work, I had to resign my position as a special education teacher. Over the course of his childhood, I had to take numerous days of unpaid leave due to illness, no nursing coverage and hospitalizations.

Fast forward to 2022. We go on our first vacation as a family of five to New Hampshire. The last day there, unbeknownst to me, an infection was making its way through Andrew’s bloodstream. Three days later, while home, I began to get really worried as Andrew was now to the point of being lethargic.

We arrived at the hospital by ambulance and were taken almost immediately to the critical-care room where we learned

that Andrew had sepsis. The trauma of this 30-day hospital pediatric ICU stay is something that my family and I will be working through for a long time. Especially considering we were back at the hospital for a 25-day stay just 10 months later.

As a mother of three, it is very difficult to save up my paid time off due to sickness, doctor’s appointments, school events and just everyday life. Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI) – Rhode Island's paid family leave program – has been an invaluable resource for me since its inception.

I am fortunate enough to live in a household with two working parents and a great family support system, so taking TCI at the current rate may be challenging, but we are able to make our budget stretch and work, even if we have to dip

into what little savings we have.

I am a staunch advocate of increasing the percentage rate of what TCI will pay caregivers because it is so hard to meet the demands of today based on the needs of children and families in this economy. Family is so important and vital to good mental health that when you have to stress about working versus ensuring that your loved one is safe, healthy and well cared for, everyone suffers.

As we near the end of this year’s legislative session, I encourage others who have experienced the benefits of TCI to connect with policymakers and move the needle forward for TCI in Rhode Island.

Tara Hayes
Warwick

Banks have armed guards; why not schools?

To the Editor:

It often takes a good person with a gun to take out a bad person with a gun. That simple fact is lost on gun control advocate Emily M. Howe. (“Make weapons of war illegal in Rhode Island.” May 29.)

In her letter, Mrs. Howe promotes legislation that would keep “weapons of war out of civilian hands.” But such measures would not keep those weapons out of the hands of violent criminals. They already have them and will keep them regardless of what laws are passed.

That’s because the bad guys don’t obey the laws. This legislation would disarm only law abiding citizens who do. Gun-control laws render good people defenseless.

As for preventing mass school shootings, an awful phenomenon that was inconceivable when I was in school, I think placing armed resource officers in the schools would act as the best deterrent.

Psychopathic killers are evil, but they are not stupid. They generally do not choose targets where there is a chance someone will shoot back. That’s why designated gun-free zones have been their preferred target.

We have armed guards stationed at banks to guard our money. Don’t our schoolchildren merit the same kind of protection?

A. H. Liddle
Warwick

Boaters need the audible guidance of bell buoys

To the Editor:

The Coast Guard is planning to eliminate many navigational buoys in Narragansett Bay, including the Patience Island Lighted Bell Buoy 8 between Patience Island and Warwick Point. This bell buoy is a familiar one to boaters going in and out of Warwick Cove and Greenwich Bay. The Coast Guard is eliminating visual aids to navigation on the assumption that boaters now use electronic charts and navigational aids. However, many smaller recreational boaters in the waters

around Bell Buoy 8 do not have or rely on electronic systems. In storms or heavy fog, the bell buoy is an important aid to orient boaters.

Please write to the Coast Guard to oppose the removal of Bell Buoy 8 and other buoys that you rely on when you are on the water.

“The Coast Guard is only accepting written comments, which should be sent to D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil by June 13 and refer to Project No. 01-25-015. The guidelines instruct boaters to “include size and type of your

vessel, recreational or commercial, how you use the signal to navigate, and distance at which you start looking for and utilizing it.”” (Providence Journal 5/19/2025)

I will miss the familiar gong of Bell Buoy 8 carrying news of the wind and waves on the Bay, even when I am on the land.

Jane Kenney Austin
Warwick

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wavering focus on enhancing the quality of education for every child has been truly inspiring. Her exceptional organizational skills, coupled with her genuine passion for the students of Warwick, have made her an invaluable asset to our school system.

As Lynn Dambruch and Patricia Cousineau embark on their well-deserved retirements, profound gratitude is felt for their decades of dedicated service. Their leadership, their empathy and their unwavering commitment to the students of Warwick have created a lasting legacy that will continue to shape our community for generations to come. Their presence will be deeply missed, and the positive impact they have had on countless lives will endure. Their future is wished to be filled with joy, fulfillment and the knowledge that their contributions have truly made a difference.

Jo-Ann Schofield is former CEO of MENTOR RI.

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ilies and our city. They will be modern, innovative spaces designed to support the next generation of learners and leaders,” he said. He added he is grateful for the community’s patience and continued support.

“We’re not just building schools, we’re building Warwick’s future,” he said.

Both new schools will rise from the athletic fields of the existing schools. When the new schools are completed, the existing buildings will be demolished to be used as sites for new athletic facilities. At the Toll Gate campus, one of the first signs of the new school will be the demolition of the former Drum Rock Elementary School slated to start this week and the “clearing and grubbing” of the site.

John J. Fattorusso

John J. Fattorusso, 77, of Warwick, died Thursday, May 29th at the West Shore Health Center. He was the husband of Patricia M. (Sheehan) Fattorusso.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Camella (Milano) Fattorusso, he had been a Warwick resident for the past forty-seven years. Mr. Fattorusso was a bus driver for RIPTA for eleven years before retiring in 2012. He was a longtime member of the West Warwick ELKS #1697, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler and served as a Past State District Deputy. He was a member of the Warwick F.O.P. and was a volunteer on the Providence Fire Department Canteen.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Melissa A Pratt of Warwick and Amy E. Carbary of Warwick. He was the grandfather of Ryan Carbary, Ashley Pratt, Stephanie Pratt and Joshua Pratt.

His funeral was Monday, June 2nd at 10 AM from the Frank P. Trainor & Sons Funeral Home, 982 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Peter Church, Fair Street, Warwick at 11 AM. Visitation was one hour prior to the Funeral from 9-10 AM. Burial was in Pawtuxet Memorial Park, Warwick.

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Michael A. Myers

Michael A. Myers, 58, of Warwick, Rhode Island, joined his late father, Glenn Myers, in heaven on May 6, 2025. Born on June 1, 1966, in New York, Mike brought joy and love to everyone he met with his happy, goofy, and kind nature.

Mike was an incredibly hard-working, devoted family man who cherished every moment with his loved ones. In addition to landscaping, FedEx Ground, and most recently Lyft, Mike co-owned and operated ‘A Fresh Cut Flower Shoppe’ with his wife, Patricia, for over 25 years.

Along with his loving wife, Patricia Myers, Mike leaves behind his daughters, Mikaela, Mariela and Kelly Ford, and her husband, Dennis Ford, who were his biggest fans and supporters. Michael’s legacy of love and laughter lives on through them, as well as his mother, Dawn, his sister, Cheryl Hales, and his brother, Matthew. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren who were all the center of his world. Mike was fondly known as “Opa” to the children in the family and family friends.

Michael’s love for boats, the ocean, and brightly patterned shirts will be celebrated in a special gathering this summer, where family and friends will come together to honor his memory. Details of this celebration of life will be announced soon.

In the meantime, let us remember Michael for the joy he spread and the love he shared. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Stephen H. Robinson

Stephen H. Robinson 79 passed away after a brief illness on May 25, 2025, with his loving family by his side. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Herbert and Helen (Lamoureux) Robinson.

Steve was raised in RI and moved to Punta Gorda, Florida in 1991, returning to RI in 2020.

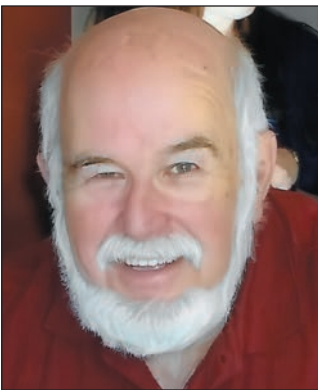
Steve is survived by his loving daughters, Karen Whittaker and her husband James, and Cheryl Russo and her husband Paul as well as his adoring grandchildren, Stephen, David, Kim Whittaker, and Ashley Martinez and his great granddaughter Stella Whittaker. It was Stephen’s wish that his funeral be private. Please visit www.barrettandcotter.com for online condolences.

Obituaries

In your time of need, the *Warwick Beacon* will print your loved one’s full obituary for a small charge. The paper also places the obituary on our website, warwickonline.com.

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“We want to make sure the public is safe,” said Chris Spiegel, project manager for LeftField. He said fencing will go up around the site, as will security cameras and signs to maximize safety and security.

Site work at Pilgrim won’t start as quickly because the School Department is still waiting for Department of Environmental Management permits after testing showed questionable levels of soil arsenic.

The school administration is purposely not making a big deal of the groundbreakings as they will occur while school is in session, which limits their participation and pres-ents parking limitations.

Steven Gothberg, director of construction for the School Department, said a more inclusive community ceremony will be held when the final steel beam is lifted

into place in a “steel topping,” which is projected to take place late this fall or early winter.

Chris Spiegel, project manager for LeftField said the steel topping would give community members including students at both schools the opportunity to sign the final beam before it is hoisted into place as well as stage events that includes student participation, music, possible burial of a time capsule and remarks from officials.

Bids are below projected costs

Meanwhile, there’s more to celebrate than simply the start of construction. Now that bidding has begun on, projected prices are coming in lower than projected.

“We’re going to be in good shape,” Gothberg says cautiously. With an estimated 25% of bids

received on Pilgrim and 15 to 20% on Toll Gate, steel and concrete for the two schools are about \$6,250,000 “to the good.” Last Tuesday in a special meeting to comply with the law on teacher-layoff notifications, the School Committee approved Toll Gate steel and concrete bids.

