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Former culinary student, Austin Irons, now heads program. *Page 16*

McAllister leads council; Fire pact looms

By JOHN HOWELL

Steve McAllister is looking forward to further public participation in City Council meetings now that he is in line to serve a second term as Council President. Although the all-Democrat council has not held a caucus to choose a leader, McAllister said Friday he polled members and they unanimously support him for president. Of the nine-member council, only two, William Foley in Ward 1 and James McElroy in Ward 4, faced an opponent this election. All other incumbents ran unopposed. Tradition-

ally, after being sworn in, the council elects a president. That will happen in January. McAllister said Donna Travis has done an excellent job as President Pro-Tem and he asked her to continue serving in that role. The council has work to do before the New Year. Topping the list is approval or rejection of the temporary agree-



McAllister

ment the administration has reached with Warwick Firefighters. Neither Mayor Frank Picozzi nor McAllister would discuss terms of the agreement other than it is a three-year pact. As of Friday the pact had yet to be shared with council members. The mayor said the administration is in the process of drafting a fiscal note to accompany the agreement. Union president Mi-

chael Carriero did no return calls for comment. McAllister said he intends to handle council consideration of the contract at a meeting devoted solely to the matter. He hasn't set a date for the meeting but assured, "it will have its own night." Picozzi could not pin a number on how many sessions it took for the parties to reach the tentative agreement, other than to say it was a lot. He sat in on a few of the sessions leaving negotiations to a team including Bruce Keiser, project coordinator for the City; Fire Chief Peter McMichael; chief of staff Susan Nahabedian and City

Solicitor Michael Ursillo. Picozzi said he learned from the days he served on the Warwick School Committee that failing to reach an agreement and ending up in arbitration can be a losing proposition. McAllister pointed to passage of multiple projects listed by members to be funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act. Mayor Frank Picozzi budgeted \$1.8 million -- \$200,000 for each ward -- from the \$38 million the city received under the program. Council members chose projects

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Pilgrim Players rock night away

By KRISTEN ROY

"Come on, feel the noise!" belts Ben Passarelli. "I want to know what love is" swoons Princess Johnson. "I'm wanted dead or alive" wails Jessica Taul. Passarelli, Johnson and Taul are performing the hit Broadway musical Rock of Ages with fellow students at Pilgrim High School under the direction of Richard Denningham. Choreographer Mrs. Jenna A Tremblay-Reilly and musical directors Mrs. Laura Jenkins and Ms. Elena Robson accompany Denningham with the production. The performances will be held Nov. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and

Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students, seniors and children. Taul, a senior, brings an aggressive energy as the character Stacey Jaxx when she sings "Wanted Dead or Alive" by Bon Jovi. Taul says it was her favorite scene because "it was my scene". Expressing optimism and hope in as she sings "Here I go again" Johnson, a senior, delivers an emotional performance as the character Sherrie Christian. The actress proclaims she isn't like her character at all but admires her for her ability "to stick up her



FULL SPEED AHEAD: Ben Passarelli takes the wheel with Princess Johnson in a scene from Rock of Ages. (Warwick Beacon photos)

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A STAND UP JOB: Cathy Bonang prefers standing at her computer, but then she rarely sits still as secretary to the superintendent of schools. She retires later this month. (Warwick Beacon photo)

Cathy 'ran' schools, now it's time to enjoy retirement

By JOHN HOWELL

When her husband Joe Bonang retired from his plumbing business, Cathy thought of all the things they could be doing together while they have the means to do them (from skiing, biking, bowling to traveling) and decided it was time for her to retire, too. What it means, as Superintendent of Warwick Schools Lynn Dambruch said recently, is that the department is losing its director. That brought a laugh from Cathy, who always has a smile. But Dambruch knows what it takes to run the department of more than 890 teachers, about 50 administrators, a staff of 400 clerical, teacher assistants and custodial workers – not to mention interfacing with 8,000 students and in

many cases with their parents and relatives. Answering the superintendent's phone, Cathy is usually the first to learn of a situation whether it is a father who is upset that his son was given what he considers unfair detention or a burst water main that flooded the Toll Gate High cafeteria. Cathy is the district's listener. She's even keeled and delivers unsugar coated answers... with that smile. It hasn't been easy. Her worst day, she relates without hesitation, was when the district announced it would serve sun butter and jelly sandwiches to kids who hadn't paid past due lunch invoices. Gel Penta of Gel's Kitchen was appalled that kids were toss-

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Heated up over wood

Woman questions how she will heat home if she can't salvage wood from city yard

By JOHN HOWELL

Beatrice "Cookie" Pelletier, 73, estimates she needs about six cords of wood to get through the winter. So far she's stacked up two cords and she is questioning whether she can get more having been told she can't pick over the branches, tree trunks and wood at the city compost station. Pelletier is angry, feeling she is being discriminated because of her gender and age. She claims men are pulling wood from the yard waste dumped at the station, but she's being told because of liability issues she can't. "If you live in the City of Warwick, you have a right to the wood," Pelletier says. Pelletier said she and her husband have salvaged wood from the compost station for more than 20 years. It's how they heat their home on Scolly Street, off Armory Drive that is a short drive from the compost station. In addition, the house has gas heat, but with the increase in the cost of gas, Pelletier questions if she can afford

it. "Where would I get the money?" she asks. Pelletier said she gets \$765 monthly from Social Security and has some money saved but doesn't want to touch it. "People save money and use it when they have to," she said. She doesn't feel this is the time to dip into reserves and if she is able to collect wood, or even if people looking to get rid of wood they are bringing to the compost station dropped it off in her yard, she could get by. "I would be glad to take it [the wood] off their hands," she said. Eric Earls, director of public works, said Monday nothing has changed at the compost station and



SHE CAN HANDLE IT: As long as she has access to wood, Beatrice "Cookie" Pelletier will find a way of using it to heat her home, (Warwick Beacon photo)

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TITANS WIN 2ND TITLE IN 3 YEARS

The Toll Gate girls soccer team beat Westerly 1-0 to win its second state championship in three seasons. See story on page 9.

NOTABLE Quote

"If there is one word that I can think of that is common to people who have served in all the branches in the military is that small four word 'duty.'"

- Former Mayor and retired RI Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty addressing students at Warwick Neck School. *Page 21*



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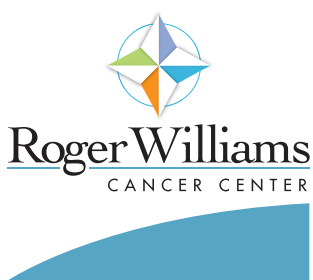
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Police Log



DELIVERIES: Warwick Police are investigating anti-Semitic "suspicious packages" discovered by residents in Warwick's Oakland Beach neighborhood, which bore images of rapper Kanye West and saying no Jewish people. (Image courtesy Rep. Jim Langevin)

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES

Warwick Police are looking into anti-Semitic "suspicious packages" discovered by residents in Warwick's Oakland Beach neighborhood.

"During the overnight hours we have responded to multiple homes in the Oakland Beach area of the city that reported finding suspicious packages with racially charged messages found on front lawns," Warwick Police wrote on their Facebook page Tuesday. "We are actively investigating this. If you have any information or have video of one of these incidents please call us 401-468-4200."

The packages bore images of rapper and fashion icon Kanye West and contained anti-Semitic messages. West has recently come under fire for making anti-Semitic social media posts; he lost millions in business contracts following the posts.

U.S. Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI) addressed the Oakland Beach discoveries via his Twitter account.

"This morning, my neighbors in Warwick woke up to find these disgusting fliers distributed throughout the area," Langevin posted. "Antisemitism has no place in our community, and those found responsible must be held accountable. I commend (Warwick PD) for moving quickly to investigate."

Tuesday afternoon Warwick Police posted an update on their investigation.

"Regarding our active investigation of suspicious

packages found in the Oakland Beach section of Warwick," police wrote, "detectives are looking to identify the owner of the below vehicle. Please contact us with any information regarding this case (401-468-4200)."

Warwick police provided surveillance video stills of a vehicle.

Some of the packages contained small pellets; initially, neighbors feared the pellets were some sort of poison, but were later determined to be wood pellets.

"At this time all packages that have been turned over to the Warwick Police Department have not contained any poisonous substances," Warwick Police said.

STOLEN VEHICLE

Around 9:48 a.m., Oct. 27, Warwick Police were on patrol on Airport Road utilizing "moving radar fixed to (a) patrol cruiser" when Officer Patrick P. Holmes noticed a black Lexus allegedly speeding.

Police said the vehicle was traveling 45 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone. A quick registration check told police the plates were canceled, and belonged on a white 2004 Ford. Police initiated a traffic stop.

Holmes approached the vehicle and identified the driver as Devan Ribeiro, 23, of 141 Reservoir Ave., Providence. Ribeiro allegedly told police he purchased the vehicle "a few months ago from a Facebook (ad) and had not registered it," Holmes wrote in the arrest report.

Ribeiro allegedly provid-

ed a bill of sale, with the last owner's name spelled incorrectly.

"When asked Ribeiro stated he had not had the vehicle insured yet and could not provide me with proof of insurance," Holmes wrote.

Police discovered Ribeiro's driver's license had been suspended.

Ribeiro was arrested and transported to police headquarters. He allegedly told police that he paid cash for the vehicle and bought it from a man in Woonsocket.

"Ribeiro stated he was provided a bill of sale and paid cash," Holmes wrote. "Ribeiro stated all his correspondence with the male was over Facebook, and the entire interaction and sale (of) the vehicle took place during the month of August."

He told police that he had been driving the Lexus since August and "was unaware the vehicle was stolen."

Ribeiro was ultimately charged with Possession of Stolen Vehicle and issued a District Court summons for Driving with Suspended License (second offense). He also received a speeding ticket.

STILL MISSING

On Wednesday morning, Warwick Police issued a grim reminder to the city's residents.

"Today marks six months since Charlotte Lester, 45, of Warwick, disappeared from the Apponaug section of the city," they wrote on the WPD Facebook page. "Charlotte's disappearance is an active investigation and we are asking the public to share Charlotte's photo and encourage anyone with credible information to come forward."

Lester was last seen the evening of Monday, May 16, in the area of Arnold's Neck Drive and Staples Avenue, according to police.

On May 18, her beloved dog Chloe was found abandoned in the area of Elmwood Avenue, police said.

"Lester's vehicle, a Red 2006 Toyota Tacoma, was discovered days later in the parking lot of Kent Hospital, 455 Toll Gate Road, Warwick," according to police. "Family and friends have not seen or heard from her since. If you, or someone you know, has information regarding the location of Charlotte Lester, or information related to her disappearance, please contact the Warwick Police Detective Division at 401-468-4200."



MISSING: Charlotte Lester has now been missing for six months. If you have information related to her disappearance, contact the Warwick Police Detective Division at 401-468-4200. (Photo courtesy Warwick Police)

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A day for veterans

Vet shares story of injury over breakfast at Iggy's

By JOHN HOWELL

Nick Oneppo is a Vietnam War veteran who was injured when struck by mortar flak.

That wasn't on his mind Friday morning, rather he was concentrating on a plate of scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon and French toast.

Nick and his wife Cathie were among veterans who were treated to a free breakfast Friday morning at Iggy's Boardwalk at an event co-hosted by Bishop Hendricken High School and the restaurant. The breakfast for veterans has been a Hendricken tradition and up until a couple of years ago when Iggy's joined in was held at the school.

Two sittings were held with veterans showing up before 8 a.m. and again at 10. One constant apart from Iggy's owners David Gravino and his sister Mary Ann who circulated was Father Robert Marciano, school president and pastor of St. Kevin Church. A retired colonel in the Rhode Island Air Guard, Father Marciano serves as a chaplain for the Warwick Fire and Police departments and the RI Guard. But on Friday he wasn't wearing vestments or a uniform, but rather a Hendricken t-shirt.

The Oneppos are not strangers to Father Marciano. Their son is a Hendricken alum and they are St. Kevin parishioners. And if some vets didn't know Father Marciano, they surely had the chance to talk with him and exchange stories of their service.



AT BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS: Father Robert Marciano, president of Bishop Hendricken High makes a stop at the Veterans Day breakfast co-hosted by Iggy's and the school to talk with Nick and Cathie Oneppo. (Warwick Beacon photo)

Oneppo told his story between bites and sips of coffee.

The Vietnam War was in its early stages and Oneppo, 18, and a recent Mt. Pleasant High School grad, and some of his friends enlisted with the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

"They asked if any of us knew where Vietnam was," Oneppo recalls. None of the new recruits could say where the country is. It was 1966. The war wasn't front page news.

Oneppo signed up for six years and after completing training was stationed in Rhode Island. It was on weekend maneuvers with the Massachusetts National Guard that he was injured. He was using a 3.5 rocket launcher in a simulated attack when hit by shrapnel from an exploding mortar. Live ammunition was not to have been used, but after a lengthy investigation, Oneppo said the unit had strayed from their assigned area.

Oneppo described himself as lucky as two of the Massachusetts' Guardsmen suffered far worse. He was sent to the Chelsea Naval Hospital to recover where he was for about a month. He said a parade of top brass visited him and questioned him about the mishap. His ward was full of soldiers who had been injured in Vietnam, most of them far more seriously than him.

There was one highlight to the episode, a visit from

the Playboy Bunnies. One of the bunnies sat with Oneppo, autographed a copy of Playboy and gave him a kiss. Oneppo wonders if he still has the magazine. Cathie offers no comment.

The two met sometime later and worked together in the Shepard's Store in Midland Mall, now Rhode Island Mall. From Shepard's he got a ground level job - he worked the tub - at Bulova Watch in Providence. The tub, as he explained it, was a giant rotat-

ing barrel that was filled with small rocks designed to smooth off the burr of small parts. Oneppo's job was to feed water into the tub and maintain its proper operation. Oneppo's superiors soon recognized his love of pitching in and doing the work and put him in charge of different phases of the manufacturing operation. He became a manager.

"I loved that job," he said but after 20 years most of Bulova operations moved overseas. Even the offices built by Bulova on Service Way in Warwick closed.

A new chapter in Oneppo's life opened. He had bought some property and Cathie suggested he might use what he had learned from the experience to sell real estate. He pursued his license and connecting with Carl Swanson and Dianne Foley opened Real Estate One in Gateway Plaza. The trio ran the company for many years. Following Swanson's retirement and Foley's death, Oneppo teamed up with George Avedisian who principally operates the business now.

Cathie closed out her 31 year career in education as principal of Mt. Pleasant High School.

Reflecting on his service with the National Guard, Oneppo said, "It was probably a good thing for me." He said his six months of training introduced more discipline and gave him direction. Looking at today's youth and how many graduating from high school don't know what they want to do he said, "Everybody should go it and serve."



Short but meaningful

A brief service in recognition of Veterans Day was held Friday on the steps to City Hall. The observance was organized by retired Navy officer Rep. Camille Vella Wilkinson and attended by state and city officials. Members of the color guard paused to read the names on the statue of the World War I doughboy in front of City Hall. Veterans Day, formerly called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of WWI that, at the time, was called "the war to end all wars." Unfortunately, that was not to be. (Warwick Beacon photos)



Veterans recognized

RI DAV Commander Sal Caiozzo and District 21 Representative and retired Naval Lt. Col. Camille Vella Wilkinson visited veterans at Greenwich Farms at Warwick assisted living on Veterans Day to celebrate their service and host an ice cream social. Veteran residents at the facility were pinned with poppies and received citations from Greenwich Farms. Here Vella Wilkinson presents Navy veteran Edward Williams, who served as a gunners mate, with a "challenge coin," which members of the military exchange. (Warwick Beacon photo)

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Sacred Heart Church Christmas Bazaar

Sacred Heart Church, 820 Providence St., West Warwick, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 18 from noon to 7 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7p.m. Many of the old time booths will be back. Arts and Crafts with many new items, Penny Social, Special Raffle, Pot of Gold, and our special "Mrs. Claus' Attic," bigger and better. The kitchen will be open throughout, and Friday night will feature our all time favorite: chowder and clam cakes!

Explore the Woonasquatucket

At 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 you can explore the Woonasquatucket during a hike at Mowry Conservation Area. Stocked trout stream, an arching footbridge, stonewalls, towering hemlocks and pines – join them for this short but picturesque hike along the Woonasquatucket River. They'll hike up to the ledge trail, so wear your hiking boots! Pre-registration is required for the hikes. For

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Drive-Thru Food Pantry

Spring Green Memorial Church will be holding our monthly Drive-Thru Food Pantry on Saturday Nov. 19. Grocery bags of food and a free bag lunch provided by Lakewood Baptist Church will be distributed at 11 a.m. in the parking lot in the back of the church. If you have any questions please email the church at springgreenchurch@yahoo.com or call the office at 463-8328.

Public Turkey Dinner

The First Congregational Church of Warwick at 715 Oakland Beach Ave. will hold a turkey dinner with all the fixings Nov. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Open to the public, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and adults over 70 years old. Volunteers and donations are welcome.

Edgewood Church Holiday Sale

The Edgewood Congregational Church, 1788 Broad St., Cranston, will hold its annual holiday sale on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to gift items, collectibles, raffles and snacks, the six rooms housing the Lydia's Closet Thrift Show will be open for bargain clothing, housewares, and other items suitable for gifts and personal purchases. Many rare items have been donated from estates and are for sale at bargain prices as local families struggle during these difficult financial times.

Bring a canned item for the Food Bank and have a cup of coffee on the organization. Proceeds from the holiday event will go toward the work of the church in the Cranston/Warwick area. For further information, call 461-1344.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Penny Social

St. Mark's Episcopal Church (111 West Shore Road) Penny Social returns! Saturday, November 19. 9 am - 2 pm. Lunch 11-1. Drawings begin at 2 pm. Items include: various filled baskets, air fryer, TV and bike. The undercroft is handicapped accessible via an elevator from the parking lot!

Holiday Craft Show

Jingle all the way to the Holiday Craft show over at Sam's Inn (2227 West Shore Road) on Nov. 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Shop for handcrafted gifts ranging from jewelry to wreaths, blankets, gnomes and more! Take a lunch break and enjoy Sam's delicious meals, then shop some more! 'Tis the season to treat yourself!

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church Bazaar

Come together for Phillips Memorial Baptist Church Holiday Bazaar (565 Pontiac Ave Cranston)! November 19th, 9am-1pm. From 9am-10:30am enjoy a cup of coffee and goodie at the Coffee Nook, then start your shopping! Basement bargains and treasures, baked goods, needle works, oldtiques, crafts, jewelry and more!

Holiday Bazaar

Open Table of Christ United Methodist Church (1520 Broad St, Providence) will be holding their holiday bazaar on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out Christmas decorations, baked goods, attic trea-

sures, open closet, jewelry, wish table (drawing at 1:30 p.m.) and much more!

Storytime at the Library

The Pontiac Free Library will host two special story times to celebrate the holidays. The first being Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Thanksgiving. The story time will be followed by a craft with Ms. Diane. On Dec. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Holiday story time with Ms. Diane followed by a visit from the big man himself -- Santa! And of course, cookies and beverages will be provided for this event. Registration is requested for both story times. Call 401-737-3292 or visit the library's website.

Greenwood Fire Company and Museum Bingo

Greenwood Fire Company and Museum is holding their next Bingo on Sunday, November 20th at the Greenwood Fire Hall, 45 Kernick Street in Warwick. Nothing to do on a Sunday evening. Come join the fun. Everyone is invited. Doors open at 5:30pm sharp and bingo starts at 6:00pm. Registration is recommended; space is limited to 50 guests. Reserve your spot by leaving a message at 401-739-7121 or email Donna at drhalsband@gmail.com You must be 18 to play. Snacks and drinks are for sale. Bingo markers are also for sale if you don't have your own. Cash prizes, door prize and 50/50 special. Price of admission is \$15.00

Warwick Rotary 5k Turkey Trot

Come together at the Warwick City Park Ball Fields on Thanksgiving day to benefit the Kent Hospital Employee Emergency Fund. Race registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the trot begins at 8 a.m. There will also be a costume contest! Prizes will be awarded to the best costume, most original, and best dressed family/group. Please bring one non-perishable food item per person plus \$20 for adults, \$15 for students (ages 6-18), kids 5 and under no charge with a paid adult, \$50 for family (2 adults & 2 students), \$20 for virtual runners. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt (will only be guaranteed for registrations received and paid by Oct. 31) Visit: WarwickRotaryRI.com to register. Entries are non-refundable.

Ocean State Artisans Craft Show Food Drive

Jingle all the way to the Ocean State Artisans Holiday Craft Show Food drive on Nov. 25 to Nov. 27 down at the Cowesett Corners Shopping Center (300 Quaker Lane). Bring along a canned good or nonperishable item and receive \$1 off the admission fee! Follow the snowman and find the perfect Holiday gifts!

Happy Holidays Artisan & Vendor Show

Stellar Business Concepts is kicking off the holiday shopping season with our Happy Holidays Artisan and Vendor Show. We know you have many choices when it comes to holiday shopping. Still, we believe that small businesses in RI need to be celebrated more than one day, so "Small Business Saturday has spilled over into "Small Business Sunday." in Warwick, RI, on Nov. 27. We have 40 talented and helpful vendors ready to help

you to find the perfect gift for your loved ones. We have two local authors doing meet-and-greets and book signings. A team of local business podcasters will be doing "shoutouts" to your favorite business, great door prize raffles, food trucks, face painting, and more. Bring down the family, support local businesses, meet local business owners, and complete your holiday shopping with one-of-a-kind items. Follow Stella Business Concepts FB page to stay updated on new additions to our event and vendor spotlight. This event is FREE and open to the public. Please share with your friends and family. The SBC community so appreciates your support.

New Members Welcome

Meadowlark Seniors meet Thursdays at 1:30pm at St. Kevin Church hall, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889. Short meeting, fun activity, and socializing!! Come join us!!!

WCFA Winter Market

The Warwick Center for the Arts is gearing up for its annual Winter Market, which is designed as a festive, artful, and unique shopping experience. The event will be held at the historic Kentish Armory in Apponaug Village from Nov. 26 (Small Business Saturday), through Dec. 17. There will be a wide variety of handmade gift items available for purchase that range from greeting cards, to toys, jewelry, ornaments, oil paintings, and more! It's never too early to start shopping for the Holidays! Visit warwickcfa.org for more information.

Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company and Museum Holiday Craft Show

Sunday, Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please come visit our talented vendors located in the hall at 45 Kernick Street, Warwick. Refreshments available. Free pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the antique fire truck from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted to support our non-profit organization. Hope to see you there to start your Christmas shopping and supporting the vendors and their beautiful crafts. Thank you.

