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Fung falls short

By EMMA BARTLETT and JOHN HOWELL

It was a roller coaster ride Election Night that didn't end well for the man who led Cranston for 12 years and was ready to do even bigger things in Washington

As the votes started coming in shortly after 8:15 p.m., those who had gathered at the Twin Oakes with hopes of a victory party, were seeing and hearing what they wanted. Radio host John DePetro who was live streaming from the restaurant announced loudly that Allan Fung was ahead of Seth Magaziner by four points in the race for the Second Congressional District. That caused a stir and there was a smattering of cheers. DePetro's information had come from Fox News.

But JR Pagliarini, who has been through many political races not only as a campaign consultant but at one time a candidate, wasn't swayed. Yes, he said it was good that Fung was ahead, however, only a small percentage of the vote was in. Ten minutes later, Fung's lead was shaved down to a two point lead and soon thereafter according to the State Board of Elections tally had them in a dead heat. Might this race come down to the mail ballots and perhaps a recount?

By 9:30 what little steam there had been for a victory celebration evaporated and the room

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AT THE POLLS: Allan Fung and his wife Barbara Ann Fenton Fung arrived at the Hope Highlands School Election Day to be greeted by a bevy of reporters. Here they were joined by Mayor Ken Hopkins before entering the school to cast their ballots. (Cranston Herald photo)

Changes in School Committee, not council

By EMMA BARTLETT

As polling places closed Tuesday and results filtered in, Cranston residents found that incumbents for the General Assembly, City Council and School Committee held their seats. Each of the three elected bodies will serve two year terms.

While the majority of ballots have been counted, the Board of Elections sent out a release Tuesday saying that remaining drop box ballots and any still uncounted mail ballots will be added to the Mail Ballots totals and made available on state elections website on Nov. 9 and 10; any precincts which failed to transmit their results on Election Night due to any technical issues will be added to the Election Day results and made available on the Board of Elections' website. From Nov. 11 to 12, provisional ballots results will be added to Polling Place Results and will be made available on the Board of Elections' website. The Board of Elections said that on Nov. 15, deficient mail ballots cured by voters will be added to Mail Ballots Results and will be made available on the Board of Elections' website prior to final certification.

General Assembly seats

The majority of incumbents held onto their seats in the General Assembly, however, in State Senate District 31, Democratic candidate Matthew LaMountain won the seat. LaMountain went against Republican candidate Lisa Morse in the Nov. 8 election and faced Harrison Tuttle in the September Primary. Kendra Anderson, who previously represented District 31, decided not to run for reelection.

City Council races

The only uncontested City Council race occurred in Ward 1 where incumbent Democratic candidate Lammis Vargas will continue to hold the Ward 1 seat. Vargas was first elected to the City Council in 2018 as the first woman of color and has played a leading role in starting the pride flag raising in Cranston, establishing an ordinance focusing on minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in city contracts and bringing residents' concerns to the forefront.

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Panel says 'no' to pallet housing

By EMMA BARTLETT

Members of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee approved (4-2) a pallet shelter resolution Thursday night calling for Gov. Dan McKee to abandon plans for placing pallet shelters at Cranston's Pastore Center. The resolution, sponsored by Councilman Matthew Reilly and Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, will go before the full council at the end of the

Meanwhile, the state administration hasn't revealed a plan for providing shelter for the homeless this winter. Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi said he was assured the state will not contract with Crossroads, as it did last year, for use of the NY-

LO Hotel. Picozzi said he was told the administration aims to disburse the homeless population with the use of housing facilities in multiple communities.

Pallet shelters are tiny, pop-up housing units with heat and electricity that are used for emergency housing. The state is looking to use these shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness this winter and has been scouting out potential locations throughout Rhode Island. One of the suggested areas is the Pastore Center which has become a debated topic within the city for the past three weeks.

At Thursday's meeting, Chief of Staff Anthony Moretti said the Governor's

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A veteran at honoring vets

By JOHN HOWELL

chance encounter at the Baltimore/Washington Airport as George Farrell and his family were on their way home from a spring vacation in 2010 changed his live and the lives of about 800 veterans.

Farrell was at the right time and the right place to witness an Honor Flight pass through the terminal. Those in the terminal paused on their way to make connections to applaud a group of World War II veterans, some in wheelchairs, others walking, wearing jackets and hats distinguishing the

branch of the service in which they served. Travelers passing through the terminal were not the only ones recognizing the veterans. Local police and fire-fighters, units representing different branches of the military, scout troops and civic groups and family and friends were there to greet them on. Some stood ramrod straight, saluting. Others waved flags, applauding and cheering.

At first Farrell didn't know what was happening, but he could see the joy in the faces of the veterans and the sincerity of those applauding them. It was genuine and when he learned more, not only did he

want local WWII veterans to have the opportunity to visit the war memorials in the nation's capital, but he believed the Rhode Island Retired Fire Chiefs could pull it off.

Last Thursday marked the tenth anniversary of the first Honor Flight run by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Association. Since then Farrell and his followers — most of them having been with him from the start — having organized and run 27 flights.

The flights are packed days. Veterans, many in their 80s and 90s and usually one or

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WATCH YOUR STEP: George Farrell assists one of the veterans in the all-women veterans flight hosted by the Federation of Women's Clubs on April 6, 2019 as they enter the terminal and prepare to board the flight for a full day in Washington, DC. (Herald file photo)

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Cranston Chatter

Humans of Cranston Nominations

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

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Falcons fly to semis



Marcus Chung scored three touchdowns to lead the West football team to a 21-18 playoff win over Woonsocket.

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Free screening of The Color of Care, panel with RI healthcare leaders

Join the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University on Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m. for a screening of the Smithsonian Channel documentary "The Color of Care," followed by a panel discussion featuring leaders from Rhode Island's health care com-

'The Color of Care" chronicles how people of color suffer from systemically substandard health care. Covid exposed what they have long understood and lived: they do not receive the same level of care. Produced by Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Productions and directed by Oscar-nominated and Emmy-winning Director Yance Ford, the film traces the origins of racial health disparities to practices that began during slavery and continue today. Using moving personal testimony, expert interviews and disturbing data, the film reveals the impact of racism on health, serving as an urgent warning of what must be done to save

Following the screening, local health care leaders will offer insight into health care in Rhode Island. The panel will be moderated by Patricia Poitevien, MD, senior associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion at the Warren Alpert Medical School. Panelists include Joseph A. Diaz, MD, MPH, associate dean for multicultural affairs and associate professor of medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School, and Anais Ovalle, MD, infectious disease specialist and director, Population Health Track, Care New England.

Tickets are free, but registration is required at rihs.org. This screening is part of the Rhode Island Historical Society's Bicentennial Celebrations, sponsored by Amica Insurance.

Police Log

NO CONTACT ORDER **VIOLATION**

At 3:14 p.m. on Nov. 6, Cranston Police arrested Vincent B. Smith, 61, of 335 Simmonsville Ave., Apt. 103, Johnston, on Violation of a No Contact Order (one count, third or subsequent). The arrest was the result of a court order violation in progress at 17 Cliffside Drive. Smith was arraigned by a Justice of the Peace and transported to ACI Intake as a Bail/Probation Violator.

DRUG POSSESSION

Cranston Police arrested Meaghan Hopkins, 41, of 20 Euclid Ave., Warwick, on charges of Possession of a Schedule I-V Controlled

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Substance Under 10gm (one count, first offense). The arrest was the result of a motor vehicle stop in the area of Reservoir Avenue and Ausdale Road. Hopkins was issued a Third District Court release to appear.

DUI

At 12:35 a.m. on Nov. 5, Cranston Police arrested Ann Fournier, 58, of 40 Village Court, West Warwick, on charges of DUI (first offense) as a result of a car stop on New London Avenue. The BAC readings both were .153. Fournier was held for arraignment.

ASSAULT

At 7:03 p.m. on Nov. 6, Cranston Police arrested Alynn Prout, 20, of 24 Bracken St., first floor, Cranston, on charges of Domestic Simple Assault/Battery (one count), Domestic Vandalism/Malicious Damage (one count), Domestic Refusal to Relinquish Telephone (one count) and Domestic Disorderly Conduct (one count). The arrest was the result of a disturbance call at the aforementioned





address and subsequent follow up investigation. Prout was arraigned by a Justice of the Peace and released.

At 5:11 p.m. on Nov. 4, Cranston Police arrested Tyisha Cashwell, 38, of 84 Summer St., Apt. 1, Cranston, on charges of Simple Assault, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Disorderly Conduct. The arrest was the result of a call for service at Cranston High School East. Cashwell was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace.

At 5:53 p.m. on Nov. 3, Cranston Police arrested Sunilda Delarosa, 62, of 87 Verndale Ave., Providence, on charges of Domestic Assault on Persons with Severe Impairments. The arrest was the result of a call for service at Aldi's Supermarket on Cranston Street. Delarosa was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace.

At 2:31 p.m. on Nov. 3, Cranston Police arrested Gary Kennedy, 47, of 51 Bedford Road., Cranston, on charges of Domestic Felony Assault, Domestic Assault by Strangulation, Domestic Simple Assault, Domestic Disorderly Conduct, and an Arrest and Affidavit Warrant from an outside agency as a result of a 24-Hour Domestic pick up from Providence Police. Kennedy awaited transport to Kent County Court for arraign-

CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

At 5:11 p.m. on Nov. 4, Cranston Police arrested Morease Abney, 37, of 343 Plainfield St., Providence, on charges of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. The arrest was the result of a call to Cranston High School East. Abney was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace.

BREAKING AND

ENTERING At 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 4, Cranston Police arrested Sension Jimenez, 29, of 300 Smithfield Road, North Providence, on charges of Domestic Breaking and Entering of a Dwelling House (two counts), Domestic Felony Assault, Felony Assault, Domestic Simple Assault and Violation of No Contact Order (six counts). The arrest was the result of the RI Sheriff's Department turning him over to our custody on numerous arrest and affidavit warrants. Jimenez

At 12:08 a.m. on Nov. 4, Cranston Police arrested Krystyna Delaney, 34, of 83 Terrace, Apt. 3, Providence,

STOLEN VEHICLE

was arraigned by the Justice

of the Peace and transported

to ACI Intake as a probation

on charges of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle at McDonald's on Cranston Street as a

result of a Flock hit. Delaney

was held for arraignment.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

At 4:42 p.m. on Nov. 3, Cranston Police arrested Joseph McFadden, 50, of 30 Howard Ave., Cranston, on charges of Sexual Offender Registration Required. The arrest was the result of Pawtucket Police Department turning him over to the Cranston Police Department's custody on an Arrest and Affidavit Warrant. Mc-Fadden was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace and transported to ACI Intake as a probation violator.

WARRANT

At 1:49 p.m. on Nov. 6, Cranston Police arrested Mason Doughty, 37, of 12 Kenyon St., West Warwick, on a Superior Court Bench Warrant. The arrest was the result of a motor vehicle stop in the area of Reservoir Avenue and Ausdale Road. Doughty was transported to ACI Intake.

At 2:19 p.m. on Nov. 3, Cranston Police arrested Adam Corbin, 35, at 872 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, on a Third District Court Bench Warrant because of him not showing up in court on Nov. 3. Corbin was remanded to the

At 4:44 a.m. on Nov. 3, Cranston Police arrested Gerson Pol Morales, 22, of 78 Althea St., Apt 1, Providence, on an Arrest and Affidavit Warrant from Providence Police as a result of a traffic stop. Morales was transferred to the Providence Police Department's custody.

At 11:41 a.m. on Nov. 2, Cranston Police arrested Jose Arias, 34, of 146 Smith St., Apt. 1, Cranston, on a Cranston Arrest and Affidavit Warrant for Domestic Vandalism (one count) and Domestic Disorderly Conduct. The arrest was the result of Arias turning himself in at headquarters. Arias was transported to Third District Court for arraignment.

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A concrete start to solid career

Certification program at charter school increases worksite opportunities

By EMMA BARTLETT

When senior Nicholas Aschettino, 17, graduates from the New England Laborer's Cranston Public Schools Construction and Career Academy in June, he wants to work in highway construction. Down the road in six or so years, he sees himself working in concrete quality control.

Aschettino is one of six seniors selected to participate in the school's new concrete quality control program which is funded through the Rhode Island Department of Education's (RIDE) Charter Support Initiative grant. The school received \$8,333 from RIDE and covered the program's remaining costs with the school budget. While students already learn about concrete in their classes, this course expands their abilities and what type of work they can do on a job-

Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs Lindsey Tavares said the Construction and Career Academy had its eye on expanding the use of concrete in its construction pathway and partnered with the University of Connecticut Concrete Advanced Pavement Lab for its concrete quality control program. For six weeks, Scott Zinke – researcher engineer at Concrete Advanced Lab - visited the Construction and Career Academy to prepare students for this certifica-

The course gets students ready to complete the ACI (American Concrete Institute) Concrete Field Testing Technician – Grade I certifi-



WATCH AND LEARN: Scott Zinke, who's been working with seniors to prepare them for their upcoming ACI (American Concrete Institute) Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I certification test, demonstrates some on the hands-on testing that students may experience on Nov. 15. (Herald photo)

cation test; this test certifies concrete technicians who have demonstrated the knowledge and ability to properly perform the basic field tests of freshly mixed concrete. This work results in fewer jobsite problems and costly delays.

The exam is a rigorous all day affair, beginning with a written test and followed by practical demonstrations of the tests. In this line of work, individuals must verify that concrete meets design specifications and identify concrete that is substandard. The seniors will take their exam on Nov. 15 and will receive results in the coming weeks.

Zinke said it's great see-

ing a young group of students learn about concrete quality control. He said most people don't know about concrete field testing until they are in the field and will take the certification course later in life. Zinke added that there's a shortage of people in quality control of materials jobs.

The course consists of an in-classroom component followed by a hands-on component in the school's construction bays. Throughout the two-hour instruction period, Zinke quizzes students' knowledge. Last Tuesday – two weeks before their exam – Zinke had seniors fill cylindrical molds with wet concrete so



PRACTICE, PRACTICE: After listening to Scott Zinke's instructions, Dylan Gibb & Izaiah Dearce took turns packing concrete into cylindrical molds where they will later determine the strength of the concrete. (Herald photo)

they could determine the strength of the concrete. He tested them on the number of layers needed to fill the mold, and taught them to pay attention to air pockets and label the mold once it was finished.

This is Zinke's first time working with high school students, and he said they have been enthusiastic throughout the process.

Tavares said the school hopes to run the program in the spring and open the opportunity to students at Cranston East and Cranston West. While there were six students in the program for trial purposes, Taveras sees this number expanding for the spring courses. Additionally, individuals do not need construction experiences in order to take the certification course.

Tavares said initially the school was going to select students for this program based on attendance and academic performance. However, she said there were several students who advocated for themselves. One individual, who was selected for the program, didn't have the best track record with attendance, was selected and has thrived throughout the

While the school is currently using UCONN's cur-

riculum for this program, the school is looking for the university to create its own program that the Construction and Career Academy can purchase. In the next school year, the Construction and Career Academy hopes to do a program with asphalt and is looking for a local lab to go to and use or to bring in a mobile lab.

During the program's last course, Zinke will run through a simulation of the exam with students as final preparation. This certification gets students in the door according to Tavares and there are many levels of certification after that that they can take part in.

Grant to increase community events at Governor Sprague Mansion

By PAM SCHIFF

Everything old is new again. Or, in this case, something old is getting a few new improvements.

Governor Sprague Mansion is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant that allowed for the purchase of a large event tent and space heaters. Sprague Mansion dates back to 1790 and was the home of two Rhode Island governors; it is located at 1351 Cranston Street and

was added to the National Register of Historic Places in In the fall of 2021, the Cranston YMCA, Cranston Historical Society, Cranston City Councilman John Donegan, former Councilman Steve Stycos, and resident and community advocate Grace Swinski partnered to apply for a Rhode Island

Foundation grant to increase community events at the Governor Sprague Mansion. The Governor Sprague Mansion is a historic and cultural centerpiece of Ward 3 and now serves as the headquarters of the Cranston Histori-

cal Society. This project aims to make this location a community

hub where Cranston's diverse residents can gather not only for celebration but for mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.

The community partners were pleased to share that they were awarded the grant earlier this year; all supplies have arrived and are currently being stored in the carriage house on the mansion's grounds.

"So much of the history of this part of the city stems from the Governor Sprague Mansion and Cranston Print Works. Increasing community access and participation in this space is one way that we can continue to honor that history and bring people together as we create new memories and build community," said Donegan.

The tents and heaters will allow the Governor Sprague Mansion to extend programming into the spring and fall seasons. They envision partnering and supporting programming and services from community groups such as the Cranston Arts Commission, Cranston Public Library and OneCranston Health Equity Zone amongst others.

Additionally, as part of the grant award, the Cranston

YMCA will hire and train bilingual Zumba instructors to host outdoor programming on the mansion grounds.

"The Cranston Y is not just a gym and swim facility, it is a place that welcomes all members of the community, and strives to provide programs and services that support youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Partnering with wonderful organizations like the Cranston Historical Society, at the Governor Sprague Mansion, helps the Y take its programs and services outside of our four walls, into the community that we are here to serve," said Christy Clausen, Executive Director of the Cranston YMCA.

This partnership and project creates the opportunity to connect residents to each other, residents to organizations, and build a more connected and cohesive commu-

"Since the Governor Sprague Mansion is situated on one of the largest green spaces in a rather densely populated area, the Cranston Historical Society thought that we should open up our grounds to community and government groups. We



THE PEOPLE'S WHITE HOUSE: Governor Sprague Mansion in Cranston is available for tours and has events year round for people to enjoy.

hope that people who visit the grounds for one of these events, will develop an appreciation for the history of the area and the work that the Society does to preserve, protect and promote our city's past," said Sandra Moyer, President, Cranston Historical Society.