Gothberg was anxious to “lock in” those bids in the event tariffs or other market factors kicked in. Gothberg assured committee chair Shaun Galligan even if tariffs are in effect by the time of delivery, the orders will have been placed prior to implementation exempting them.

Going into the bidding process, Gothberg and Spiegel projected the city would face \$23 million in cost overruns above the \$350-million bond. Of that \$23 million, \$17 million was earmarked as contingen-

cy. Spiegel said Friday that the buyouts [savings from the initial estimates] total \$8 million. Additional savings are being realized in site work and the projected cost of elevators, Speigel said.

Spiegel said LeftField is building “risk protections” into the bids. As an example, he cites the award to Norgate Metal of Quebec for Toll Gate that is \$2 million less than first projected. That savings considers the possibility the project may require additional beams for unexpected needs, a contingency built within the bid. If not needed, the savings on steel would be more than the \$2 million.

“My goal is to come to you guys and say here’s whatever you’ve saved,” Spiegel said.

Margaret M. D’Alfonso, Esq.

Margaret M. D’Alfonso, Esq. (Sharkey), 64, passed away at home on May 28, 2025. She was the beloved wife of Robert A. D’Alfonso, Jr., with whom she celebrated her 40-year wedding anniversary a few days before her passing.

She is also survived by her children, Robert A. D’Alfonso, III (Marla), Sean P. D’Alfonso (Stephanie), and Joseph S. D’Alfonso, her grandchildren, Annie and Robby, and ten siblings.

For Margaret’s complete obituary and for information on funeral services, please visit: www.patrickquinnfuneralsandcremations.com/



M. Dorothy (Salisbury) Dansereau

M. Dorothy “Dottie” (Salisbury) Dansereau, 97, passed away surrounded by her loving family on May 31, 2025. She was the beloved wife of the late Everett N. Dansereau who died on July 18, 1980.

Born on August 15, 1927, in Providence, RI, to Henry J. and Mary C. (Mann) Salisbury, she graduated from St. Xavier’s High School in 1945 and lived in Warwick for over 75 years.

Dottie worked as an operations supervisor for the former Fleet Bank, now Bank of America, for 20 years, retiring in 1989.

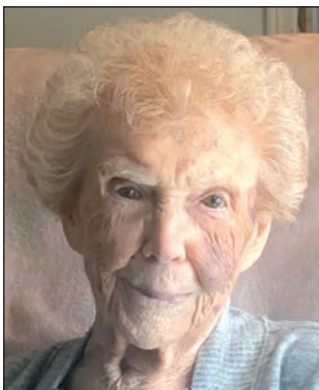
Dottie was a devout Catholic and a communicant of St. Peter Church in Warwick. Always enjoying a good game of cards with family and friends, she especially enjoyed playing cards as a member of the Warwick Bridge Club. She enjoyed traveling and daily outings with her daughters, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, watching sports on Sundays with her son Russell and Saturday morning coffee with her late son Gary.

Dottie will be remembered as a sweet and caring woman who was loved by everyone who knew her and as one heck of a high low jack player.

She was the beloved mother of the late Gary D. Dansereau, Russell E. Dansereau of Coventry, Kathleen M. Grafe (Thomas) of North Scituate, and Michelle A. Rocchio (Stephen) of Warwick and the mother-in-law of Sharon A. Dansereau of Warwick. Dottie, affectionately known as “Gram”, was devoted to her seven grandchildren Heather Reifler (Brian), Melanie Gietz (Steven), David Dansereau (Heather), Amanda Grafe (Arman), Stephanie Sjogren (John), Patrick Rocchio and Andrew Rocchio (Cailin), and to her ten great grandchildren Nathaniel, Ayden, Benjamin, Ashlyn, Luke, Ares, Olivia, Reyna, Zachary and Everleigh. She was the sister of the late Jean B. Salisbury, and the niece of the late Ellen “Babe” Mann.


Her funeral will be held from the Barrett & Cotter Funeral Home, 1328 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 8:45 AM. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Peter Church, 350 Fair Street, Warwick at 10 AM. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Burial will be in Pawtuxet Memorial Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dottie’s name to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org>. Condolences may also be offered to her family and favorite memories of Dottie shared online at www.barrettandcotter.com.



Obituaries

John W. Hayes, M.D

 John W. Hayes, M.D., 82, of East Greenwich, passed peacefully on May 30, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born at home in Cranston, Jack was the son of the late Walter E. Hayes, M.D. and Evelyn Hayes. He was married to his beloved wife, Charlotte, for 60 years. They began their journey together as teenagers, married as recent college graduates and returned to Rhode Island to build their legacy amongst family.

Jack often recounted the joys of his childhood at Bonnet Shores beach and preached the academic rigor of his favorite school, Classical High School. After Classical, Jack earned his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Boston College and his medical degree from McGill University School of Medicine, where he achieved the distinction of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Jack was particularly proud of his service in the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander while stationed at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Following his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, Jack returned home and began his career in orthopedics under the tutelage of the late A.A. Savastano, M.D. At the urging of his longtime friend and colleague, the late Paul Poirier, M.D., Jack started his own practice in Orthopedic surgery in Warwick, at Kent Hospital, where he earned the designation of Diplomate from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and later served as the Chief of Orthopedics. During his time at Kent, Jack served in various capacities at the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Kent County Medical Society, the Rhode Island Orthopedic Society, Kent Hospital’s Board of Directors and Kent’s parent entity, Care New England.

Jack took great pride in overcoming the perils of alcohol addiction and, over the last half of his life, Jack found purpose in his service to the Physicians Health Committee, where he helped scores of physicians and medical professionals overcome their own struggles with alcohol and addiction.

A long-time member of Warwick Country Club, Point Judith Country Club, and the Dunes Club, Jack’s perfect day began with a very early morning round of golf with his sons, followed by an afternoon parked in a beach chair on the sand alongside his wife, daughter, and a challenging crossword puzzle, before closing the day by manning the grille outside his favorite house in Narragansett – a full “Dr. Jack” day, indeed.

In addition to Charlotte, Jack is survived by his children, Jack, Jr. and his wife, Bridget, his daughter, Suzanne and her husband, Chet Trossman, and his son, Steven and his wife, Julie, and his much-loved grandchildren, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Matthew, Thomas, and Michael. He also leaves behind a brother, Brian E. Hayes, of Virginia, and a sister-in-law, Anne Greason, of Narragansett.

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I'M JUST BEING FRANK.

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Rowe’s efforts have proven to be successful. Rather than simply reading about science, his students are engaged in assignments that offer a fruitful learning environment. Most notably, Rowe has his students build 4-foot kit sailboats. The kits cost about \$5,000, and when completed the boats have water and air sensors as well as GPS navigation. They are solar powered. The information is transmitted to the classroom where students monitor conditions where the boats are, even making calculations on where they will be in 24 hours based on the currents and winds. The boats are launched 100



Pilgrim science teacher Gregory Rowe holds up a sample of water containing phytoplankton he gathered on a trip aboard the URI research vessel Endeavor.

miles offshore by URI. One boat was lost at sea, although Rowe holds out hope it will be found and returned. And one made it to the Bay of Fundy. As the GPS gave the boat’s location having been washed ashore, he was able to make local connections to return to the sea. On one mission, a boat even sailed through a tropical storm and arrived home in one piece. Rowe’s students also put together mini wind turbines to power light bulbs and allow them to measure the amount of voltage generated by different blade designs. Rowe plans to dedicate his summer to learning how to best 3D-printed wind turbine blades. Principal Toby Gibbons called Rowe an asset to Pilgrim’s science department. “We are so thrilled he took the initiative to bring this new program to PHS,” he said. With the state grant, Rowe plans to buy more materials to continue giving his students hands-on experiences – materials for mini boats and mini wind turbines as well as waders for when he takes students down to the water for assignments. Rowe hopes the curriculum he has designed will get kids more interested in learning about the environment and science as a whole. “It’s hands-on experiences that got me excited in science, and I’d like to share my experiences in the best way I know how,” he said. His new curriculum is set to go into effect at Pilgrim next year.



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● **BUOYS** from page 1

to serve as a mark to round to port on that approach, Conimicut Shoal substantially narrows the approach to the river, and multiple boats are often approaching simultaneously from the west (i.e., Greenwich Bay) and from the south (i.e., the East Passage). Buoys 13 and 14 assist by helping to manage the “funnel” of traffic at that point, which funneling would instead happen at the next set of buoys to the north. I would therefore rate these buoys 13 and 14 as somewhat important but not crucial to my navigation.”

Critical to Warwick marine traffic

A pivotal buoy to West Bay mariners is lighted bell R8, a red buoy that serves as a channel marker between Warwick Neck and Patience Island as well as a reference to the mouth of Greenwich Bay. Shuster says the mark serves “as a very helpful guide to avoid approaching Patience Island’s north-west point too closely.” Also, he said, it serves “to guide the significant traffic traveling from and to Greenwich Bay from Narragansett Bay.”

Warwick Harbormaster Jeff Baris likewise sees the buoy as critical to navigation. Of all the buoys listed for possible removal in Narragansett Bay, he names R8 as the one most concerning him. R8 also serves as a guide to quahoggers who keep their boats in Warwick and Apponaug Coves. They are on the Bay early in the day and in all types of weather. Michael McGivney, president of the Rhode Island Shellfisherman’s Association, said the board would discuss the proposed changes next week. He is personally opposed to the removal of the 32 Bay buoys on the basis “it would make the Bay more dangerous to navigate.” Warwick quahogger Jody King looks at it from another perspective. In a text he said lighthouses are rated for weather on the East Coast, and Warwick Light, which overlooks R8, is rated third worst for weather, behind Point Judith, which is second. Dave Monti, who writes “No Fluke,” a weekly fishing column in this and other papers, also cites safety concerns. “Many of the buoys marked for removal sit at harbor entrances, over ledges and reefs or in otherwise hazardous waters. Some are the only visual or auditory clues available to mariners navigating in low visibility. “It is a safety issue, as mariners and fishers who rely on electronic navigation are not immune to outages or a lack of a cellular connection, and many feel, including me, that physical aids are essential. I rely on these buoys to safely navigate home in good weather, bad weather and fog.”

