

## Local history: Not a trivial matter

*Middle school team  
edges high-schoolers in  
local trivia contest*

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Portsmouth High School senior Luke Ingalls and his friends on the “Madagascars” team were struggling with some questions they had never come across in their U.S. history classes:

■ Where was anthracite coal found in Portsmouth in 1809?

■ What was the name of the local gentlemen’s farm that Reginald Vanderbilt established in 1902?

■ Who were the two Narragansett Native Americans who negotiated the sale of Aquidneck Island to the first settlers?

“They’re hard,” Luke said of Town Historian Jim Garman’s questions near the end of the first Portsmouth History Trivia Night, held at the Gulf Stream Bar and Grille last Thursday night.

Did his team study in advance?

“Not even a little bit,” Luke acknowledged.

It was a different story on the other side of the room, where a younger team — from Portsmouth Middle School, in fact — was closing in on a stunning victory.

“Most of the team did study, and we helped each other,” said Anastasia Wheeler of The Tumbleweeds, which took the lead in the second of five rounds and never looked back.

“The Portsmouth Middle School team kicked some high school butt,” said Dave Rogers, the emcee for the evening organized by the Portsmouth Historical Society.

“We wanted to start with students. To me this is a lot more fun than studying something or hearing a lecture,” said Doug Smith, the Society’s vice president, who added the group plans on hosting a similar event for adults at The Valley Inn or Greenvale Vineyards in the near future.

“You guys are the guinea pigs,” he told the six teams of students that came out to field questions at the restaurant, which is part of local history itself: It’s housed in an original Quonset hut, built in 1942 as part of the U.S. Navy’s PT-Boat Training Center at Melville.

Mr. Smith said the event came together after PHS history teacher Tim Ryan, a Society board member, told the others he wanted to see more local history incorporated into the school curriculum.

“For me that’s a goal for next year,” said Mr. Ryan, who teaches 11th- and



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Brandon Joaquin (center) goes over a question with his teammates on the middle school team, The Tumbleweeds. The other students (from left) are Daisy Fernandez, Aquinnah Thayer and Anastasia Wheeler. They were the eventual winners of the contest.



Allyson Armin of the Wampanoags goes over a question with her teammates, including Mary Jane Milici (left).

12th-graders.

The Society “kicked things around” and decided to organize the contest as a way of building enthusiasm for

preserving and supporting local history. One of the owners and manag-

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# 'Rail bikes' will explore west side's scenic beauty

Rail Explorers will offer tours starting next month

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An example of Rail Explorers bikes, which will run on railroad tracks along the west shoreline starting next month.

If you've ever wanted to ride the rails with yourself as the engineer, you'll have your chance next month.

Rail Explorers, an "eco-tourism business" owned by the husband-and-wife team of Mary Joy Lu and Alex Catchpoole, will be offering tours along the existing railroad tracks on the town's west side starting in April.

"Our business is about rail bikes and how we can take you on an amazing journey using railroads," Ms. Lu told the Town Council during an informal presentation Monday night.

The business has operated since 2015 in the Adirondacks, between Saranac Lake and Lake Clear, and plans to also start tours in the Catskills this year in addition to Aquidneck Island.

Locally, tours will be offered between Newport and the Sakonnet River with the cooperation of Eric Moffett of the Newport and Narragansett Bay Railroad. Tours will start April 8 and run through November, weather-permitting, said Ms. Lu.

Portsmouth will act as its own "region" for a tour, "so you don't have to go down to Newport to be cool," she said.

Those tours, using a total of about 20 rail bikes, will start at Melville Marina and proceed north to Anthony Road. The tours go in only one direction, so guides will take guests off at Anthony Road and transport them back by van to Melville, she said.

"In the future we hope to go all the way up to the Sakonnet Bridge," she said.

### Steady as you go

The tours are all about exploring the west shoreline's scenic beauty; if you have a need for speed, Rail Explorers is probably not for you.

"It takes about an hour to ride six miles. It's a very even, steady pace," said Ms. Lu.

Still, riders are required to wear a seat belt on the rail bikes, which are equipped with double-hydraulic disc brakes and "can stop on a dime," she said.

For safety's sake, "flagmen" will be situated

at the busier crossings such as Bristol Ferry Road and Willow Lane, Mr. Catchpoole said. By law, the railroad always has the right of way, but riders will be instructed to be careful crossing other streets that are "un-flagged," and warning signs will be installed at those intersection, he said.

In addition to traffic signs, markers will be placed along the tracks to point out various spots with historic significance. The business has been working with the Portsmouth Historical Society, several members of which

previewed the rail bikes on a cold day back in January.

As for the cost of the tour, it's \$125 for a four-person rail bike, \$75 for a two-seater and \$45 for a single "VIP jump seat," Ms. Lu said.

Rick Best is the general manager of the local venture for the Rail Explorers team, which also includes Portsmouth's Mark Stenning, the former longtime CEO of the Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport. During the peak season, Ms. Lu said Rail Explorers hopes to employ 35 people locally.

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# Heidi Drive controversy revived over board appointment

Despite words of support, Ann Fiore denied zoning board post

BY JIM MCGAW

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RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Ann Fiore with one of her alpacas at Glen Ridge Farm in September 2014. In 2010 the farm became involved in a dispute over a paper road for a residential development approved on farmland owned by Rhode Island Nurseries to the north of Glen Ridge.

## Fiore responds

An angry Ms. Fiore responded in kind to the council president's remarks.

"I take tremendous offense that you are holding a situation that occurred years ago over my head," she told Mr. Hamilton. "I take terrible offense that you are saying I'm not a compromising person because of that incident."

Ms. Fiore also accused Mr. Hamilton of going "behind my back" while trying to negotiate an agreement during the stalemate, a charge that he denied.

"I did not negotiate a deal," replied Mr. Hamilton.

Three residents spoke in support of Ms. Fiore and a fourth — Gloria Schmidt — submitted a letter on her behalf.

Mil Kinsella, of Narragansett Boulevard, told the council that Ms. Fiore knows state and local laws better than most attorneys and that she loves Portsmouth.

Ms. Kinsella said should Ms. Fiore be appointed, "I will sleep better at night knowing that all people's interests will be protected."

## Time to vote

Mr. Gleason's motion to appoint Ms. Fiore was voted down, 3-4. Ms. Pedro, Mr. Gleason and council member Paul F. Kesson voted to appoint Ms. Fiore, while Mr. Hamilton and council members Kevin M. Aguiar, J. Mark Ryan and Linda L. Ujufusa voted against.

"What a surprise," Ms. Pedro quipped.

Mr. Kesson then made a motion to appoint Mr. Furriel, with whom he worked at Raytheon for 10 years. (Mr. Furriel, an engineer, has 32 years of experience in the defense industry.)

"This is a hard choice for me," said Mr. Kesson.

The council voted 5-2 to appoint Mr. Furriel, with Ms. Pedro and Mr. Gleason in the minority.

## Additional appointments

The council made the following additional appointments Monday, all by unanimous vote:

- Mr. Furriel to the Economic Development Committee
- Leslie S. Costa, of 39 Lilac Lane, to the Design Review Board
- W. James Wesner, of 2020 East Main Road, to the Melville Park Committee

Town officials had hoped to put the Heidi Drive case behind them when they agreed to pay a \$800,000 settlement to Rhode Island Nurseries last year.

But the controversy was revived in ugly fashion at Monday's Town Council meeting during discussion on what is normally an innocuous agenda item: appointing a second alternate to the Zoning Board of Review.

After the dust settled, the council declined to appoint Ann Fiore, the only candidate who received any words of support from local residents, outside of council members. Ms. Fiore, of 290 Frank Coelho Drive, raises alpacas as co-owner of Glen Ridge Farm, which became involved in a dispute over a paper road abandonment in 2011 that ultimately led to last year's settlement.

The other two candidates were Benjamin Furriel, of 23 Gideon Lawton Lane, who was appointed as alternate in a 5-2 vote; and Thomas Blouin, of 108 Dighton Ave.

The words "Heidi Drive" were never actually uttered at Monday night's meeting, but the controversy nonetheless dominated the proceedings.

## Background

In 2010 the Planning Board granted Rhode Island Nurseries master plan approval for a 14-lot residential subdivision on its farmland to the north of Glen Ridge Farm. At that time, Glen Ridge was part of an existing residential subdivision which included the Heidi Drive Extension.

The Planning Board required the paper road be built as a gravel gated road for emergency access to the new subdivision. The owners of Glen Ridge Farm objected and petitioned the Town Council to abandon the paper road under the state's road abandonment statute, and after a 2011 hearing the council agreed. The council also awarded zero damages to the nursery and the public road became the private property of Glen Ridge Farm.

Rhode Island Nurseries, which said its rights to due process were violated and that the abandonment forced the company to spend substantial additional costs, filed suit in Newport Superior Court. The town settled with the nursery for \$800,000 in Octo-

ber 2016.

Without mentioning the case, council member David M. Gleason first made a motion to appoint Ms. Fiore, saying she's learned a lot about zoning and land use issues through her "trials and tribulations" with the town.

"Here's a person who really wants to give back to the town and I think she deserves the chance," he said.

Council member Elizabeth A. Pedro, who also supported Ms. Fiore, implied that two recent board applications were "held back" from the council.

"I don't like what's happening every time Ms. Fiore has put in an application. There's always a snafu," said Ms. Pedro.

Council President Keith E. Hamilton,

however, disputed her claim that anything untoward had taken place.

"There are no shenanigans going on," said Mr. Hamilton, adding that the aforementioned applicants submitted papers before there was official notification that a zoning board member was resigning.

Mr. Hamilton said he had concerns "over Ms. Fiore's background" and that it appeared she was unwilling to compromise during the Heidi Drive case.

"It cost the town \$800,000," Mr. Hamilton said.

Mr. Gleason said he disagreed with that assessment, adding that Ms. Fiore's "sins of the past, if you want to call it that," shouldn't disqualify her from serving on the zoning board.

# Property revaluation notices go out this week

Local residents will soon learn their new proposed property values, as revaluation notices are being mailed out this week.

The Town of Portsmouth and its contractor, Vision Government Solutions, Inc. of Northborough, Mass., have completed the state-mandated valuation update.

The date of reassessment for the project is Dec. 31, 2016 and valuations reflect the real estate market of 2016, according to Matthew A. Helfand, the town's tax assessor/collector.

The valuation work was completed early this year and notices of the new proposed assessments will be mailed on Friday, March

17.

Those wishing to discuss their assessments with Vision Government Solutions will be able to schedule an informal review with Vision personnel. (Instructions for scheduling a hearing will be included in the notices.) Reviews are by appointment only and will be

held at Town Hall.

Once the review process is complete, those who have attended a hearing will receive a second notice advising them of any changes made to their assessment.

The new assessments will then appear on the tax bills issued this summer.

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# School budget seeks 1.4% hike in town's appropriation

Overall spending plan represents 0.3% increase

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The School Committee on Tuesday sent to the Town Council a \$38.09 million budget for 2017-18 that represents an overall increase of 0.3 percent over the current spending plan.

School officials are asking for a 1.4-percent increase in the town's appropriation, from the current \$31.6 million to \$32.05 million (about \$450,000 more).

Despite projecting \$50,000 more in federal revenue, the schools are losing about \$250,000 in state aid and \$150,000 in local revenue.

In addition, salaries are going up by \$467,959 (2.1 percent), from about \$22.2 million currently to \$22.65 million next year. The increase is primarily due to a 2.5-percent contractual pay raise for teachers.

However, the district is also realizing the following projected savings on the spending side:

- Employee benefits: \$167,125
- Professional services: \$164,681
- Supplies: \$193,779 (including \$113,500

savings in natural gas and electricity due to new high-efficiency boilers in all schools and LED lighting upgrades)

The new budget is nearly \$240,000 less than the \$38.33 million draft spending plan that was presented Feb. 14 by Chris DiIuro, the district's director of finance and administration. That preliminary plan represented a 0.9 percent overall hike in the school budget.

Mr. DiIuro said since last month's meeting, additional savings were found in health care costs, an adjustment in teachers' salaries, energy costs and other items.

## Spotlight on youth art

Portsmouth High School junior Ruthie Wood and her mom, Maria, examine the art of Ruthies' peers at the Portsmouth Free Public Library last Thursday. Part of Portsmouth Youth Art Month, the exhibit features works crafted by fellow students from around Portsmouth. Parents, friends, families and students were able to converse with some of the PHS art teachers, school principals and School Committee members while enjoying art and refreshments offered by students in the National Art Honors Society. Students' works are also displayed at Town Hall, the schools and the Newport Art Museum.



## 'Squeezing too hard?'

While the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the spending plan, some members questioned whether the bottom line was actually too low.

"We're losing a lot of revenue and salaries ... are going up. Where are we able to find the savings that it's only a 1.4-percent increase?" asked committee member John Wojichowski. "I'm just surprised it's only 1.4, given inflation and everything else."

Mr. Wojichowski said he was concerned the district may be "squeezing too hard"

in certain areas, whether it be with supplies or other expenses.

"I just don't want us impacting programs one iota," he said, adding that he believed there are at least four members of the Town Council who would approve a larger appropriation increase than 1.4 percent.

Mr. DiIuro insisted that he didn't formulate the budget to hit a particular number.