Holiday Basket Raffle

The Friends of the West Warwick Public Library will conduct their annual Holiday Basket Raffle at the library, 1043 Main St., Monday, Nov. 28 until Saturday, Dec. 10. More than two dozen themed baskets for children and adults will be featured. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. The drawing will be held on Dec. 10 at 1 p.m.; the library will be open that Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. for a special Food Festival. All proceeds will help support library programs and services.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spring Green Memorial Church, 1350 Warwick Ave, Warwick RI. Please join us for crafters, jewelry, a penny social of gift cards, a bake table, children's grab bags, and a café for lunch at reasonable prices. Tables are available for crafters to rent for \$15 each. Any interested crafters can contact the church office at 463-8328 from 10am to noon on Tuesday to Friday to rent a table.

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EDITORIAL

A purple wave

The predictions for a so-called red wave — or even a red tsunami, as some pundits called it — turned out to be more of a purple ripple; a mix of red and blue victories that serves to not shift power too far in either direction.

While at the time of this writing it seems all but confirmed that Republicans will seize the House of Representatives, it's still not known precisely how many seats they will get. It is certainly known, however, that the Republicans performed significantly worse than anticipated and historical data suggested they should, and that Democrats will retain control of the powerful Senate chamber throughout the duration of President Biden's first term in office.

As with all things political in this country right now, how you feel about these developments depends entirely on which side of the political spectrum you find yourself.

However, we would argue that a more purple country is one better suited to actually serve the needs of all of its people. Far from perfect, our electoral system should be forcing politicians of different viewpoints to work together to find compromise that benefits the largest number of people possible, understanding each side may need to make certain concessions to achieve that balance.

If nothing else, this election showed that a majority of the American people do not want to see our country devolve into a place governed by people who seek to propagate divisive rhetoric based on election denying conspiracy theories. Candidates that espoused such views, across the nation, were resoundingly defeated by more moderate challengers in nearly every

race where such a candidate was nominated.

This should signal to all the logically-minded representatives and senators in both chambers, on both sides of the aisle, that the majority of Americans want to get back to a place of rational, respectful, bipartisanship — not the type of zero-sum mudslinging that has been the standard since 2016. Passing policy that helps regular people is popular, regardless of which color your bumper stickers are.

The elections also showed promising signs of increased participation in our democracy. Across the country, pre-election polling proved to be unreliable and did not accurately predict the sheer number of people who would turn out for midterms. In 2018, nearly 50 percent of eligible voters turned out to vote, while this year the prediction is closer to 47 or 48 percent. Compare this to 2014, where only 36 percent of eligible voters turned out. A new norm of higher participation can only be good for the country — as politicians elected, and therefore policies that get passed, will more truly reflect an overall will of the people who cast those votes.

Still, all this talk of waves and one side "winning" over the other truly does remain problematic. We should not be looking at our elections as though they were sporting events, with one side representing "the good guys", and the other side "the bad guys." We should be looking at them as competitions among people with ideas on how to affect policy and make meaningful changes.

Perhaps, if we're lucky, we can all ride this purple wave towards a better, more cooperative tomorrow for everyone.



Election nights have changed... for the better?

There's nothing like the hype of election night.

It wasn't what it used to be last Tuesday as the media went through what seemed like an endless period for Allan Fung to appear at the Twin Oaks restaurant in his bid for the Second Congressional District. Television, newspaper and radio reporters, who had been glued to their smart phones and watched Fung's early lead evaporate knew the outcome. What they wanted was to hear Fung and put the story to bed.

It sounds like a heartless finale to a hard fought campaign by both sides. Fung and Seth Magaziner each invested of millions of dollars and countless hours of strategizing, meeting the voters, weighing the options of where to be and who to listen to — and maybe not listen to.

In the end it came down to numbers.

It's always been that way although the means of tallying the numbers has changed dramatically.

Turning back the clock to a time before the internet, cell phones and high speed computers, the Board of Canvassers was the place to be for the most reliable results on election night. But getting the numbers took time and candidates weren't in the mood to wait. They had runners who staked out polling locations and then took down precinct results as they were read off by poll workers machine by machine. They would either hoof it over to campaign headquarters or phone in results.

The media also had people at the polls gleaning the numbers.

If I was lucky, I was admitted to the "back room" at headquarters where one or more campaign volunteers worked adding machines with the anxious candidate hanging over their shoulders. Information came in spurts as ward and district totals were completed. After being scrutinized in the back room, the numbers would be posted on a tote board in front of supporters, who depending on the news, cheered excitedly or cracked open another beer. News of a candidate's victory or loss would be known at headquarters be-

This Side Up



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fore the Board of Canvassers tallied results.

Candidates and political parties know their bases of support and when they didn't deliver they know it would be tough to win. I saw that in the early returns in the race between independent Frank Picozzi and incumbent Mayor Joseph Solomon. Picozzi didn't have a machine, but the old time method of posting the numbers was there, albeit they came from cell phones and data uploaded to the internet by the Board of Elections. A handful of supporters, largely Picozzi family members, could see the big picture as an excited former mayor Scott Avedisian posted the numbers. The candidate looked stunned.

Those nights before minute-by-minute updates were available on the internet are long gone.

There was no tote board at the Twin Oaks. Reporters compared numbers and waited to capture that moment when the candidate would either greet a cheering crowd or solemnly tell supporters they mounted a good fight and thank them for their efforts.

One of the more recent memorable election nights was spent at the Oaklawn Grange in Cranston waiting for the outcome of the 2016 District 15 race between House Speaker Nicholas Mattiello and Republican challenger Steven Frias. Neither Mattiello nor any of his key campaign aides were to be seen at the grange hall and the news media gravitated to the incomplete numbers being released by the state Board of Elections. Those results gave Frias the win by a thin margin. Yet no one was calling the election. As the night wore on, Mattiello supporters — who were as much in the dark as reporters — assumed the lack of

their candidate meant a loss.

Therefore, when Mattiello with aides as his side arrived there was an eerie silence. Mattiello started talking about mail ballots, but the message wasn't clear.

Reporters didn't know what to make of it.

"Did you win?" he was asked.

In a low voice, hardly the tone one would expect from a victor, Mattiello acknowledged he was behind in the machine vote, but the mail ballots would put him over the top. It was election night, reporters were in a rush. They had their story. Of course, the question was, how could Mattiello be so sure of the mail ballot tally?

It was a question that resulted in even more stories, but Mattiello was right. He was the winner.

In some ways I miss those days when results weren't instantly available on your phone. There was intrigue and gaining access to the "back room" gave insight to the candidate and his or her inner circle. The elation of a win or agony of defeat is no less poignant.

The finality of a campaign is that more abrupt. Maybe it's best that way, if indeed, candidates accept the voice of the voting public and the winners go on to fulfill all their promises.

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Time to renew the holiday spirit

To the Editor,

Elections are over and now we can prepare to renew old traditions and plan new ones so all can enjoy the coming holiday season.

Be aware that the virus is still with us. Since its arrival in 2020, 98 million Americans have had Covid and 38,000 of new weekly infections are still occurring.

With safer means we can still attend the lighting of the village tree, dining with family and friends or attend a holiday performance. Also visit Santa, view outdoor displays or try skating or sled-

ding weather permitting

Show your gratitude to all who serve, protect and provide all the necessary public services. These are the men and women in our military, first responders, medical, municipal and educational services.

Remember the true joy of the holidays is giving within your means to those who sincerely need our help.

Make your 2022 holidays one of joy and remembrance.

Bob Sweeney
Warwick

Fung rejected on basis of what GOP planned to do

To the Editor,

I was perplexed by the story, "Fung Falls Short." I respect the authors, but was stunned they framed the issue on individual candidates' resumes.

No. I think Mayor Fung's a good guy, a good mayor. But I could not vote for him joining with the current GOP's agenda.

I sent Mayor Fung homemade PostArt three times a week in the last month of the campaign urging him not to join today's anti-democratic GOP. In my last missive to

him, post-election, I urged he take on the mantle of a new GOP and manifest a real "loyal opposition." Mayor Fung was not rejected personally, but for what the GOP planned to do.

No thanks to that. I wish Mayor Fung well. I hope he thinks about forging a new RI GOP, whether I agree or not. That he did not win, means he can forge a new way.

Sean Hagberg
Cranston



Making sense of the elections now that they're over

TALKING POLITICS



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STORY OF THE WEEK

Allan Fung was visibly deflated when he walked into Twin Oaks last week to hug supporters and concede defeat in a campaign that many people expected

him to win. Two elements made him the GOP favorite in the battle to succeed U.S. Rep. Jim Langevin, a Democrat: voters' anxiety about the cost of living and Fung's largely positive reputation as the longtime former mayor of Cranston. A Republican independent expenditure group poured millions into Rhode Island — as did a Democratic counterpart — proof positive that the race was seen as winnable. But as the votes came in, the tide turned for Democrat Seth Magaziner, even though not a single internal poll showed him winning the race, campaign manag-

er Katie Nee Zambrano tells me. Magaziner celebrated overcoming the conventional wisdom: "We were behind in every single poll, every single pundit — every single pundit — thought we were going to lose," he told excited supporters at The Graduate Providence hotel, — as Fung absorbed the shock of his defeat.

So what happened? Nee Zambrano said Magaziner was able to close the gap through a contrasting message emphasizing abortion rights, the threat to democracy, and the future of such entitlement programs as

Social Security and Medicare. "We established the stakes in the state," she said. Cranston was seen as a stronghold for Fung, but he edged Magaziner there by only three points. Magaziner won on mail ballots by about a three-to-one advantage, and he beat Fung by six points in Warwick. A broader takeaway is that Rhode Island (and Massachusetts) is inhospitable terrain for Republican candidates, except in a limited number of state legislative districts. That's due to voters' views, stronger campaign infrastructure (including support from

unions), the brand of the national GOP (as some Republicans acknowledge), and Democrats' greater skill in using mail ballots. While Magaziner is poised to join the minority party in the U.S. House, his win more than validates his switch from a run for governor in which he faced uncertain prospects. He will spend the next week participating in a new member orientation in D.C.; Nee Zambrano was not ready to say whether she will take a job on the incoming congressman's staff. Fung,

Elks, Library team up for 'Warm Welcome' coat giveaway

By PETE FONTAINE

Being thrust into the spotlight is nothing new for the Tri-City Elks Lodge 14, located at 1915 West Shore Rd. The lodge has hosted a number of events to benefit veterans in need or children who otherwise may not have had a merry Christmas.

Last Saturday, though, the Elks formed a unique partnership with the Warwick Public Library that as officials from both groups said could not have come at a better time because the cold weather is settling in.

"Warm Welcome to the Library", was held inside the meeting room of the library's main branch off Sandy Lane and included a host of activities and special guests like "Elmo the Elk", Maurice Reid Eighme of Circus Dynamics who made about every imaginable animal and other objects out of inflated balloons as well as providing snacks and grand giveaways.

In the midst of the room were Tri-City Treasurer Marianne Beirne and Pam Miech, Coordinator of Youth Services at the library.

Add 20 members of Lodge 14 and a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation – which Tri-City matched dollar-for-dollar – that resulted in the purchase of 200 new coats that will continue to be distributed this weekend at the library.

"By way of the (ENF) grant and the lodge's matching funds we are



NETWORK OF KNITTERS: The Conimicut Knitters that meet Wednesdays at the Conimicut Library did their part to provide hats and scarves for the coat drive run by the Tri-City Elks Lodge #4 and the Warwick Public Library. The knitters provided enough scarves to fill the tables they gather around and then some to share stories and chat while performing this community service. Their contributions were augmented by the work of the Red Sox Knitters Group, Warwick Public Library Knit & Crochet, The Apponaug Knitters Group and Nancy DiPonte. Doing their thing clockwise around the table are Mary Kennedy, Janet Quigley, Carolyn Bunszell, Carol Fredette, Gladys Miller, Marge Ovalles, Jane Goldberg, Betty Law and Beverly DeLuca. (Warwick Beacon photo)

able to provide warm winter coats in our community along with a welcome to the library and all of its services," Beirne said. "This is the third time we've received a grant and have helped the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen as well as filling the Food Pantry Shelves of St. Mark's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in Hoxsie."

Thus, as Beirne explained: "We welcomed over 100 families for four hours. Our Elks members and community volunteers worked all day to set up and distribute coats as

well as interact with neighbors in our community; we'll be back (at the library) this this weekend to complete the Warm Welcome Program."

The library had an informational table with giveaways and set up an activity table for children along with snacks for everyone.

Moreover, the Rhode Island Public Broadcast System Education Services had an information table and videos for the Roger Williams Park Zoo and handouts for their different programs.

The Elks had an impor-

tant information table for its nationally recognized and highly acclaimed Drug Awareness Program with handouts for kids of all ages replete with a special appearance from its mascot Elmo the Elk, a.k.a. Leading Knight Kick Swanson who is also a 28-year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.

The Friends of Warwick Public Library sponsored the balloon twister. Hand-knitted scarves and hats were provided by the knitting groups at Conimicut and other branch libraries.



MIGHTY MASCOT: Tri-City Elks Treasurer Marianne Beirne (left) and Warwick Public Library Coordinator of Youth Services Pam Miech are joined by Elmo the Elk, (Photo courtesy of Bruce Caldwell)

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Rev. Susan L. Wrathall
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meanwhile, after losing two bids for governor and now a congressional campaign, will resume his work with the Johnston law firm of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara, as the RI GOP finds itself in a familiar place.

MCKEE'S MOMENT

After emerging as the accidental governor when Gina Raimondo left for D.C. in March 2021, Dan McKee scored a decisive win for the state's top job this week, beating GOP rival Ashley Kalus by almost 20 points, 58% to 39%. That marks a sharp contrast from how McKee squeaked through the Democratic primary in September with just 33% of the vote – and how Helena Buonanno Foulkes, with a slightly different approach, could have been poised to move into the governor's office. McKee's strong win reflects an effective approach by his campaign, led by Brexton Isaacs, which emphasized how Kalus had moved to Rhode Island only last year, after having spent time in Illinois and Florida. McKee can now claim broad support for his priorities, including his 2030 plan for charting the state's future, and he should have at least four years to put his imprint on Rhode Island. Kalus, however, was a long shot from the start, largely because of her limited time in the state, as well as questions about a series of past disputes. The GOP hopeful was energetic and comfortable in going on the attack against the incumbent, but Kalus' policy initiatives failed to catalyze support. She ultimately spent almost \$5 million of her own money to get less than 40% of the vote.

STATE OF THE NATION

First elected to the U.S. House in 2010, Rep. David Cicilline will find himself in a familiar place – in the minority party – when Congress convenes in January. He said he believes Democrats outperformed typical midterm expectations since, in part, Republicans haven't offered real solutions for inflation. "I think one, we've delivered on the key priorities of the American people," Cicilline said during an interview on Political Roundtable. "Second reason is, I think that people are very

worried about the loss of important freedoms – whether it's right to abortion services, or marriage equality – that Republicans have become the party of taking away people's freedoms. And thirdly, I think Democrats are the party that's supporting and protecting American democracy. And people understand that threat." With House Democrats set to caucus Nov. 30, Cicilline said he is unsure if Nancy Pelosi will seek to remain their leader. As to his own place in the party, the First District representative said he hopes to have a role in developing and communicating the Democratic message.

On that score, Cicilline pushed back against the suggestion that President Biden's tepid approval even in Rhode Island (12 points underwater in one CD2 poll) is quite an indictment: "It's been a really challenging time. And when you ask people about whether, you know, they approve of the president, he gets low approval ratings. But when you ask him as compared to almost every other Republican, he prevails. So I think it's the moment we're in. I think the results of the midterm election shows that the President and the President's agenda, in fact, are making a difference in people's lives. When faced with choices of election deniers, and insurrectionists, and people who have no plan to lower costs, the American people rejected those candidates. And so this over performance in the midterms, I think, is further evidence that the President is on the right path. And I think if the president runs again, he will be reelected. The decision or not, whether he does, is obviously his. But if you look at all that he's gotten done in the first two years, and the performance of the midterms, it's hard to argue that there's any stronger person to lead the Democratic Party."

YOUTH VOTE

Young voters were a key factor in Democrats' defiance of the traditional midterm shellacking. That brought to mind a 2005 Providence Phoenix story by yours truly that reported on organizing by young GOP and Democratic activists in Rhode Island. The story is studded with the names of people who've gone on to bigger things, including then-Brown sophomore Pratik Chougule, now an author, who contended via a

Projo op-ed at the time that a statewide corps of young conservatives could bring more partisan balance to RI. The following excerpt is particularly noteworthy this week: "In a letter to the editor, Brown senior Seth Magaziner, now the national council chair for the College Democrats of America, responded by dismissing as unsubstantiated 'wishful thinking' Chougule's assertion that the Ocean State is in the 'early stages of a Republican revolution.' "

GENERAL ASSEMBLY I

State Sen. Ryan Pearson (D-Cumberland) won caucus support from his fellow Democrats this week to become majority leader in the Senate. This marks a generational change, and positions Pearson, 34 – who was first elected in 2012 – as a potential successor to Senate President Dominick Ruggerio, the 73-year-old dean of the chamber. "I am proud that today, more than ever before, this chamber truly reflects the communities we serve. It is younger and more diverse than at any point in our history, filled with new energy and fresh perspectives as we meet the many challenges of this moment," Pearson said in a statement. "Together, driven by that energy and diversity, we accomplished great things for Rhode Island during the 2021-2022 Senate session. As we prepare for 2023 and 2024, we can again take action to transform our state for the better." Elsewhere in the Senate, the candidates to land Finance and Judiciary chairmanships respectively include Sens. Louis DiPalma (D-Middletown) and Dawn Euer (D-Newport), the latter of whom is seen as a prospective Attorney General candidate in 2026.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY II

Incumbents generally ruled in Rhode Island legislative elections in 2022, a sharp contrast from the gains made by the RI Political Cooperative in 2020. At the top of the hill, President Ruggerio and House Speaker Joe Shekarchi dispatched opponents. The GOP lost ground in the House, from 10 to nine of 75 seats, with progressive Democrat Justin Price (R-Richmond), known for being in D.C. on Jan. 6. Republicans maintained five of 38 seats in the Senate, where Democratic allies under the heading of Real RI – the registered agent for which is lawyer and former Rep. Robert Flaherty,

the brother of retired RI Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty – helped Republican Anthony Phillip DeLuca II of Warwick beat Co-op co-founder Jennifer Rourke. On the whole, the legislature continues to move in a more progressive, female direction through the election of such candidates as Cherie Cruz and Jennifer Stewart of Barrington, and Tina Spears of Charlestown in the House; and Linda Ujifusa of Portsmouth, Pam Lauria of Barrington, and Victoria Gu of Charlestown in the Senate. Also worth noting: reelection wins by Sen. Bridget Valverde of North Kingstown, Rep. Justine Caldwell of East Greenwich, and Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson of Warwick, each of whom faced a competitive race.

TAKE OF THE WEEK

Views from various Rhode Islanders.

Blogfather and lawyer Matt Jerzyk: Contained in the blue wave that hit Rhode Island, maintaining Democrats' hold on the federal delegation, all constitutional officers and super majorities in the House (65/75) and the Senate (33/38), were a number of "firsts" worth noting. Dan McKee was the first governor in over 30 years to win a general election with as much as 58% of the vote. Voters elected the state's first Asian-American legislators: Portsmouth Town Council VP Linda Ujifusa, a third-generation Japanese-American, was elected to the Senate seat covering Portsmouth and Bristol. Victoria Gu, whose parents hail from China, won the Senate seat covering Westerly, Charlestown and South Kingstown after winning a three-way general election. In Newport, Xaykham "Xay" Khamsyvoravong, whose dad arrived as a war refugee from Laos in 1980, received the most votes in recent memory for an at-large City Council seat. Treasurer-elect James Diossa will be the first Colombian-American elected statewide. Miguel Sanchez will be the first Mexican-American City Council member in Providence, and his brother Enrique will be the second in the General Assembly, after Rep. David Morales. Providence Councilwoman Rachel Miller, if formally elected, will be the first City Council president from the LGBTQ+ community. And more than two dozen Rhode Island cities and towns voted to allow retail cannabis sales for the first time.

■ Cathy

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ing the sandwiches in the garbage. She posted the story that went viral. An avalanche of calls and emails followed. Across the country the Warwick school system was being portrayed as mean and nasty. The claim was that kids were being shamed in front of their peers and how could the department allow that to happen? Sides were divided between those who said Warwick was doing the right thing, to how administrators could be so cold hearted and they should be run out of town. Interestingly, Cathy found that the range of calls came from the same phone number even though the callers were different, leaving her to wonder who was behind fermenting such a firestorm. She never found out.

Then there was the positive community response mounted by Gel and Mike Penta who – through Gel’s Kitchen – raised more than \$40,000 to pay off the lunch debts. Corporate donations followed in enabling the department to establish a fund to ensure all students would be entitled to the same lunch offerings regardless if they could pay for it.

And how much is in the fund today? Cathy had the answer without consulting her computer that is on a standup desk.

“It’s \$119,000,” she said, pointing out that the program is managed by West-bay Community Action.

Cathy grew up around the corner from the school administration building, formerly Gorton Junior High School, on Hope Street. She lives next door on Beatrice Avenue and walks to work. Before administration offices on War-



Teresa Tedeschi

wick Avenue closed, she used to ride her bike to work. Cathy attended Greene Elementary and Gorton before earning her diploma from Veterans High School. She went on to CCRI, then called Rhode Island Junior College that was known as RIJC, pronounced as REJECT, she recalls with a laugh.

She married Joe when she was 19 and they have a daughter, Jen (Jennifer Randall), who went through Warwick schools and today is a teacher at Pilgrim High School. They have two granddaughters, Sydney who was valedictorian of the 2022 Toll Gate Class and now at Northeastern and Hailey who is a current senior at Toll Gate.

Cathy indirectly started working for the school department as a lunch aide for Aramark that provides school meals. When Jen went to high school, Cathy took a fulltime job with the school department.

“I’ve worked many, many jobs, retail, catering, banking to a plumber’s helper” she said.

For a time she worked with former councilman Michael Bepko who was the director of the Warwick Drug Abuse program. Her connections led to her volunteering for the mayoral campaign of former Eugene McCaffrey. She was one of the McCaffrey girls who accompanied the candidate on the campaign trail in their eye-catching high white boots.

Of the jobs she’s held in the department, her time at Veterans Memorial High School stands out as unique and most memorable. She loved being in an office close to the students and a member of a staff that just clicked. The late Gerald Habershaw was the principal and he brought the school staff and teachers together as a team.

“We can’t replace what we had,” she laments.