USCG adjusts aids to navigation

The Coast Guard sees the proposal as sup-

porting water safety by “ensuring the right short-range aids work well with modern navigation technology. Public comment about specific buoy use is essential,” says Matthew Stuck, the First Coast Guard District’s chief of waterways management in the release. He adds that the 350 buoys proposed for discontinuation represent about 6% of the 5,640 federally maintained aids to navigation. “We’re actively adjusting short-range aids to work better and more sustainably given today’s navigation tools and methods,” said Stuck. “As part of this effort, the First Coast Guard District has assessed AtoN [aids to navigation] system modernization options over the last two years. Identifying buoys with the highest navigational significance and those providing less navigational value established the baseline to engage the public for feedback on this proposal.” Sailor Charles Stoddard of Barrington didn’t shy from offering his feedback. In a letter to the USCG, he writes, “I think it’s very important that you understand that while many of us have Chart plot GPS units on our vessels, they are often not located at the helm station.... It appears to me that when putting together the list of marks to be removed it was viewed that the captains would be looking at the chart plotters on a regular basis or used them to program their autopilot. This is not practical for sailboats as the wind often dictates where the vessel will go, which is not a straight line from point A to point B.” Stoddard said that, in looking at the locations on the provided charts, he could see marks that could safely be removed, “but others need to stay to provide safe navigation for the recreational boater.” He listed those buoys as:

- Patience Island Lighted Bell Buoy 8
- Ohio Ledge Bell Buoy OL
- Providence River Approach Channel Lighted Buoy 14
- Sandy Point Junction Lighted Bell Buoy SP
- East Passage Lighted Buoy 17
- East Passage Lighted Bell Buoy 12
- Goat Island Lighted Bell Buoy 3
- East Passage Bell Buoy 6
- Newton Rock Bell Buoy NR
- Point Judith Bell Buoy 4
- Southwest Ledge Lighted Whistle Buoy 2
- Old Silas Rock Buoy 1
- Sakonnet River Bell Buoy 2A
- Stonington Harbor Approach Buoy 2
- Watch Hill Passage Buoy WH

The Coast Guard is strongly requesting that mariners give feedback before June 13. When providing feedback, include the size and type of your vessel, how you use the buoys to navigate and the distance at which you start looking for and using them. Responses are accepted only by email at D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil.



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SALTER GROVE HOST TO A HIGH-TECH TREASURE HUNT

Scientists and volunteers team up to find a satellite tracking tag from Rhode Island's official state fish.

By JASON MAJOR
Beacon Media Contributor

Last week, a team of researchers and nature enthusiasts joined together at Salter Grove in Warwick to hunt for a high-tech satellite tracking tag that had fallen off a striped bass—a fish important not only to local anglers but also to scientists studying their migratory behavior.

So important, in fact, that one of the scientists traveled from Chicago to Warwick for the search.

Led by Dr. Brian Prendergast, a professor at the University of Chicago and Lead Investigator of the Striped Bass Initiative, the group met on the morning of May 27 and searched the causeway, breakwater, and reedy shoreline of Salter Grove for the electronic tag. Prendergast knew it had to be somewhere in the area. It had been sending a steady—if a little wobbly—location signal to a satellite for several days.

Also on site were Peter Becker and Marina Wong from Friends of Salter Grove, a neighborhood advocacy group for the park; Scott Bennett, a researcher from the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA; Heather Kinney, a coastal restoration scientist with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Rhode Island, and Madison Rogers, a Moses Brown senior volunteering with TNC.

Equipped with a satellite antenna attached to a handheld monitor, Prendergast and Kinney first scanned along Salter Grove's ebbing tide-covered causeway and up along the breakwater separating the cove from the Providence River. Constructed in the 1960s by the Army Corps of Engineers, the rocky breakwater has long been a popular site for anglers.

Receiving no signals, they rejoined the rest of the group at the head of the causeway where everyone began to ponder the possibility of the tag having fallen silent or gotten lost. Considering this was the first time a striped bass tracking tag had been identified in Rhode Island—not to mention the transmitter's \$5,000 cost—it was a potentially discouraging thought.

That was when Prendergast suddenly glanced at the monitor, his face lighting up with an exuberant grin. A positive signal! The tag was close by...and transmitting.

The group waited patiently for a couple more confirmed signals before moving in the general direction indicated.



The University of Chicago's Dr. Brian Prendergast and TNC's Heather Kinney try to get a satellite signal on the tide-covered causeway at Salter Grove in Warwick. *Photo by Jason Major*



Prendergast and Kinney walk along the breakwater at Salter Grove searching for a signal from the satellite tag. *Photo by Jason Major*



Prendergast's satellite monitoring software marked several possible locations of the detached tag in the area within Salter Grove in Warwick. *Photo by Jason Major*



The satellite monitor showing the direction and proximity of the tag. *Photo by Jason Major*



Dr. Brian Prendergast receives a positive signal from the nearby tag. *Photo by Jason Major*

The Striped Bass Initiative is a multi-institutional research program based at the University of Chicago's Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, a well-known location for many oceanographic facilities. Begun in 2019, the Initiative seeks to learn more about the migratory patterns and behaviors of Striped Bass, a widely-popular game fish and important species within the estuarine ecosystems along the US east coast.

Striped Bass migrate annually north and south along the coast like many other species of fish, both to feed and to spawn. But some have been found to find 'safe havens' such as Eel Pond in Woods Hole where they do neither, choosing to reduce their activity and caloric intake over the warm summer months before striking back to sea in the fall. Which fish decide to do this—and when and why—isn't exactly known, and that's part of what Prendergast and the Striped Bass Initiative are trying to find out with the use of sophisticated satellite tags.

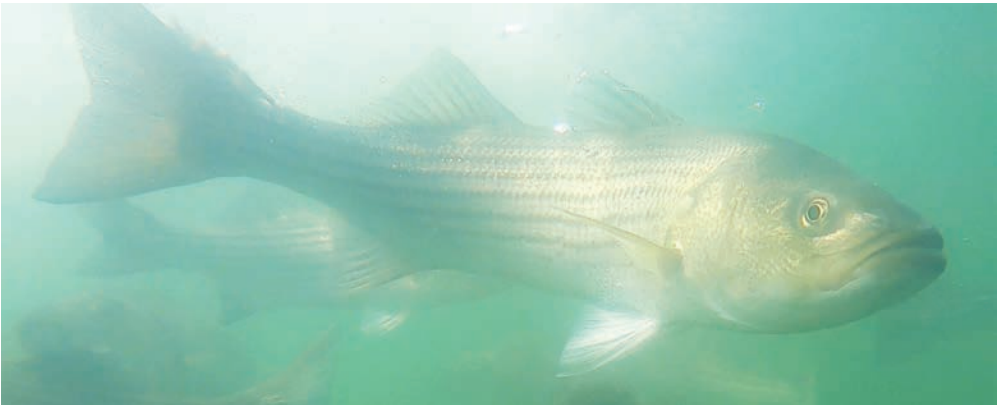
"Over 70 percent of the fish tagged return to the same spot every summer," Prendergast said. "It raises a lot of questions about how they find their way there—and, if they're caught, what's going to replace them?"

Surgically attached to the fish, the tracking tags are packed with sensors that record date and time, water temperature, depth, and fish movement, and can communicate with satellites several hundred miles in orbit. They're designed to detach automatically if conditions aren't right or by a certain date.

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Prendergast shows the satellite signal data to Peter Becker and Marina Wong from Friends of Salter Grove, who helped organize the search. *Photo by Jason Major*



A Striped Bass in Eel Pond at Woods Hole, MA. *Photo courtesy of Scott Bennett*

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— Brian Prendergast, Striped Bass Initiative Lead Investigator

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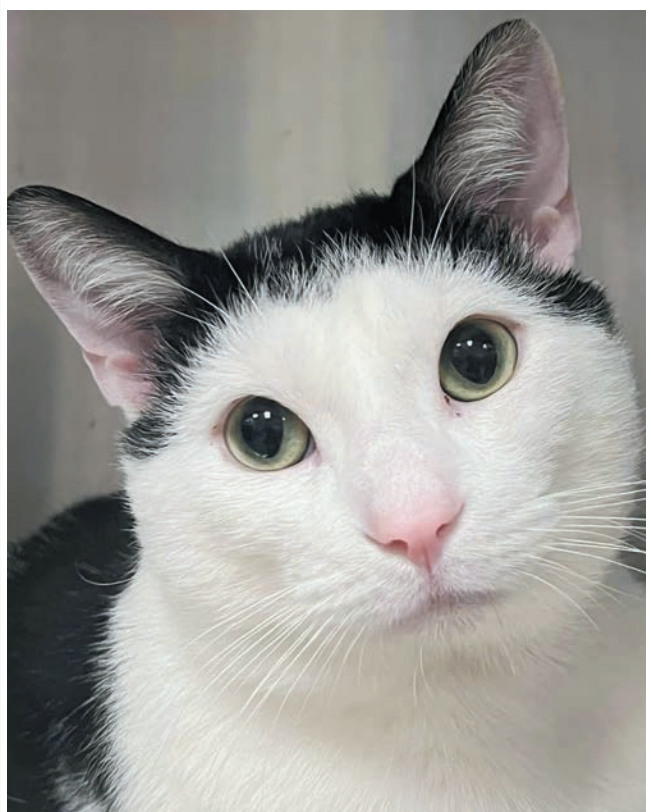


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Parker

Parker wants to be the life of the party, he's always entertaining!! He's handsome and he knows it! He is about a year old with a stunning black and white coat accented by light green eyes that sparkle with excitement! Parker is looking for an adult home where he will be the one and only prince in your life, after all he's all of the entertainment you will need! If you have been looking for a new best friend to spend your time with then Parker the party boy is waiting for you! Please contact Pawswatch Community Cat care Center via email: pwcccadoptions@gmail.com or call 401-285-9800 for more information. Parker will be waiting to meet you!