"I don't feel I'm being asked to cut anything that people are fighting for at all. This is just a natural number that we built from the ground up that people want and

that supports the plan for next year," he said. "And we're not cutting services or programs."

Committee member Allen Shers struck a similar note as Mr. Wojichowski, saying he was worried about taxpayers being "lulled into a false sense of security."

As an example he pointed to the financial risk the district takes in caring for "roughly 450,000 square feet of buildings," most of them more than 50 years old.

"At some point, we're going to have to be answerable to some kind of large hit," said Mr. Shers.

# School Committee supports bills on gun-free schools

Would ban concealed weapons other than those carried by police

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As it did last year, the School Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to throw its support behind state legislation that would ban anyone other than law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms onto school grounds.

According to the R.I. Coalition Against

Gun Violence, anyone with a Rhode Island concealed carry permit (CCP) can bring a firearm into a K-12 public school without the knowledge of police or school officials.

"Forty-two states generally prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns in K-12 schools, even by concealed carry permit holders," the Coalition states in its 2017 Fact Sheet. "Only seven other states generally allow CCP holders to carry concealed handguns in K-12 schools. Rhode Island is an outlier in its approach to guns in schools compared to the rest of the country."

The State House bills the Coalition hopes

will be approved this year are 2017-H5354 and 2016-S0187.

"This is the fourth year we've put this legislation in front of the General Assembly," Linda Finn, representing the Coalition, told the School Committee. "We feel the leadership just hasn't wanted to put it in for a vote. We're hopeful this year."

She noted that last year, 25 committees, "including this one," voted to support the legislation.

The measures also have the support of the R.I. School Superintendents Association, the R.I. Association of School Principals, the R.I. Association of School Committees, the R.I. League of Cities and Towns, as well as the R.I. Police Chiefs Association, according to the Coalition.

Locally, Police Chief Thomas Lee and school security staff support the measure as well, according to Superintendent Ana Riley.

"I think it's a no-brainer to have no guns in our schools, so I say we pass it tonight," said committee member John Wojichowski.

Also speaking in favor of the legislation was local resident John McDaid, who said it was important for school officials to take a stand on the issue.

"Putting guns in the hands of untrained professionals in our schools is a recipe for disaster," he said.

The council voted unanimously to pass a resolution requesting that the General Assembly support the two gun-free schools bills "and all legislative proposals that

would disallow non-law enforcement to carry concealed firearms onto school grounds."

## Graduate rate corrected

In other business Tuesday night, Ms. Riley told the committee that she's working with the R.I. Department of Education (RIDE) to correct some numbers regarding Portsmouth High School's graduation rate.

RIDE recently published figures indicating that only 89.4 percent of the Class of 2016 graduated from PHS, which prompted a flurry of calls to administration from parents and School Committee members. (The Class of 2015, by comparison, had a 96-percent graduation rate.)

"There was a mistake in our data," Ms. Riley said. "We realized when the numbers came out that they didn't make any sense."

The 89.4 percent rate reflects 21 students from the Class of 2016 who did not graduate in four years, she said. However, the district believes the actual figure is only nine students, which would bring the graduation rate for that class up to about 94 percent, Ms. Riley said.

Committee members were pleased to hear the news, including Frederick Faerber III, who pointed out that for the first time last year, graduation rates were factored into U.S. News and World Report's annual rankings of public high schools.

"So it's important to get the graduation rates right," he said.

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# HISTORY: Middle school team earns trivia bragging rights

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ers of the restaurant, Reada Evans, volunteered to host the event. Mr. Rogers, a local businessman, former Navy SEAL and Congressional candidate, was recruited to be emcee.

“I think this is a great way to expose students to local history,” said Mr. Smith. “It’s fun and there’s no heavy lifting. And somebody might say, ‘This happened in my town? I should learn about it.’”

## Tight contest

There were 25 questions in all, ranging from the early settlers in 1638 to the 1938 Hurricane and beyond. They were written by Mr. Garman, who’s also the president of the Portsmouth Historical Society.

“I started with 116 questions and cut it down to 25,” said Mr. Garman, who had a ball formulating the quiz, which featured five rounds of five questions each.

The rules were simple: No smartphones or other devices were allowed and friends, family members and school employees who came out to root on the students weren’t allowed to offer any hints.

Team Mava, a group of PHS juniors, took an early lead after round one. After that, however, it was all Tumbleweeds. The group of eighth-graders — Anastasia Wheeler, Daisy Fernandez, Jarrett Reeves, Brandon Joaquin and Aquinnah Thayer.



PHOTOS BY JIM MCGAW

The winners! The middle school team The Tumbleweeds celebrate after being announced winners of the debut Portsmouth History Trivia Night. The eighth-graders are (from left) Anastasia Wheeler, Daisy Fernandez, Jarrett Reeves, Brandon Joaquin and Aquinnah Thayer.

Brandon Joaquin and Aquinnah Thayer — impressed with their knowledge on all things Portsmouth and narrowly won after results from the final round were tallied.

The winners took home donated gift certificates for Rocco’s Little Italy, Subway and iTunes, as well as framed copies of the Portsmouth Compact, the 1638 document that marked the town’s settlement.

The second- and third-place winners (the Wampanoags and Madagascars, respectively, decided after a one-question tiebreaker question) won gift certificates to North End Pizzeria and Steve’s Pizza. Every participant also took home copies of Mr. Garman’s book, “Looking Back: Historic Tales of Newport County.”

“The middle school has bragging rights,”



Cole Bicho of The Wampanoags discusses a first-round question with teammates.

said Mr. Smith, who hopes to make the event an annual one, with a “plaque or trophy moved between schools.”

Mr. Ryan had no problem with the middle school students defeating some of his own.

“I think it’s awesome,” he said. “I’m glad they won. They’ll be pushing the high school kids next year.”

## How well do you know Portsmouth history?

### Test your knowledge on local history, trivia

Students from the middle and high schools had their turn. Now how’d you like to test your knowledge of Portsmouth history?

Here are the same questions that the students tackled during the first Portsmouth Trivia Night last week. Take the test yourself and see how you fare.

You’ll find the answers on page 8. No cheating!

1. The earliest building used for a school in Portsmouth in 1725 still stands. Where is it located?

2. a) What was the name of the gentlemen’s farm that Reginald Vanderbilt established in 1902?

b) What was the name of the gentlemen’s farm his brother, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, inherited in 1904?

3. The Union Meeting House was built in 1865 and it still stands. What is it used for today?

4. a) True or false: Passenger service on the railroad in Portsmouth ceased in 1968.

b) The first railroad was built during what war?

5. Name five islands in Narragansett Bay.

6. True or false: At the close of the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778, the American Colonial troops were evacuated to Bristol.

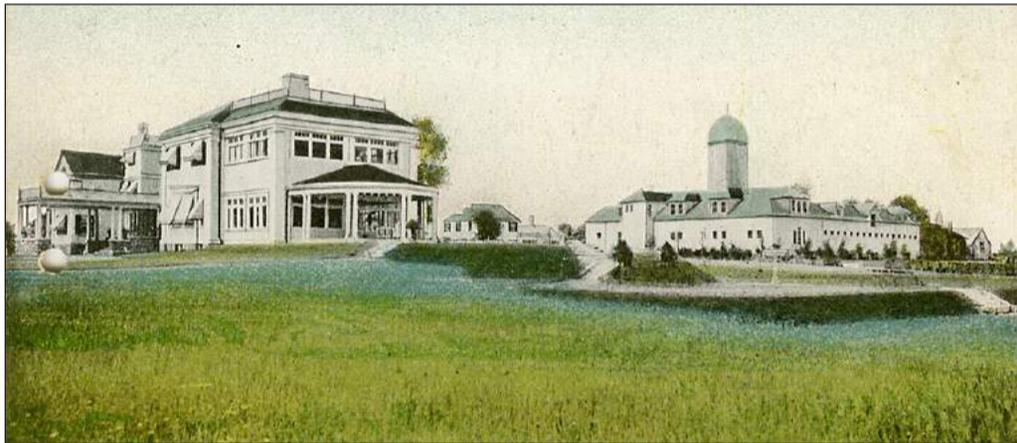
7. Who were the two Narragansett Native Americans who negotiated the sale of Aquidneck Island to the first settlers?

8. Who were the three major leaders of the first settlement of Portsmouth?

9. A famous poet and advocate for women’s right to vote had a summer home in Portsmouth. What was her name and on which street was her home, which is still standing, located?

10. What were the first three towns settled in Rhode Island and in which years?

11. Where was Portsmouth’s Civil War hospital located?



Do you know the name of this Portsmouth gentlemen’s farm that Reginald Vanderbilt established in 1902?

12. What was the location of Portsmouth’s commercial center where steamboats, railroads, trolleys and ferries all came together in the early 20th century?

13. Where are the following places located: Town Pond, Butts Hill and Founders’ Brook?

14. The two most severe hurricanes to hit Portsmouth visited here in which years?

15. Portsmouth had a popular amusement park from 1898 to 1938. Where was it located and why did it close?

16. True or false: Rhode Island was the first colony/state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

17. a) What was the name of the significant Colonial war that was fought nearby in 1675?

b) True or false: A major battle in that war was fought in Portsmouth.

18. A former one-room schoolhouse, built on Quaker Hill in 1914, still stands in town. What’s it used for today?

19. In July 1777, a raid took place at the Overing House. Who was captured there and who led the Colonial forces?

20. Gentlemen’s farms were an important part of early 20th century Portsmouth. One of the earliest such farms still stands in south Portsmouth. What’s it called?

21. What was the name of the first Colonial settlement on northern Aquidneck Island?

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Island?

22. a) What European country came to the assistance of the American Colonial forces at the time of the Battle of Rhode Island?

b) Gen. George Washington already had a citizen of that country on this staff. What was his name?

23. The discovery of anthracite coal in Portsmouth in 1809 led to a coal mining operation for more than a century. Where was this coal mine located?

24. a) True or false: Anne Hutchinson was the only woman to sign the Portsmouth Compact.

b) Who was the first elected leader of the Portsmouth settlement?

25. a) Where was the first Portsmouth Compact signed?

b) True or false: Portsmouth was, as one historian said in 1915, the “birthplace of American democracy.”

c) Who was the first person to sign the Portsmouth Compact?



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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Three to five inches — Call in the cancellation!

**T**he forecast of a few inches of snow prompts a rush to the “storm cancellation” list from a predictable bunch.

Three to five inches was predicted Friday (roads were bare in much of the region through the morning rush), and the cancellations came pouring in from the usual places — and not just public schools.

#### For instance:

■ Day care providers — Many close their doors at the first mention of a flurry (they mostly get paid anyway); Parents and the places they work are left in the lurch.

■ Colleges — URI, BCC, UMass Dartmouth ... No make-up days needed, tuition is paid up — what's the point of holding class?

■ Certain private schools — See above.

■ Naval War College — This one's worrisome. Aren't these our stalwart defenders, the mariners training to brave the oceans' and our enemies' worst ... knocked out of commission by a few flakes? They are hunkered down while employees at nearby McDonald's, Stop and Shop, even the Prudence Ferry and quahoggers show up for work or else.

■ Massachusetts Maritime Academy — See above.

■ Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council — This group is deathly afraid of weather of any sort, typically calling off monthly meetings days in advance. Meanwhile applicants' long

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waits drag on and on.

■ Vocational training schools — In most of the working world, attendance is required in any weather. Maybe the curriculum should reflect that.

■ Town and state offices — These mostly didn't close Friday but often do. Makes one wonder just how 'essential' some services truly are.

■ Court — Delays, postponements ... just part of the experience.

It sometimes seems that severity of storm counts for less than assurance of paycheck.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *It's time for a single-payer health care system*

#### To the editor:

Most recent news coverage of our dysfunctional American health care system fails to note the central problem: private health insurance companies.

Remember: The only reason they exist is to make money. They do not provide health care — despite what their expensive and unnecessary advertisements may imply. They also consume about 30 cents of every dollar they receive on administrative costs. In contrast, Medicare consumes about 11 cents.

For the last 30 years, American health insurance premiums have increased by about 5 percent per year, roughly twice the rate that the average wage has increased. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that even with the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) and its restrictions on what insurance companies can charge, in eight years, 2025, the average employer-

based family insurance plan will cost \$24,500, roughly half the average family's income. No “market solution” will fix this because sick people are not profitable to insure. Why would there be “competition” to insure sick people?

Virtually every other industrialized country on earth has some form of a single-payer system (not a multiple private health insurance company system) that provides universal national health insurance — that is, an improved Medicare-for-all program. These countries also have better health care outcomes overall despite spending approximately half what the U.S. does.

The “I know a guy” stories about Canadians coming to America for health insurance are refuted by peer-reviewed research. The truth: Canadians like their health care system and would never trade it for our broken one. Medical expenses (even among those with

insurance) are the most common cause of bankruptcy in America. No one goes bankrupt for this reason in Canada.

To learn more, I invite you to two lectures: “Introduction to Single Payer” at Brown Medical School on Monday, March 27, at 4:30 p.m.; and “The Future of Health Care,” sponsored by URI, on March 27 at 7 p.m. For details, go to [www.singlepayerri.org](http://www.singlepayerri.org).

Neither saving nor repealing Obamacare will fix skyrocketing premiums, deductibles, and co-pays much less shrinking coverage. Massive amounts of undisputed research establish that single-payer is the only rational answer — from both a financial and moral point of view. See [www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org).

