

## Vote Friday on 'historic' electric rate hike

### Opponents to surging power bills deliver emotional pleas

By RORY SCHULER

A vote on a statewide electricity rate hike has been scheduled for Friday.

Leading up to the decision, public hearings allowed Ocean State residents, advocates and politicians to make impassioned pleas to regulators, urging them to reject a nearly 47 percent winter electric rate hike.

"This sledgehammer approach ... lacks creativity, but most of all, it lacks empathy," Rev. Dr. Donnie Anderson told the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (PUC) at a public hearing on Friday. "Disproportionately it affects the people who can least afford it. And make no mistake; this rate increase will result in increased homelessness and in people dying. That's a reality you must face. And I appreciate that you have a responsibility to the State of Rhode Island and to the laws of the State of Rhode Island, but we all are subject to a higher authority that demands we treat each other ethically and with eq-

uity. And I urge you to reject this proposal."

The PUC has scheduled an open meeting for Friday, where a vote on the "historic" electric rate increase will likely occur. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 23 in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.

"Because this is not a hearing, the PUC will not be accepting oral public comments," according to the meeting notice. "The Open Meeting will be streamed live."

#### The Rationale

Earlier this year, the DPUC permitted the acquisition of Rhode Island power provider Narragansett Electric Company (NEC) (formerly owned by National Grid), by Pennsylvania power company PPL (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power and Light), forming a new company, Rhode Island Energy.



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:** Marie Hennedy, of Warwick, read aloud a letter to the editor she had published in the Cranston Herald, Warwick Beacon and Johnston Sun Rise, on rising electric rates, headlined "Let's all pay payable electric bills." Hennedy asked the DPUC if "that monopoly" needs "a 50 percent rate hike." (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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**APPLE WINNER:** Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright held her "Golden Apple" close to her heart after the award ceremony last week. (Sun Rise photo)

## Ferri teacher wins 'Golden Apple'

By RORY SCHULER

As her classroom filled bulletin board to desk, Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright held her "Golden Apple" close to her heart last Thursday.

"The nomination and recognition of Joan Wright for the Golden Apple honor is one of the most deserving," said Johnston Public Schools Superintendent Bernard DiLullo Jr. "This teacher goes about her day only focused on the needs of her students not only academically, but emotionally and physically."

Wright posed with the Golden Apple, her family, and school administrators following the award ceremony at lunch last Thursday.

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## OUTSIDE HITTERS



**PANTHERS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK:** The Johnston girls volleyball team sits at 2-2, dropping its last two matches after winning its first two of the fall season. The Panthers have playoff aspirations and are looking to get back on track with a loaded schedule in the coming weeks. Read the story on Page 19. Pictured is Talia Laflamme making a play at the net. (Photo by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

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**PROUD PANTHERS:** These are some of members of the Johnston High School Class of 2026 that will host a car wash Sunday at Anthony's Auto Body. The group includes Oliva Forgetta, Alexandra Muso, Anthony Vinacco, Ryan Capraro, Cameron Veitch, Gianna "The Dinosaur" Ferranti, Brea Pezzullo, Holland Rodgers and Jadyn Giroux.

# Class of 2026 hosts car wash

By PETE FONTAINE

If you're in need of a car wash, show up this Sunday morning — September 25 — at 119 Greenville Ave. in Johnston from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. where some enterprising young students will be waiting and ready to fulfill your dirty car's needs.

Moreover, if you enjoy helping high school students and supporting their all-important fundraising efforts, members from the Johnston High School Class of 2026 will really appreciate donations, as well as have fun washing your vehicle.

Sunday's event will be the Class of 2026's second such car wash at Anthony's Auto Body, where owner Anthony Ferranti has once again opened his facility to help JHS students.

The JHS Class of 2025 has held successful car washes during the summer months to raise money to build its float for the 2022 and unmatched Homecoming celebration that will be held next month with a town-wide parade and crowning of the King and Queen at halftime of the football game.

There is no set fee for Sunday's fundraising car wash and the Class of 2026 will graciously accept any and all contributions. The students will also be supported by their parents and class advisor.



**AWESOME ADVERTISING:** Alexandra Musa — as well as her Johnston High School Class of 2026 mates — will be holding similar signs Sunday morning (Sept. 25) at Anthony's Auto Body where they'll hold a special car wash. (Submitted photos)

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# Johnston Police host Night Out

By PETE FONTAINE

There were many special success stories surrounding the Johnston Police Department's recent National Night Out held inside Johnston's War Memorial Park.

"This was certainly vintage JPD," many people offered during what many people from senior citizens to attending Johnstonians noted could have also been called "a community cookout of huge proportions."

To which Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza noted: "Our National Night Out was a huge success spearheaded by Capt. Mike Babbitt and Officer Charles 'Chuck' Psilopoulos who did an excellent job of organizing the event."

Make that "extra special event" during which Gov. Daniel J. McKee made a special appearance and congratulated Razza and the JPD.

The event was complete within hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by some of Johnston's finest — Lou Cotoia, Mike Andreozzi and Luca Lancellotti.

"We are proud of this year's National Night Out (NNO)," said Razza of the annual affair that is designed to bring local police department's closer to neighborhoods in the community. "There was face-painting for the children along with balloon animals to meet every child's needs."

Perhaps the biggest attention getter during the four-hour event was surprise visits by the creations of Costume Characters of Cranston that has teamed up with the JPD for other important community events such as the recently held and highly attended "Pizza with the Police."

Johnston's Night Out also featured a lumberjack-like character and a beautifully dressed butterfly stilt walker who captured the hearts of young and old alike.

So, the JPD's NNO was again and overwhelming success and epitomizes the National Night Out's philosophy that reads, in part; "Together, we are making communities safer and more caring places to live. Likewise, NNO is a community-building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships."

And as many people told Razza, Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and ranking officer of the JPD command staff: "NO local PD (Police Department) does it better than the one here in Johnston. They certainly put their best feet forwards tonight."



**SUPPORTING SENIORS:** The Johnston Police Department prides itself in interacting with the senior citizen population in town whose residents (above) were among the many people who enjoyed the recent "community cookout" — a.k.a. National Night Out inside War Memorial Park.

**FAMILY FUN:**

JPD Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and his wife Erica and sons Marco and Anthony were among the many families that enjoyed the food and friendships at the recent NNO in Johnston.



**GRAND GUESTS:** Gov. Daniel J. McKee and Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza are joined by this beautifully dressed stilt walking butterfly that was one of many special attractions during the recent National Night Out. (Submitted photos)

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# New year, new faces at JHS

By **ALEXIA DILORENZO**  
Special to the Sun Rise

Johnston Senior High School's 2022-23 school year had an amazing start! This year, Johnston had 11 new staff members join the Panther family. These teachers have been great additions to the Math, English, History, and Guidance Departments!

Along with some new teachers, Johnston has also expanded its course offerings with 12 new classes, outlined in the program of studies. Some of these classes include Hospitality Management, World Geography for Tourism and Hospitality, Band I, Band II, Advanced Guitar Ensemble, Beginning and Advanced Fitness & Weight Training, Chemical Technology I, AP Statistics, Italian Heritage and Culture, and Heritage and Culture of Spanish-Speaking World.

This year, there are 746 students enrolled at JHS. 205 of these students are in the class of 2026, accounting for 27% of the student population.

These freshmen had their orientation a few weeks ago, and have been a great addition to the school! The class of 2025 has 195 students, and the class of 2024 has 184 students!

The sophomores and juniors are finally able to enjoy their first year without masks at the high school.

Lastly, the class of 2023 with 162 students, enjoy their last months in high school before they part ways into the next chapter of their life.

Johnston has many future activities planned for the students at our school to enjoy this upcoming year!!

**Editor's Note:** Alexia DiLorenzo serves as Vice President of Johnston High School's Student Council. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes stories submitted by students at JHS.

## JHS 'Dress Down Days' earn big check for Tomorrow Fund

By **MICHELINA IRONS**  
Special to the Sun Rise

Johnston Senior High school's Student council holds an event every Friday for the teachers of the building.

These events are called Dress Down Days. The student council collects donations for special causes from each teacher for a different cause each week.

This gives the teachers an opportunity to dress down before the weekend. The Tomorrow Fund is one of the special causes that we commonly use for Dress Down Days.

This is a non-profit organization that

helps ease the traumatic and financial stress of childhood cancer. On Sept. 20, the Johnston Senior High school presented a check with a total of \$945 to the Tomorrow Fund.

We raised this money through our Dress Down Days during the course of our 2021-22 school year. We would like to thank our Johnston High School Teachers for making this donation possible.

**Editor's Note:** Michelina Irons serves as recording secretary for Johnston High School's Student Council. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes stories submitted by students at JHS.

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# Show dedicated to Joe, a man who loved fire trucks

By PETE FONTAINE

"Joe would be very proud of what's going on here today," offered Richard Quetta, an official and dedicated member of the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society. "He loved events like this!"

That may have even been an understatement of sorts, given how much – as Quetta and other people concurred – "Joe loved and did for this special organization."

The late Joseph "Joe" Pingitore III was a Johnston native and respected business owner whose life was cut short unexpectedly when he passed away at age 60 on Oct. 25, 2021. He owned and operated J. Pingitore & Sons Paving and Construction.

"It's safe to say Joe's life revolved around trucks," offered several people during an emotion-pitched ceremony Sunday inside the Masonic Youth Center off Long Street in Warwick. "He helped built the Rhode Island Antique Truck Haulers Association into one of New England's best non-profit events featuring countless individually owned trucks."

Perhaps that why, a Quetta said, "We have dedicated today's show in Joe's honor. His name and legacy will never – ever --- be forgotten."

That's also why nearly three dozen RIAFAS members drove their vintage vehicles to Sunday's show that was highlighted with a special tribute and plaque presentation to the late Pingitore's younger brother Dave, a ranking officer with the Johnston Fire Department and Treasurer of Local 1950.

"My sister (Dr. Fran Pingitore) and I really appreciate this terrific tribute to our brother," Dave Pingitore offered. "We miss him dearly; he meant so much to many people."

Moreover, the late Pingitore loved showing his family's 1979 Mack CF Model Fire Truck as well as his 1952 chain-driven Sterling which were among the trucks on display Sunday during the super special 5-hour show that served burgers, hot dogs and refreshments provided by the Providence Canteen and RIAFAS during the 5-hour sun-covered show.

Backed by the music of DJ Joe Vingi of Pleasure Sounds Unlimited, Sunday's show consisted of motorized fire apparatus and other fire memorabilia and a firematic flea market that was also highlighted by show-goers and members bringing a new unwrapped toy that will be distributed to needy children during the holidays.



**SHAPPY'S SPECIAL:** Warwick resident Dick Shappy brought his 1939 Ahrens Fox fire truck that once served the Belleville NJ area to Sunday's show's 18th annual Antique Fire Truck Show. (Submitted photos)



**MIGHTY MEMORIAL:** Richard Quetta is the proud owner of this 1957 Ward LaFrance that continues to be a rolling memorial to late Providence Battalion Chief Frank J. Quetta Jr.

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# Electric

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Jeffrey D. Oliveira, PPL Corporation Regulatory Programs Specialist, and James Ruebenacker, Manager of Wholesale Electric Supply, New England for National Grid, delivered testimony supporting the rate hike.

The two experts estimated that a "typical bill analysis" would "result in a monthly bill increase of \$51.95, or 46.7% when compared to the customer's bill based on currently-effective rates."

"For the same customer, the proposed base residential LRS rate would result in a monthly bill increase of \$35.99, or 28.5%, when compared to the customer's bill based on last winter's rates," they testified.

During hearings on the sale, PPL promised regulators that their acquisition of the state's primary power provider (they provide electricity to more than 97 percent of Rhode Island's electric customers). They had to show the PUC that their purchase of the company would be in the public interest.

### The Opposition

Many of the same voices warned the commission prior to the utility sale. The Rhode Island Attorney General's Office first objected to the sale but eventually acquiesced after the company pledged a series of concessions.

"Energy bills in Rhode Island are essentially comprised of two distinct charges: a charge for obtaining a supply of energy, and a charge for distribution, that is, delivering that energy to customers. The former is a pass-through charge to ratepayers, from which Rhode Island Energy, like National Grid before it, cannot profit," Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha said. "The latter charge — for energy distribution — is where Rhode Island Energy can profit. Thus, the fight for fair and reasonable energy prices for Rhode Islanders must be fought on the energy distribution side. That is why it was critical for this Office earlier this year to intervene in the sale of National Grid to Rhode Island Energy and secure not only a three-year freeze in energy distribution rates but more than \$200 million in energy distribution relief for Rhode Islanders. Those successes should mitigate some of the impact of increased energy supply charges this winter. But there is still more that the PUC can and should do, including giving ratepayers the option to defer payment of some of the increased supply cost until next year and re-allocating certain existing state funds to provide some relief."

The AG's Office contends that "although Rhode Island Energy is not permitted to profit from supplying energy, Rhode Islanders will nevertheless face increased rates on their bills," according to a press release

from state's top prosecutor.

"These market conditions hit at a tough time for Rhode Island consumers, whose household budgets have been upended by inflation in gasoline, food, and other essential consumer goods," according to the AG's Office. "In May ... (the AG) objected to the sale of (NEC) by National Grid to PPL Corporation, now Rhode Island Energy, ultimately leading to an agreement that secures \$200 million in value for Rhode Island ratepayers along with mandated steps toward meeting Act on Climate goals. The benefits secured in that agreement will reduce this winter's electric bills. Each consumer, regardless of income, will receive \$63.72 in direct rate relief for use in the winter months."

Besides the "direct ratepayer relief, the Attorney General required that PPL forgo recovery of \$103 million from ratepayers: \$82 million in costs for new investments it will make as a result of the sale and \$21 million of costs already incurred by National Grid. The DPUC's decision would have allowed Rhode Island Energy to seek this \$103 million from ratepayers. Also as a result of the agreement, there will be no increase in distribution charges for the next three years," according to Neronha.

### 'Historic Increase'

Why does the Ocean State's new electric company want to jack rates so high?

"The same market fundamentals that impacted last winter continue to exist for the upcoming pricing period of October 2022 through March 2023," contend the PPL experts. "In addition to those market fundamentals, beginning in early 2022 natural gas prices began to increase in response to the war in the Ukraine which reduced expected supply from Russia and significantly increased demand for LNG globally. Compared to the recently concluded winter, the increase in LNG demand and continuing market fundamentals from the prior year resulted in increased natural gas prices for the upcoming winter, and therefore results in higher electric prices and winter LRS rates."

The PUC heard public testimony last Friday, and continued the evidentiary hearing through Monday.

On Monday, Thomas F. Kogut, Associate Administrator Cable TV and Legislative Liaison for the PUC, estimated that the board may publicize a meeting any day, where the vote on electric rates will take place publicly. Then on Tuesday evening, the PUC advertised the Friday meeting.

"As things stand now the most definitive thing I can say about electric rate timing is as soon as the end of this week," Kogut said Tuesday. "The gas rates would go into effect on Nov. 1 with a PUC decision mid to late-October."

The three-member PUC includes Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski, and Commissioners Abigail Anthony and John C. Revens Jr.

### Governor's Proposal

Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee spoke to begin Friday's round of emo-

tional testimony.

"This surge in electricity costs this winter are going to impact all Rhode Islanders," McKee said in a recent press release. "Our most vulnerable residents do not have the means to absorb this rate increase. We have a responsibility to do everything possible to protect them."

The governor's office proposed using \$3.8 million from the state's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds "to provide direct rate relief to low-income utility customers who are most at risk this winter."

"This will help ease the burden of higher-than-average electricity prices and continue our commitment to provide relief to Rhode Islanders in the face of rising prices and inflation," according to a press release from McKee's office.

House Minority Leader Michael Chippendale issued a statement last week in response to McKee's testimony and request for additional federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and a request to repeal the 4 percent tax on gross earnings on electric utilities.

"This is not a surprise to Republicans that the Governor would now try to address the underfunding of LIHEAP and the massive effect inflation, and our state and national energy policy is having on the users of this critical resource," Chippendale said.

### 'War on the Poor'

Peter Nightingale, a professor in the University of Rhode Island's Department of Physics, passed signs out to the audience, bearing messages like "The War on the Poor is Immoral" and "Systemic Poverty is Immoral."

"My bottom line is, that the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, is responsible for and should be held accountable for the rate increases that are happening in energy," Nightingale. "You can do what is right, or you can wash your hands in innocence. And if that sounds Biblical to you, you may be onto something."

Lorraine Savard, of Central Falls, also took aim at politicians with deep ties to the fossil fuel industry, and the public utility companies that have profited from the pollution of the planet.

"The fossil fuel industry is on the brink of becoming obsolete ... Rhode Island Energy is following their cousins, the fuel companies, in cashing in on their ultimate demise," Savard said. "Rhode Island Energy, provider, supplier, distributor, is asking to raise the cost of electricity and gas. This is unconscionable. We have too long subsidized the industry. Now is the time to allow the fossil fuel cabal to exit gracefully, not greedily. There are other ways to save money. The easy way is to raise fees. I say to Rhode Island Energy, do as the working families and small businesses have been doing for months. Be creative. Find other ways to raise money."

Savard's comments triggered a round of applause from supporters in the audience.

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PUC Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski

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## 'Reject the hike'

Rhode Island state Rep. David Morales, District 7-Providence, urged the DPUC to "reject the historic level rate hikes."

"I wanted to remind us how exactly we got here," Morales told the crowd. "Over five months ago, after a continuous year where Rhode Island Energy was trying to acquire Narragansett Energy, or National Grid, they continued to show up to (DPUC hearings), and continuously said that they were committed to the community of Rhode Island; that they were committed to the working people of our state, if they had the opportunity to acquire the assets. And sure enough, over \$4 billion later, and not even a year (of) having control of our public utility system, they're putting forward historic level rate hikes that are going to hurt people from an economic standpoint ... the reality is, everything that you have heard from the diverse coalition of the people behind me is exactly what is going to happen if these rate hikes go into affect on Oct. 1."

Morales acknowledged that public assistance programs will help some, but not nearly enough struggling rate-payers.

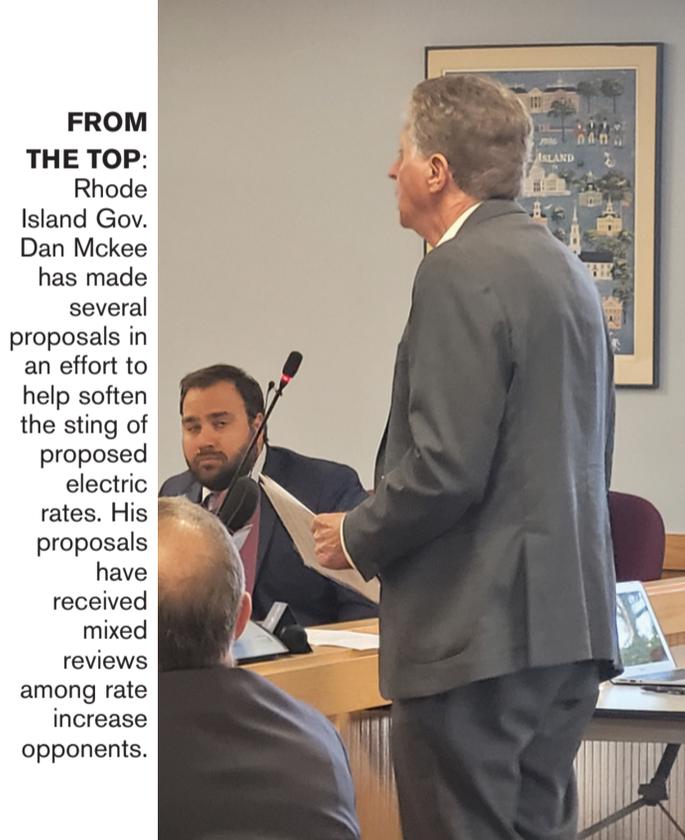
"Some of the different programs that exist to provide relief, they're not adequate by any stretch of the imagination ... The eligibility to qualify as a low income energy customer are very stringent," Morales explained. "It is essentially 60 percent of the area median income. Therefore, if you are an individual, earning 70 percent of the area median income, if you are a working family of four making \$70,000, you do not qualify for any of these programs; whether it be LI-HEAP, whether it be some sort of bill credits, therefore we are not going to see actual relief for working people. Instead, what we are going to continue to see is the cycle of debt being accumulated."

Morales delivered a direct challenge to the RI Energy lawyers seated comfortably behind a large wooden barrier that separates the public from the commission and large groups of suit-clad attorneys.

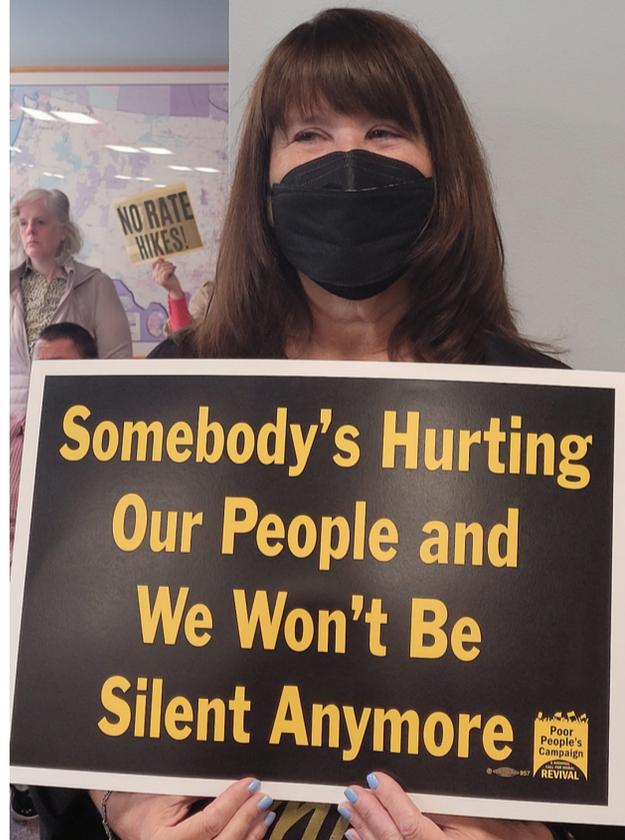
"That is why I call on Rhode Island Energy, directly, to absorb some of the costs of the increase in energy prices that we are seeing," Morales said loudly, commanding the room's attention. "Because the ultimate goal was that Rhode Island Energy would be committed to our state ... and after absorbing (the) costs, they will be able to talk to their economic advisors on how they can withdraw this rate hike, and instead be in a position to show us that they are In fact different than National Grid. That they were more committed, that they were going to provide better services. And by the way, customer service hasn't approved at the level in which we were promised either ... But unsurprisingly ... they did not withdraw their proposed rate hikes. And that is why now we are having to call on the Public Utilities Commission to once again mark this case as being extraordinary, and to simply reject the rate hikes."