If you are thinking of adopting or know of an animal in need, please contact Karen directly at
animaltalk1920@gmail.com



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Cody

Cody is in need of a foster or a forever home, you can also foster to adopt! If you've been searching for a young pup to join your home, then look no further! Cody will fill your heart and home completely! He is going to turn one this month and his birthday wish is to find a patient, loving home! Someone who is willing to give Cody the time he needs is imperative, he has been through a lot! He is medium sized mixed breed with a beautiful tri-color coat and chocolate eyes that will steal your heart. Cody likes other playful pups, he's super smart, he is a little shy when you first meet him but he opens up and will share his heart once he feels comfortable. He loves to romp around and play too so a home with a fenced in yard would be a dream come true! How can you not fall in love with this face? To meet Cody please contact Rhode Home Rescue via their website at www.rhodehomerescue.org Cody will be waiting to light up your life!

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Lucas Hallauer. Photo by McLeod9 Creative courtesy of PPAC

Lucas Hallauer stars in ‘Back To The Future’ at PPAC

By DON FOWLER

“My father made me a list of movies when I was a teenager that I had to see,” Lucas Hallauer told me over the phone from Hartford, Connecticut, where he was starring as Marty McFly in the hit Broadway musical “Back to the Future.” “Back to the Future” was at the top of the list. Hallauer wasn’t even born when the movie came out, but he has been “transported back to the fifties” to play the coveted Michael J. Fox role. The young, talented actor/singer/dancer/athlete was born in New Orleans, moved to Virginia and attended Coastal Carolina University, where he earned his BFA in Musical Theatre.

After appearing in college and community theatre productions, he got his first break as a member of the traveling cast of “Mean Girls” and then went on to understudy the role of McFly then taking over the lead in the touring cast. “I enjoy watching the audience reactions to both cool musicals from a different generation,” he said. “It is such an iconic role,” Lucas said. “The director has given me the freedom of developing my own character, making my own choices as to how to play Marty.” “We’re on stage for two and a half hours and spending our days rehearsing with new actors joining us on the road.” Lucas keeps in shape by working out on the road, eating correctly, and

skateboarding and dancing while on stage. “My weaknesses are milk shakes and cookies. I search for the best milkshake everywhere we play.” I told him he had to try Rhode Island’s famous coffee shakes. “I’m a southern boy, and I am enjoying traveling north, east and west,” he said. “We’ve been in San Francisco, LA and Seattle, and now I’m seeing the northeast for the first time. “Back to the Future” is at the Providence Performing Arts Center June 10-15. The famous DeLorean, featured in the show, will be parked in front of the theatre for 90 minutes before each show. For tickets to the show, visit the PPAC box office or go online at ppac.org.



Don Stephenson and Lucas Hallauer. Photo by McLeod9 Creative courtesy of PPAC



Lucas Hallauer and Zan Berube. Photo by McLeod9 Creative courtesy of PPAC



Touring Company of Back to the Future. Photo by McLeod9 Creative courtesy of PPAC



Lucas Hallauer in the DeLorean. Photo by McLeod9 Creative courtesy of PPAC

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“The individual fish this tag came from left Woods Hole in October,” said Prendergast. “We know it spent some time at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware River...it was most likely on its way back to Woods Hole before the tag detached on May 21.”

Gathering hard data on Striped Bass behavior also helps to determine how increasing human activity is affecting the fish and their environment, from recreational and commercial fishing to habitat loss, pollution, and anthropogenic global warming.

“The Striped Bass fishery is in decline,” said Prendergast. “We need to generate better data to conserve the species. Accurately managing them is critical and we only have one chance to get it right.”

After a considerable bit of wet mucking through the stands of invasive Phragmites that line the shore of Salter Grove west of the boat ramp, Kinney found the tag. About the size of a narrow light bulb with an 8-inch cord sticking out of the top, the dark grey device was fully covered by flattened reeds.

“We knew it was in that 100-foot area...at that point we had to stay and find it,” Kinney said. “I reached down and pulled back some reeds and there it was. It was a team effort—we had a bunch of different hands looking for it. It was really fun.”

Originally from Connecticut, Kinney has lived in Rhode Island for 15 years and is currently a Cranston resident. Her work with TNC focuses on conserving and restoring rocky shorelines, wetlands, and shellfish habitats along the Providence River.

Learn more about the Striped Bass Initiative at <https://stripedbassmagic.org>.

Jason Major of Warwick is a freelance designer for Beacon Media and a Friends of Salter Grove member (friendsofsaltergrove.org)



Heather Kinney from The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island holds up the satellite tracking tag she found at Salter Grove. Photo courtesy of Marina Wong

Keeping the beat: teen drummer powers the pulse of ‘American Idiot’

By IDA ZECCO

Seventeen-year-old Chloe Cordeiro isn’t your typical high school student. While most teens are juggling homework and college applications, Chloe is also keeping the pulse of American Idiot—the explosive musical powered by Green Day’s iconic punk soundtrack, currently being staged at the Wilbury Theatre Group in Providence. Behind the drum kit, Chloe drives the show’s energy night after night with power, precision, and passion well beyond her years.



Chloe Cordeiro.
Submitted photo

I sat down with Chloe, a Warwick resident, to talk about preparation, punk rock, and what it’s like to live out a dream on stage—even before graduating high school.

Ida: Chloe can you tell me a bit about your background and how you began your musical career?

Chloe: I started playing drums when I was 3-years old. At 5-years old I started to take lessons at You Rock School of Music in Cranston. I now attend the Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Pawtucket (JMW). I also come from a musical and artsy family. My dad plays piano, my grandfather plays guitar, my sister is a digital artist, and my Mom is a teacher and an artist.

Ida: Green Day’s music is known for its raw energy and fast-paced rhythms. How did you prepare to take on that kind of drumming for a full-length musical?

Chloe: Practicing with the album track, I had to listen to Green Day over and over. I read music and was comfortable with the score. Although It was overwhelming, I knew I could meet the challenge with practice and rehearsals.

Ida: Did you stay true to Tré Cool’s drumming or add your own style?

Chloe: I added my own style to the music. I have been influenced by jazz and funk. I tried to incorporate that into my playing, and to be as true as I could to Tré Cool’s drumming as well.

Ida: Were there any songs that pushed you technically?

Chloe: “St. Jimmy” is particularly difficult because the tempo is so fast. I had to work hard and become more proficient on the kick-drum in order to maintain the groove. “Holiday,” “Jesus of Suburbia” and “Homecoming” are long and intense with lots of time signature changes.

Ida: How do you balance school and your professional-level performance schedule?

Chloe: With hard work and planning. My art school, JMW, is supportive and time-flexible. The school encourages an academic and performing arts life-balance. Half of my life is managing academics, and the other half is my music. Relying on the support of my family and teachers allows me to fulfill my dream as a drummer. I couldn’t do it without them.

Ida: Who are your musical influencers?

Chloe: Tré Cool, obviously, but my greatest influencer is Carter Beauford. My family and I are big fans of the Dave Matthews Band. I have always been drawn to Beauford’s energy and creativity.

Ida: What does punk rock mean to you?

Chloe: Punk is political, cultural and social—especially in American Idiot. You have to feel the emotional context of the music to play it. It’s about honesty and expressing what you feel—loudly. There’s no pretending in punk.

Ida: How is playing for a stage musical different from playing in a band?

Chloe: The biggest difference is that you have to be more precise for the stage. In a band, you lead the groove. In theater, you follow the story. You’re reacting to cues, actors, lights—it’s more structured than playing in a band. In American Idiot, the drummer is leading the rest of the band, and they count on me to hold the structure together.

Ida: What’s been the most memorable part of this experience?

Chloe: The actors and the musicians in the band have been the most memorable part of this experience. I am the youngest person in the ensemble, and they made me feel a part of the creative process. They welcomed me as a professional. It is probably the most fun project I have ever been a part of.

Ida: Any advice for other young drummers dreaming of playing in a show like this?

Chloe: My advice is to be confident in knowing what you want to do. Take advantage of every musical opportunity you have. This will increase your diversity. Do not stop what you are doing—follow your dream.

Apparently, this 17-year-old is channeling emotion through music with a clarity that’s both insightful and inspiring. There’s something extraordinary about the way she has turned feeling into sound—honest, unfiltered, and unforgettable. Break a leg, Chloe!



Atlantic Thrills. Submitted photo Submitted photo by Therese Iacono

Atlantic Thrills brings live vibe energy with ‘III’

By ROB DUGUAY

For the past 15 years, there have been a ton of bands starting in and around Providence turning up their amps, micing the drums and letting their music rip with sheer emphasis. These talented acts create a memorable experience every time they perform.

With Eric Aguiar on bass and vocals, Dan Tanner on guitar and vocals, and Mark “Ref” Ferrara on drums, Atlantic Thrills is all this and more. They have a new full-length album titled “III” that’s due out on June 6 via the Brooklyn based label Almost Ready Records.

To celebrate the release, they’re putting on a hometown party at AS220 in Providence with fellow garage rock acts Ravi Shavi and Gymshorts along with Cranston native and singer-songwriter Malysa BellsRosa kicking things off a little after 7pm.

I talked with Aguiar and Tanner about how the album came together, their artistic vision during the recording process, and how the release show has a commemorative meaning behind it.

Rob Duguay: For the making of “III”, did you guys go into a studio to work with a producer or did you handle the recording process yourselves?