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R.I. Chapter  
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### *It's past time to protect the rights of R.I. women*

#### To the editor:

As a young mother of two who grew up in a Catholic country where abortion is illegal, I feel compelled to write you regarding the recent coverage of the Reproductive Health Care Act (S 274 and H 5343).

In Brazil, where I was born and lived until the age of 18, abortion is illegal. Women who perform an abortion on themselves or allow someone to perform one for them can face one to three years in jail. The only exceptions being rape or a life-threatening condition for the mother. Whether you believe abortions are right or wrong, punishing women for them is absurd. Women who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy deserve help and support, so they can make the best decisions for themselves and their families. Vulnerable women should not be threatened with the prospect of jail time or driven into shame or hiding for doing some-

thing “illegal.”

As I understand, Rhode Island has no protections in place should the federal government change their stance and leave reproductive rights in the hands of states. There are no protections for medically necessary abortions, or in the case of rape. Allowing abortions to become illegal only makes it harder to help women in need; it does not eliminate or reduce the number of abortions. They just stop being tallied. Wealthy women will always have access to abortion, whether here or abroad. Poor women will be the ones bearing the burden.

The Reproductive Health Care Act is aimed at codifying Roe v. Wade into Rhode Island law. It is critically important to clarify some of the misinformation that has been spread about the bill. S 274/H 5343 does not remove the requirement for parental consent. Partial birth abortions are prohibited under fed-

eral law and will not become legal. And the R.I. Department of Health will maintain its authority over the licensing and regulating of any health care providers and facilities. All Rhode Islanders who believe in respecting women and leaving difficult health decisions in the hands of women and their doctors, must let their representatives know.

It is past time to protect the rights of women in Rhode Island. Anti-choice and pro-choice activists who have as their true purpose to help women and families — and prevent abortions — need to come together and work on the things that are proven to actually reduce the demand for them. Things like health care, family leave, sex education and cheaper adoption processes. These are the things our government can take action on and truly protect the sanctity of all lives.

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### *Women's History Month celebrated at March 25 rally*

#### To the editor:

We wish to extend in invitation to your readers to a rally being held to help honor and celebrate Women's History Month and the work of multiple human rights organizations.

The R.I. Chapter of the Women's March on Washington is leading this gathering. The Women's March believes that our beloved community is the framework for the future and using events such as this can help achieve a recon-

ciled world by raising the level of relationships in our communities to a height where justice prevails and persons attain their full human potential.

At the event, participants will hear from a diverse group of speakers, enjoy local musicians and food trucks. It is being held on Saturday, March 25, at Roger Williams National Memorial Park, North Main Street, Providence, from noon to 3 p.m.

This event is co-sponsored by

Working Families R.I., Resist Hate R.I., Coyote R.I., the R.I. Democratic Party and the Women's Fund of R.I. This event is a pro-human rights event that will be non-violent. We hope that many will join and add their voices to the chorus who believe in equal rights for everyone!

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Tiverton  
**Brenda McElhaney**  
**Mary Mello Brown**  
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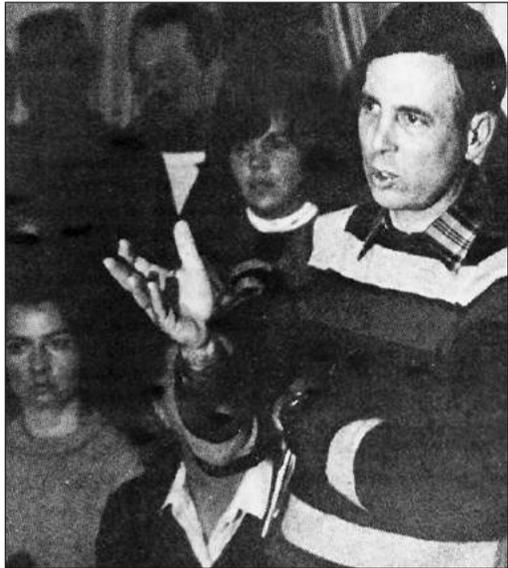


**Watching it all burn down**

Thirty years ago, John Canario of the Prudence Island Volunteer Fire Department stood by as several abandoned Navy buildings in the island's state park burned. The buildings had been declared a hazard to campers and picnickers and the island fire department was called in to protect nearby property during the controlled burn. This photo appeared in the Bay Window section of the March 19, 1987 issue of The Sakonnet Times.

**Anger and concern**

"There was a lot of fear in that room," was how State Sen. Gardner Seveney described a neighborhood meeting 35 years ago held to discuss the location of a group home on Locust Avenue for the "emotionally disturbed." There was also a lot of shouting, profanity, threats and insults, according to the Sakonnet Times' report. The state Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals was negotiating to buy the home to use as a group home for six to eight former residents of the Institute of Mental Health. This photo appeared in the March 18, 1982 issue of The Sakonnet Times.



**On this day in Portsmouth history ...**

- March 24, 1638: First settlers arrive in Portsmouth.
  - March 26, 1947: Hearings begin on new Sakonnet River Bridge.
- Thanks to Town Historian James Garman for compiling dates.

**POLICE REPORT**

**Local man charged with failing to register as sex offender**

A 69-year old local man was arrested Saturday, March 11, on the felony charge of failing to register as a sex offender in a timely fashion after his release from prison, police said.

Police said **Michael T. McDonald**, 69, of 115 Cottage Ave., was released from 2nd District Court at 1 p.m. on March 8 after having been incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institutions for a probation violating stemming from a previous conviction of possession of child pornography.

Mr. McDonald failed to register as a sex offender within the 24-hour time period, according to police. A patrol officer went to his last known address, 115 Cottage Ave., on March 9 at about 3 p.m., but no one answered the door, police said.

A warrant was issued and he was found at the same address on Saturday morning, police said.

Road, was charged with domestic assault, domestic vandalism with malicious injury to property and larceny of under \$1,500. A local woman told police on March 5 that Mr. Klemonskey had assaulted her, and police said they saw red abrasions on her cheeks and a small cut on her left fingers. Police said after assaulting the woman, Mr. Klemonskey kicked her dog, smashed her Macintosh computer and stole her iPhone, a large knife, stun gun and Mace. Mr. Klemonskey fled the scene in a pickup truck, said police, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He turned himself in at 7:15 a.m. on March 9, according to police.

**Richard P. Marley**, 49, of 71 King Phillip St., was arrested on four felony Super Court full bench warrants. An officer with knowledge of the warrants arrested Mr. Marley at his home shortly after 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 11**

**Jim Schiller**, 20, of 190 Station St., Coventry, was charged at about 2:30 p.m. with driving while intoxicated and underage possession of alcohol. His vehicle, with four other passengers inside, was stopped in the Cumberland Farms parking lot in the south end of town for speeding.

**Emily G. Griffith**, 24, of 14 Atlantic St., Newport, was charged at 4:43 p.m. with driving while intoxicated after being stopped for speeding on Route 24 North near Cedar Island.

**Mitchell J. Baldwin**, 26, of 7 Allard St., Warwick, was charged with driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a chemical test at 9 p.m. His vehicle was stopped on West Main Road at King's Grant for speeding and weaving in and out of traffic, according to police.

**Sandra I. Deloura**, 61, of 33 North Drive, was charged at about 10:30 p.m. with driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a chemical test. Police said they stopped her car on West Main Road near Hedly Street for leaving the lane of travel.

**Sunday, March 12**

**Trisha L. Willis**, 36, of 15 Clement St., Tiverton, was charged at about 3:40 p.m. with driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a chemical test. Police responded to Anthony Road after the silver Hyundai that Ms. Willis was driving struck a utility pole, splitting it at the base and heavily damaging the front of the car, which was still running. When a resident of a nearby home tried to speak to Ms. Willis and a man while they were standing outside the vehicle, they fled on foot toward Massachusetts Boulevard, according to police. A patrol officer arrived to find Ms. Willis banging on the front door of a home on Islington Avenue, and she later failed a field sobriety test. Two cell phones were left in the car — one owned by Ms. Willis, the other by a man who lived on Islington Avenue. When police went to his home, however, he denied he had been at the scene. Police said there was a 30-pack of unopened beer cans in the back seat along with five unopened pint bottles of hard liquor.

*Here are some other highlights from the Portsmouth Police reports from over the past week.*

**Tuesday, March 7**

**William A. Fulco**, 37, of 47 Thompson Ave., Bristol, was charged at 1:15 a.m. with failing to stop after a motor vehicle accident, with damage resulting to the other vehicle. Police responded to a report of an auto accident in the parking lot of the Island Tap on Park Avenue. A Fall River woman told police that the driver of a small, black two-door car had struck her vehicle while backing out of the lot, then left the scene. Police said they were able to identify the driver and caught up with him in Bristol. The woman's car sustained a small scrape on its passenger side, front bumper, police said.

**Michael A. Vanover**, 58, of 164 Reynolds Ave., Providence, was arrested on a Superior Court bench warrant shortly before 4 p.m. Police pulled Mr. Vanover's car over on West Main Road after observing it cross over into the opposite lane of travel.

**Wednesday, March 8**

A 17-year-old boy was charged with breaking and entering, a felony, and vandalism with malicious injury to property, in connection with a complaint police first received around 10:30 a.m. on March 4. Police said someone reported that a residence on Old Pier Road had been broken into sometime overnight. The front door appeared to have been kicked in and police found evidence that marijuana had been smoked inside the building, said police, who were told nothing appeared to have been stolen from the home. Police said evidence from the scene led them to identify the juvenile, who came to headquarters with a parent on March 8 and admitted to having entered the residence along with others. The boy was referred to the Juvenile Hearing Board and the case is still under investigation, police said.

**Thursday, March 9**

**Timothy M. Klemonskey**, 44, of 925 Wapping

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*Portsmouth History Trivia Night a big success*

**To the editor:**

The Portsmouth Historical Society held its first Portsmouth History Trivia Night for high school and middle school students at Gulf Stream Bar and Grille at Melville last Thursday evening.

About 25 students took part in the contest, with four teams from the high school and two from the middle school. The winning team came from Portsmouth Middle School and were cheered on by some of their parents and their principal, Joao Arruda. The contest was fairly close for the rest of the field, with two high school teams tied for second place at the end of the evening, requiring a final playoff question.

The winning middle school team, who called themselves the "Tumbleweeds," included Aquinnah Thayer, Jarrett Reeves, Brandon Joaquin, Daisy Fernandez and Anastasia Wheeler. This team of students had obviously done their Portsmouth history homework and seemed very well-prepared for the contest.

The winning team members each received a framed copy of the 1638 Portsmouth Compact from the Society, and several gift certificates from local vendors. Second- and third-place teams also received local gift certificates. All participants received a copy of Society President Jim Garman's book, "Historic Tales of Newport County," courtesy of the author himself.

The Historical Society would like to thank the students who participated in this contest and everyone who contributed to the

success of this evening, including Reada Evans, co-owner and manager of Gulf Stream, and our excellent emcee, Dave Rogers, who volunteered his time and talents to running the trivia contest. The questions relating to Portsmouth's history were developed by town historian and Society president, Jim Garman, who was also the judge and scorer for the evening. Several members of the Society assisted with the administration of the contest, and Portsmouth High School teacher Tim Ryan, one of the planners for this event, was on hand to cheer on his teams.

Our special thanks to our local supporters who provided cash donations and gift certificates for our prizes. These included North End Pizzeria, Martino's Restaurant, Steve's Famous Pizza, Rocco's Pizza, Roggero Construction, Jane Roggero and Society board members Anne Burns and Jill Munch.

The Historical Society hopes to make this student history trivia night an annual event and will be creating a plaque listing the year and the names of the winning team members to be displayed in the school whose team wins the contest each year. A major part of the Historical Society mission is education and we feel that this history trivia event provides some incentive for our young people to learn something about the fascinating history of our town.