**SIGNS OF PROTEST:** Above and below right, attendees at a public hearing on an increase in electricity rates held signs in protest. The hearing was held in Cranston before the state's Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



**FROM THE TOP:** Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee has made several proposals in an effort to help soften the sting of proposed electric rates. His proposals have received mixed reviews among rate increase opponents.



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# Apple

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"She teaches her students throughout the regular school year and in our summer program as well to ensure support and consistency for each of them," DiLullo said. "During the pandemic, Mrs. Wright was virtually present each day as she had to work from home for that year."

The Golden Apple is a joint public/private venture, presented by both the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and a local Providence television news station.

"The Golden Apple Award honors those who believe in the true spirit of teaching by making classrooms a creative and safe place to learn," according to the state Department of Education website. "NBC 10 and the Rhode Island Department of Education are teaming up to recognize outstanding teachers in our communities. Winning educators will receive a \$250 contribution from Ocean State Credit Union."

NBC 10 and RIDE are looking for Golden Apple nominees.

"If you know an outstanding teacher who deserves recognition for their efforts in the classroom, you can nominate them using the form at turn-to10.com," according to RIDE. "You can also see the names and profiles of previous Golden Apple award winners on the site."

Wright smiled and thanked the room full of friends for recognizing her efforts.

"Mrs. Wright works with middle school students who require significant support as she ensures they all work to their highest potential within their differing abilities," DiLullo said. "Visiting her classroom is truly an inspiration for any educator as it is a model of reaching every student every day."



**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright's family and friends helped to fill her classroom last Thursday after she was awarded a "Golden Apple." (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Auction Legal Notice

To: LOIS A SCHULER 43 NEW LEXINGTON RD APT1 NORTH KNIGSTOWN RI, GREENWOOD CREDIT UNION 2669 POST RD WARWICK RI A PUBLIC AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 100 SOUTH ST JOHNSTON, RI ON OCTOBER 1, 2022 AT 9:00 AM. THE VEHICLE A 2003 VIN # 1D7HL38X73S218867 BELONGING TO THE ABOVE . THE AUCTION BEING HELD IS TO SATISFY TOWING AND STORAGE AND FEES

9/22/22

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Dish Wireless is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing self supporting lattice tower located at 1520 Atwood Ave., Johnston, Providence County, Rhode Island. The new facility will consist of the collocation of antennas at a centerline height of 155 ft on the 200 ft tower. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6122008600 - MH EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (785) 760-5938.

9/22/22

### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA Thursday, September 29th, 2022 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold its monthly meeting on September 29th, 2022 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

#### New Business

**File 2022-16 – Petition of John Rosa,** Owner/Applicant for 98 Greenville Ave, AP 16 Lot 353, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance for Commercial Storage of Vehicles- Dump Truck and Pickup Trucks.

**File 2022-17 – Petition of Pamela and Kevin Sampson,** Owner/Applicant for 1311 Central Pike, AP 43 Lot 670, zoned R-40. The petitioner

is seeking a dimensional variance of section 340-25C for construction of a detached garage and cold storage.

**File 2022-18 – Petition of Lamar Advertising Company,** Applicant for 1232 Hartford Avenue, AP 20 Lot 299, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance section 340-42A for modification for an existing billboard with electronic/digital advertising panel.

**NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting.** The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review  
Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29/22

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday October 4th, 2022; 6:00 P.M.

Johnston Senior Center  
1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

#### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. OLD BUSINESS

**PB 22- 48 The Johnston Comprehensive Plan –** Presentation and discussion by/with Weston & Sampson, plan consultant.

**NOTE:** The discussion of the Comprehensive Plan will last until 7:00 PM. The Planning Commission will begin hearing applications at that time.

**PB 17-48 – Reinstatement of Belfield Acres.** Applicant is seeking authorization to record the final plan which should have been recorded by January 31st, 2020.

**PB 20-44 – Mill Street Apartments –** Public Meeting on a proposed conversion of a mill building to a 16-unit residential building. Located at 64 Mill Street AP 4 Lot 311 – Property is zoned – PD. Applicant: Geranskye Real Estate, LLC.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**PB 22- 53 – Bella Woods Court –** Request for acceptance of improvements and release of bond.

**PB 22-52 – Reyes Subdivision –** Public Meeting on a Final Plan for a proposed 2-lot Minor Subdivision. Located at 138 Scituate Avenue AP 25 Lot 4. Zoned R-20. Applicant: Willy Reyes.

**PB 22-49 – Town Hall Plaza –** Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review. Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 20 Lots 77

and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue.

**PB 22-54 – Coastal Credit Union – Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review.** Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 22 Lots 54 and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue.

#### V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.
- Items not heard by 9:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board.
- Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

9/15, 9/22, 9/29/22

### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold a special meeting on October 6th, 2022 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equip-

ment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

#### New Business

**File 2022-20 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1520 Atwood Ave, AP 53 Lot 178, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-21 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1651 Atwood Ave, AP 47, Lot 9, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-22 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 100 Irons Ave, AP 34, Lot 112 and Lot 530, zoned I. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting.** The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review  
Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

9/22, 9/29, 10/6/22



## Request for Proposals Town of Johnston

### Stormwater System Jetting, Cleaning, and Camera Inspection Johnston War Memorial Park

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for Stormwater System Jetting, Cleaning, and Camera Inspection at Johnston War Memorial Park. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning September 22nd, 2022 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at [www.townofjohnstonri.com](http://www.townofjohnstonri.com). **A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for September 28th, 2022 at 9:00 am** at Johnston War Memorial Park located at 1583 Hartford Ave, Johnston RI 02919. **Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 am, October 5th, 2022** at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401) 553-8830.

Joseph Chiodo, CPA  
Finance Director

9/22/22



## Request for Proposals Town of Johnston

### Softball and Baseball Field Fencing Improvements Woodlake Park

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for Softball and Baseball Field Fencing Improvements at Woodlake Park. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning September 22nd, 2022 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at [www.townofjohnstonri.com](http://www.townofjohnstonri.com). **A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for September 28th, 2022 at 10:15 am** at Woodlake Park located at 103 Reservoir Ave, Johnston RI 02919. **Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:30 am, October 5th, 2022** at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401) 553-8830.

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## Legal Notice Town of Johnston Adopted Ordinances

At a recent meeting of The Johnston Town Council, the Council did adopt the following Ordinances effective immediately:

**Ordinance 2022-16:** An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 92 entitled "Cannabis" Article I "Public Consumption Prohibited" of the Town of Johnston Code of Ordinances. Said Ordinance prohibits the consumption of Cannabis on or within Town Public Parks or Recreational Facilities or any other Public Property including Schools

**Ordinance 2022-17:** An Ordinance for street abandonment. Said Ordinance abandons a portion of Naples Avenue on Assessor's Plat 5

**Said Ordinances are on file and available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

Johnston Town Council  
Robert V. Russo  
President

Attest:  
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.  
Town Clerk

9/22/22

# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Maybe Rhode Island should boost the rates on PPL

Perhaps it's time to increase the cost of providing power in the Ocean State.

Electric customers don't have much of a choice in Rhode Island. Practically every utility customer pays the same monopolistic power provider.

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And we're at their mercy every year when winter rolls around.

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (PUC) votes Friday on whether or not PPL (dba Rhode Island Energy) can implement a nearly 47 percent hike in electric rates and we've already been warned to expect an explosive increase in gas rates next month.

The U.S. economy teeters on the brink of recession, and the world is slowly crawling from underneath its pestilent pandemic blanket. Inflation has us all a cent short and borrowing from our penny loafers.

Ocean State residents can't absorb this rate hike.

We were assured that PPL had our best interests in mind when the PUC allowed the sale of Narragansett Electric (transferred from National Grid to Pennsylvania Power & Light).

We were assured PPL would be a good neighbor — a better neighbor than Russia has been to Ukraine.

Perhaps the Ocean State should levy the ultimate tax on monopolies. Maybe we should introduce a fee for the privilege of providing us power.

PPL needs to prove the lofty promises they made while courting the PUC. The PUC needs to consider the Ocean State residents struggling to swim, avoiding the incoming rip current.

The PUC needs to find a way around the oncoming rate increases. They were appointed to protect our best interests.

We recognize there are fixed costs to providing power, but Rhode Island Energy must negotiate better rates for the state. And the PUC can make sure that happens.

RHODE ISLAND BRACES FOR A 50% RATE INCREASE...

...IN HEAT AND ELECTRIC BILLS BY OCTOBER 1ST



## Research before donating your used clothing

It's the back-to-school season, which means back-to-school shopping and time to get rid of last year's fashions and sizes.

But what happens to the old clothes? Some people resell items, some pass them down, and many of us pack them up and we donate them. But where do they go after we donate them?

Before working for Big Brothers Big Sisters, I never thought about it. I gave to Big Brothers Big Sisters, but mostly because the bins were close to my home, and it was convenient. I've been CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BBBSRI) since 2015. I'm responsible for two 501(c)3 organizations, the mentoring organization, and the Donation Center which is a social enterprise that raises 70% of the funds needed to support the mentoring organization.

Mentoring is my life's work, but textile recycling and the Donation Center were new territory for me. Textile recycling is a fascinating, lucrative, often grimy business peppered with all kinds of organizations vying for the second-hand cloth that sits in our homes. Textile recycling can mean big money!

According to Future Market Insights, "The clothing recycling market is anticipated to be valued at US\$ 5.8 Mn in 2022," and "Overall, the adoption quotient of clothing recycling remains high with a forecasted valuation of US\$ 16 Bn by 2032."

When people donate clothing and household items to BBBSRI, we sell the items to Savers. The money that is raised goes to our mentoring programs, which serve more than 200 youth and their family members yearly. It doesn't stop there. BBBSRI partners with 65 nonprofit organizations and cities and towns in Rhode Island and distributes more than \$130,000 to these partners yearly. Partners include the YMCA, We Share Hope, and The Women's Resource Center

of Rhode Island, to name a few.

So, who are the textile recyclers in the state? BBBSRI, Goodwill, and Salvation Army are the only textile recyclers that I am aware of in Rhode Island where 100% of the proceeds go to charity. Most bins and at-home pickup services are operated by for-profit companies that are making money by partnering to use a charity's name.

So how does that work? The for-profit textile recycler will contract with a charity and offer a donation or grant for the use of the charity name. The charity is receiving pennies on the dollar for the clothing and the for-profit is making millions by selling the "donations" overseas. One local for-profit noted that they collected 25 million pounds of cloth last year and gave away just under one million dollars to charity. Sounds great! Until you do the math. Let's estimate that the for-profit sells its cloth for 50 cents a pound overseas (the current going rate for international product). That's a gross profit of 12.5 million dollars. Less than 8% goes to charity, and the rest goes to the people running the business.

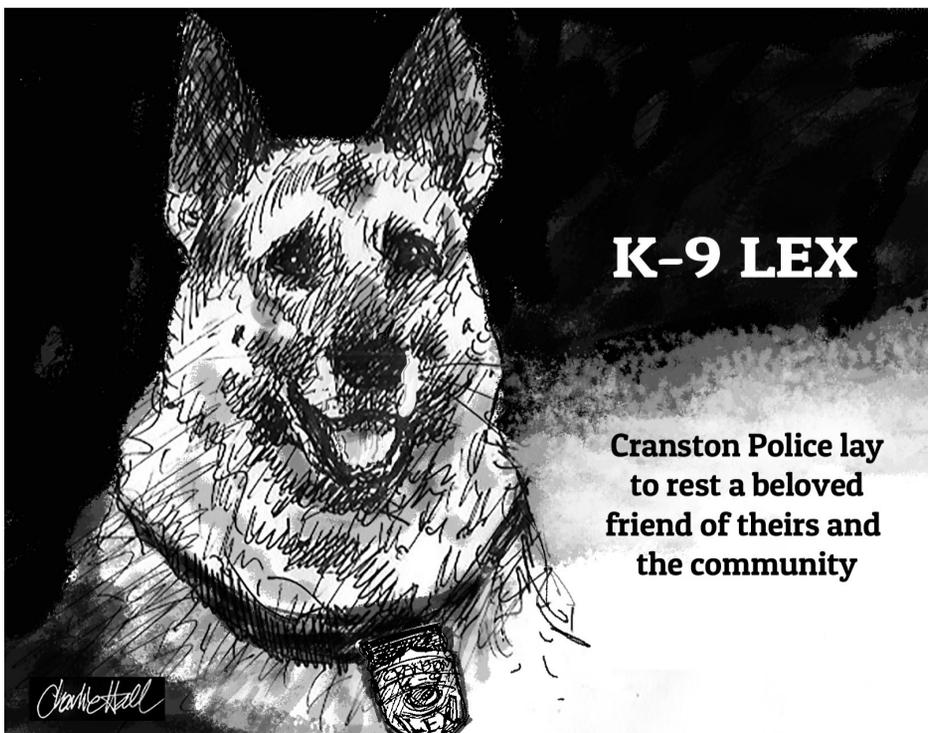
Don't get me wrong, I'm all for personal growth and individual wealth. The issue is that this business venture, by asking the public to "donate" its cloth to them, is taking funding away from legitimate charities and damaging our community along the way. I implore anyone who is reading this to do your research before donating your used clothing. Think about where it's going, and what the impact of that donation is on your local community. In the end, we all just want to get rid of the clutter in our homes and not pollute the earth, but I would rather do that while supporting programs in our community that change hundreds of lives for the better.

Katie Afonseca  
CEO Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island



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## K-9 LEX

Cranston Police lay to rest a beloved friend of theirs and the community

# Sun Rise Scoops

## Sun Rise Staff Reports

### Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15 George Waterman Road in Johnston.

Events will include the "Penny Social, Food, Raffles, Sweet Treats, Crafts & More," according to organizers, who are also "calling all Vendors/Crafters." For additional information call Patricia Leoncavallo at 401-529-7592.

### JHS Class of '82 Reunion

The Johnston High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th Reunion on Oct. 28 at the Alpine Country Club. For more information, email johnstonclass82@gmail.com.

### Cornhole Fundraiser

There will be a cornhole tournament at Cranston's Thirsty Beaver (288 Atwood Ave., Cranston) on Sept. 25 at noon. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. There will be food, the Patriots' game, raffles and a cash bar. \$120 per team – bring your own partner. For signups, contact Michael Regan at 508-446-3148 or Michael.Regan1486@gmail.com.

### Hoops for Hope

On Sept. 24, there will be a 3-on-3 Hoops for Hope basketball tournament to benefit the NICU for premature infants at Providence Women and Infants and Hasbro Children's Hospital at the Johnston Rec Center (1741 Atwood Ave., Johnston). There are several sponsorship packages available: the silver package (\$350) will have team t-shirts with company logo, social media blast and letter of recognition from charities; the gold package (\$750) will have team shirts with company logo, social media blast, letter of recognition from charities, company banner displayed at event and professional company promo video. The half court shot competition will be \$5 per entry. There are limited spots available for the event. To RSVP, text Tony Zangari at 401-623-7989. Any donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to Century 21 Shoreline Properties.

### Johnston Senior Center Events and Classes

The Johnston Senior Center is celebrating National Senior Center Month throughout September. This year's theme: "Senior Centers: Strengthening Community Connections."

**TAI CHI:** An eight-week Tai Chi Class begins Tuesday, Sept. 20, with Master Deborah Leong. This is a "No Impact" Health Improvement Exercise Program. Master Leong is a sixth degree Black Belt in Martial Arts, and Certified in several types of Tai Chi. The cost is \$24 for the entire session. This is a great program for those with Arthritis, need Balance, and/or strengthening.

**MEMORY BOOK CLASS:** This is a six-week class beginning Sept. 23. We will meet Fridays mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The total cost is \$6. It will be a fun time of reminiscing about your family. You will be creating a Memory Book for yourself or to share with your family. You will enjoy working on family stories and scanning past family photos. No computer skills are needed. We will have an assistant available to help.

**BASIC CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN:** Have you ever wished you could speak Italian?

The class will begin September 13, and be held on Tuesday afternoons, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to speak Italian phrases for your own interest or for when traveling. The cost is \$30 for the six-week session. Maria Libera Vallone, our new instructor, has her Master of Arts in Italian from Universita di Firenze with Middlebury College. She is a two-time Fulbright Scholar to Italy, and taught Italian for 34 years in Newton, Massachusetts, where she initiated the first exchange program at an American high school and Italian high school, which is now in its 40th year.

**TAKE BETTER PIX:** On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Steve McGrath Photography will begin another five-week session. This has been a very popular class. It is structured for Beginners or Intermediate level (those who have taken prior classes). The session will consist of three classroom and two "on Location" classes. The class will meet on Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The cost is \$50 for all five weeks.

**AGING DISGRACEFULLY:** The center presents Comedy Show "Aging Disgracefully" at the JSC on Thursday evening, Oct. 13. Contact the center for information and/or to register at 401-944-3343.

### Thanksgiving 1621: Myths and Facts

Join the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island for a presentation on the first "Thanksgiving." This event will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24 at Cranston Central Library in the James T. Giles Community Room. There are many misconceptions about what happened at that event, and this presentation will provide the historical facts. There will be slides and questions throughout in which the audience can participate. Attendees will receive a book-

mark with "Thanksgiving 1621" facts. Learn more at <https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/event/9165550>.

### More at Mohr Library

**Heating Assistance Information:** On Thursday, Sept. 29, drop in between 3 and 5 p.m. to speak to a staff member from Tri-County Community Action Agency about their program to help with heating costs.

**Grief Support Group For Loss of Child:** On the first Wednesday of the month, starting Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Tina Saker at [esaker5128@cox.net](mailto:esaker5128@cox.net), or call the Library at 401-231-4980.

**Tree Stewards Education Course:** On Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, from 6-8 p.m. Attend a "Planting Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tree Biology & Identification, Planting & Pruning, Tree Health, Urban Forestry and Soil. RITree Members & OSL library cardholders \$50. (Non-Member price, \$75) Register online at [www.ritree.org](http://www.ritree.org) or by calling RITree at 401-764-5885.

**Yoga Classes for Toddlers with Ms. Pauline:** On Second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from September through December (remaining dates: Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14), children will be guided into gentle movement exercises using the power of their imagination. Transforming into cats, cows, dogs, dolphins will be a highlight of their story hour. They will also learn breathing techniques that calm and center them. It will be a time of joy, wonder and movement. Ms. Pauline is a certified yoga teacher practicing since she was 17 years old. A former school teacher, she began programs to bring yoga to children and teachers in schools throughout Rhode Island. This program is sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Storytime:** On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from Sept. 21 through Dec. 7 (except for second Wednesdays when the library will have Yoga for Toddlers) stop by for stories, songs, rhymes, puppets and coloring for children ages 2 and up and their grown-ups. The dates will include: Sept 21 & 28; Oct. 5, 19 & 26 (Halloween); Nov. 2, 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Art Smart with Ms. Melyssa:** Explore different art techniques and learn about the works of famous artists, at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 through Nov. 2 (for children ages 8 to 12). Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Mohr Library offers special activities for middle-school and high-school age kids most afternoons. For more information contact Young Adult Librarian Marissa Galonski at 401-231-4980 or email [marissa@mohrlibrary.org](mailto:marissa@mohrlibrary.org).

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is now open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The library is located at 1 Memorial Avenue in Johnston. Visit their website: [mohrlibrary.org](http://mohrlibrary.org).

### Johnston Parks & Rec Reminder

Just a general reminder to please follow all park rules, especially no smoking and no dogs are allowed at Johnston Memorial Park.

Rec department staff has "noticed an abundance of cigarette butts and dogs recently" and they are asking the public for help keeping the park clean. Signs with the complete list of park rules are posted at each entrance.

Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use on park grounds. No bikes, scooters, skateboard, etc. are allowed on the walking track that surrounds the pond. They may be used on the center path of the park, Please do not feed the ducks, birds, or any wildlife.

Please keep the park clean by using the available trash barrels. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on town property. No vehicles allowed in the park. No swimming or boating in the pond; No open flames or charcoal grills. Gas grills are permitted. Fire-place use is prohibited. For your safety, please do not climb trees or fences. The park closes at 10 p.m. No overnight parking. No foul language or loud music. Field use is by permit only.

Also, be mindful of parking. Please display a handicap placard if you park in a handicap space. The area behind the office is reserved for employees. If you have any questions, please call 401-272-3460.

### Johnston Historical Society General Meetings

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

The Johnston Historical Society's Elijah Angell House continues to be open by appointment — the society always welcomes visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com), or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public.

Events are subject to change. For more information, call 401-231-3380.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 231-3380 or at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com), [www.johnstonhistorical.org](http://www.johnstonhistorical.org) or [www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

### Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

### Consider donating blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Individuals wishing to donate must book an appointment at the donation center; walk-ins are only accepted if safe distancing allows at the person's time of arrival.

Nearby areas to donate include The Shops at Greenwood, which is located at 615 Greenwich Ave., in Warwick. Sign up by visiting [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).