The consolidation of schools that came later was a tough time. With the decline in the student population, closure of elementary schools was the first step. It didn’t come easily as neighborhood groups fought to save what was a focal point to the community and to save their kids from being faced with new teachers and making new friends. On the secondary level, Aldrich and Gorton Junior High Schools were closed as was Veterans High School that was repurposed as Vets Middle School. The school closures were emotional. Being in the superintendent’s office, Cathy was at the center of it.

She started in the system when Robert Shapiro was in command. She worked at Pilgrim, Toll Gate, Vets, Oakland Beach and in administration. She moved into the Superintendent’s office seven years ago. Prior to Dambruch, she worked with Phillip Thornton who was at the helm during the era of consolidations.

Covid delivered a whole new series of issues and challenges for schools. With development of a vaccine, Cathy assumed command of running community clinics held at Vets. She works closely with the police and fire departments. With the \$350 million bond on the ballot, she coordinated information sessions about the plan to build new high schools at school open houses and for the public. It’s a job that doesn’t slow down and can be tiring.

“But, if you have a bad day just go downstairs,” she said.

Downstairs in Gorton is where Sherman School has been housed since the school was forced to remain closed because of mold when in-person teaching resumed. Cathy finds relief in seeing and being with the kids in a teaching environment. She has served as a mentor for the Mentor RI program and is on the board of VOWS, Volunteers of Warwick Schools. Cathy’s advice to her successor, Teresa Tedeschi, who comes to the Warwick system from Leviton Manufacturing in Providence where she served as executive assistant to the vice president of sales, “is to not take things personally.”

Marjory Clough Lowe

Marjory “Margie” Clough Lowe, 78 of Rio Rancho, New Mexico passed away peacefully on November 9, 2022, at Presbyterian Kase-man Hospital in Albuquerque. Margie was born on September 17, 1944, to the late Eleanor D. Bullard and William Clough in Providence, Rhode Island. She graduated from Cranston East High School in 1962 and studied at the Grace Downs Secretarial School. She had a successful career as a secretary until retiring to Rio Rancho in 2005.

Margie married the late Robert Lowe and raised two sons, Jeffrey Lowe of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and William Lowe of Daytona, Florida.

In addition to her sons, Margie is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Jeff and Carol Clough of Billings, Montana, cousins Nancy Cole Marion and her husband Bob of Mancos, Colorado, and Warren Cole of Warwick, Rhode Island. She has two granddaughters, Jade and Melody Lowe of Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

Margie was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star New Mexico Grand Chapter in Rio Rancho. She was an incredibly gifted knitter, crafter, and baker. She had many friends and was a well-loved member of the community. Margie is fondly remembered for her infectious laugh and delicious apple pie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Order of the Eastern Star New Mexico Grand Chapter in Rio Rancho, an organization Margie cared deeply about. Thank you to friends and family who provided prayers and support during this difficult time. Margie will be dearly missed.

Information regarding a memorial service will be provided on a later date.

Robert E. Baggesen

Robert E. Baggesen, 71, died Sunday, November 13, 2022. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Charles R. and Rosanna C. (Eddy) Baggesen, Sr. Robert had served with the US Marine Corps in Vietnam as a reconnaissance radio operator and was proud to be a Marine Corps Veteran. He was honorably discharged as a Sargent and was awarded Combat Action Ribbon and the gallantry cross with palm. After his service, he was employed in the foundry at Gorham Manufacturing. He later worked for the US Postal Service for 30 years. At the end of his career, he traveled throughout the state as a trouble shooter. He was a member of the DAV, the VFW Post 2, West Warwick, a life member of the Marine Corps League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He loved to fish and was a member of the West Bay Anglers. A gamer, he loved playing Battleship Pirates, and Throne Rush. He loved watching his daughter and granddaughter play softball, enjoyed going to meat raffles at the Warwick Firefighters, and enjoyed an occasional Budweiser and cigarette. He was a great cook and was known for his chowder. Robert had many nicknames, but was mostly known as “Baggy”.

He was the loving father of Kelly M. Messier (Troy) and Kerri D. Baggesen, and the devoted grandfather of Hailey M. Norman, Amanda Messier, Brianna Messier, and Zachary Mambro. He was the brother of Charles R. Baggesen, Jr. (Rebecca), Richard L. Baggesen (Joanne Elmore), and the late Rosanna C. Perry; step brother of Carlene Warburton and Nancy Chambers. He also leaves many extended family members and friends.

His funeral service will be held Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 9am in the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Chapel, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick. Burial with Military Honors in the RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. Visiting hours, Friday 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 will be appreciated. Information and condolences, visit www.theQuinnFuneralHome.com

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Jane A. Nelson

Jane A. (Wicklund) Nelson, 89, a retired CNA, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Cherry Hill Manor in Johnston. She was the wife of the late Everett H. Nelson. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Carl and Ellen L. (Carlson) Wicklund. Jane was the beloved mother of James M. Nelson (LaRonna), Robert A. Nelson (Laurie) and Karen A. Grassini (Dennis); loving grandmother of Amy, Jenna, Stephanie, Corey, Courtney, Joelle, Megan and Mandi; loving great-grandmother of Angelo, Dimetri, Waverly, Domenic, Mia, Jordan, Emma, James, Carter, Jade and Everly; sister of Betty Cullian and the late Leonard, Harry, Millie and Claire Wicklund; sister-in-law Joan Wicklund.

Her visitation will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 10-11am with a service at 11:00am in the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Chapel, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick. Burial will be in the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Autism Project RI, 1516 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI 02919.

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Betty Jane Impagliazzo

Betty Jane (Graham) Impagliazzo, 92, of Warwick, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at St. Elizabeth Home. Born in Providence she was the daughter of the late George and Hulda (Brissman) Graham. She was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore F. Impagliazzo.

Betty was a graduate of RI School of Design and received her bachelor’s degree in graphic design. She loved spending time with her family, enjoyed nature and birdwatching, swimming and especially art.

She is survived by her loving children, Lauren E.I. Slocum (Phil) of Warwick, Russell G. Impagliazzo (Beth Dugan) of CA, Douglas J. Impagliazzo, and Cara E. McHugh of Warwick, her grandchildren Alicia (Kirby), Nick (Angela), Sean (Renee), Makaela, Ian, Alexa, and Theo, her great-grandchildren, Liam, Keegan, Declan, Owen, Lily, Lucy, Graham and Eli.

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved brother James W. Graham.

Her Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at THE URQUHART-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 800 Greenwich Ave., Warwick. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery in East Greenwich.

Gifts in her memory may be made to The R.I. Chapter of the Audubon, 12 Sanderson Road, Smithfield, RI 02917.

Mildred Lucille Case Blackmar

Mildred Lucille (Bendell) Case Blackmar, 90, of Warwick, passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Born in Brockton, MA, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Mercy (Cahoon) Bendell.

Mildred was a Graduate of Brockton High School. She was a Warwick, RI resident for over 60 years. She worked as a C.N.A. and Housekeeper for West View Nursing Home. A loving mother and grandmother, she was entirely devoted to raising her family. In her free time, she was an avid card player and enjoyed watching game shows.

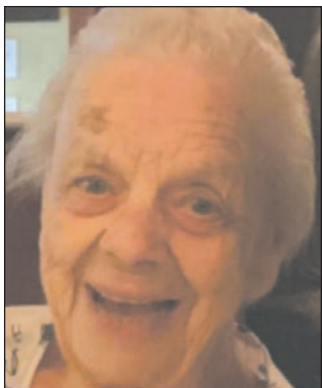
She is survived by her beloved children, Mark Case (Sherry) of Beverly Hills, FL, Patricia Burdick (Tom) of Warwick, Sharon Fudge (the late George) of South Daytona Beach, FL, Nancy Pouler (the late David) of Barnstable, MA, and Jeannette Alldredge (Allen) of Florida, fifteen grandchildren and several greatgrandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her beloved sons, Edwin Case, Jr., Douglas Case, and Richard Case, and her siblings, John, Edward, Robert, Doris, Marian, Eleanor, and Edna.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to: American Cancer Society are greatly appreciated.

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ROOM FOR ONE MORE? Award recipients gather for a group photo following individual presentations. (At right) Melissa Marszalek gives her 3-year old therapy dog, Willa, a cupcake. She said she loves working with Willa, a pit bull, as she likes to show off how wonderful the breed can be.



Therapy dogs and their human partners recognized at awards dinner

A few of the attendees barked, but they weren't complaining. They just wanted to welcome some of the other canine guests and their partners.

The recent event, the Paws From the Heart appreciation awards banquet, was held at Club Jogues in Coventry. Channel 10's Mario Hilario, a big supporter of the organization and the work they do read off the awards as Sue Parker handed recipients certificates and awards. Parker and her husband, Harry run the program that trains therapy teams and links them with schools, hospitals, nursing homes, colleges and fire and police departments. Dogs and their partners are called on to offer comfort in tragedies and to work one-on-one with people. Paws works on educating communities on the opportunities and benefits of pet therapy. It has been shown that pet therapy dogs improve the physical, emotional and psychological lives of those they meet. Pet therapy lifts spirits and lessens depression or decreases anxiety. Overall pet therapy makes patients feel good and decreases feelings of loneliness, isolation, and alienation. There wasn't any need for therapy at the awards ceremony unless you consider some of the dogs that looked anxiously on as their partners enjoyed a sumptuous spread. Their partners shared and all went well. (Warwick Beacon photos)



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Hannah Dimeco and her dog Henry is the youngest Paws From the Heart therapy team. Hannah said Henry works with autistic children. (At right) Meg Carpinelli and her dog Katie are recognized by Sue Parker from Paws From the Heart and TV personality Mario Hilario at the Paws From the Heart appreciation awards banquet held Nov. 6.



St. Barnabas bazaar is back after pandemic hiatus

By PETE FONTAINE

An announcement inside a recent St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Sunday bulletin read: "The Bazaar is back!"

Ever since that day, excitement and enthusiasm have been building for the Christmas Bazaar which has been a parish tradition for upwards of five decades and will be back bigger and better this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Schweitzer Hall after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19- Crisis.

That's because a host of proud parishioners have banded together to produce the 2022 edition that will feature everything from home baked goods, Christmas gifts, religious items, a Penny Social Table, Crafts, White Elephant Table, inspirational items at the Religious Table, chances to win everything from a 43-inch 4K Ultra Smart LED TV that's part of the main raffle, family memberships for Roger Williams Park Zoo, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets and fine food inside the Luncheon Café.

"It is a great time -- and always special -- coming together as a parish family and opening the door to those people in our community," said Emily Seddon-McMahon who is chairing the ambitious and well-organized event for the sixth time. "You always hope for each year to be more successful than the last one; but I truly hope the community feels safe and welcomed to join us again as they have for many, many years."

As the case at many churches and other organizations at this time of year, the Christmas Holiday Bazaar is St. Barnabas' largest fundraising event and as Seddon-McMahon noted: "we certainly want to deliver success; lots of hard work has been part of the preparation and we are looking forward to a great day."

She also added: "I am grateful to have such tremendous support from parishioners, family and friends again this year. Our



CHAIR'S CORNER: Emily Seddon-McMahon (standing center) enjoys a lighter moment with Jim Turner and her grandmother Jean Suppappola during a recent work-session meeting for Saturday's annual St. Barnabas Church Bazaar. (Photos courtesy of Bonn Simonian)

bazaar wouldn't be what it is without each person's contributions whether it be baking sweet treats, preparing lunch, knitting or crocheting for our handmade gift table, running a concession or working behind the scenes, everyone has such an intricate role. You see clearly the love Christ when a call to serve God is answered and everyone comes together for the greater good of the church."

Likewise, Rev. Scott R. Lee, pastor at St. Barnabas Church, which is located in Apponaug next to Warwick City Hall, is excited the church is again able to hold its always-special pre-holiday event.

"I'm extremely grateful that we can come together once again," Father Scott said. "Although it's our biggest single fundraiser and it's always nice to make a few bucks, I'm just thankful that our parish can come together and now we look forward to opening our doors to people in the community."

Thus, Team St. Barnabas will roll out the welcome mat Saturday for the latest chapter of a special storied tradition that will again feature families and friends who have been part of the Christmas Bazaar for many, many years.

Take Seddon-McMahon's mother Heidi Seddon, former Vestry Chair who once served as bazaar chairlady and her grandmother Jean Suppappola who first worked the unique pre-holiday happening 55 years ago.

"We'll have the hot coffee on early," Seddon-McMahon noted. "We'll have sweet treats and many, many interesting items from a framed and signed New York Yankees photo, handmade wooden American flag and the always-desired wine basket."



PROUD PARISHIONERS: Ladies like Cheryl Marble (left), Heidi Seddon (center) and Marilyn Davis will be among the many St. Barnabas parishioners working at Saturday's St. Barnabas Church Christmas Bazaar.

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Titans win DIII title



STATE CHAMPS: The Toll Gate girls soccer team after winning the Division III State Championship last week against Westerly. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)

Toll Gate girls beat Westerly to win second championship in three years

By RYAN D. MURRAY

The Toll Gate Lady Titans hung on to defeat the Westerly Bulldogs 1-0 on Saturday evening and earned the Girls Division III Championship at Cranston Stadium.

Toll Gate Freshman Shinyu Vega scored the game-winning goal with just 5:35 remaining after an assist from Isabelle Lafontaine, a junior midfielder.

It was the second game-winner in a row for Vega, who took home the Most Valuable Player Award. Vega also broke a 3-3 tie against the Classical Purple during the semifinal round.

"It feels amazing," Vega said, after winning the title.

Vega was nervous before she booted in the goal from 30 yards out, from the right side of the field, into the top left corner of the goal.

"I've coached Shinyu since she was 11 years-old," Toll Gate head coach Robert Enright said. "And I had a conversation with Shinyu before the game started. And she doesn't normally start, and I said to her, 'listen, it's your time now. You're going

to start this game. Show everybody what I know you can do.' And she did it. She did it."

Toll Gate and Westerly each came into the championship game as top seeds. The Lady Titans were first-place in D-III-A, while the Bulldogs were first-place in D-

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OVERTIME: Toll Gate's Aiden Preuit after scoring the game-tying goal. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

Toll Gate drops title game in PK's

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Toll Gate boys soccer team fell in penalty kicks to Scituate in the Division IV State Championship on Sunday night at Cranston Stadium.

Trailing 2-1 in the second half, Toll Gate would force overtime when leading scorer Aiden Preuit broke away and scored the tying goal to make it 2-2.

After two scoreless overtime periods, the clubs went to penalty kicks and the Spartans would take the 5-3 victory to clinch the crown.

Toll Gate's Christian Dias would score the game's first goal on a free kick which would give the Titans the 1-0 advantage at halftime. Scituate came out more aggressive in the second half and would get consecutive goals in a two-minute span to take the 2-1 lead.

"It is what it is. They came at us and pressured us for the first 10, 15 minutes (of the second half). After the second goal, we got the game back under control and had a few opportunities to score," said Toll Gate coach Jason Melo, who was proud of Preuit having another big performance on the biggest stage. "A play like that can lift a team's

Hawks set to face Rams in state championship

By RYAN D. MURRAY

The Hawks squashed the Central Knights 41-13 on Friday night during the Rhode Island High School Football State Championship Division Semifinal at Bishop Hendricken High School.

With the first play of the contest, Central senior running back Armase Edouard rushed 72 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown and gave the Knights an early 6-0 lead. Next, senior kicker Gabriel Dosunmu added the extra point and upped the Central advantage to 7-0.

Late in the first quarter, Hendricken junior defensive back Oscar Weah intercepted a pass from Central quarterback Avani Rodrigues and returned the ball to the Central 33.

Two plays later, Hendricken junior quarterback Jayden Falcone connected on a bomb through the middle to Anthony Manna, a senior, who brought the ball to the Central 1-yard line.

Next, Falcone rushed a quarterback keeper up the gut a yard and into pay dirt and pulled the Hawks within 7-6. Then, kicker Charles Kretzer, a junior, added the extra point and deadlocked the score at 7.

Early in the second quarter, Central ran a reverse to the right with Edouard, and the running back brought the ball 14 yards to the Hawks 9.

Three plays later, Edouard dove through the gut, over the Hendricken defense, and into the end zone, and gave the Knights a 13-7 lead. However, Dosunmu missed the extra point after that.

The Hawks evened the score at 13, with 5.8 seconds remaining in the first half, when Falcone tossed a 28-yard touchdown pass to Mike DaSilva, a sophomore, who outbattled Central junior defensive back Adonis Medina for the ball in the end zone. The Hawks headed into halftime with a 14-13 lead after Kretzer added the extra point.

Two plays into the second half, Hendricken extended its advantage to 20-13 when Falcone tossed a 61-yard touchdown pass through the



HEADED TO STATES: Hendricken's Mike DaSilva breaks a tackle last week in the Division I Semifinals against Central. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)

middle to DaSilva. Kretzer would miss the extra point attempt after that.

Next, Hendricken executed a successful onside kick when Nathan Rivas recovered the ball at the Hawks 49.

"We pride ourselves on being a second half team," Hawks head

coach Keith Croft said. "And I think that onside kick was a huge swing in the game and we just did what we had to do. We played physical-branded football and played good defense."

On first down, Weah, who was now at running back, rushed 30

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Penalty kicks send Skippers past Hawks in semis

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The North Kingstown boys soccer team beat Bishop Hendricken in penalty kicks last week in the Division I Semifinals to end the Hawks' 2022 run.

The Skippers would jump out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half, but the Hawks would get a goal from Landon Picillo to cut the lead to 2-1 heading into the second. Hendricken tied things up with 3:03 left in regulation when Mike Paquette broke free and shot the ball to the top right of the net to force overtime.

"That was an opportunity, it was a difficult opportunity. I was happy for Mike, he is a great kid. At that point I thought we were going to win it," said Hendricken coach Mickey Rooney.

The Skippers controlled the two overtime periods but were unable to capitalize, sending the game to penalty kicks. NK then outshot Hendricken 4-3 in the shootout to earn its place in the championship.

Xavier Wilkins and Jacob Coates each recorded assists in the loss for Hendricken.

Despite the defeat, Rooney was happy with his team's performance and felt that the Hawks often outplayed the Skippers.

"The kids were great. We knew that this was going to be a tough game. We didn't start off well and they took it to us when we were down 2-0. Soccer-wise, I think we were the better team, but they had the long throw and the guy that could jump, things like that. We had to dig deep, got one back and the momentum started to change. We held our own and may have been a little bit better in my opinion. It's a cruel way to end the game," said Rooney.

After a disappointing 2021, the Hawks rebounded in 2022 and reasserted themselves as one of the state's best teams. Hendricken will have a large core of seniors to replace next season.

"I'm proud of the kids, they showed character. They've been doing that all year. Last year, we had a difficult time. This year, a bounce here and a bounce there, those five ties could have been wins," said Rooney. "It was a great effort by them. We had a big senior group that we're going to miss next year."



TYING GOAL: Hendricken's Mike Paquette, who scored the tying goal in the second half to send the game to overtime. The Skippers went on to win a 4-3 shootout to end the Hawks' season. (Photo by Alex Sponseller)

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By JENNIFER COATES

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Something else that Dick Moranto and Brenda Esposito, the co-owners of the café, care about is giving back to the community. Next month, the café is hosting its 5th Annual Toy Drive in memory of the late Frank Rosa. All proceeds from this event will go directly to benefit the Warwick Boys & Girls Club. The café is now accepting new, unwrapped toys which will be distributed on December 4th. To thank those who



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donate so generously, Dick, Brenda and the crew at the café will be serving a Pasta Dinner, on the house, on the 4th. Giving back and honoring lost friends are important to this hometown, closeknit team.

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The dedicated members of the Beach Café family wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and gratitude-filled holiday season. Stop by the café ~ and bring your friends and family!

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Time to change soccer OT rules

I covered a pair of boys soccer games last week and each of them went to penalty kicks. It was a lot of fun and each game had me at the edge of my seat, there is nothing like a shootout in the playoffs ... one of the most exciting things you can see. Which leads me to my first take this week, which is that it is time to scrap the overtime period in high school soccer and just go straight to a shootout format.

Right now, the format is that two tied teams play two, five-minute overtime periods. In the regular season, the match will be called a draw after the periods, but in the playoffs, they then turn to the penalty kicks.

Honestly, I can't recall the last time I covered a game that was decided in overtime. It seems like it almost always results in a draw or penalty kicks. Cut to the chase, eliminate draws, and have teams go straight to the shootout.

The two five-minute overtimes is arguably the most boring overtime format that we have. Teams usually play pretty tight because they don't want to open themselves up for mistakes. In the regular season, teams almost seem to play for the tie to get the point, and in the playoffs, seem to be more comfortable in a shootout format then the typical game-play.

OK, so a downside would be that the league would have to change the standings. Right now, a win is two points, a tie is one point, and a loss is zero points. A change in format would cause the league to have to switch to a win-loss formula with a

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set of tiebreakers such as head to head play, division wins, etc.

That would be a microscopic price to pay, though, in my opinion. In this new scenario, there would no longer be ties and soccer would all of a sudden have perhaps the best overtime system in place. It's a no-brainer in my opinion, but those in charge know more than I do and seem to have no interest in making the change.

Right now, teams are playing an almost meaningless 10 extra minutes. Let's make this happen, shall we?

Speaking of soccer, we had another one of our teams crowned champion as the Toll Gate girls got the job done for the second time in three seasons when they beat Westerly last Saturday.

Perhaps the biggest story on the day came prior to kickoff as the Titans' bus was side swiped in traffic on its way to the game.

No one was hurt and the game went on almost on time. Many teams

would be understandably rattled in that situation, but Toll Gate wasn't, and went on to roll to the win.

In the four years that I have been in Rhode Island, this could be the most improbable champion that we have had. I have spoken on this quite a bit the past few weeks, but Toll Gate overcame so many obstacles this year. I am mostly referring to the team losing its top two scorers and its top defender from last year to injury in the preseason. It seemed like a doomed season from the start.

The Titans overcame those struggles though and separated themselves as the clear best team in Division III. It's interesting to think what this team would have been with those three players still in the mix ... would they have been unbeaten and steamroll everyone, or could their absence have allowed the team to tap into other areas of strength that would have not be realized otherwise? It's interesting.

The Toll Gate boys fell in penalty kicks to Scituate in the championship game while Bishop Hendricken lost in penalty kicks in the semis. Those two clubs had similar stories in that each had down years in 2021 but rebounded nicely this fall to go on runs.

The difference, though, is that the Hawks will be graduating quite a bit while the Titans will be retaining most players, including top scorer Aiden Preuit. The Titans should be right back in the championship mix next fall while the Hawks will need to rebuild.