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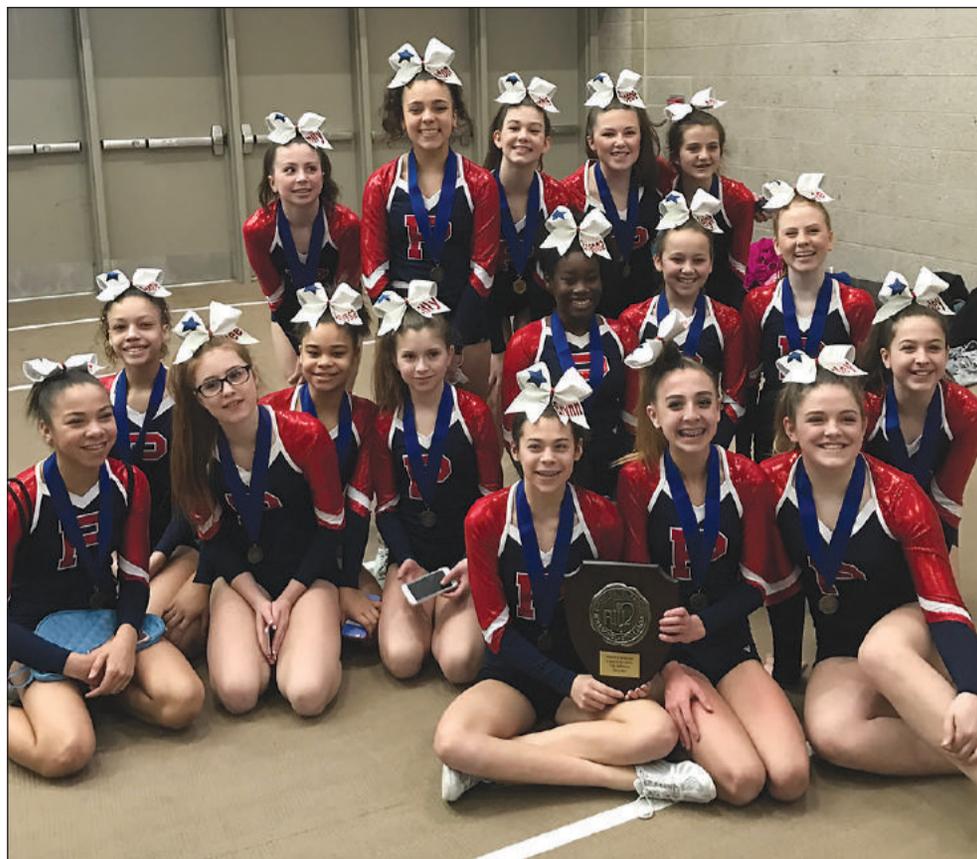
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**State middle school champs!**

The Junior Island Patriots Competition Cheer Team took first place in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League 2017 State Cheer Championship held in Providence on Saturday. The team is made up of cheerleaders from Aquidneck Island's three middle schools. Team members are Anyssa Blanc, Isabelle Cottrell, Kayleigh deMedeiros, Annie Ford, Ainsley Gill, Brianna Harris, Peyton McKinney, Brynn McLeish, Hannah Plummer, Mckenzie Reynolds, Lillie St. Laurent, Memphis Silveira, Hailey Stanzione, Phoebe Tavares, Angela Thompson, Emily Toner and Lilly Zamil. Their coaches are Meagan Haggerty, Kelley Harikiopoylos, Sue Buchholz, Allison Albro and Kaitlyn Mitchell.

**And the correct answers are ...**

Here are the answers for the Portsmouth history questions from page 5:

1. The grounds of the Portsmouth Historical Society, corner of East Main Road and Union Street.
2. a) Sandy Point Farm; b) Oakland Farm
3. It's the museum for the Portsmouth Historical Society.
4. a) False (it stopped in 1938); b) The Civil War
5. Prudence, Patience, Hope, Despair, Hog, Dyer, Hog and Gould are among those islands in the bay.
6. False; they were evacuated to Tiverton.
7. Canonicus and Miantonomi
8. William Coddington, the Rev. Dr. John Clarke and Anne Hutchinson
9. Julia Ward Howe lived on Union Street.
10. Providence (1636), Portsmouth (1638) and Newport (1639)
11. The Lovell General Hospital was a U.S. Army hospital located in the Melville area.
12. Bristol Ferry
13. Town Pond is on the north end of Portsmouth, on the east side. Butts Hill is

above Portsmouth High School. Founders' Brook is off Boyd's Lane, near Route 24.

14. 1938 and 1954
15. The former amusement park at Island Park closed in 1938 due to the devastating hurricane that struck that year.
16. False; it was actually the last.
17. King Philip's War was partially fought in what is now Bristol, but no major battles took place in Portsmouth.
18. The school administration building, near Town Hall on Middle Road
19. Major Gen. Richard Prescott was captured in the raid that was led by Lt. Col. William Barton.
20. Greenvale Vineyards
21. Pocasset
22. a) France; b) Gen. Lafayette
23. Arnold's Point
24. a) False; neither Anne Hutchinson's nor any other women's name appears on the Compact; b) William Coddington
25. a) Boston; b) false; c) William Coddington

**Shellfish closures due to rain**

Because of rain on Tuesday, the R.I. Department of Environmental Management announced shellfish closures in Conditional Areas A and B, the Kickemuit River, Mount Hope Bay, Conimicut Triangle and Greenwich Bay.

They are due to reopen at noon on

Wednesday, March 22. There was 1.67 inches of rain at T.F. Green Airport and 2.28 inches at Taunton.

Closures due to the algae bloom are in effect until further notice.

For updates on conditional areas, call the DEM hotline at 222-2900.

Photos of events, people, etc.  
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## AROUND TOWN

## Adult dance lessons Thursdays, Mondays

Beginner country line and couples dance lessons are offered on Thursdays and beyond beginner country line and couples lessons are offered on Mondays at Countryview Estates Community Center, 213 Hurst Lane, Tiverton.

It's 95 percent country, with a little non-country added in for fun. Line dance lessons are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by couples lessons from 8 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per class. For more information, call JoAnn at 774/202-5543 or e-mail gtctdancers@yahoo.com.

## Annual growers' market open on Saturdays

The Aquidneck Growers Market is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Newport Vineyards and Winery on East Main Road in Middletown.

The winter season offers locally grown vegetables, fresh artisanal breads and pastries, seafood, meat, eggs and more, live music and a selection of artisan vendors.

## MOPS hosting annual Fund-Raiser Raffle + Fair

Newport MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will hold its annual Fund-Raiser Raffle + Fair on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Newport Athletic Club, 66 Valley Road, Middletown. Admission is free.

Browse a selection of eclectic items and handcrafted goods while supporting small business. Vendors include Lularoe, Beautifully Broken Creations, Pure Haven Essentials, Young Living Essential Oils, Pampered Chef, Osborne Books, Thirty One, Tulips Grow Faster and more.

Tickets will be available to purchase baked goods from the MOPS mamas as well as to enter to win raffle prizes donated by the vendors and a variety of local businesses.

MOPS is part of a global organization, a grassroots movement connecting moms all over the world to a community of women in their neighborhoods, who meet for times of mentoring, conversation, teaching, creative activities and leadership development. Proceeds from the sale will benefit MOPS future projects and ministry work.

For more information, call 847-1490.

## Low-cost rabies clinic at Potter League on Saturday

The Potter League, in partnership with the R.I. Veterinary Medical Association, will offer a low-cost rabies clinics for dogs, cats and ferrets in the community on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown.

There is a \$10 fee (cash) per animal payable on the day of the clinic. Registration is not required. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Dogs must be leashed. To be eligible for a three-year vaccine, owners must bring proof of prior vaccination. If you cannot provide proof, pets will only receive a one-year vaccine.

Call 846-8276 or email info@PotterLeague.org with any questions. Visit www.PotterLeague.org for more information about the Potter League, as well as a listing of the animals they have for adoption.

## Last chance to get Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scouts have been selling cookies to fund troop activities, camping trips and community service projects for 100 years. Cookie sales are winding down for the 2017 season. Don't miss out!

Portsmouth Girl Scouts will be selling cookies (including the new flavor, Girl Scout



### Bringing a touch of spring indoors

Members of the Portsmouth Garden Club led residents at Atria Aquidneck Place through a class on flower arranging on Feb. 17. Participants came away with beautiful arrangements to brighten their apartments. Pictured are (back row, from left to right) Roberta Stevens, Sofi Cofield, Deb Mack, Lynne DaRos and Rochelle Kieron; and (seated) Eileen Grev, Irene Smith, Janice Johnson, Norma Scaldino, Judy Wiley and Mary Grant. Other participants, who are not pictured, were Lia Curci, Diane Lynch, Myrle Dean, Dona Robb, Esther Coen and Rita Morotti.

Smores and Gluten Free Trios) on Saturday, March 18, from noon to 3 p.m. at Portsmouth Plaza, 3001 East Main Road (Allen's Liquors).

For more information, call Deborah Barandiaran at 683-0975.

## Arts guild hosting a members' non-juried show

The Portsmouth Arts Guild will hold an opening celebration for its Members Non-Juried Show on Sunday, March 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Portsmouth Arts Guild Center for the Arts at 2679 East Main Road.

All are invited to view new works by guild members. A wide range of works are represented, including watercolors, oil paintings, prints, photography, drawings, ceramics and sculpture. Light refreshments will be served.

## Spring concerts offered at Brookdale

Brookdale Sakonnet Bay at 1215 Main Road in Tiverton will host a series of spring concerts throughout the month of March and invites the seniors of Tiverton and surrounding areas to attend.

Join them in the Great Room (original to the former Coachmen Restaurant) and enjoy the concerts while overlooking the Sakonnet River and Mount Hope Bridge.

The concerts include music with Anne on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m.; John Silva on Monday, March 20, at 2 p.m.; music with Dave on Wednesday, March 22, at 2 p.m.; The Singing Nurse on Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m.; music with Larry on Thursday, March 30, at 2 p.m.; and Candida Rose on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ashlyn Cleary at 624-1880 or acleary@brookdale.com.

## The Sakonnet Chicks welcomes new members

The Sakonnet Chicks, a group of women who meet monthly to enjoy friendships that have developed over the years, has been in existence for 15. The group meets on a monthly basis for breakfast or lunch and the members team up and volunteer to

plan an event for a month.

Membership is \$5 per year. The March luncheon is on Thursday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden in North Dartmouth. Call Barbara at 635-2618 if you are interested in joining them for lunch or future programs.

## It's Youth Art Month at Atria on Thursdays in March

Atria Aquidneck Place will host art receptions on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. throughout March for Youth Art Month. Community members are invited to come and see the art Portsmouth youths have created.

The shows start at 6 p.m. each Thursday and will remain up and available for viewing through Sunday of each week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday to Sunday at Atria at 125 Quaker Hill Lane.

The schedule of shows includes Hathaway School on March 23 and Melville School on March 30.

## LoveBash for Animals to benefit the Potter League

The Potter League invites everyone to the pawty of the year to benefit hopeful and homeless animals. The LoveBash for Animals is on Friday, March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Atlantic Resort Newport, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown.

There will be dinner-by-the-bite, delectable sweets, a complimentary wine and beer tasting (6 to 7:30 p.m.), live and silent auctions, a special impact video presentation and the first-ever Paws Up auction in support of the mission.

There will be a cash bar and music provided by DJ Bells. Cocktail attire is suggested. Tickets are \$100 in advance or \$125 at the door. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.potterleague.org or call 846-0592. The event is for humans only.

## Corned beef and cabbage dinner at K of C on March 25

St. John's Lodge No. 1 on Sprague Street will hold a corn beef and cabbage dinner at the Lodge building on Saturday, March 25, from noon to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person. There will be raffles and a door prize. Call Thomas Warren at 474-5143 for tickets.

## Mosaic Club to hold a fund-raiser for book awards

The Mosaic Club of Newport County presents three book awards each year to graduating seniors in three public high schools – Middletown, Portsmouth and Newport, who will be entering college or a vocational, technical or trade school.

The fund-raiser this year are one-month calendars with a chance to win a monetary award. There will be one winner every day Monday to Friday, April 3 to 28. If your name is drawn as a winner, you will receive the monetary award listed on the particular date you won, plus your name will go back into the bin and you will have another opportunity to win again.

All names will be drawn during the club's April meeting. The deadline is March 25. To purchase a calendar, contact Carol Scanlon at 835-6705 or Maggie Wiggins at 855-6599.

Membership in the Mosaic Club is open to those interested in the aims and purpose of the organization which is charitable, educational and social and service-oriented activities.

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Annual membership dues are \$12 (July 1 to June 30). For more information, call the director at 683-4106 from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The thrift shop is open on Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch). Donations can be made only during those hours. It is closed holidays. There are many household and decorative items, and there is cloth for those who sew, yarn for those who knit or crochet, and lots more.

SHIP (senior health insurance program) counselor Pat Walker is at the center on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. SHIP specializes in health insurance plans, such as Medicare Part A, B, C and D, Medicare Advantage, several supplemental plans and RIPAE. She also can help you with your medical bills. Call Pat at 644-3317 to schedule an appointment.

Full course, nutritional meals are served to those 60 and older or the disabled at noon Monday to Friday at the Portsmouth Café, and reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Call 683-4106. You do not have to be a member of the senior center. The suggested donation for the meal is \$3.

### Ongoing events

The fitness center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is free for members only. Check in with the office prior to using the room for policy and procedures.

On Thursdays, chorus is at 9:30 a.m. with chorus Director Josephine Vierra. Bazaar crafts are at 1:30 p.m. Bunco is at 1:30 p.m.

## Cleanup Saturday at Pheasant Drive Beach

Clean Ocean Access will hold a cleanup of the shoreline at Pheasant Drive Beach in Portsmouth on Saturday, March 18, from noon to 2 p.m. All are invited to help.

Pheasant Drive is located off Route 114, Bristol Ferry Road. Dress for the weather, and bring a reusable cup for beverages from Empire Tea & Coffee.

on the first Thursday of the month.

On Fridays, cardio exercise with Stephanie Synnott is from 9 to 10 a.m. It is \$3; \$2.50 for members. Plastic canvas class is at 10 a.m. Bocce is at 1:30 p.m.

On Mondays, line dancing is from 10 to 11:15 a.m. It is \$3; \$2 for members.

Bridge is played at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays. Cards are played on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m.

Billiards are at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Tuesdays, Zumba Gold is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages and abilities. It is \$3; \$2.50 members. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. Chair yoga exercise is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is \$3; \$2 for members.

On Wednesdays, computer classes are from 10 a.m. to noon. T'ai chi is at 10:15 a.m. and is \$3; \$2.50 for members. Country Jammin' is at 1 p.m. Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Pitch (Ho-Lo-Jack) is at 6:30 p.m.