### Caregivers

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

### Charity Golf Tournament

Nico's Tree nonprofit will hold its fifth annual charity golf tournament on Sept. 25 at the Cranston Country Club (69 Burlingame Road, Cranston) to benefit the nonprofit. Join Nico's Tree for nine holes of golf for a great cause. After the game, enjoy a multi-course buffet dinner with dessert. Don't golf? Join the nonprofit after the tournament for Nico Tree's "Grow a Little Hope" dinner and raffle event for \$40. Registration deadline for golf and dinner is Sept. 19. For more information, call Dana Venteuolo at 401-241-5311 or Dennis Venteuolo at 401-261-3032.

### Bowl For Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BBBSRI) will host its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS), on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lang's Bowlarama in Cranston.

Bowl for Kids' Sake is the fun and easy way for individuals and companies to make an impact on the local community — it only takes a little bit of effort to raise the money that is vital to our program's success. Fundraising teams collect donations and then celebrate their success by attending a local bowling party.

There are two ways to support Bowl For Kids' Sake: One, individuals can sign up in teams of five to participate in a private bowling party, and raise donations from family, friends and colleagues leading up to the event — with a fundraising goal of \$100 for each participant (\$500 per team). Two, community partners and friends can sponsor the event and get a bowling team! Visit [www.secure.qgiv.com/event/2bofkids/](http://www.secure.qgiv.com/event/2bofkids/) to sign up.

### Free Teacher Assistant Training Program

The Comprehensive Community Action Plan is holding a free, virtual teacher assistant training program from Oct. 17 to Oct. 27. Individuals must be 18 to 24 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and a clean BCI. The classes run from noon to 3 p.m. Individuals, if eligible, can get paid to attend class. There will be a paid internship after program completion. For more information, call 401-562-8325.

### Bring Your Own Improv Youth Workshops

Bring Your Own Improv and the Warwick Center for the Arts have a common interest in educating youth. It is with that in mind that BYOI created a program in 2014 for teens, to teach them improv as well as self-confidence and problem-solving skills. The Youth Collective meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Warwick Center for the Arts. For each two-month session, youth take four weeks of workshops followed immediately by four weeks of shows.

Youth must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and no previous experience is required. Parental permission is required. The \$245 fee must be paid in order to hold a youth's spot. The workshops include lessons, the shows and free admission to the 7 p.m. shows for participants. WCFA Members may purchase the workshops at a rate of \$195. Memberships are \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a family of four. Please contact us about becoming a WCFA Member today. This will be the last session offered until January 2023. First come, first serve.

# Johnston Republican Town Committee hosts dinner fundraiser

By SANDRA TAYLOR  
Special to the Sun Rise

On Monday night, Sept. 19, the Johnston Republican Town Committee (JRTC) held its inaugural "A Dinner with Friends Fundraiser."

It was well attended at Copperfield's in Johnston. The endorsed Republican candidates that attended were Ashley Kalus for Governor, Allan Fung for Congressional District 2 and Pat Cortellessa, who is running for Secretary of State, as well as local candidates, Nick Grasso for State Rep for District 43, and Peter Tremenziozzi for State Rep for District 44.

Willy Wayz performed live music. Everyone joined in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Willy was fantastic! There was also a Silent Auction that was well received. Everyone had a great time!

If you are interested in joining the JRTC, email: info@johnstonri.gop.



**STUMP SPEAKERS:** At left, Ashley Kalus, a candidate for Governor, and at right, Allan Fung, candidate for Rhode Island's second Congressional district, were among the speakers at Monday's "A Dinner with Friends" JRTC Fundraiser. (Submitted photos)

## Scoops

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### Ghost Party

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### Drawing the Line

Join East Greenwich Art Club at the East Greenwich Recreation Center, 1127 Frenchtown Road, East Greenwich, for its "Drawing the Line," workshop on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local, professional artist, Mi Ok Song will be the instructor. Her drawings of the human figure and animals are done with colored pens on paper. They reflect the harmony between humans and nature in a whimsical, representational and playful manner. Using pencils, pens, charcoal, colored pens and colored pencils, on paper, you will learn how to draw a definitive, confident line to create a drawing. Song will discuss how to utilize composition, perspective, proportion and negative space. She will also discuss values, darks, lights, shadows, foreground, middle ground and background. You will also learn how to create animals, objects, portraits, self-portraits and landscapes.

### Painting with Gouache

East Greenwich Art Club will hold a "Painting with Gouache" workshop at the East Greenwich Recreation Center, 1127, Frenchtown Road, East Greenwich. This two-day workshop will take place Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contemporary realist, Lorena Pugh, will spend the first day instructing how to use gouache, an opaque, watercolor medium. Participants will do practice experiments to get a feel for and create a small painting. The second day will be working in the plein air park area behind the East Greenwich Recreation Center. In case of inclement weather, we will work from a still life inside the building, using black boxes. Participants may bring whatever still life items they want to paint.

### OLLI Classes for Adults 50+

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode Island continues its registration for the fall semester. OLLI at URI provides classes for adults aged 50 and better. Students can enjoy a variety of classes, in person and via ZOOM, simply for the joy of learning – no tests, no grades. Learn more about OLLI by visiting uri.edu/olli or call the office at 874-4197.

A few selections for the upcoming semester include Conversational Italian, Digital Photography, Broadway Musicals, and a special course, Who Really Killed Michael Jordan's Father? OLLI classes meet at 210 Flagg Road with ample parking right outside the door.

### Harvest Festival

Cranston Police will host its Harvest Festival from 10

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

### Go Birding this Fall

Join the Audubon this fall for morning bird walks. There will be a bird walk at Hunt's Mills in East Providence on Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members and is for those ages 12 and older – advance registration is required. There will also be an annual Hawk Watching trip on Oct. 22 at Napatree Point. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members and is for teens and adults – advance registration is required. To register, visit asri.org and click on the event calendar.

### Governor Sprague Mansion Arts & Crafts Faire

There will be an arts and craft faire from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Governor Sprague Mansion (1351 Cranston St., Cranston). Stop by for unique art and fine crafts by area artisans and learn about the artists and how they became interested in the style they represent. Parking is available in the back of the mansion and the faire's rain date is Oct. 29. The mansion has a call for artists and fine artists (pre-registration fee is \$40 per space). Inquires can be made to Joe Wallace at jwallace@cpsed.net. For more information, text 508-933-4233. Proceeds will benefit the Cranston Historical Society, Governor Sprague Mansion and Joy Homestead.

### Poet Presentation

Nonfiction@Brown lecture series presents "Diana Khoi Nguyen, Lyrical Prose, and the Intimacy of a Sentence." Poet and multimedia artist Diana Khoi Nguyen presents her work on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at Brown University, PVD (location TBA go.brown.edu/nonfiction\_now). This event is free and open to the public and no registration is required! Please see go.brown.edu/nonfiction\_now or contact mhs@brown.edu for further details.

### Craft and Vendor Show

St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary will host its annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. There will be vendors, crafters, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, food and more.

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## fall events

**Fall festival at Warwick Central**  
Warwick Central Baptist Church, in Apponaug, will hold their fall festival Saturday, Sept. 24, noon to 4 p.m. The free festival features live music, games, food and crafts including pumpkins, mask masking and face painting. The rain date Oct. 1.

**Pumpkins at St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
Pumpkins arrive Oct. 8, and sales begin 9 a.m., Oct. 9 and continue until Oct. 31. Saturday and Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday and Friday noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at 111 West Shore Road, Warwick. For more information, call 737-3127 or visit [www.stmarkswarwick.org](http://www.stmarkswarwick.org).

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**Cornerstone of Faith UMC Harvest Breakfast**  
Cornerstone of Faith UMC, 1081 Main Street, Coventry, will hold a Harvest Breakfast on October 1, 8-11AM. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, toast, juice coffee! Cost is \$8/adult, \$4/child (ages 5-10), under 5 free. Proceeds to benefit UMW & UMM for local community service.

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**Harvest Breakfast**  
Harvest Breakfast at Little Rhody Vasa Park, located at 10 Boswell Trail, Foster, RI (right off Rte. 6) on Oct. 1, 8 a.m. to noon. There will be several styles of pancakes: Swedish pancakes, blueberry, Almond Joy, strawberry, banana, chocolate chip and banana/chocolate chip, gluten-free varieties upon request, fruit salad, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea. This all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Checks may be made out to RI District #3 and sent to Jim Ladouceur, 59 Oak Hill Drive, Cranston, RI 02920. Please reserve by Sept. 24 (phone-in reservation to Jim by Sept. 24 at 401-688-0855).

**Oktoberfest at Little Rhody Vasa Park**  
Oktoberfest at Little Rhody Vasa Park, 10 Boswell Trail in Foster, RI on Oct. 16. Dinner served from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with an accordion player (Dan Mackowiak) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and German dancers at 2:30 p.m. The dinner (\$18 for adults and \$7 for children) is choice of Pork Schnitzel or Bratwurst and Knockwurst, German potato salad, Spaetzle, red cabbage, Sauerkraut, and apple cake. Warm pretzel bites with beer cheese can be ordered separately for \$7. Paid advanced reservations are required by Oct. 10. Checks made payable to Pioneer Lodge #506 VOA. Checks sent to: Linda Nelson, 950 Main Ave., Warwick, RI, 02886. Please call Linda with questions (401-737-0813).

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By JENNIFER COATES

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Best of all, but hardly a "small thing," is the presence of Kaushal Jain who came to America with her husband Sripal Jain from Meerut, India many decades ago. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, they have truly fulfilled the American dream of small business ownership. A testament to their diligence is also their remarkable 29-year-old son, Akshay, who obtained a Master's Degree in Bio-Technology at Harvard University. Through small things come great and remarkable results.

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# Sports

## Panthers start 2-2

JHS girls volleyball looks to break slump

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston girls volleyball team is looking to get back on track after dropping its last two matches. The Panthers got off to a hot start this fall by winning their first two matchups, but have since dipped to 2-2 overall.

Johnston rolled past Exeter-West Greenwich and North Smithfield by a combined score of 6-1 to start the season but would drop consecutive matches to Westerly and Chariho, 3-1 each. During those two losses, the team played without two starters who are battling illness.

"We started off really strong going 2-0, then (against Chariho), two of my starters weren't there and they just didn't play to their ability. The energy was off for the Westerly game and then the dynamic changed. We threw together a rotation at the last minute (against Westerly) and the girls did an amazing job all things considered, but it just didn't work out for them," said Johnston coach Greta Lalli.

The Panthers return six seniors this fall, with all six making up the starting lineup. Despite the recent slump, Lalli is confident in her group and feels that the team's experience will



**BACK AND FORTH:** Johnston's Gisselly Nunez returns a shot against Chariho on Monday night. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)



**CHAMPS:** The Action Auto Parts 70+ senior softball team that won the championship. (Submitted photo)

## Action Auto Parts, Invaders win senior softball titles on Cape

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While the Cape is usually winding down after Labor Day, senior softball players from the northeast help to fill that void.

There were a number of Rhode Island teams traveling to play in Harwich, South Dennis, South Yarmouth and Yarmouth. The 50+, 60+ and 65+ divisions played September 9-11, while the 70+ and 75+ divisions played September 12-14.

There was Action Auto Parts 60's and The Invaders competing in the 50+ division. Deep Purple and M & J Design played in the 60+ division, Woodmansee Insurance played in the 65+, Action Auto Parts 70's in the 70+ division and Tabor Franchi VFW in the 75+ division.

Two Rhode Island teams ended up winning their division.

The Invaders, in the 50+ division, came back from a 0-4 start in Pool Play to beat Ockers CC 18-6 in the semi-finals, and MVSSA Storm 25-9 in the Championship finals.

In the 70+ division Action Auto Parts 70's went 2-2 in pool play. In the bracket championship they defeated New Hampshire Nemesis 70's 22 - 21 in the quarter-finals, Western Mass Relics 70's 8 - 6 in the semi-finals, and defeated the Cape Cod Dugout Dawgs CC 14 - 9 in the Championship finals.

Playing for Action Auto Parts 70's in the tournament were: Don Ardito, Artie Butts, Lou Ciummo, Paul Danesi, Jimmy Dean, Mario DeAngelis, Frank DeCorpo, Wayne Gilbert, Tom Kopytko, Dan Liparini, Jack Medeiros, Tom Purvis, Kevin Sheehan, and Larry Thomas.

## Team Civetti takes 2nd at Albert 'Cookie' DeLory Memorial Golf tournament

By PETE FONTAINE

They didn't take home the prize, however, Johnston Town Councilman Robert J. "Bob" Civetti's entry into the 2nd Annual Albert "Cookie" Memorial Golf Tournament enjoyed two honors during last Friday's 9-hole event at Harbor Lights golf Club in Warwick.

Team Civetti - which included legendary baseball player/RI Baseball Institute Director John Mello, David Civetti and Francesco Fezzuoglio - finished with a score of 32, one stroke less than Team McGarry's 31.

However, Civetti's crew took home the unofficial title of having the oldest golfer to play in the now highly-successful DeLory Memorial Golf Tournament that last year raised \$10,000 for Colorectal Cancer Foundation and this time will benefit Operation Standdown, Save the Bay and a scholarship foundation in Cookie's memory.

Fezzuoglio, a long-time barber in Johnston, became the oldest player in the tourney's brief two-year history



**COUNCILMAN'S CREW:** Johnston Town Councilman Bob Civetti, Francesco Fezzuoglio, John Mello and David Civetti finished as the runners-up in last Friday's golf tourney. (Sun Rise photo courtesy of Bruce Caldwell)

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# 'The fishing line was 200 feet up in the air!'

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Eric Duda of Tiverton, RI took Friday off to fish. "We fished most of the day and gave up on tautog fishing at 3 p.m. and headed back up the Sakonnet River. Duda said, "Didn't see any surface action anywhere so we decided to troll for false albacore. Just as I was going to call it a day, I heard from the back of the boat the clicker going off."

"I turned around and grabbed the rod to reel and noticed the line was not in back of the boat anymore and now about 200 feet up in the air! Bird! Gave it a small pull to see if it would free the bird but nope, and the bird landed on the water," said Duda. "It was a HUGE osprey! Five-foot wing span. Lure was stuck on its foot. Luckily, we were able to flip it over and we netted it, and I was able to unhook it. Talons on it, I'm sure could do some serious damage! Flipped it out of the net and it took off, and was fine!"

Birds are often fooled (just as we hope fish are) of thinking the bait or lure we are trolling or casting is an easy meal. They swoop down and snag the bait often getting hooked. When casting into a school of fish on the surface chances of hooking a bird feeding on surface bait increases dramatically. Cast to the side of the feeding birds to avoid hooking one.

Nice job keeping your cool Eric and successfully releasing the osprey.

**Giant bluefin tuna close to shore**  
Climate change impacts on fish species create winners and losers in the fishing world.

One major climate related impact we have experienced in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for the past three years is an excellent inshore

tuna bite. The bait or forage tuna like to eat i.e. mackerel, herring, Atlantic menhaden, squid, bluefish, butterfish, false albacore and a host of others have been in our area in great abundance due in part to warming water. So the bluefin and yellowfin tuna are here dining on these robust bait profiles along with large pods (hundreds) of porpoise and dolphin.

Last week the giant bluefin tuna bite was strong and close to shore. So good we have reached our monthly limit both for commercial and recreational giant bluefin tuna (fish > 72 inches) and the fishery is closed for the month.

About 30 bluefin giants were caught on Sunday, Sept. 11 off Scarborough Beach, Narragansett.

Monday of last week, Jeff Sullivan, an associate at Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, RI fished for giant bluefin off the Sakonnet River with fishing partners and friend Capt. Rob Taylor of Newport Sportfishing Charters. The foursome caught a 600-pound, 100-inch giant bluefin tuna less than five miles off the Sakonnet River. Many other giant bluefin were caught in State waters less than three miles off Newport.

Anglers fishing for bluefin tuna need a federal Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit and are required to report their catches. Bluefin tuna fishing is highly regulated. Regulations often change to prevent overfishing so anglers are urged to check regulations before fishing trips. For information visit <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>.

### Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. Matt Conti of Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "The fall migration has started with small fish arriving off Narragansett. Large schools of

fish just under slot size (28 to < 35 inches) were off the beaches."

Declan Thomas O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown said, "The salt pond and Breachway continuing to produce some nice sized fish. Surfcasters have been doing well on Yo-Zuri Mag-Darters and Super Strike Bullets. Fishing live eels in the pond has been producing bass up to around 15 pounds."

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "There is so much bait in the water that the false albacore is all the way up the East Passage to Barrington, East Providence and Cranston along with bluefish and striped bass feeding on the surface. Sometimes they are mixed in so it is a matter of seeing them on the surface. We also have an abundance of squid to 25 inches being caught off Newport that is attracting fish."

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. Summer flounder continue to be caught but it is a slow pick. Scup fishing continues to be good particularly in areas with structure and water movement i.e. ledges, bridge abutments, jetties, etc. We caught large scup to 15 inches when tautog fishing off Newport. "Most anglers are targeting albies so the bottom fishing has taken a back seat," said Henault.

Tautog fishing is starting to come alive as anglers begin targeting them. We had a slow pick in deeper water off Newport this weekend, all small fish. Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle said, "We are selling a lot of crabs, anglers are fishing for tautog but the bite is not good. We have had few reports of keeper fish being caught." "Those who have been targeting tautog are doing well

with fish in relatively shallow water right now," said O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle. Conti of Snug Harbor said, "The tautog are still fallow... in 20 feet of water, however, with storms this week things might change forcing them a little deeper."

False albacore and tuna. Giant bluefin tuna fishing for both recreational and commercial license holders is now closed for the month. Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle said, "False albacore fishing had been very good. Many of our customers are hooking up with them. The schools of false albacore are so large we screened an online video of giant bluefin feeding on schools of false albacore "False albacore have been pretty thick out at the Gully crashing tuna rigs so you know the beaches and inland fishing for them will be good. This weekend the Gully bite for yellowfin slowed as the water cooled with some fish, smaller ones, being caught 8 to 10 miles south of the Gully," said Conti.

Freshwater fishing is improving as the water is cooling a bit. "The water has been warm so freshwater fishing has not been good in our area. Things will pick up as the water cools," said Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle. Henault said, "The water is cooling so the largemouth bite is improving. Trout fishing will kick in after fall/winter stockings."

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

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**GIANT BLUEFIN:** Jeff Sullivan caught this 600 pound, 100 inch giant bluefin tuna five miles off the Sakonnet River with fishing partners and friend Capt. Rob Taylor of Newport Sportfishing Charters. (Submitted photo)

# College Notes: RIC trio continues to impress

By **BRENDEN SOARES**

Cranston is once again well-represented on the roster of the Rhode Island College women's tennis team, as natives Jenna Lisi, Lauren Macera and Serena Bobola are suiting up this fall for the Anchorwomen.

Lisi has been the undisputed standout for the RIC squad, competing at the top of the order in singles and doubles, going unbeaten in both disciplines thus far while dropping only nine games.

The La Salle product claimed each of her singles matches by identical 6-1, 6-0 scorelines, accounting for Salve Regina's Sailor Nordstrom on September 3 before sweeping aside Bridgewater State's Madeline von Ruden this past Saturday.

In doubles play, Lisi has been

paired with fellow former Ram Macera, and they have combined to string together an 8-3 triumph over opposition from Salve before improving in their next outing, an 8-2 decision over a Bridgewater State partnership.

Macera plays in the number-two singles slot and started her campaign in the best possible way, defeating the Seahawks' Alexa Stevens without dropping a game before taking care of the Bears' Abigail Ramer 6-3, 6-0 to up her mark to 2-0 on the year.

Last but not least, Cranston East graduate Bobola has provided some depth at the back end of the slate for the Anchorwomen, playing one match each at fifth and sixth singles and a pair of tilts in the number-three doubles slot.

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**LOCAL LINK:** Former Johnston Town Councilman Richard J. DeFino III (right), Director of Municipal Affairs, presents Co-Chairs Deb Mangina and Robert Hartington with an official citation from Gov. Dan McKee. (Sun Rise photo by Alex Sponseller)

## ■ Golf

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when he teed it up at age 78. "He enjoys the game of golf and can still hit it," Civetti offered of Fezzuoglio. "He had just as much fun as all the golfers did. This was a well-organized and well-run golf tourney that will probably be sold out again next year. The (post-tourney) steak fry was great, too."

Each member of every foursome in the 78-player field received a framed

photograph of their group and a special bag courtesy of the committee, OSDRI and Save the Bay.

Likewise, there was another Johnston connection at the tourney.

Richard J. DeFino III, former Johnston Town Councilman who is now the Director of Municipal Affairs for Gov. Daniel J. McKee, was on hand to present Co-chairs Deborah Mangina and Robert Hartington with a special State of RI Citation from the governor who was ironically serving lunch to seniors at OSDRI.



**SUPPORTING SIGNS:** These are the huge banners that were set up at Harbor Lights Golf Course in Warwick for last Friday's 2nd annual Albert "Cookie" Memorial Golf Tournament that will benefit both agencies his time around.

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**RETURN FIRE:** Johnston's Jaylen Molina returns a shot against Chariho on Monday evening.

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guide the Panthers to a big rebound down the stretch.

"We didn't have any seniors last year so the dynamic carried through into this year. They were so strong the first two games, it's a game so they're not going to be on all the time. We have two girls that play club so that gives us an extra push, then the other girls want to measure up, so everyone is working super hard in practice and they are doing everything they can, they're not holding anything back," Lalli said.

The Panthers squared off against Barrington on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time. Johnston will be hitting the road to take on St. Ray's on Thursday and then will travel to Middletown on Monday.

Getting healthy and finding a rhythm will be key moving forward, according to Lalli.

"We were fortunate to not have many illnesses during COVID, but now with these illnesses, we're at a bit of a stand still and don't know what tomorrow is going to bring ... who's going to come, what the lineup is going to be. It's a little concerning, but I know that they're going to play with their hearts and play with everything that they have," said Lalli.