DRIBBLING ALONG: Toll Gate's Edrees Heidari takes the ball up the field against Scituate in the Division IV championship game on Sunday at Cranston Stadium. The Spartans would get the win in penalty kicks.

Toll Gate

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spirit. It's different when Aiden scores, he lifts the team up so much just by his work ethic. I can't explain it. He's had a hell of a year and I wish it was him raising that MVP trophy."

The Titans went 1-0-1 against the Spartans in the regular season but were not able to hang on to the lead on Sunday. Toll Gate is set to return a large core next year, including Preuit, and Melo hopes that the tough loss will drive them moving forward.

"This will sting for a couple weeks, but going into next year, that drive and determination will be 10 times higher than it was this year. In the long run they'll appreciate this loss," said Melo.

The Titans enjoyed a big turnaround season after failing to reach the playoff last year and finishing the regular season unbeaten this time around. First year coach Melo will miss the seniors who helped guide the young roster.

"Those seniors, especially those captains, they were so important to the squad this year. They were the coaches out on the field from the beginning of the year to now," said Melo. "It sucks that we couldn't send them out on their high horse, but it's just the way sports go."

Toll Gate keeper Robert Caruso finished the game with seven saves while Edrees Heidari got an assist. Dias, Preuit and Heidari scored the team's three penalty kick goals.

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Toll Gate sophomore goalkeeper Alanna Pereira stopped an early shot from Samantha Sacco right out the gate, and then back-to-back shots from Danica Jarrett and Gia Keegan, who were charging into the box. Pereira finished the match with 12 saves.

Pereira was Toll Gate's fourth goalkeeper last year, and this year, she was the starter.

"We had three seniors last year and they were all goalies," Pereira said. "So, I had to step up this year. It was definitely big shoes to fill, I'm not going to lie."

Pereira was unbeatable in goal during the championship game with the help of her teammates.

"The biggest thing was just come in here and do your job," Pereira said. "Westerly beat us 5-2 in our last meeting, so we knew we had to step it up. And I think our team played absolutely phenomenal today. I couldn't ask for a better group of girls to play with. These girls, they're my

family. They're my best friends."

The victory gives the Lady Titans two of the last three D-III titles.

Believe it or not, Toll Gate was not at full strength all year. Before the season started, the Lady Titans lost three of their best players to ACL injuries. Later on in the year, it lost one of its top defenders to a back injury.

"So, we're down four starters and they already beat us 5-2," Enright said. "They are fast. They are a great team and we knew that we could play with them. And we knew if we kept it a close game that we would be able to squeak it out."

The freshman may have been the highlight of both the championship and the semifinal games, but it was a total team effort.

"Shinyu she lit it up the last two playoff games," Enright added. "So, she deserves everything she gets, but this senior team, most of them are starters. At least 13 of them were getting minutes and they earned it. We just came for the ride. I'd like to say we had anything to do with it, but it was all them. All them."



SECOND IN THREE YEARS: Toll Gate's Ava Ficher takes the ball up the field (above). Toll Gate's Raegan Allen looks to pass the ball (at right).



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Striped bass bite outstanding

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

“Customers in Pawtuxet Cove, Cranston, have seen large bass under their boats that have pushed bait into the cove,” said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, Warwick. “At Rocky Point fishing pier shore anglers are seeing birds working large schools of bait all day long. We are officially closed for the season but with this great bite and the holidays upon us we are on call for customers that want to connect with us.”

“The peanut bunker are in thick and the striped bass are all over them,” said Todd Corayer expert kayak angler and fishing writer who fished South County, RI ponds this past week. “I’ve landed 25 fish in two days with three lost, four slot size and one too large to keep. Love this shoulder season for sure.”

Declan O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, “Striped bass are still being found in the salt ponds and breachways. Bait continues to hold out as the water is warm. Gan-nets began to patrol the inner coastal waters. They are a sure sign that there are large profile baits in the water like herring, shad, and bunker. These are baits migrating stripers can’t say no to.”

Last week fly fishing guide and instructor Ed Lombardo said, “The bite was on at the Narrow River. We caught multiple striped bass to slot size and hickory shad most days we fished.” I fished with Ed as a student Thursday and we caught about five striped bass and five shad. The largest striper was about 24 inches.

“The bass bite in the Bay has been good, many have taken their boats out of the water but those still fishing for them are catching. We had some nice bait with birds feeding at Sabin Point and in Bristol Harbor this weekend,” said John Littlefield of Archie’s Bait & Tackle, Riverside. “This has been the best spring, summer and fall bass season in the 24 years I have been in business.”

Now is a great time to fish for striped bass as the fishing is great. The possession limit for striped bass is one fish/person/day that must be in the slot size of 28 to < 35 inches.

Last year we had a striped bass fish-ery that lingered all winter with fish to 36 inches being taken in our salt ponds, estuaries and rivers. Warm water and lingering bait created positive conditions for striped bass and many did not



FIRST STRIPED BASS: Capt. Dave Monti with his first ever striped bass caught fly fishing on Narrow River, Narragansett. (Submitted photo)

migrate to the Hudson River and Chesapeake Bay area and decided to winter in our estuaries.

Fall is a good time to buy a boat

Fall is a good time to purchase a boat as sellers may not want to carry winter storage costs and with fuel costs high there are more boats on the market than last year. So here are some tips on how to find the boat that fits your needs.

I look at boats and how well they match up to my changing needs all the time. How is the fishability, openness, space for customers, space for fish, sea handling, does it have a ladder to get on and off, and a place for a port-a-party for customers? This is the type of functionality I need in a boat to do what I want it to do... which is to go fishing and take two or three fishing with me.

Other boaters have different needs like taking the family for a ride, tubing or skiing, going for a picnic and swim, or sightseeing at Martha’s Vineyard, Newport or Block Island.

So you first have to figure out what

you want to use the boat for. The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) has a great online tool to help you determine the type of boat you might be interested in. It can be found at www.discoverboating.com. This web site will ask you the intended use and then recommend boat types so you can seek the out in our search.

Should you buy new or used is always a good question? Like automobiles, new boats come with warranties. If something goes wrong (and with boats something often goes wrong) it’s nice to have a warrantee to cover costs. Often times old boats take longer to clean, need more time to prepare for the season and will have a greater frequency of repair due to their age.

Used boats cost less, but make sure you add the cost of repairs to the purchase price. A helpful way to determine repair cost and insure you are not buying a lemon is to commission a boat survey.

A boat survey is similar to a home inspection. Surveys are conducted by certified surveyors who closely exam-

ine the vessels hull, structure, electrical system and engine(s). Surveys will not only tell you what is wrong with a boat but can give you estimates on repairs which can be used to negotiate the sale price.

Visit the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors at www.marinesurvey.org for a list of accredited surveyors in your area.

Where’s the bite?

Striped bass bite continues to be strong with an abundance of bait in the water. See above article.

Squid. Greg Vespe, squid fishing expert and RI Saltwater Anglers Association executive director, said, “We didn’t stay long as it was my five year old grandson’s first night trip... but the squid fishing was flat out beat down Saturday night,” Littlefield of Archie’s Bait said, “Customers caught squid this weekend at Fort Wetherill, Jamestown and at the Goat Island causeway, Newport. Many left with a five gallon bucket full with two to three hours of fishing.”

Tautog. O’Donnell of Breachway Bait, said, “Tautog fishing continues to produce well with a lot of limit catches report this past week. The tautog are still being found in as little as 15 feet of water all the way out to 60 feet plus.”

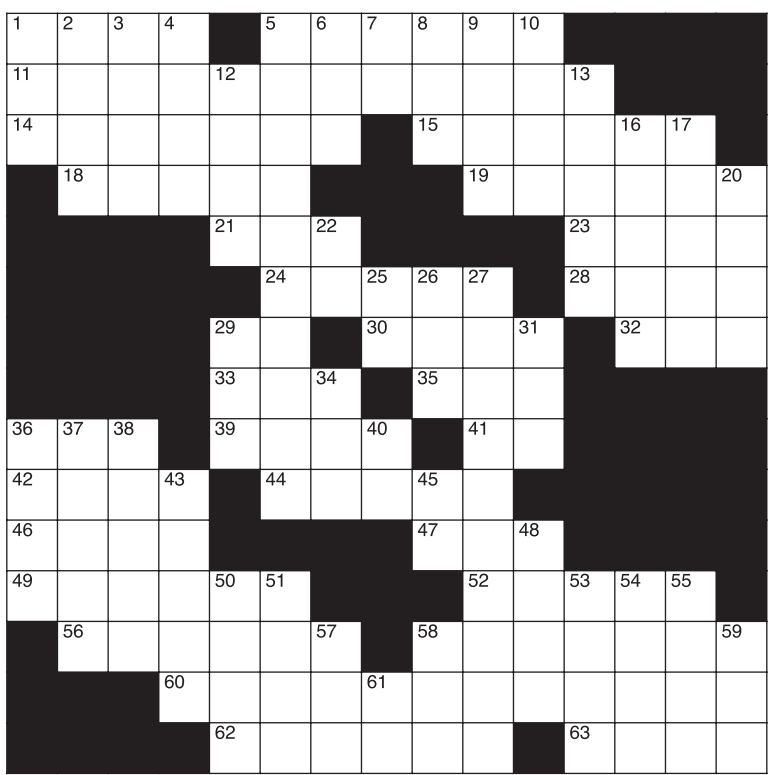
“The tautog bite from shore at the t the mouth of the Seekonk River (near the broken bridge) and at Kettle Point, Riverside was good this weekend.”

“Tautog fishing has been good off Newport and in the Bay at Hope Island, Spindle Rock and the Rocky Point fishing pier,” said Tom Giddings.

Freshwater fishing for trout and salmon has been good at ponds stocked by RI DEM including Willet Avenue Pond, Riverside; Barber Pond, South Kingstown; Meadow Brook Pond, Richmond; Olney Pond, Lincoln State Park, Lincoln; Simmons Mill Pond, Little Compton; Silver Spring Lake, North Kingstown; Watchaug Pond, Charlestown; and Wyoming Pond in Hope Valley was stocked with trout only.

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

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- 60. Intermittent
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- 1. Klutz
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- 43. Religious
- 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
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- 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- 51. Turn away
- 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
- 54. Smooth-feeling fabric
- 55. Competently
- 57. Sea eagle
- 58. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 59. It helps you see
- 61. Emerging technology



IN THE POCKET: Hendricken quarterback Jayden Falcone delivers a pass.

Hawks

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yards to the Central 21.

Three plays later, Falcone rushed a keeper into pay dirt from ten yards out and increased the Hendricken lead to 27-13.

The Hawks upped their lead to 34-13, late in the third quarter, when Ronjai Francis, a junior, rushed left, 54 yards for a touchdown.

Lastly, with 5:30 remaining in the contest, Josiah Dennis rushed up the gut 16 yards for a touchdown, and ballooned the Hawks lead to 41-13.

Hendricken moves on to the State Cham-

pionship Game to face the La Salle Academy Rams on Sunday at 12 pm at Cranston Stadium.

It will mark the 13th straight season that the Hawks have made the championship game. Hendricken has won the last four state titles in a row.

Hendricken may have edged out La Salle 10-9 during its regular-season matchup, but Coach Croft isn't overconfident heading into the rematch.

"You never feel good heading into a championship matchup," Croft said. "It's all about how you practice, and get ready, and prepare. And I'm sure they feel good, but we've got a lot of work to do to get ready for them, starting tomorrow."

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Dems unite behind Shekarchi in open caucus



PROGRESS REPORT AND MORE: House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi highlights legislation approved by the House and speaks of formulating an agenda for the session starting Jan. 3, 2023.

By JOHN HOWELL

K. Joseph Shekarchi didn't get any argument when he told the House Democratic caucus Thursday evening that they "developed an agenda that was tremendously well received by the voters. In fact, Governor McKee campaigned in large part on the achievements of the General Assembly. He

sure benefited from our great legislation that he signed."

There were whoops and hollers along with applause and laughs of agreement from legislators gathered at the Crowne Plaza. The assembly of House Representatives and representatives-elect were equally in agreement to re-electing Shekarchi as Speaker and Christopher Blazejewski as majority leader.

Of the 65 House Democrats, Shekarchi received the support of 60. Two members were absent and three members, Rep. David Morales and Rep.-elect Enrique Sanchez, both of Providence, and Rep.-elect Jennifer Stewart of Pawtucket abstained.



There were no counter nominations.

In jest Shekarchi questioned if he had the votes to a reporter prior to the open caucus. Gaining votes has been Shekarchi's quest since a Democrat and a Republican declared in June for the Warwick District 23 seat. Shekarchi went door-to-door, advertised extensively and hosted events giving him the win against Jacqueline Anderson in the primary and Republican Dana Traversie in the General Election.

His wins at the polls cemented his reelection by his peers that will become official when the House convenes Jan. 3 for the first day of the session.

In nominating Shekarchi, Majority Whip Katie Kazarian said "it is that calm, quiet determination that he has that has led us to getting so much legislation passed." She said she has seen how Shekarchi and Blazejewski have changed "the entire tenor and demeanor of the House for the better."

In second speech, Chairman Bob Craven

FIRST TO NOMINATE: Majority Whip Katie Kazarian nominates K. Joseph Shekarchi for a second term as Speaker of the House at the House Democratic caucus held Thursday at the Crowne Plaza. (Warwick Beacon photos)

said the leaders built a team of inclusiveness and "cooperation that was badly needed." He called Shekarchi a "great listener."

Shekarchi touched on the events of the past two years, the impact of the pandemic and how the House endured five months of session at the Veterans Auditorium. He said that despite the challenges "we still came together and delivered the values of the Democratic Party."

He added "the results of the election proved that Rhode Islanders "share our goals and values." Among achieves they collectively achieved, Shekarchi listed tax relief for working families, seniors, veterans and small businesses; legislation addressing climate change; a package of affordable housing bills; budget investments in housing, health care, child care, Covid relief and education and voting reforms and increased transparency in the government.

He said he and Blazejewski would soon embark on formulating an agenda for the new session. He welcomed suggestions and priorities adding, "we have a tremendous amount of talent in this room and we are confident that with your collective collaboration, we will continue to deliver for all Rhode Islanders."

Man of the hour

In the whirl of elections and the outcome of the contest for power in Washington in the balance, which amazingly still remains out of focus, supporters of Congressman James Langevin honored him at a lavish party Thursday night at the Crowne Plaza. Sponsored by a number of individuals, corporations and unions, the event benefited the United Way of Rhode Island. Langevin who will have served 22 years in the House of Representatives when he completes his term, chose not to seek reelection. He was praised for his service to the state and the country. In his customary measured and thoughtful way, Langevin thanked those who supported and helped on along the way. (Warwick Beacon photo)



■ McAllister

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most critical to their wards. Now that those lists have been compiled, the projects, whether new benches for DelGuidice Park in Ward 5 or a gazebo at Conimicut Point, need to be advertised for bids and voted on by the council.

McAllister had hoped to have the city's actuaries report on the fiscal status of the city including pensions and other post employment benefits (OPEB) prior to the end of the calendar year, but reports haven't been finalized and that will be postponed until the New Year.

McAllister spoke of the new culture and the "new voices" he has brought to council meetings. He cited the introduction of individuals and organizations to the city (such as having the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce outline its work) ; starting meetings on time and scheduling agenda items with public hearings early in the meeting so as to avoid having members of the public no knowing how long they might have to wait.

"The issue I am most proud of these last two years is the Warwick City Council has invited more guests to speak at and lead us in the pledge of allegiance than any previous council. We as a

council believe it's important to highlight all the different groups and individuals that make up our community. We look forward to continuing this in the next legislative session!" McAllister wrote in an email.

Asked about the opportunity for the public to address the council that Ward 5 Councilman Ed Ladouceur is looking to revise, although the specifics of a plan have not been spelled out, McAllister said he talked with Ward 9 Councilman Vincent Gebhart who suggested a limited time for speakers rather than the current system of dividing the 15 minutes for public comment by the number seeking to speak. This would give people the chance to plan their remarks.

"Making the council more open and citizen friendly is a top goal," McAllister said.

He went on to observe the public comment provision is just one opportunity to address the council.

"Any individual can speak on any topic on the agenda. Residents and council members get the exact same amount of time to speak on each and every agenda item. If there is an item on the agenda citizens are interested in, they do not have to wait for public comment, they can speak as soon as the agenda item is taken up in committee at a council meeting," he said.

McAllister also highlighted the

appointment of a sergeant of arms, retired Warwick Police Officer Paul Wells, who has volunteered his time to assist the public and expedite hearings by lining up speakers planning to address the council and the scheduling of quarterly fiscal updates and periodic reports from department directors including the sewer and water division Both departments face major infrastructure improvement projects. Going forward the most notable projects involve the repair of a major aqueduct delivering water from Providence Water Supply that ruptured in early 2018 flooding an area between the Route 95 and Route 37 interchange. Fortunately, as the ability to provide water to the city would have been severely impaired, a bypass was built when the system was installed under Route 95. The bypass has held up and the water division is in the final rounds of engineering repairs and seeking bids for the work.

Meanwhile, the Warwick Sewer Authority is in the midst of work to "slip line" interceptor pipes that are deteriorating from age and the corrosive effects of hydrogen sulfide gas. This fall, the interceptor from the Cedar Swamp pump station, which was slated for renovations, ruptured spilling thousands of gallons of wastewater into Warwick Pond. A bypass to the break was quickly installed and the pipe fixed. The

larger project of repairing the transmission line to the treatment plant on the banks of the Pawtuxet is the reason why temporary above ground pipes run along side Airport Road and roads leading to the treatment plant.

Also in the years ahead, the council can expect to be hearing from the School Committee now that voters have approved the \$350 million bond to build new Toll Gate and Pilgrim High Schools. On Friday, Mayor Picozzi remained skeptical if the bond would be sufficient to fund construction of the schools, noting that the available amount is limited to \$350 million and that the council controls release of the funds.

Picozzi is interested in seeing bids for school construction once that process starts. Under the Rhode Island Department of Education guidelines the district will have five years to complete the schools once the funding has been issued.

As for the ward projects, specifications are being drafted and bids sought. McAllister listed the following projects in a recent update on council actions – another feature of his efforts to inform and involve the public:

Ward 1, Bishop Park, new playground equipment and benches;

Ward 3, Sand Pond, stabilization of access path and beach, and repair of stairs/slope on south-

east side of path and terrace;

Ward 3, Sandy Lane, installation of heightened visual crossing paths at the Warwick Public Library, Cooper Building, Sandy Land Apartments and Thayer Arena;

Ward 4, Hoxie School, resurface basketball court;

Ward 4, Conimicut Point, purchase and installation of an octagonal Gazebo/Pavilion (estimated 30' diameter, 745 sq. ft.);

Ward 5, DelGuidice Park, purchase and installation of playground swing set, landscaping, ADA Compliant, and replacement of park benches;

Ward 5, Main Channel, installation of two park benches;

Ward 6, City Park, revamp dog park;

Ward 6, City Park, install benches in all softball dugouts;

Ward 7, Village and Neighborhood Signs, purchase and install welcome signs and landmark placards;

Ward 7, Apponaug Baseball Complex, repair sprinkler system, install new shed, and purchase infield draggers and screen mats;

Ward 8, Pontiac Park, purchase and install black anodized deluxe IH Series 25ft flag pole shoe base and anchor bolts 5";

Ward 9, Robert Ave, install a boat launch;

Ward 9, Sleepy Hollow Farms, install tennis courts;

■ Wood

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people are free to take wood provided they aren't obstructing operations or endangering themselves. He said wood picked up by city crews is mixed in with leaves and yard waste that is then put through the tub grinder that converts it into wood chips. The chips are the first step in converting the material to compost that is made available at no cost to residents.

"We have equipment moving around and she's back there just walking around and trying to pull things out. We can't just have anyone back there," he said. Earls said one operator heard something as he was moving a pile of leaves and brush, stopped to investigate and found Pelletier. Evidently he told her to get out in no uncertain terms.

Earls said there is not a designated area where residents can retrieve wood. There is a pile of compost close to the entrance away from operations for people to access. For \$10 people can have a front end loader fill their truck

bed with compost.

"But there's no way we can have the public roaming around the facility," he said.

There's more to Pelletier's story.

She and her husband were involved in an argument that turned violent. Police responded and the neighborhood wedged between Veterans Middle School and Sandy Lane didn't take sides. Pelletier said that is also the case with family members and she feels abandoned. She hasn't seen or talked with her husband since the incident. She said he is under a no-contact order and is living at their home in Maine.

Pelletier hardly looks like a woodsman. She's petite, wiry and packed with energy. She barely takes breaths describing how she was cut off from the compost station wood.

"Those were all in the front yard," she says gesturing to a jumbled pile of limbs and tree trunks, some nearly three feet in diameter. One trunk standing on end shows scars of a chain saw where it has used to cut limbs into stove lengths. She points to

another trunk that is starting to crack. She plans on splitting that with a sledge since the log splitter is in Maine.

"I'm getting my exercise," she says walking to the backyard. Wood has been neatly stacked beneath a roof extending from a back door. In a separate pile, smaller branches are stacked chest high.

"That's kindling," she says.

Pelletier fiercely defends her ability to safely load wood on her truck. She demonstrates her strength pulling a four-foot limb probably weighing 50 pounds from the pile and tossing it like toothpick. The heavier pieces she flips end over end until she arrives at the truck. She then props it on a wedge-shaped piece of wood until it is almost evenly balanced on the tailgate and slides it into the truck bed.

"I don't need anyone to tell me how to handle wood," she says. She's careful.

"You don't need any accidents. You have got to think of every move you make."

Pelletier doesn't have an answer as to how it might work out



IT'S ALL HOW YOU MOVE IT: Cookie Pelliter demonstrates how she moves wood pallets without having to pick them up. So as not to strain her back.

for her.

"You've got to keep going," she said.

Meanwhile, she would be

grateful for any wood people might want to drop off beside the red truck in her front yard at 39 Scolly St.

LEGAL NOTICES

Midnight to 5:00AM License
Second Class Victualer -24hrs

APPLICATION FOR A MIDNIGHT TO 5:00AM AND A SECOND CLASS VICTUALER 24hrs IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY ORDINANCE, SECTION 10-3 AS AMENDED HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Colbea Enterprises LLC
Dbas: Seasons Corner Market
2055 Warwick Ave
Warwick RI 02889

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPT., 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE, WARWICK RHODE ISLAND, AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY NIGHT, December 13, 2022 AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS LICENSE MAY BE HEARD.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
James H. Paolucci
CLERK

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

11/17, 11/24/22

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF WARWICK
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3275 Post Road on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the abandonment of a portion of Clarke Street.