Blood pressure screenings are from 11 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Could you use a little help purchasing food? If you are over 60, you may be eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program), formerly food stamps. Call for eligibility guidelines. Call Cynthia at 683-4106.

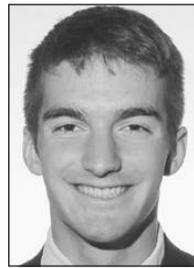
RIDE bus transportation for the elderly and disabled is offered to and from the meal site at the center. Reservations are required. Also, the RIPTA Flex Service Bus is available with 48 hours advance notice.

### ON THE MOVE

BARBARA AUDINO of Portsmouth received the Board of Directors Award from the Newport County Community Mental Health Center at an event that recognized another year of serving the mental health needs of the county's residents. The award is annually presented to a member of the board of directors who has demonstrated outstanding service to the mental health center. Ms. Audino has been a member of the board for 25 years and secretary of the board for 15 years. Over the past several years, she has supported the agency in its fundraising activities and financial management.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Two Portsmouth students competed in Brown University's Datathon during the weekend of March 4 and 5. Senior SCOTT POWELL and sophomore JANE DWARES, students at Portsmouth Abbey School, worked late Saturday night into the early hours of Sunday morning to analyze a dataset with over a million data points. The challenge was to help TripAdvisor determine the probability that a person who logged in would complete a purchase, based on a long list of criteria including gender, day of the



week, number of clicks on the website, and more. Powell and Dwares competed against undergraduate and graduate-level students and walked away with honorable mentions — Scott for his outstanding quantitative data analysis and Jane for her exemplary chi-square analysis. The Datathon is an annual three-day competition where teams of students work to find insights in complex datasets. The event drew 180 students. Scott and Jane both take AP Statistics at Portsmouth Abbey School, taught by Susan McCarthy. "Their achievement at Datathon is impressive," she said. "They are students who are committed to learning and expanding their knowledge of statistics."

AMELIA KRACIK of Portsmouth was named to the fall dean's list at Merrimack College.

## Applications for technology scholarship due by April 7

KVH Industries Inc. is accepting applications for the 2017 A.H. Kits van Heyningen Technology Scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior who will be attending a four-year undergraduate science, technology, engineering, art/design or math program in the fall.

To be considered, students must meet the requirements outlined in the application and must submit completed applications to KVH by Friday, April 7.

The KVH Scholar will receive \$1,000 before starting the first year of college, and — new this year — another \$1,000 before starting the sophomore year of college, for a total of \$2,000. In addition, the KVH Scholar will receive consideration for a paid internship at KVH during the summers before junior and senior year of college.

For more information or an application, visit [www.kvh.com/kvhscholarship](http://www.kvh.com/kvhscholarship). Applications also are available at the guidance offices of area high schools.

### AT THE LIBRARY

#### A St. Patrick's Day concert with harpist Mary King

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mary King at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. She will present an evening of hilarity and heavenly music, designed to touch your heart, lighten your spirits and have you laughing out loud.



Mary King

She plays a variety of music on the harp, including Celtic, contemporary, classical and original pieces. The concert is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Visit the website or call to sign up.

The program is funded by the North Family Trust.

Drop by to get your questions answered. No sign up required for the free program. It's first come, first served.

#### Free workshop on Thursday by DEM on how to tie flies

Portsmouth Free Public Library and Scott Travers from the R.I. Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife, are hosting a free, fly-tying workshop on Thursdays, March 23 to April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will learn to make their own fresh water flies over three weeks. The course is geared toward those from novice to experienced alike. Attend one or attend all; they will make a different fly each class.

#### Book discussion on Jane Austen classic

A book discussion is on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. The book is "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen.

"In this spirited comedy of manners, Catherine Morland, a plain, unspoiled small-town girl on holiday in Bath, meets and falls in love with Henry Tilney, a handsome young clergyman ... An amusing assortment of misunderstandings and plot twists result in the satisfying romantic conclusion characteristic of the author's works." (amazon.com).

Books are available to borrow at the circulation desk. All ages are welcome to attend.

#### Youth art on display at library this month

It's Youth Art Month and students in kindergarten to Grade 12 are exhibiting their work at the library all month.

Portsmouth Free Public Library is at 2658 East Main Road. Fall hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-9457 or visit the website at [www.portsmouthlibrary.org](http://www.portsmouthlibrary.org).

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Town of Portsmouth is seeking applications for dog licenses for the year 2017. Applications are available at the Town Office, 110 Bristol Ferry Road, Portsmouth, RI 02876, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A fee of \$10.00 is required for each license. Licenses are required for all dogs over the age of six weeks. Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31. For more information, please call the Town Office at 683-4106.

Applications for dog licenses are also available online at [www.portsmouthri.gov](http://www.portsmouthri.gov). The online application process is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, please visit the website.

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# Upper pond at Melville Park now 'Thurston Gray Pond'

Re-named after man who watched over her

BY JIM MCGAW  
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JIM MCGAW

Thurston Gray prepares to paddle out onto the upper pond at Melville Park in July 2014 to conduct a weekly water quality test as part of the Watershed Watch program. He passed away last month at the age of 80.

Thurston Gray, who passed away last month at the age of 80, loved and cared for the upper pond at Melville Park for many years.

So it was only fitting, say those who knew him well, that the pond bear his name going forward.

At its March 1 meeting, the Melville Park Committee, of which Mr. Thurston was a member since its re-initiation in 2002, voted to re-name the small body of water "The Thurston Gray Pond."

On Monday night, the committee received permission from the Town Council to change the designation on its park maps and to design the appropriate signage to reflect the name change.

Edward F. Rizy, chairman of the committee, said Mr. Thurston monitored "Pond 1," the upper pond in the park behind Melville School, for more than 15 years.

"As part of the University of Rhode Island's Watershed Watch program ... his duties

involved taking water measurements weekly and frequent samples, analyzed later at URI," Mr. Rizy stated in a March 4 letter to Council President Keith Hamilton.

Mr. Gray also helped extend the orange trail at Melville Park and located the site of

the original farmhouse on the property, Mr. Rizy said. In addition, Mr. Gray was involved in the restoration of Town Pond and he volunteered for Save The Bay's eelgrass planting effort.

"Mr. Gray was a great advocate for not

only Melville Pond but all things outdoors," said Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Rizy said the committee will schedule an official dedication day for "The Thurston Gray Pond" in the near future.

## East Bay BUSINESS spotlight

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### Kids are comfortable around this Barrington dentist

Twenty years ago when Dr. Matthew Asaro first named the Little League team he was sponsoring, he decided on "Dental Dudes." It was a name that didn't stick. "Couldn't we be called something a little scarier?" said the kids on the team. And so "The Extractors" were born and they have been drilling away ever since. A Barrington native and resident, Dr. Asaro played on the Vienna Bakery team in first grade, and remembering those days helps him and his whole office staff have a

great rapport with kids. It's such a good town to have a family dental practice in, says this Barrington dentist who lives in town and has a daughter in school. "It's a place with good family values and I am really happy to support the community whenever I can," he says.

"We see a ton of kids in our dental office, says Dr. Matt, as the kids call him and it's a comfortable experience for them. "We start off on Day One, which can begin as early as two years, sitting them in the

chair and showing them what we are going to do," he says. It works, says Dr. Asaro, and the kids he put in the chair in his early practice days are now in college, and returning for their dental visits.

Of course kids aren't the only game in town. Dr. Asaro is a general dentist who treats patients of all ages. Much of his practice is in the growing cosmetic area. Interior veneers are a very popular solution for a great smile and never stain or darken, he says. "We offer both porcelain veneers which are a two visit process and composite veneers which can be done in one visit," he says. All his fillings are mercury-free composites. Many of his adult patients have come in with crown and bridge work that doesn't match the enamel on their teeth. He is able to color match, using both a color restoration process and teeth whitening for a beautifully natural look. He does implants, too.



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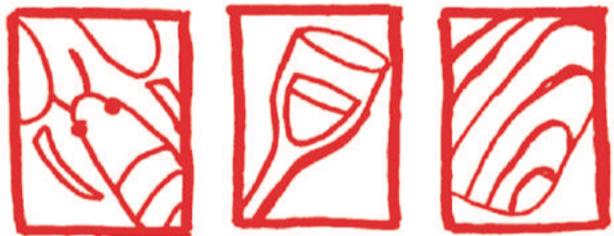
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## Getting in the swim of it

After a decade on the move, swimming school makes a home in East Providence

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"I doubt there's another swim school that's had more locations," says Susan Pascale-Frechette about Pods Swimming. We have basically been operating — and growing — out of a car for years."

Susan, a former dental hygienist and Barrington resident, has been a swim instructor and coach for close to three decades. She launched Pods almost 10 years ago, with her sister Jamie serving as the school's program manager. Pods is accredited by the United States Swim School Association, and in fact was the first USSSA established swim school in the state of Rhode Island.

"We realized we needed to own a facility that could provide this programming under one roof."

■ SUSAN PASCALE-FRECHETTE

They had a great staff, a great program, and a loyal and satisfied client base. But they didn't have a pool. So they rented space in various facilities from one end of the state to the other. It was not unusual for Susan and Jamie to find themselves in a different pool every day of the week. With over 1000 clients, things got a little crazy. "It wasn't sustainable," said Susan. "We couldn't thrive."

That's all going to change this month. Pods' brand-new, permanent home will be opening its doors in March, at 111 Commercial Way in East Providence.

"We realized we needed to own a facility that could provide this programming under one roof," says Susan, of their previous arrangement, in which they would conduct some classes in shallow, warm water teaching pools, and others in large, 25-yard pools. "We needed a place for swimmers to grow. Once a child can swim a short distance, they need larger space to continue to learn, to experience what it is like to swim in deeper water."

Pods' new facility has both a shallow,



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Susan Pascale-Frechette of Pods Swimming is ready to welcome students to their new, state of the art East Providence facility.

warm teaching pool ideal for the littlest swimmers, as well as a six-lane 25 yard pool.

While there are private clubs with pools, Pods is the state's first privately owned full-service aquatics center. "As an industry it was completely unknown to lenders," Susan said. "There was nothing comparable." Susan and Jamie brought in a swim consultant and

designed a state of the art facility with the cleanest water technology available. "We wanted to do this the right way."

You don't have to take lessons to enjoy Pods' sparkling new facility — they will be offering lap swim several hours most days, as well as family swim times. Susan has also been approached by schools hoping for practice time for their teams, and she should be able to accommodate

some of them.

But her first priority will remain her loyal clients, many of whom have followed her nomadic travels around the state for several years. When Susan and Jamie finally throw open their doors — which is scheduled for Friday, March 17 — they will finally have a home of their own.

### DOWN TO EARTH

## The swinging pendulum of spring in New England

Last weekend when the wind-chill temperatures registered in single digits I found things to do inside. Any other winter day I'd have been happy for the excuse to curl up with a book but I suddenly desperately had to start something. Do stuff. Get growing again. Spring has that effect on gardeners. Plants too.

We can hardly blame trees and shrubs for jumping the gun, beginning to break dormancy when the temperatures rose April-like a few weeks into February. Daffodils reached foliage and buds out of the leaf litter; crocus and tiny Iris reticulata put



Kristin GREEN

on a preview. Didn't some of us try on summer clothes too and dust off our bikes? I got my booster shot of vitamin D by lightly tidying fallen stems and shattered grasses. But as usual, we were right to resist gardening too hard too soon. The pendulum swung.

We can't be blamed for worrying now about frigid cold and snow ruining everything's enthusiasm. I remember the year

magnolia flowers were torched to brown blobs by an unkind frost. So disappointing! And Heaven help us all if mophead hydrangeas go another summer without blooming. If only we could throw blankets over every temperature-sensitive opportunist in the yard. Worst case scenario, nothing blooms ever again. Perish the thought. Best case scenario, come April or May all's well pretty much mostly, and anyway, we re-learn to appreciate the things that hold out for more reliable cues like long days and warm soil below the surface. Inside, protected from March's incon-

stancy, growth may be encouraged. For those of you who treat your houseplants with loving kindness, it's time to start fertilizing again. I'm not sure how they knew it but even plants I stuck down cellar last fall to go dormant in the dark, woke up. Without benefit of daylight to encourage chlorophyll production, albino shoots broke, evidently overnight, from the woody stems of Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt' and a potted toon tree (Toona sinensis 'Pink Flamingo'). The light of day will turn the fuch-

POLI-TICKS

# A 38 Studios investigation? Not!

Finally, the long-awaited release of records, well, sort of...from the Rhode Island State Police (RISP) of its 38 Studios investigation hit the streets. I wondered where had my beloved RISP disappeared with this sham of a disclosure. Apparently, the present Colonel, Ann

Assumpico, who was not the superintendent at the time, agrees. None of the 38 Studios senate interview transcripts were released, making one wonder whether any senators were even questioned once Senate President Teresa Paiva Weed said she met with Curt Shilling but told none of her colleagues about the legislation.

Then, there is the absence of transcripts from former Speaker Bill Murphy who stopped the cops in their tracks because he said he was representing miscreant Gordon Fox. What does that have to do with questioning him about HIS activities? Also missing were any transcripts of Attorney General Peter Kilmartin who was a top honcho in the General Assembly at the time. The latest news is that the then-head of RISP spoke to him and found nothing nefarious. No oath. No transcript.