The visions for the future of the space and the Mansion are endless, and are only limited by people's imagina-

"I have driven by the Sprague Mansion many times but never realized what a wonderful green space we had in the area until the lighting of the holiday tree. Seeing the people from the area gather in community to celebrate the season was powerful. When I was asked to be part of a group to strategize to bring easier access for outdoor community events I was hooked. I envision many community orga-

nizations using the tents and heaters in that space and having the corner of Cranston St. and Dyer Ave. alive with events for the city," said Grace Swinski, Ward 3 resident and community advo-

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Students from Cranston East and West team up for shared goals

On Oct. 31, the combined Cranston High Schools East and West Student Leadership Team had their first meeting of the school year. The team consisted of 100 invited students, half from each of the two high schools. Also present were the leadership team advisors, Christine Baum from Cranston West and Andrea DiCicco from Cranston East, as well as members of the school administrative teams, including Principal Tom Barbieri from Cranston East and Principal John Fontaine from Cranston West, and assistant principals Kristin Ward and Kaitlin Hitchings from Cranston East. Central administrators Zachary Farrell, Executive Director of Secondary Programs, and Chief Human Resources Officer, Mike Crudale were also present.

The event was held at the Park Theatre, and the students shared breakfast together with students from each school sitting together at each table.

"This is something that we started prior to Covid, on a much smaller scale," Baum told the students as she introduced the agenda for the morning meeting. "A couple of years ago, students from both East and West joined together for the purpose of creating a more unified graduation cap and gown, choosing one color for each school. Then last year, students from both schools came together again to work with our district administration to revamp the senior portfolio requirements

after Covid.' Barbieri explained that the priority for the combined leadership team is to elevate the district's student voices in the decision making process. Additionally, it is the hope of the administration that the students will be able to work together to come up with initiatives that will not only benefit students, but will also benefit the Cranston community at large.

Because Fontaine and Barbieri

have worked together previously, and because faculty and staff from both schools have often teamed up for district-wide professional development and initiatives, Fontaine said that joining together for this combined team effort with students was a natural fit.

After breakfast, students engaged in a team building activity using red and green balloons. Once that was completed, the work at hand began. The tables of students first logged into their devices to complete a Jamboard activity, adding a virtual sticky note to a Jamboard about leadership and what it means to them.

Following that activity, they worked together as table groups to brainstorm combined community activities and fundraisers to benefit both the district and the community. Examples included powder puff games, dance-athon lock-in events, and charity basketball games to benefit the Cranston Police and Fire Departments' annual charity for families during the holiday season.

At the end of the meeting, the students gathered for a wholegroup photo in front of the Park Theatre before heading back to their respective schools.

DiCicco said that the group will meet together quarterly, switching locations, and it is the goal to have another team-building event and celebration to cap off the year in the spring. In between the quarterly meetings, each school's own Student Leadership teams will meet at their respective school.

"I think our kids are going to redefine what it means to be a Cranston Public School student," DiCicco said.

All of the faculty and members of the school administration expressed their gratitude to Park Theatre owner Ed Brady who, as a Cranston Public Schools alumni, has always been supportive of the schools and was there to welcome the group to the event.



A JOINT EFFORT: The students, faculty and administration, joined by Park Theater owner Ed Brady, pose for a whole group photo at the conclusion of the leadership meeting on Monday morning. (Photos courtesy of Cranston Public Schools)



HOW MANY TAPS: The ice breaker activity required the students to work together to keep track of how long they could keep their red and green balloons in the air. Some groups were able to tally as many as 160 taps on their balloons or



ENJOYING A MEAL TOGETHER: Thanks to the Park Theatre, the students were able to enjoy a delicious buffet meal together before beginning their agenda for the day.

Cranston Public Schools offers free early education screenings

By PAM SCHIFF

Children's first smiles, first steps, first words are all milestones that parents delight in. To make sure kids are progressing properly, Cranston Public Schools offers free screening through the Child Outreach pro-

Child Outreach is a universal developmental screening system designed to screen all children. Screening serves as a first step in the identification of children who might have special needs or be at risk for a learning problem and whom could benefit from in-

children living in Cranston who are aged three to five years old," said Gail Falso, Head Screener for Child Outreach.

A system for identifying children with disabilities is a required component under IDEA (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and the Rhode Island Special Education Regulations.

'Equally as important, Child Outreach serves as a resource to families. Information about general child development, and specifically, the development of their child, is provided. Child Outreach provides families with information regarding referrals to agencies and programs within their community as well as opportunities for family involvement in their child's development and education," said Charlene Barbieri, Director "There are approximately three thousand of Early Childhood Education for Cranston.

of four elements: vision, hearing, speech and general development and social/emotional

"Screening a child each year before Kindergarten is so important as it assures a parent that their child is at an age appropriate level, and for some children that may need further help it is detected at an early stage and we can ensure the child gets the proper guidance they may require," Barbieri said.

Falso and her team of screeners travel to every preschool in Cranston and schedule screenings at the ECC building on Sprague

Along with regular screenings, the team also assists the Nursing department with the vision screenings at all elementary schools.

"Usually, we do the vision screenings in November. We are the only Child Outreach district that offers this service. The District the Early Childhood Center, or for more inpurchased the Welch Allyn Sure Spot Screenformation, call Gail Falso at 270-8337.

er which is a handheld, portable device designed to help users quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from six months of age," Falso said. Spot screens both eyes at once from a

three-foot distance. The touch-screen display allows for one-touch activation, simple management of patient data entry, and easy configuration for both vision screening and auto-refraction applications.

"If a child is referred after a Child Outreach screening, our team of professionals will meet with the parents and discuss the proper plan for their child," Barbieri said.

To schedule a Child Outreach screening at

■ Chatter

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Cranston teacher and administrator, will be displaying his photography at the Cranston Central Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, throughout the month of November. Ed's extensive experience in visual arts theatre direction, set design, sculptor in steel and now photography continues to demonstrate his love of and commitment to visual art. The exhibit will also include work by his grandson, Nicholas Paolino and longtime friend, Terrence J. Boylan.

Nicholas is a graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School with a B.A. in Graphic Design and M.A. in Communication from Merrimack College. Nick is an experienced photographer, videographer, graphic designer with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry within departments of communication and marketing.

Terry's 50 year career in education ranged from elementary school principal to university professor. His work in photography has been seen in galleries and shows in Rhode Island, Marblehead and Cape Cod.

The exhibit runs from Nov. 1 to Nov. 29 with a reception on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30

Veterans Day Parade The City of Cranston will

once again hold its Veterans Day Parade at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 11. The parade will kick off in front of Legion Bowl on Park Avenue, continue past City Hall up to Hevward Street and past Rolfe Street. A ceremony at the

cannon memorial will immediately flood the parade. group/organization that wants to march can contact Paul McAuley at pmcauley@cranstonri.org.

Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk

The ninth annual 2022 Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run, an annual event designed to bring honor and recognition to Veterans Day. will be held at Roger Williams Park on Friday, Nov. 11. Proceeds from the event will benefit programs for the school throughout the year and as a means of giving back to a worthwhile cause, Operation Stand Down RI.

The One Mile Kids Run will take place in the Park on a specially designed course. This race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The race is open to all elementary and middle school students. Cost for this race is \$10 (T-shirts to the first 50 entries for this race).

Start and finish of the 5k race at the Park Avenue entrance to Roger Williams Park across from Park View Middle School. The 5k starts at 9:30 a.m.

T-shirts to the first 500 entries for the 5k race. Postrace food and beverages will be served. Awards are given to the top male and female finisher. Awards to the top men and women in each division: 8th grade and under, high school division, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-

Packet Pick up will be at the Park View Middle School Gym, Thursday, Nov. 10, from 3-5 p.m. Race day registration and pickup begins at 7 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Go online (runsignup.com/Race/

Register/?raceId=65625 &mc_cid=337566f4e5&mc_ eid=8f237641e8) to register.

Veterans' Day Mass

Mass for Veterans' Day will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 11 at 12:05 p.m. at Saint Paul Church, One Saint Paul Place, Cranston. The Mass, celebrated by Fr. Thomas Woodhouse, will feature enhanced musical selections played by Music Director Jason Hervieux. Everyone, especially all veterans, are invited and encouraged to attend. Please consider inviting a veteran you know to come to Mass along with you. Come let us give glory to God and thanks to those who served our great coun-

Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year, the Cranston Rotary Club provides over 100 baskets to local Cranston families in need. Venmo \$40 to sponsor one basket to @ Cranston-Rotary or mail a check to PO Box 3723 Cranston, RI 02910.

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.

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair

Get out your Holiday gift list and head to the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (2115 Broad St., Cranston) to find all the best goodies for your loved ones! Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., find crafts, baked goods, candles, and much more! There will be something for every elf in your life! And don't forget to treat yourself while you're there too! This event is sponsored by the Warwick Assembly #15, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Woodridge Congregational

Church's Holiday Bazaar The Woodridge Church (546 Budlong Road, Cranston) 2022 Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will once again have the children's elf shop, country store, gift baskets, homemade crafts, penny social, silent auction, timeless treasures, books and more. The church will serve homemade soup, pizza and sandwiches from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The penny social is new this year. Please donate a non-perishable food item for the Cranston Interfaith Food Pantry.

Storytelling and Food

Join the OneCranston HEZ on Nov. 12 at the Central Library from 11 a.m. to noon for a Storytelling and food event. Come join us in hearing stories of food and the importance they have in different cultures from Rochel Garner Coleman of RI Black Storytellers.

Sensory Inclusive Storytime

Join Auburn Library from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 for an hour of songs, rhymes, stories, a picture schedule and sensory activities for children ages two and up. The program is designed for children with autism and/or developmental delays, but all are welcome. Children should be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, visit events.

cranstonlibrary.org/

event/9500501

Concert at **Phillips Memorial**

There will be a concert on Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. at Phillips Memorial Church featuring the harpsichord, piano and organ. Beautiful music will be heard. Come and enjoy this wonderful opportunity with us. Our own Martha Sobaje will be participating.

Wind Ensemble Performance

Join Rhode Island Wind Ensemble at Cranston's Temple Sinai (30 Hagen Ave.) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 13 for the organization's annual performance. This concert is free to the public and is sponsored by the Ira S. and Galkin Charitable Foundation.

Behavioral Health Fair

On Nov. 14, the OneCranston HEZ and the Cranston Public Libraries are hosting a Behavioral Health Fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Central Library. Come learn about the different organizations working in Cranston.

From Slaves to Soldiers It's a little known fact that Black and indigenous enslaved men were conscripted to fight in the Revolutionary War. On Nov. 15, local historian John Dower will tell a largely unknown story of the Black Regiment soldiers led by white officers to fill Rhode Island's manpower quotas for the Continental Army. The state paid slave owners for their "property' and promised them freedom in return. Who were these men and what happened to them when the battles ended? John has done extensive research on the Black Regiment. He will show primary sources and illustrations

during this Zoom program. This virtual program is sponsored by the East Greenwich Historic Preservation Society and begins at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. To register, go to info@eghps.org. The contact information will be emailed to you before the program.

Yummy Storytime

Join William Hall Library from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 for an evening indoor story time for ages two to eight where individuals will learn about how to prepare food. There will be singing, reading and fun activities with the library's delicious theme. Registration is required. For more information, visit events.cranstonlibrary.org/event/9788816.

Turkey Trot

St. Mary's Holy Name Society will host a Turkey Trot at 6 p.m. on Nov. 19 at St. Mary's School Gym (85 Chester Ave., Cranston). There will be food, drinks, raffles and Turkey bingo. There will also be a Santa's Helper raffle for a \$500 shopping spree.

Photos With Santa

Come visit Santa in his cozy cabin outside the Garden City Center gazebo from Nov. 18 to Dec. 24 for a meet and greet and photo with the most holly jolly guy in the neighborhood. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Walkups are welcome but will be given a return time upon arrival. Pet photos are available every Monday. To register and for times/dates, visit gardencitycenter.com/ event/santa-photos-2022/.

To submit your news from the community, email Emma at EmmaB@rhodybeat.com.

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'This food has to last our veterans through the year'

OSDRI launches holiday food drive for veterans



EMPTIED SHELVES: Tyrone "Ty" Smith, Director of Employment and Housing for Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI), surveys the organization's food bank shelves. The group needs help collecting food for the region's veterans.

By RORY SCHULER

Most of the shelf space was bare. A few scattered yearold cans of green beans and corn niblets dotted the metal

Tyrone "Ty" Smith walked into the food pantry and surveyed the remaining shelfstable items. He shook his head. The Director of Employment and Housing for Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI) determined last year's stock of food pantry items was nearly gone. A new inventory was badly needed. The holidays are approaching.

"This is very important this time of year," Smith said, standing inside the pantry at the OSDRI headquarters off Hartford Avenue in Johnston. "This food has to last our veterans through the year. We just had a big veteran assistance event, and we handed out a lot of what we

OSDRI has sounded a call to action to the local community in the days leading up to Veterans Day, on Friday, Nov.

"OSDRI's veteran food pantry is at a critical low," said Érik Wallin, Esq. Executive Director of OSDRI. "Following our Annual September Veteran Service Event where hundreds of in-need veterans receive bags of food from our pantry, we typically are able to quickly refill it with donations from the community at-large. This year, it has been slow going. Veterans from around the state rely upon OSDRI's veteran food pantry to feed themselves and their families. Social Workers from the VA Medical Center often bring food from our pantry to veterans who are shut-in as well. We are looking for a wide assortment of non-perishable food to get us through the next few months."

On Friday, Oct. 21, OSDRI began seeking support and donations from the local community to help stock the OSDRI food pantry shelves

in time for the holidays. "Due to inflation and ris-

ing food prices, our annual Holiday collection drive is imperative this year in order to ensure our Veterans are not forgotten on Veterans Day and do not get left behind through the Holiday Season," Wallin said. "OS-DRI relies on gift cards throughout the year to assist our veterans with groceries, gas and clothing. As we head into the holiday season, this becomes particularly important in order to guarantee that our low-income veterans are able to provide a Thanksgiving meal and a Christmas holiday to their families."

Smith, an East Providence resident originally from Columbia, South Carolina, looks around the pantry at the remaining canned goods. He sees a small fraction of a Thanksgiving meal (the canned vegetable side dish), but little else.

"We're starting to gather the Thanksgiving items," he said, rearranging a few cans.

"We need stuffing, cans of pumpkin pie filling, canned meat — that's huge, we need a lot of canned meats — cake mixes, dried milk," Smith explained. We need items that don't need refrigeration; shelf-stable and dry goods."

Smith joined the U.S. Army immediately after graduating from high school in 2002. While serving more than six years as a Military Policeman, Smith was stationed in Virginia, Germany and eventually deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, from 2006-08 with the 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Brigade Combat Team Cavalry Scouts. He reached the rank of specialist E-4 (the highest rank attainable for junior enlisted re-

In 2008, Ty served as a Subject Matter Expert for the Virtual Army Experience, a mobile video game simulation, while working on his Associates Degree from Bristol Community College (BCC) in Fall River, Massachusetts, according to his biography on the staff section of the OS-DRI website. He earned his degree at BCC and then transferred to Brown UniverArts in English.

OSDRI, Smith served as U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's Veterans Affairs Coordinator.

He has a wealth of experience and has encountered countless vets both stateside and in the theater of war. Smith acknowledges, however, that some veterans face their toughest battles after returning home and re-entering society. Assimilation can be near impossible on an empty stomach. The holidays can also be an emotional time of the year for every-

A few bags of groceries and maybe a gift card to a local supermarket can relieve a huge amount of holiday

Johnston.

'Our goal is to collect enough food and gift cards by Veterans Day in order to ensure that the veterans we serve can enjoy the holiday season without the stress of having to figure out how to put food on their tables,"

OSDRI is seeking the following food items: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, boxed dessert, and gift cards to local supermarkets.

Gift cards, however, can be

Over the years, Smith has done his best to help reach the region's veterans in need. He's helped many get food when they're concerned maybe they earn too much money or didn't deploy for combat.

"We're here to help," he said. "Soon these shelves will be full again."

sity, earning his Bachelor of

Prior to landing the job at

one, veterans included.

stress for a veteran in need.

OSDRI is seeking individuals and organizations willing to contribute gift cards and food items between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at their headquarters, 1010 Hartford Ave.,

Wallin said.

easier to distribute and provide veterans with more, sometimes fresher, options.

"If you can't donate food, gift cards are perfect," Smith said. "They provide ultimate

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STATE HOUSE ENCAMPMENT: Michael Nugent one of the homeless who have pitched tents in front of the State House does not see pallet housing as a means of addressing the homeless population. (Herald photo)

Housing

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Office and Deputy Secretary of Commerce for Housing Josh Saal called Mayor Ken Hopkins in October to solicit input on how Cranston and its residents feel about the establishment of pallet shelters at the Pastore Complex. Concerns of overburdening public safety resources, the impact on the local community, the financial strain and unanswered questions about the shelters were among the reasons for not wanting the shelters.

"In speaking with the fire chief, I was actually a bit astounded that Cranston supports the Pastore Center in totality with probably the equivalent of one full rescue," said Moretti. "That alone is probably a burden of over \$1 million on the taxpayers of the City of Cranston.′

Cranston already houses many state facilities – including the Harrington House and state prison. Reilly said each year the state waits until the last minute to set up pallet shelters. He said last vear, the state reached out to Cranston as well, but the city was able to dissuade the governor and individuals experiencing homelessness were housed at the NYLO Hotel in Warwick.

Moretti added that the issue of housing additional overriding concern, but rath- or clean up? er the mayor believes the city already houses the state prisons and state facilities. He said the burden goes beyond the Pastore Center and affects the local neighborhoods and businesses.

Moretti added that McKee appeared on WPRO with Steve Klamkin saying that Cranston is no longer a consideration for the pallet shel-

Council President Chris Paplauskas said that while it seems plans have changed, plans may change after the election.

Through a public

Fire Chief James Warren provided council members with the number of runs the Fire Department took to Harrington Hall over the last five years. In 2018, there were 307 runs, in 2019 there were 253, in 2020 there were 209, in 2021 there were 230 runs and as of October 2022 there have been 238 runs. Warren said the department has a lot of overdoses throughout Garden City, Glenn Hills, Oak Lawn Avenue and at bus

"I feel like we can handle it if we have to do it, but the rescue runs I believe will increase – which is what we're concerned about," Warren

Warren added that the state does not reimburse the city for rescue runs; he said the department will try to bill the state, but Cranston's Fire Department usually does not see any money.