**BOUNCE BACK:** Johnston's Michelina Irons on Monday.

# COLLECTIBLES



## FINLAND

(right) One of the "holy grails" of Finnish rifle collecting is the ultra-rare "SAT" barrel mark. SAT was a Finnish ordnance factory at Riihimäki and an early maker of Finn barrels. Fewer than 200 rifles are reported to have been stamped with this mark. Note that this mark is not on the sniper rifle shown here, but is being squeezed in as a last minute addition. (Steve Kehava collection)

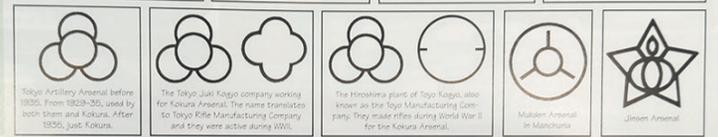
The Finns captured significant numbers of Russian sniper rifles during the World War II era. Some of them were put into Finnish service without any modifications at all. Others, however, were worked to varying degrees, either initially or after the original barrel wore out. This example was rebuilt by the Finns using a Russian PU scope and mount, a 1937-dated Toki Model 1891/30 receiver and barrel set (doubtless chosen for accuracy), and a Finnish stock.

Finland did not exist as an independent nation until revolution disrupted the old Russian empire during World War I. Civil War followed and most Finns aligned themselves with the "White" (i.e., anti-communist) side. It was during this conflict that Finland began its remarkably long relationship with the Mosin-Nagant rifle. Having inherited vast stockpiles of the rifles from Russian arsenals in Finland, the Finns captured plenty more during the Civil War. Thus, having had a rifle system thrust upon them by fate, Finland proceeded to make the Mosin-Nagant their own. A long series of upgrades and rebuilding programs followed, creating a unique series of rifles that would outperform the Russian originals.

## A note on matching numbers:

As with most military firearms, it is preferable to collect Japanese rifles with all matching parts. Be aware that most of these parts will be marked with the last three digits of the serial number. However, some types of rifles have an assembly number found under the receiver, which can also be used for matching.

## Common Japanese Arsenal Marks

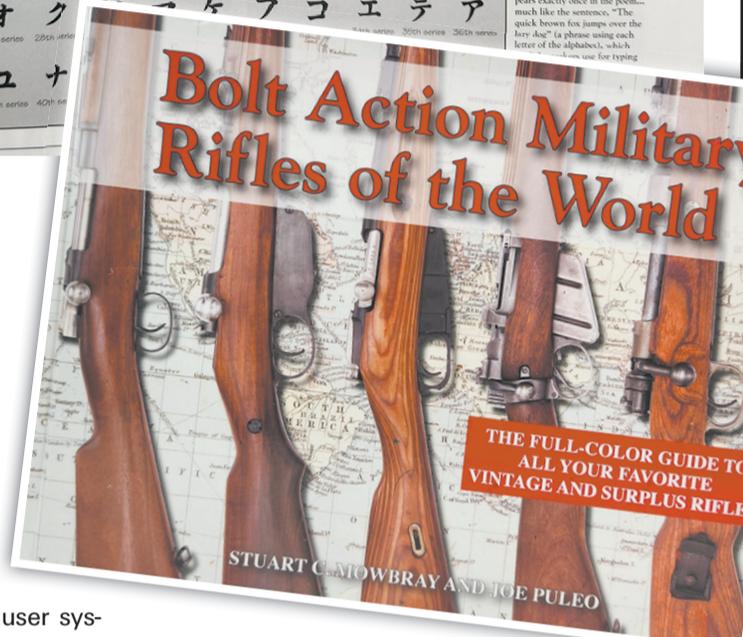


## Kana Characters used for Series Marks (Serial Number Prefixes)

イ	ロ	ハ	ニ	ホ	ト	チ	リ	ヌ	ル	ヲ	
1st series	2nd series	3rd series	4th series	5th series	6th series	7th series	8th series	9th series	10th series	11th series	12th series
ワ	カ	ヨ	タ	レ	ソ	ツ	ネ	メ	ラム	ウ	
13th series	14th series	15th series	16th series	17th series	18th series	19th series	20th series	21st series	22nd series	23rd series	24th series
キ	ノ	オ	ク	ケ	フ	コ	エ	テ	ア		
25th series	26th series	27th series	28th series	29th series	30th series	31st series	32nd series	33rd series	34th series	35th series	36th series
サ	キ	ユ	ナ								
37th series	38th series	39th series	40th series								

To the left is a table that translates the 48 Kana characters used as batch or series prefixes for Japanese rifle serial numbers. These symbols are not letters, but representations of spoken syllables. Using these symbols, any word can be written phonetically in Japanese. Their numbers are determined by their order in a poem called Iroha. Japanese school children recite this poem as a memorization aid, much like American children learn the Alphabet Song. Each phonetic sound appears exactly once in the poem—much like the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" (a phrase using each letter of the alphabet), which is also one for typing.

# Understanding Military Bolt-action Rifles



**By Joel Bohy**  
Historic Arms & Militaria  
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One of the not-so-easy parts of collecting, or cataloging, military bolt-action rifles from all over the world is understanding all the guns, makers, variations, and when alterations or changes were made. To search the internet or purchase a volume on each one would take hours and would be cost prohibitive.

What is a collector to do? After years of frustration, I found the go-to volume on this subject. Bolt Action Military Rifles of the World was published in 2009 by Mowbray Publications in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. It is written by arms scholar and publisher Stuart Mowbray and arms expert Joe Puleo. The two of them systematically and by country went through all of the bolt-action arms made for each country and organized them into chapters that are easily found and quite easy to figure out. As with all of Mowbray's publications, the photography is clear and crisp with the details and various markings shown. There are also photographs of many of the bayonets that go with each rifle which helps with identifying the proper bayonet to go with a specific arm.

But it isn't just a book to easily identify the rifle you might have. There is a section that breaks down the evolution of the bolt-action and makes the history and technology understandable to just about anyone.

One of the most popular rifles use the Mauser system and there is also a chapter that breaks down each example made from the Model 1871 to the K98k used during World War II and has an image of each one as well as the key features and updates important to each model.

Markings are also important to understanding the particular rifle you might have. The arsenal markings are all shown and described making it easy to know where a rifle was built and can also help with dating it. One example would be Japanese markings. There is a page with all the arsenal marks and what they mean, as well as the Kana characters used to mark a series or prefix on a serial number. Each character is shown with the series number. There are also notes on where to look for serial or assembly numbers to see if a rifle is all matching. To do this work for each rifle used in the world would take forever, but here it is all listed in one book.

I have just about worn my first copy out but luckily, I bought another and have it on the shelves as a backup. This book has literally saved me hours of research and time. If you collect bolt-action rifles, this book is a must have.

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## 'Oughterard is a lot like Rhode Island'

### Discovering, exploring those Irish roots

By ERIN O'BRIEN

First of all, there's really no such thing as an Irish short story.

The seed was planted for my journey long ago, with a seventh grade social studies assignment to create my family tree. I already knew Grammy and Grandpa were from Chicago and New York. I hid my disappointment from my father when he said my great-grandmother was from St. Louis. I sighed; my friend's mom was from England, and her dad had a Cherokee ancestor.

On my mom's side, her mom was from Boston, and her dad from Los Angeles, like us. Then she smiled to remember her Irish great-grandfather, Barthly Molloy. I wrote his name on a shamrock leaf on my paper, as I filled in the other half of my family tree. One day, I decided, I'd stand where Barthly once stood, and see what he had seen.

This August, as I packed my suitcase, I included a photocopy of Barthly's sepia tone portrait to carry with me. His tweed flat cap framed his light eyes, and a jaunty boutonniere adorned his lapel. It's the one of the few photographs I have of him, recent acquisitions from my ancestry research, where my path converged with that of a fellow time traveler, Julie, from a different branch of the family tree. Over the past two years she's become a pen pal and friend, as we've shared family photos and information, filling in the blank pages of the family history, and signing our correspondence, "Cousin."

My destination was County Galway, the place where I landed 30 years ago, with a compass and a map in my backpack, and wondered aloud to Pat, my Irish friend I made along the way, if our ancestors had met. "I knew the moment we met you were a Galway Girl," he'd said. The gift of the Blarney, I'd thought quietly.

Years later, my research would lead me to a copy of Barthly's immigration card, and the name of his hometown in County Galway, Oughterard ("Uachtar Ard" in Irish, "the height on the upper side of the river.") I remembered Pat identifying me as a Galway Girl.

The old church was there, where my great-great-great grandparents brought Bartholomew Joseph Molloy to be baptized when he was two days old, and where he returned as a widower from America, to remarry. His home was a stone's throw from the church. His final resting place was nearby, beyond the remaining walls of a stone chapel. I'd mapped it out, and conferred with Julie. "On the way to the church you'll run right into the house," she assured me, and emailed me the coordinates to the headstone in the cemetery. These events in the life of Barthly Molloy would provide me with my itinerary.

As I looked below to see the patchwork quilt of green fields, stitched together with stone fences, I remembered the first time I'd gazed upon it from a plane window. The sight filled me with the same anticipation.

My cabbie, Liam, was waiting when I arrived at Shannon Airport. "Hi, Liam!" I waved. We'd corresponded by email and I'd proposed my itinerary—with a side trip to Aughnanure Castle, and the Quiet Man bridge. As it turned out, his was the only cab company in Oughterard, population 1,319, and he was available.



The author bid a fond farewell to Liam, her cabbie and personal tour guide in Oughterard. (E. O'Brien)

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Kilcummin Cemetery, located just outside of town, is Barthly's final resting place, where the relic of a stone chapel can be seen in the background. The oldest grave dates to 1747. (E. O'Brien)

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Bartholomew Joseph "Barthly" Molloy, in the traditional flat cap, appears in an undated studio photograph. (Private collection)

Barthly left his home in Ireland at age 20, securing this United States immigration and naturalization card record. (Ancestry.com)



Annie Connelly Molloy is breathtaking on her wedding day in 1886. (Private collection)

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On the hour and a half drive to my ancestral home, like any good cabbie, Liam described the landmarks along the way, noting the remains of a derelict castle on the side of the freeway, university buildings, and he even pointed out a rainbow.

Liam asked where I was from, and when I said I was originally from California, but recently from the smallest state, Rhode Island, he responded, "Ah, yes, the Boston Red Sox."

**Coincidences start adding up**

I mentioned the only book I could find on Oughterard, was by Jess Walsh, who, by the way, had the same surname as my great-great-great grandmother. "Oh, she lives right over here," he casually mentioned, with a nod over his left shoulder. Before I knew it, he'd pressed her number on his cell phone mounted on the dashboard. "Hello, Jess, Liam here. I have a lady looking for the Walshes..." This was the first of many coincidences I would encounter on my trip.

"Tell her I have her book!" I whispered.

On the road, the miles of picturesque rural settings gradually changed to more established

towns. On the subject of Walshes, I referred to Barthly's house in Oughterard, down the street from the church, owned by a Nora Walsh as recently as 2009. Julie had mentioned something about a funeral home, and I'd seen Walsh's Funeral Directors on a Google street view of Oughterard.

Again, Liam reached for the call button on his phone, saying, "Dermot Walsh," in explanation, as the phone rang. I heard a man's voice on the line. "Hello, Dermot, Liam here. I have a lady here looking for the Molloy house..." I wondered how many Walshes lived in Oughterard. Dermot explained the Molloy house was two doors down from his business, and currently owned by Mr. O'Toole. I began to feel like a character in a BBC miniseries.

Liam smiled at me in the rear-view mirror and summarized, "Oughterard is a lot like Rhode Island."

My hotel was located in the town square, which I'd chosen for its proximity to Barthly's footsteps. There I met Yvonne, whom I'd communicated with by email as well. The new restaurant employee was an 18-year-old young lady by the name of Molloy. "You'll have to meet Antoinette Lydon," she decided, writing down the person's contact information. "She's a local genealogist." Not

even inside my hotel room yet, I already had three leads.

Eager for adventure, but too hungry to explore, I walked across the square to a restaurant, among the buildings festooned with tiny triangular flags in the colors of the Irish tricolor flag, which ran from one roof to another across the street. My table was beside a session band of two fiddlers and a banjo player who were playing the jig, "Calliope House." As the three musicians were bathed in lights, and the sweet sounds of the strings filled the room, I was transported to the past on my first night back in County Galway.

The musicians took a break as a waitress replenished their pints of beer. I thanked them for the song, and the woman fiddler asked if there was anything I'd like to hear. "The Black Velvet Band," was my request. Noting my accent, her fellow flautist said, "I'll play you an American version." Irish music, I've found, is either very happy, or very sad. So after a very happy song, followed by a very sad one, I floated back to the hotel, imagining the discoveries that awaited me in the morning.

After a breakfast of bracing Irish tea with milk and brown treacle bread, and under a light mist, I headed around the corner towards the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Julie had been right. On the way,

there was the little house situated on a corner, partially below the level of the sidewalk, two doors down from Walsh's. Its two front windows, dressed with lace curtains, were obscured by bushes. It had a large chimney adjacent to the next building, and a smaller one towards the center of its shingled roof. Dermot Walsh had remembered it with a thatched roof.

The front door, in a blue almost as bright as the house, had a latch instead of a knob. I stood there for quite some time, picturing the house its former glory, like White O'Morn Cottage in "Quiet Man."

Of course, I eventually knocked. I wasn't planning on it. I began to rehearse what I might say: "Hello, Mr. O'Toole, I'm Erin O'Brien..." I knocked again. "Hi, my name is Erin, and my great-great grandfather Molloy lived in your house." Finally, I walked around to the back of the house. The yard was completely enveloped in morning glory, and enclosed by a cement wall. Maybe Barthly and Mary had a vegetable garden back there; perhaps they cooked over one hearth, and sat together beside the other in the evenings.

The mist cleared as I continued down the street towards the church. I pictured the pen and ink rendering of the original building, as it looked in 1840,

to imagine the Molloy family there.

There it was ahead of me, its grey gothic tower looming among the very treetops. Arches beckoned me to pass through them. Behind the church, three tall Celtic crosses in the grass marked the graves of former pastors. I could hear the river rushing beyond the stone wall and the trees as I came nearer.

**Lighting a candle**

Inside, the church the walls were warm with light, a golden hue. A wedding coordinator was placing the final touches on the pews. As she silently worked, I admired the wood floor, the black and white tile aisle, and the small chandeliers which hung above the stained glass windows, one of St. Patrick. The baptismal font was made of Connemara marble with a wooden lid. I imagined Barthly's parents and godparents, and an old monsignor, in this very spot, that morning in 1863.

A sacristan greeted me and I introduced myself, sharing the reason for my visit. Father Connolly had responded to my email, and suggested I write a 50 to 70 word family history, which he offered to publish in the parish bulletin two Sundays before

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my arrival. The sacristan had remembered reading it, and retrieved the most recent bulletin, which we scoured for my notice.

She saw me before the candles, and took some coins out of her pocket, placing them in my hand. "For your special intention," she nodded. I thanked her, and we said goodbye. Alone in the church, I lit one of the candles in gratitude.

The sun was out, and in front of my hotel I noticed a woman had approached Liam's cab. She carried a metal grocery basket on her arm and was deep in conversation with him.

It was Louise, Liam's wife, who needed a ride home with her perishable groceries. Liam introduced us, and because it was in Ireland, Louise invited me to visit next time I was in Ireland.

Power's Pub, trimmed in red, with its thatch roof and red door, beckoned from across the street. A chalkboard sign outside read, "If passing and you need the loos please feel welcome." In the entrance, Cead Mile Failte ("A Hundred Thousand Welcomes") was painted overhead. Inside, the fireplace mantle was decorated with framed holy cards, a painting of John Wayne in Quiet Man, and a Guinness mirror hung above it.

I was shown to a table by the window. When the waiter heard me speak, he asked where I was from. "Rhode Island," I said, prepared to explain it was near Boston. Then the waiter wanted to know where in Rhode Island. "Warwick," I answered. Of course, our waiter had worked in Boston, and had traveled to Warwick often for work for the May Company department store.

Messages from both Jess, the local photographer, and Antoinette, the genealogist, were waiting for me when I returned to the hotel to make tea with the electric kettle in my room. I was to meet them both at the courthouse at 10 o'clock the following morning. Naturally, they were acquainted.

On the road to the courthouse, the river kept me company as it gurgled by. The building turned out to be a former courthouse, now a community space. When I walked in the empty room, I looked up to see a woman waving from the top of a corner staircase. It was Antoinette.

Her office was the lone room upstairs, where her computer screen displayed the Oughterard Heritage website. It dawned on me she was the website administrator who'd contacted me, when Julie answered my query about Barthly Molloy. "Yes," she smiled, "I've brought a lot of people together."

A smiling Jess appeared at the top of the stairs, her arms laden with some of her books. The three of us sat in front of the computer screen, as Antoinette asked for Barthly's birth, death, and marriage dates, which I supplied. Each of us curious to learn where his parents lived in Oughterard, I promised Julie I'd investigate. The Molloy address didn't appear on the baptism documents, but Antoinette said there were some people in town she could talk to, and she'd contact me.



Barthly and his second wife, Mary Roland Molloy, on the occasion of their wedding in 1929, made their home down the street from the church in Oughterard. (Private collection)

**A peaceful resting place**

Jess's husband was a Walsh, but Jess wasn't familiar with the Walsh who was Barthly's mother. She asked where I was off to next, and I told her the final stop on my pilgrimage was to Kilcummin Cemetery, to visit Barthly's grave. Since she was traveling in that direction, she offered me a ride. She presented

me with her photography books, signing them for me.

A few minutes later, as Jess pulled up alongside the cemetery, another car arrived, parking in front of us. It was Antoinette, who'd decided, "I thought you might need a ride back to the hotel." I was relieved not to be left on my own in an old graveyard to find a headstone.

There was no sign at the entrance to the cemetery, only an opening in the wall. There stood the remaining portion of the derelict chapel, just as Julie had described, the uppermost stones festooned with dried vines, while lichen crept up from the earth.

Antoinette carried her GPS device as we three traversed the undulating grass of the graveyard. Part of her work on the Oughterard Heritage site includes the Kilcummin Cemetery Mapping Project. The earliest gravesite dates to 1747.

We reached Barthly's headstone where the old chapel served as a backdrop. I'd come to the end of my pilgrimage, and wasn't sure if it would be an emotional moment when I stood at Barthly's final resting place. "Hi, Barthly," I smiled, as if to introduce myself. I'd forgotten flowers. A lonely dirt-filled terra-cotta pot was beside the grave where his second wife, Mary, rested beside him. I recalled the end of an Irish blessing: "...and may you die in Ireland."

I had 20 euros left in my wallet. Antoinette promised to pick out a plant or flowers to leave for Barthly the next time she was at the cemetery. When I enclosed the bills in an envelope, I added a note for Barthly, struggling momentarily with what to write. Perhaps I should introduce myself, or mention my mom remembered him, or thank him for the life I've had because he was brave enough to immigrate to the United States. I decided on a simple message: "With affection, Your great-great granddaughter, Erin."

I had not only walked in his footsteps, but found myself fondly attached to his hometown and its inhabitants.

The next day, on the way to the airport in Liam's van, I looked at the lush green fields of cows, and sheep and horses, separated by stones that had been dug out of the land. As I dreamt, I was already planning my return trip.

Liam broke the silence. "Yesterday at the airport I picked up four guys from Rhode Island."

**Gamm play searches for truth through historical fiction**

Theatre Review by DON FOWLER

Director Tony Estrella has gathered seven outstanding actors to tell a haunting tale of truth and reality over the course of 90 years of Russian and Polish history.

Rajiv Joseph's epic play, "Describe the Night," begins with two characters, a writer and a soldier, attempting to describe the night.

Isaac Babel (Michael Liebhauser) is the revolutionary writer who meets up with Nikolai on the Russian front in 1920, gets into a heavy conversation about truth and reality, setting the tone for the next 90 years of history.

Sixty-nine years later, we meet a KGB agent who falls in love with the woman he is spying on, ending disastrously.

Estrella has discovered a number of talented actors to fill the challenging roles, none better than Jeff Church as Vova. Church has several outstanding credits to his name at Burbage, Wilbury, Trinity and Gamm.

His scenes opposite the news reporter (Donnia Hughes) are tense and physical.

The play requires our careful attention as it switches characters and time periods. It helps if you arrive early and read Estrella's piece in the program.

Playwright Joseph uses real and fictional characters, playing with truth and fiction just enough to make us stay alert.

"Truth is what happened" we are told. But two people can observe an action and see it differently, so what is the truth?

A found diary is important to the outcome of the play, and it takes nearly three hours to connect all the dots.

Michael McGarty's set, with the Berlin Wall used effectively to represent a number of locations.

Once again, Estrella challenges his audiences to pay attention, seek out the truth, and apply it to our lives.

"Describe the Night" is at Warwick's Gamm Theatre through October 9. Call 723-4266 for reservations.

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By Karen Kalunian  
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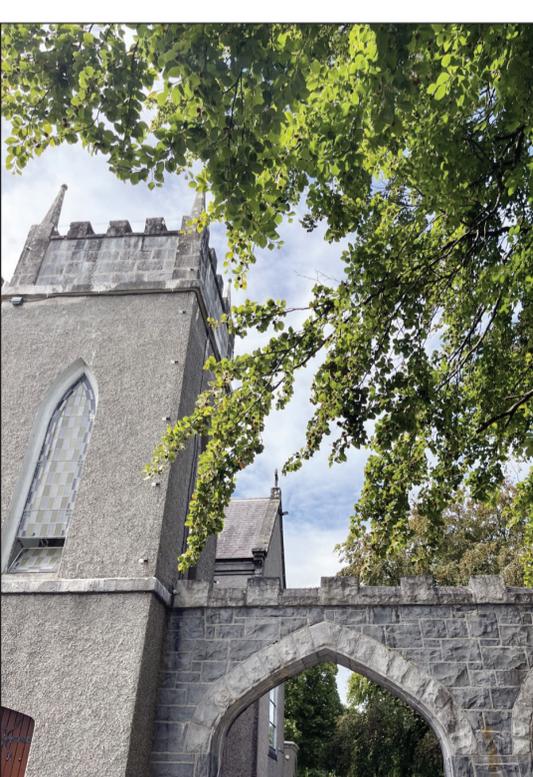


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The Church of the Immaculate Conception, the site of Barthly's baptism, was where he remarried upon his return to Oughterard as a widower. Established in 1829, the church was originally known as St. Mary's. After a fire destroyed the original building in 1879, the church was rebuilt between 1932 and 1934. (E. O'Brien)



A session band at The Boat Inn, Oughterard, plays the jig, "Calliope House." (E. O'Brien)



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## Vote Friday on 'historic' electric rate hike

### Opponents to surging power bills deliver emotional pleas

By RORY SCHULER

A vote on a statewide electricity rate hike has been scheduled for Friday.