The transcript of a sponsor of the 38 Studios bill, Former House Finance Chair Helio Melo, was missing. Ditto for former House Finance Chair Raymond Gallison,

former republican leader Joseph Trillo, former Rep. Peter Petrarca, and Rep. Brian Newbury. Dealmaker Michael Corso was not interviewed. Query whether these transcripts even exist.

The excuse may be that their statements went to the grand jury, but that practice is shoddy. Live witnesses should be called and put under oath. Here, statements were purely voluntary without any pain of perjury since none of them were sworn. Perhaps there is even more to the objection by the attorney general to release the grand jury testimony. While Mr. Kilmartin may be protecting his former cronies, it could be that he is protecting himself by such a slapstick presentation.

Governor Gina Raimondo has asked the court to release the grand jury records while the attorney general has objected, even though months ago he kissed goodbye to any indictments. Now a superior court judge will decide. Given how this case has played out I can't help but wonder if this is just a "good cop" (Ms. Raimondo) vs. the "bad cop" (Mr. Kilmartin) putting on a "wink wink" show for John Q. Citizen so the judge will give cover to both of them by upholding the prerogatives of the office of attorney general and thus block that information from becoming public. The judge, however, should allow the release so the thoroughness of the so-called 4 year investigation (which now looks more like a 4 hour one) can be assessed.

With all the yakking about bringing companies to Rhode Island, they'd have to be nuts to come to a state which stays up late at night figuring out how to obscure the truth from its own residents. It is laughable to watch the machinations of faking "accountability" while the maneuvering is to shroud the truth and let legislators off the hook.

Ms. Raimondo reneged on her campaign promise to have an independent investigation because it might be expensive and the public would learn nothing. Of course, citizens have learned very little as a result of this feigned transparency to date other than what appears to be a fiasco. The real costly results will be companies who stay away because of this political two-step and citizen cynicism.

*Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.*



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## 'Shirley Valentine' at 2nd Story

In Willy Russel's captivating one-woman tour de force, an unfulfilled housewife fixes dinner while ruminating on her husband, her children, her life and, most importantly, her upcoming unannounced Greek holiday—a trip that leads to a life-changing romantic tryst and a mid-life fork in the road. With every tentative step, the audience is taken along for the ride as Shirley journeys toward self-confi-

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dence, self-discovery and, finally, liberation. With Joanne Fayan (pictured) in the title role.

## Butch McCarthy and the Gentlemen of Leisure

Butch McCarthy is a singer/songwriter from New Bedford who has been performing throughout New England since the 1970s. His latest release is 'No More' — his first solo album since 'Prevail' in 2011 and consists of 10 newly penned songs backed up with a talented array of local Southern New England musicians. He will be backed by The Gentlemen

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of Leisure consisting of Steve Mazza in bass and JB Borges on drums and Bob Calderara on mandolin.

## GREEN: Spring flipped that switch

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sia foliage olive green again and the toon's new shoots will take on its remarkable namesake color. I'll have to keep an eye on my figs and with any luck, by the time they

break, it will be warm enough to throw some of these things outside. Because space is tight along windowsills and in my pantry.

I've tried to save room for seeds. Cool season crops and any seeds that take their time germinating can be sowed indoors now. Fitting a flat of sweet peas into an already over-full pantry has been like solving a tile puzzle. Light is a precious commodity in rooms without glass ceilings; the trick is to prevent one plant from casting too much shade on another. It's also essential not to block watering access by placing big containers in the way of smaller ones. I never manage to work it out quite right. The sweet peas germinated in a week — a record for me, not that I had anything to do with it — and want all the sun they can get.

Last year I purchased a cheap clear plastic "greenhouselet" and set it up in the driveway to accommodate pantry overflow. Sweet peas can take low, but not freezing, temperatures so as soon as March's lion takes a hike, I'll move them out along with the toon tree, fuchsia, figs, and sundry other temperate zone beauties. That should leave adequate space for the succession of seeds I'm starting under a grow-light in my office. Snow or no, since spring flipped that switch and got me growing again, I can't stop.

*Kristin Green is the horticulturist at Mount Hope Farm and author of 'Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow, and Overwinter'. Follow her blog at trenchmanicure.com.*

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# Saltwater fishing show a big success

The New England Saltwater Fishing Show was a big success this weekend. Steve Medeiros, president of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (risaa.org) said, "We had a line of 600 people waiting to get in Friday that stretched from the ticket office at the Convention Center all the way to the hotel." And, on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. (an hour after the show started) the line I saw had about 400 people in it.

**Capt. Dave MONTI**

Medeiros said, "We sold out booth space (over 300 exhibitors) a month before the show and we won't know formal attendance numbers until we get a report from the Convention Center but it is sure to be record-breaking." More than 15,000 people have attended the show in the past.

Here are a few exhibits that caught my attention at the show. Matt Bosgraaf, manager of The Kayak Centre of Rhode Island, Wickford, said, "After taking a few years off we returned to the show and are glad we did." Halfway through the show on Saturday the Kayak Centre had already sold four boats.

Kayaks and paddle boards are one of the fastest growing segments of boating with peddle kayaks being the craze and boats being tricked-out with fish finders, electric motors and much more. The Centre offers kayak lessons, paddle board and kayak boat rentals and sales with such brands as Feel Free, Old Town, Wilderness and Native Watercraft. They also sell gear and wear for kayakers, and offer fishing seminars and events through their partner Ocean State Kayak Fishing. Visit the Kayak Center at kayakcentre.com.

Grainer Pottery of East Sandwich, Mass. creates hand-made ceramic fish. "We make over 100 different species of realistic ceramic fish, made to hang on the inside of a home as wall décor. Owners Caroline and Lauren Grainger said, "Our products have a lifelike feel because we make plaster molds from real fish and hand-press clay into the molds. We make realistic ceramic fish of all major New England species plus a variety of southern, tropical and freshwater fish. Visit graingerpotterysandwich.com.

Bill Hurley Lures are custom made with lots of sand eel oil. "Traffic at the show has been great," Hurley said. "I almost wish we sold the lures at the booth but we distribute them through bait & tackle shops. The soft plastic lures are designed to mimic sand eels and are made with pure sand eel oil that is injected into the plastic and then the inside of the bag and lure are coated with sand eel oil when packaged." Adults and children attending the show were mesmerized by Bill's fish tank display of the lures working in the tank under simulated current conditions. The lure features Mustad jig hooks that are guaranteed not to fail when fishing for striped bass.

Cheeky makes both fly fishing and spinning reels in bright green and blue colors. This Arlington, Mass. company has been designing and building reels for six years. Ted Upton, CEO of Cheeky said, "Our multi-disc drag system is one of the most distinguishing features of our spinning reels. Our SaltForce aluminum frame and body and machined carbon spin spool keeps the reels strong and light weight." The CYDRO line was on sale at the show for \$100 (normally \$129). It is available in 3500, 4500 and 5500 model sizes all at the same price. Upton said, "We are happy at how the reels did at the show and what was surprising was that we had just as much interest in our fly fishing reels as we had with our spinning reels." Visit cheekyfishing.com.

Harbor Light Software cofounder Fran Karp said, "Knowledge is power and having good, accurate, real-time data collecting of fishing data for fisheries management is what Harbor Light Software delivers to fishermen and fish mangers." The advantage of collecting accurate data is that fishery bio-



Caroline and Lauren Grainger of Grainger Pottery, East Sandwich, Mass., delighted attendees at the New England Saltwater Fishing Show with their ceramic fish which are made to size and molded from real fish from our area.

mass, catch and effort are more accurately estimated. If we have better data fisheries are managed more effectively so we can grow them to abundance so there are more fish for all to catch. The company's FishNET software is its first application to collect real time catch, effort and biological data electronically. Today the software is accepted by NOAA in select areas as the software of choice to speak directly to the ACCSP data warehouse offering commercial fisherman and charter boats the opportunity to file their Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) electronically. Visit harborlightsoftware.com.

Dave Morton of Beavertail Rod & Reel said, "We are now getting into repairing kayak peddle systems too." The North Kingstown company does reel cleaning as well as rod and reel repair. They take apart reels, clean all pierces and then reassemble the reels. Morton said, "We can modify and customize reels for anglers of all types including people with disabilities enabling them to fish or fish more effectively." The company replaces guides and tips on reels too and can be found at beavertailrodandreeel.com.

Capt. Dave Monti has been fishing and shellfishing for over 40 years. He holds a captain's master license and a charter fishing license. He is a RISAA board member, a member of the RI Party & Charter Boat Association and a member of the RI Marine Fisheries Council. Contact or forward fishing news and photos to Capt. Dave at dmontifish@verizon.net or visit his website at noflukefishing.com.

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Tuesday, March 21	2:49 (3.1)	3:17 (2.8)	8:56	8:46	6:43	7:00
Wednesday, March 22	3:46 (3.1)	4:17 (2.9)	10:09	10:00	6:41	7:01
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# New resources for those with German and Irish roots

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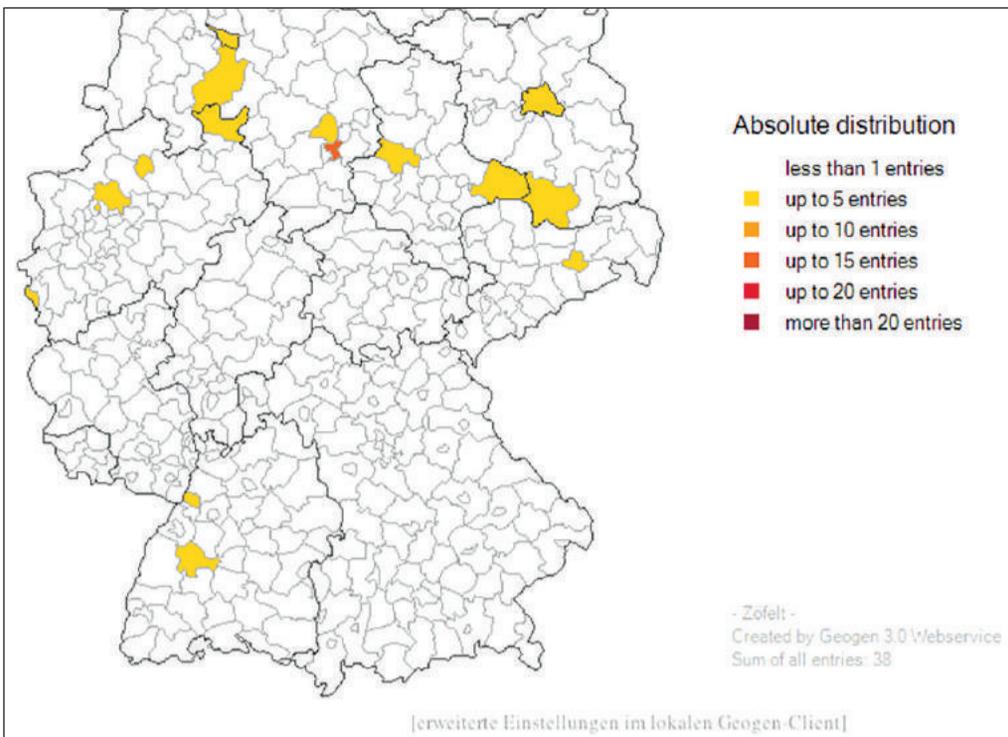
The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists will meet on Saturday, March 18, at Somerset Public Library, 1464 County St. The program at noon is by The Gravestone Girls. They will talk about gravestone art, history and symbolism and offer a visual tour from colonial burial grounds through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th and 21st centuries. It is free and open to the public.

And, there are lots of new sites out there just waiting to help you with your genealogy research. Here are just a few I've stumbled across.

■ If you have German roots, check out the Geogen site at <http://legacy.stoepel.net/en/Default.aspx>. The name stands for geographical genealogy. It's a surname mapping site that helps you find surnames in Germany. Before you start, click on "Information" on the homepage and read the short tips and description of the site.

When I entered my only German surname, Zufelt, there were no hits, but they asked if I meant Zofelt (two dots over the O). There were 38 entries in 15 counties. Then, check out the map. As you hover over each colored section, it tells you the name of the county.

■ Archion is at [www.archion.de/en/the-portal](http://www.archion.de/en/the-portal). It was founded in 2013 by the Evangelical Church of Germany with 11 regional evangelical churches. Its primary goal is "to make church books and other biographical and genealogical resources available." They are adding church records from across Germany every day (and not just evangelical churches). At this time, there are 16 million pages of church books. Click on browse to see what they have. Searching is free, but if you want to access book material, there is a



If you have German roots, check out Geogen, a mapping site that provided this map on a search for my Zufelt family.

fee starting with a one-month pass.

■ In September, those of us with Irish roots were thrilled to see the release of online Irish civil registration records at [www.irishgenealog.ie](http://www.irishgenealog.ie). In 1863, it became compulsory to register all births, marriages and deaths by Jan. 1, 1864. These civil records (and non-Catholic marriages from 1845), over 12.5 million individual records, are free. At this time, they include births (1864-1915), marriages (1882-1940) and deaths (1891-1965) from the General Register Office (GRO). They are working on adding marriages back to 1845 and deaths back to 1864. The site also has links to the GROs

in Northern Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland.