That Clarke Street herein described be set for public hearing and advertisement for the reason that said highway has ceased to be useful to the public.

Your petitioners are the record owner of land abutting upon a certain tract of land situated on in the City of Warwick. The said plat is recorded in the land evidence records of said City of Warwick.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that the aforesaid undeveloped Clarke Street, a platted street in the said City of Warwick, be abandoned by the said City of Warwick through this Honorable City Council.

That notice be given to all owners of land abutting upon any part of said highway to appear at our City Council Meeting on November 21, 2022 and be heard for and against such abandonment and as to the damage if any which they shall sustain thereby. Such notice shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in English, and a further personal notice shall be served upon every person known to reside within this state who is an owner of land abutting on said proposed road to be abandoned.

A copy of the proposed abandonment may be examined in the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The proposals shown thereon may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing with-

out further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any such alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of said hearing.

All persons interested are invited to be present at said time and place, to be heard thereon.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the office of the City Clerk at 738-2006, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date. Any party, person (s) or entity interested in registering for electronic notice for proposed zoning amendments and/or amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Maps, and/or the City's Development Review Regulations governing Subdivision, Land Development and Development Plan Review should contact the City's Planning Department at 401-738-2009 or at https://www.warwickri.gov/user/116/contact.

Attest:
Lynn D'Abrasca, City Clerk

11/13, 11/10, 11/17/22

STATE WIDE 7

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

The Court will be in session at
WARWICK CITY HALL
on the dates specified
in notices below at
9:00 AM
for hearing said matters:

BAZOR, John N. alias John Bazor, est.
Administration Petition; for hearing
December 1, 2022

BAZOR, Sharon A. alias Sharon Ann Bazor, Sharon Bazor, est.
Petition to Appoint a Successor Administrator; for hearing December 1, 2022

CAMPION, Marie, est.
Probate of Will; for hearing December 1, 2022

COMEAU, Edward Bernard, Sr., est.
Administration Petition; for hearing
December 1, 2022

KLEIN, Alan Herbert, Alan H. Klein, est.
Probate of Will; for hearing December 1, 2022

LEBKUCHNER, Mark, est.
Guardianship Petition; for hearing
December 1, 2022

MATTOX, Denise Lyn, est.
Sale of Real Estate for property located at 49 Cottage Grove Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 further designated as Assessor's Plat 362 Lot 132; for hearing December 1, 2022

MILLER, Craig, J., est.
Guardianship Petition; for hearing
December 1, 2022

MURATORE, Vincent, Sr., est.
Probate of Will; for hearing December 1, 2022

NELSON, Evan, est.
Guardianship Petition; for hearing
December 1, 2022

PATRICK, Claire M. alias Claire Marie Patrick, est.
Probate of Will; for hearing December 1, 2022

PLUMPTON, Peter W. alias Peter William Plumpton, est.
Probate of Will; for hearing December 1, 2022

TUASON, Precious Joy, est.
Minor Guardianship of Estate Only; for hearing December 1, 2022

ABEL, Susan R. alias Susan Abel, est.

David J. DeFelice has qualified as Executor (Arthur Russo Jr., Esq. of 222 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI 02888 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 17, 2022

GARRITY, Ida I. alias Ida Irene Garrity, est.

Frank Mastrati, Jr. has qualified as Administrator c.t.a.; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 17, 2022

GUSTAFSON, Mary F. alias Mary Frances Gustafson, est.

Deborah J. Jackman has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 17, 2022

ROSE, Jason D. alias Jason David Rose,

Kerry Rose has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 17, 2022

WOODWORTH, Cortez, M. est.
Merrimon B. Oxley has qualified as Administratrix d.b.n. (Mark Iacono of 56 Exchange Street, 5th Floor, Providence, RI 02903 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 17, 2022

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

ATTEST: LYNN D'ABROSCA, CITY CLERK

11/17, 11/24/22

City of Warwick
Board of Public Safety
Alcoholic Beverage Notice

Renewal applications to keep and sell intoxicating beverages under the provisions of Title 3 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, for the licensing period beginning at 12:01 a.m., December 1, 2022 and ending at 12:00 a.m., December 1, 2023, have been received from the following. These licenses will be going before the Board of Public Safety on **Tuesday November 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Warwick Police Department, 99 Veterans Memorial Drive, at which time and place persons remonstrating against the granting of these renewal applications may be heard. Remonstrance must be filed on or before date of hearing.

Board of Public Safety
James H. Paolucci

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the office of Public Safety at 468-4217 or TDD 739-9150 at **least 72 hours** in advance of the meeting date.

Radisson BT01/BH06 2081 Post Rd

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INVITATION TO BID

Bridgemark, Inc. invites sealed bids to install a fire suppression system at 1984 Elmwood Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888.

Each General Bidder may obtain complete sets of the Bidding Documents at Bridgemark, Inc. from November 21st through November 30th, 2022

Hours for pickup will be 10:00AM-4:00PM. Please call ahead to assure that the documents are ready for you upon arrival. Bid packages can also be obtained by emailing mlaurent@bridgemark.org.

Bids are due by: Friday December 9, 2022, by 2:00PM. Opening of bids will follow.

Bid proposals are to be sent to: Megan Laurent, Bridgemark, Inc., 2020 Elmwood Ave, Warwick, RI 02888. For questions regarding the specifications or to arrange pickup of bid documents please contact Megan Laurent at (401) 781-2700 ext.21 or mlaurent@bridgemark.org. Bids must be sealed and properly labeled. Emailed, faxed or unsealed bids will not be accepted.

This is a Federally Funded project. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 2CFR 200, the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Actions, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This business is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

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

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

11/17/22

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NOTICE
CITY OF WARWICK
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 45-24-53 that a Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 3275 Post Road, Warwick RI 02886 on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map, as summarized below:

Applicant:	Kevin Murphy / New England Institute of Technology
Assessor's Plat:	344
Assessor's Lot:	101, 493 and 3,968 SF Portion of Clarke St
Location:	68 Greene St, 2562 Post Rd and Portion of Clarke St. Ward 3
Present Classification:	Office, Office (IE) Institutional/Educational Overlay, and A-7
Zone Change Requested:	Office (PDR) Planned Development Residential Overlay
Reason for Proposed Change:	To allow for the development of a five (5) unit multi-family.

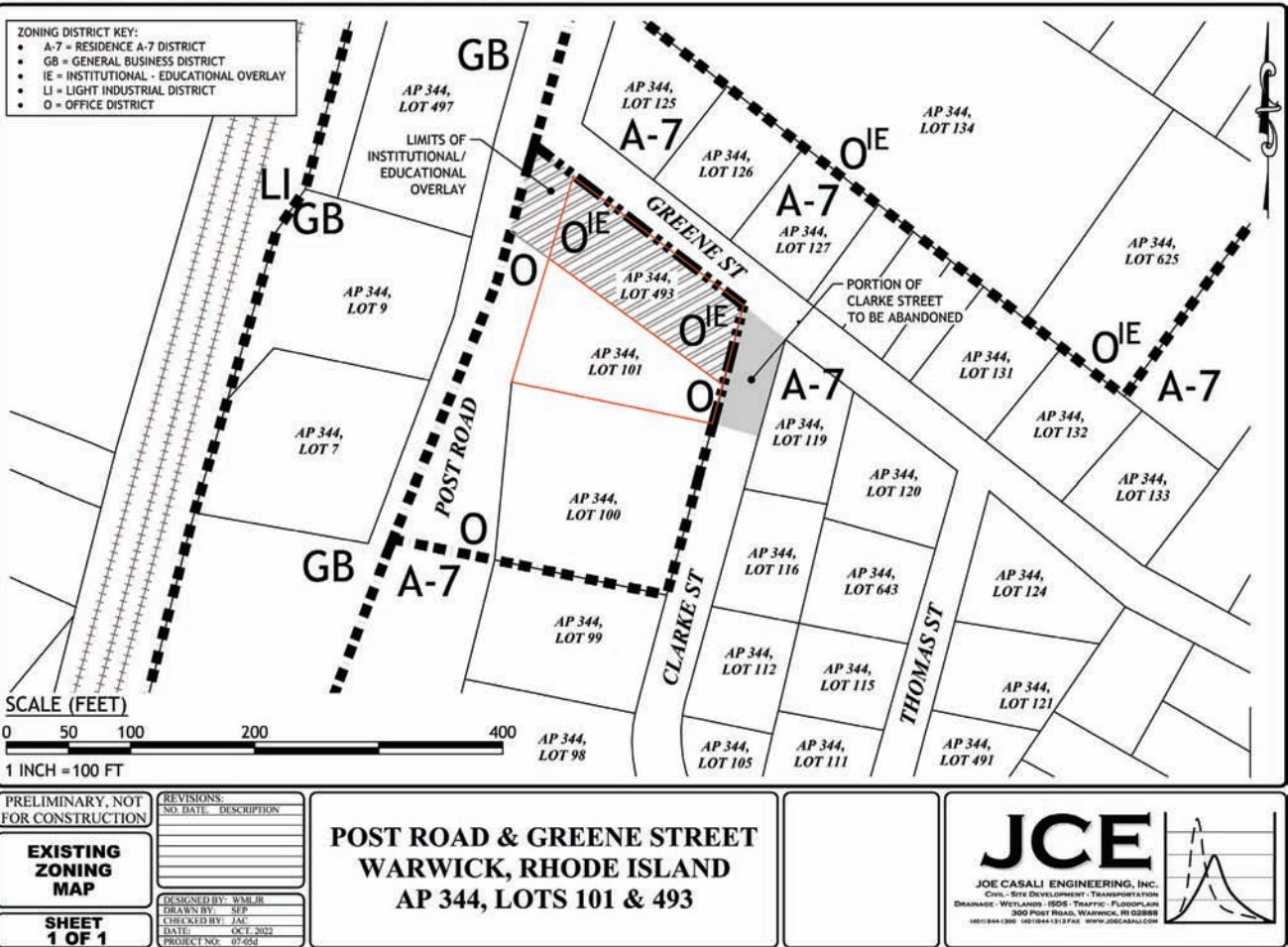
A complete copy of the proposed amendment may be examined on-line at the City of Warwick's web page and/or copied, at cost, in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Warwick, Rhode Island; Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. The proposed ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

All persons interested in the above are respectfully requested to be present at that time and place to be heard thereon. Individuals requesting interpreter service for the hearing impaired must notify the office of the City Clerk at 738-2006, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

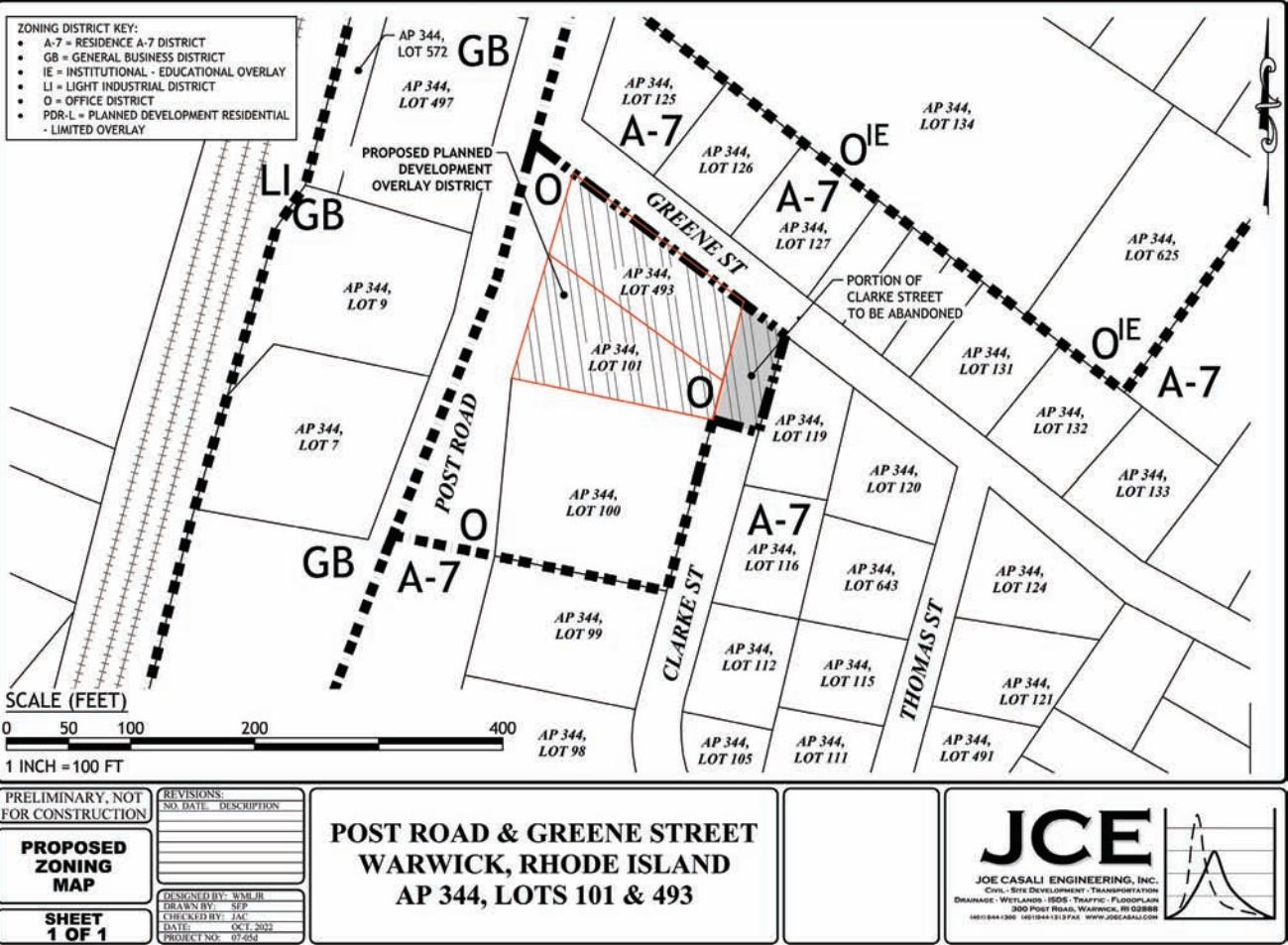
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Lynn D'Abrasca, City Clerk

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KEEP ON DANCIN': Cast members perform an upbeat dance routine choreographed by Mrs. Jenna A Tremblay-Reilly.



ROCKER'S PARADISE: Jessica Taul serenades the audience as rocker Stacey Jaxx.



THE FINE PRINT: During an intermission at dress rehearsal, Denningham gives the students direction.



HERE WE GO AGAIN: The Pilgrim Players take on the hit Broadway musical Rock of Ages. Performances will be held Nov 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and Nov 20 at 2 p.m.

■ Play

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herself. She's not afraid to walk out on anyone who hurts her".

Portraying the character Drew Boley, senior Passarelli provides an energetic performance as he sings "Come on feel the noise" by Quiet Riot. Passarelli spoke that the most challenging part of his performance was "taking all the elements (singing, dancing and acting) and making it as seamless as possible".

Rock of Ages was written by Chris D'Arenzo and debuted on Broadway in 2009. Set in 1987, the musical tells the story of Drew Boley and Sherrie Christian as they pursue their dreams working at the Bourbon Room on the

Sunset Strip in Hollywood. Drew has dreams of becoming a rock star while Sherrie aspires to become an actress. When a famous rocker named Stacey Jaxx performs at the Bourbon Room and causes a misunderstanding between Drew and Sherrie tensions erupt. Featuring songs from Bon Jovi, Styx, Journey, and Pat Benatar Rock of Ages is a captivating story with a convulsive sound.

When asked why he chose Rock of Ages as a musical for this fall's production, Richard Denningham said he "wanted to do something different than the traditional Broadway musical". He found that the coming-of-age theme resonated with the experiences that students are dealing with as they move forward in life. "Every kid feels

like life is changing. I'm becoming a real adult now" he said. "You have to put yourself out there and take a chance" he added with encouragement. As the musical director for Pilgrim High School since 2006, Denningham reflected that his favorite part of the job is teaching kids "to be responsible for your work and other peoples' work. These skills are transferable to the real world".

Inspired by Denningham's skills as a musical director, 10th grade student Kamryn Gavin decided to join the Pilgrim Players. Gavin (who plays the character Dennis Dupree) has enjoyed the social environment of the Pilgrim Players and he wants to continue to act in the future.

Elliott won't seek Warwick political office again, urges younger generation to step forward

Following his unsuccessful third run for the District 20 House seat in the General Assembly, Dan Elliott announced this week he will not run for Warwick political office again.

"It has been a pleasure campaigning and getting to know the people of our district one-on-one and taking the time to listen to their concerns," Elliott said in a release. "I want to thank all the friends of this campaign for their great support and loyalty, and of course everyone in our district who voted for me. This election marks my last run for office in Warwick. It would have been my great honor

to serve the city."

Elliott ran as an independent against incumbent David Bennett. He received 1,898 votes or 37.4 percent of the ballots cast.

Elliott said he hopes another candidate of the younger generation will emerge to run for the seat. "Nothing changes in Rhode Island if nothing changes at the State House," Elliott said. "Rhode Island desperately needs younger leaders who can bring fresh ideas to the table. Hopefully someone from our district wants to run and they will step forward in 2024."

Courthouse event to spotlight National Adoption Day

Rhode Island Family Court Chief Judge Michael B. Forte and the Rhode Island Judiciary will sponsor a special event to celebrate the 19th National Adoption Day on November 19, 2022.

The Rhode Island event will coincide with events being planned across the United States on this day to draw attention to the adoption process and the large number of children available for adoption. The Court will be finalizing nine adoptions with seven different families.

The celebration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Floor of

the Kent County Courthouse. Many local sponsors are involved: Dunkin Brands; HASBRO; Cardi Brothers; Adoption Rhode Island; Deb Bettencourt Photography; Kay Jewelers; Pepsi; Providence Children's Museum; Henry's Tree Farm, Uncle Tony's, Prestige Dance & Fitness Studio, and many local restaurants and stores, have donated to this event. Each child that will have their adoption finalized will receive a special gift bag filled with toys, stuffed animals, a frame for a donated portrait of their new

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Recipe for a career

Former student returns as chef for culinary arts program

By JOHN HOWELL

Austin Irons knows what goes into making a good charcuterie, his favorite dish. It takes a combination of meats, cheeses, nuts, olives, jams, vegetables and an assortment of other delectable nibbles. It's a dish he will introduce to culinary arts student at the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center later this academic year.

Irons follows in the footsteps of his mentor, Chef Ray Depot who ran the program with Eva Niosi teaching baking and pastry when he was a student at the center. Niosi now works with Irons as her boss.

Charcuterie wasn't on the



IRONS

roll with the artistic flare of a sailboat as the entrée,

That's what culinary students at the Career and Tech Center prepared Thursday under the tutelage of Chef Irons for patrons of the Tides restaurant, the second opening of the student-run restaurant this academic year.

Irons is working on the menus for future luncheons at Tides, which is open to the public for every Thursday for sittings at 11:30 a.m. and noon. Menus can be viewed on the WACTC website and reservations can be made by calling the center at (401) 734-3161. Menu items range in cost up to \$12 for a meal including entrée, dessert and beverage. In addition to running the restaurant, culinary students fill from 15 to 20 faculty take out orders three days a week.

Irons, a 2012 graduate of Toll Gate High School and the career center, was appointed in August to succeed Depot, who has retired.

It's the perfect job in the community that he loves.

"I kind of always knew where I wanted to end up," Irons said Thursday looking up from a jar of loose change, bills and receipts. He was double checking the accounting of that day's sales that is all part of what culinary students are expected to learn.

Irons, 28, is Warwick to the core.

He attended Greene

School, Gorton Junior High and would have completed high school at Vets had he not taken the path to culinary arts at the center that is part of the Toll Gate complex. After earning his diploma he went on to graduate from the culinary program at Johnson & Wales University in 2015 and to earn a masters degree from Bridgewater State University in 2019. His first job with Warwick was a special education teacher at Toll Gate. His most recent post before learning of Depot's retirement and applying for the job was teaching first grade at Oakland Beach School, which he said was "a good time." But, he adds, "This is where I belong."

Irons looks for this students to develop "a kitchen finesse" which he explains as understanding what is happening around them, anticipating needs and solving problems. He understands not all graduates of the program will choose a career using the skills learned at the center. Nonetheless, they will have the ability to cook for themselves and their families and know how to safely store food.

From the sound of it, Irons spends a fair amount of time in the kitchen at home. He and his wife, Tina, a graduate of Vets when it was a high school, are foster parents to three children.

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roll with the artistic flare of a sailboat as the entrée,

That's what culinary students at the Career and Tech Center prepared Thursday under the tutelage of Chef Irons for patrons of the Tides restaurant, the second opening of the student-run restaurant this academic year.

Irons is working on the menus for future luncheons at Tides, which is open to the public for every Thursday for sittings at 11:30 a.m. and noon. Menus can be viewed on the WACTC website and reservations can be made by calling the center at (401) 734-3161. Menu items range in cost up to \$12 for a meal including entrée, dessert and beverage. In addition to running the restaurant, culinary students fill from 15 to 20 faculty take out orders three days a week.

Irons, a 2012 graduate of Toll Gate High School and the career center, was appointed in August to succeed Depot, who has retired.

It's the perfect job in the community that he loves.

"I kind of always knew where I wanted to end up," Irons said Thursday looking up from a jar of loose change, bills and receipts. He was double checking the accounting of that day's sales that is all part of what culinary students are expected to learn.

Irons, 28, is Warwick to the core.