Leading up to the decision, public hearings allowed Ocean State residents, advocates and politicians to make impassioned pleas to regulators, urging them to reject a nearly 47 percent winter electric rate hike.

"This sledgehammer approach ... lacks creativity, but most of all, it lacks empathy," Rev. Dr. Donnie Anderson told the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (PUC) at a public hearing on Friday. "Disproportionately it affects the people who can least afford it. And make no mistake; this rate increase will result in increased homelessness and in people dying. That's a reality you must face. And I appreciate that you have a responsibility to the State of Rhode Island and to the laws of the State of Rhode Island, but we all are subject to a higher authority that demands we treat each other ethically and with eq-

uity. And I urge you to reject this proposal."

The PUC has scheduled an open meeting for Friday, where a vote on the "historic" electric rate increase will likely occur. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 23 in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.

"Because this is not a hearing, the PUC will not be accepting oral public comments," according to the meeting notice. "The Open Meeting will be streamed live."

#### The Rationale

Earlier this year, the DPUC permitted the acquisition of Rhode Island power provider Narragansett Electric Company (NEC) (formerly owned by National Grid), by Pennsylvania power company PPL (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power and Light), forming a new company, Rhode Island Energy.



**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:** Marie Hennedy, of Warwick, read aloud a letter to the editor she had published in the Cranston Herald, Warwick Beacon and Johnston Sun Rise, on rising electric rates, headlined "Let's all pay payable electric bills." Hennedy asked the DPUC if "that monopoly" needs "a 50 percent rate hike." (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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**APPLE WINNER:** Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright held her "Golden Apple" close to her heart after the award ceremony last week. (Sun Rise photo)

## Ferri teacher wins 'Golden Apple'

By RORY SCHULER

As her classroom filled bulletin board to desk, Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright held her "Golden Apple" close to her heart last Thursday.

"The nomination and recognition of Joan Wright for the Golden Apple honor is one of the most deserving," said Johnston Public Schools Superintendent Bernard DiLullo Jr. "This teacher goes about her day only focused on the needs of her students not only academically, but emotionally and physically."

Wright posed with the Golden Apple, her family, and school administrators following the award ceremony at lunch last Thursday.

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## OUTSIDE HITTERS



**PANTHERS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK:** The Johnston girls volleyball team sits at 2-2, dropping its last two matches after winning its first two of the fall season. The Panthers have playoff aspirations and are looking to get back on track with a loaded schedule in the coming weeks. Read the story on Page 19. Pictured is Talia Laflamme making a play at the net. (Photo by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

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**PROUD PANTHERS:** These are some of members of the Johnston High School Class of 2026 that will host a car wash Sunday at Anthony's Auto Body. The group includes Oliva Forgetta, Alexandra Muso, Anthony Vinacco, Ryan Capraro, Cameron Veitch, Gianna "The Dinosaur" Ferranti, Brea Pezzullo, Holland Rodgers and Jadyon Giroux.

# Class of 2026 hosts car wash

By PETE FONTAINE

If you're in need of a car wash, show up this Sunday morning — September 25 — at 119 Greenville Ave. in Johnston from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. where some enterprising young students will be waiting and ready to fulfill your dirty car's needs.

Moreover, if you enjoy helping high school students and supporting their all-important fundraising efforts, members from the Johnston High School Class of 2026 will really appreciate donations, as well as have fun washing your vehicle.

Sunday's event will be the Class of 2026's second such car wash at Anthony's Auto Body, where owner Anthony Ferranti has once again opened his facility to help JHS students.

The JHS Class of 2025 has held successful car washes during the summer months to raise money to build its float for the 2022 and unmatched Homecoming celebration that will be held next month with a town-wide parade and crowning of the King and Queen at halftime of the football game.

There is no set fee for Sunday's fundraising car wash and the Class of 2026 will graciously accept any and all contributions. The students will also be supported by their parents and class advisor.



**AWESOME ADVERTISING:** Alexandra Musa — as well as her Johnston High School Class of 2026 mates — will be holding similar signs Sunday morning (Sept. 25) at Anthony's Auto Body where they'll hold a special car wash. (Submitted photos)

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# Johnston Police host Night Out

By PETE FONTAINE

There were many special success stories surrounding the Johnston Police Department's recent National Night Out held inside Johnston's War Memorial Park.

"This was certainly vintage JPD," many people offered during what many people from senior citizens to attending Johnstonians noted could have also been called "a community cookout of huge proportions."

To which Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza noted: "Our National Night Out was a huge success spearheaded by Capt. Mike Babbitt and Officer Charles 'Chuck' Psilopoulos who did an excellent job of organizing the event."

Make that "extra special event" during which Gov. Daniel J. McKee made a special appearance and congratulated Razza and the JPD.

The event was complete within hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by some of Johnston's finest — Lou Cotoia, Mike Andreozzi and Luca Lancellotti.

"We are proud of this year's National Night Out (NNO)," said Razza of the annual affair that is designed to bring local police department's closer to neighborhoods in the community. "There was face-painting for the children along with balloon animals to meet every child's needs."

Perhaps the biggest attention getter during the four-hour event was surprise visits by the creations of Costume Characters of Cranston that has teamed up with the JPD for other important community events such as the recently held and highly attended "Pizza with the Police."

Johnston's Night Out also featured a lumberjack-like character and a beautifully dressed butterfly stilt walker who captured the hearts of young and old alike.

So, the JPD's NNO was again and overwhelming success and epitomizes the National Night Out's philosophy that reads, in part; "Together, we are making communities safer and more caring places to live. Likewise, NNO is a community-building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships."

And as many people told Razza, Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and ranking officer of the JPD command staff: "NO local PD (Police Department) does it better than the one here in Johnston. They certainly put their best feet forwards tonight."



**SUPPORTING SENIORS:** The Johnston Police Department prides itself in interacting with the senior citizen population in town whose residents (above) were among the many people who enjoyed the recent "community cookout" — a.k.a. National Night Out inside War Memorial Park.

**FAMILY FUN:**

JPD Deputy Chief Mark Vieira and his wife Erica and sons Marco and Anthony were among the many families that enjoyed the food and friendships at the recent NNO in Johnston.



**GRAND GUESTS:** Gov. Daniel J. McKee and Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza are joined by this beautifully dressed stilt walking butterfly that was one of many special attractions during the recent National Night Out. (Submitted photos)

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# New year, new faces at JHS

By **ALEXIA DILORENZO**  
Special to the Sun Rise

Johnston Senior High School's 2022-23 school year had an amazing start! This year, Johnston had 11 new staff members join the Panther family. These teachers have been great additions to the Math, English, History, and Guidance Departments!

Along with some new teachers, Johnston has also expanded its course offerings with 12 new classes, outlined in the program of studies. Some of these classes include Hospitality Management, World Geography for Tourism and Hospitality, Band I, Band II, Advanced Guitar Ensemble, Beginning and Advanced Fitness & Weight Training, Chemical Technology I, AP Statistics, Italian Heritage and Culture, and Heritage and Culture of Spanish-Speaking World.

This year, there are 746 students enrolled at JHS. 205 of these students are in the class of 2026, accounting for 27% of the student population.

These freshmen had their orientation a few weeks ago, and have been a great addition to the school! The class of 2025 has 195 students, and the class of 2024 has 184 students!

The sophomores and juniors are finally able to enjoy their first year without masks at the high school.

Lastly, the class of 2023 with 162 students, enjoy their last months in high school before they part ways into the next chapter of their life.

Johnston has many future activities planned for the students at our school to enjoy this upcoming year!!

**Editor's Note:** Alexia DiLorenzo serves as Vice President of Johnston High School's Student Council. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes stories submitted by students at JHS.

## JHS 'Dress Down Days' earn big check for Tomorrow Fund

By **MICHELINA IRONS**  
Special to the Sun Rise

Johnston Senior High school's Student council holds an event every Friday for the teachers of the building.

These events are called Dress Down Days. The student council collects donations for special causes from each teacher for a different cause each week.

This gives the teachers an opportunity to dress down before the weekend. The Tomorrow Fund is one of the special causes that we commonly use for Dress Down Days.

This is a non-profit organization that

helps ease the traumatic and financial stress of childhood cancer. On Sept. 20, the Johnston Senior High school presented a check with a total of \$945 to the Tomorrow Fund.

We raised this money through our Dress Down Days during the course of our 2021-22 school year. We would like to thank our Johnston High School Teachers for making this donation possible.

**Editor's Note:** Michelina Irons serves as recording secretary for Johnston High School's Student Council. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes stories submitted by students at JHS.

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# Show dedicated to Joe, a man who loved fire trucks

By PETE FONTAINE

"Joe would be very proud of what's going on here today," offered Richard Quetta, an official and dedicated member of the Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society. "He loved events like this!"

That may have even been an understatement of sorts, given how much – as Quetta and other people concurred – "Joe loved and did for this special organization."

The late Joseph "Joe" Pingitore III was a Johnston native and respected business owner whose life was cut short unexpectedly when he passed away at age 60 on Oct. 25, 2021. He owned and operated J. Pingitore & Sons Paving and Construction.

"It's safe to say Joe's life revolved around trucks," offered several people during an emotion-pitched ceremony Sunday inside the Masonic Youth Center off Long Street in Warwick. "He helped built the Rhode Island Antique Truck Haulers Association into one of New England's best non-profit events featuring countless individually owned trucks."

Perhaps that why, a Quetta said, "We have dedicated today's show in Joe's honor. His name and legacy will never – ever --- be forgotten."

That's also why nearly three dozen RIAFAS members drove their vintage vehicles to Sunday's show that was highlighted with a special tribute and plaque presentation to the late Pingitore's younger brother Dave, a ranking officer with the Johnston Fire Department and Treasurer of Local 1950.

"My sister (Dr. Fran Pingitore) and I really appreciate this terrific tribute to our brother," Dave Pingitore offered. "We miss him dearly; he meant so much to many people."

Moreover, the late Pingitore loved showing his family's 1979 Mack CF Model Fire Truck as well as his 1952 chain-driven Sterling which were among the trucks on display Sunday during the super special 5-hour show that served burgers, hot dogs and refreshments provided by the Providence Canteen and RIAFAS during the 5-hour sun-covered show.

Backed by the music of DJ Joe Vingi of Pleasure Sounds Unlimited, Sunday's show consisted of motorized fire apparatus and other fire memorabilia and a firematic flea market that was also highlighted by show-goers and members bringing a new unwrapped toy that will be distributed to needy children during the holidays.



**SHAPPY'S SPECIAL:** Warwick resident Dick Shappy brought his 1939 Ahrens Fox fire truck that once served the Belleville NJ area to Sunday's show's 18th annual Antique Fire Truck Show. (Submitted photos)



**MIGHTY MEMORIAL:** Richard Quetta is the proud owner of this 1957 Ward Lafrance that continues to be a rolling memorial to late Providence Battalion Chief Frank J. Quetta Jr.

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# Electric

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Jeffrey D. Oliveira, PPL Corporation Regulatory Programs Specialist, and James Ruebenacker, Manager of Wholesale Electric Supply, New England for National Grid, delivered testimony supporting the rate hike.

The two experts estimated that a "typical bill analysis" would "result in a monthly bill increase of \$51.95, or 46.7% when compared to the customer's bill based on currently-effective rates."

"For the same customer, the proposed base residential LRS rate would result in a monthly bill increase of \$35.99, or 28.5%, when compared to the customer's bill based on last winter's rates," they testified.

During hearings on the sale, PPL promised regulators that their acquisition of the state's primary power provider (they provide electricity to more than 97 percent of Rhode Island's electric customers). They had to show the PUC that their purchase of the company would be in the public interest.

### The Opposition

Many of the same voices warned the commission prior to the utility sale. The Rhode Island Attorney General's Office first objected to the sale but eventually acquiesced after the company pledged a series of concessions.

"Energy bills in Rhode Island are essentially comprised of two distinct charges: a charge for obtaining a supply of energy, and a charge for distribution, that is, delivering that energy to customers. The former is a pass-through charge to ratepayers, from which Rhode Island Energy, like National Grid before it, cannot profit," Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha said. "The latter charge — for energy distribution — is where Rhode Island Energy can profit. Thus, the fight for fair and reasonable energy prices for Rhode Islanders must be fought on the energy distribution side. That is why it was critical for this Office earlier this year to intervene in the sale of National Grid to Rhode Island Energy and secure not only a three-year freeze in energy distribution rates but more than \$200 million in energy distribution relief for Rhode Islanders. Those successes should mitigate some of the impact of increased energy supply charges this winter. But there is still more that the PUC can and should do, including giving ratepayers the option to defer payment of some of the increased supply cost until next year and re-allocating certain existing state funds to provide some relief."

The AG's Office contends that "although Rhode Island Energy is not permitted to profit from supplying energy, Rhode Islanders will nevertheless face increased rates on their bills," according to a press release

from state's top prosecutor.

"These market conditions hit at a tough time for Rhode Island consumers, whose household budgets have been upended by inflation in gasoline, food, and other essential consumer goods," according to the AG's Office. "In May ... (the AG) objected to the sale of (NEC) by National Grid to PPL Corporation, now Rhode Island Energy, ultimately leading to an agreement that secures \$200 million in value for Rhode Island ratepayers along with mandated steps toward meeting Act on Climate goals. The benefits secured in that agreement will reduce this winter's electric bills. Each consumer, regardless of income, will receive \$63.72 in direct rate relief for use in the winter months."

Besides the "direct ratepayer relief, the Attorney General required that PPL forgo recovery of \$103 million from ratepayers: \$82 million in costs for new investments it will make as a result of the sale and \$21 million of costs already incurred by National Grid. The DPUC's decision would have allowed Rhode Island Energy to seek this \$103 million from ratepayers. Also as a result of the agreement, there will be no increase in distribution charges for the next three years," according to Neronha.

### 'Historic Increase'

Why does the Ocean State's new electric company want to jack rates so high?

"The same market fundamentals that impacted last winter continue to exist for the upcoming pricing period of October 2022 through March 2023," contend the PPL experts. "In addition to those market fundamentals, beginning in early 2022 natural gas prices began to increase in response to the war in the Ukraine which reduced expected supply from Russia and significantly increased demand for LNG globally. Compared to the recently concluded winter, the increase in LNG demand and continuing market fundamentals from the prior year resulted in increased natural gas prices for the upcoming winter, and therefore results in higher electric prices and winter LRS rates."

The PUC heard public testimony last Friday, and continued the evidentiary hearing through Monday.

On Monday, Thomas F. Kogut, Associate Administrator Cable TV and Legislative Liaison for the PUC, estimated that the board may publicize a meeting any day, where the vote on electric rates will take place publicly. Then on Tuesday evening, the PUC advertised the Friday meeting.

"As things stand now the most definitive thing I can say about electric rate timing is as soon as the end of this week," Kogut said Tuesday. "The gas rates would go into effect on Nov. 1 with a PUC decision mid to late-October."

The three-member PUC includes Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski, and Commissioners Abigail Anthony and John C. Revens Jr.

### Governor's Proposal

Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee spoke to begin Friday's round of emo-

tional testimony.

"This surge in electricity costs this winter are going to impact all Rhode Islanders," McKee said in a recent press release. "Our most vulnerable residents do not have the means to absorb this rate increase. We have a responsibility to do everything possible to protect them."

The governor's office proposed using \$3.8 million from the state's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds "to provide direct rate relief to low-income utility customers who are most at risk this winter."

"This will help ease the burden of higher-than-average electricity prices and continue our commitment to provide relief to Rhode Islanders in the face of rising prices and inflation," according to a press release from McKee's office.

House Minority Leader Michael Chippendale issued a statement last week in response to McKee's testimony and request for additional federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and a request to repeal the 4 percent tax on gross earnings on electric utilities.

"This is not a surprise to Republicans that the Governor would now try to address the underfunding of LIHEAP and the massive effect inflation, and our state and national energy policy is having on the users of this critical resource," Chippendale said.

### 'War on the Poor'

Peter Nightingale, a professor in the University of Rhode Island's Department of Physics, passed signs out to the audience, bearing messages like "The War on the Poor is Immoral" and "Systemic Poverty is Immoral."

"My bottom line is, that the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, is responsible for and should be held accountable for the rate increases that are happening in energy," Nightingale. "You can do what is right, or you can wash your hands in innocence. And if that sounds Biblical to you, you may be onto something."

Lorraine Savard, of Central Falls, also took aim at politicians with deep ties to the fossil fuel industry, and the public utility companies that have profited from the pollution of the planet.

"The fossil fuel industry is on the brink of becoming obsolete ... Rhode Island Energy is following their cousins, the fuel companies, in cashing in on their ultimate demise," Savard said. "Rhode Island Energy, provider, supplier, distributor, is asking to raise the cost of electricity and gas. This is unconscionable. We have too long subsidized the industry. Now is the time to allow the fossil fuel cabal to exit gracefully, not greedily. There are other ways to save money. The easy way is to raise fees. I say to Rhode Island Energy, do as the working families and small businesses have been doing for months. Be creative. Find other ways to raise money."

Savard's comments triggered a round of applause from supporters in the audience.

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PUC Chairman Ronald T. Gerwatowski

# Electric

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## 'Reject the hike'

Rhode Island state Rep. David Morales, District 7-Providence, urged the DPUC to "reject the historic level rate hikes."

"I wanted to remind us how exactly we got here," Morales told the crowd. "Over five months ago, after a continuous year where Rhode Island Energy was trying to acquire Narragansett Energy, or National Grid, they continued to show up to (DPUC hearings), and continuously said that they were committed to the community of Rhode Island; that they were committed to the working people of our state, if they had the opportunity to acquire the assets. And sure enough, over \$4 billion later, and not even a year (of) having control of our public utility system, they're putting forward historic level rate hikes that are going to hurt people from an economic standpoint ... the reality is, everything that you have heard from the diverse coalition of the people behind me is exactly what is going to happen if these rate hikes go into affect on Oct. 1."

Morales acknowledged that public assistance programs will help some, but not nearly enough struggling rate-payers.

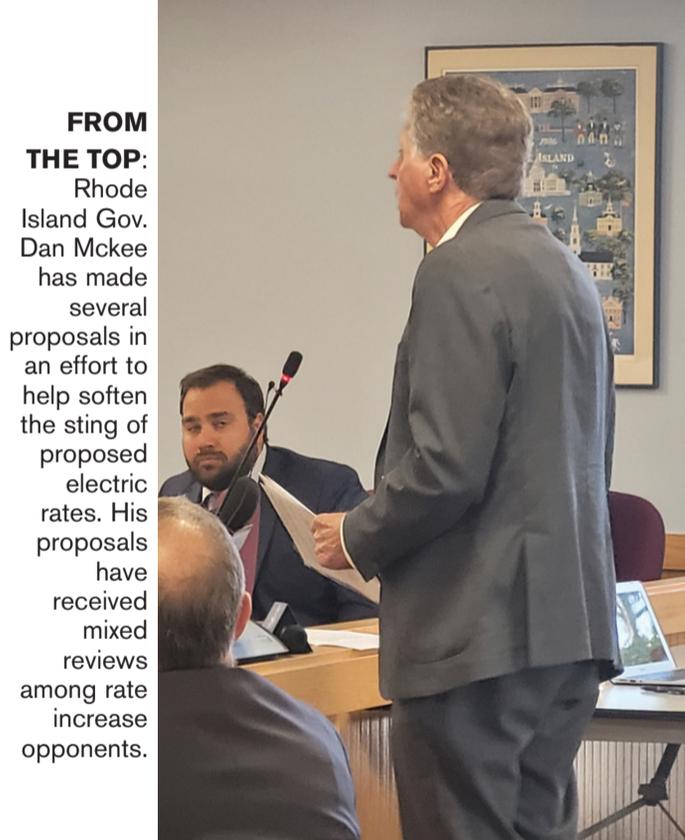
"Some of the different programs that exist to provide relief, they're not adequate by any stretch of the imagination ... The eligibility to qualify as a low income energy customer are very stringent," Morales explained. "It is essentially 60 percent of the area median income. Therefore, if you are an individual, earning 70 percent of the area median income, if you are a working family of four making \$70,000, you do not qualify for any of these programs; whether it be LI-HEAP, whether it be some sort of bill credits, therefore we are not going to see actual relief for working people. Instead, what we are going to continue to see is the cycle of debt being accumulated."

Morales delivered a direct challenge to the RI Energy lawyers seated comfortably behind a large wooden barrier that separates the public from the commission and large groups of suit-clad attorneys.