But, you will want to combine these records with church records when possible. Fines were assessed for late registration, so it's obvious in some of my records that a parent lied about a birthdate to keep from being fined. Luckily, the church records are more accurate. But, the civil records have great information, including the mother's maiden name, occupation of the father (or of the deceased) and more.

■ A good source of Irish surnames is a "Special Report on Surnames in Ireland" from the Cornell University Library at

<https://archive.org/details/cu31924029805540>. Other maps of Irish surnames I've seen were never helpful. But, this one dates from 1894 and was compiled from the birth indexes in the General Register Office in 1890. My two Irish surnames are listed – McAree with three births in Antrim and three in Monaghan (where mine are from) and Ward – 168 births in every county, but chiefly where mine are not from.

■ And, this is a perfect time for a reminder to not forget Cyndi's List ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)). Cyndi Howell's fabulous website is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The portal site has grown from a webpage with 1,025 links in 1996 to over 330,000 links today. No matter what you're looking for, you can find something on the subject at Cyndi's List. It's free and offers everything from what to do if you're just starting out to countries, vital records, DNA and so much more.

■ The David Rumsey Map Collection at [www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com) has grown by 8,000 maps (to 75,000) since the last time I visited. There also is a blog, new pictorial maps and atlases, and a bunch of cool tools. You can zoom in on the maps and, a really neat feature, lets you use Google Earth to overlay current maps over the historic maps. A video on You Tube explains it at <https://youtu.be/6CnsEOTC27o>

■ [www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com) is a free website with history listed by category (ancient world, Middle Ages, Renaissance, 17th century, Civil War, World War I, etc.) or check the index for a list of events.

*Lynda Rego has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lynda.rego](http://www.facebook.com/lynda.rego) where she shares tips on genealogy and other topics. Stop by, click on Like and share any interests you have for upcoming columns.*

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# Go Green for Saint Patrick's Day with edamame guacamole

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1. Kale is a nutrition powerhouse. It is an excellent source of iron, calcium, and vitamin C. Blend into a fruit smoothie or bake into kale chips.

2. Kiwi has more vitamin C than an orange. This helps keep you from getting sick. It is also a good source of potassium.

3. Olives are known for their high amounts of copper and vitamin E. They are also a great source of heart healthy fats.

4. Avocado is a green fruit that is high in a type of fat that helps keep your arteries clean and heart healthy.

5. Brussels sprouts are another source of vitamin C. Try steaming, roasting, or stir frying for different flavors.

6. Edamame can be sold in their pods or out of their pods. They are high in protein. They can be added to many dishes or eaten on their own as a fun snack.

Information gathered & adapted from nutritionbymia.com.

## Edamame Guacamole

Servings: 5

- 1 cup frozen, shelled edamame, thawed



- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 bunch cilantro
- 1/4 cup onions, chopped
- 6 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2-3 tablespoons water

### Preparation

1. Add edamame, avocado, tomatoes, cilantro, onions, and lime juice into a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth.
2. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Add water one tablespoon at a time and blend briefly until you reach a desired texture.

4. Chill before serving with whole grain tortilla chips or cut-up vegetables. Enjoy

Serving size: 1/4 cup

Nutrition information per serving: 109 calories, 7.0 grams fat (6.3 grams unsaturated fat), 7.7 grams carbohydrate, 4.3 grams fiber, 4.3 grams protein, 1.3 grams sugar, 7.2 milligrams sodium

Recipe adapted from cookeatshare.com.

*Emily DelConte is the Nutrition Director at Evolution Nutrition, Inc., a group practice of Registered Dietitians offering nutrition counseling for adults, adolescents, and children. Most visits are covered by medical insurance plans. To contact them please call 401/396-9331.*

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Saag Paneer (spinach cooked with spices in tomato onion gravy, cashew nuts, and paneer (Indian cheese), with flavored rice.) Don't miss this adventure into Indian cuisine, and discover for yourself that it's not just curry! Each class is a 2-hour session and costs \$58, which includes the supply fee; or, take all 3 for \$160. Call the BCS office at 401/245-0432 or visit the website, [barrcommschool.com](http://barrcommschool.com), for more information.

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## 2nd annual 'Quahog Week' kicks off March 20

Quahog Week, which made its debut last year, returns March 20 through 25. The week-long celebration highlights the importance of Rhode Island's wild harvest shellfish to the state's history, traditions, and economy. As part of the week, participating restaurants and markets will feature quahog-inspired menu items and deals, and Quahog Week partners will hold special events.

"Whenever I go out to eat, I look for Rhode Island shellfish," said DEM Director Janet Coit. "Our clams and oysters are enjoyed all over the world."

Rhode Island is known for its food and diverse food cultures. The state's booming local food sector supports more than 60,000 jobs and continues to attract and inspire the imagination of entrepreneurs and innovators. The local fishing industry has been, and continues to be, a vital part of the equation.

Thousands of land- and water-based businesses are supported by the industry. And local favorites like the quahog "stuffie" are enjoyed by people near and far.

Last year, more than 100 million pounds of seafood were brought in to local ports, with an export value over \$1 billion. And more than 28 million quahogs (off-the-boat value of \$5.5 million) were harvested from Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island coastal waters. To support continued industry growth, the state, along with its partners, developed the RI Seafood brand to uniquely identify local seafood in the marketplace and to provide a brand under which local seafood events and activities can take place.

Quahogging has a rich history locally, supporting the livelihoods of hundreds of fishers year-round as well as serving as a treasured pastime for Rhode Island families. Quahog Week will highlight this history and value through several planned events, including a kick-off celebration at Save The Bay in Providence on Monday, March 20 and a wrap party on Saturday, March 25 at the new headquarters of Narragansett Beer in Pawtucket. For more information on events, visit [seafoodri.com](http://seafoodri.com).

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#### Hope & Main "Meet Your Maker" Market

The nonprofit food incubator Hope & Main announces its lineup of monthly indoor specialty food markets where the community can eat, drink and shop local in a lively, food-centric marketplace showcasing dozens of local companies crafting specialty food products, prepared foods and handcrafted beverages. Taste and tour through Hope & Main's facility, catch cooking demonstrations throughout the day, enjoy live music and enter to win door prizes like holiday gift baskets, cooking classes, and more. The next market will be held Sunday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Eating with the Ecosystem's School of Fish

At Eating with the Ecosystem's "School of Fish", Rhode Island chefs will educate you on different methods for turning whole fish or shellfish – straight from the sea – into a marvelous dinner you can share with your family and friends. Learn how to use plentiful local species like scup, herring, whiting, skate, dogfish, and sea robin. And to turn commonplace species like quahogs or slipper limpets into something you've never imagined! Held in the demo kitchen (a former school classroom) at Hope & Main, each workshop is also a dinner, complete with wine and good company! Monday, March 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hope & Main, 691 Main St, Warren. For more information visit [makefoodyourbusiness.org](http://makefoodyourbusiness.org).

#### Fireside bourbon dinner at Linden Place

Warm up this winter with a little Bourbon by the fire! On Thursday, March 23, join Linden Place for a five-course dinner featuring America's best bourbons and dishes prepared by some of East Bay's finest chefs.

The evening begins with appetizers inside Linden Place's historic carriage house. Then guests will be seated for an amazing fireside dinner that has been carefully designed by

participating chefs. Enjoy a different bourbon craft cocktail perfectly paired with each dinner course, along with tasting notes and comments by the chefs. Featured chefs include Chef Niki Holden from Roberto's Restaurant, Chef Chris Kleyla and Chef Catie Zamow from Statesman Tavern and Chef Richard Allaire from Metacom Kitchen. Bourbons will include Jefferson's Reserve, Eagle Rare, Colonel EH Taylor, Small Batch 1792 and Hudson Whiskey. A cash bar with wine and beer will also be available. Thursday, March 23; 6 to 9:30 p.m.; \$80 all inclusive. For more info visit [lindenplace.org](http://lindenplace.org) or call 401/254-0390.

#### Newport Vineyards Milk & Honey Wine and Cheese Class

Join Newport Vineyards and Milk & Honey for an evening where their wine and cheese experts take you on a journey through Milk & Honey cheeses paired with Newport Vineyards wines. Thursday, March 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; \$42 per person. For more information, visit [newportvineyards.com](http://newportvineyards.com).

#### Newport Restaurant Week

Held March 27 through April 7. Visit [DiscoverNewportRestaurantWeek.org](http://DiscoverNewportRestaurantWeek.org) for menus, food and wine related events, lodging packages and more.

#### Simone's Cooking Class

Celebrate mussels and clams and have a great time doing so! Learn to make Steamed Mussels with Shallots and Creme Fraiche, grilled Clams with Dill Oreganato, our take on Linguini alle Vongole, and Roasted Cioppino with Clams, Mussels and Scallops. Dessert will be served. Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.; Simone's Restaurant, 275 Child St., Warren; \$60/seat includes demonstration, recipes, tastes and wine.

#### From Brooklyn to Brighton Beach food tour

The Brooklyn tour will be led by a popular local guide who will introduce the history and sights of this increasingly popular borough, as well as enjoying authentic cuisine and picture-perfect views of the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and downtown Manhattan from Fulton Ferry Landing. An included lunch of Russian and Georgian specialties will be served at the popular Russian restaurant, Tatiana. Brighton Beach was dubbed "Little Odessa" long ago, due to its residents having come from Odessa, a city in Ukraine, and still retains a distinctly ethnic flavor. This trip complements the Barrington Public Library's Cookbook Club, which is exploring the cuisine of Russian and Eastern Europe. Tuesday, March 28, Barrington departure at 6:30 a.m.; return approximately 8:30 p.m. The fee of \$130 BCS members and \$139 non-members includes narrated Brooklyn Heights tour, tour of the Russian neighborhood of Brighton Beach, lunch, visit to Coney Island, local guide and BCS escort, motor coach transportation and driver tip. For more information, call the BCS office at 401/245-0432, or visit [barrcommschool.com](http://barrcommschool.com).

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# East Bay Real Estate

## MEET JENNIFER GILL: *Web designer, school volunteer, half-marathoner*

BY JOAN D. WARREN

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Jennifer Gill was born in St. Louis, Miss., where her family lived for a short time before moving to Pennsylvania for about 10 years. At age 13 they moved to South Carolina and then eventually settled on Cape Cod when she was a freshman in high school. Jennifer attended college at U-Mass. Amherst, where she graduated with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant, Travel Administration.

After graduation, she moved briefly to Washington, DC, and then back to Boston, where she met her husband, Matt. After getting married, they bought a house in Newport, where they lived for seven years and had a daughter, Madison. After finding out they were having twins in 2011, they needed a house with more space, which brought them to Barrington, where they have lived for almost six years. Twins Jackson and Carly were born in 2011, a month after they moved, and days before Madison started kindergarten. They love the Barrington community and are very involved with the public schools and other civic groups.

WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE REAL ESTATE? "I have been a freelance website designer for the last 12 years, which I started doing just before my oldest daughter

was born, and have continued on a part-time basis since. Prior to designing websites, I worked as a contractor for a small consulting firm in Boston doing software development for primarily financial companies."

WHY REAL ESTATE AS A CAREER? "While I have loved the flexibility of working from home and the ability to be creative with website design, I realized I missed face-to-face interaction on a regular basis. I felt a new career in real estate offered an exciting opportunity to learn more about something I've always been interested in, as well as provide the opportunity to be out, interacting with new people all the time, in a role where I can help them."

FAVORITE SEASON: "Summer, definitely—I love going to the beach with the family and all the rest that goes with being outside and having fun in the warm weather — a season I'm really missing right about now!"

HOBBIES: "Hobbies are something I admittedly need to focus a little more on. I have always enjoyed running and thankfully have gotten back into it after too many years away. I love running with friends and doing road races and recently completed a half-marathon, which felt amazing. I also enjoy being creative and several years back used to draw which



**Jennifer Gill**  
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was something I loved doing very much — that is a hobby I have told myself I'll make time for again, so hopefully one day soon."

DESCRIBE A PERFECT FAMILY DAY: "The perfect family day, quite simply,

is where we are all together just enjoying each other's company laughing and having fun. Life gets so busy sometimes so those days where we can all just relax and be together are the best."

BEST ADVICE: "I just thought of this recently. My wonderful friend, Nancy, once said to me (when my twins were babies and my oldest was 5), 'The days are long but the years are short, so do your best to enjoy as much as you can.' The twins are now 5 1/2 and my oldest almost 11 — she was entirely right; the years fly by, so enjoy as much of it on a daily basis as we can."

PETS: "We have a dog, Casey, who is 12 years young. She is a beagle Dalmatian mix — the energy of a Dalmatian with the bark of a beagle."

PROFESSIONAL GOALS: "As a new agent, I look forward to learning all I can from the talented team of professionals at Coldwell Banker in Barrington. I feel lucky to be part of their office. My goal is to create long-term and lasting relationships with clients by being a real estate professional people can trust, rely upon and feel 100% comfortable with."

BEST PLACE FOR LUNCH LOCALLY: "I haven't been in far too long, but I love pretty much everything I've ever had at the Square Peg in Warren, a good reminder I need to go soon!"