Eric Aguiar: We recorded it ourselves, just like our other two albums. It was at our house in the basement with all the equipment that we’ve built up over the past 15 years, using both analog and digital recording techniques.

Dan Tanner: We’re pretty much DIY, it’s basically everything that we’re doing at this point, so everything is written and recorded ourselves.

EA: Mixed and mastered as well.

DT: Yeah, from the song idea to the finished product, we’re doing it all ourselves.

RD: In terms of approach and technique for the songwriting and recording, did you guys do anything different this time around? You just mentioned that you had a bunch of gear you worked with, so did you make it a priority to use certain pieces of equipment?

EA: For the recording, Dan has a new Fender model amp that has direct input capabilities. We always record everything live at the same time minus the vocals. The vocals happen later. We were able to record the drums, the guitar and the bass in the same room without getting any bleed because both the bass and the guitar were coming in directly with no sound coming out of the actual speaker. For previous recordings, we had to build baffling around the

drums and there would be a bunch of guitar and bass that would get into the drum microphones. This time around, we were able to get a slightly cleaner sound. It’s still dirty because it is Atlantic Thrills. It’s gotta be dirty, (laughs) but it was easier to mix because there was less interference from the other instruments.

DT: I’ll add that the concept behind this album was to be more of a live and raw thing. We wanted to record it live, but as a three piece where the songs can all be represented regardless of any overdubs or anything else that we’re doing. That’s the whole idea, us being recorded live as a three piece with the album being more of a representation of our live shows.

RD: A lot of bands, the third full-length album usually signifies the reaching of a sonic apex while also hinting at the future in terms of experimentation and the overall progression of their sound. In the timeline and evolution of Atlantic Thrills, what does “III” represent for you guys?

EA: Well technically, this is the third album we’re putting out, but it’s actually the fourth album we’ve recorded because there’s another album waiting on the backburner that we made between our second full-length “Vices” and this one. We decided to release this one only because it represents where we’re at right now. It’s a little bit more ‘70s punk influenced, and the one that’s on the backburner definitely experiments more with a lot of different types of vibes and sounds. Each song on the unreleased album is completely different where this one has a sound throughout the whole thing from beginning to end. It’s threaded with a vibe, for sure.

DT: It goes back to the idea I mentioned, this was recorded with more of our live sound. The album that Eric is talking about, COVID definitely sidelined a lot of that and it’s more of a studio album where we experimented with different instruments and different forms of recording. It was way more of a studio album where this album is definitely more of a push forward in the live sense.

EA: We didn’t scrutinize every little, tiny thing on this album, we just wanted to get the energy and the vibe. That was the most important thing on this one, we didn’t add a billion things to every song, each song is basically two guitars, drums, bass and that’s it.

DT: We tried breaking it down to its core elements.

RD: What do you guys aim to accomplish with the listener when they tune into the album? Is there any sort of message you want to get across?

EA: I want them to know what it’s like to go to an Atlantic Thrills live show because that’s what the album really wants to get across. We’re a live band. We’re not just a studio band and we’ve never been just a studio band. From the very beginning, we’ve always tried to show what the experience of seeing us live is like through our recordings. What you hear on this album it’s how we sound on stage, minus the exploding pinatas, of course.

DT: We’re just trying to get to the meat of it. What we want to represent and what we want to say is that we’re a live rock & roll band who embraces classic rock & roll and we love it.

RD: I totally get that. Are there any surprises in store for the upcoming album release show at AS220? Eric, you just mentioned exploding pinatas, so can we expect some of those being thrown from the stage?

EA: I don’t want to give too many spoilers because you want to leave a little there for anticipation, but there will be a pinata or two showing up. For anyone who came to our very first album release back in 2014, this is actually the original lineup for that show minus Littlefoot. Gymshorts, Ravi Shavi and us is the same show we had at Dusk, which used to be on Harris Avenue in Providence, for our debut record. We just wanted to pay tribute to that, it’s a little over a 10-year anniversary for us as far as releasing music goes. We want to continue to do that and bring all the energy we always bring, but we’ve matured a bit too.

We don’t get as wasted on stage anymore, we try to definitely deliver a good show without losing any of the energy and wildness that we bring.

DT: Also, it is a record release, so there is a new record that will be available that can be purchased anywhere, especially at the show. We have a whole new line of new merch, awesome imagery, and again, everything is DIY so all the artwork and everything we have is done in-house. There’s not just music; there’s also art and all of these other things involved that’s all going to be at the show while carrying the image of what’s happening. We’re always going to bring a good show, but there’s always some debauchery to be had, so we’ll see what happens.

To give Atlantic Thrills’ “III” a listen when it comes out on June 6, log onto atlanticthrills.bandcamp.com. To keep tabs on future announcements and everything else, follow the band on Instagram at instagram.com/atlanticthrills and on Facebook at facebook.com/AtlanticThrills.



Founding member, cellist Elisa Kohanski, is back home again for this festival performing on June 7 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Submitted photo courtesy of Music on the Hill

Music on the Hill—Magnificent Music Festival

By DON FOWLER

We have been big fans of Warwick-based Music on the Hill (MOTH) for many years now, enjoying the two-week-long festival of concerts at churches and sites in East Greenwich, Cranston and Warwick as the summer entertainment season begins.

The Pellegrino family under Artistic Director John Pellegrino and Executive Director Emily Atkinson have outdone themselves this year by expanding to seven concerts in the West Bay at five sites where the acoustics do justice to the artistry of the musicians.

MOTH opened the series last Wednesday at the Crafted Hope Brewing Company with two perfor-

mances of Silent Movies, accompanied by violinist Anton Miller and violaist Rita Porfiris.

Watching Charlie Chaplin as Don Jose in “A Burlesque on Carmen” with the duo playing Bizet’s music was an absolute joy, proving that chamber music can be fun.

The following evening featured music by Bach and Beethoven at the First Baptist Church in East Greenwich with a knockout performance of Bach’s Suite No. 3 featuring Peter Ferry on the marimba.

This Saturday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. an All Brahms program will be at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 99 Pierce St. in East Greenwich.

Pieces include Cello Sonata No. 1 in E Minor and Clarinet Sonata No.

in in E-Flat Major.

The series moves to the immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 237 Garden Hills Dr. in Cranston on Sunday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. and features Aaron Copland’s “Appalachian Spring.”

The Festival Finale is back at St. Luke’s Church and includes music by Albinoni, Vivaldi, Herrel and Brahms.

Tickets are \$30 at the door or online at musiconthehillRI.org. Students are free, a long tradition of the festival, which also provides scholarships.

Music on the Hill has a long tradition of bringing home former Rhode Island musicians and renowned artists with world-wide reputations. It is one of Rhode Island’s musical gems.

Gamm presents masterful ‘Angels In America’



Angels in America production photo by Cat Laine

Theatre Review by DON FOWLER

I have been reviewing theatre in Rhode Island for 48 years, and I have never seen a more masterful production of a play than Gamm Theatre’s “Angels in America.” This production is so good, if it was presented on Broadway, it would last for years. At Gamm it runs through June 15, so call right now and reserve your seats before they are gone. Artistic Director Tony Estrella has brought former Trinity Rep icon Brian McEleney back from New York City to direct the three-hour “Angels in America, Part One: The Millenium Approaches.” (Interesting note: McEleney played Prior Walter in Trinity’s 1993 production). McEleney has taken Tony Kushner’s epic drama and brought it to life, weaving related scenes in and out with a smooth flow that will have you mesmerized. The cast of eight includes Trinity Rep veterans Phyllis Kay and Rachel Warren, Gamm’s Estrella, Burbage and Gamm actor Gabrielle McCau-

ley, new-to-Gamm actors Haas Regen and Ben Steinfeld, Trinity and Gamm actor Rodney Witherspoon II, and premiere Rhode Island actor, Jeff Church, who has lit up just about every stage in the state. The eight actors play close to two dozen roles in perfect synchrony, making every scene, every encounter and every interplay a triumph. Estrella’s portrayal of Roy Cohn is outright frightening and despicable. (That’s a compliment.) Haas Regen’s Prior Waller, a gay man dying of AIDS, will bring tears to your eyes. Ben Steinfeld’s Louis, Prior’s ambivalent partner will make you ponder your own soul. Jeff Church’s Joe Pitt will grab your heartstrings and never let go as he deals with his sexuality and morality. Gabrielle McCauley as Joe’s troubled wife will have you rooting for her as she deals with her mental illness and horrific dreams. Rodney Witherspoon II as the black man who questions Louis’s subtle racist outbursts will have you cheering for him.

And then there are Phyllis Kay and Rachel Warren, brilliantly playing a dozen roles that require costume changes, attitude adjustments and character makeovers. Put them all together, and you have one of the greatest ensembles to ever appear in a play in Rhode Island. The play starts in the mid-eighties in New York City where the AIDS epidemic has hit, along with Reaganomics. There is humor in the play, aimed at the political situation and sexuality, making it as relevant today as it was in the ’80s. The action spreads out over the large staging area, with several instances when two or three scenes intertwine in perfect harmony. Credit to the creative team who have made it all work and the costume designers and dressers who have to work with the actors at a very fast past. I can’t wait for Part 2, opening September 25. Call 723-4266 or visit gammtheatre.org for tickets.