From the police department's end, Chief of Police Col. Michael Winquist said there is concern that public safety doesn't have a lot of information on the pallet shelters or the people who are going to be housed in them. He wanted to know the number of pallet shelters to be expected and if individuals would be monitored for having weapons, alcohol or drugs with them. Winquist noted that the pallet shelters would not have a bathroom or shower, so where would these individuunits was not the overall als go to relieve themselves

He said there is at a tipping point since it of the homeless population nificant increase in crime, car that is addicted to drugs or alcohol and said the police department comes across these individuals on a daily basis.

"There are a lot of good people finding themselves living in tents in the woods across Cranston or in Harrington Hall," said Winquist.

Harrington Hall has 112 beds, with Winquist saying that, on any given night, at least 30 sex offenders make that place their home. He said of the 30, 10 of those individuals are considered a People experiencing home-

the facility at night but must leave in the morning. Winquist said many of the individuals take the bus to Kennedy Plaza in Providence while others are found panhandling and or involved in

illegal activities. Winquist said there are currently 17 individuals incarcerated at the ACI who are going to be registered sex offenders when they are released. He said when individuals are released from their incarceration, they go right to Harrington Hall.

'So that number of 30 could jump to 47 depending on the release dates that are coming up," Winquist said.

Last year, the police department responded to 132 calls for service at the Pastore Complex - most of the response services going to Harrington Hall. As of October of this year, the department has completed 64 calls for service at Harrington

"A lot of calls we get that stem from Harrington Hall involve public drunkenness in the neighborhoods and aggressive panhandling,' Winquist said.

Winquist spoke with the Warwick Police Department about the department's experience when people experiencing homelessness were housed at the NYLO Hotel last year. He said while a majority of the individuals were families and not a problem, there was a group that committed quite a few Warwick Police noted a sigbreaks, shoplifting, loitering and aggressive panhandling which took place at local businesses, playgrounds that was linked directly back to

those staying at the NYLO. "I would hope and implore if this pallet shelter comes through that the state police would come and have some type of presence at the

location," Winquist said. Michael Neugent, one of homeless who has pitched a tent in front of the State House, doesn't see pallet housing or tiny houses as level three sex offender a solution. While the pallets (which is the highest level). offer an improvement over tents, Neugent points out housing. He called not only for better temporary shelters but also for long term planning. He has called on members of the homeless community to set up their tents at the State House to focus attention on the issue and as an act of "assembly" that they are legally guaranteed.

Residents approve

Of the 30 members of the public that showed up to talk about the resolution and the many others who joined the meeting via Zoom, 20 individuals offered public comment with roughly 10 residents speaking in favor of Reilly and Renzulli's resolution. All spoke of safety con-

"How many times do my wife and I get a call from the police department saying there's a level three sex offender living in your neighborhood?" said one Garden Hills Drive resident.

Frank Deingenis, who lives on Garden Hills Parkway, said at times when Harrington Hall lets out in the morning, it's unsafe to go to Brayton Park.

"My wife and I won't even walk through the park at night because they're living in the woods, they're living in the stairwell of the concession stand. I have young children and I get at least one to two calls every couple weeks



PERSONAL ANECDOTE: Pastor Dr. Duane Clinker of Mathewson Street United Methodist Church spoke about the pallet shelter resolution at Thursday's special Safety Services and Licenses Committee meeting. He talked about having breakfast each Sunday with 200 individuals experiencing homelessness. He said how heartbreaking see homeless children. (Herald photo)

about registered sex offenders at Harrington Hall," said Deingenius.

He said at New London Avenue in the summertime, crimes. Winquist relayed that he has to roll up the car window because individuals are aggressively panhandling. He said other cities can step up and help by taking on the pallet shelters proposed by the state.

Resident Mary English had a similar comment as Deingenis.

"I feel like Cranston has beared a lot of the burden of the prisons and I feel like I'm almost being made to feel guilty if I'm not willing to house these people," said English.

Cranston resident Tricia Gilmore informed the council that she worked with the Harrington Hall community years ago when the sex offender population was getting out of control.

"Having insight as I had for many years to this specific situation, I don't have the luxury of having a fantasy land idea of what exists there. This is not about homelessness. This is about homeless sex offenders. This is about homeless criminals," said Gilmore.

She mentioned that while services are available for individuals, many do not use

'If you really want to understand that shelter, you need to understand that families, women, children, they won't use that shelter because it's not safe to be there," Gilmore said.

Former councilman Mi-

cheal Favicchio of Belvedere Drive added that the issue is statewide and Rhode Island needs a comprehensive plan.

"I worry about having families on those grounds where you have 30 to 40 sex offenders on any given night," said Favicchio.

Residents oppose

Community members also shared why they opposed the pallet shelter resolution. Many suggested workshopping the issue.

"In Rhode Island tonight, 425 people are experiencing homelessness," said Jennifer Barrera, Chief Strategy Officer of the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness. Barrera said Providence

County (which comprises Central Falls, Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Providence and Woonsocket) has 74 percent of all the people in Rhode Island who are experiencing homelessness. While Providence has the highest number of those experiencing homelessness, Cranston comes in second with 10 percent of Providence County's homeless population. Barrera said this percentage represents 63 households.

Barrera said the number of individuals experiencing homelessness has quadrupled since Covid began. Cranston has an overrepresentation of single, individual adults and couples who are experiencing homelessness compared to other Rhode Island municipalities. "There's no direct correla-

tion of the folks that we are counting that are experiencing homelessness in Cranston to the ACI. These are folks who are either from Cranston or have come to Cranston and are experiencing homelessness," Barrera said, countering what the police department said earlier. Cranston resident Rahul

Vanjani, who works as a primary care and addiction medicine physician and has spent the past five years overseeing the state's transition clinic, also opposed the resolution.

"Every medically complex individual coming out of ACI comes to see me and a group of community health workers," said Vanjani. "I probably take care of more people with histories of sex offenses than any other physician in the state.

He also takes care of a large swath of the homeless population.

My experience with working with people experiencing homelessness has been that they are some of the most special and kind people that I've ever interfaced with," Vanjani said. "It's really helped me break down some of the stereotypes that I had growing up about individuals experiencing homelessness."

Vanjani added that these shelters like Harrington Hall are tough to live in and suggested council members approach this issue by thinking of what leads to a high-quality program. He suggested the city demand high case level management and certain services implemented if the pallet shelters were to be placed within the city.

"That's the way we can guarantee the number of rescues called to the area will be decreased. The number of people successfully housed will be increased," Vanjani

Brown focused on the difference between individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals who deemed sex offenders.

"I find the language of the resolution conflating our neighbors who are dealing with homelessness right now with the sex offender population to be offense and inaccurate," said Brown.

Council Divided

Following public comment, council members debated the resolution. Councilman John Donegan said within the City Charter, Cranston has the duty to uphold safety, health and wellbeing of the city and people who are unhoused fall under that category.

"Whether they're living off the old railroad tracks behind Lincoln Avenue or under the bridge on Niantic or under Route 10, they're already here in Cranston," said Donegan. Donegan thought the lan-

guage conflating homelessness, sex offenders and drug addicts was dangerous language to use given that its known that many individuals are unhoused because of mental illness or economic "The economic reality is

that many people are a paycheck away from falling into homelessness," Donegan Council President Chris Paplauskas followed the

sponse to the Pastore Com-"My heart bleeds for the homeless and we have to find the solution, but I do think pallet housing isn't the

concerns of public safety re-

answer," said Paplauskas. Councilwoman Lammis Vargas suggested a possible payment structure so the city is compensated for housing the pallet shelters. She added that she did not agree with the verbiage comparing all of our homeless community members to sex offenders.

'This has nothing to do with the homeless or homeless policy," said Reilly. "I'm calling for the City of Cranston to stop enabling the State of Rhode Island and for the State of Rhode Island to come through with something that isn't short sighted, that isn't last minute."

He said if other municipalities did what Cranston already did, there would be this problem.

"I was a little surprised at some of what the administration had to say because some of the conversations the mayor and I have personally had - and also Director Moretti - I think one of the quotes was 'I'll be surprised if it doesn't go there,' and was probably within 48 hours," Reilly said.

He added that the time for conversations and workshops has passed.

"When all the other cities and towns get around to doing what we do, then call us i will be the first one to help."

Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli said the state is not doing its job; the state has a housing czar with committees and nonprofits below it that work with the population of individuals experiencing homelessness and inform the state on what they should be doing. Renzulli said in May, Providence College Professor Eric Hirsch mentioned to the governor that 500 pallet shelters should be put up at the Pastore Cen-

She said in May if some sort of plan came to the city and engaged Cranston's various organizations that help the homeless as well as the housing commission, mayor, City Council and safety services, then the city could have helped the state come up with a plan before the end of October and November.

"It's not that no one wants Cranston resident Kristina to help the homeless. It's that this is poor planning and now we have to pay for it," said Renzulli.

She added that she wants wrap-around services for inexperiencing dividuals homelessness

The resolution will now go before the full City Council at their November meeting.

John Howell contributed to this story.



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CELEBRATING OKTOBERFEST: Lucy Juicy's Shawna Gierhart and her son Sterling Louro at Oktoberfest.

Welcome to Oktoberfest

Pawtuxet Village's Lucy Juicy and Doomed Records held its first Oktoberfest on Oct. 29 in their parking lot. With pumpkin painting for kids and cookie decorating, families had fun while listening to music provided by a local DJ. There were also Tarot card readings from the Queen of Bones and vintage gaming consoles which individuals could take a look at.

The plant-based event included a delicious selection of food and drinks such as chili, bratwurst, apple cider and beer samples from Cork and Brew. Between 250 and 300 people attended. (Submitted photos)



ENJOYING AN OUTING: Tina Lanouette and her daughter Amelia at Oktoberfest in Pawtuxet Village.

All eyes on Warby Parker Lens store opens at Garden City Center

By EMMA BARTLETT

New stores keep popping up across Garden City Center, with the latest installment being Warby Parker at 39 Hillside Road, #9013. The eyeglass store opened Nov. 5 and seeks to inspire and impact the world with vision, purpose and style.

"Wherever and whenever you need it, we're there to make exceptional vision care simple and accessible," said Warby Parker in a recent release.

Warby Parker foundeď in 2010, opening its first storefront in 2013. Currently, there is one other Warby Parker store in Rhode Ísland located on Thayer Street in Providence.

"Our goal is to always meet our customers where they are and we're thrilled to continue expanding our retail presence in Rhode Island. Garden City Center has been a staple in the Cranston community for decades and we're so happy to join this center and make it even more convenient for our Rhode Island customers to access affordable, holistic vision care," said Warby Parker Senior Vice President of Retail Sandy Gilsenan.

Every Warby Parker location is equipped with a reference desk where customers can consult with employees for styling advice, pick up orders, frame adjustments and more. The store has a range of lens types for eyeglasses and sunglasses including light-responsive, bluelight-filtering and anti-fatigue and progressives.

"We offer everything you need for happier eyes at a price that leaves you with money in your pocket," read the release.

Light-responsive lenses are offered in three colors (grey, brown, and green). Individuals shopping for prescription sunglasses can customize their lens color in grey, green, violet and more.

The store also offers its



NICE TO SEE YOU: Warby Parker opened Nov. 5 at Garden City Center. The store has a wide variety of lens options for customers and glasses accessories. Individuals can also make eye appointments with them. (Submitted

own contact lens brand, Scout by Warby Parker and has dozens of top contacts brands including Acuvue, Biofinity and DAILIES. The store also sells eyewear accessories including eyewear pouches, cases and Warby Parker's Clean My Lenses Kit with Anti-Fog Spray.

For every pair of glasses or sunglasses sold, a pair of glasses is distributed to someone in need through Warby Parker's Buy a Pair, Give a Pair program. As of 2022, over 10 million pairs have been distribut-

The interior artwork is unique to each Warby Parker store and the company often collaborates with artists who have a personal connection to the city or town where Warby Parker is opening. For the Garden City Center location, Warby Parker partnered with local artist and Rhode Island School of Design graduate Anthony Russo. He is a freelance illustrator and his clients include The New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, Esquire, LA Times, Random House, Harper Collins and more. His illustrations have been showcased in Communication Arts, American Illustra-

tion, Society Of Illusta-

tors, Print and Graphis and has won numerous awards.

Warby Parker's full collection of eyewear and contacts are available to shop online or with the Warby Parker app. You can see yourself in your favorite frames through our Home Try-On program (take a quiz to find five frames to try), as well as our Virtual Try-On tool in the Warby Parker app (try on glasses wherever, whenever with an iPhone X and above). If you need help finding your fit, the store's app offers a tool to assist in selecting the best width from available siz-

This location also offers eye exams for a new prescription and comprehensive eye health check with an expert optometrist. Or, if you're eligible, you can use our Virtual Vision Test app to renew your glasses or contacts prescription from home. All you need is an iPhone 6s or above. f you have vision insurance, an FSA, or an HSA, chances are you can use it toward eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses, contact lenses, eye exams, and even select accessories.

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■ City

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In Ward 2, Democratic incumbent Aniece Germain defeated Republican candidate John Colasante. Germain was appointed to the council in 2020 (filling the remainder of Paul McAuley's term) and later ran to ensure every person in the city has the same opportunity for a better life. Some of her past work on the council includes a resolution requesting American Rescue Plan Act funds be used to repair the Budlong Pool, stop sign requests and a resolution recognizing September 2022 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month. In October, Germain introduced an ordinance on overnight street parking. While the ordinance was withdrawn, she's continued to look for a solution to the city's overnight parking predicament.

Cranston voters favored Democratic incumbent John Donegan who went against Republican candidate Jason Case. Donegan has served on the council since 2018 and has been an advocate for a splash pad in Ward 3, a crosstown RIP-TA route along Park Avenue and sponsored a resolution naming the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. He has also been working on a safe occupancy ordinance to ensure that all rental units in the city are up to code and proactively inspected.

Three candidates sought the Ward 4 seat with Republican incumbent Richard Campopiano landing the victory. Campopiano ran against Democratic candidate Peter Rivelli and independent candidate Michael Farina. Campopiano was appointed to the seat back in September of 2021 after Ed Brady resigned. During his time on the council, Campopiano sponsored a rooster ordinance that allows homeowners to keep one rooster in a coop and fenced-in area on their property that is no closer than 150 feet to the dwelling of any abutter. He recently co-sponsored an ordinance with Council President Chris Paplauskas renaming the Oak Lawn Gazebo in honor of Meri R. Kennedy who passed but

was actively involved in Cranston's community.

Republican candidate Chris Paplauskas and Democrat candidate Larry Warner vied for the Ward 5 seat with Paplauskas winning the majority of residents' votes. Paplauskas has been on the City Council for the past eight years – making history in 2014 as the first Republican elected to the Ward 5 seat. He currently serves as council president and has focused his time on community engagement, establishing traditions and staying true to the motto 'making Cranston better together.' Paplauskas created the annual Knightsville Christmas Tree Lighting, organized an annual clean up at Meshanticut Park and has sponsored an ordinance on a tax exemption for disabled military veterans. Matthew Reilly a

and School Committee chairman Daniel Wall competed for the Ward 6 seat. Reilly proved victorious. Reilly joined the council in 2020 and ran on the platform of maintaining financial stability and focusing on the fundamentals of government. Over the past two years, Reilly has worked to clean up the city code and has co-sponsored numerous ordinances and resolutions including one on marijuana consumption in public spaces, and - most recently – a resolution calling on Governor Dan McKee to drop his proposal to build villages of pallet housing for the homeless at Cranston's Pastore Complex.

The three citywide candidates who will represent Cranston residents in the upcoming 2023-2025 term include Democratic candidates Jessica Marino and Robert Ferri and Republican candidate Nicole Renzulli - all of whom were incumbents. Republican candidates James Donahue and Thomas Trudell and Democratic candidate Robert Wilson did not win the vote. Some of Renzulli's recent work includes sponsoring a resolution recognizing October 2022 as domestic violence awareness month within the city, cosponsoring a resolution on pallet housing and cosponsoring a resolution on the consumption of marijuana in public spaces. Ferri stepped onto the as a Republican candidate and de-



HUGS: Ward 1 council candidate Lammis Vargas receives a hug from Richard Santa Maria for winning the Ward 1 seat. (Herald photo)

clared earlier this year that he would run his 2022 campaign as a Democrat. During his time on the council, Ferri has advocated for crossing signals on the bike path, ensuring playgrounds are in good condition and keeping an eye on city spending. Marino introduced and passed a law requiring all city council meetings be video recorded and made accessible online and inquired about Cranston's potential participa-tion in the RI Community Septic System Loan Program and the RI Sewer Tie-In Loan Program.

School Committee races

Two races in the School Committee race ran uncontested with Michael Traficante taking the citywide seat and Frank Ritz taking the Ward 4 seat. Traifcante has been a member of Cranston's School Committee for the past 18 years. Prior to that, he served as Cranston's mayor and on the City Council. Ritz is new to the Ward 4 seat – replacing former police chief Kenneth

In Ward 1, candidate Jeffrey Gale withdrew from the race to focus his attention on the company he is building from the ground up. Because the November ballots had already been printed, Gale's name remained on the sheet. Gale and Keith Catone vied for this seat back in June of 2022 when Sara Tindall-Woodman resigned from the position in April. After hearing from three candidates, the School Committee appointed Catone to the Ward 1 position. Catone won Tuesday's election.

Ward 2 saw a race between incumbent candidate Kristen Haroian and Christopher Maxwell. Haroian was victorious; she was first appointed to the Ward 2 seat in 2019.

Incumbent Domenic Fusco faced former City Councilman Paul Archetto with Fusco taking the victory. During Fusco's time on the School Committee, he has worked with the administration to ensure proper funding for programs and was part of a committee ensuring summer programs coming out of the pandemic.

Tera Norberg and Arthur



CAMPAIGNING: Thomas Trudell outside Hope Highlands Middle School campaigning on Election Day. (Herala

Scavitti fought for the Ward 5 seat with Norberg being victorious. Norberg has served on the Stone Hill Elementary PTG (parent teacher group) Executive Board since 2014 and is currently the PTG President.