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**RUMFORD:** Cape  
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Kim Ellin 774-991-0579



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**BARRINGTON:** Cape  
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living w/FP, central vac, sauna,  
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\$429,000

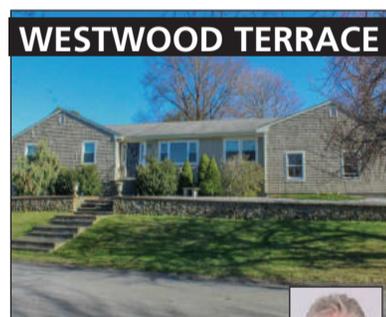
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great rm, granite & SS KIT, patio, pool &  
cathedral ceilings. Beautiful!

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**NEW LISTING**

**RIVERSIDE:** Colonial  
1500 sq. ft. 3 bed 1.5 bath  
Fabulous w/EIK, hardwoods,  
rec rm, Florida rm, updated  
windows & roof, garage & lovely park like  
yard! \$225,000

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**NEW LISTING**

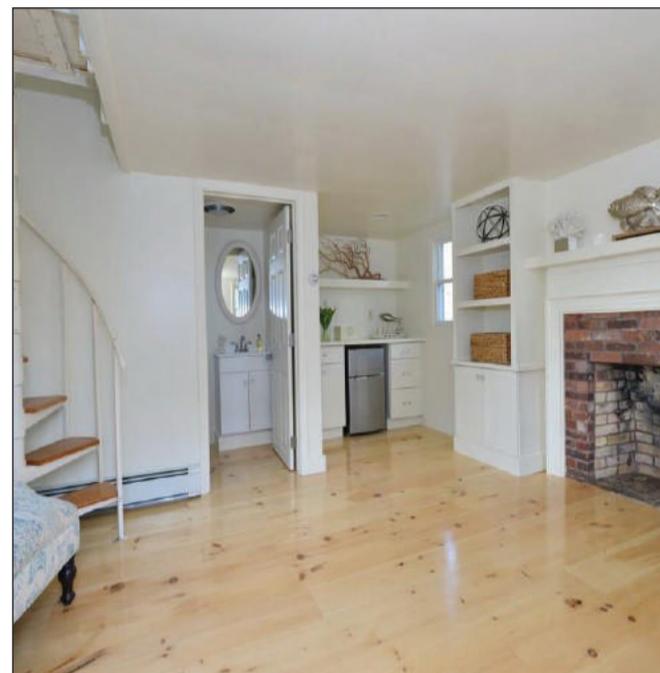
**SEEKONK:** Ranch  
5577 sq. ft. 3 bed 3 bath  
Spectacular! Cooks KIT, family  
rm w/FP, hardwoods, rec rm,  
AC, master, central vac & sliders to deck.  
\$520,000

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# House of the week

## Historic cottage with modern updates in Tiverton



New to the market is a charming, historic cottage located in the heart of Tiverton's Stone Bridge/Fort Barton area. The house has been recognized by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission and is located in the Stone Bridge Historic District. It is known as the Captain Seabury House.

An authentic farmhouse, the structure is a "complex cottage" with several roof pitches and angles, adding to the architectural interest of the home. There is a one-bedroom guest house on the

property as well.

The house, built in 1877, was renovated within last two years, and upgrades included new rugs, refinished pine floors, re-plastered ceilings and walls, new wallpaper, new paint on walls, trim, and cabinets. The renovation was completed with quality craftsmanship, combining high quality materials and updates while maintaining the authentic period charm.

The four-bedroom, three-bathroom home offers a formal dining room, butler's pantry, four-season sun room and wide plank pine

floors throughout. There are two fireplaces in the main house, one converted to gas.

The bright kitchen was updated with Carrara marble countertops, professional appliances (Wolf gas range, Liebherr refrigerator/freezer, Bosch dishwasher, Broan Elite trash compactor, garbage disposal, new gooseneck faucet and sink erator button, polished nickel finish Restoration Hardware cabinet hardware, new door knobs, and new interior lighting.

The 1.5-acre property includes a one-bedroom guest cottage that

has also been completely renovated in 2016, including Martha Stewart cabinets, wide pine floors, a one-piece shower, a new toilet, vanity, doors, paint, Whirlpool mini-fridge and a new front door. The cottage has a working fireplace.

There is also a large board and batten barn with loft and a one-car garage.

The 63,5980-square-foot lot has mature landscaping, a flagstone patio and a tennis court. It is surrounded by original stone walls, adding to the charm of the prop-

erty. There are westerly water views of the Sakonnet River passage and Tiverton basin.

### By the numbers

- \$649,000
- 2,556 sq. ft. living space
- 1.5 acres
- 4 beds
- 3 baths
- 1 bedroom guest house

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# Real Estate Transactions

ADDRESS	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALE PRICE
<b>BARRINGTON</b>			
24 Bay Rd	Compliance Pros LLC	Jonathan L. Crist	\$385,000
27 Beaver Rd	Andre and Susan Thibeault	Mary A. Sullivan	\$300,000
52 Greene Ave	Timothy E. MccMahon	Anthony and Dorothy Frankian	\$210,000
29 Baron Rd	Wendy Jacobson	Brian Walsh	\$265,000
4 Homestead Ave	Daniel and Robin Bruno	Robert and Pamela Manninen	\$455,000
3 Brow St	Chris and Jessalyn Link	Rocco J. Dimatteo I.R.T.	\$290,000
<b>BRISTOL</b>			
19 Broadcommon Rd	Rholenty LLC	JWEB Holdings LLC	\$800,000
10 3rd School St	Kandie and Regan Schwartz	Alan and Marie Bullock	\$175,000
535 Metacom Ave	Arnold I.R.T. 2012 and Ralph Kinder	M. Adelaide Nunes R.E.T. 2006 and Alan Nunes	\$625,000
Peter Rd	AC Acquisitions LLC	Anthony A. Nunes Inc. and M Adelaide Nunes RET 2006	\$100,000
78 Gooding Ave	Jefferey J. Simons	Steven Borgia	\$160,000
26 Lugent Ln	Adelia Ferreira and Leonardo Vincent	NCD Developers Inc.	\$399,800
<b>EAST PROVIDENCE</b>			
108 Ivan Ave	Laura and Wayne Nelson	Steven and Elizabeth Conti	\$285,000
42 Circuit Dr	Anne P. Schultz	Raymond E. King	\$253,000
64 Anthony St	Aloha Properties LLC	USA HUD	\$74,000
150 Worcester Ave	Robert T. Riggio	Jean and Joel Bernstein	\$195,000
12 Mccausland Ave	Ricardo Diaz	Catarina Arruda	\$196,000
114 Brook Ave	K&S Residential Inv. LLC	Edward McCaughey	\$17,500
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3684 Pawtucket Ave	Atwood Properties LLC	Linda and John Smith	\$95,624
63 Woodward Ave	Sylvia Bagaglio and Isaac Brown	ZBT Enterprises LLC	\$172,000
78 6th St	Roque Pineda	Alicia C. Bacon	\$230,000
39 Vineyard Ave	Kevin and Elizabeth Matthews	Jose F. Silveira	\$345,000
23 Lynn Ave	Danny Placido and Lauri Piriquito	Michael West Builders Inc.	\$309,900
49 Terrace Ave	Imperial Investments Inc.	Beverly Parsons and Russell Tanner	\$305,000
600 N Broadway #2C	Richard and Debra Porter	Suzette M. Maciel	\$185,000
200 Westerly Bradford Rd	Harrison Street Assoc	Meadowcrest Partners	\$79,000
<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>			
544 Boyds Ln	David and Courtney Huth	Christopher and Annetta Arena	\$274,000
125 Mussel Bed Shoal Rd	Janis Douglas and Richard Thorpe	Linda Gautie and Kathy Brunelle	\$400,000
83 Valley Ln #83	Anthony Woidyla and Stephanie Fontes	Walter and Claudia Benn	\$261,000
2788 E Main Rd	Shaune and Candice Barry	Sharon and Kevin Fennessey	\$400,000
1134 W Main Rd	Nikolas M. Gaudet	William A. Raposa R.E.T.	\$185,000
180 Rebels Way #180	Claudette Levesque-Ware and Bradley Ware	Prescott Partners LLC	\$400,000
180 Rebels Way #180	Claudette and Bradley W	are Prescott Partners LLC	\$400,000
33 Seafare Ln #33	Michael and June Heston	Apollo Brothers LLC	\$326,500
N/A	Janet M. Bruner	Vivian L. Silvia	\$675,000
244 Turnpike Ave	David and Elysha Guerriero	Carl F. Benevides General	\$410,000
Oakland Farms Condo #2	Joann W. Vanicek	Thomas J. Eagan Est. and Susan Ryan	\$370,000
<b>TIVERTON</b>			
5 Pierce Ct	Jeremy A. Baer	Danna and Jeffrey Spencer	\$275,000
31 Broadview Dr	Jay Lilley and Patricia Horan	Wells Fargo Bank	\$325,040
240 Holly Cir	Rachael and Wesley and Roy	Dennis and Shirley Medeiros	\$360,000
60 Brayton Rd	Warren Michalski and Christina Desharmais	Southcoast Holding LLC	\$324,900
1565 Main Rd	Noah Zimmermann and Diana Perdomo	Peter Haas and Barbara Nagel	\$330,000
131 Cypress Ave	Heather L. Hardie	Jessica L. Arruda	\$210,000
65 Merritt Ave	Westbriar Properties Inc	Bruce R. Pelletier	\$103,000
Brayton Rd	Toni L. Ellis	Toni L. Ellis	\$5,250
<b>WARREN</b>			
63 Vernon St	Wells Fargo Bank	Nancy Hayes and Wells Fargo Bank	\$138,330
30 Overhill Rd	Kayla Nerone and Michael Connors	Wesley and Racheal Roy	\$279,900
160-162 Main St	Tupelo Realty LLC	Kathryn L. Saylor	\$100,000
<b>WESTPORT</b>			
30 Fieldstone Dr	Djuana D. Kirkland-Polk	Norbert and Elizabeth Morais	\$859,000
29 Jennings Way	S. Barcellos-Crawford	Briggs Landing LLC	\$200,400

# Open Houses This Week

ADDRESS	DAY	TIME	STYLE	BEDS	BATHS	PRICE	BROKER	AGENT	PHONE
<b>BARRINGTON</b>									
641 Maple Ave.	Sunday, March 19	12-2 pm	Cape	3	2	\$449,500	Mott and Chance Sotheby's	Midge Berkery	401-330-7488
7 Blount Circle	Sat. & Sun., March 18 & 19	12-2 pm	Colonial	4	3.5	\$1,175,000	Residential Properties	Kris Chwalk	401-245-9600
4 Willow Way	Sunday, March 19	11:30 am-1 pm	Cape	2	2.5	\$799,000	Residential Properties	Nancy Weaver	401-245-9600
101 Promenade St.	Sunday, March 19	12-1:30 pm	Colonial	5	1.5	\$299,000	Residential Properties	Laurie Fletcher	401-245-9600
96 Lincoln Ave.	Sunday, March 19	12-1:30 pm	Contemporary	4	3	\$409,000	Residential Properties	Lisbeth Herbst	401-245-9600
11 Bowden Ave.	Sunday, March 19	12-1:30 pm	Colonial	3	2	\$569,000	Residential Properties	Janet Maloy	401-245-9600
7 Blount Circle	Sunday, March 19	12-2 pm	Colonial	4	3.5	\$1,175,000	Residential Properties	Kris Chwalk	401-245-9600
31 Ferry Lane	Sunday, March 19	12-2 pm	Colonial	3	1.5	\$478,000	Residential Properties	Joyce Hughes	401-245-9600
<b>BRISTOL</b>									
41 Seabreeze Lane	Sunday, March 19	2-3:30 pm	Townhouse	2	2.5	\$325,000	Residential Properties	Laurie Fletcher	401-245-9600
<b>TIVERTON</b>									
347 Cottrell Road	Sunday, March 19	1-3 pm	Colonial	3	2.5	\$469,900	East Shore Properties	Jeannie Veegh	401-847-8818
79 Preservation Way	Saturday, March 18	10 am-12 pm	Colonial	4	2-2	\$450,000	Welchman Real Estate Group	Amanda Nickerson Toste	401.835.8967
141 Bridle Way	Saturday, March 18	1-2 pm	Raised Ranch	3	1.5	\$354,900	Welchman Real Estate Group	Amanda Nickerson Toste	401.835.8967
24 North Ct.	Saturday, March 18	1-2 pm	Cape	3	2	\$429,000	TL Holland	Marybeth Praskievicz	970-759-2568
<b>RUMFORD</b>									
66 Ruth Ave.	Sunday, March 18	11 am-1 pm	Cape	4	2	\$299,900	RE/MAX River's Edge	Kim Ellin	774-991-0579
<b>WARREN</b>									
732 Main St.	Saturday, March 18	11 am-1 pm	Cottage	3	2	\$260,000	RE/MAX River's Edge	Debra Correia	401-714-8585

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**BRISTOL:** 3 bed, 2.5 bath, open floor plan, hardwood floors, granite counter, stainless steel appliances, walk out to deck, finished basement, close to schools and shopping. \$249,000.

**WARREN:** 1 bdrm, 2nd fl. Recent updates, hardwood floors, granite counter, stainless steel appliances, walk out to deck, finished basement, close to schools and shopping. \$249,000.

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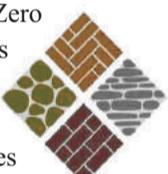


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