Griffith’s Grove mishap in 1912 halts festivities

Back in the Day

by Kelly Sullivan

Griffith’s Grove, located between the Burrillville villages of Pascoag and Harrisville, was the setting for hundreds of 19th-century festivities. From old-fashioned clambakes to balloon ascensions, baseball games to vaudeville shows, a single event could draw thousands of people to the grove. On May 30, 1912, the grounds were teeming with men, women and children who had come to partake of a picnic and all the entertainment planned around it. The very popular six-piece Union Leader Orchestra from Massachusetts was there to provide the music for dancing. Ragtime was making a resurgence, and the dance floor of the grove’s pavilion was the stage for personal exhibitions of the one-step, the turkey trot and the castle walk. Lively piano-based melodies such as “Ragging the Baby to Sleep” and “My Melancholy Baby” got people up and moving, celebrating the excitement of summer and the fun of togetherness. The music was temporarily halted in the late afternoon for a scheduled performance. The nearly 1,000 people in attendance that day moved to the outer perimeter of the pavilion, except for approximately 100 women and children who wanted to stand close to the performance. They remained on the dance floor. About half an hour later, with no warning, that area of the dance floor caved. The monstrous crash of the cracking wood echoed through the building. It was later discovered that the post holding the floor up had given way. The women and children standing upon

it tumbled into the gaping hole like the collapse of dominos. High-pitched shrieks and screams echoed from the hollow as the victims struggled to pull themselves to the surface. One of the injured was 23-year-old Sarah “Sadie” Ethel (Madigan) Gross of Cranston. The daughter of Edward Madigan and Annie (Black), Sadie lived with her husband of three years, Anthony Gross, and his parents. She and Anthony, who was employed as a conductor on the electric railroad, had a two-year-old daughter named Ethel Frances. Sadie suffered a sprained ankle and a broken bone in her left leg. Hysteria seemed to take over. Wailing dramatically, the women and children emerging from the hole in the dance floor began running toward the exits as if running for their lives. Police officers stationed at the event made great attempts to calm everyone down. Sadie and the others who were injured were taken for medical treatment. Sadie recovered from the effects of the picnic in Griffith’s Grove. It wasn’t long before she and Anthony were divorced. She moved to Boston and, on May 19, 1915, she married wholesale meat company bookkeeper Cecil Atkinson. Once the chaos had been quieted, the orchestra resumed its music and those who remained in the crowd were told they were free to utilize what was left of the dance floor. Despite repairs and renovations over the years, Griffith’s Grove eventually stopped hosting dinners and dances, galas and gatherings. During the 1960s, a North Providence man was granted a license to open a junkyard on the site.



Meagan Lewis-Michelson as Patsy Cline with The Bodacious Bobcats Band in “Always...Patsy Cline” at Theatre By The Sea thru June 21, 2025. Photo by Michael Derr courtesy of Theatre By The Sea

‘Always...Patsy Cline’ returns to Theatre By The Sea

Theatre Review by DON FOWLER

Producer Bill Hanney brings “Always...Patsy Cline” back to the Theatre By The Sea after 22 years, and it is still as entertaining as ever. The two-character musical tribute to the first female country singer to be elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame, “Always...Patsy Cline” is a must-see for loyal country music fans. Cline ruled the country charts during her short career in the ’50s and ’60s. Meagan Lewis-Michelson stars as Patsy Cline, her big, brassy voice filling the barn theatre with over 20 songs, including classics “Crazy,” “Walkin’ After Midnight,” “I Fall to Pieces” and “Sweet Dreams.” Her true story is told by Louise Seger (Mary Callanan), a devoted fan since hearing her singing on Arthur Godfrey’s radio show in 1957. Louise befriends Patsy, serves as her unofficial manager and official best friend until Cline’s death in a plane crash at age 30.

Meagan Lewis-Michelson sounds and looks enough like Patsy Cline to make us believe it is the country icon in front of us. With very little dialogue, she tells her story through her songs. This version of the musical leans more toward the happiness in her life as seen through the eyes of her devoted fan and friend. Callanan hams it up to the delight of the audience, allowing Cline’s loneliness and troubled marriage to be reflected in her music. The Bodacious Bobcats Band provides perfect accompaniment under the direction of Jacob Priddy. Country music fans (and who isn’t these days) will get a full load of classic country music to last them all summer. “Always...Patsy Cline” is at Matunuck’s Theatre By The Sea through June 21. For tickets, call 782-8587 or visit theatrebythesea.com.



Meagan Lewis-Michelson as Patsy Cline with Mary Callanan as Louise Seger and The Bodacious Bobcats Band. Photo by Michael Derr courtesy of Theatre By The Sea



Mary Callanan as Louise Seger and Meagan Lewis-Michelson as Patsy Cline with The Bodacious Bobcats Band. Photo by Michael Derr courtesy of Theatre By The Sea

Applebee’s in a different neighborhood

Restaurant Review by DON FOWLER

The Garden City Applebee’s was regarded as “something good in the neighborhood.” The restaurant is missed by the families in the area. But there are still two nearby Applebee’s to choose from, one on Route 2 in Warwick and the other on Highland Ave. in Seekonk. We ventured to the chain in Seekonk because it is closer to our Edgewood home than traveling down Route 2 in Warwick. Being a holiday week-

end, traffic was light going over the dreaded bridge. We arrived at the site minutes before a deluge of families arrived from graduation ceremonies, resulting in service being, a bit slow. Applebee’s has the usual burger, chicken, steak and seafood menu at reasonable prices, and the quality has been consistently good. A special on the menu was All You Can Eat for \$15.99 with a choice of chicken fingers, double crunch shrimp or riblets, which included classic fries and cole slaw. Joyce and I both ordered the delicious shrimp. The 16 small, hot tasty shrimp hit the spot. If you wished more, you could substitute the protein, which lured me to try the riblets the second time around. Joyce wanted more shrimp. After tracking down the busy waitress, we were informed that it would take at least 20 minutes. Joyce had minimum air left in her portable oxygen tank, and I was unwilling to sit there for another long period. I asked for the manager. We explained our situation, and we had our dishes—6 shrimp and two riblets—within five minutes. Three lessons learned: 1. Go to Applebee’s. Their food is good and reasonably priced. Just don’t go during peak times. 2. Got a problem? Ask to see the manager. Be calm and polite. (The waitress told us that the man behind us was upset with the wait and left in a huff.)

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Slowing down is more beautiful

Getting older is a natural part of life.

As I have aged, I have mellowed out, which has lowered my stress level and made these later years more enjoyable. While I was never a fashionista, I no longer worry much about what I wear. I have discovered that dresses are oh so much more comfortable than pants and shirts.


Dresses do a better job of gracefully expanding with an ever-changing waistline. Wearing a dress to work not only looks more professional but also spares me the early morning struggle of matching tops to bottoms, perfect for getting dressed quickly in a sleep-induced fog. All I must do is grab a dress, throw it on, and hope it's facing the right direction.

I admire older women who wear flawless makeup, who seem to defy time with a swipe of concealer, a touch of blush and beauti-

fully mascaraed eyes. I, on the other hand, was never much for makeup.

In a moment of ambition, I attended a class at Ulta to finally learn the secrets. It turns out that it was not the technique I lacked, it was the ability to execute it. With shaking hands and aging eyesight, bringing a mascara wand anywhere near my delicate eyeball was a disaster waiting to happen. The results were usually tragic, resulting in raccoon eyes and smeared lids. I have since decided to embrace my "natural beauty". I look old because I am old, and there is nothing wrong with that.

As an older mother, I no longer worry about diaper changes, school meetings, scraped knees, and later worries about possible drug and alcohol use, (with the children, not myself,) and pregnancies, (with the children, not myself.) Now, when my adult chil-



Life Matters
with Linda Petersen

dren hit a bump in the road, say they need money for bail (just kidding) or a costly car repair, I can sympathize, but it is no longer my responsibility. I have officially passed the parenting baton.

These days, they get to deal with the scraped knees, school meetings, and mysterious science projects that require glitter and a last-minute trip to the store. I get to be a grandparent. I enjoy snuggles and giggles, trips to Chuck E Cheese and Dave and Busters, and the sundaes. It is one of the sweetest perks of growing older.

Sure, there are more trips to the doctor now, but I have found the silver lining. I actually enjoy sitting in the waiting room flipping through outdated copies of People

magazine. I may not know what half the celebrities are famous for, but I am oddly invested in their lives. Who knew that Miley Cyrus' gorgeous long hair was made up of 250 hair extensions? Best of all, a doctor's appointment usually means lunch out afterwards, so it is like a little field trip.

The biggest advantage to being older? I am not busy, busy, busy anymore. Life has finally slowed down enough for me to breathe, and more importantly, to nap. Taking a nap now feels like a luxury, not a sign of laziness. I no longer feel guilty for closing my eyes in the middle of the day, curled up under my comfy blanket, letting my head melt into my cloud-like down pillow.

Like a kid obsessed with video games, I now have time to indulge in my own screen-time pleasures on my iPad. My friend and I play Words with Friends daily. As for-

mer Scrabble fanatics, this game brings back sweet memories of our epic Friday night marathons, always after dinner at Chelo's, (complete with dessert), and a shopping spree at Ann & Hope.

Then there is Candy Crush, my guilty pleasure.

I am currently on level 7,453, which either says something about my persistence or my impressive ability to waste time. Between word games, mindless candy-matching, and Judge Judy reruns on the television, my extra time is full to the brim.

Frank Lloyd Wright once said, "The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes." I could not agree more. With fewer responsibilities, more time to savor simple pleasures, and the wisdom to appreciate what really matters, I am genuinely enjoying my beautiful old age. It is a rich, full chapter, one of my favorites so far.

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Sports

Hawks headed back to finals

Defending champs edge Rams in extras

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The defending champion Bishop Hendricken baseball team edged rival La Salle Academy 5-4 in extra innings on Tuesday afternoon to punch its ticket back to the state championship this weekend against Cumberland.

Tied 4-4 in the bottom of the eighth, Jacob Montenegro hit a single to get on base, and after a pair of walks, Cullen Crain would drive in the game-winner on a sacrifice fly.

The Rams took an early 2-0 lead but the Hawks tied things up in the third on RBIs from Braeden Campbell and Frank Tillinghast. The Rams built another two-run lead, but the Hawks responded by adding two more of their own in the bottom of the fifth as Tillinghast and Cooper Maher drove in runs.