He attended Greene

500 to go

Warwick Area Career and Technical culinary dove into the baking process Tuesday to fill orders for more 500 pies. They also will bake 100 dozen rolls plus an assortment of breads by for pick up at the center between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday. It's too late to place orders for Thanksgiving, but following the holiday the culinary program sets in motion its Christmas selections of cookies, cakes and other baked delights. A menu and order form will be posted on the center website under the Tides Restaurant page. (Warwick Beacon photos)



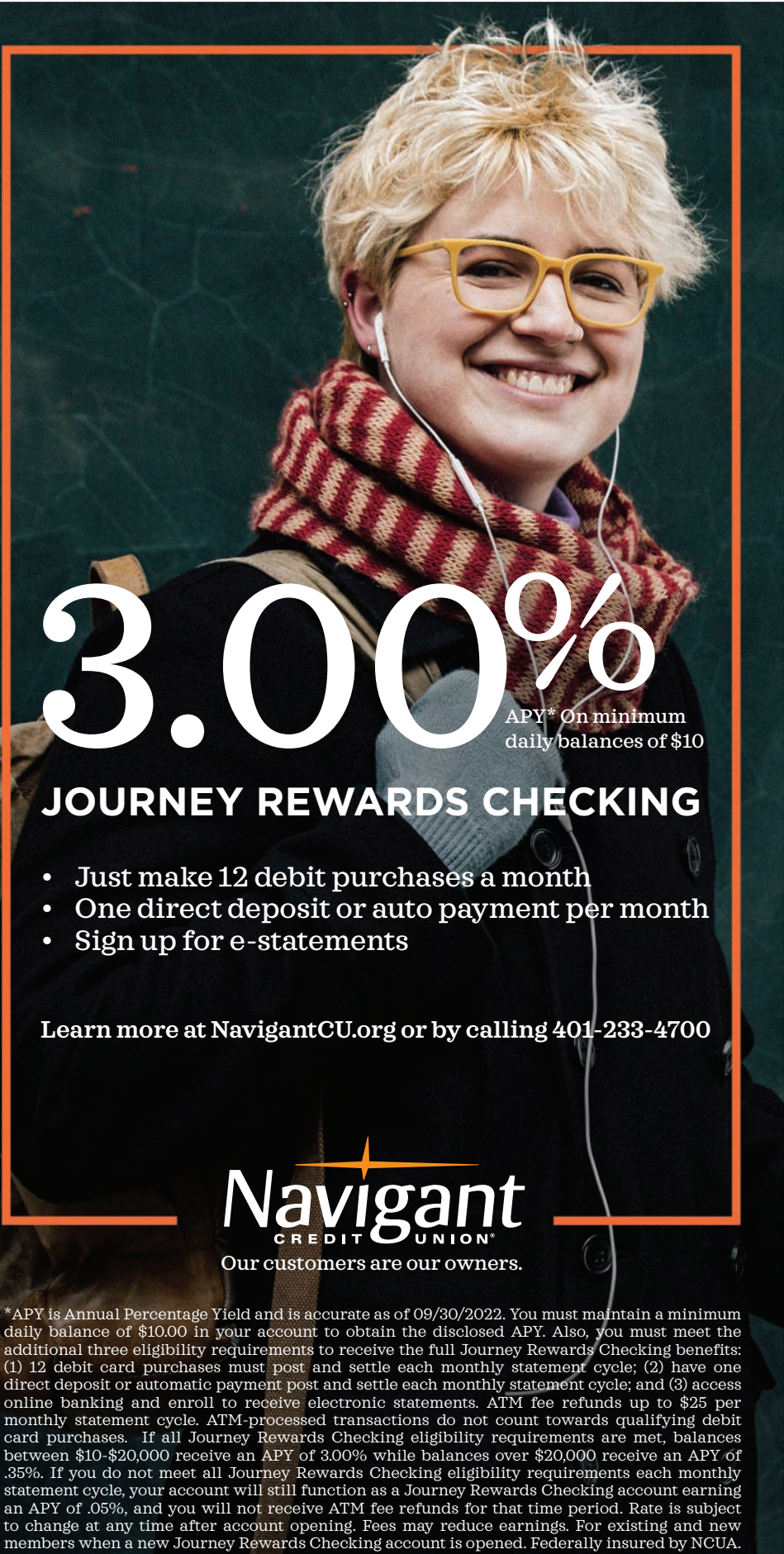
THEY WON'T WAIT: Abigail Pauhus uses an ice cream scoop to measure dough for maple snickerdoodle cookies the center will sell as part of its lunch menu. Abigail says she "loves" the class and learning how to make the "creamy" mix for chocolate chip cookies.



MADE TO FIT: Brady Leigh prepares to unfold a pie crust in one of the hundreds of dishes students will use to meet Thanksgiving orders.

IT STARTS WITH THE CRUST: Culinary arts students rolled out pie crust dough in preparation for the fillings that will follow. With 500 pie orders to fill there wasn't time to dawdle.






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Don't call him a hero, but a veteran



Former Merchant Marine awarded Congressional Gold Medal

By JOHN HOWELL

Harry Olsen, who is now 97 years old, builds ships. That was apparent as he sat beside the model of one of the ships he served aboard as a member of the Merchant Marines during World War II. The model, which Harry built, displays minimal armament and a deck laden with pipes, valves and booms. It carried 6 million gallons of aviation fuel, a prime target for Japanese bombers and subs.

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HARRY OSCAR OLSEN

To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Merchant Marine to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of the Nation. You undertook a most severe task—one which called for courage and fortitude. Because you demonstrated the resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further serving our country in peace.

Harry Truman

THE WHITE HOUSE

PROUD OF HER DAD: (Right) Marie Palmer holds the medal her father, Harry Olsen, received for his service during WWII as a member of the Merchant Marines. (Top) Harry Olsen pictured with a model of the tanker he served on at the recent Steamship Historical Society of America reception held in recognition of him receiving a Congressional Gold Medal. (Warwick Beacon photos)



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ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



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Mama Cass

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Above: The cast of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. **At Right:** Phyllis Kay as Ebenezer Scrooge and Angela Brazil as the Ghost of Christmas Present. Original Music by Richard Cumming; Directed by Aileen Wen McGroddy; Music Direction and Arrangements by Andrew Smithson; Choreography by Shura Baryshnikov; Set Design by Tatiana Kahvegian; Costume Design by Camilla Dely; Lighting Design by Keith Parham; Sound Design by Caroline Eng. (Photos by Mark Turek courtesy of trinityrep.com)



Diverse, inclusive 'A Christmas Carol' at Trinity

Theatre Review by **DON FOWLER**

We have seen them all. From the early traditional Dickens classic, to Ann Bogart's dark and dreary interpretation, to the first Black Scrooge and the first female Scrooge, to this year's most diverse and inclusive production, we have enjoyed the imaginative spins that Trinity Rep gives to its annual gift to Rhode Island. Under the direction of Brown/Trinity grad Aileen Wen McGroddy, this year's production follows Trinity's growing emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Mrs. Scrooge (Phyllis Kay) is a businesswoman and her partner, Marley (Rachel Warren), is likewise. The

ghosts of Past, Present and Future are played by women, as are a majority of the cast. Scrooge's clerk Bob Cratchit (Luis Rivera Figueroa) and his family are Hispanic and often speak in Spanish. Her nephew Fred (Gunnar Manchester) is in a gay marriage. Asian, Hispanic, White and Black adults and children fill color-blind roles. Casting is approaching the day in the theatre world when that is the norm. Traditionalists need not worry. The messages of peace, love, tolerance, humanity and all the good feelings surrounding the Christmas season are still there. The dialogue has been changed a bit. Scrooge's attitude toward the

burning of coal becomes a political statement, as does his strong feelings toward the poor. The play opens on a stark, three level, two trap door set, with seven doors and a white-clad chorus surrounding Scrooge. Scrooge's journey of self discovery adds color, music and humor as she finally makes amends, and closes with everyone at the table, a wonderful scene that says it all. There are subtle symbols throughout that the kids may miss. But they will love the turkey that the turkey-girl delivers to the Cratchits. "A Christmas Carol" is at Trinity Rep through Jan. 1. Call 351-4242 for reservations or go online to www.trinityrep.com.



Dominic West as Prince Charles and Elizabeth Debicki as Princess Diana in 'The Crown' on Netflix. (Courtesy of Keith Bernstein for Netflix)

WARWICK SHOWCASE
BLACK PANTHER WAKANDA FOREVER

(Action-packed, Confusing Sequel)

There are three requirements to fulfill before seeing this action-packed, confusing sequel:
1. See the original.
2. Do some research to figure out what is going on.
3. Get yourself in a young adult mindset.
The two-hour movie opens with the funeral of the Black Panther. Chadwick Boseman's image is everywhere throughout the movies, with reverent references made to the late actor. The Wakanda leaders are fighting to protect their nation after King T'Challa's death. Who is going to rise to the occasion and lead

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Movies

them? The movie jumps all over the place and assumes that you know who's who and what's what. We are in a lab in Cambridge. We are in Wakanda. We are in a strange land under the sea. We are on a huge ship in the Atlantic Ocean, and then in a space ship. We are on beaches in various islands and countries. Sister Shuri is frantically trying to find a cure for the disease that killed her brother. The Queen is trying to hold it together while searching for a missing family member.

Wakanda leaders are debating over whether or not they should share their most precious commodity --vibranium, which only they possess. The CIA and the FBI are involved somehow. And there are the blue-skinned bad guys who provide for the long battles. The final battle goes on forever, followed by at least a dozen endings, the credits, and yet another ending that sets up the next sequel. The opening night showing was sold out. I was by far the oldest person there. I wanted to ask the younger folks what the heck was going on and how this person

was related to that person, but they were all in some kind of a Marvel-induced hypnotic state; have to say that the acting was good and the special effects were incredible. The story was way beyond me.

NETFLIX
THE CROWN

(5th Season)

The popular Netflix series began its fifth season last Thursday and we were there, watching the latest adventures of the Royal Family. Princess Diana takes center stage in these episodes, as we see how she is rejected by the Royal Family and how her husband is unfaithful. The Crown deals with all the flaws in the family and how the Queen reacts to them.

How to combat the daylight-saving time blues!

How to combat the daylight-saving time blues! It's that time of year. It's dark by 4:30. Many people feel depressed. This is a thing, called SAD or seasonal affective disorder. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons — SAD begins and ends at about the same times every year. If you're like most people with SAD, your symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. These symptoms often resolve during the spring and summer months. Less often, SAD causes depression in

60s and Sexy



by
CINDY
WILSON

the spring or early summer and resolves during the fall or winter months. There are lots of all natural things you can do to help combat these feelings. Signs and symptoms of SAD may include:

- Feeling listless, sad or

down most of the day, nearly every day

- Losing interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Having low energy and feeling sluggish
- Having problems with sleeping too much
- Experiencing carbohydrate cravings, overeating and weight gain
- Having difficulty concentrating
- Feeling hopeless, worthless or guilty

Here are some easy things to make you feel better. Aromatherapy has long been proven to help with these mood swings. Try diffusing some lemon or peppermint or lavender into the air. You can do this with a

diffuser or simply putting a few drops of essential oil in a steaming bowl of hot water. Deeply inhale the scents to help relax the central nervous system. Exercise is also great for those blue feelings. Take advantage of a sunny day and go for a brisk walk. I sponsor a walking group on Meetup.com. We walk at Rocky Point on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings at 9am. It's called "Walk and Talk at Rocky Point". We call ourselves the "Rocky Point Pacers". We meet in the big lot and over the years have had lots of laughs and developed many friendships! So, don't let the winter blues get you down, this too shall pass!



COLLECTIBLES



ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT: The Material Culture



By Joel Bohy
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I used to collect World War I Imperial German and U.S. arms and militaria. I've watched and read many books on the fighting that took place and studied the material culture. Over the past year or so I have been hearing about an upcoming film adaptation of the 1929 book All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque, a German veteran of World War I. Seeing some of the trailers recently on social media, it looked like it was going to be pretty good, and I couldn't wait for its release. It had been made into a film in 1930 and I've watched it numerous times over the years. I can see why it won five Academy Awards when it came out and to me it still stands the test of time today.

Over the weekend I sat down to watch the much-anticipated new adaptation on Netflix. I tried to go into it with an open mind and then compile my thoughts after I watched it. A hard thing to do as many of you know who study martial material culture. But I did it the best I could. So overall I enjoyed it as entertainment and there are a lot of historically accurate things. I thought the uniforms and equipment were correct for the most part. The scenes where they show the uniforms being taken off the dead and wounded, washed, mended, and reissued was thought provoking. As someone who really likes the Mauser Gewehr 98 infantry rifle, I noticed none of them had a cleaning rod, especially in the scene where they discussed keeping their G98s clean. A minor detail but a simple one to fix. The battle scenes were well done and gave you a sense of the brutal and horrific combat, but you could notice some of the CGI. As mentioned, I liked it as an entertaining movie. But as far as a comparison to the book, it seemed off. While they added some things that I think enhanced the story, a lot of important things were missing, and it just didn't have the same vibe as the book that the

1930 adaptation seemed to capture very well. The book really pushed the indoctrination of the young students before they went off to war, but the film didn't give as much of an emphasis on that. They even changed the ending and how the main character dies. You could see what point the movie makers were trying to make, however again, it was a major alteration. Anyway, I would recommend that those who have an interest watch the film and enjoy it for what it is. But if you haven't read the book or watched the 1930 version, do that also. I think you will notice the differences and might even agree that it could have been better if they followed the book a little closer. Just my two pfennigs.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 45-24-53 that a Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 3275 Post Road, Warwick RI 02886 on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map, as summarized below:

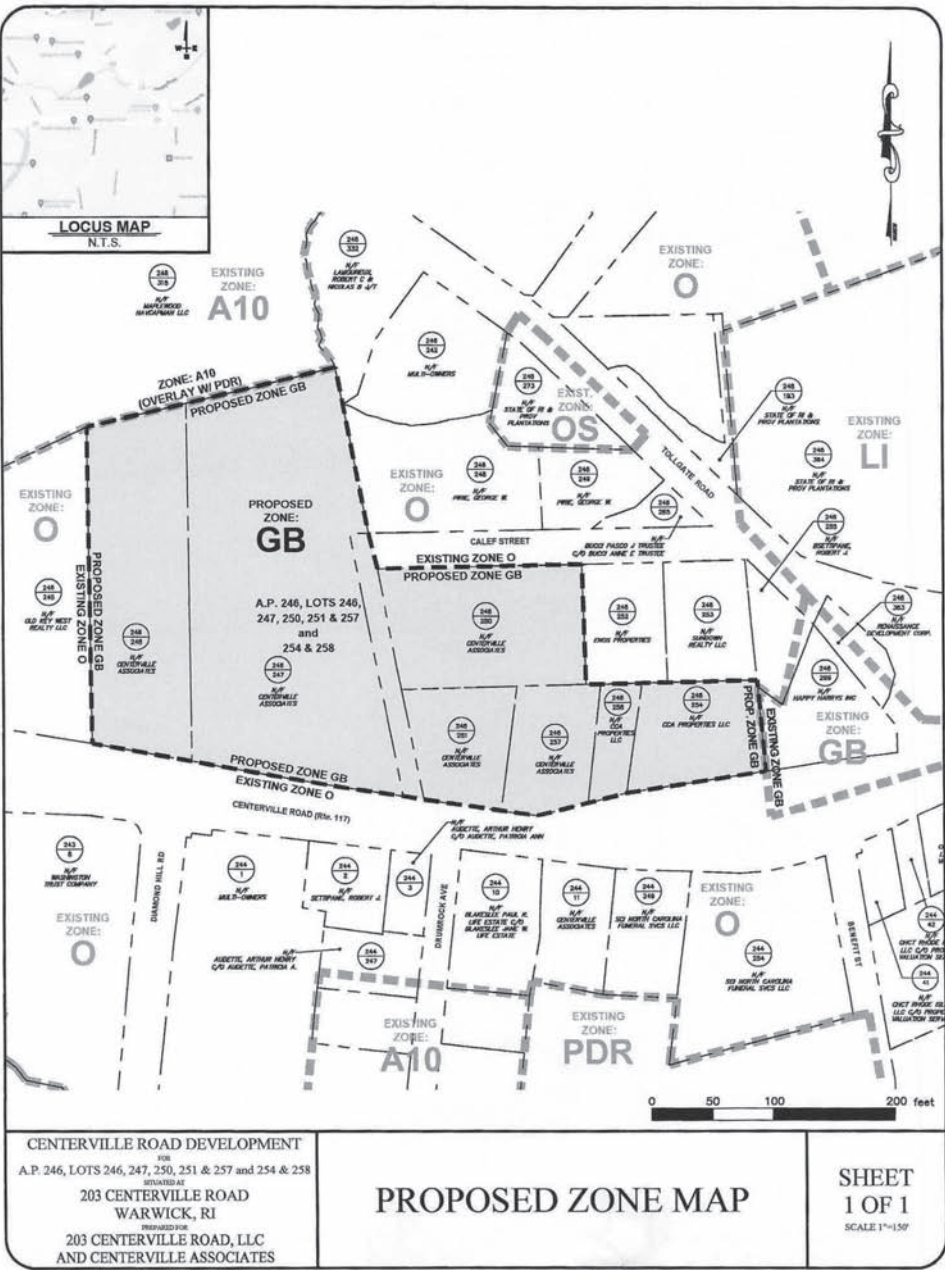
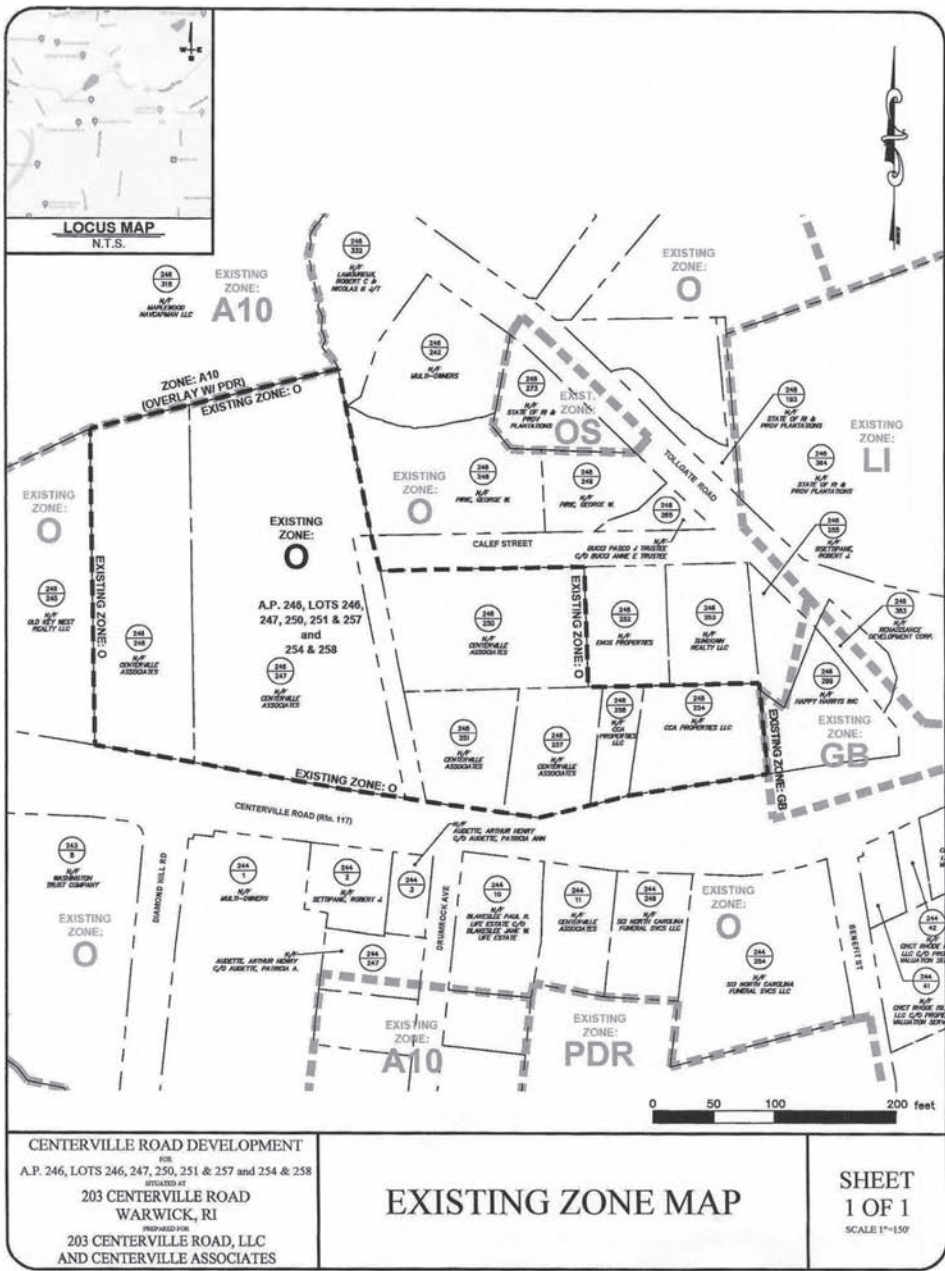
Applicants:	203 Centerville Road LLC and Centerville Associates
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Assessor's Lot:	246, 247, 250, 251 & 257 and 254 & 258
Location:	171, 181, 203, 221 Centerville Road - Ward 8 Calef Street – Ward 8
Present Classification:	Office (O)
Zone Change Requested:	General Business (GB)
Reason for Proposed Change:	To allow for the development of a multi-tenant commercial development, which will include a drive-thru coffee shop (no inside seating), a car wash and two additional retail uses.

A complete copy of the proposed amendment may be examined on-line at the City of Warwick's web page and/or copied, at cost, in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Warwick, Rhode Island; Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. The proposed ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

All persons interested in the above are respectfully requested to be present at that time and place to be heard thereon. Individuals requesting interpreter service for the hearing impaired must notify the office of the City Clerk at 738-2006, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Attest:
Lynn D'Abrosca, City Clerk

11/3, 11/10, 11/17/22



FIRST TO FINISH: As fifth grader Natalia Stevens completed a 5K practice run, she was hit with silly string. She wasn't the only one to be stringed. All of the girls were thrilled to be similarly recognized.

Building
confidence
on the run

It was a warm, almost hot, fall afternoon with the setting sun casting long shadows over the field behind the Norwood Boys and Girls Clubs. Twelve fifth grade girls jogged around the field in a practice run to Saturday's 5K Girls on the Run at Warwick City Park. The event marks an end of the program that Norwood School Principal Sabrina Antonelli started on Sept. 6. The program aimed at building confidence, kindness and decision making skills has been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for about 90 minutes each session. Norwood fifth grade teachers Emily West, Jessica Silva and Jill Amaral, who underwent Girls On The Run training, work with the girls. As the rotations around the field slowed, the teachers encouraged the girls to keep at it. "You can do it," urged one of the coaches. "Only two more laps," another to one of the runners who had slowed to a walk. According to the Girls On The Run Website, the program "inspires girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths while building a sense of connection in a team setting. Volunteer coaches facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life skill development to enable girls to adapt to whatever comes their way. At the end of the season, the team completes a 5K together, which provides a tangible sense of accomplishment and sets a confident mindset into motion."