In Ward 6, Anthony Melillo and Dylan Zelazo ran for School Committee with Melillo winning. School Committee Chairman Daniel Wall decided to not run

for reelection in order to run for the City Council Ward 6 position. Melillo has spent 17 years as a successful Food Service Director for Cranston Department of Senior Services; he created several intergenerational programs with senior citizens and Cranston Public School students and developed department budgets.



RESULTS: Citywide candidate Jessica Marino looks at election results on her phone. (Herald photo)

■ CD2

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started clearing out. Even some of the news media that had camped in front of the podium bearing Fung's banner drifted away. Fung's mother, who had a front row seat had left. By 10:22 the State Board of Elections was reporting Fung with 47 percent of the votes and Magaziner with 50.1 percent. With 98 percent of the state's polling places reporting, Fung was trailing by 6,097 votes.

Pagliarini was crestfallen not only because Fung, a Republican and a friend, had lost but because the state had missed an opportunity to offset Democratic control. "It's healthy for our democra-

cy," he said. Had Fung won he said it would have been an historical moment not seen in the state for the past 30 years.

"In Rhode Island when the Democratic Party coalesces it's very difficult to break them," he said. Former Mayor Michael Traficante joined in the conversation. He was appalled that Fung's margin in Cranston was about 500 votes. Pagliarini agreed that was weak and speculated had there been mayoral races in Cranston and Warwick the results might have been otherwise.

Fung's lasting mark on Cranston

Fung, 52, grew up on the south side of Providence and graduated from Classical High School. As the first in his family to graduate from college, Fung earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Rhode Island College and furthered his education at Boston's Suffolk University Law School. Before his public servant career, Fung worked as a criminal prosecutor in the Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit of the RI Attorney General's Office and later the Government Affairs Counsel for MetLife.

Fung was first elected to Cranston's City Council in 2003 as a citywide candidate and served on the elected body until 2007. In

2008, Fung was elected as mayor beating Democrat Cynthia Fogarty with 63 percent of the vote. According to Fung's website, he ran in Cranston's mayoral election because he saw his beloved city heading down the wrong path and knew he could help right the ship. He maintained the mayoral position for 12 years until he could not run again due to term limits. Over the course of his time running for mayor, Fung earned a greater percentage of Cranston's vote in each election, up until the 2016 election. In 2010 against Richard Tomlins, Fung earned 76.3 percent of the vote and – when he ran unopposed in 2012 - 97.2 percent of voters favored him. In 2016, Fung faced Michael Sepe and took 68.2 percent of the vote.

In Cranston, Fung led the city to its highest bond rating in over two decades, increased business development by over \$110 million and added over 4700 new jobs during his tenure. He also negotiated pension reforms and worked

with the local public schools. In terms of public safety, Fung started the first police detail program to monitor and protect children at schools and ensured funding for the city's school resource officers. He also worked in Cranston to expand community policing and opening substations in senior manors in Edgewood and Knightsville.

Fung took his ideas to the state level when, in 2014 and 2018, he ran for governor as the Republican nominee; he lost to Democrat Gina Raimondo both times in the General Election. After serving as Cranston's mayor, Fung returned to practicing law. Earlier in the year when Democratic Rep. Jim Langevin announced his retirement, Fung decided to run for the CD2 seat – looking to bring a Republican into the position after the Democratic Party has held the seat for the last three decades.

Magaziner's presence in District 2

Magaziner, 39, is a lifelong Rhode Islander who has served as Rhode Island's General Treasurer

photo)

abusers.

since 2015. In this position, he delivered results for the second congressional district by investing in education, job creation and clean energy infrastructure. He also served as the chair of the state's school building task force and led a statewide school construction initiative that created over 28,000 jobs and repaired or replaced over 200 schools like Garden City Elementary School in Cranston and the soon-to-be-completed combined elementary school in Johnston. He also launched innovative clean energy financing programs that have helped cities and towns build out solar, wind and climate resiliency projects, saving taxpayers money and reducing fossil fuel

Over the last eight years, he helped pass the Reproductive Privacy Act in 2019 that codified the protections of Roe v. Wade into state law, as well as gun measures like banning guns on school grounds and a red flag law to take

guns out of the hands of domestic Formally endorsed by Langevin

for the CD2 seat, Magaziner won the Democratic primary with 54 percent of the vote. The next candidate to follow was David Segal with 16.2 percent of the vote. In the race, Magaziner had five op-

LAST MINUTE CAMPAIGNING: Seth Magaziner campaigning on Election Day with his team. (Submitted

Campaign focus points

Fung's platform focused on curbing inflation, lowering the cost of living, fighting for low energy costs, restoring energy independence and modernizing the supply chain. He also advocated for getting to the root of criminal behaviors, such as poverty, mental health issues and dependency.

"We need to address these issues by being active and present in our community and advocating for common-sense bipartisan initiatives," reads Fung's website.

During his campaign, Fung spoke of improving the ability to provide mental and physical support for veterans as well as improving rehab technologies for those who need upgraded prosthetics or burn care from injuries

sustained in conflict. For veterans, Fung also sought to increase access to housing vouchers and improved preference in HUD apart-

ment complexes. Magaziner's platform included building a stronger economy, lowering costs, having public health and pandemic preparedness, making healthcare more affordable, protecting social security and Medicare, defending reproductive rights, ending gun violence, lowering cost of energy and combating climate change, protecting democracy and strengthening America and supporting

He also advocated for helping Rhode Islanders keep up with the cost of living by protecting Social Security and Medicare, lowering the price of prescription drugs and returning big oil company profits back to consumers. One of the key points in his campaign was that he would stand up for a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and pass common-sense gun safety legisla-

EDITORIAL

Ten years of truly serving veterans

In a world where it seems we can hardly $oldsymbol{\mathsf{L}}$ agree on anything – and particularly amidst a political season where our worst tribal qualities are on all too apparent display - it is nice to be reminded now and again that sometimes we are able to pull together something meaningful and worthy of celebration.

Honor Flights are such an endeavor, and we are fortunate in this state to have such a dedicated team of volunteers and generous organizations to help pull them off.

It all starts at the top, from the program's originator in Rhode Island, George Farrell. Inspired after seeing one of these flights at the Baltimore/Washington Airport a little 12 years ago, Farrell has turned that inspiration into a sustained movement, resulting in 27 flights in 10 years of operation, ferrying hundreds of service members to Washington to get a chance to see monuments dedicated to their service, and memorials dedicated to their friends and brothers-in-arms who served with them.

There is no denying that the nation has a lot of healing to do when it comes to how we interact and work with one another. Our very institutions are under threat from agendadriven groups who seek to undermine or deny the integrity of elections that these veterans fought so bravely to protect. Farrell, and the group of volunteers and donors who help make these amazing flights happen, do the country proud by honoring our best, most important values - respect and admiration for those who sacrificed their own safety and freedom to help ensure we have safety and freedom ourselves.

Some of these veterans are approaching 100 years old, or have eclipsed that number. For some of them, this will be their final, or their only trip to see these memorials and monuments erected in their honor. It is not something done out of any ulterior motive but to provide a chance for meaningful reflection to those men and women, for what was undoubtedly an incredibly important and formative experience in their lives.

Truly, it is difficult to navigate today's world without some inner sense of cynicism. Somebody is always trying to profit, or negotiate power in order to exert influence over others, it seems. But with Honor Flights, we can rest assured that this is a mission of pure heart and intent, and the results on the people who undergo the journey speaks for itself.

With Veterans Day on the horizon, it is worth taking a moment to reflect on this amazing program, and to consider donating time or funds to this wholly American, wholly worthy cause.

Deer me, cheap insurance

To the Editor,

I read your latest article on cars versus the local fauna (DEM reported 91 Warwick deer crashes last year) and I have just a few points to address.

Automobiles and animals will always be in competition for the right of way. It is a sad reality that so many innocent critters are killed on American roads every year. Most are unavoidable, others avoidable, but it happens nonetheless.

Regarding the local deer population, accidents are often avoidable with the right equipment. Enter deer whistles. They are available at auto and hardware stores and

They work above 30 mph. A frequency is emitted near that of a dog whistle and it cannot be heard by human ears. There are two different pitches that work together to get their attention.

Here's an anecdotal story. Some years ago I was driving across Jamestown on 138 on a Sunday morning about 8 a.m. toward Newport when I noticed three deer grazing on the right shoulder. When I drove up towards them, they looked up... and froze! I have never seen that behavior before.

They heard my deer whistles mounted on the front bumper of my car and, thankfully, the four of us continued doing what we were doing without incident.

In my estimation, they do work. Odd that AAA (which referenced the DEM report on deer crashes) didn't mention that alternative. As they used to say, "it's cheap insurance."

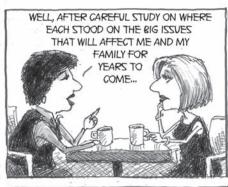
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Humans of Cranston

Humans of Cranston is a recurring column showcasing the stories of Cranston residents' community involvement, diversity and unique life perspectives.

Ed Brady is the co-owner of the Historic Park Theatre and Event Center (theparkri. com) and the co-founder of Dig In Dining and Entertainment. Brady and his wife recently welcomed their first child into the world.

"My name's Ed Brady and I grew up here in Cranston. Both parents worked really hard to give me every opportunity to succeed. My mom was a nurse and my dad was a stay at home dad. I went to Bryant University and went to school here in Cranston. After Bryant, I moved out to LA for two years and started working on red carpet events, meeting celebrities, backgrounds on sets, really enjoying the entertainment aspect of the world and interned for a magazine company out there. Eventually my mom got sick and I moved home and started selling copy machines, but I knew that wasn't my forever; it was a way to help out while I was at home.

I started my first company called 401 within a year. It was an entertainmentbased nightlife magazine/lifestyle brand that was right around when Facebook and Myspace were pretty popular. An initial investor essentially said 'if you want to open your own place, let me know' We ended up working it out and opening our first place which led to the Thirsty Beaver in Cranston We believe food and hospitality can rally communities behind investments; we're proud that we can go into these communities and help organizations raise money for their nonprofits or school fundraisers or for whatever it may be. Throughout the process of scale and growth, I – Ed Brady – have really taken a liking to giving back and it's become kind of everything that I'm about. We all have good days, we all have bad days but giving seems to be the universal feeling or, for me, what drives me forward.

At some point in that process, Allan Fung was the mayor and a seat became available in the City Council; it certainly was not anything I had ever studied or ever woken up as a kid thinking 'I want to be a public servant or a politician.' I said no and he came back and asked me again and he said 'if you lead with your community mindset and your giving spirit, then it doesn't matter if you're an Independent, Republican or Democrat.' I gave it some thought (it was a six month term) and I said, 'what do I have to lose for six months? It's a learning experience, and I think I can give back.' I enjoyed it and decided I wanted to run again. I'm really proud of the work I did getting both parties to get along and come together on so many different issues. If you look back, historically every time I served there were more 9-0 votes or 8-1 votes or both sides



BRADY

kind of just vibing and understanding each other's perspective. In my opinion, in community government that's exactly how it should be.

[The impact Cranston's community has had on my life is] everything; my coaches, my teachers, the people who invested in me early in the process in high school and when my mom was going through cancer. Even the mayor at the time was my athletic director. He was a coach, someone to go to and be vulnerable with at an early point in the process and get you back on the right track when you have anger and issues like that This [Cranston] is home. So, I guess the mantra, the mission, the everyday getting out of bed feeling, is 'how can I figure out a way to continually collectively bring people here - not only in our city but in our small state - to just come out of this pandemic, create together, figure out ways to kind of unbreak all of ourselves.' I know I'm an optimist, I believe in positive growth. I'm not saying I don't deny all the negative effects of the world and the things I've learned, but I choose positivity I didn't know I'd fall this much in love with Cranston. I've been fortunate enough to live in other areas of the world, but something about this community, this city, is just special. And I don't know how else to say it other than while we're here – if we've all chosen this as our home - why not continue to work together to make it the best home that we

This project has been made possible by a Rhode Island Foundation Community Grant, and the efforts of the OneCranston Health Equity Zone of Comprehensive Community Action, Inc. in partnership with the Cranston Herald and Timothy McFate. Want to nominate a Cranston resident to be featured? Email JB at jfulbright@comcap.org.

Helping veterans live their healthiest, happiest lives

By ANA STANKOVIC, MD

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11, 2022, a time to express our gratitude to the women and men who have proudly served in the military to preserve our freedoms. For many Americans, the holiday can mean a parade down Main Street or a day of shopping Veterans Day sales, but for millions of veterans it can be another day struggling with a serious health issue tied to their

While there are more than 18 million U.S. veterans approximately 200,000 leave active duty each year. The irony of veteran health is that upon entering service, most are at the peak of health and fitness; however, after leaving the service some veterans can face a myriad of health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the effects of traumatic brain injury (TBI), musculoskeletal injuries, mental health challenges, and illnesses as a result of environmental exposure.

Veteran health issues are complex and they are driven by many factors including age, race, gender, if the veteran saw combat or not, the geographic location where the veteran served, and the conflict itself. For example, according to the U.S. Census, 2019 American Community Survey, those who served in the past 20 years, post 9/11, have a 43 percent chance of having a disability connected to their time in the military. Veteran statistics on PTSD vary based on the era in which the veteran may have served. Fleven to 20 percent of

Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have PTSD in a given year, Gulf War veterans, 12 percent, and it's estimated as high as 30 percent of Vietnam vet-

erans have had PTSD in their lifetime. Each veteran's health profile is unique and working as a team with the individual, health care providers can devise a strategy to meet the patient's health needs. To help veterans live their best lives and improve their health we take an approach of healthy living practices and prevention. The U.S. Veterans Administration offers the following evidence-based recommendations:

Get high quality sleep each night and seeking help for sleep difficulties

Keeping your recommended screenings and immu-

nizations up to date Being active in your health care and working with

your healthcare team to meet your specific needs Managing stress

Cutting out tobacco use

Limit alcohol use*

· Taking measures to protect yourself and family from harm and injury, including self-harm or domestic abuse Maintaining a healthy weight and eating right

Staying physically active**

*OPTUM DISCLAIMER: If you do not drink, it is not recommended that you start drinking alcohol. If you choose to drink, do so only in moderation. Drinking too

much can harm your health. **OPTUM DISCLAIMER: Talk with your doctor before significantly increasing your activity level. Ask about the amounts and types of activities that may be

best for you. Veterans Day is a day to honor those who answered the call, and it can also be used as a reminder to our veterans that help is out there whether their wounds are physical or in the form of mental health challenges, or both. If you are a veteran or take care of someone who served, it's important to take an active role in your health with your health care provider. ***

***OPTUM DISCLAIMER: If you have thoughts of hurting yourself or others — or you know someone having those thoughts — seek help right away. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911

– or go to the closest emergency room. To reach a trained crisis counselor, call the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) at 988 or 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255). You may also text 988 or chat at 988.lifeline.org. The lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support. *

The Lifeline provides live crisis center phone services in English and Spanish and uses Language Line Solutions to provide translation services in over 250 additional languages for people who call 988.

Ana Stankovic

MD Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare of New

LG Matos visits Park View for Operation Holiday Cheer

By STEPHANIE **BERNABA**

Just after noon on Oct. 26, a group of Park View Middle School eighth graders handed homemade cards and artwork created by their classmates to Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos, to be sent to members of the U.S. military stationed in the Middle East.

Operation Holiday Cheer which is run by the Lt. Governor's office in partnership with the Rhode Island National Guard Family Assistance Center, the US Postal Service, Rhode Island Red Cross, Rhode Island Blue Star Moms, and Operation Stand Down Rhode Island is busy in October, collecting goods and assembling care packages for U.S. troops.

Creating cards for the troops has been a tradition at Park View for the past nine years (with a brief hiatus for Covid), and Social Studies teachers Ann Marie Torres and Lloyd Bochner have been coordinating the effort the whole time. Torres explained that the letters, once received by the Lt. Governor's office, are placed with care packages assembled for the troops and shipped overseas.

She said both teachers feel this project is special and important, and they're both grateful to present the task to students since in-person schooling has resumed. Though they generally hear little after the letters are handed off, Torres did re-



OPERATION HOLIDAY CHEER: Park View staff and students pose with Lt. Governor Sabina Matos after presenting her cards and letters created by the entire eighth grade. The cards and letters were included in care packages sent to US soldiers stationed overseas as part of Operation Holiday Cheer.

ceive a thank you letter a few years back from an Air Force Major, which she reads to students prior to the project, to help them understand how much the soldiers appreciate the gesture.

Torres explained that creating the cards and letters have been a tradition for the school, distance learning and other interruptions due to the pandemic have caused the student body to lose its connection with the project. Both she and Bochner were pleased that they were able to bring the practice back to life this year.

Bochner says he folds the cards into his teaching about Veterans Day, which he delivers both in class and via video, and hopes to impress upon his students the sacrifices each soldier makes.

'You end up with a few kids crying, and it's very emotional," Bochner said, "but it basically says, 'Hey, there's a reason why we do this. These people are protecting our freedom.""

Bochner said he felt this year was special as Lt. Governor Matos came to collect the cards in person, which has never happened before.

He also shared that the project helps to promote and enhance the Veterans Day 5K Park View Middle School coordinates each year. Eighth-grader Grace Petit-

bon created a card shaped like an Army fatigue jacket. She colored it in camouflage and added notes to both the outside pocket and the inside. Petitbon said she spent about two and half hours on the card, and that the project meant a lot to her because her grandfather fought in the Vietnam War. She also shared that he was granted a vacation while on duty during the war, and chose to take the vacation, which essentially saved his life. Petitbon explained that the

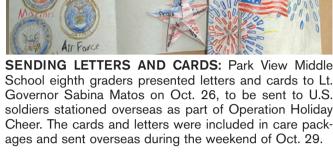
during his absence. "I wrote a letter saying thank you for your service, and you risk so much for our freedom," Lexi Montal-ban said. "And leaving your family must have been really hard, so you should be proud of yourself. And you're strong, and

tower her grandfather had

worked in was blown up

please come home safe." Cohen Brinker also shared that his grandfather served in the Vietnam War, his grandfather fought in World War II, and his uncle served, but did not go to war. He said he was excited for the cards and letters to reach their destinations.