Mason Marchessault got the win on the mound for Hen-

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Athlete of the Week:
Frank Tillinghast

The Warwick Beacon's Athlete of the Week is Bishop Hendricken baseball player Frank Tillinghast. Tillinghast was clutch for the Hawks as they beat La Salle in consecutive games to earn a spot in this weekend's state championship series, as he went 4-for-6 with four RBI across the two games.
Beacon Media photo by Alex Sponseller



Hendricken's Ryan Yin looks to block a shot on Tuesday. *Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com*

Bolts sweep Hawks in volleyball semis

By ALEX SPONSELLER
Beacon Sports Editor

The Bishop Hendricken volleyball team was swept by Cranston East 3-0 (25-17, 25-12, 25-21) in Tuesday's Division I Semifinals to see its season

come to a close.

The Hawks finished the regular season 9-9 overall to qualify for the postseason and ran into the red-hot Bolts, who swept Chariho in the quarterfinals. Hendricken earned a 3-1 win over Classical in the first round,

when they were led by Andrew Ramos with 22 kills while Zach Roebuck added 14 of his own. Ben Warr racked up 41 assists in the win.

It was a different story on Tuesday, though, as the Bolts were in control

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New state nonprofit launched to help RI score big in World Cup

By NANCY LAVIN
RI Current

State officials are forming a new nonprofit to help maximize local tourism and economic development for the state from the 2026 World Cup, which includes matches at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Ocean State 2026 will be led by Rhode Island Commerce Secretary Liz Tanner, who is stepping down from her cabinet position to spearhead the efforts of the new nonprofit. Rhode Island General Treasurer James DiOSSa will serve as chair of the nonprofit board of directors.

The preparations come a year before an estimated 1 million international soccer fans are expected to travel through the Providence metro area during the seven World Cup matches hosted at Gillette, from June 13 to July 9. The Boston-area stadium is one of 16 host cities for the three-country, 48-match tournament, which spans North America.

The Massachusetts matches are expected to generate more than \$330 million in local economic impact, according to Gov. Dan McKee's office.

Ocean State 2026 will lead business sponsorship efforts on tournament-related activities in Rhode Island while serving as a central organizer between state and local agencies, chambers of commerce, tourism bureaus and the FI-FA World Cup Boston host committee before, during and after the tournament.

"Next year's international soccer matches at Gillette Stadium will bring thousands of tourists, spending millions of dollars in our cities and towns," DiOSSa said in a statement. "It truly offers an unprecedented opportunity to showcase our state while maximizing economic impact. This is bigger than soccer; it's about investing in our state's future and ensuring every community gets to benefit."

While DiOSSa will remain in his elected general officer role, Tanner is leaving her \$238,600-a-year appointed job as Commerce secretary, which she has held since June 2022.

Tanner in a statement said she looked forward to continuing to serve the state in her new role, which she called a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Tanner's career in state government dates back to 2015, when she began working in client services for Commerce. From 2017 to 2022, she led the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, overseeing state financial services, cannabis regulation, building code and compliance and

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Roundup: Toll Gate, Pilgrim softball bounced from playoffs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The spring season came to an end for the Toll Gate and Pilgrim softball teams as they each dropped deciding games in their respective losers brackets.

Toll Gate hosted Portsmouth last Thursday at Winslow Park and the Patriots pulled off the 6-5 comeback win to advance in the Division II postseason.

Toll Gate took a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning when Delaney Wilson, Abby O'Connor and Aria Eddy drove in runs. Portsmouth went on to score four in the third inning to take the lead, and the two clubs would fight to a 5-5 score heading into the seventh.

Portsmouth managed to score the game winner with one out in the seventh to advance.

O'Connor finished the day with two RBI on two hits while Ava DelVicario also drove in a run. Wilson tossed a complete game in the circle and finished with five strikeouts.

The Titans finished the year with a 10-4 league record

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Toll Gate pitcher Delaney Wilson deals last week against Portsmouth in the Division II playoffs at Winslow Park. Portsmouth earned the win to eliminate the Titans. *Beacon Media photos by Alex Sponseller*



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Santiago Harrington returns a shot on Tuesday.

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from start to finish.

“East was a complete team. Every position was filled with a top-level player. It was just trying to mentally understand and believe we could be there and compete despite having less experienced players,” said Hendricken coach Mike Harrington. “It was tough, we had some great moments and put together some great plays, but East had too much consistency for us to really make it close.”

Hendricken will be graduating Warr, who has been a multi-year starter and has filled multiple starting positions during his time with the Hawks.

“Ben is a great volleyball player and is a tremendous leader. He gets everyone there on time and keeps everyone motivated. He’s a guy that kids look to when things get stressful and he executes at a high level. He can play any position. That player comes around once in a decade,” said Harrington.

Ramos, who was among the most productive offensive players in the state, will be returning along with breakout players like Jackson Kretzer, Roebuck and Ryan Yin.

“If you match (Roebuck) up with Ramos, we’ll have a really good team. Yin is a six-rotation, all-around player. We return a talented group of guys,” said Harrington. “Andrew is going to come back next year and be the dominant player in the league. I think the Hawks will be in great shape next year. He’ll come in more confident with the experience from this year and we’ll have the most dominant hitter in the league.”

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the Office of the State Fire Marshal, alongside a variety of professional licenses.

During her three years as Commerce secretary, she oversaw expansion of broadband infrastructure through a \$100 million federal grant

program, alongside small business supports, including those to aid business owners affected by the Washington Bridge closure and demolition.

Her last day as Commerce secretary will be July 4. An interim secretary will be named by that time, McKee’s office said.

Information about the search and appointment for a new, permanent

Commerce secretary was not immediately available. Matt Touchette, a spokesperson for Commerce, declined to share Tanner’s new salary with Ocean State 2026, noting that the nonprofit does not rely on state funding.

Updated to include a response to questions about Liz Tanner’s salary with Ocean State 2026.

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- Absence of the sense of pain
- Popular November holiday
- Consume food
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- Long-haired goat-antelope
- Japanese honorific
- Actor Malek
- One point south of southeast
- Illegal acts
- As fast as can be done
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- Exclamation of satisfaction
- African nation
- Slow-moving animal
- Oh, goodness!

- A team's best pitcher
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- The central area of a church
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- Northeastern sports rivalry
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- Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

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- Approves food
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- Minneapolis suburb
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- A small island
- Type of gene
- Murres
- Card game
- A measure of human health
- Australian airline (abbr.)
- One point south of due west
- Affirmative

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dricken, pitching 3 1/3 innings and allowing no runs on one hit and striking out a pair of batters. Mason Crain also pitched 3 1/3 innings, allowing one earned run and striking out two.

The Hawks forced the final meeting after rolling past the Rams 13-0 the pre-

vious game.

Parker Boyd was the star of the show as he drove in five runs for Hendricken. Tillinghast and Maher each drove in two runs as well.

Dylan Poloski got the win on the mound for Hendricken, pitching five innings and allowing no hits and recording six strikeouts.

Cumberland beat South Kingstown in the other Division I pod to earn its spot in the championship series. Game 1 is slated for Thursday at 4:45 p.m. and Game 2 will be played on Sunday at 4 p.m. The time and day have not been determined for a potential third game. All games will be played at Rhode Island College.



Toll Gate's Avry Dewar drops a bunt against Portsmouth last week.

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and entered the playoffs as the third seed.

Pilgrim fell to Cranston West 10-0 in the losers bracket on Tuesday.

The Pilgrim bats were held in check and Genna D'Amato and Skyler Hawes accounted for the team's lone hits.

The Pats beat East Providence 4-0 the previous day to stay alive in the tournament. Gretchen Dombeck drove in a pair of runs on two hits and earned the win in the circle as she allowed no runs in seven innings and struck out two batters.

Pilgrim finished the season with a 15-6 league record and was the second seed in

the playoffs. The Pats will be returning a large core next season, including Hawes, Madison Tuirok and Dombeck. Captains D'Amato and Marin Prest are set to graduate.

GIRLS LACROSSE SEMIFINALS
East Providence 15, Toll Gate 6

The top-seeded Townies remained undefeated and dealt Toll Gate a loss in the Division III semis on Tuesday afternoon.

Delanie Wheeler and Ayla Paley each had multi-goal performances for the Titans.

Toll Gate finished the regular season with a 7-6 league record and clinched the third seed in the postseason.

Saltwater licenses up 3.8% in RI

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI
Special to the Beacon

The Department of Environmental Management’s Marine Fisheries Division released their 2024 annual commercial and recreational fishing report on May 20, 2025. The Department is required by state law to provide annually to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council a report for review which provides valuable context throughout the regulatory process.

In 2024 there were 54,117 recreational saltwater licenses issued, up 3.8 percent from 2023. One of the highest license totals came in 2020 at the start of the covid pandemic when Rhode Island’s sought solace outdoors in clean fresh air more than ever including over 57,000 saltwater licenses.

However, the remarkable number for me are the number of fishing trips anglers made last year, nearly four million. The 3,923,972 fishing trips came from shore, boat, charter/party boat sectors. Most of the 2024 fishing trips, 2,343,014, were made by shore anglers.

When you stop to think about the money spent on each recreational fishing trip including bait, tackle, gear, fuel, boat cost and maintenance, hotels, restaurants, etc., the dollar amount is substantial for Rhode Island. NOAA’s Fisheries Economics of the US relates that the all in number including durable goods for recreational fishing sales impacts in Rhode Island is \$419 million annually. This data is from the 2018 report, the last year NOAA included durable goods in totals.