STARTED PROGRAM: Norwood School Principal Sabrina Antonelli started the Girls On The Run program at Norwood School in an effort to build the confidence of fourth and fifth grade girls. (Warwick Beacon photos)

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Title:	An ordinance relative to amendment of Appendix A, the Warwick zoning ordinance of the City of Warwick to define, establish and classify districts, create administrative procedures for short-term rental use of residential dwelling units, and provide supplementary regulations for the shot-term rental of dwelling units (PCO-4-22)
Applicant:	City of Warwick
Location:	City Wide
Zoning Districts:	A-40, A-15, A-10, A-7, and Village District
Amended Sections:	Section 200. - Definitions Section 302. - Table 1. Use Regulations New Section 510. – Regulation of short-term rental of dwelling units.
Reason for Change:	The Warwick City Council desires to amend various sections of the City's Zoning Ordinance as outlined herein to create a standard process for the regulation of short-term rental properties.
Amendments:	In general, the proposed zoning ordinance amendment will: Provide specific definitions related to short term rentals; Amend Table 1. Use Regulations to define which zoning districts short term rentals may either be allowed or prohibited; establish a general procedure and submittal requirements for short term rentals, property requirements, parking requirements, and reporting.

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Any party, person (s) or entity interested in registering for electronic notice for proposed zoning amendments and/or amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Maps, and/or the City's Development Review Regulations governing Subdivision, Land Development and Development Plan Review should contact the City's Planning Department at 401-738-2009 or at <https://www.warwickri.gov/user/116/contact>.

Attest:
Lynn D'Abrosca, City Clerk

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Warwick Neck Elementary students learn the meaning of Veterans Day

By KRISTEN ROY

When former Mayor and retired RI Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty was asked to attend a Veterans Day event at Warwick Neck School, he thought he was going to address a class and answer students’ questions. To his surprise, he found the school assembled outside and that he would be delivering the keynote address.

“If there is one word that I can think of that is common to people who have served in all the branches in the military is that small four word ‘duty,’” said Flaherty, who served in the Army and was in combat in Vietnam. “These people gave up part of their lives some of them all of their lives the rest of their lives to come forward and serve their country. Not all veterans gave up their lives. There is a saying in the military ‘‘Some gave all, but all gave some.’’”

Flaherty rhetorically asked the assembly “was it worth it?”

“On a smaller scale most of us to think it was worth it. You grew up. You learned in the service. Doing something means getting it done or there are consequences. But the biggest reason we know it was worth it is we come to a ceremony like this and we see children, students who have the freedom to be educated the freedom to do whatever they want to do in life the freedom to go wherever they want to go in life and know that in some small way we had a part in that,” Flaherty said.

He added that in some small



FLAG WAVING STUDENTS: Students under the direction of Kristy Procaccianti sing “On Veterans Day,” one of several choral performances during the event.

way veterans have made this country great so young people can make it even greater.

The school’s annual Veterans Day Celebration was held for the second year at Warwick Neck Elementary; it was previously held at the Warwick Neck Lighthouse. Warwick Neck resident Jack Henriques, whose great-grandfather John Henriques founded the Coast Guard Academy in 1876, started the

observance.

“We are home of the free because of the brave,” said Jonathan Knight, President of the Warwick Neck Improvement Association in his opening remarks.

Fifth graders Tanner Wakeman and Aundrea Gemma served as emcees and Cub Scout Pack 1 and Girl Scout Troop 79 presented the colors.

Monsignor Mark Rowan, a Chaplain Colonel in the United States Air Force, provided a military invocation followed by Mayor Frank Picozzi, Judge Flaherty, Representative Solomon, Knight and members of the Warwick Neck Improvement Association, Fire Chief Peter McMichael, Police Colonel Bradford Connor as members of the Warwick Police and Fire Department and members of the United States Coast Guard and military.

Mayor Picozzi thanked the veterans and their families.

“Freedom isn’t guaranteed. We owe them a debt that can’t be paid,” he said.

Under the direction of Kristy Procaccianti, fifth graders performed “On Veterans Day.”

“All the memories that have come from now and the past have led to our gratitude and freedom that may last,” reflected fifth grader Robert Defusco in his poem “Freedom that may

last.”

“Thank you for your service and bravery too, also for protecting the red white and blue. There are many more reasons why we want to thank you. Our liberty is enjoyed with credit to you,” read Hailey Hayes in her poem “Reflection.”

Tanner and Aundrea read the names of 94 veterans who have served and are still alive, have served and died of natural

causes and those who were killed in action. Attendees then listened as fourth and fifth graders of WNES sang “Veterans March” and “Grateful Nation” while proudly waving miniature American flags.

Principal Frank Galligan thanked veterans and the event’s speakers.

Aristia McLaughlin, a member of the United States Coast Guard greeted attendees and explained that her father’s service in the Navy, USCG PO inspired her to join the Coast Guard two years ago.

“[I’m] proud to be a part of a service that serves the people of the United States, protects them, defends them and saves them,” said McLaughlin.

USCG Lt. Natalie Cordes added that joining the Coast Guard was the best decision she ever made and quoted John F. Kennedy: “As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them,” read Cordes.

WNES third graders sang and signed “America” under the direction of Procaccianti. Monsignor Rowan returned to deliver a military benediction followed by Tanner and Aundrea closing the program. When asked why they volunteered to emcee this Veterans Day Celebration Tanner said “because I like being a leader. I know I can lead.”

Aundrea Gemma added her reasoning.

“For veterans that serve us. It is great we have freedom now,” she said with a smile.



SALUTING OUR FLAG: Jonathan Knight, president of the Warwick Neck Improvement Association, Rep. Joseph Solomon, Senator-elect Mark McKenney and former Mayor and retired RI Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty cite the Pledge of Allegiance to open the Veterans Day tribute at Warwick Neck School last Thursday. (*Warwick Beacon photos*)



WELL REHEARSED: Fifth graders Aundrea Gemma, at the microphone, and Tanner Wakeman behind her served as emcees for the Veterans Day tribute that went off like clockwork.

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Title:	An ordinance amending Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick to increase, from two to four, the maximum number of yard sales allowed at a residence per calendar year. (PCO-19-22)
Applicant:	City of Warwick
Location:	City Wide – Text Amendment
Zoning Districts:	All residential districts
Amended Sections:	Section 601.7 Yard sales
Reason for Change:	The Warwick City Council desires to amend the City’s Zoning Ordinance to allow residents to conduct additional yard sales per calendar year.
Amendments:	The proposed zoning ordinance amendment will increase, from two to four, the maximum number of yard sales allowed at a residence in a calendar year.

A complete copy of the proposed amendment may be examined at the City of Warwick web-page and/or copied, at cost, in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Warwick, Rhode Island any Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. The proposed ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

All persons interested in the above are respectfully requested to be present at that time and place to be heard thereon. Individuals requesting interpreter service for the hearing impaired must notify the office of the City Clerk at 738-2006, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Any party, person (s) or entity interested in registering for electronic notice for proposed zoning amendments and/or amendments to the City’s Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Maps, and/or the City’s Development Review Regulations governing Subdivision, Land Development and Development Plan Review should contact the City’s Planning Department at 401-738-2009 or at <https://www.warwickri.gov/user/116/contact>.

Attest:
Lynn D’Abrosca, City Clerk

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Applicant:	City of Warwick
Location:	City Wide
Zoning Districts:	General Business (GB), Light Industrial (LI), and General Industrial (GI)
Amended Sections:	Section 300, Table I – Use Regulations
Reason for Change:	The Warwick City Council desires to amend the City’s Zoning Ordinance to direct the location of retail marijuana uses within the City.
Amendments:	In general, the proposed zoning ordinance amendment will limit the location of proposed retail marijuana stores to a select portion of Route 2 (between and including its intersections with Route 113 and with Route 3 / Cowesett Road) by right, and to Light Industrial (LI) and General Industrial (GI) areas by special use permit.

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20th Century Lifers: Part 2

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part 2 of a 3-part series

At the beginning of the 20th century, 16 “lifers” were behind prison bars in Cranston, each charged with 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.

James Lynn, a peddler, was found guilty of killing his wife Ann in Pawtucket on Aug 19, 1891. Three months earlier, she had gone to police covered in bruises to report that her husband had beat her. The couple began living separately. Ann ran a small fish market and variety store and, on the night of the murder, he drunkenly entered it and pushed her out to the sidewalk. She was holding her sister's two-year-old child in her arms as James fired three shots at her. He then went to the police and turned himself in. He initially pleaded not guilty than changed his plea to nolo, stating that he had no defense to make as he believed he was temporarily insane

when he committed the crime. He was sentenced to life in prison, at hard labor, on Oct. 29, 1891. He was pale and haggard-looking during his sentencing and his sister was so distraught, she became hysterical and had to be carried from the courtroom. The judge told Lynn that if there was any clemency to be shown in the crime he had committed, it would have to come from a higher authority than the court. During a holiday minstrel show the prison put on that Dec., James played an instrument as part of the entertainment. In March 1909, he petitioned for a pardon and parole, which he received in Jan. 1916.

Daniel Sullivan, of Newport, was found guilty of murdering Anthony Haswell on the night of July 19, 1892 at “Tintops” in Providence. Known as “Yankee Dan”, he claimed he was innocent and that he had been in the company of Martin Dalton that night. Prior to his arrest, he had been keeper of the Newport Polo Grounds and had operated a dancing academy. During the autumn of 1903, he became ill with consumption and

Back in the Day



by
KELLY SULLIVAN

his friends on the outside started a movement toward him being granted a pardon so that he could experience some freedom before he died. In April 1905, the governor finally consented to granting a pardon. He lived for five more years, dying at Hillsgrove Tent Camp for Consumptives in July 1910.

Martin Dalton of Fall River had been accused by Daniel Sullivan of killing Anthony Haswell on July 19, 1892. After going on the run, Dalton was located in At-

lanta, Georgia on Nov. 29, 1892. It was believed that 26-year-old Dalton and Sullivan had lured Haswell away from home with promises of a business deal. Described as standing at 5'8, weighing 155 pounds and having blonde hair and blue eyes, he was sentenced to life in prison on June 7, 1895 for participating in the robbery and murder.

Timothy Dailey, a 45-year-old machinist, was found guilty of fatally injuring his wife, who died on Feb. 29, 1892. That day, she had arrived at the door of a neighbor, holding a child and covered with blood. She had a serious wound on the side of her head, due to Timothy hitting her with a flat iron, and she appealed for help. When police arrived at her home, he was lying on the floor with his throat slit and a razor nearby. Timothy recovered and stated that he had gone into some sort of shock and did not have any recollection of what had happened. His relatives testified that he had a history of hallucinating and talking to himself. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Gilbert Potter, a 36-year-old quahog peddler from Rice City in Coventry, was found guilty of shooting his wife Susan while she slept on Sept. 3, 1894, killing her instantly. Potter was out in West Greenwich Bay digging quahogs to furnish a picnic party when his wife was found dead in her bed that morning. At about 9:00 on the evening of Sept. 4, Potter walked up to some Warwick police officers and told them, “I killed my wife and I want to give myself up. I might just as well tell the truth now as at any time. I did it and I'm ready to own up.” He later told police, “I have shot my wife because for five years she has been my torment. There is no need of anymore trouble about finding who fired that bullet into my wife's head.” He pleaded guilty to murder, explaining that he had reason to believe Susan had been unfaithful to him and he was jealous. He died in prison of tuberculosis on April 30, 1905 at the age of 47.

Kelly Sullivan is a Rhode Island columnist, lecturer and author.

Who wants to scrub a floor?

Last weekend we went out to a restaurant that had music, a guitarist playing all the great Neil Diamond songs and other tunes from the 70s. Hubby and I, along with my friend, Paula, and her husband, happily sat around a table for six, and soon another couple joined us. We had never met them, but we enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie as we joyously bopped in time to the music and sang the familiar lyrics. After a few hours, (and a few drinks,) Libby looked at me and said, “I feel like I have done nothing with my life, not like you.” It became apparent that Paula had told them all about us and our family. Mortified that anyone would compare themselves to me unfavorably, I immediately started to explain. It is always challenging for me to rationalize my life's philosophy because it came so naturally. Often, people who have no experience with individuals with disabilities find it hard to believe that “they” are

just like “us” deep down inside. Everyone wants the same thing, love, happiness, and success. My brother's delight in riding the escalators up and down at the mall, his happiness when eating a sundae from Newport Creamery, and his deep love for my mother was what made his life a success. Yes, he had his limitations, (deaf/blind/developmentally delayed and, once he reached his twenties, schizophrenic,) but he led a meaningful life. Knowing what I know about disabilities, it made perfect sense for us to adopt children with disabilities. They were just children, with the same hopes and dreams as any other child.

Because my mother and I had such a great relationship, I desperately wanted to have a girl of my own. I had a very difficult labor when our oldest child was born. (I had fallen down a flight of stairs and bent my tail bone in.) The resulting healthy, bouncing

Life Matters



with
LINDA PETERSEN

baby boy, weighing almost 10 pounds, was an amazing reason to celebrate. However, in the back of my mind I ached to have a daughter. No sense going through another labor when there might be a baby out there who needs a home! Hubby was thrilled with Francis' birth, but certainly not ready to talk about adoption. That is, until we found out that Francis had a serious, hereditary vision impairment. Hubby was on board then, and I wanted to adopt for

the selfish reason that it would guarantee a girl, so we adopted from Guatemala, one of the few countries that would allow the parents to chose the sex of their child.

When Dinora was about four, we talked about adopting again. Her adoption was very expensive and cost prohibitive to do again. At the time, I had been talking with a mother of another young boy who was blind, and she had started to do foster care. She took in her first baby as a newborn, and eventually was able to adopt this child. Easy! Piece of cake! What a great idea! Hubby and I applied to be foster parents and were soon rotating newborns in and out of our extra bedroom. Because the infants born to a mom addicted to heroin or cocaine were the most likely to become available for adoption, that was our specialty. I learned to love them unconditionally, even as their throws of withdrawal would wrack their little bodies

and I would lay on the floor next to the crib to rub their little backs and provide quiet reassurance. We fostered 17 infants before Steven became available for adoption. Easy! Piece of Cake!

I loved having children and was way too busy to think about keeping a spotlessly clean house. As they aged, my free time became more available. Selfishly not wanting to have the time or the inclination to clean, it became time again to seek another child, which we did twice more. There was nothing noble on my part at all. It was my choice to adopt because I loved nurturing and playing with children, and I abhorred housework.

Choosing to adopt was not a magnanimous decision. It may be difficult for people to understand how caring for so many children with disabilities was a selfish act, but who wouldn't rather sing nursery rhymes to a baby than scrub a dirty floor?

Medal

(Continued from page 17)

But Harry didn't talk about whatever he feared during his service in the Pacific or Atlantic Theaters at a recent reception honoring him at the Steamship Historical Society of America offices in Warwick.

He is the recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal.

Harry has a vivid recollection of tugs, cargo ships and troop carriers he served aboard, a total of six ships.

The reception, as a staff member of the society pointed out, was as much to focus the spotlight on Harry as it was to bring attention to the Merchant Marines who died in greater percentages than any other branch of the armed forces, yet still had to fight for almost 40 years to gain their veteran status. Harry's medal was made possible under the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020 (HR 5671).

Harry can trace his fascination with boats to when he was six years old. His grandfather put him in a boat and taught him how to row at the Washington Park Yacht Club on Mount Hope Bay. Also as a child when his father was captain of the T.J. Williams a tanker owned by the Standard Oil Company he and his mother would take the train where the boat pulled into port. He would walk the decks and was aboard if the boat had to move within the harbor.

His father was fortunate. He was on sick leave when the T. J. Williams was torpedoed without warning off Iceland in 1941 before United States entered the war.

“I always had boats,” he said in an interview from his home overlooking Apponaug Cove. He owned sail and power boats and teamed up with Bill Shaw, who went on to design boats for Pearson Yachts, to build a class sailing sloop.

Harry would have probably sent most of his life on a boat if it wasn't for Jackie.

Harry met Jackie skating at Roger Williams Park before joining the Merchant Marines. They remained in contact throughout the war. When he returned home a good deal later than most troops, as he was working on carriers bringing the troops back, he asked Jackie to marry. She agreed but only on condition he didn't return to the sea.

Harry traveled around the world during the war, having served on boats in the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian Ocean, Red Sea and Mediterranean. Harry lists the ports of call as if reading off a schedule, his memory is that sharp. His boat never came under attack although ships in this convoy were hit.

But there were some harrowing times, if not unusual deployments.

Decoy convoy

Prior to D-Day, the tanker he was aboard was dispatched to New Castle, England, to take on a cargo of slag, a by product of coal mining. A couple of days into to sailing north to Norway they were instructed to return to New Castle. It turns out they were part of a decoy convoy aimed at having the Germans believe the allies were planning to invade from the north.

The irony, says Harry referring to the phrase “it's like bringing coals to New Castle,” they returned coals to New Castle.

Being at sea was not without some fearful moments. Harry remembers a hurricane that tossed the boat around and had him more anxious than had the enemy been shooting at them. On another occasion while traveling in a convoy in rough seas, the vessel developed a massive crack because of improperly loaded cargo. The crew quickly used winches and cables to pull the steel back in place as best they could, holding the hull tight enough for the ship to leave the convoy and limp back to port.

It was 1943 and Harry was 17 when he enlisted. He started off as a seaman and following training was offered an array of options. Harry was interested in navigation and ended up on the bridge as a quartermaster.

Unlike veterans of military forces, Merchant Marines were not eligible for the GI Bill and the educational opportunities it provided or for other benefits such as housing assistance.

Harry wanted to be an engineer. He went to work for Scott Testers and then a plastics company before landing at Superior Health Care where he climbed to the executive ranks and traveled the world putting together manufacturing agreements. He retired in 1993. His passion for traveling was shared by Jackie. Having visited so much of the world while working for Superior, the couple decided it was time to see this country. They bought a motorhome and visited 37 states and used to travel to Florida. After losing Jackie in 2011, Harry took the entire family to Norway, an adventure he speaks fondly of.

Harry lives alone with family close by. He has an extensive family: three daughters and one son; six grandsons and two granddaughters; three great-great-grandsons and four great-great-granddaughters. He still drives the 1966 Buick Skylark he bought new at the East Greenwich Main Street Garage for \$3,0075. He drives an Infinity as his “everyday car.”

“Actually, it was \$3,000,” Harry says of the Buick recounting how he went to pick up the car but the dealer wanted to



IN THE WAKE OF THE WAR: Harry Olsen was a crew member aboard the Bonanza, returning from Europe with troops and cargo when they stopped at Bermuda and had this picture taken. Can you pick out Harry? He can, of course.

keep it to drive in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. As an incentive he cut \$75 from the price.

“It's one of the funny things you remember. I had to go to the parade to see my car,” he said. He saw more than that, however. His daughter was also in the parade riding a horse.

Harry is game to do things although he adds, “my mind says to do it and my body is not so willing.” He's working on a book about his life with his daughter-in-law, Janice Olsen.

As for the 6 million gallons of high octane aviation fuel his tanker was ready to deliver to the Philippines in preparation of the invasion of Japan, there wasn't room to store it when the war suddenly came to an end. Harry said they “pedaled it” to bases around the world.

Did he ever think of all that fuel he was sitting on top of and what could happen had the boat been hit?

His answer: “I wanted to get it (the delivery) done...I felt it was my duty.”

“I don't want to be looked at as a hero,” he said in a follow up phone call. “I want to be looked at as a veteran.”



SHE WANTED HIM AT HOME: Harry and Jackie before he left to serve in the Merchant Marines. When he returned after WWII she said she would marry him only he left the Merchant Marines.

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Falcon Brunch

Falcon Brunch let it rip with debut EP

By ROB DUGUAY

Jazz fusion is a musical style that has been going relatively strong for over half a century and in certain artistic circles the genre is held in high regard. With this being said, it doesn't really have a major presence on a local level when it comes to the music scene around Rhode Island. A lot of jazz acts in Lil' Rhody either have that classic big band vibe or they take cues

from the eras of the '50s and early '60s while some rock bands have a noticeable fusion influence but their sound leans more towards funk and prog. One band that's been bringing their own take on the art form to venues around these parts is Providence's Falcon Brunch. Their debut "Four Dudes Trying To Rip" EP that came out on October 28 is a refreshing and captivating example of jazz fusion being done in a raw and genuine way.

Consisting of John McCarthy and Brian Fink alternating duties on guitar & bass, Ben Dulong on saxophone and Al Lombardi on drums, Falcon Brunch brings an impressive sound quality from beginning to end with the new record. This is courtesy of recording & mixing engineer Jake Pardee, who worked with the band over the course of single weekend at Maritime Music

Studios in Peabody, Massachusetts followed by Tim

Phillips handling the mixing & mastering.

"Four Dudes Trying to Rip" is the first finished product born from seven years of deeply nested inside jokes, ongoing dialogue between order and chaos, exploration of the lines between meaning and absurdity and occasional pointed discussions," Fink says about the EP. "It presents a sampler menu of the unique musical influences, styles, and perspectives of Al, Ben, John and myself. The EP may be considered as an appetizer, with an entree to follow in the form of 'The Big Rip' expected to land in late 2023."

What I really like about the record is how the music doesn't depend on any glossy production tricks to get across. The guitar riffs have a good amount of distortion, the rhythms are abstract and the saxophone is the focal point when it comes to the overall vibe. "Ethereal Theory Theorist" rides a wicked cool

groove while Fink's guitar solo runs a little past the halfway mark and is absolutely stunning. The drumming courtesy of Lombardi on "Gigliopuff" is fantastic and the same can be said for Dulong's skills on the sax. Closing out the second half of the four-song EP is "Dae-dalus" and "Turbo Chode" with the former being borderline psychedelic and the latter having a vintage cool jazz vibe.

If you like instrumental music that can get groovy at times while incorporating a saxophone, then Falcon Brunch's new EP is ideal listening material. This can also be said for anyone who likes to switch up their music library every now and then. To give "Four Dudes Trying To Rip" a listen, give the record a stream and make a purchase at falconbrunch1.bandcamp.com. To keep tabs on shows, possible banter, inside jokes and whatever else, follow the band on Facebook at facebook.com/falconbrunch.

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Gamm's 'Sweat' – powerful, engaging theatre

Theatre Review by
DON FOWLER

Lynn Nottage's 2017 Pulitzer Prize play has made it to the Gamm stage, an accurate recreation of a turn-of-the-century bar in Reading, Pennsylvania, when the city was one of the poorest in the country.

The opening scene shows a parole officer interviewing two young men separately after they are released from jail.

We then switch to the bar and a series of events involving the workers of the local factory.

The bartender (Steve Kidd) is the catalyst and sometimes referee for his customers and their disagreements, which grow wider over an eight year period as the play progresses.