The care packages (around 350), which include snacks, playing cards, socks, personal care items, and, of course, Park View eighth graders' cards and letters, were assembled and shipped overseas during the weekend of Oct. 29-30.



The ninth annual Park ans Day, will take place on View Middle School Veter-Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Rogans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 er Williams Park across from Mile Kids Run, to bring honor and recognition to Veter-Park View Middle School.

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Anchor Baptist Church

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

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Parish

175 Oaklawn Avenue 401-941-4188 Sunday Liturgy 9:30am www.annunciationri.oeg

Asbury United Methodist Church

143 Ann Mary Brown Drive Rev. Yohan Go 467-5122 worship Service 9:30am asburyumcri.org Child Care available

Assemblies Of God The Solid Rock Church

1753 Phenix Avenue Rev. Richard K. Leahey 827-0770 www.solidrockchurchag.com

Christadelphian **Ecclesia**

2104 Cranston Street 441-7432 www.christadelphia.org

Church Of The Ascension (Episcopal)

390 Pontiac Avenue The Rev. Michael Coburn 461-5811

www.ascensioncranston.org

Church Of The Transfiguration 1665 Broad Street

461-3142 Sunday 10 am Holy Eucharist

Edgewood Congregational Church

1788 Broad Street 461-1344 Sunday 10 am w/coffee hour

www.edgewoodchurchri.org

Faith Chapel

Lutheran Brethren

43 Scituate Ave. Rev. Michael Natale 944-2771 www.faithchapelri.org

Sunday Worship 10am

Gateway Pentacostal Fellowship

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

Grace Bible Church

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

Holy Apostles Church

800 Pippin Orchard Road Very Reverend William J. Ledoux 946-5586

www.holyapostles.com

La Iglesia de la Ascensión (Episcopal) Pastor Santiago Rodriguez 401 345-0819

New Beginings Christian Church

122 Laurens St. Mario J. Nadich, Pastor 787-0725

Oak Lawn **Community Baptist Church** 229 Wilbur Avenue

Rev. Barbara DaCosta, Pastor 944-0864 www.olcbaptistchurch.com

Pawtuxet Baptist Church 2157 Broad Street

Rev. Irving Scoby 461-3635 pawtuxetbaptist@verizon.net

People's Baptist Church 1275 Elmwood Avenue Pastor Mark Lindsay

www.PeoplesBaptistChurch.org **Phillips Memorial**

Baptist Church 565 Pontiac Avenue

467-3300 Handicapped accessable www.phillipschurch.org

St. David's On-The-Hill **Episcopal Church** 200 Meshanticut Valley

942-4368 www.stdavidsonthehill.net

St. Matthew Church 15 Frances Avenue

Rev. Ronald J. Bengford 461-7172

St. Patrick Catholic Church

2068 Cranston Street Fr. Roger Durand, Pastor SaintPatrickCatholicChurch.org Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30

Saint Paul Church Of Edgewood 1 St. Paul Place

461-5734

Shepherd Of The Valley United Methodist Church 604 Seven Mile Road

Rev. Katherine Mitchell 821-8217 www.sovumc.org

Trinity Church 139 Ocean Ave., Pawtuxet

Cranston, RI 02905 Rev. Mitchell Lindeman 8am & 10am 10 am is live-streamed on facebook @trinitypawtuxet

941-4324

http://www.trinitycranston.org/

Woodridge

Congregational **United Church Of Christ** 546 Budlong Road

Rev. Scott Spencer 942-0654 woodridgechurchri.org

Word & Prayer **Fellowship**

828 Oaklawn Ave. Pastor Chick Salliby www.wordandprayer.org

Word Of Life Covenant Church 1308 Phenix Avenue

944-1163 thewordoflife.net

To include your House of Worship in this listing, please contact Ashley at 732-3100 or AshleyM@rhodybeat.com

Hopkins invites residents to Veterans Day Parade

On Tuesday, Mayor Ken Hopkins today reminded Cranston residents and surrounding neighbors of Cranston's Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11.

"Once again, our community will join together to show its well-deserved support and appreciation to all our veterans with a planned commemoration to past and present service members," said Hopkins.

The parade kicks off at 11:30 a.m. at the Legion Bowl on Park Avenue and travels down Park Avenue, past City Hall and turn on to Hayward Street and Rolfe Street. The parade finishes at the Rolfe Square memorial with a short speaking program to remember and thank our service members.

Hopkins said some of the parade

participants will include the Cranston Police Honor Guard; elected officials; band members and cheerleaders from Cranston High School East and West; youth groups including the Boys and Girls scouts; Special Olympic athletes and local school children.

"We will be honored with veterans from various legion posts and service organizations," Hopkins said. "Parade watchers will see antique cars, military vehicles and fire and police apparatus along the parade route."

Mayor Hopkins said he was especially looking forward to the participation of 101-year-old Navy veteran and Cranston resident Donald Mellor who will serve as the parade grand

"My friend Don Mellor represents the very best in our veterans and our community," Hopkins said.

The parade was reinstituted last year, has been a focal point of Cranston's spirit and respect for our veter-

"I hope everyone will come out and join in the celebration to honor those who have served in war or peace and who have dedicated themselves and sacrificed for the liberties and lives we enjoy today," Hopkins said. "In this week of Tuesday's elections, when we exercise a privilege to select our representatives in government, we end our week honoring those who fought and served so we have that right of self-

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Acting City Clerk

ing date.

CRANSTON

BOARD OF CONTRACT AND PURCHASE

AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Board of Contract and Purchase on November 15,

2022 at 5:30 p.m. Pursuant to City Council Ordinance, the following advertises the agenda for that meeting. All matters listed are subject to a vote and/or final

Garden City Elementary School- Change Order # 4 with Dimeo Construc-

tion Company for PCO #s 170019 (\$28,837.81), 171046 (-\$1,947.00), 171069

(\$8,653.11), 171076 (\$84,921.05), 171120 (\$4,476.18), 171127 (\$2,158.10),

11/10, 11/17/22

LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE COURT OF THE

CITY OF CRANSTON NOTICE Of Matters Pending and For Hearing In Said Court

On the dates specified in notices below at 9 A.M. for hearing said matters Cranston City Hall 869 Park Ave, Cranston, RI 02910 3rd Floor, Council Chamber

BAEDEKER, BARBARA A. ESTATE Diane Baedeker Petit has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

CHARLONNE, BEATRICE A. ESTATE Robert Alan Charlonne has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

ONTI. JOHN L. ESTATE Carla O'Brien has qualified as

Administratrix CTA; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

ONTI, LILLIAN K. ESTATE

VADNEY, WILLIAM H. ESTATE Carla O'Brien has qualified as Karen E. Coutu has qualified as Administratrix CTA; creditors must

file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS: Lt. Governor Sabina Matos presents an acknowl-

edgment of thanks to Park View students via Assistant Principal Kerrylin Reagan for their

participation in Operation Holiday Cheer for the past nine years.

GARABEDIAN, MARIE-LOUISE

Rose (Rosette) J. Garabedian has qualified as Executrix: creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

HAZIAN, ARDEMIS LUCY ESTATE Andrea L. Hazian has qualified as Administratrix CTA; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required

by law beginning November 10, 2022

LAVOIE. DIANE MARIE ESTATE Gary J. Lavoie has qualified as Guardian of the Person and Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning

November 10, 2022

NILL. JANET B. ESTATE Francisca H. Gonsalves has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning November 10, 2022

Police Department Police Department

Engineering Department

BID WAIVERS:

Grayshift, LLC

Mark J. Marchesi, Purchasing Agent

171136 (-\$1,401.39) in total amount of \$125,697.86.

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claims in the office of the probate

clerk within the time required by law

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Individuals requiring assistive lis-

tening devices are requested to

contact the office of the city clerk

action by the Board unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

\$2,058.84 \$4,880.00 TeamViewer Inc. Cellebrite \$11,620.00

Narragansett Improvement

Votes in

Cranston

18%

20.9%

15.1%

95.7%

43.8%

56%

12416

14390

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64.5%

33.6%

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Mom beat Allan to the polls





Candidate

Senator District 26

Joseph A. Powers

Frank S. Lombardi

Senator District 27

Senator District 28

Senator District 31 Republican

Matthew L. LaMountain

Representative District 14

Representative District 15

Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung

Representative District 16

Representative District 17

Representative District 18

Representative District 19

Representative District 41

Jacquelyn M. Baginski

Republican

Democrat

Democrat

Democrat

Lisa Morse

Democrat

Democrat

Charlene Lima

Republican

Republican

Democrat

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Democrat

Republican

James Donahue

Nicole Renzulli

Thomas Trudell

James S. Safford

Arthur Handy

Joseph McNamara

Robert J. Quattrocchi

Harold K. Borders Jr.

Edward T. Cardillo Jr.

Jason John Klas

Brandon C. Potter

Joshua Miller

Hanna M. Gallo







Candidate

Cranston City Council Ward 1

Cranston City Council Ward 2

How Cranston voted

Democrat

Democrat

Republican

Democrat

John Colasante

Aniece Germain

Robert Ferri

Jessica Marino

Robert Wilson

Lammis Vargas

Votes in

Cranston

41.4%

58.4%

92.7%

94.5%

93.4%

94.3%

95.8%

68.3%

31.5%

12%

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1322

609

8274

This was the morning of the big day when Rhode Island Second Congressional District voters would send Allan Fung or Seth Magaziner to Washington. The news media was alerted as to

when Allan and his wife Barbara Ann Fenton Fung would arrive at Hope Highlands Middle School. Camera crews and reporters were ready as Allan, his tie flying, and Barbara Ann arrived. His mother, Can Ping was already stationed at a prime location and Cranston Mayor Ken Hopkins wished him success. After talking with reporters, the couple entered the school and identified themselves in order to obtain ballots. Then it was on to voting and submitting their ballots before resuming the Election Day swing and allowing time for Jon Nelson to snap a photo of his daughter Aubrey and the candidate. (Cranston Herald photos)

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Candidate	Votes in Cranston		Votes in RI		
CONGRESS DISTRICT	2 (CD2)				
Republican Allan W. Fung	14701	50.8%	92721	47%	
Democrat Seth M. Magaziner	13768	47.6%	98818	50.1%	
Moderate William H. Gilbert	448	1.5%	5338	2.7%	
GOVERNOR					
Democrat Daniel J. McKee Republican	15138	55.3%	159362	56.1%	
Ashley Marie Kalus	11433	41.8%	115599	40.7%	
Independent Zachary Baker Hurwitz Paul A. Rianna, Jr. Libertarian	331 211	1.2% 0.8%	3626 2469	1.3% 0.9%	
Elijah J. Gizzarelli	185	0.7%	2276	0.8%	
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Sabina Matos Republican	13116	48.4%	138527	49.3%	
Aaron C. Guckian	12938	47.7%	127050	45.2%	
Independent Ross K. McCurdy	1000	3.7%	14901	5.3%	
SECRETARY OF STATE Republican					
Pat V. Cortellessa Democrat	11960	44.4%	117919	42.3%	
Gregg Amore	14955	55.5%	160388	57.5%	
ATTORNEY GENERAL Democrat					
Peter F. Neronha Republican	16060	59.2%	166717	59.5%	
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State Questions: How Rhode Island voted

Question 1: University of Rhode Island Narragansett Bay Campus - \$100,000,000 for repairs and to construct new facilities on the University of Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay Campus in support of the educational and research needs for the marine disciplines.

Approve 154319 56.8% Reject 117517 43.2%

Question 2: Rhode Island School Buildings - \$250,000,000 to provide funding for the construction, renovation and rehabilitation of the state's public schools.

Approve 198926 72.7% 74560 27.3% Reject

Question 3: Green Economy Bonds - \$50,000,000 for environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows: Municipal Resiliency, \$16,000,000; Small Business Energy Loan Program, \$5,000,000; Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration, \$3,000,000; Forest Restoration, \$3,000,000; Brownfields Remediation and Economic Development, \$4,000,000; State Land Acquisition Program, \$3,000,000; Local Land Acquisition Matching Grant Program, \$2,000,000; Local Recreation Development Matching Grant Program, \$2,000,000; Roger Williams Park and Zoo, \$12,000,000.

Approve 178743 65.9% Reject 92317 34.1%

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Local Bond Questions

Question 4: Shall two million dollars (\$2,000,000) debt of the City be incurred for the purpose of financing the acquisition of fire equipment by the City's Fire Department under Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-2 and an order of the City Council that became effective on June 30, 2022?

Approve 26636 78.5% Reject 5642 21.5%

Question 5: Shall three million dollars (\$3,000,000) debt of the City be incurred for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair, and alteration of public buildings in the City under Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-2 and an order of the City Council that became effective on June 30, 2022?

Approve 15087 58.2% 10848 41.8% Reject

Question 6: Shall three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) debt of the City be incurred for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair, alteration, and equipping of playgrounds and athletic fields in the City under Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-2 and an order of the City Council that became effective on June 30, 2022?

Approve 18434 70.4% Reject 7746 29.6%

Cranston City Council Ward 3 Republican 279 43.1% Jason Case 956 37% **Democrat** 56.6% John Donegan 1623 62.9% **Cranston City Council Ward 4** Republican 1903 94.5% Richard Campopiano 2658 53.3% **Democrat** 3831 91.7% Peter Rivelli 1496 30% Independent Michael Farina 826 16.6% 1978 41.9% **Cranston City Council Ward 5** Republican 3242 2731 57.8% Christopher Paplauskas 62.9% Democrat Larry Warner 1903 36.9%

Cranston City Council Ward 6

School Committee Citywide (non-partisan)

School Committee Ward 1 (non-partisan)

School Committee Ward 2 (non-partisan)

School Committee Ward 6 (non-partisan)

Republican

Democrat

Daniel Wall

Keith Catone`

Jeffrey Gale

Matthew Reilly

Michael Traficante

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Anthony Melillo

Dylan Zelazo

struction, improvement, renovation, repair, and alteration of roads, sidewalks, and other City infrastructure under Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-12-2 and an order of the City Council that became effective on June 30, 2022?

Question 7: Shall four million dollars (\$4,000,000) debt of

the City be incurred for the purpose of financing the con-

Approve 19776 75.8% Reject 6305 24.2%

Amendments to Cranston Rule Home Charter Questions

Question 8: Shall an amendment to Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, to allow notice to council members of special meetings to be sent via regular mail or email, be approved?

Approve 19709 76.8% Reject 5963 23.2%

Question 9: Shall an amendment to Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cranston, to remove a requirement for duplicate hard copies of filings of campaign finance reports that are already publicly accessible online from the Board of Elections, be approved?

Approve 16374 64.3% Reiect 9082 35.7%

SOURCE: Results posted on the Rhode Island Secretary of State website, as of 10:00 p.m., Nov. 8, with 100 percent of precincts reporting.

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STRIKE UP THE BAND: Signaling that members of Flight Thunderbolt held Oct. 15 are entering the terminal, George Farrell calls on the pipes and drums to play.

Farrell

(Continued from page 1)

two 100 year-olds or older, are up by 4 a.m. to rendezvous for a bus to get them to Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport by 5:30 where they are given a boisterous sendoff by bagpipers and drummers and hundreds of people. They don't get back until 11 p.m., if not later, after a full day in Washington, arriving to another cheering crowd, albeit smaller.

"It's amazing what that one day does," says Farrell. He makes a point of telling veterans and those who serve as guardians, "It's going to change your life."

Farrell knows what he's talking about. It has changed his life, but more importantly he has seen it change the lives of veterans and their guardians.

Honor Flights have become a passion for Farrell. He laughs relating how his family recruits veterans for the fights and he always has a supply of application forms. The flights are free for the veterans. Farrell's goal is to get the vets safely to Washington and back, for them to see the war memorials and to be honored for the service they have rendered.

Thinking back to that inaugural Rhode Island flight, Farrell confesses, "I didn't know what was going to happen."

He knew one thing from having seen that flight two years earlier in Baltimore.

"It became my personal mission," he said.

What he realized was that firefighters are "particularly well suited for this." He explains that firefighters are trained to respond to critical situations whether it be a call to help someone who may be having a heart attack, an accident or a fire. Firefighters are on the watch for the safety and well being of others and don't hesitate to step in when necessary.

There's more to it than the individuals, Farrell points out. It's the organization, the chain of command and procedures used by

"Most of us have fire service command (experience)," he said.

Flight leaders have radios. Buses are named and rosters of those on each bus are checked. The medical needs of each veteran are established well before the flight leaves Rhode Island. (On the flight last month, three of the 42 veterans were on oxygen.) A medic accompanies every fight and wheelchairs are always available even though many veterans insist they don't need them.

"I have confidence of having the best team in Honor Flight, Farrell says without hesitance.

After being selected for a flight, veterans and their guardians gather for a meet and greet where they learn what will happen in the course of the day. Farrell personally makes a point to meeting each veteran. He assesses if they "feel comfortable" with what they're going to do and gets to hear their stories.

"I want to make sure they can do this safely," he said. He also wants to make sure the veterans feel confident they can make the

trip.
"This is a big responsibility," he said of the commitment made by the team. The personal attention is part of the experience for the veterans. While each veteran has a guardian to turn to for assistance, Farrell and the team make a point of connecting with every veteran throughout the day of touring the war memorials and watching the change of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. The senior members of the Honor Flight usually participate in the placing of a wreath at the

tomb as part of the ceremony. Before boarding the return flight to Rhode Island, the group gathers at a hotel for dinner. It's an occasion for newfound friends to gather and for the "mail call" that is a highlight of the day. The Honor Flight team goes to lengths to personalize the letters, photos and mementoes enclosed in the envelopes as the name of each veteran is called out. Reaching out to family members, friends and former employers they come up with photos from their service and letters of thanks for their service. Entire classes from elementary schools veterans once attend-

ed have sent thank you cards.

"There's nothing like this immediate impact," Farrell says of the day-long experience.

What he finds especially rewarding is seeing the emotion of World War II vets in their 90s and now in their 100s who had no expectation of ever visiting the memorials. For some time Honor Flight has included Korean and Vietnam War vets. They also have included vets who have terminal medical conditions.