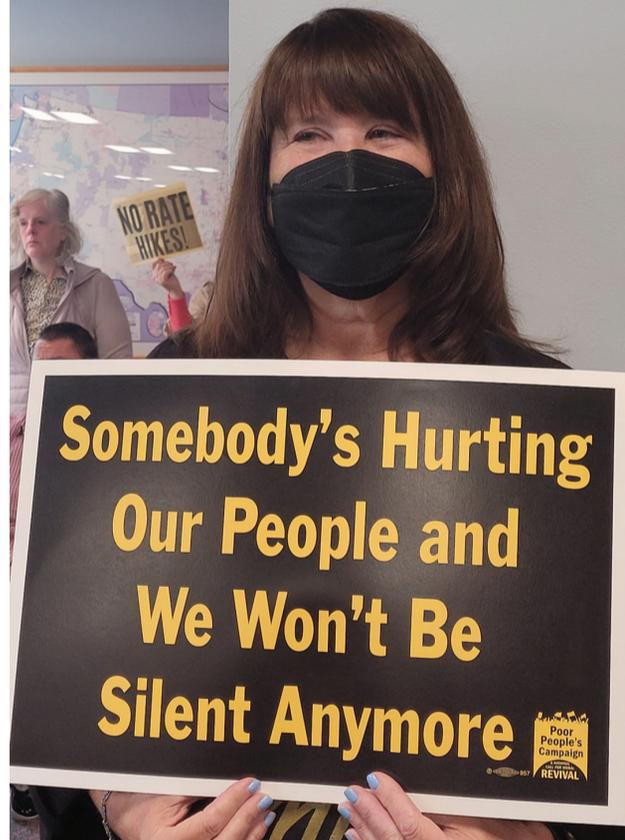
"That is why I call on Rhode Island Energy, directly, to absorb some of the costs of the increase in energy prices that we are seeing," Morales said loudly, commanding the room's attention. "Because the ultimate goal was that Rhode Island Energy would be committed to our state ... and after absorbing (the) costs, they will be able to talk to their economic advisors on how they can withdraw this rate hike, and instead be in a position to show us that they are In fact different than National Grid. That they were more committed, that they were going to provide better services. And by the way, customer service hasn't approved at the level in which we were promised either ... But unsurprisingly ... they did not withdraw their proposed rate hikes. And that is why now we are having to call on the Public Utilities Commission to once again mark this case as being extraordinary, and to simply reject the rate hikes."



**SIGNS OF PROTEST:** Above and below right, attendees at a public hearing on an increase in electricity rates held signs in protest. The hearing was held in Cranston before the state's Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



**FROM THE TOP:** Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee has made several proposals in an effort to help soften the sting of proposed electric rates. His proposals have received mixed reviews among rate increase opponents.



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# Apple

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"She teaches her students throughout the regular school year and in our summer program as well to ensure support and consistency for each of them," DiLullo said. "During the pandemic, Mrs. Wright was virtually present each day as she had to work from home for that year."

The Golden Apple is a joint public/private venture, presented by both the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and a local Providence television news station.

"The Golden Apple Award honors those who believe in the true spirit of teaching by making classrooms a creative and safe place to learn," according to the state Department of Education website. "NBC 10 and the Rhode Island Department of Education are teaming up to recognize outstanding teachers in our communities. Winning educators will receive a \$250 contribution from Ocean State Credit Union."

NBC 10 and RIDE are looking for Golden Apple nominees.

"If you know an outstanding teacher who deserves recognition for their efforts in the classroom, you can nominate them using the form at turn-to10.com," according to RIDE. "You can also see the names and profiles of previous Golden Apple award winners on the site."

Wright smiled and thanked the room full of friends for recognizing her efforts.

"Mrs. Wright works with middle school students who require significant support as she ensures they all work to their highest potential within their differing abilities," DiLullo said. "Visiting her classroom is truly an inspiration for any educator as it is a model of reaching every student every day."



**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Ferri Middle School Teacher Joan Wright's family and friends helped to fill her classroom last Thursday after she was awarded a "Golden Apple." (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA Thursday, September 29th, 2022 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold its monthly meeting on September 29th, 2022 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

#### New Business

**File 2022-16 – Petition of John Rosa,** Owner/Applicant for 98 Greenville Ave, AP 16 Lot 353, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance for Commercial Storage of Vehicles- Dump Truck and Pickup Trucks.

**File 2022-17 – Petition of Pamela and Kevin Sampson,** Owner/Applicant for 1311 Central Pike, AP 43 Lot 670, zoned R-40. The petitioner

is seeking a dimensional variance of section 340-25C for construction of a detached garage and cold storage.

**File 2022-18 – Petition of Lamar Advertising Company,** Applicant for 1232 Hartford Avenue, AP 20 Lot 299, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance section 340-42A for modification for an existing billboard with electronic/digital advertising panel.

**NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting.** The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review  
Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

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### PLANNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday October 4th, 2022; 6:00 P.M.

Johnston Senior Center  
1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

#### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. OLD BUSINESS

**PB 22- 48 The Johnston Comprehensive Plan –** Presentation and discussion by/with Weston & Sampson, plan consultant.

**NOTE:** The discussion of the Comprehensive Plan will last until 7:00 PM. The Planning Commission will begin hearing applications at that time.

**PB 17-48 – Reinstatement of Belfield Acres.** Applicant is seeking authorization to record the final plan which should have been recorded by January 31st, 2020.

**PB 20-44 – Mill Street Apartments –** Public Meeting on a proposed conversion of a mill building to a 16-unit residential building. Located at 64 Mill Street AP 4 Lot 311 – Property is zoned – PD. Applicant: Geranskye Real Estate, LLC.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**PB 22- 53 – Bella Woods Court –** Request for acceptance of improvements and release of bond.

**PB 22-52 – Reyes Subdivision –** Public Meeting on a Final Plan for a proposed 2-lot Minor Subdivision. Located at 138 Scituate Avenue AP 25 Lot 4. Zoned R-20. Applicant: Willy Reyes.

**PB 22-49 – Town Hall Plaza –** Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review. Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 20 Lots 77

and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue.

**PB 22-54 – Coastal Credit Union – Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review.** Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 22 Lots 54 and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue.

#### V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.
- Items not heard by 9:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board.
- Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

9/15, 9/22, 9/29/22

### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

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ment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

#### New Business

**File 2022-20 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1520 Atwood Ave, AP 53 Lot 178, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-21 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1651 Atwood Ave, AP 47, Lot 9, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-22 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 100 Irons Ave, AP 34, Lot 112 and Lot 530, zoned I. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

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Per order of the Zoning Board of Review  
Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

9/22, 9/29, 10/6/22



## Request for Proposals Town of Johnston

### Stormwater System Jetting, Cleaning, and Camera Inspection Johnston War Memorial Park

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for Stormwater System Jetting, Cleaning, and Camera Inspection at Johnston War Memorial Park. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning September 22nd, 2022 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at [www.townofjohnstonri.com](http://www.townofjohnstonri.com). **A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for September 28th, 2022 at 9:00 am** at Johnston War Memorial Park located at 1583 Hartford Ave, Johnston RI 02919. **Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 am, October 5th, 2022** at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401) 553-8830.

Joseph Chiodo, CPA  
Finance Director

9/22/22



## Request for Proposals Town of Johnston

### Softball and Baseball Field Fencing Improvements Woodlake Park

Town of Johnston is requesting bids for Softball and Baseball Field Fencing Improvements at Woodlake Park. Bid specifications are available at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office located at 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919 beginning September 22nd, 2022 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Specs are also available on the Town's website at [www.townofjohnstonri.com](http://www.townofjohnstonri.com). **A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for September 28th, 2022 at 10:15 am** at Woodlake Park located at 103 Reservoir Ave, Johnston RI 02919. **Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:30 am, October 5th, 2022** at the Johnston Town Clerk's Office at the above address and will be opened publicly at that time. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to reject any or all responses or parts thereof, to waive any informality in them, or accept any bid deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Johnston will offer interpreters for the hearing impaired provided the request is at least three (3) days prior to scheduled bid opening by calling (401) 553-8830.

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## Legal Notice Town of Johnston Adopted Ordinances

At a recent meeting of The Johnston Town Council, the Council did adopt the following Ordinances effective immediately:

**Ordinance 2022-16:** An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 92 entitled "Cannabis" Article I "Public Consumption Prohibited" of the Town of Johnston Code of Ordinances. Said Ordinance prohibits the consumption of Cannabis on or within Town Public Parks or Recreational Facilities or any other Public Property including Schools

**Ordinance 2022-17:** An Ordinance for street abandonment. Said Ordinance abandons a portion of Naples Avenue on Assessor's Plat 5

**Said Ordinances are on file and available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

Johnston Town Council  
Robert V. Russo  
President

Attest:  
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.  
Town Clerk

9/22/22

# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Maybe Rhode Island should boost the rates on PPL

Perhaps it's time to increase the cost of providing power in the Ocean State.

Electric customers don't have much of a choice in Rhode Island. Practically every utility customer pays the same monopolistic power provider.

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And we're at their mercy every year when winter rolls around.

The Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (PUC) votes Friday on whether or not PPL (dba Rhode Island Energy) can implement a nearly 47 percent hike in electric rates and we've already been warned to expect an explosive increase in gas rates next month.

The U.S. economy teeters on the brink of recession, and the world is slowly crawling from underneath its pestilent pandemic blanket. Inflation has us all a cent short and borrowing from our penny loafers.

Ocean State residents can't absorb this rate hike.

We were assured that PPL had our best interests in mind when the PUC allowed the sale of Narragansett Electric (transferred from National Grid to Pennsylvania Power & Light).

We were assured PPL would be a good neighbor — a better neighbor than Russia has been to Ukraine.

Perhaps the Ocean State should levy the ultimate tax on monopolies. Maybe we should introduce a fee for the privilege of providing us power.

PPL needs to prove the lofty promises they made while courting the PUC. The PUC needs to consider the Ocean State residents struggling to swim, avoiding the incoming rip current.

The PUC needs to find a way around the oncoming rate increases. They were appointed to protect our best interests.

We recognize there are fixed costs to providing power, but Rhode Island Energy must negotiate better rates for the state. And the PUC can make sure that happens.

RHODE ISLAND BRACES FOR A 50% RATE INCREASE...

...IN HEAT AND ELECTRIC BILLS BY OCTOBER 1ST



## Research before donating your used clothing

It's the back-to-school season, which means back-to-school shopping and time to get rid of last year's fashions and sizes.

But what happens to the old clothes? Some people resell items, some pass them down, and many of us pack them up and we donate them. But where do they go after we donate them?

Before working for Big Brothers Big Sisters, I never thought about it. I gave to Big Brothers Big Sisters, but mostly because the bins were close to my home, and it was convenient. I've been CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BBBSRI) since 2015. I'm responsible for two 501(c)3 organizations, the mentoring organization, and the Donation Center which is a social enterprise that raises 70 % of the funds needed to support the mentoring organization.

Mentoring is my life's work, but textile recycling and the Donation Center were new territory for me. Textile recycling is a fascinating, lucrative, often grimy business peppered with all kinds of organizations vying for the second-hand cloth that sits in our homes. Textile recycling can mean big money!

According to Future Market Insights, "The clothing recycling market is anticipated to be valued at US\$ 5.8 Mn in 2022," and "Overall, the adoption quotient of clothing recycling remains high with a forecasted valuation of US\$ 16 Bn by 2032."

When people donate clothing and household items to BBBSRI, we sell the items to Savers. The money that is raised goes to our mentoring programs, which serve more than 200 youth and their family members yearly. It doesn't stop there. BBBSRI partners with 65 nonprofit organizations and cities and towns in Rhode Island and distributes more than \$130,000 to these partners yearly. Partners include the YMCA, We Share Hope, and The Women's Resource Center

of Rhode Island, to name a few.

So, who are the textile recyclers in the state? BBBSRI, Goodwill, and Salvation Army are the only textile recyclers that I am aware of in Rhode Island where 100% of the proceeds go to charity. Most bins and at-home pickup services are operated by for-profit companies that are making money by partnering to use a charity's name.

So how does that work? The for-profit textile recycler will contract with a charity and offer a donation or grant for the use of the charity name. The charity is receiving pennies on the dollar for the clothing and the for-profit is making millions by selling the "donations" overseas. One local for-profit noted that they collected 25 million pounds of cloth last year and gave away just under one million dollars to charity. Sounds great! Until you do the math. Let's estimate that the for-profit sells its cloth for 50 cents a pound overseas (the current going rate for international product). That's a gross profit of 12.5 million dollars. Less than 8% goes to charity, and the rest goes to the people running the business.

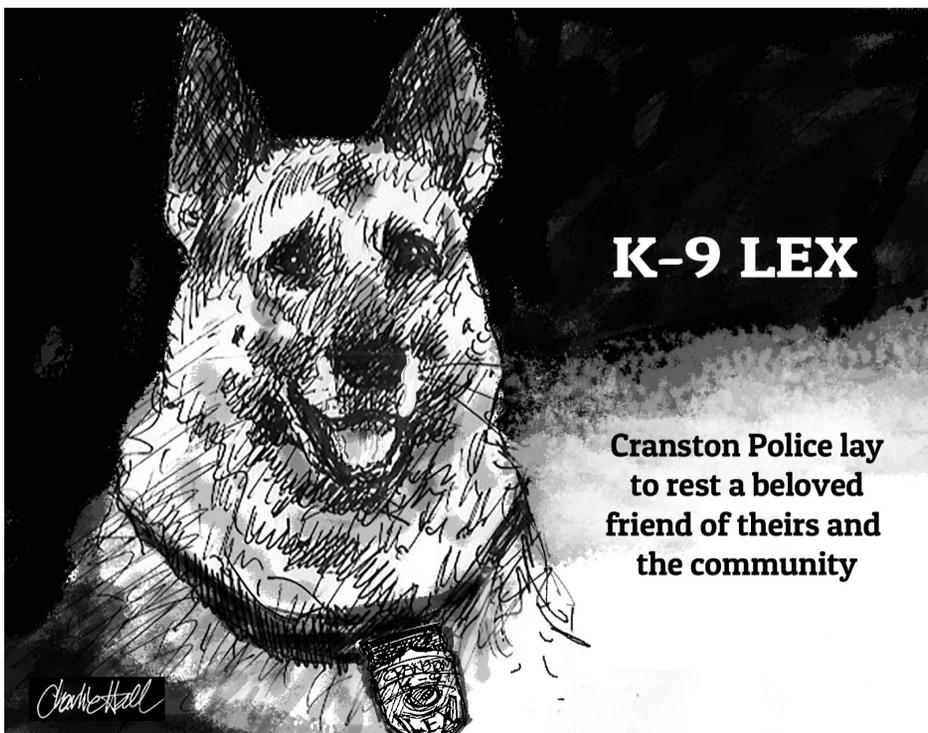
Don't get me wrong, I'm all for personal growth and individual wealth. The issue is that this business venture, by asking the public to "donate" its cloth to them, is taking funding away from legitimate charities and damaging our community along the way. I implore anyone who is reading this to do your research before donating your used clothing. Think about where it's going, and what the impact of that donation is on your local community. In the end, we all just want to get rid of the clutter in our homes and not pollute the earth, but I would rather do that while supporting programs in our community that change hundreds of lives for the better.

Katie Afonseca  
CEO Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island



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## K-9 LEX

Cranston Police lay to rest a beloved friend of theirs and the community

# Sun Rise Scoops

## Sun Rise Staff Reports

### Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15 George Waterman Road in Johnston.

Events will include the "Penny Social, Food, Raffles, Sweet Treats, Crafts & More," according to organizers, who are also "calling all Vendors/Crafters." For additional information call Patricia Leoncavallo at 401-529-7592.

### JHS Class of '82 Reunion

The Johnston High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th Reunion on Oct. 28 at the Alpine Country Club. For more information, email johnstonclass82@gmail.com.

### Cornhole Fundraiser

There will be a cornhole tournament at Cranston's Thirsty Beaver (288 Atwood Ave., Cranston) on Sept. 25 at noon. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. There will be food, the Patriots' game, raffles and a cash bar. \$120 per team – bring your own partner. For signups, contact Michael Regan at 508-446-3148 or Michael.Regan1486@gmail.com.

### Hoops for Hope

On Sept. 24, there will be a 3-on-3 Hoops for Hope basketball tournament to benefit the NICU for premature infants at Providence Women and Infants and Hasbro Children's Hospital at the Johnston Rec Center (1741 Atwood Ave., Johnston). There are several sponsorship packages available: the silver package (\$350) will have team t-shirts with company logo, social media blast and letter of recognition from charities; the gold package (\$750) will have team shirts with company logo, social media blast, letter of recognition from charities, company banner displayed at event and professional company promo video. The half court shot competition will be \$5 per entry. There are limited spots available for the event. To RSVP, text Tony Zangari at 401-623-7989. Any donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to Century 21 Shoreline Properties.

### Johnston Senior Center Events and Classes

The Johnston Senior Center is celebrating National Senior Center Month throughout September. This year's theme: "Senior Centers: Strengthening Community Connections."

**TAI CHI:** An eight-week Tai Chi Class begins Tuesday, Sept. 20, with Master Deborah Leong. This is a "No Impact" Health Improvement Exercise Program. Master Leong is a sixth degree Black Belt in Martial Arts, and Certified in several types of Tai Chi. The cost is \$24 for the entire session. This is a great program for those with Arthritis, need Balance, and/or strengthening.

**MEMORY BOOK CLASS:** This is a six-week class beginning Sept. 23. We will meet Fridays mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The total cost is \$6. It will be a fun time of reminiscing about your family. You will be creating a Memory Book for yourself or to share with your family. You will enjoy working on family stories and scanning past family photos. No computer skills are needed. We will have an assistant available to help.

**BASIC CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN:** Have you ever wished you could speak Italian?

The class will begin September 13, and be held on Tuesday afternoons, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to speak Italian phrases for your own interest or for when traveling. The cost is \$30 for the six-week session. Maria Libera Vallone, our new instructor, has her Master of Arts in Italian from Universita di Firenze with Middlebury College. She is a two-time Fulbright Scholar to Italy, and taught Italian for 34 years in Newton, Massachusetts, where she initiated the first exchange program at an American high school and Italian high school, which is now in its 40th year.

**TAKE BETTER PIX:** On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Steve McGrath Photography will begin another five-week session. This has been a very popular class. It is structured for Beginners or Intermediate level (those who have taken prior classes). The session will consist of three classroom and two "on Location" classes. The class will meet on Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The cost is \$50 for all five weeks.

**AGING DISGRACEFULLY:** The center presents Comedy Show "Aging Disgracefully" at the JSC on Thursday evening, Oct. 13. Contact the center for information and/or to register at 401-944-3343.

### Thanksgiving 1621: Myths and Facts

Join the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island for a presentation on the first "Thanksgiving." This event will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24 at Cranston Central Library in the James T. Giles Community Room. There are many misconceptions about what happened at that event, and this presentation will provide the historical facts. There will be slides and questions throughout in which the audience can participate. Attendees will receive a book-

mark with "Thanksgiving 1621" facts. Learn more at <https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/event/9165550>.

### More at Mohr Library

**Heating Assistance Information:** On Thursday, Sept. 29, drop in between 3 and 5 p.m. to speak to a staff member from Tri-County Community Action Agency about their program to help with heating costs.

**Grief Support Group For Loss of Child:** On the first Wednesday of the month, starting Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Tina Saker at [esaker5128@cox.net](mailto:esaker5128@cox.net), or call the Library at 401-231-4980.

**Tree Stewards Education Course:** On Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, from 6-8 p.m. Attend a "Planting Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tree Biology & Identification, Planting & Pruning, Tree Health, Urban Forestry and Soil. RITree Members & OSL library cardholders \$50. (Non-Member price, \$75) Register online at [www.ritree.org](http://www.ritree.org) or by calling RITree at 401-764-5885.

**Yoga Classes for Toddlers with Ms. Pauline:** On Second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from September through December (remaining dates: Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14), children will be guided into gentle movement exercises using the power of their imagination. Transforming into cats, cows, dogs, dolphins will be a highlight of their story hour. They will also learn breathing techniques that calm and center them. It will be a time of joy, wonder and movement. Ms. Pauline is a certified yoga teacher practicing since she was 17 years old. A former school teacher, she began programs to bring yoga to children and teachers in schools throughout Rhode Island. This program is sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Storytime:** On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from Sept. 21 through Dec. 7 (except for second Wednesdays when the library will have Yoga for Toddlers) stop by for stories, songs, rhymes, puppets and coloring for children ages 2 and up and their grown-ups. The dates will include: Sept 21 & 28; Oct. 5, 19 & 26 (Halloween); Nov. 2, 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Art Smart with Ms. Melyssa:** Explore different art techniques and learn about the works of famous artists, at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 through Nov. 2 (for children ages 8 to 12). Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Mohr Library offers special activities for middle-school and high-school age kids most afternoons. For more information contact Young Adult Librarian Marissa Galonski at 401-231-4980 or email [marissa@mohrlibrary.org](mailto:marissa@mohrlibrary.org).

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is now open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The library is located at 1 Memorial Avenue in Johnston. Visit their website: [mohrlibrary.org](http://mohrlibrary.org).

### Johnston Parks & Rec Reminder

Just a general reminder to please follow all park rules, especially no smoking and no dogs are allowed at Johnston Memorial Park.

Rec department staff has "noticed an abundance of cigarette butts and dogs recently" and they are asking the public for help keeping the park clean. Signs with the complete list of park rules are posted at each entrance.

Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use on park grounds. No bikes, scooters, skateboard, etc. are allowed on the walking track that surrounds the pond. They may be used on the center path of the park, Please do not feed the ducks, birds, or any wildlife.

Please keep the park clean by using the available trash barrels. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on town property. No vehicles allowed in the park. No swimming or boating in the pond; No open flames or charcoal grills. Gas grills are permitted. Fire-place use is prohibited. For your safety, please do not climb trees or fences. The park closes at 10 p.m. No overnight parking. No foul language or loud music. Field use is by permit only.

Also, be mindful of parking. Please display a handicap placard if you park in a handicap space. The area behind the office is reserved for employees. If you have any questions, please call 401-272-3460.

### Johnston Historical Society General Meetings

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

The Johnston Historical Society's Elijah Angell House continues to be open by appointment — the society always welcomes visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com), or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public.