Nottage has interviewed factory workers in molding together a dozen or more scenes, with a voiceover telling the audience where

in history and time we are.

Three women have been friends since they were 18, working alongside each other in harmony until one gets an opportunity to leave the floor and become part of management.

The machines begin moving to Mexico, and the operators aren't replaced.

Workers take sides and management pits them against one another.

Friendships are challenged. Situations become tense. Racial issues get in the way. Unemployment raises its ugly head.

Nottage shows us what a poor economy can do to an individual and how it has a ripple effect. The play is made even stronger by the perfect ensemble cast led by Kidd.

Good to see Tracy Seymour Kim and Kelly Seigh back on stage.

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AARP - RHODE ISLAND
by CATHERINE TAYLOR

AARP has a long history of proud service to veterans, active military and their families, and we work hard every day to strengthen our outreach and support.

There are nearly six million AARP members who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. military, making AARP the country’s largest veterans support organization.

According to the latest figures, Rhode Island is home to 70,621 veterans, active military and their families. Some 78% of those who served are 50 and older and within that demographic, 68% are 65 or older. When it comes to health and well-being, 14% of all Rhode Island veterans of all ages have a service-related disability and 27% have used the Veteran’s Administration for healthcare.

Rhode Island veterans are diverse in many ways: 29% have a bachelor’s degree with 3% enrolled in college; 6% are women; median income is close to \$66,000 and veterans own thousands of thriving Rhode Island businesses. And yet, many struggle.

In 2018, AARP launched an initiative to improve veterans’ overall health and well-being as they navigate life’s transitions. Our mission is to empower veterans by focusing on key issues, forming supportive collaborations, and providing programming in the areas of Caregiving, Fighting Fraud, Work & Jobs and Connecting to Earned Service Benefits.

AARP Rhode Island hosted a free *Veterans Resources Tele-Town Hall* on Thursday, November 10 at 10 a.m. Our guest, Kasim Yarn, Director of the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services, covered a wide-ranging discussion of available services with answers to specific questions about benefits and resources. You may watch the recording at www.aarp.org/RIReplays.

Meanwhile, I want to direct veterans and their families to the AARP Veterans Resource Center at www.aarp.org/veterans. Here you will find news and formation, and you can download our *Health Benefits Navigator: A Tool to Help Veterans and Their Families Find and Obtain Service-Related Health Benefits*.

While there, you can subscribe to the *AARP Veteran Report*, a free newsletter that salutes your service and celebrates the contributions of military families to our country and our communities. It provides practical help and relevant information. Inspiring stories and news you can use arrive in your inbox twice per month.

Finally, I would like to call you attention the AARP Veterans Fraud Center (www.aarp.org/vetsfraudcenter), an online education and resource site to help protect veterans, service members and their families against fraud.

The statistics are startling. According to an AARP survey, one in three military/veteran adults have lost money to scams that relentlessly target the military. Veterans, active-duty service members and their families are 40% more likely to lose money to scams and fraud than the civilian population. These individuals lost more than \$267 million in 2021, up from \$102 million in 2020 (a 162% increase), according to the Federal Trade Commission.

About one-third to half of those surveyed have encountered these top scams:

- Phony benefit buyouts: Turning over U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pension and/or disability benefits for a supposed lump-sum payment that never materializes (47%).
- Fraudulent records scam: Paying for updated personal military records (32%).
- Fake charitable giving requests: Donating to non-existent veteran charities (32%).

The AARP Veterans Fraud Center’s free resources include the new *AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook: Veterans’ Edition*, highlighting tips to detect the most common ways con artists target veterans and military families, and *Operation Protect Veterans*, a joint program of the AARP Fraud Watch Network and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

On Friday, November 11, we observed Veterans Day, but at AARP every day is time to honor and serve our veterans and military community.

Thank you for your service!

More Fraud-Fighting Resources

Nearly 42 million Americans were victims of identity fraud in 2021, costing consumers \$52 billion in total losses. AARP Rhode Island helps fight fraud and identity theft in many ways, including by supporting free shredding events. It’s always wise to safely and properly dispose of paperwork that includes any personal information. There are two no-contact community events on our November calendar – no businesses, please.

- East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, November 19.
- Cumberland City Hall, 1464 Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, November 19.

But wait, there’s more: Join AARP Rhode Island’s free *Holiday Fraud Prevention Tele-Town Hall* with Attorney General Peter Neronha, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 1. Register at www.aarp.org/RIEvents. Remember, if you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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- Keep the bathtub clean. Soap residue or other grime can contribute to slippery conditions in the shower and tub. Cleaning these surfaces frequently can improve traction.
- Declutter the space. Remove extraneous items from the bathroom that can pose as tripping hazards.
- Choose the right bath mat. Bath mats can contribute to slips and falls. For those who cannot live without them, choose a mat with slip-resistant backings and add double-faced tape for added security.
- Limit moisture. Use a weighted shower curtain or install shower doors to prevent water from getting on the floor. Mop up any water or additional condensation to help dry the bathroom. Install an exhaust fan to help vent moisture that can condense and accumulate on the floor and fixtures.
- Improve bathroom lighting. Make sure lighting in the bathroom illuminates all areas.
- Wear non-slip shoes. Wearing non-slip shoes when in the bathroom can reduce the chances of slipping on wet floors.
- Install a walk-in shower or bathtub. These lipless fixtures can assist those who have difficulty entering a standard tub or shower. Grab bars also can help with maneuvering in and out of the shower area.
- Use a raised toilet seat. A raised toilet, or one with a special seat that reduces the distance one has to go to reach a seated position, may help prevent falls.

People 75 and older who fall are 5X more likely to be admitted to a long-term care facility




Make plans with AARP Rhode Island

We have so many ways to connect! Enjoy AARP member discounts at Roger Williams Park Zoo Sundays through November 27, and at Island Moving Company's The Nutcracker at Rosecliff Mansion November 23 and 29. Join us online for a Holiday Fraud Prevention Tele-Town Hall on Dec. 1, Everybody Dance!: Discover the Power of Movement on Dec. 14, and our Dec. 15 RI Healthy Cooking demo, featuring a delicious holiday dessert recipe. And on Dec. 16, join all four members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation in a Tele-Town Hall discussion of the Inflation Reduction Act. There's so much to do. Find our complete lineup at www.aarp.org/RIEvents.


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In Praise of Hallmark Movies



RETIREMENT SPARKS
by ELAINE M. DECKER

Hallmark romantic comedies (rom coms) are becoming more and more popular. Women of all ages and social strata are appreciative watchers. Men have also discovered them. As the population ages, folks are settling in as couch potatoes. I began watching not too long after I retired.

An article in the *NY Times* provided a more erudite explanation. “One of the genre’s great pleasures” is books (and movies) with “similar archetypes, similar settings, similar tropes, similar tones... because they offer a piping-hot version of a recipe that readers are perpetually hungry for.” Hallmark has a handful of tried and true templates that their rom coms tend to follow. Here are some reasons why I enjoy them.

First off, to quote the *Times*, “Romance is marked by the certainty of the happy ending.” And we’re not referring to the sexual definition of that expression. Hallmark rom coms don’t have even the subtlest hint that anyone does the horizontal mambo. You can choose to imagine that happens. Hallmark won’t dissuade you, but they won’t encourage your fantasy. Given today’s societal stresses—political, health, financial or other—I and many fans appreciate knowing there will be a happy ending.

The lead is almost always female, and usually a strong woman at that, a big draw for me. I’m not sure how the men feel about this, but the women don’t emasculate their male co-stars so I guess that makes their strength acceptable.

Many times, a woman from a big city finds herself in a quaint rural town. Maybe she grew up there; maybe she found herself stranded there after a snowstorm or a car accident that left her with amnesia. By the end of the story, she always realizes that the small town is now home to her. No more big city stress. I grew up in a town of about 50 people but worked in Manhattan for 20 years, so I appreciate the conversion.

Another common template thread is that there’s some misunderstanding between the female and male leads that derails their relationship early on. One of them hears half of some conversation but doesn’t stick around to hear how it ends, jumping to a conclusion that the other is totally wrong for them. Eventually this gets straightened out, but not usually until the last 15 minutes of the two-hour movie.

Many of the stories have an artistic aspect, which also appeals to me. Sometimes it’s found in the female lead, sometimes in the male she encounters. Photography is a popular theme, and writing. A successful but reclusive writer falls in love with the aspiring author who has tracked him down to interview him in “Just My Type.” There have also been bakers, wine makers and chocolatiers. A semi-estranged daughter returns home to help her family, especially an injured father, run (or save) the family business. One time it was a pumpkin farm.

There are frequently widowers who are great fathers raising children on their own, or bachelor uncles who have custody of their late sibling’s children (and are clueless what to do with them). The lead woman comes into their lives and “rescues” them. The fathers might be dentists or veterinarians. The women are more often business professionals and less often in any medical field.

One thing Hallmark does well in its rom coms and is doing even more of is offering inclusionary casts. The Anglo lead often has a Black best friend. Secondary characters that are gay (male or female couples) are frequently worked into the story. There’s not a big fuss made over them. They’re just another part of the cast.

A further template variation has the lead and her male partner being set up on-line by well-meaning family members or friends. “Chance At Romance,” has the tween-age son of a widower pretending to be his successful but creatively blocked photographer dad. The son screens the women who reply to his ad and he invites one to visit. She of course thinks it’s the dad who invited her. Eventually, she and the son create the Pot Pie Of The Month Club. This brings the boy out of the funk he’s been in since his mother died and his father gets his mojo back taking pictures of the pies and their baker.

In another pairing via on-line family meddling, the main characters have evolving chemistry in “Straight From the Heart”. She’s an unsuccessful photographer who shoots garbage (literally) at the beginning of the film. By the end, she’s creating iconic photos of the American cowboy she’s met via the meddling and those earn her a solo show. I’ll watch this one until the cows come home. Or more precisely here, wild horses.



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Memories of Youth Sports In Days Gone By...



MY SIDE OF THINGS
by LARRY GRIMALDI

The image evoked memories immediately. There stood Benjamin Jr., my four-year-old grandson, at one of his first soccer games with the ball tucked not-so-discreetly inside his shirt. I guess he figured that possession is nine tenths of soccer law!

His unusual approach to the game reminded me of my son Benjamin in one his first soccer games at about age six. For most of the contest, the neophyte players chased, gathered, and surrounded the ball in a circle that resembled a beehive. Field position was a foreign concept. Then, in a sudden burst, the soccer ball squirted away from the beehive and the circle, in one mass of humanity, moved to surround the ball again. The goalie obviously had other things on his mind as he stood and watched the ball roll lazily into

the net on the very first shot launched in his direction.

Now would be a perfect time to note my stellar record as a soccer coach. I was pressed into service when the regular coach was absent. My knowledge of the game was limited to the rule that only the goalie could touch the ball with his hands. The team won the game in despite my ignorance of the sport and I retired with a winning percentage of 1.000, an accomplishment I am proud of to this very day.

Over the course the years, I coached numerous youth baseball, softball, and basketball teams. I always emphasized learning the game, good sportsmanship, and having fun. I have also spent countless hours watching my children and grandchildren participate in youth and high school sports. Sadly, today’s youth sports scene lacks the joy and enthusiasm of days gone by.

Unfortunately, many of today’s parents pressure their child to excel in the hopes of getting a college scholarship or a pursuing professional career. More than 90 percent

of kids will not earn athletic scholarships, despite the proliferation of AAU, elite, and traveling teams. In many cases, the athlete will rebel at some point and stop playing sports entirely. For them, the game becomes as enjoyable as a trip to the dentist.

Parents who force a child to specialize in one sport deprive the athlete of an opportunity to try something different, make new friends, and perhaps create some lifetime relationships. And someone needs to explain to me the purpose of having a tournament or traveling team for eight-year-olds. At that age, they should only be interested in visiting the snack bar after the game. Furthermore, parents should refrain from berating game officials. Sportsmanship includes respect for umpires and referees, especially if the official is a volunteer.

I think back to my days as a child and we played our sandlot games without adult supervision; settled our own disputes on the field; and reminded friends at the end of the day. After all, the player you argued with today might be your teammate tomorrow. We

did not keep stats or record wins and losses. There was an exuberance in playing that is missing many times in today’s highly organized youth sports factories. I am very sure of one thing. We certainly had more fun.

As I look at Benjamin, Jr. tucking the soccer ball into his shirt and recall the frantic beehive of five-year-olds converging on the soccer ball in one huddled mass of energy, I smile and recall the days when a youth sports game was an occasion for celebrating a win or accepting a loss.

After all is said and done, the true meaning of the game lies in the quality of effort, learning the game, and enjoying the experience.

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Seniors: Come To The Matinee



ACCORDING TO DON
by DON FOWLER

When I was a kid, Wednesday was pizza night.

Why weren't the moms home that afternoon to cook supper? They were all at the Strand Theatre for the Wednesday afternoon movie matinee.

Every week management would give away another piece of a dinnerware set. And every week at least one piece of china would slip off a lap and end up in pieces on the cement floor.

Today movie theatres hold Senior Tuesday or Wednesday matinees at reduced prices to fill the seats while Dad is at work and the kids are in school. It is still pizza night.

When will the arts realize that potential audiences consist of more than "housewives" looking for free dishes?

There are thousands of senior citizens eager for some form of entertainment during the daytime. Many of us don't like to be out late. Or can't drive after dark. Or tend to doze at our normal bed time in a dark theatre.

Live theatre used to be popular on Wednesday afternoon, and might work again today, not only for seniors, but for people not stuck with the outdated 9 to 5 working hours.

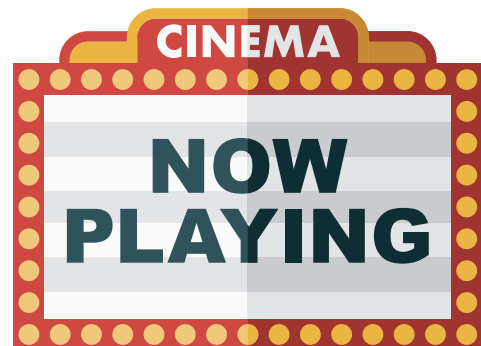
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YOUR TAXES

by MEG CHEVALIER

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Every year, IRS-certified volunteers help millions of taxpayers across the country file their tax returns. Volunteering is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community, learn about tax preparation and earn continuing education credits.

There are two IRS volunteer programs

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. While the IRS manages the VITA and TCE programs, the VITA/TCE sites are operated by IRS partners and staffed by volunteers.

- **VITA** offers free help to people who generally earn \$60,000 or less, people with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers.
- **TCE** is mainly for people age 60 or older. Although the program focuses on tax issues unique to seniors, most taxpayers can usually get free assistance.

Volunteering is easy and convenient

- **Volunteers can work flexible hours.** Volunteers can generally choose their own hours and days to volunteer. Tax preparation sites are usually open from late January through the tax filing deadline in April. Some sites are even open all year.
- **Volunteers can work virtually from anywhere.** Some volunteer sites offer virtual help for taxpayers. This allows volunteers to help taxpayers complete their tax returns over the phone or online. Some volunteers will conduct a virtual quality review with the taxpayer before e-filing their tax return.
- **No prior experience needed.** Volunteers receive specialized training to become IRS-certified. They can also choose from a variety of volunteer roles to serve. VITA and TCE programs include volunteers of all backgrounds and ages, as well as individuals who are fluent in other languages.
- **The IRS provides free tax law training and materials.** Volunteers receive training materials at no charge. The tax law training covers how to prepare basic federal tax returns electronically. The training also covers tax topics, such as deductions and credits.
- **Tax pros can earn continuing education credits.** Enrolled agents and non-credentialed tax return preparers can earn continuing education credits when volunteering as a VITA or TCE instructor, quality reviewer or tax return preparer.

For additional information, please visit www.irs.gov/volunteers or send an email to Miguelina.y.chevalier@irs.gov.

SOCIAL SECURITY

by CHERYL TUDINO
SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

Medicare Part B coverage New start dates for coming in 2023

Changes are coming next year for when Medicare Part B coverage starts. What is not changing:

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What is changing:

Starting January 1, 2023, your Medicare Part B coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up if you sign up during the last three months of your IEP.

Before this change, if you signed up during the last three months of your IEP, your Medicare Part B coverage

started two to three months after you enrolled.

If you don't sign up for Medicare Part B during your IEP, you have another chance each year during the General Enrollment Period (GEP). The GEP lasts from January 1 through March 31. Starting January 1, 2023, your coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up.

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FAMILY FEATURES

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Casseroles and soups are classic options for cooking up comfort at home, and these recipes lean on the reliability of classic Minute Instant White Rice and Instant Jasmine Rice. Known for its light, fluffy texture; short, easy prep; and only 5 minutes of cook time, the rice is perfect for busy families who need quick, satisfying meals.

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If you're looking for a filling feast, you can let your oven do the work with this Pumpkin and Spinach Layered Rice Casserole for an Italian-inspired solution. It doesn't get much creamier than combining sweet pumpkin puree with three gooey cheeses while folding in a protein-rich egg, fresh spinach and fluffy jasmine rice makes it a truly satisfying meal.

Keep that seasonal pumpkin flavor on the menu by serving up Pumpkin Curry Turkey Soup with Rice as a simple recipe that takes only 20 minutes. With the addition of coconut milk, this rich and creamy soup is quick, comforting and tasty for a hot bite on cool, crisp nights.

To find more family-favorite comfort foods, visit MinuteRice.com.



Pumpkin and Spinach Layered Rice Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 cups Minute Instant Jasmine Rice
- 7 ounces pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into cubes
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 1/4 teaspoons black pepper, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 5 ounces spinach
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 egg
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Prepare rice according to package directions.
Stir in pumpkin puree, cream, butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper; set aside.
Preheat oven to 375 F. In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add spinach and garlic; cook 2-4 minutes, or until wilted. Let cool completely; squeeze out excess moisture. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
In medium bowl, combine ricotta, egg and spinach. Stir in 1 cup mozzarella, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese and remaining salt and pepper.
Layer half of rice mixture in greased 8-inch square baking dish. Top with spinach mixture then top with remaining rice mixture. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan.
Cover with foil; bake 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown and bubbling.

Pumpkin Curry Turkey Soup with Rice

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

- 4 cups sodium-reduced turkey broth
- 1 can (14 ounces) pumpkin puree
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne powder
- 1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups shredded, cooked turkey
- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 cups Minute Instant White Rice

In large saucepan, combine turkey broth, pumpkin puree, curry powder, cayenne powder, ginger, pumpkin pie spice, salt and water. Bring to boil. Stir in turkey and coconut milk; return to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 5-8 minutes, or until turkey is heated through.
Stir in rice; cover and remove pan from heat. Let stand about 5 minutes until rice is tender.



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Timeless Wisdom

MEMOIRS
by SUSAN DEAN



What are the lessons learned from a century of living?

I have a new grandson - 7 lb. 6 oz. Jack arrived on October 26, 2022. I include the year - 2022 - because I have two living relatives who have been here for nearly a century in one case, and more than a century in the other case. Uncle Tom, born in 1923, is 99. Uncle Don, born in 1921, is 101. They were born just after the Spanish flu pandemic. A once in a century occurrence. Jack was born in the aftermath of another global pandemic, nearly one hundred years later.

I lost three aunts within the last year. Aunt Madeline lived to be 91 - she died in July, 2021. Aunt Edna passed at 94 in February, 2022. And Aunt Helen - Uncle Don's wife - was 98 when we lost her in March, 2022.

My aunts and uncles lived through the Great Depression and a world war. They experienced massive shifts in the growth of technology and medicine, and witnessed many other global changes. A century of living.

I hold my new grandson and look into his deep, dark blue eyes. He stares at me briefly, and at one point gazes into my eyes. We share a moment - a moment of connection before he closes his eyes and sighs into sleep. What changes will he witness during his lifetime? What have I learned from my aunts and uncles that I can pass on to Jack, and to my older grandchildren, too? Michael, Abby, and Anthony are 18, 16, and 15. Emilia is 5. What are the lessons learned from a century of living?

Uncle Don talks about working hard and doing one's best, and staying optimistic through all of life's ups and downs. At 101, he's still living at home. He tells me he misses three things - driving (which he gave up voluntarily), playing golf, and woodworking. He's crafted many pieces through the years. I have a porch swing and several of Uncle Don's smaller handmade items. All of us in the family have received these gifts made with loving care.

He talks about the love of his life, my Aunt Helen, with tears behind his smile. He's grateful for the love they shared for 76 years. Even as he misses the independence of his younger years and the loss of his hobbies, as well as missing the companionship of his wife, when I ask him how he's doing, he always has one answer.

"Great!" he says.

And he recently told me that he's still learning every day. That even when something negative happens, or when things don't go as expected, Uncle Don says there's always a lesson to be learned, something to be gained.

"Be open, be curious," he tells me.

Uncle Tom has lived through much personal tragedy - outliving three wives, his daugh-

ter, and his son-in-law. At 99, he is a survivor, taking each day as it comes. Uncle Tom loves to talk and has shared many stories with me about our family, his growing up years, and his philosophies about life. He talks about picking up the trombone in high school and how learning to play it shaped his life. His passion for the trombone and for jazz continued into adulthood, and he became a professional musician.

He still loves to watch jazz bands on YouTube - many from years past featuring musicians from his heyday. He points out the various instruments to me, explains the nuances of jazz composition, and his enthusiasm is infectious.

"Follow your passion," he tells me.

My dear aunts were inspirational, too. Aunt Edna was a writer and an actress who stayed active in both right into her nineties. She wrote several books in her later years and was involved in the theater, acting and mentoring throughout her life.

"Keep doing what you love," she'd say.

Aunt Helen was always laughing and her sense of humor was legendary. She had a joyful love of life and embraced every day with optimism and enthusiasm. She was physically active throughout her years and continued walking daily into her nineties.

"Stay positive and keep moving," she'd say.

And Aunt Madeline lived independently in spite of ever-increasing health issues, but never allowed her reduced mobility to dampen her spirit. She continued to cook her signature recipes while using her walker, and concentrated on what she could do, and not on what she had lost.

"I'm so grateful. So grateful for everything," she'd say.

Looking back, my aunts and uncles have learned what truly matters. From following one's heart, to being open to new experiences, to staying fully engaged with life. From acceptance of loss, to finding the joy within each day. All with an underlying theme of deep gratitude.

I'm grateful for the years I've had with my aunts and uncles, and for the gift of their wisdom. I look into Jack's newborn eyes and wonder where his life's journey will carry him, as well as my older grandchildren, who are beginning to find their paths through the world. I'm grateful that I can share with them the stories and lessons from a century of living - lessons from their family, and timeless wisdom to guide them through their years.

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