The two top species caught (by numbers of fish) last year were scup at 6.3 million and black sea bass at 5.6 million. However, there was a major decline in Atlantic cod caught from 17,352 cod in 2023 to 7,539 caught in 2024. The cod stock has been overfished with overfishing occurring for years. Recently, new regulations separating the biomass into four separate stocks to help with rebuilding plans approved by the New England Management Fisheries Council has been delayed by the new administration.

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Introduction to the “Hex Hatch”

The RI Department of Environmental Management Division of Fish & Wildlife Aquatic Resource Education program will hold their introduction to the “Hex Hatch” program Thursday, June 12, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the DFW Outdoor Office, 1B Camp E-Hun-Tee Place, Exeter, RI.

Join Ed Lombardo, expert fly guide and instructor, and volunteer experts from United Fly Tyers, Rhody Fly Rodders, and Trout Unlimited to learn about the largest mayfly hatch on the Wood River, Hexagenia Limbata.

The three-hour workshop begins with a presentation about the mayfly and its habits, when it emerges to spawn, what gear to use to mimic the hatch, and how to



One for the smoker: Steve Brustein of Warwick with a Narragansett Bay bluefish, now mixed in with striped bass and being caught throughout the Bay. Submitted photo

catch a trout during the hatch. All fly-tying equipment and materials are provided.

Space is limited and registration is required. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, email kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov.

Atlantic Bluefin retention limits adjusted

NOAA Fisheries is adjusting the Atlantic bluefin tuna daily retention limits for recreational fishermen. The adjusted limits will take effect June 3, 2025 and extend through Dec. 31, 2025, unless modified by later action. NOAA Fisheries may need to take another action(s) later in the year, if appropriate, to further adjust the retention limits or close the fishery.

The adjusted limits for private vessels with a HMS angling category permit is one school fish 27” to less than 47”. For charter boats with a HMS Charter/Headboat permit fishing recreationally two school fish 27” to less than 47” are allowed. In both cases no large school/small medium fish 47” to less than 73” are allowed.

For information and updates visit the NMFS Permit Shop.

Where’s the bite?

Striped bass/bluefish. “Striped bass and the bluefish bite has been good in the

Godard Park Greenwich Bay area with anglers catching fish using topwater lures and soft plastics,” said Vincent Cataldi of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, North Kingstown. Angler Steve Brustein of Warwick caught a 34” striped bass Thursday night trolling tube & worm at Popasquash Point, Bristol.

“The striped bass and bluefish bite has been very good from the Bridges all the way to downtown Providence. The further up the Providence River the better. Successful baits have been Atlantic menhaden and maceral with flutter spoons and umbrella rigs working really well too,” said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, Warwick.

Declan O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, “Striped bass fishing remains productive, with a good variety of sizes being caught. Bluefish are still present, and there have been reports of some good-sized ones.”

“Last week I caught a 32” and three smaller bass at Narrow River, Narragansett on an incoming tide. Used my burgundy color fly that caught some hickory shad as well,” said Ed Lombardo, fly fishing expert and instructor. The East Passage is still yielding fish for anglers all the way up the Providence River.

Black sea bass, summer flounder (fluke), squeteague and scup. Last week I caught small keeper fluke north of the

Jamestown Bridge on American Ledge. Vincent Cataldi of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, said, “Anglers are loading up on big fluke around Block Island. A boat returned home with over 100 pounds of fluke. Fishing the coastal shore and in the Bay has been fairly slow for keeper fluke. However anglers are hooking up with scup and keeper black sea bass. I saw an angler land a keeper black sea bass from a dock in Jamestown.”

Tom Olson of Ponaug Bait & Tackle, Warwick, said, “Warwick Neck and Greenwich Bay are yielding a fair amount of squeteague.”

Freshwater. “Fishing has exploded with anglers hooking up with largemouth, pike and some monster sized trout,” said Giddings of the Tackle Box. Some ponds restocked with trout for Memorial Day. Visit Fish & Wildlife | Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and in Massachusetts visit Freshwater Fishing | Mass.gov.

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. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verizon.net, visit www.noflukefishing.blogspot.com or www.noflukefishing.com

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Catching up on spring playoffs

It’s been a whirlwind few weeks covering our high school sports teams as they are grinding through their respective playoffs. We’re now entering the home stretch of the school sports calendar with the final games scheduled (for now) this Sunday.

As expected, our softball teams have been dynamite, and as of Wednesday, we’re down to two in Cranston East and West.

The Bolts have been tremendous as they defend their title, and even despite losing last year’s phenom pitcher Izzy Sousa, the Bolts haven’t skipped a beat.

They play Friday against Tiverton, who dealt them their worst defeat in two seasons on Monday to bounce them into the losers bracket. You can’t underestimate the Bolts, despite Tiverton’s juggernaut offense.

Not sure who will win it all, but I could see the IF game be forced by the Bolts.

As for West, the Falcons will be taking on Chariho for a shot against La Salle in what could be a championship rematch. Chariho has seemed to have flown under the radar this year, but the Chargers are a game opponent. The Falcons beat them 3-0 earlier this season and have the championship experience under their belts. Not sure if either can take down the Rams, but I do see West getting by Chariho one more time.

Pilgrim fell to West to see its season end on Tuesday. Although the Pats had what it took to be a championship team, it just goes to show how much of a grind Division I is. Every one of the top five or six teams are championship quality. Skylar Hawes, Madison Tuirok and Gretchen Dom-



My Pitch
by Alex Sponseller

beck all return next spring, so the Pats will be right in the mix.

Toll Gate suffered an early playoff loss when Portsmouth pulled off the upset. The Titans have a young core as well, but it will be interesting to see who steps up to replace Delaney Wilson, who was the team’s best pitcher and hitter.

The Hendricken baseball team is headed back to Rhode Island College to face Cumberland in the finals.

The Hawks cooled off quite a bit toward the end of the regular season and took some tough losses. There was a real question, at least for me, if this team got burnt out from playing

so many games in such a short window.

The team’s championship mettle came in handy as it rebounded and worked its way through the pod play-offs. Game 1 is Thursday and Game 2 is Sunday. That does not bode well for the Clippers, who will face a Hendricken team that will be afforded plenty of rest.

I see Hendricken pulling off the repeat. I respect Cumberland, the Clippers have been among the best teams in the state and won the title just two years ago. I could see it going three games, but I have a feeling that the Hawks will empty the tank and take it in two.

Cranston East boys volleyball swept Hendricken on Tuesday to reach the state finals. North Kingstown is the favorite to clinch the other spot as the Skippers are un-

beaten and the top seed.

Although NK has beat the Bolts three times this year, it’s hard to not like East’s chances. Am I picking them to win? No, but this is closer to 50-50 than people realize.

Charles Pincince and Dennis Dixon are arguably the top duo in the state up front, while Caleb Xum is arguably the state’s best setter. Darien Peterson has provided a quality fourth player as well to round out this group.

One thing that the Bolts are is hungry. Sure, every high school team wants to win, but this East team wants to win badly and its recent play has shown that. The team made easy work of Chariho in the quarters before cruising past the Hawks. NK is the favorite, as it should be, but the Bolts will have a shot come game-day.

Real Estate Transactions

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CRANSTON					113 Cove Ave	Midwood, Bethany R and Midwood, Jason B	Woodruff, George W and Woodruff, Diana M	5/15	\$444,000
130 Grand Ave	Catherin-Hodgkins	Maldonado, Karen M and Saum, Duncan	5/12	\$605,000	114 Covington Dr	Amen, Joseph and West, Owen	Fletcher, Lauren E and Matias, Jayson J	5/13	\$470,000
131 Fordson Ave Lot 7, Toher, Christine and Chubbuck, Kimberky		Sheehan, Maggie M	5/13	\$215,000	12 Barber Ave	Gabriele, Daniel L	Amalfitano, Diana and Amalfitano Jr, Steven M	4/30	\$335,000
143 Hoffman Ave Lot 101, Sunshine Dev Inc		Hoff, Eileen	5/16	\$357,000	124 Welfare Ave	Atwood, Christina R	Santana, Angel R and Roman Cruz, Legna M	5/15	\$323,000
149 Yeoman Ave	Federal Natl Mtg Assn	Jg Tiberi Dev LLC	5/16	\$375,000	141 Sturbridge Dr	Nanni, Roland W	Imondi, Jason M and Del Buono, Sarah E	4/30	\$485,000
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1880 Broad St	Murphy, Sean	Kennedy, Leslie and Kennedy, Michael	5/15	\$560,000	154 Twin Oak Dr	Dugas, Joshua T and Dugas, Mikayla L	Ahern, James C	5/9	\$514,799
190 Gladstone St	Pacheco, Louis M and Pacheco, Barbara A	Silva, Michael	5/12	\$615,000	160 Long View Dr	Weiner, Dana N	Oliver, Ginamarie and Mcvay, Christopher	4/30	\$575,000
27 Hemlock Ave	Cobble Hill Dev LLC	Soriano, Alexandra R	5/16	\$475,000	18 Louisiana Ave	Aker Bruce W Est and Nappa, Bryan J	Martini Hldg LLC	4/29	\$310,000
27 Holly St	Colardo, Paul	Jamieson, Amanda and Messier, Christopher	5/16	\$550,000	20 Blackmore St	York, Stephanie and York, Scott	Daniel, Lauren	5/12	\$725,000
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Pilgrim's Andrew Hatch shoots his way out of a sand trap.

Hawks, Pats take home top-10 finishes at golf states

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League Golf State Championships went down last week at Cranston Country Club and plenty of locals made noise. La Salle Academy won the team title with a score of 613. Bishop Hendricken finished the day tied for fifth at 630, while Pilgrim took home its third straight top-10 finish as it took eighth with a 642. Hendricken's top player was Thomas Hanson who finished sixth with a 153. Brody Corcoran led Pilgrim, taking 13th with a 156. Here are some looks at the action. *Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com*



Hendricken's Colin Murray tees off.



Hendricken's Thomas Hanson chips a shot.



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