Farrell, who recently turned 67, shows no sign of slowing down. The team is working on assembling the next flight. It takes scheduling flights, escorts, reserving the hotel, lining up the vets and the guardians and scores of details from designing and making T-shirts to gathering those letters and photos that personalize mail call. It also takes a lot of

A flight averages from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to cover the cost of the vets and the support team. Most guardians pay their own way. Fortunately, there are many generous supports.

tensive including National Grid, Centreville Bank, Bob's Red Mill, McShawn's Pub, VFW Post 183, Lepre Physical Therapy and the Cranston Fire Fighters union to name but a few.

"I'm lucky," Farrell said, "not everyone's family is so generous

with their time." His wife, Jane, served as a guardian on the first flight and their daughters have helped with the program since the start. His 94-year old mother was there to greet the most recent flight. Friends have also pitched in. Just this fall a friend who received \$5,000 handed the check over to Farrell. Farrell was stunned. The donor explained he could think of no better use for his windfall.

Rhode Island is a certified National Honor Flight Hub, a distinction it earned for the manner in in which it conducts flights.

It's a designation Farrell is proud of and one he believes deserving of the team.

For all his passion to recognize what veterans have done for this country, Farrell did not serve in the military. His father and fa-



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: George Farrell and his team prepare to have veterans board buses taking them from Fire Station 8 in Warwick to Green Airport at about 5:15 a.m. for Flight Tango held Sept. 15, 2018. (Cranston Herald file photos)

Ocean State Job Lot Charities sponsored three flights. Wayne Moore, one of Farrell's team, has personally sponsored flights and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 104, Local 42 and Local 2323 have individually or collectively sponsored numerous flights. The list of sponsors or co-sponsors is ex-

ther-in-law both served during World War II. His number was on the Vietnam draft list when he turned 18, but soon after the draft was dropped.

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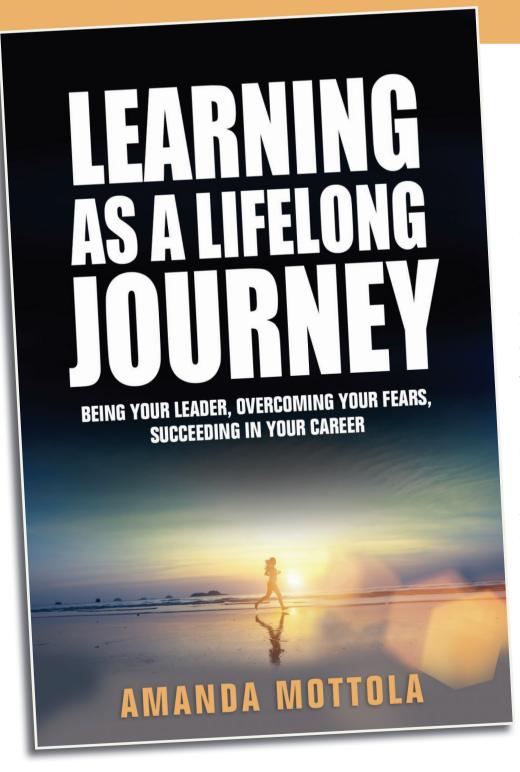
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Her incredible journey



A Paraguay native and Warwick author explores lifelong learning



By MARK BERGER

arwick author Amanda Mottola's new book highlights her emigration from Paraguay to discovering opportunities here in the States. Try to imagine growing up in a world full of turmoil.

You have no idea what each day brings or whether the next moment defines you. Issues within and outside the family can change constantly. Besides fearing the unknown, your home country is living in a seemingly-endless dictatorship.

One woman saw what was happening around her and vowed to make a better future for herself and to help others find their voice.

Amanda Mottola envisioned a place of opportunity and making a difference. She wrote things down in real time hoping to inspire other people to triumph over adversity.

Her new book, "Learning as a Lifelong Journey: Being Your Leader, Overcoming Your Fears, Succeeding in Your Fears," chronicles being adopted as a baby and growing up with her adoptive family in Connecticut before finally landing here in Rhode Island to grow her family and pursue new adventures.

As anyone can imagine, being adopted isn't easy. Learning how to accept who she is and thrive in a new environment while adapting to change drove her to succeed and give back.

"It was far from a normal childhood from any metric," Mottola said, saying how much stress and uncertainly was around to remind her of such issues. "There wasn't a war; it was a 35-year regime that wasn't always good for the people. It was very corrupt and poor. My biological mother said I was taken from her after she had me. She was only 15 years old, and profiting off of adoption was normal. The country's court and adoption system was riddled with corruption."

Being a child can be challenging, but being a child coming from another world has different parameters. Because her adoptive parents, Daniel and Patricia Doerr, provided Amanda with a backdrop for achieving success, she forged her path toward realizing "The American Dream."

Amanda discussed her feelings growing up during those turbulent but eventually gratifying times. She felt empowered but scared; satisfied yet looking for the answer to the question of, "Why Me?"

All of those feelings were locked inside her needing a release. Something like that can be trying on a person looking for direction.

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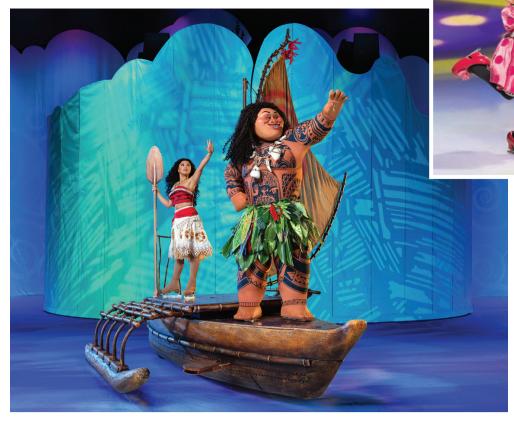
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20th Century Lifers: Part 1

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part 1 of 3-part series

The state of Rhode Island claimed 16 "lifers" at the beginning of the 20th century, men who had been sentenced to spend the rest of their days behind bars at the prison in Cranston. All of the men were serving sentences for murder. Eleven of them would grow old or ill within the walls of a cell while five would be freed of their punishments after serving only 8 to 26 years of their "life" sentence.

Robert Crowe was initially sentenced to be hanged after being found guilty of robbing William Robbins, first mate of the bark Ocean Wave, on Aug. 16, 1866. Governor Ambrose Burnside appealed to President Andrew Johnson and the 26-year-old's sentence was commuted to life in prison. During a fight with another inmate during the winter of 1870, Crowe struck the other man with a ration dish, leaving a scar on the left side of his head. In the years just before his death from heart disease, on the morning of April 26, 1914, Crowe had grown white-haired and feeble and his expression had become vacant. He had begun to notice very little of what was happening around him and his memory was poor. When spoken to, he either didn't respond or gave a response that was incoherent. He had spent 48 years behind bars, the government paying the prison three dollars per week for his board. Upon his death, Crowe held the record of having lived at the prison longer than any other inmate.

Moses Grinnell of Tiverton was sentenced to life behind bars after being found guilty of murdering Charles

Back in the Day



KELLY SULLIVAN

Thompson on Nov. 9, 1880 when he was 67 years old. He pleaded not guilty of wilful murder, explaining that Thompson, who had been taking coops out of Grinnell's henhouse, had come at him with a club and he shot him in self-defense. As he aged, the once-strong and hearty man became very feeble and did little more than complain about what he perceived to be ill treatment of him. He died in prison at the age of 95 on May 26,

Allen Dorsey of Newport was given a life sentence on July 3, 1886 after being found guilty of shooting his wealthy father-in-law, Benjamin Burton on Oct. 6, 1885. His wife and sister were also implicated and imprisoned. Both died while incarcerated. A graduate of Lincoln University and a medical student at the University of Philadelphia, Dorsey was very welleducated and prepared all his own court documents. He maintained a record of perfect behavior while in prison, trained a choir of nearly 20 prisoners to sing during church services and taught night school at the facility. In 1911, he petitioned for a pardon and was granted one by the governor on

Dennis "Spiker" Murphy was sentenced to life in prison on July 2, 1889, after being found guilty of murdering 82-year-old Waterman Irons in his leather shop on Aug. 24, 1888 with the intention of robbing him. Known as a very tough man and the most troublesome prisoner the facility had ever held, he made several attempts at escape. In Oct. 1881, he was caught trying to saw through the bars of his cell. It was believed the steel saw had been smuggled to him by friends or family members, hidden within fruit which was permissible to bring. In April 1893, after throwing himself against the walls of his cell and kicking wildly, he was put in a straitjacket. That Sept., one of his escape plans resulted in another inmate being shot by a warden. Other escape plans were made in Feb. 1894 and July 25, 1895. Murphy had a secret alphabet he used, writing letters to other prisoners and giving them instructions concerning his plans to break out. The letters usually found their way to the wardens and he was put into solitary confinement. After claiming sickness or promising he would not plot escapes again, he was put back in his cell. After a warden found notes he had written concerning his plans to overpower the warden and escape, in July 1897, Murphy was dressed in a fiery red suit so he was easily seen, and each of his legs fitted with chains attached to 55-pound balls. He still made detailed plans to escape, however, and two such events were halted in Dec. 1898 and Dec. 1899.

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So glad it's over...finally

Thank-God, this week marks the end of this election season.

I will be so happy to not have to listen to ad after ad, stretching the truth to make their point. I've never been so aware of politics. I was amazed at the things that the people were doing to hammer their point of view to the citizens. The number of signs all over Warwick was distracting!

Sexy

60s and

CINDY WILSON

I was surprised that local businesses allowed signs to be placed on their property supporting bond referendums that didn't really pertain to their business. It was a turn off for me. Locally, the hot button was building two new schools in Warwick. I went to several informative meetings to understand the facts. These were held by citizens concerned about the tax implications moving forward. As with the national election, children and the elderly were used as pawns to tug on the heart strings of the voters.

I'm a factual, numbers kind of gal so that's what I use to decide which way to vote. The problem for the average voter is all the mixed messages that we receive. I don't understand why candidates are allowed to lie in their ads. Not just stretching the truth, but straight up lying! I wish that during the debates there was a live fact checker.

I think it would be almost impossible for the average citizens to know the facts well enough for each candidate and all the ballot questions. At the end of each debate, I felt more confused than anything. When I knew the candidate or proponent of a certain bond referendum was lying, it

made me angry! I have come to understand that unfortunately the truth isn't the driving force behind most elections. İt's a lot of

money and who you know. That's unfortunate. By now we know who and what won. Time will tell as to whether we were lied to and if the candidates stick to their promises. Unfortunately, by then it will be too late. The

only good thing is that the commercials will end. Now we just have to wait for open enrollment for Medi-

care and Medicaid to end!

I looked and saw my mother

All my life my hair style has been casual, generally a perm to keep my hair somewhat curly, (although frizzy poodle curly is more often the result.) However, I went to a different hairdresser the other day who was sooooo proud to give me a new look. She washed, conditioned, cut, and then blow dried my hair, all with my back to the salon mirror to surprise me. As she expertly blew out each strand, I knew that was extra effort that I was not willing to do, but decided to humor her this one time. Excited, she twirled me around to view the final results. Smiling broadly at my anticipated new and modern style, the image that greeted me was a shock. My mouth dropped into a grimace as I looked and saw my mother in the reflection...same perfectly coiffed old lady white hair. I was disheartened, not to say that her hair style was awful, but it was that

of an elderly woman. At what point did people start to perceive me as

I took a good look at myself beyond the usual five second glance in the mirror. I had never before noticed how tired and worn my eyes looked. I had sworn off makeup years ago because the tremors in my hands always managed to screw up the application of mascara, poking myself in or under the eye rather than on my eyelashes. After trying to wipe the errant makeup off, I looked like a racoon rather than the beauty I had imagined in my head. And when had the wrinkles gathered around my eyes on my forehead and in my frown lines? Fortunately, due to an accident where I fell flat on my face many years ago, (trying to catch a young, mischievous Steven at the airport,) my nose had broken and the columella under my nose and

Life Matters



LINDA PETERSEN

above my lip had been damaged permanently, frozen in place, never to let a wrinkle in. At least there was ONE area on my face that was

My gaze wandered down to my hands and arms. A mass of alligator scales and wrinkles replaced the smooth skin I once had. And WHERE did all those brown spots come from? I had had my share of

moles and freckles in my life, but this was an explosion of brown spots, all different shades and sizes. Coming from a generation that did not believe in sunscreen, they must be the result of the sun damage that resulted. Then, I noticed two large flaps of skin hanging down from my upper arms, looking like all the stuffing had been taken out. What was with that?

The arthritis I have reminds me every day that I am older, with the large scar from the knee replacement surgery still dominant on my leg. Hubby's similar scars have faded with time and can barely be seen, but mine stand out bright pink, zig zagged, and ugly looking. The scar announces to the world that my knee was old and needed to be replaced.

I was always known as someone who zips around quickly and clumsily, but my zip has been zapped

and only the clumsiness remains. Hubby gets embarrassed when I trip over a curb or my own two feet, rolling his eyes at my awkwardness. When grocery shopping with him, I sometimes bend over the carriage while pushing it due to back pain. I know it looks inelegant, but the position relieves the stress on my lower back, alleviating the pain. I have also been known to use the store's scooter as an alternative.

My memory seems to be failing. A person's name eludes me despite wracking my brain to try to remember. This, of course, can be embarrassing. I hope my smile and head nodding hides the fact that their name has not come to mind. Yes! I like you, whoever you are!

All these little life challenges are normal as we age, but they are not proof that I am old. That proof came when I saw my reflection in that salon mirror...









Whatisa Auction House



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

At first, I questioned if I needed to write this article, some of you might be bored just by the title. However, you would be surprised how many people come to visit us at Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers without having a clue how an

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decided to explain it here for you. Auction houses generally work with sellers on consignment, meaning they take your items to market and sell them on your behalf through auction and in return get paid a small portion of the sale price. Auction houses do not buy your collection outright from you (though we can and will if you twist our arm), but it is always in your best interest to consign. That way the selling process becomes a team effort; When everybody works in each other's best interest you and the auction house make more money. It's win, win!

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auction is like no other shopping experience. Most importantly, they are free to the public! An admission fee is false belief some people always tend to have about auctions. It's not like a rock concert selling tickets (though sometimes you can find vintage concert tees at auction!); auction houses want you to join the fun and buy from them. If you are into antiques, fine art, jewelry, vintage advertising, toys, comic books, video games - anything cool and collectible - then auctions were made for you. Stop on by and give us a visit at Bruneau and Co. sometime, we would love to have you!



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Brendan Gleeson stars with Colin Farrell in The Banshees of Inisherin. (Photo courtesy of Searchlight Pictures)

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Irish movies and plays often contain humor, but always have a bit of sadness and tragedy.

"Banshees" is no exception.

The movie opens on the isolated, lonely isle of Inisherin, where two men, Colin Farrell's Padraic and Brendan Gleeson's Colm sit on an ancient stone wall as they do every day.

But today is different. Colm tells Padraic he doesn't want to be his friend anymore. He finds him boring

For about half the film we are treated to some funny lines and situations as Padraic tries to discover why his inseparable pal has discarded his friendship.

It is a very small island, so everybody gets involved.

Playwright Martin McDonagh is a master of language, and if you catch half of the dialogue, you are

See it at the

The year is 1923. War is go-

ing on on the mainland. Life is

much simpler here, where the

only activity happens at the

church, the local store and the bar.

People know everybody's busi-

ness, so Colm and Podraic be-

pens next in a variety of ways.

You may interpret what hap-

Is McDonagh trying to tell us

about the meaninglessness of life,

or are we, when it comes right

down to it, living in our own

is death. There is a rational man

who does an irrational thing.

A tragic event occurs. There

in for a treat.

come the big news.

Joyce & Don

Joyce accepted the ending, while I had trouble with it. (My

endings.) By all means, see this movie for its great acting, setting, messages, and especially a donkey you will fall in love with.

problem. I always try to rewrite

One more thing: SUBTITLES! There should be a law that no Irish dialect movie can be made without subtitles.

NETFLIX

THE GOOD NURSE

Jessica Chastain stars as a very

good nurse. She's a single mother with a heart condition who works

Eddie Redmayne plays a recently hired nurse who joins her on the night shift and helps her both personally and professionally.

When she suspects that he may be responsible for patient deaths, she calls in the police who begin an investigation with her help.

"The Good Nurse" is based on the true story of serial killer Charlie Cullen who lives a double life.

It is also an indictment of the hospital system in New Jersey, where administrators throw roadblocks in front of the investigation, refusing to cooperate because of fear of lawsuits.

Chastain is terrific.

INSIDE MAN

Stanley Tucci stars as a wifekiller on death row whose amazing abilities help him solve a number of murders.

When a woman disappears, her journalist friend starts her own investigation, becoming deeply involved with the prisoner.

Into the story comes the local vicar who counsels a disturbed man who likes child porn. He thinks it belongs to his son and will do anything to protect him, including hiding a woman captive in his basement. The unrelated characters slowly

become connected and the story becomes complicated and terrify-

We don't want to tell you more without spoiling the intriguing

This one is a bit weird, but stick with it and you will enjoy some-

successfully care for them or inspire any-

Amanda loves giving back as a sign of

Also, November is Adoption Awareness

Month. Because of Amanda's story, she wants to give back by sharing her journey

and aiding in helping more kids find a new

one else," she said.

nurturing families.

thing quite different.

■ Author

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Fortunately for Amanda, she found that answer on an adventure down to South America to reunite with her biological fam-

"A big part of my success is due to my childhood, upbringing, and values. I was adopted into a strong, loving, moral, and supportive family. However, growing up and figuring out my purpose and where I fit in was an emotional struggle. Physically, I was living the dream, but mentally, I was in a battle against my own mind.

"Over the years, it led me astray. However, through a positive mindset, and despite getting deterred at times, I have kept returning to my destined path," she said.

While living in Connecticut, Amanda got involved in the community. She ran for School Committee despite being a first-time candidate with little name recognition. She made herself available and shared her story. Her efforts resulted in her earning one of the seats. She served one term before stepping down to start a family and a new career.

After graduating from the University of

New Haven, Amanda worked in several ad agencies only to find something was missing. In 2019, after being laid off, she founded Otraway, a Warwick-based company specializing in promotional items, corporate gifting and event marketing. The business name means "another way," and she strives to help others by sharing

an owner, as her company continues to flourish in 13 states. Amanda also discovered something fulfilling in 2018: her birth parents. She traveled thousands of miles to find them and reconnect. She recalled of closure on that part of her life. She also got married and has two boys that also changed her perspective on life.