Events are subject to change. For more information, call 401-231-3380.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 231-3380 or at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com), [www.johnstonhistorical.org](http://www.johnstonhistorical.org) or [www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

### Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

### Consider donating blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Individuals wishing to donate must book an appointment at the donation center; walk-ins are only accepted if safe distancing allows at the person's time of arrival.

Nearby areas to donate include The Shops at Greenwood, which is located at 615 Greenwich Ave., in Warwick. Sign up by visiting [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).

### Caregivers

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

### Charity Golf Tournament

Nico's Tree nonprofit will hold its fifth annual charity golf tournament on Sept. 25 at the Cranston Country Club (69 Burlingame Road, Cranston) to benefit the nonprofit. Join Nico's Tree for nine holes of golf for a great cause. After the game, enjoy a multi-course buffet dinner with dessert. Don't golf? Join the nonprofit after the tournament for Nico Tree's "Grow a Little Hope" dinner and raffle event for \$40. Registration deadline for golf and dinner is Sept. 19. For more information, call Dana Venteuolo at 401-241-5311 or Dennis Venteuolo at 401-261-3032.

### Bowl For Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island (BBBSRI) will host its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS), on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lang's Bowlarama in Cranston.

Bowl for Kids' Sake is the fun and easy way for individuals and companies to make an impact on the local community — it only takes a little bit of effort to raise the money that is vital to our program's success. Fundraising teams collect donations and then celebrate their success by attending a local bowling party.

There are two ways to support Bowl For Kids' Sake: One, individuals can sign up in teams of five to participate in a private bowling party, and raise donations from family, friends and colleagues leading up to the event — with a fundraising goal of \$100 for each participant (\$500 per team). Two, community partners and friends can sponsor the event and get a bowling team! Visit [www.secure.qgiv.com/event/2bofkids/](http://www.secure.qgiv.com/event/2bofkids/) to sign up.

### Free Teacher Assistant Training Program

The Comprehensive Community Action Plan is holding a free, virtual teacher assistant training program from Oct. 17 to Oct. 27. Individuals must be 18 to 24 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and a clean BCI. The classes run from noon to 3 p.m. Individuals, if eligible, can get paid to attend class. There will be a paid internship after program completion. For more information, call 401-562-8325.

### Bring Your Own Improv Youth Workshops

Bring Your Own Improv and the Warwick Center for the Arts have a common interest in educating youth. It is with that in mind that BYOI created a program in 2014 for teens, to teach them improv as well as self-confidence and problem-solving skills. The Youth Collective meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Warwick Center for the Arts. For each two-month session, youth take four weeks of workshops followed immediately by four weeks of shows.

Youth must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and no previous experience is required. Parental permission is required. The \$245 fee must be paid in order to hold a youth's spot. The workshops include lessons, the shows and free admission to the 7 p.m. shows for participants. WCFA Members may purchase the workshops at a rate of \$195. Memberships are \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a family of four. Please contact us about becoming a WCFA Member today. This will be the last session offered until January 2023. First come, first serve.

# Johnston Republican Town Committee hosts dinner fundraiser

By SANDRA TAYLOR  
Special to the Sun Rise

On Monday night, Sept. 19, the Johnston Republican Town Committee (JRTC) held its inaugural "A Dinner with Friends Fundraiser."

It was well attended at Copperfield's in Johnston. The endorsed Republican candidates that attended were Ashley Kalus for Governor, Allan Fung for Congressional District 2 and Pat Cortellessa, who is running for Secretary of State, as well as local candidates, Nick Grasso for State Rep for District 43, and Peter Tremenziozzi for State Rep for District 44.

Willy Wayz performed live music. Everyone joined in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Willy was fantastic! There was also a Silent Auction that was well received. Everyone had a great time!

If you are interested in joining the JRTC, email: info@johnstonri.gop.



**STUMP SPEAKERS:** At left, Ashley Kalus, a candidate for Governor, and at right, Allan Fung, candidate for Rhode Island's second Congressional district, were among the speakers at Monday's "A Dinner with Friends" JRTC Fundraiser. (Submitted photos)

## ■ Scoops

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### Ghost Party

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### Drawing the Line

Join East Greenwich Art Club at the East Greenwich Recreation Center, 1127 Frenchtown Road, East Greenwich, for its "Drawing the Line," workshop on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local, professional artist, Mi Ok Song will be the instructor. Her drawings of the human figure and animals are done with colored pens on paper. They reflect the harmony between humans and nature in a whimsical, representational and playful manner. Using pencils, pens, charcoal, colored pens and colored pencils, on paper, you will learn how to draw a definitive, confident line to create a drawing. Song will discuss how to utilize composition, perspective, proportion and negative space. She will also discuss values, darks, lights, shadows, foreground, middle ground and background. You will also learn how to create animals, objects, portraits, self-portraits and landscapes.

### Painting with Gouache

East Greenwich Art Club will hold a "Painting with Gouache" workshop at the East Greenwich Recreation Center, 1127, Frenchtown Road, East Greenwich. This two-day workshop will take place Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contemporary realist, Lorena Pugh, will spend the first day instructing how to use gouache, an opaque, watercolor medium. Participants will do practice experiments to get a feel for and create a small painting. The second day will be working in the plein air park area behind the East Greenwich Recreation Center. In case of inclement weather, we will work from a still life inside the building, using black boxes. Participants may bring whatever still life items they want to paint.

### OLLI Classes for Adults 50+

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode Island continues its registration for the fall semester. OLLI at URI provides classes for adults aged 50 and better. Students can enjoy a variety of classes, in person and via ZOOM, simply for the joy of learning – no tests, no grades. Learn more about OLLI by visiting uri.edu/olli or call the office at 874-4197.

A few selections for the upcoming semester include Conversational Italian, Digital Photography, Broadway Musicals, and a special course, Who Really Killed Michael Jordan's Father? OLLI classes meet at 210 Flagg Road with ample parking right outside the door.

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

### Go Birding this Fall

Join the Audubon this fall for morning bird walks. There will be a bird walk at Hunt's Mills in East Providence on Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members and is for those ages 12 and older – advance registration is required. There will also be an annual Hawk Watching trip on Oct. 22 at Napatree Point. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members and is for teens and adults – advance registration is required. To register, visit asri.org and click on the event calendar.

### Governor Sprague Mansion Arts & Crafts Faire

There will be an arts and craft faire from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Governor Sprague Mansion (1351 Cranston St., Cranston). Stop by for unique art and fine crafts by area artisans and learn about the artists and how they became interested in the style they represent. Parking is available in the back of the mansion and the faire's rain date is Oct. 29. The mansion has a call for artists and fine artists (pre-registration fee is \$40 per space). Inquires can be made to Joe Wallace at jwallace@cpsed.net. For more information, text 508-933-4233. Proceeds will benefit the Cranston Historical Society, Governor Sprague Mansion and Joy Homestead.

### Poet Presentation

Nonfiction@Brown lecture series presents "Diana Khoi Nguyen, Lyrical Prose, and the Intimacy of a Sentence." Poet and multimedia artist Diana Khoi Nguyen presents her work on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at Brown University, PVD (location TBA go.brown.edu/nonfiction\_now). This event is free and open to the public and no registration is required! Please see go.brown.edu/nonfiction\_now or contact mhs@brown.edu for further details.

### Craft and Vendor Show

St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary will host its annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. There will be vendors, crafters, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, food and more.

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## fall events

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**Pumpkins at St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
Pumpkins arrive Oct. 8, and sales begin 9 a.m., Oct. 9 and continue until Oct. 31. Saturday and Sundays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday and Friday noon to 6 p.m. Thursdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at 111 West Shore Road, Warwick. For more information, call 737-3127 or visit [www.stmarkswarwick.org](http://www.stmarkswarwick.org).

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**Cornerstone of Faith UMC Harvest Breakfast**  
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**Harvest Breakfast**  
Harvest Breakfast at Little Rhody Vasa Park, located at 10 Boswell Trail, Foster, RI (right off Rte. 6) on Oct. 1, 8 a.m. to noon. There will be several styles of pancakes: Swedish pancakes, blueberry, Almond Joy, strawberry, banana, chocolate chip and banana/chocolate chip, gluten-free varieties upon request, fruit salad, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea. This all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Checks may be made out to RI District #3 and sent to Jim Ladouceur, 59 Oak Hill Drive, Cranston, RI 02920. Please reserve by Sept. 24 (phone-in reservation to Jim by Sept. 24 at 401-688-0855).

**Oktoberfest at Little Rhody Vasa Park**  
Oktoberfest at Little Rhody Vasa Park, 10 Boswell Trail in Foster, RI on Oct. 16. Dinner served from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with an accordion player (Dan Mackowiak) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and German dancers at 2:30 p.m. The dinner (\$18 for adults and \$7 for children) is choice of Pork Schnitzel or Bratwurst and Knockwurst, German potato salad, Spaetzle, red cabbage, Sauerkraut, and apple cake. Warm pretzel bites with beer cheese can be ordered separately for \$7. Paid advanced reservations are required by Oct. 10. Checks made payable to Pioneer Lodge #506 VOA. Checks sent to: Linda Nelson, 950 Main Ave., Warwick, RI, 02886. Please call Linda with questions (401-737-0813).

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By JENNIFER COATES



**Kaushal Jain is a steady and familiar face at Jain's Laundry, the family-owned business that she and her husband Sripal have operated for over twenty-nine years**

The great and iconic French impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh is attributed with coining the phrase: "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." These words could accurately describe the years of small things that have added up to create a 28-year "success story" for the local, family-owned business, Jain's Laundry. Small things that have made life so much easier for the hundreds of patrons who have been bringing their laundry to this longtime business in Johnston for years and years.

Small things like automatic front doors so customers don't have to prop a door open every time they come in and out of this convenient laundromat. Small things like a vending machine of detergents, softeners and laundry bags for those who needed more than they thought. Small things like a change machine on-site, newly installed high-capacity dryers, a comfortable seating area to wait between loads and rows and rows of machines so there is never any need to "take a ticket"!

Best of all, but hardly a "small thing," is the presence of Kaushal Jain who came to America with her husband Sripal Jain from Meerut, India many decades ago. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, they have truly fulfilled the American dream of small business ownership. A testament to their diligence is also their remarkable 29-year-old son, Akshay, who obtained a Master's Degree in Bio-Technology at Harvard University. Through small things come great and remarkable results.

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# Sports

## Panthers start 2-2

JHS girls volleyball looks to break slump

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston girls volleyball team is looking to get back on track after dropping its last two matches. The Panthers got off to a hot start this fall by winning their first two matchups, but have since dipped to 2-2 overall.

Johnston rolled past Exeter-West Greenwich and North Smithfield by a combined score of 6-1 to start the season but would drop consecutive matches to Westerly and Chariho, 3-1 each. During those two losses, the team played without two starters who are battling illness.

"We started off really strong going 2-0, then (against Chariho), two of my starters weren't there and they just didn't play to their ability. The energy was off for the Westerly game and then the dynamic changed. We threw together a rotation at the last minute (against Westerly) and the girls did an amazing job all things considered, but it just didn't work out for them," said Johnston coach Greta Lalli.

The Panthers return six seniors this fall, with all six making up the starting lineup. Despite the recent slump, Lalli is confident in her group and feels that the team's experience will



**BACK AND FORTH:** Johnston's Gisselly Nunez returns a shot against Chariho on Monday night. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)



**CHAMPS:** The Action Auto Parts 70+ senior softball team that won the championship. (Submitted photo)

## Action Auto Parts, Invaders win senior softball titles on Cape

SPECIAL TO THE SUN RISE

While the Cape is usually winding down after Labor Day, senior softball players from the northeast help to fill that void.

There were a number of Rhode Island teams traveling to play in Harwich, South Dennis, South Yarmouth and Yarmouth. The 50+, 60+ and 65+ divisions played September 9-11, while the 70+ and 75+ divisions played September 12-14.

There was Action Auto Parts 60's and The Invaders competing in the 50+ division. Deep Purple and M & J Design played in the 60+ division, Woodmansee Insurance played in the 65+, Action Auto Parts 70's in the 70+ division and Tabor Franchi VFW in the 75+ division.

Two Rhode Island teams ended up winning their division.

The Invaders, in the 50+ division, came back from a 0-4 start in Pool Play to beat Ockers CC 18-6 in the semi-finals, and MVSSA Storm 25-9 in the Championship finals.

In the 70+ division Action Auto Parts 70's went 2-2 in pool play. In the bracket championship they defeated New Hampshire Nemesis 70's 22 - 21 in the quarter-finals, Western Mass Relics 70's 8 - 6 in the semi-finals, and defeated the Cape Cod Dugout Dawgs CC 14 - 9 in the Championship finals.

Playing for Action Auto Parts 70's in the tournament were: Don Ardito, Artie Butts, Lou Ciummo, Paul Danesi, Jimmy Dean, Mario DeAngelis, Frank DeCorpo, Wayne Gilbert, Tom Kopytko, Dan Liparini, Jack Medeiros, Tom Purvis, Kevin Sheehan, and Larry Thomas.

## Team Civetti takes 2nd at Albert 'Cookie' DeLory Memorial Golf tournament

By PETE FONTAINE

They didn't take home the prize, however, Johnston Town Councilman Robert J. "Bob" Civetti's entry into the 2nd Annual Albert "Cookie" Memorial Golf Tournament enjoyed two honors during last Friday's 9-hole event at Harbor Lights golf Club in Warwick.

Team Civetti - which included legendary baseball player/RI Baseball Institute Director John Mello, David Civetti and Francesco Fezzuoglio - finished with a score of 32, one stroke less than Team McGarry's 31.

However, Civetti's crew took home the unofficial title of having the oldest golfer to play in the now highly-successful DeLory Memorial Golf Tournament that last year raised \$10,000 for Colorectal Cancer Foundation and this time will benefit Operation Standdown, Save the Bay and a scholarship foundation in Cookie's memory.

Fezzuoglio, a long-time barber in Johnston, became the oldest player in the tourney's brief two-year history



**COUNCILMAN'S CREW:** Johnston Town Councilman Bob Civetti, Francesco Fezzuoglio, John Mello and David Civetti finished as the runners-up in last Friday's golf tourney. (Sun Rise photo courtesy of Bruce Caldwell)

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# 'The fishing line was 200 feet up in the air!'

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Eric Duda of Tiverton, RI took Friday off to fish. "We fished most of the day and gave up on tautog fishing at 3 p.m. and headed back up the Sakonnet River. Duda said, "Didn't see any surface action anywhere so we decided to troll for false albacore. Just as I was going to call it a day, I heard from the back of the boat the clicker going off."

"I turned around and grabbed the rod to reel and noticed the line was not in back of the boat anymore and now about 200 feet up in the air! Bird! Gave it a small pull to see if it would free the bird but nope, and the bird landed on the water," said Duda. "It was a HUGE osprey! Five-foot wing span. Lure was stuck on its foot. Luckily, we were able to flip it over and we netted it, and I was able to unhook it. Talons on it, I'm sure could do some serious damage! Flipped it out of the net and it took off, and was fine!"

Birds are often fooled (just as we hope fish are) of thinking the bait or lure we are trolling or casting is an easy meal. They swoop down and snag the bait often getting hooked. When casting into a school of fish on the surface chances of hooking a bird feeding on surface bait increases dramatically. Cast to the side of the feeding birds to avoid hooking one.

Nice job keeping your cool Eric and successfully releasing the osprey.

**Giant bluefin tuna close to shore**  
Climate change impacts on fish species create winners and losers in the fishing world.

One major climate related impact we have experienced in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for the past three years is an excellent inshore

tuna bite. The bait or forage tuna like to eat i.e. mackerel, herring, Atlantic menhaden, squid, bluefish, butterfish, false albacore and a host of others have been in our area in great abundance due in part to warming water. So the bluefin and yellowfin tuna are here dining on these robust bait profiles along with large pods (hundreds) of porpoise and dolphin.

Last week the giant bluefin tuna bite was strong and close to shore. So good we have reached our monthly limit both for commercial and recreational giant bluefin tuna (fish > 72 inches) and the fishery is closed for the month.

About 30 bluefin giants were caught on Sunday, Sept. 11 off Scarborough Beach, Narragansett.

Monday of last week, Jeff Sullivan, an associate at Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, RI fished for giant bluefin off the Sakonnet River with fishing partners and friend Capt. Rob Taylor of Newport Sportfishing Charters. The foursome caught a 600-pound, 100-inch giant bluefin tuna less than five miles off the Sakonnet River. Many other giant bluefin were caught in State waters less than three miles off Newport.

Anglers fishing for bluefin tuna need a federal Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit and are required to report their catches. Bluefin tuna fishing is highly regulated. Regulations often change to prevent overfishing so anglers are urged to check regulations before fishing trips. For information visit <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>.

### Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. Matt Conti of Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "The fall migration has started with small fish arriving off Narragansett. Large schools of

fish just under slot size (28 to < 35 inches) were off the beaches."

Declan Thomas O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown said, "The salt pond and Breachway continuing to produce some nice sized fish. Surfcasters have been doing well on Yo-Zuri Mag-Darters and Super Strike Bullets. Fishing live eels in the pond has been producing bass up to around 15 pounds."

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "There is so much bait in the water that the false albacore is all the way up the East Passage to Barrington, East Providence and Cranston along with bluefish and striped bass feeding on the surface. Sometimes they are mixed in so it is a matter of seeing them on the surface. We also have an abundance of squid to 25 inches being caught off Newport that is attracting fish."

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. Summer flounder continue to be caught but it is a slow pick. Scup fishing continues to be good particularly in areas with structure and water movement i.e. ledges, bridge abutments, jetties, etc. We caught large scup to 15 inches when tautog fishing off Newport. "Most anglers are targeting albies so the bottom fishing has taken a back seat," said Henault.

Tautog fishing is starting to come alive as anglers begin targeting them. We had a slow pick in deeper water off Newport this weekend, all small fish. Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle said, "We are selling a lot of crabs, anglers are fishing for tautog but the bite is not good. We have had few reports of keeper fish being caught." "Those who have been targeting tautog are doing well

with fish in relatively shallow water right now," said O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle. Conti of Snug Harbor said, "The tautog are still fallow... in 20 feet of water, however, with storms this week things might change forcing them a little deeper."

False albacore and tuna. Giant bluefin tuna fishing for both recreational and commercial license holders is now closed for the month. Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle said, "False albacore fishing had been very good. Many of our customers are hooking up with them. The schools of false albacore are so large we screened an online video of giant bluefin feeding on schools of false albacore "False albacore have been pretty thick out at the Gully crashing tuna rigs so you know the beaches and inland fishing for them will be good. This weekend the Gully bite for yellowfin slowed as the water cooled with some fish, smaller ones, being caught 8 to 10 miles south of the Gully," said Conti.

Freshwater fishing is improving as the water is cooling a bit. "The water has been warm so freshwater fishing has not been good in our area. Things will pick up as the water cools," said Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle. Henault said, "The water is cooling so the largemouth bite is improving. Trout fishing will kick in after fall/winter stockings."

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

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**GIANT BLUEFIN:** Jeff Sullivan caught this 600 pound, 100 inch giant bluefin tuna five miles off the Sakonnet River with fishing partners and friend Capt. Rob Taylor of Newport Sportfishing Charters. (Submitted photo)

# College Notes: RIC trio continues to impress

By **BRENDEN SOARES**

Cranston is once again well-represented on the roster of the Rhode Island College women's tennis team, as natives Jenna Lisi, Lauren Macera and Serena Bobola are suiting up this fall for the Anchorwomen.

Lisi has been the undisputed standout for the RIC squad, competing at the top of the order in singles and doubles, going unbeaten in both disciplines thus far while dropping only nine games.

The La Salle product claimed each of her singles matches by identical 6-1, 6-0 scorelines, accounting for Salve Regina's Sailor Nordstrom on September 3 before sweeping aside Bridgewater State's Madeline von Ruden this past Saturday.

In doubles play, Lisi has been

paired with fellow former Ram Macera, and they have combined to string together an 8-3 triumph over opposition from Salve before improving in their next outing, an 8-2 decision over a Bridgewater State partnership.

Macera plays in the number-two singles slot and started her campaign in the best possible way, defeating the Seahawks' Alexa Stevens without dropping a game before taking care of the Bears' Abigail Ramer 6-3, 6-0 to up her mark to 2-0 on the year.

Last but not least, Cranston East graduate Bobola has provided some depth at the back end of the slate for the Anchorwomen, playing one match each at fifth and sixth singles and a pair of tilts in the number-three doubles slot.

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**LOCAL LINK:** Former Johnston Town Councilman Richard J. DeFino III (right), Director of Municipal Affairs, presents Co-Chairs Deb Mangina and Robert Hartington with an official citation from Gov. Dan McKee. (Sun Rise photo by Alex Sponseller)

## ■ Golf

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when he teed it up at age 78.

"He enjoys the game of golf and can still hit it," Civetti offered of Fezzuoglio. "He had just as much fun as all the golfers did. This was a well-organized and well-run golf tourney that will probably be sold out again next year. The (post-tourney) steak fry was great, too."

Each member of every foursome in the 78-player field received a framed

photograph of their group and a special bag courtesy of the committee, OSDRI and Save the Bay.

Likewise, there was another Johnston connection at the tourney.

Richard J. DeFino III, former Johnston Town Councilman who is now the Director of Municipal Affairs for Gov. Daniel J. McKee, was on hand to present Co-chairs Deborah Mangina and Robert Hartington with a special State of RI Citation from the governor who was ironically serving lunch to seniors at OSDRI.



**SUPPORTING SIGNS:** These are the huge banners that were set up at Harbor Lights Golf Course in Warwick for last Friday's 2nd annual Albert "Cookie" Memorial Golf Tournament that will benefit both agencies his time around.

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**RETURN FIRE:** Johnston's Jaylen Molina returns a shot against Chariho on Monday evening.

## Start

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guide the Panthers to a big rebound down the stretch.

"We didn't have any seniors last year so the dynamic carried through into this year. They were so strong the first two games, it's a game so they're not going to be on all the time. We have two girls that play club so that gives us an extra push, then the other girls want to measure up, so everyone is working super hard in practice and they are doing everything they can, they're not holding anything back," Lalli said.

The Panthers squared off against Barrington on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time. Johnston will be hitting the road to take on St. Ray's on Thursday and then will travel to Middletown on Monday.

Getting healthy and finding a rhythm will be key moving forward, according to Lalli.

"We were fortunate to not have many illnesses during COVID, but now with these illnesses, we're at a bit of a stand still and don't know what tomorrow is going to bring ... who's going to come, what the lineup is going to be. It's a little concerning, but I know that they're going to play with their hearts and play with everything that they have," said Lalli.



**BOUNCE BACK:** Johnston's Michelina Irons on Monday.

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# COLLECTIBLES



## FINLAND

(right) One of the "holy grails" of Finnish rifle collecting is the ultra-rare "SAT" barrel mark. SAT was a Finnish ordnance factory at Riihimäki and an early maker of Finn barrels. Fewer than 200 rifles are reported to have been stamped with this mark. Note that this mark is not on the sniper rifle shown here, but is being squeezed in as a last minute addition. (Steve Kehava collection)

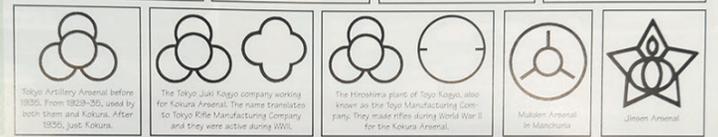
The Finns captured significant numbers of Russian sniper rifles during the World War II era. Some of them were put into Finnish service without any modifications at all. Others, however, were worked to varying degrees, either initially or after the original barrel wore out. This example was rebuilt by the Finns using a Russian PU scope and mount, a 1937-dated Toki Model 1891/30 receiver and barrel set (doubtless chosen for accuracy), and a Finnish stock.

Finland did not exist as an independent nation until revolution disrupted the old Russian empire during World War I. Civil War followed and most Finns aligned themselves with the "White" (i.e., anti-communist) side. It was during this conflict that Finland began its remarkably long relationship with the Mosin-Nagant rifle. Having inherited vast stockpiles of the rifles from Russian arsenals in Finland, the Finns captured plenty more during the Civil War. Thus, having had a rifle system thrust upon them by fate, Finland proceeded to make the Mosin-Nagant their own. A long series of upgrades and rebuilding programs followed, creating a unique series of rifles that would outperform the Russian originals.

## A note on matching numbers:

As with most military firearms, it is preferable to collect Japanese rifles with all matching parts. Be aware that most of these parts will be marked with the last three digits of the serial number. However, some types of rifles have an assembly number found under the receiver, which can also be used for matching.

## Common Japanese Arsenal Marks

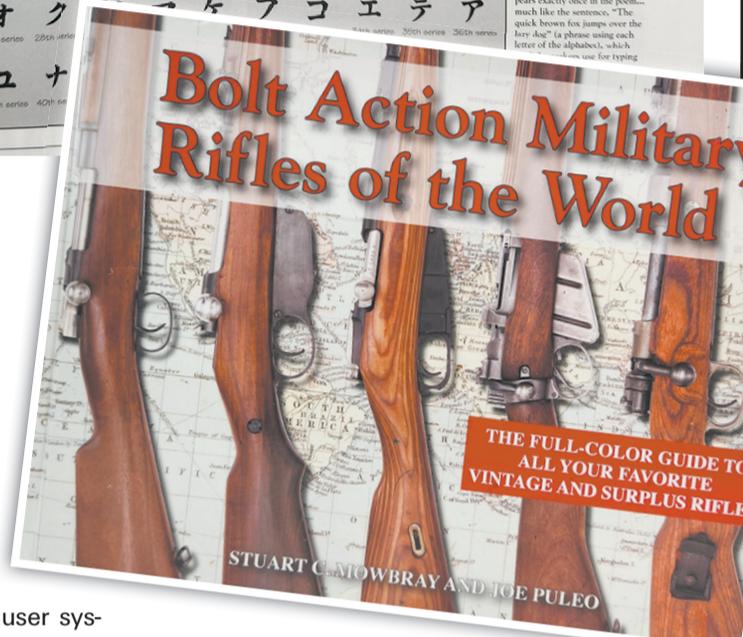


## Kana Characters used for Series Marks (Serial Number Prefixes)

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1st series	2nd series	3rd series	4th series	5th series	6th series	7th series	8th series	9th series	10th series	11th series	12th series
ワ	カ	ヨ	タ	レ	ソ	ツ	ネ	メ	ラム	ウ	
13th series	14th series	15th series	16th series	17th series	18th series	19th series	20th series	21st series	22nd series	23rd series	24th series
キ	ノ	オ	ク	ケ	フ	コ	エ	テ	ア		
25th series	26th series	27th series	28th series	29th series	30th series	31st series	32nd series	33rd series	34th series	35th series	36th series
サ	キ	ユ	ナ								
37th series	38th series	39th series	40th series								

To the left is a table that translates the 48 Kana characters used as batch or series numbers. These symbols are not letters, but representations of spoken syllables. Using these symbols, any word can be written phonetically in Japanese. Their numbers are determined by their order in a poem called Iroha. Japanese school children recite this poem as a memorization aid, much like American children learn the Alphabet Song. Each phonetic sound appears exactly once in the poem—much like the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" (a phrase using each letter of the alphabet), which is also one for typing.

# Understanding Military Bolt-action Rifles



**By Joel Bohy**  
Historic Arms & Militaria  
Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers  
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One of the not-so-easy parts of collecting, or cataloging, military bolt-action rifles from all over the world is understanding all the guns, makers, variations, and when alterations or changes were made. To search the internet or purchase a volume on each one would take hours and would be cost prohibitive. What is a collector to do? After years of frustration, I found the go-to volume on this subject. Bolt Action Military Rifles of the World was published in 2009 by Mowbray Publications in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. It is written by arms scholar and publisher Stuart Mowbray and arms expert Joe Puleo. The two of them systematically and by country went through all of the bolt-action arms made for each country and organized them into chapters that are easily found and quite easy to figure out. As with all of Mowbray's publications, the photography is clear and crisp with the details and various markings shown. There are also photographs of many of the bayonets that go with each rifle which helps with identifying the proper bayonet to go with a specific arm. But it isn't just a book to easily identify the rifle you might have. There is a section that breaks down the evolution of the bolt-action and makes the history and technology understandable to just about anyone.

One of the most popular rifles use the Mauser system and there is also a chapter that breaks down each example made from the Model 1871 to the K98k used during World War II and has an image of each one as well as the key features and updates important to each model. Markings are also important to understanding the particular rifle you might have. The arsenal markings are all shown and described making it easy to know where a rifle was built and can also help with dating it. One example would be Japanese markings. There is a page with all the arsenal marks and what they mean, as well as the Kana characters used to mark a series or prefix on a serial number. Each character is shown with the series number. There are also notes on where to look for serial or assembly numbers to see if a rifle is all matching. To do this work for each rifle used in the world would take forever, but here it is all listed in one book. I have just about worn my first copy out but luckily, I bought another and have it on the shelves as a backup. This book has literally saved me hours of research and time. If you collect bolt-action rifles, this book is a must have. Many fine examples of the bolt-action rifles similar to those published in Mowbray's book will be in our September 29 Historic Arms & Militaria online auction.



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### Discovering, exploring those Irish roots

By ERIN O'BRIEN

First of all, there's really no such thing as an Irish short story.

The seed was planted for my journey long ago, with a seventh grade social studies assignment to create my family tree. I already knew Grammy and Grandpa were from Chicago and New York. I hid my disappointment from my father when he said my great-grandmother was from St. Louis. I sighed; my friend's mom was from England, and her dad had a Cherokee ancestor.

On my mom's side, her mom was from Boston, and her dad from Los Angeles, like us. Then she smiled to remember her Irish great-grandfather, Barthly Molloy. I wrote his name on a shamrock leaf on my paper, as I filled in the other half of my family tree. One day, I decided, I'd stand where Barthly once stood, and see what he had seen.

This August, as I packed my suitcase, I included a photocopy of Barthly's sepia tone portrait to carry with me. His tweed flat cap framed his light eyes, and a jaunty boutonniere adorned his lapel. It's the one of the few photographs I have of him, recent acquisitions from my ancestry research, where my path converged with that of a fellow time traveler, Julie, from a different branch of the family tree. Over the past two years she's become a pen pal and friend, as we've shared family photos and information, filling in the blank pages of the family history, and signing our correspondence, "Cousin."

My destination was County Galway, the place where I landed 30 years ago, with a compass and a map in my backpack, and wondered aloud to Pat, my Irish friend I made along the way, if our ancestors had met. "I knew the moment we met you were a Galway Girl," he'd said. The gift of the Blarney, I'd thought quietly.

Years later, my research would lead me to a copy of Barthly's immigration card, and the name of his hometown in County Galway, Oughterard ("Uachtar Ard" in Irish, "the height on the upper side of the river.") I remembered Pat identifying me as a Galway Girl.

The old church was there, where my great-great-great grandparents brought Bartholomew Joseph Molloy to be baptized when he was two days old, and where he returned as a widower from America, to remarry. His home was a stone's throw from the church. His final resting place was nearby, beyond the remaining walls of a stone chapel. I'd mapped it out, and conferred with Julie. "On the way to the church you'll run right into the house," she assured me, and emailed me the coordinates to the headstone in the cemetery. These events in the life of Barthly Molloy would provide me with my itinerary.

As I looked below to see the patchwork quilt of green fields, stitched together with stone fences, I remembered the first time I'd gazed upon it from a plane window. The sight filled me with the same anticipation.

My cabbie, Liam, was waiting when I arrived at Shannon Airport. "Hi, Liam!" I waved. We'd corresponded by email and I'd proposed my itinerary—with a side trip to Aughnanure Castle, and the Quiet Man bridge. As it turned out, his was the only cab company in Oughterard, population 1,319, and he was available.



The author bid a fond farewell to Liam, her cabbie and personal tour guide in Oughterard. (E. O'Brien)

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Kilcummin Cemetery, located just outside of town, is Barthly's final resting place, where the relic of a stone chapel can be seen in the background. The oldest grave dates to 1747. (E. O'Brien)

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Bartholomew Joseph "Barthly" Molloy, in the traditional flat cap, appears in an undated studio photograph. (Private collection)

Barthly left his home in Ireland at age 20, securing this United States immigration and naturalization card record. (Ancestry.com)



Annie Connelly Molloy is breathtaking on her wedding day in 1886. (Private collection)

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On the hour and a half drive to my ancestral home, like any good cabbie, Liam described the landmarks along the way, noting the remains of a derelict castle on the side of the freeway, university buildings, and he even pointed out a rainbow.

Liam asked where I was from, and when I said I was originally from California, but recently from the smallest state, Rhode Island, he responded, "Ah, yes, the Boston Red Sox."

**Coincidences start adding up**

I mentioned the only book I could find on Oughterard, was by Jess Walsh, who, by the way, had the same surname as my great-great-great grandmother. "Oh, she lives right over here," he casually mentioned, with a nod over his left shoulder. Before I knew it, he'd pressed her number on his cell phone mounted on the dashboard. "Hello, Jess, Liam here. I have a lady looking for the Walshes..." This was the first of many coincidences I would encounter on my trip.

"Tell her I have her book!" I whispered.

On the road, the miles of picturesque rural settings gradually changed to more established

towns. On the subject of Walshes, I referred to Barthly's house in Oughterard, down the street from the church, owned by a Nora Walsh as recently as 2009. Julie had mentioned something about a funeral home, and I'd seen Walsh's Funeral Directors on a Google street view of Oughterard.

Again, Liam reached for the call button on his phone, saying, "Dermot Walsh," in explanation, as the phone rang. I heard a man's voice on the line. "Hello, Dermot, Liam here. I have a lady here looking for the Molloy house..." I wondered how many Walshes lived in Oughterard. Dermot explained the Molloy house was two doors down from his business, and currently owned by Mr. O'Toole. I began to feel like a character in a BBC miniseries.

Liam smiled at me in the rear-view mirror and summarized, "Oughterard is a lot like Rhode Island."

My hotel was located in the town square, which I'd chosen for its proximity to Barthly's footsteps. There I met Yvonne, whom I'd communicated with by email as well. The new restaurant employee was an 18-year-old young lady by the name of Molloy. "You'll have to meet Antoinette Lydon," she decided, writing down the person's contact information. "She's a local genealogist." Not

even inside my hotel room yet, I already had three leads.

Eager for adventure, but too hungry to explore, I walked across the square to a restaurant, among the buildings festooned with tiny triangular flags in the colors of the Irish tricolor flag, which ran from one roof to another across the street. My table was beside a session band of two fiddlers and a banjo player who were playing the jig, "Calliope House." As the three musicians were bathed in lights, and the sweet sounds of the strings filled the room, I was transported to the past on my first night back in County Galway.

The musicians took a break as a waitress replenished their pints of beer. I thanked them for the song, and the woman fiddler asked if there was anything I'd like to hear. "The Black Velvet Band," was my request. Noting my accent, her fellow flautist said, "I'll play you an American version." Irish music, I've found, is either very happy, or very sad. So after a very happy song, followed by a very sad one, I floated back to the hotel, imagining the discoveries that awaited me in the morning.

After a breakfast of bracing Irish tea with milk and brown treacle bread, and under a light mist, I headed around the corner towards the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Julie had been right. On the way,

there was the little house situated on a corner, partially below the level of the sidewalk, two doors down from Walsh's. Its two front windows, dressed with lace curtains, were obscured by bushes. It had a large chimney adjacent to the next building, and a smaller one towards the center of its shingled roof. Dermot Walsh had remembered it with a thatched roof.

The front door, in a blue almost as bright as the house, had a latch instead of a knob. I stood there for quite some time, picturing the house its former glory, like White O'Morn Cottage in "Quiet Man."

Of course, I eventually knocked. I wasn't planning on it. I began to rehearse what I might say: "Hello, Mr. O'Toole, I'm Erin O'Brien..." I knocked again. "Hi, my name is Erin, and my great-great grandfather Molloy lived in your house." Finally, I walked around to the back of the house. The yard was completely enveloped in morning glory, and enclosed by a cement wall. Maybe Barthly and Mary had a vegetable garden back there; perhaps they cooked over one hearth, and sat together beside the other in the evenings.

The mist cleared as I continued down the street towards the church. I pictured the pen and ink rendering of the original building, as it looked in 1840,

to imagine the Molloy family there.

There it was ahead of me, its grey gothic tower looming among the very treetops. Arches beckoned me to pass through them. Behind the church, three tall Celtic crosses in the grass marked the graves of former pastors. I could hear the river rushing beyond the stone wall and the trees as I came nearer.

**Lighting a candle**

Inside, the church the walls were warm with light, a golden hue. A wedding coordinator was placing the final touches on the pews. As she silently worked, I admired the wood floor, the black and white tile aisle, and the small chandeliers which hung above the stained glass windows, one of St. Patrick. The baptismal font was made of Connemara marble with a wooden lid. I imagined Barthly's parents and godparents, and an old monsignor, in this very spot, that morning in 1863.

A sacristan greeted me and I introduced myself, sharing the reason for my visit. Father Connolly had responded to my email, and suggested I write a 50 to 70 word family history, which he offered to publish in the parish bulletin two Sundays before

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my arrival. The sacristan had remembered reading it, and retrieved the most recent bulletin, which we scoured for my notice.

She saw me before the candles, and took some coins out of her pocket, placing them in my hand. "For your special intention," she nodded. I thanked her, and we said goodbye. Alone in the church, I lit one of the candles in gratitude.

The sun was out, and in front of my hotel I noticed a woman had approached Liam's cab. She carried a metal grocery basket on her arm and was deep in conversation with him.

It was Louise, Liam's wife, who needed a ride home with her perishable groceries. Liam introduced us, and because it was in Ireland, Louise invited me to visit next time I was in Ireland.

Power's Pub, trimmed in red, with its thatch roof and red door, beckoned from across the street. A chalkboard sign outside read, "If passing and you need the loos please feel welcome." In the entrance, Cead Mile Failte ("A Hundred Thousand Welcomes") was painted overhead. Inside, the fireplace mantle was decorated with framed holy cards, a painting of John Wayne in Quiet Man, and a Guinness mirror hung above it.

I was shown to a table by the window. When the waiter heard me speak, he asked where I was from. "Rhode Island," I said, prepared to explain it was near Boston. Then the waiter wanted to know where in Rhode Island. "Warwick," I answered. Of course, our waiter had worked in Boston, and had traveled to Warwick often for work for the May Company department store.

Messages from both Jess, the local photographer, and Antoinette, the genealogist, were waiting for me when I returned to the hotel to make tea with the electric kettle in my room. I was to meet them both at the courthouse at 10 o'clock the following morning. Naturally, they were acquainted.

On the road to the courthouse, the river kept me company as it gurgled by. The building turned out to be a former courthouse, now a community space. When I walked in the empty room, I looked up to see a woman waving from the top of a corner staircase. It was Antoinette.

Her office was the lone room upstairs, where her computer screen displayed the Oughterard Heritage website. It dawned on me she was the website administrator who'd contacted me, when Julie answered my query about Barthly Molloy. "Yes," she smiled, "I've brought a lot of people together."

A smiling Jess appeared at the top of the stairs, her arms laden with some of her books. The three of us sat in front of the computer screen, as Antoinette asked for Barthly's birth, death, and marriage dates, which I supplied. Each of us curious to learn where his parents lived in Oughterard, I promised Julie I'd investigate. The Molloy address didn't appear on the baptism documents, but Antoinette said there were some people in town she could talk to, and she'd contact me.



Barthly and his second wife, Mary Roland Molloy, on the occasion of their wedding in 1929, made their home down the street from the church in Oughterard. (Private collection)

**A peaceful resting place**

Jess's husband was a Walsh, but Jess wasn't familiar with the Walsh who was Barthly's mother. She asked where I was off to next, and I told her the final stop on my pilgrimage was to Kilcummin Cemetery, to visit Barthly's grave. Since she was traveling in that direction, she offered me a ride. She presented

me with her photography books, signing them for me.

A few minutes later, as Jess pulled up alongside the cemetery, another car arrived, parking in front of us. It was Antoinette, who'd decided, "I thought you might need a ride back to the hotel." I was relieved not to be left on my own in an old graveyard to find a headstone.

There was no sign at the entrance to the cemetery, only an opening in the wall. There stood the remaining portion of the derelict chapel, just as Julie had described, the uppermost stones festooned with dried vines, while lichen crept up from the earth.

Antoinette carried her GPS device as we three traversed the undulating grass of the graveyard. Part of her work on the Oughterard Heritage site includes the Kilcummin Cemetery Mapping Project. The earliest gravesite dates to 1747.

We reached Barthly's headstone where the old chapel served as a backdrop. I'd come to the end of my pilgrimage, and wasn't sure if it would be an emotional moment when I stood at Barthly's final resting place. "Hi, Barthly," I smiled, as if to introduce myself. I'd forgotten flowers. A lonely dirt-filled terra-cotta pot was beside the grave where his second wife, Mary, rested beside him. I recalled the end of an Irish blessing: "...and may you die in Ireland."

I had 20 euros left in my wallet. Antoinette promised to pick out a plant or flowers to leave for Barthly the next time she was at the cemetery. When I enclosed the bills in an envelope, I added a note for Barthly, struggling momentarily with what to write. Perhaps I should introduce myself, or mention my mom remembered him, or thank him for the life I've had because he was brave enough to immigrate to the United States. I decided on a simple message: "With affection, Your great-great granddaughter, Erin."

I had not only walked in his footsteps, but found myself fondly attached to his hometown and its inhabitants.

The next day, on the way to the airport in Liam's van, I looked at the lush green fields of cows, and sheep and horses, separated by stones that had been dug out of the land. As I dreamt, I was already planning my return trip.

Liam broke the silence. "Yesterday at the airport I picked up four guys from Rhode Island."

**Gamm play searches for truth through historical fiction**

Theatre Review by DON FOWLER

Director Tony Estrella has gathered seven outstanding actors to tell a haunting tale of truth and reality over the course of 90 years of Russian and Polish history.

Rajiv Joseph's epic play, "Describe the Night," begins with two characters, a writer and a soldier, attempting to describe the night.

Isaac Babel (Michael Liebhauser) is the revolutionary writer who meets up with Nikolai on the Russian front in 1920, gets into a heavy conversation about truth and reality, setting the tone for the next 90 years of history.

Sixty-nine years later, we meet a KGB agent who falls in love with the woman he is spying on, ending disastrously.

Estrella has discovered a number of talented actors to fill the challenging roles, none better than Jeff Church as Vova. Church has several outstanding credits to his name at Burbage, Wilbury, Trinity and Gamm.

His scenes opposite the news reporter (Donnia Hughes) are tense and physical.

The play requires our careful attention as it switches characters and time periods. It helps if you arrive early and read Estrella's piece in the program.

Playwright Joseph uses real and fictional characters, playing with truth and fiction just enough to make us stay alert.

"Truth is what happened" we are told. But two people can observe an action and see it differently, so what is the truth?

A found diary is important to the outcome of the play, and it takes nearly three hours to connect all the dots.

Michael McGarty's set, with the Berlin Wall used effectively to represent a number of locations.

Once again, Estrella challenges his audiences to pay attention, seek out the truth, and apply it to our lives.

"Describe the Night" is at Warwick's Gamm Theatre through October 9. Call 723-4266 for reservations.

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The Church of the Immaculate Conception, the site of Barthly's baptism, was where he remarried upon his return to Oughterard as a widower. Established in 1829, the church was originally known as St. Mary's. After a fire destroyed the original building in 1879, the church was rebuilt between 1932 and 1934. (E. O'Brien)



A session band at The Boat Inn, Oughterard, plays the jig, "Calliope House." (E. O'Brien)



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