"When I had children, my life changed in a profound way; I actively committed to creating a better life for them, which,

her success. She donates some of her efforts to Dare to Dream Ranch in Foster and Foster Forward in East Providence. The Ranch is a working farm that helps veterans and their families get the help, support the word through branding and outreach. and services they need. Foster Forward is She achieved her dream of becoming a nationally and locally-recognized leader that ensures all children and youth impacted by foster care have safe, healthy, and

the reunion to be understandably emotional and cathartic for having some type

family and home. Her book is available for purchase on Amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble. She is also doing book signings around the state. Amanda will be scheduling meetings and other events to help share her story and hopes to inspire others to follow their entrepreneurial dreams and

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in turn, committed me to a better life for myself because if I don't take care of me, then I can't life passions. A MOM: Warwick author Amanda Mottola and her son Luca. (Beacon

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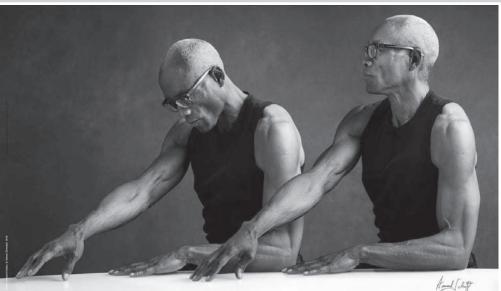
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Bill T. Jones' What Problem was a success for FirstWorks.
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Community members appear with Bill T. Jones

'Carte Blanche' coming to FirstWorks

By DON FOWLER

FirstWorks adds another bee to its bonnet with last week's performance of Bill T. Jones/ Arnie Zane Company's new work, "What Problem?" before a near-capacity audience at

FirstWorks teamed with Brown Arts to present this moving production which involved integrating 20 community members into the modern dance.

Hundreds of young school children filled the balcony and second balcony seats, while we older folks occupied the lower level. (The kids had the prime seats for viewing the dance movements.)

Jones narrated the piece, which explored his own background and that of the character Pip in "Moby Dick," covering issues of loneliness, isolation, and community.

The loudest applause came from the upper seats, and perhaps there was a young Black boy watching who thought, "gee, I would love to do that" and another Bill T. Jones will emerge.

Jones led a discussion of the piece following its powerful conclusion.

Montreal Ice Dancing Company

Le Patin Libre, (French for Free Skate, the innovative Montreal Ice Dancing company, will present "Carte Blanche" at the Providence Ice Skating Rink in Kennedy Plaza on Dec. 1 at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. as part of FirstWorks community outreach. Admission is free.

Toad & The Stooligans embrace dark side with 'Devil's Nectar'

By ROB DUGUAY

Providence hip-hop band Toad & The Stooligans released their sophomore full-length album "Jesus Juice". The record exhibits a bit of a gospel influence and it was a much needed release during the crazy uncertainty that shrouded over 2020. For the sake of dichotomy and the fact that you can't have the good without the bad, the act recently put out their third LP "Devil's Nectar" on October 28. Thematically, the record goes in a 180 and when I say "bad" I mean the tongue-in-cheek dark motif that encompasses the music. Along with that, it fits in with the macabre that's often associated with the Halloween season which was in full force during the time of its unveiling.

During the making of the new record, the band decided to produce it themselves and with that responsibility came the debating over minute details. With this different experience, there was a lot of learning that came from it and the band had an overall fun time due to the relationship with their music being taken to another level.

"Producing your own album can have a lot of challenges and excitement all at the same time," bassist Alex Caimano says about the making of "Devil's Nectar". "We were granted the time for creative freedom but we were bogged down with the weight of choice fatigue. A lot of the time we were hemming and hawing over minute things that we otherwise wouldn't bother with if we paid someone else to engineer and mix. I think those little critiques translated into the final product. The learning curve was wide but the experience was priceless. I love all the music we play and alumna we made but I



think I love this one a little more just from the work we all out into it"

"This album was really fun to make," keyboardist Daniel Hill adds. "The most challenging and most rewarding song on the album was the first track 'Devil's Nectar (The Summon)'. I remember Alex calling me about making a song that mirrored 'Jesus Juice (The Sermon)' but making something that sounded more gritty and playing it in a bebop jazz style. What I loved about that idea was that jazz was kind of known to those who lacked the understanding of the genre as the 'Devil's Music', so it was a good way to play with that idea especially with jazz being a huge background in my playing. The most challenging part writing out the different sections that occur and the horn parts, but we were able to get it done and the song came out amazing. I was definitely proud of everyone's effort on that song. The icing on the cake was listening to Mike's dope ass verse bring it to life after all the instruments were recorded."

Along with the first track, there are a bunch of others that highlight the album. "Kick Rocks" has Hill's

keys and Caimano's bass forming the foundation along with Matt O'Brien's drumming while both Dan Pomfret and Mike Jencks create their trademark verbose dynamic with the lyrics. With rapper extraordinaire Jesse The Tree joining in on the fray, "I Don't Wanna Get High" has more of a low-key vibe with the chorus upping the ante in numerous ways. Concluding "Devil's Nectar" is "Mean and Nasty and No Damn Good" in rhythmic fashion while leaving a lasting impression. "Clap Ya Hands" and "Bridge Burner" are quality songs that deserve a listen Ever since the middle

of the 2010s, Toad & The Stooligans have been one of the premier acts in the local music scene. All you have to do is give their music a listen, then go see them live and you'll understand why. Anytime they put on a show it's a good time and you should keep tabs on when they'll be playing next. To do that, follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/ toadandthestooligans. In the meantime, give "Devil's Nectar" a listen via their Bandcamp page toadandthestooligans. bandcamp.com.

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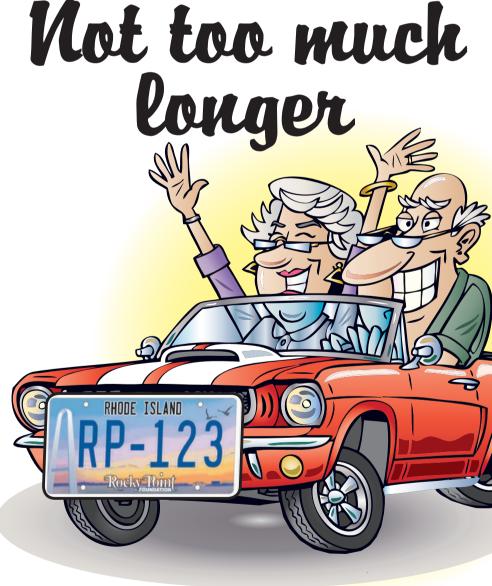
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By JENNIFER COATES

The expression "Home is where the heart is" is an oftrepeated phrase that is both familiar and evocative to all who hear it. Whenever these words are uttered, they immediately evoke the sentiment that no matter where life takes you, you can be "at home" as long as you are surrounded by the people and things you love. Home can truly be wherever you rest your heart.

As we age, the concept of "home" will often change. Perhaps we are no longer able to remain in the home where we raised our families. Perhaps we need more help than the independent lives we once led. Perhaps we need to eschew the possessions we once accumulated in our homes and embrace a simpler life, instead savoring time spent with loved ones and making new acquaintances. Life and "home" may change, but they can also be better as we

"Life getting better" and creating "places where the heart can settle in" are part of the mission of The Preserve at Briarcliffe. The Preserve is the newest addition to the Briarcliffe family. Opened a short year ago in June, this thoughtfully designed senior living residence is now home to seniors looking for this simpler, stress-free life. A life of security, peace of mind, comfort, opportunity, and freedom. A "new" home that caters to their every want

Each of The Preserve's sixty-six apartments is designed to meet the specific needs of those who are either completely independent or who require assistance with such basic needs as medication management or help with simple, everyday activities. It is the ultimate in senior living, known in the industry as a Continuing Catered Retirement Community (CCRC).





The Preserve at Briarcliffe is a warm, inviting retirement community located in Johnston. If you or a loved one is considering a new home, visit one of their apartments, including this studio apartment with its thoughtfullyplanned bathroom and kitchenette.

The Preserve's apartments come in six different floor plans including 330 square foot studio apartments and onebedroom units. Each apartment has a kitchenette (complete with quartz countertops, small-scale refrigerators, and a microwave), "European-style" bathrooms for safe and easy access (complete with barrier free showers, grab bars and two emergency alarm pull stations), wheelchair-width doors for those with mobility challenges, and access to the outdoors. Each apartment is individually controlled for heat and air-conditioning. Every room is bathed in natural

Every amenity here at The Preserve has been carefully

curated. Restaurant-style dining with restaurant quality food, housekeeping, landscaped grounds to explore, a fullservice salon and fitness center, laundry service and cozy lounges where scheduled activities and entertainment are held. There is a library and game room for family gatherings. Though transportation is provided, there is hardly ever a reason to leave!

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What is Your Retire-Ready Recipe?



Jeffrey H. Massey Certified Financial Planner™ Massey and Associates, Inc.

A recipe is like a roadmap that tells us exactly what we need to do to help us get to where we want to go. Of course, if you don't follow the recipe and perhaps leave out one of the more important ingredients-- you know what happens: You taste it and perhaps say or think, gee, this doesn't taste the same as when mom made it. Can you relate?

I am certain each of us has a family recipe that has been passed down or around the family, perhaps for generations. My favorite is my mom's bread stuffing which I make for every Thanksgiving dinner. I can't wait to taste it again!

When it comes to retirement, there is no one way to structure or plan for your retirement. The recipe that is great for you may not work at all for another family member, your best friend, or your neighbors. The goal with retirement planning is to work the "recipe" for your specific situation to achieve the retirement lifestyle that is a good fit for you and your spouse if you are married.

So, what are the main ingredients that I think should really be considered for every retirement plan? Yes, I first said that everyone's recipe is likely to be different, however, there are certain elements that I think should be included in every retirement plan. The three specific elements are: safety, liquidity and growth for the future. Within those three elements is where the plan can be dramatically different for each person or couple.

Everyone has a different perspective when it comes to their risk tolerance (taking on more risk or preferring to take on less risk.) By properly implementing a plan that contains these three elements, you are designing strategies to help you pursue your particular goals and objectives for a successful retirement. The major difference from one person's plan to another is the amount of money that you put into each of these three asset positions. The challenge with putting money into these three elements is that you cannot achieve all three--safety, liquidity and growth--with a single asset placement. However, you can typically get two out of three of these important

Let's start with this comment: every choice you make as to where you should place your assets will have both pros and



cons. It's up to you to weigh each choice with the pros and cons and decide which

is most comfortable for you. In the safety category, your choices are bank or credit union money, backed up by the FDIC or NCUA, and insurance products that are backed by the financial strength and claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company. There are insurance-based products that offer the possibility to earn much higher rates of return than the bank, credit union or government securities. Some of these options may have liquidity as well. There are important details to consider when this type of option is recommended to you, so work with a professional advisor that will help explain all the details.

Another option is US government securities like treasure bills, notes, and bonds that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. In this category, you will get safety and a certain amount of liquidity, which is the second category, but typically, you may not get much growth. Therefore, although the safety category is important to a retire-ready recipe, you will not have much in the way of growth at the current rates of interest, which have only recently started to go up as the Federal Reserve has raised their interest rates.

In the liquidity category, you should have your emergency money along with money for expected larger expenses such as a roof, new car, etc. There is a cost for liquidity, which is that you will not make much money on your deposit. We refer to this money as your "pillow" money so when your head hits the pillow at night, you will be confident in your plan and enjoy a good night's sleep by not worrying about access to money.

Moving on to category number three growth. This is a very important element to have in your plan. Typically, these are your investments in the stock market. I will concede that you can also invest in bonds, however, the challenge with bonds is that their fair market value (the amount you can sell the bond for) will go down as interest rates rise.

As the Fed has started to aggressively raise interest rates, this has a negative effect on the value of your bonds if you were to sell them. The bond aggregate index, according to the Yahoo Finance web site, was down as much as 16% earlier this year, and as of September 22nd, it is down approximately 11%. (https://www. cnbc.com/2022/10/18/stocks-and-bondsboth-down-what-to-do-with-your-money. html?__source=sharebar | email&par=share bar, 2022)

In the growth category, you will also have liquidity as you can sell your investments to get money out of the market, however, you may not have as much protection in this category. Of course, you may also have liquidity in your savings or money market accounts. As I mentioned earlier, you can usually get two elements, but not all three.

So, there you have it! A Retire-Ready Recipe that includes three main ingredients: safety, liquidity and growth. This is how we customize a retire-ready plan for our clients.

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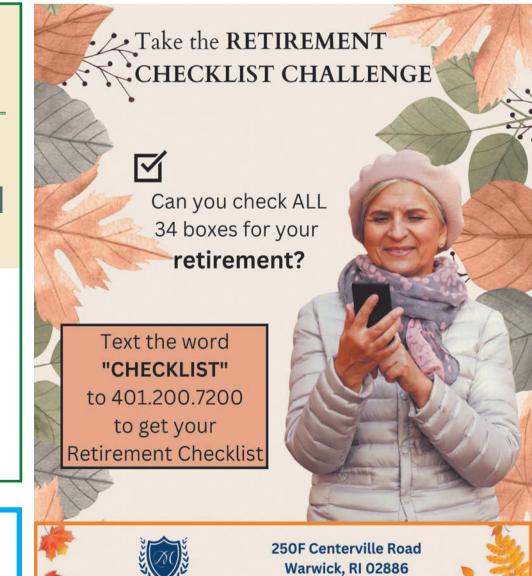
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Sports

Chung, Falcons headed to semis



MAN OF THE HOUR: Cranston West's Marcus Chung (1) during a post-game interview. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

Senior standout scores three TD's in playoff win

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Cranston West football team held on to beat Woonsocket 21-18 in the Division II Quarterfinals at home last week.

The Falcons were once again led by senior running back Marcus Chung, who rushed for three scores and over 200 yards in the win.

"This being my first ever playoff win in high school football, the feeling is crazy. This is a great team and I know that we're going to get back to work and work hard in practice. Hopefully it pays off," said Chung after the win.

After a scoreless first quarter, West would score on back to back drives on Chung touchdowns to take a 14-0 lead. The second drive was set up by a Steven Girouard interception.

The Villa Novans would respond by getting on the board with a score of their own with 29 seconds left in the half. Woonsocket would then get a pick-six moments later to cut the lead to 14-12 at the break and steal the

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TOUCHDOWN: West quarterback Kelan Cornell.



BIG STAGE: Cranston East's Stella Loezos last week. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

East, West compete at XC states

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Bishop Hendricken cross country team ran to its 26th state championship last weekend at Ponaganset High School. The Hawks will now head to the New England Championships this weekend with a chance to qualify for the upcoming Nike Nationals.

A number of other locals shined on both the boys and

girls side on the state's biggest stage. Here is a look at some of the results:

BOYS

St. Ray's standout and Warwick native Devan Kipyego took first place overall as an individual. This was his second straight state championship for the Saints. Troy Silvestri capped off his season with a second-place finish for the Hawks.

Hendricken's Andrew Frezza cracked the top-five with a fifth place finish, followed by teammate Keegan

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Keeping tabs on our playoff teams

We're in the thick of the playoffs and a number of our teams are shining. Here is where we stand with our clubs as of Tuesday morning.

This past weekend we got our first state championship when the Bishop Hendricken cross country ran to another title. It was an expected result, to be honest, but the Hawks continue to be New England's best team and one of the best in the nation.

It's impressive, this team just churns out runners fall by fall. It doesn't matter if they have an individual state champion, or even someone in the running. Hendricken is just so deep and boasts such strong numbers. It is arguably the best sports team in the state at the

My pitch



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moment.

The Toll Gate girls soccer team won a 4-3 thriller over Classical to punch its ticket to the Division III title game this Saturday. The Titans went up 3-0, saw the Purple roar back to tie things, then got the game winner in the final three minutes.

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West blanked in quarters

By RYAN D. MURRAY

The third-seeded Falcons were blanked 2-0 by the sixthseeded East Greenwich Avengers last Thursday night during the Division II Boys Soccer Quarterfinal match at Cranston West High School. Leo Paradise scored East Greenwich's first goal during

the fifth minute when Alejandro Leon booted a free kick into the box, and then East Greenwich senior Cam Pellegrino passed across to Paradise, who buried it into the left side of the net and put the Avengers up 1-0.

The second tally came during the 68th minute, when Leon assisted to freshman forward Wyatt Gelzhiser, who fired into the left corner of the net from the right side, and upped the East Greenwich lead to 2-0.

Both goals came in the first half.

The Falcons two best chances to score came during the second half and they came from freshman Jack Mefford, who missed wide on both occasions.

"Jack Mefford is a special talent," West head coach Yair Correa said. "This is a kid that was a junior varsity player coming into the season. We ended up giving him the nod and we called him up to varsity and the kid was an instant

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PLAYOFF BATTLE: Cranston West's Aiden Hay tracks down the ball in the Division II Quarterfinals last week. The Falcons were shut out 2-0 by East Greenwich to see their season come to a close. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)



GIVE IT A BOOT: West's Kasey Gooch shoots the ball last week.

West

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spark to the program. He immediately was effective in training and in games, and the value that he brought to the team is something special for a kid that's making the move from junior varsity over to varsity. He's going to be a special talent the next three years, and I feel very fortunate to have Jack Mefford for the near future. That's for sure."

The Falcons will also retain another key player in sophomore and starter Chris Melise, who always brings a lot of energy and toughness to the field.

"Melise is a special talent," Correa said. "He is a very good player with a lot of potential. I'm very fortunate to have him for the next two years. He's a very versatile kid, who provided a lot of different things for us this year, playing wingback and playing winger, as well, going into the attack. Definitely one of the most agile and quicker players in regards to acceleration and that extra step of speed. The kid is definitely something that we look forward to in the future because he's a massive piece of the program, going forward. He played very well yesterday for what it was, did everything he could in his power to get us the win, but it just wasn't enough."

Correa believes the defeat all came down to the Avengers drawing up a better game plan after the Falcons beat them 5-2 on September 23.

"I think East Greenwich understood the assignment and they executed," Correa said. "I want to give credit to the coaching staff there for better preparing their guys after what went down during the regular season. They came back with a vengeance and it was evident that they had one thing in mind and that was to redeem themselves and they did exactly that."

The elimination hit the first-year head coach hard, as he will lose 13 of his players

"It's definitely a tough loss because 13 kids on a roster is not easy to replace," Correa said. "So, it definitely hurts, that's for

"Obviously, the seniors are a big reason

why we were able to be as successful as we were," Correa continued. "They brought a lot of leadership and a lot of experience. Unfortunately, though, we ran into a team that had clarity with their game plan and they came to Cranston and did what they had to do. They took care of business the way that they, I'm sure, trained for. And it was definitely a tough one for me as a first-

year coach. However, 13 seniors on any roster is very rare. So, my heart breaks for those kids, of course. It is definitely something that will stick with me very closely for a very long time."

But Correa also sees a bright side.

"I think they're moving onto bigger and better things," Correa said. "The majority of those kids have clarity as to what they want to do in college. A lot of those kids seem to know where they want to be as well, in regards to location. So, I can't help, but to be super proud of everything they did for the program, and what they brought in, and what the system has provided for them. And now it's time to just take a step back and witness what they're going to do in life now. And whether they allow me to do it closely, or from afar, I'm always going to be following those guys.

Back at West, Correa believes the Falcons will continue to build on the success of this year where they finished the regular season with a league record of 10-3-1 and went 12-6-1 overall.

"Like I tell the boys, 'we either win or we learn,'" Correa said. "We don't lose. And yesterday we learned. We learned a lot, and that's something that we'll carry on into the near future. And hopefully we can grow from this."

If Correa's first season is any indication, there's every reason to believe West will only grow from it.

"I think we now have implemented lots of great things into the program and I believe the state of Rhode Island now understands that Cranston West is slowly becoming something to cheer for," Correa said. "Because we have lots of special talent here, and now given the proper direction, these guys understand how to be as effective as possible,"

"So, I'm very excited for the years to come," Correa concluded. "And I'm very excited for what's going to be brewed up here in the city of Cranston. The community deserves it and everybody here deserves exactly what's going to come. And I know it's nothing, but lots of success. Especially for me, as a first-year coach to be able to say that I won 12 games out of 18. It's a massive feat. Not a lot of teams can say that. Not a lot of first-year coaches can say that. There's usually a lot of growing pains going on in the first year and thankfully we were able to be more successful than anything else. So, I can't help, but be proud of each and everyone one of these guys, and more so the class of 2023, for giving me their all, in regards to determination and commitment throughout the fall of 2022."



DRIBBLING: West's Jon Frias works his way up the field.

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Fall Fly Tying Program

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Stock up on your fly fishing flies by joining the RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Division of Fish & Wildlife Aquatic Resource Education's annual Fall Fly Tying Program. Learn how to tie flies from knowledgeable fly tying instructors.

Participants will have a choice of tying saltwater or freshwater flies at either the beginner or intermediate level. You will even have a chance to win a holiday wreath covered with a variety of flies.

The program begins Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cold Spring Community Center, North Kingstown, RI.

The fee is \$5/person/session or pre-register for all five sessions for \$20. For information or to register online visit, https://dem.ri.gov/ events/fall-fly-tying-workshop or contact Kimberly Sullivan at 401.539.0037 or kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov.

Anglers weigh in on tautog regulations

Last week you might say anglers stood up for tautog, a great eating fish often called black fish that is primarily targeted by anglers in the fall.

Most comments made November 1 were in favor of new proposed 2023 tautog regulations for the State of Massachusetts as anglers expressed their thoughts at the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) hearing on the subject. The State of Rhode Island had enacted similar regulations for the 2022 season.

The aim of the "Trophy" fish regulation for tautog is to preserve large female fish that have great spawning potential. Under new regulations, anglers are allowed to take just one fish larger than 21 inches, and their remaining fish in a slot limit of 16 to 21 inches.

Jack Creighton, past president of the Cape Cod Salties fishing as-sociation, said, "The Cape Cod Salties supports this proposed more conservation minded tautog regulation. Protecting large fish with great breeding potential makes sense and will help continue to grow this fishery."

Fred DeFinis who lived in Massachusetts much of his life, but now lives across the border in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, said, "Recreational anglers like me have had good success tautog fishing the past couple of years. It is a great fishery and only makes sense to preserve the fishing in Massachusetts and Rhode Island as we are in the same management region with the aim of making regulations similar."

Four charter captains at the meeting who all fished in Massachusetts and Rhode Island related how the new regulation worked in Rhode Island this year. All said there was no negative impacts on business. And, by allowing anglers to keep fish 16 to 21 inches they are going home with plenty of meat and yet are still allowed a trophy fish for personal best records and tournaments.

DMF will accept written public comment on all proposals covered at the meeting through 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. Submit written comments to Director Daniel McKiernan by e-mail (marine. fish@mass.gov) or post (251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114); emailing comments is preferred. Full text of the regulations may be found on DMF's website.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass. Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "So many anglers are fishing for tautog that we are not hearing much about striped bass. I do know there was a decent bite at the North Rip (Block Island)."

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence, said, "The striped bass bite in is still very good with this warm water. Slot fish and larger are still being caught at the Cape Cod beaches, on the Canal as well as in Narra-



NEWPORT TAUTOG: Angler Steve Brustein of North Kingstown with a Newport tautog. Both rigs and jigs are working for tautog anglers. (Submitted photo)

gansett Bay and along the southern coastal shore. SP Minnows and soft plastics are working well for anglers. The bass are still here but you have to find them."

'Barrington Beach and places further up Narragansett Bay are still holding bass. Anglers are catching bass from the Kettle Point Dock (East Providence) with soft plastic, white is working well," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside.

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "The beaches have been relatively quiet with most schools of bass passing at ease well out of casting distance. However there are still a good amount of bass in the salt ponds and feeding in and around the Breachways at night."

East End Eddie Doherty, expert Canal angler and author, said, "Plenty of baitfish are still swimming in the Canal feeding sustained blitzes for miles. Striped bass were breaking for hours riding the east tide as Anast Terezakis and his son Nick from Connecticut had a good day at Pip's Rip. They had fish up to 42 inches and Anast landed a 26-pounder on a white Beachmaster pencil."

Tautog. "Tautog fishing has just been outstanding. The Island Current party boat caught an 18-pound tautog last Friday. Shore angles on the West Wall are still catching tautog but they have started to move to deeper water with a good bite off Brenton Reef, Newport and off Pt. Judith Light," said Ca-

Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle said, "Anglers are catching tautog all over the Bay at about a 10 (short) to one (keeper) ratio. Keeper tautog are being caught as far up as the broken bridge at the mouth of the Seekonk River with spotty action (some days good, some days bad) at Conimicut Light, Warwick."

O'Donnell of Breachway Bait, said, "Many boats have been limiting out on tautog and even grabbing a few black sea bass. The fish are still in both shallow and deep water. Some spots are holding shorter fish then others but when you get on a good bite there's some 8lb + class fish around."

"Cod fishing has been good for customers at the Southeast corner of Cox Ledge where Capt. Louis DeFusco of Hot Reels Sportfishing charters ran into some large cod that made it difficult for them to boat slot sized fish (22" to <28", five fish/person/day)." said Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor. O'Donnell of Breachway Bait, said, "A few boats took advantage of the nice weather last week and ran south of Block Island for cod and did pretty well catching a mix of cod and black sea bass.

Freshwater. "Freshwater fishing for largemouth bass has been very, very good, but not many of my customers are fishing the fresh water with the lively tautog and striped bass bite still alive on saltwater." said Henault of Ocean State. John Littlefield said, "We still have few customers fishing Willet Avenue Pond and Olney Pond, Lincoln Woods for trout but they are far and few between at this time."

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Falcons

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West scored again in the third to extend its lead to 21-12, but Woonsocket returned the favor and would stay within striking distance until late in the fourth.

The West defense would come up with a stop, and Chung and the offense would run the clock out to secure the win. Perhaps the play of the game came in the final drive when the Falcons converted on a third-and-11 situation to extend the "We work on that all the time and that

has become big for us. We want to control the end of the game, grind the (opponent) down and manage the clock. Woonsocket has an explosive offense so we didn't want to give them the ball back. We turned to Marcus and the offensive line to get the job done," said West head coach Tom Milewski.

Chung was confident heading into that final drive and demanded the ball.

"I always say that I want the ball. Fourth quarter, six minutes left, I want the ball. I told Coach the play, he agreed. Our communication has been great all season on offense and that's why we were able to (convert)," said Chung.

Dominating up front was key for West after the tough finish to the first half.

"It was good for us. It was a little more adversity than we wanted to have, but we told them that we wanted them to come out and finish. We wanted to do our thing, take over the line of scrimmage," said Milewski.

Chung added: "We obviously weren't happy, but we were still up at half and that's what matters. Coach told us to step on them in the second half and that what we did."

West will now hit the road to take on Portsmouth in the semis, with a chance at a Super Bowl berth on the line.

The team will once again need to rely on its rushing attack, and Milewski is more than confident in his big time leader.

"It was great for Marcus and great for our team. He's become our workhouse. When we need a play, we know we can turn to him. He runs downhill, he's physical, he's really become one of the best backs in the state," said Milewski.



WARM WELCOME: Members of the West team greet Marcus Chung after a score.



ON THE COURSE: West's Derek Sundberg last week.

States

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Jack Moretta finished 14th for Hendricken while teammate Brayton Gazerro took 15th. Ollie Ide placed 25th for the Hawks as well. Alex Sjoblom finished 28th for Hen-

Ian Bubar led Pilgrim by taking 59th overall while teammate Jordan Lopes finished 62nd. John Maynard took 65th for Toll Gate, followed by Rhontahn Vega at

Pilgrim's Tyler Boudreau took 81st while Toll Gate's Josh Maynard finished 82nd. Cian Roberts placed 89th for Toll Gate,

while Cranston West's Derek Sundberg cracked the top 100 at 98th.

Toll Gate placed 15th overall as a team followed by Pilgrim in 16th.

Pilgrim's Keaney Bayha led the Pats with a 15-place finish overall. Toll Gate's Alison Pankowicz led the Titans with a 21st-place

Stella Loezos led Cranston East by finishing 34th. Pilgrim's Emily Newton took 74th, followed by East's Madeline Baxter in

Jessica Chin placed 79th for the Bolts, while Tiffany Blanco took 81st for Pilgrim. East's Miko Lehnert made the top 100 by finishing in 91st.



Elks Hoop Shoot begins Sunday

By PETE FONTAINE

"Chicago or bust!"

That could easily be the theme of the Nationals Elks 2023 Hoop Shoot that will begin locally this Sunday at 12:30 inside the Cranston YMCA.

It's a terrific tradition of the National Elks Association that providing healthy competition and leads to winners shooting their way into the finals that will be contested on April 22 at Wintrust Arena – home of the WNBA's Chicago Sky and famed DePaul University Blue Demons.

Steven Lagesse, long-time local direc-

Steven Lagesse, long-time local director and Past Exalted Ruler at Sunday's sponsoring Tri-City Elks Lodge at 1915 West Shore Road in Warwick, said the event is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 13 and that "there's absolutely no entrée fee whatsoever."

Even when the various local, district

and regional champions are determined the ENF provides travel fees, hotel accommodations and expenses.

"Competition is for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 and their age for the shoot is determined by their ages as of April 1, 2023," Lagesse explained. "There are three different age divisions for boys and girls ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Contestants are offered a warm-up shoot and then will then try to sink as many foul shots as they can from the contest required total of 25 shots. In case there's a tie, a special shoot off will be held."

While speaking about the unique competition, Lagesse pointed out "The National (ELKS) Hoop Shoot is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. There's of excitement from local lodges throughout the state and country because the boys and girls that capture the national division champions will have their names

- well as the post- shoot photo - placed in the Naismith National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Ma.

Thus, it's almost tip-off the Sunday's Tri-City Elks Lodge No. 14 Hoop Shoot with boys and girls having their sights set on moving onto the various district championships as well as a berth in the New England Regionals that will be held in South Portland, Maine on March 11, 2023, with those winners heading to Chicago for the national finals.

Lagesse also announced that the North District Finals will be held Dec. 10 at Smithfield High School with the West District finals set for Dec. 11 at Prout High School in South Kingstown. The East District will be held Dec. 18 at the Florence Gray Center in Newport with the state finals back at the Cranston YMCA on Jan. 22, 2023.

Frozen Few were toasty (and wet) for frostbite racing

By JOHN HOWELL

George Shuster had great expectations for Sunday, the first day of frostbite racing at Edgewood Yacht Club. The weather forecast was unbelievable for this time of year. The temperature could hit 75 degrees. Rather than "A Frozen Few," as the sailors have named the group, Shuster anticipated more than a dozen Sunfish, a single handed boat with a lateen sail, on the starting line. And in place of the customary attire of wet and dry suits, caps and gloves he thought sailors would be wearing short sleeve shirts, shorts and maybe even

bathing suits. The temperature lived up to Shuster's expectation, but the wind transformed the "toasty few" into a cavalcade of capsizes. Not all of the nine racers were dumped into the choppy bay, but there were enough to keep Dennis Demers and Ray Parker in the chase boat busy. Righting a capsized Sunfish can be relatively easy if the boat hasn't turned turtle and is faced into the wind. That wasn't always the case Sunday. Dennis and Ray turned boats into the wind and stood by as soaked skippers applied their weight to the center board that looked like a giant shark's fin. The added weight to the center board often flips the boat upright.

Race committee chair, Stuart Malone, set the

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courses, gave the count down to the start with successive bursts of his mouth whistle and recorded the results. He said gusts hit 23 knots. After a couple of races, a soaked Wayne Kazarian figured it was time to play safe and returned to the dock. He wasn't alone, two other boats retired early. Another sailor, Demers reported, had partially unzipped their wet suit to off-set the heat. The problem, when dumped in the water the suit filled and it was difficult to maneuver.

By the end of the morning of six races, Demers and Parker had retrieved all the marker buoys. Malone had secured the committee pontoon boat. Skippers were breaking down their rigs and stowing their craft on dock racks.

Malone interrupted the activity with two words: "race results." Skippers, dripping wet looked up from their activity. Malone started from the top. Bill Shaw, a first time racer with the Frozen Few, finished first, Shuster was second.

Work resumed on putting all the gear away for another Sunday race. Time wasn't wasted. The Patriots game would be on and while the skippers were wet, they weren't frozen and that was a good thing.

Malone confessed frostbite sailing in 70 degree weather, "does feel a little bit like cheating." But he wasn't complaining.

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NOT OUT: Skipper Zach Magnone was able to right his boat before the start of the final race. (Cranston Herald photos)



TIGHT START: Skippers vie to be across the starting line first, which was made all the more difficult by gusty winds of up to 23 knots Sunday.

■ Pitch

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The Titans overcame three big injuries in the preseason to finish in first place and now reach the finals. Toll Gate will probably be considered the favorite, which is remarkable considering the hit in talent it took. Kara Yelman scored a hat trick on Monday and has been a force for Toll Gate. What an exciting year this must have been for her. She got her opportunity to be a go-to player and she has excelled from start to finish. A championship win would be the ultimate way to cap off the season.

The Cranston West football team beat Woonsocket

The Cranston West football team beat Woonsocket 21-18 in a great game in the Division II Quarterfinals last week.

Marcus Chung is no longer under the radar ... he is

arguably the state's best player and showed it last Friday by scoring three touchdowns and turning in an electric performance.

When West had a couple of down seasons, he was always a bright spot and a player that always seemed to be on the brink of a massive breakout. We got that

this season and he has been the biggest reason why West is on the verge of a Super Bowl appearance.

Portsmouth will be tough, especially on the road. It will take a big-time performance for the Falcons to get this one, but if Chung plays the way he did last week, West will have plenty of opportunities to score points and get the job done. I don't have a score in mind, but

tum.

The Hendricken football team has its semifinals matchup against Central. The Knights nearly got the win last fall and had a chance to tie the game in the final minute this regular season.

I like West in this one. Chung has too much momen-

The Knights are a tough stylistic matchup for the Hawks. Central has a great rushing attack and is fantastic at controlling the clock. The two teams have similar philosophies and it seems like they're each other's toughest foes.

However, the Hawks have the experience and the better defense in my opinion. I expect another close matchup that goes down to the wire, but like the previous meetings, it will be the Hawks that get the job done. La Salle is facing North Kingstown on the other side of the bracket and I like the Rams. I think we're in for another Hawks-Rams matchup. Surprise, surprise.

The Hendricken boys soccer team played its semifinals match on Wednesday against top-seeded North Kingstown. The Hawks surprisingly have been forgotten it seems in Division I, despite being one of the most competitive teams.

The Hawks lost to the Skippers in a thrilling 5-4 decision earlier this season, and I don't think an upset would be as shocking as some others believe. Hendricken is in this thing.

The Toll Gate boys also played their semifinal matchup in the Division IV bracket. The Titans were the second overall club, but went unbeaten in league play this regular season. Ties are what prevented the first-place finish, but make no mistake about it, the Titans were the best team in the division when at full strength.

All signs point toward a Toll Gate-Scituate matchup. The teams tied earlier this fall, so this Sunday's state title game could be another fun one.

We had two notable clubs come up short in girls soc-

Pilgrim was upset by Chariho in the quarterfinals by a 1-0 score. The Pats will one day break through, they have to, but it was another tough ending to a promising season. The Chargers have all of a sudden shaken up the state as they went on to beat North Kingstown in penalty kicks in the semis. Chariho beat the state's best two teams, and is now a new force.

The top-seeded Johnston girls fell 2-1 to Providence Country Day on Monday in the Division IV semis. The Panthers were on a roll and beat PCD 3-1 earlier this year, but PCD came out firing and took a quick lead to set the tone the rest of the way.

Finally, we had a few clubs competing in the unified volleyball state tournament. Unified sports have continued to grow in Rhode Island which is great to see. I'm thrilled to see these kids have the opportunity to make friends, have fun and learn a sport while being part of a varsity team. It's always heartwarming to watch.



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