

INSIDE: Locals step up as Santa for the poorest in South County

free

SOUTH COUNTY

HOLIDAY 2021

Life

MAGAZINE

Checking your list

It's the holiday season in South County and that means there's so much to see, do and shop for. We've got all your local gift buying options covered.



Comprehensive *Dental Care*

**Services: Maintenance Procedures • Restorative Dentistry • Cosmetic Dentistry • Invisalign
Dental Implants • Sleep Apnea • Full Mouth Rehabilitation • Pediatric Dentistry • TMJ Disorders**

Dr. Cariappa and her team pride themselves on offering the highest level of quality care in a comfortable and calming environment. In order to ensure that every patient receives the best treatment possible, Dr. Cariappa and her team travel throughout the country to learn new cutting edge techniques and skills in order to offer her patients the best.

**MEAGHAN MCCAULEY, DMD
SHANTHI CARIAPPA, DDS, D.ABDSM
KYLE MALESRA, DMD, FAGD**



STONINGTON
DENTAL ASSOCIATES

Stonington Dental Associates, PLLC
20 South Anguilla Rd, Suite 1
Pawcatuck, CT 06379
Tel: 860-599-2505 | Fax: 860-599-4265



FRENCHTOWN
DENTAL ASSOCIATES

Frenchtown Dental Associates
2580 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Tel: 401-884-7300 | Fax: 401-884-3409



BRANCH VILLAGE
DENTAL ASSOCIATES

Branch Village Dental Associates
501 Great Road
Suite 101 North Smithfield, RI 02896
Tel: 401-766-5428

www.rictadvanceddentistry.com



Healthy Living Starts with Primary Care

Primary care is your first step in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Whether it's in person or through telehealth, our team is here for you. We have providers accepting new patients at all three of our primary care locations in Newport County, and we look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Call **401-606-4PCP** for help finding a practice that meets your needs.

NEWPORT • TIVERTON • JAMESTOWN
lifespan.org/primary



**Lifespan
Physician Group, Inc.**
Delivering health with care.®

This Holiday Season,
Give a Gift
that Everyone Will Cherish!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM OUR
FAMILY TO
YOURS!**

Give a Gift of Seafood that
Could Not Be Any Fresher.

Give a Gift Card for
Champlin's Seafood Market and
Champlin's Seafood Deck Restaurant.

To Order Champlin's Seafood
Gift Cards, Call: 401-783-3152
or Visit Us at our Fish Market Open
Every Day 9am till 6pm



**Champlin's Seafood Market and
Champlin's Seafood Deck Restaurant**
Are Located Directly on the Docks
in the Historic Village of Galilee
256 Great Island Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882

401-783-3152
www.champlins.com 



The holiday season is here in South County and whether it's marquee events like the Festival of Lights in Narragansett, pictured above, or photos with Santa, there are a ton of reasons to be joyful as 2021 comes to a close.

A season worth greeting

Once again, the holiday season is here in South County and with it, the final issue of South County Life Magazine for 2021. Looking back on the year behind us, even though it's been a difficult one at times, there's still lots to be thankful for: the many wonderful contributions from our talented writers and photographers; our fascinating story subjects who have shared their lives with us; our supportive advertisers; and most importantly, you, our readers.

In "Special Delivery," Jessica Abbiati reminds us all of how much we have to be thankful for with a story of a young North Kingstown woman's mission to help children with pediatric cancer. Ali Hornung started the Glimmer of Hope Foundation after developing a close friendship with Ella Integlia, who died of leukemia at age 14 but who first inspired a project to send dolls and wellness packages to children across the nation.

In "M'All the Fixings," Bill Seymour and

Michael Derr take a trip to the venerable Wakefield Mall to explore how the indoor shopping center has evolved over the past four decades. Built in the 1970s, the mall has endured despite major changes in the retail shopping environment over the years. The mall's owners and tenants both say there is a special relationship between the center and its customers that has stood the test of time.

In "Home for the Holidays," Jessica Abbiati and Michael Derr bring the reader on a quick but wide-ranging tour of some of the opportunities to "shop local" for holiday gift-givers. If you have hard-to-shop-for loved ones on your list, this gift guide could come in handy. South County's small businesses have things to offer everyone from the artist to the luxury lover to the outdoor adventurer.

Thanks for picking up this edition of South County Life, and may you and your loved ones enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

from the publisher of
The Independent

P.O. Box 232
Wakefield, RI 02880
401.789.9744

sclife@independentri.com

© Southern Rhode Island Newspapers

PUBLISHER

Jody Boucher

EDITORIAL

Managing Editor

Seth Bromley

editorial@independentri.com

ADVERTISING

Advertising Director

Jody Boucher

jboucher@ricentral.com

Sales Representatives

Carol Palmer

cpalmer@independentri.com

ART

Prepress Manager

Nonea McFarlane

Graphic Design

Paul J. Spetrini

Photography

Michael Derr

photos@independentri.com

CONTRIBUTORS

Jessica Abbiati, Michael Derr, Bill Seymour,
Paul J. Spetrini.

South County Life magazine is distributed for free, seven times per year (March, May, June, July, August, September, November) by The Independent / Southern Rhode Island Newspapers, P.O. Box 232, Wakefield, RI 02880. For editorial or advertising guidelines, visit SouthCountyLifeMagazine.com, call 401-789-9744, or email sclife@independentri.com

All content remains the copyright of *South County Life* magazine. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form without written permission from the publisher. *South County Life* magazine welcomes submissions relevant to our content but we cannot be held responsible for their care or return.

Distribution by Special Delivery

How do you live your South County Life?

Use #MySouthCountyLife in your Instagram posts for a chance to be included in an upcoming issue of *South County Life* or shared on our social media pages.

 @SouthCountyLifeRI

 @SouthCountyLifeRI

 @SCLife_Magazine

Visit and view us online at SouthCountyLifeMagazine.com

contents

5 Local Catch

The holiday season kicks into high gear with the return of several beloved events, including Wickford's Festival of Lights.

7 Special Delivery

For North Kingstown's Ali Hornung, creating a holiday toy drive isn't just a once-a-year way to feel good. It's part of a broader mission to help comfort children battling cancer.

14 M'all the fixings

With the intimate shopping feel of a small business and, yet the type of variety you'd expect from a larger outlet, the Wakefield Mall has been a fixture in the holiday shopping plans of local families for generations.

20 Shop Local

Home for the Holidays

When it comes to finding unique gifts this holiday season, there's no reason to leave the comfort of South County ... a place with something for everyone on your list.

27 Secret Santas

Holidays are a joyful time for many local families but, for the poorest among us, they can also be the most stressful. That's why there's no better time to give back to the less fortunate.

31 to do

Calendar of upcoming events.

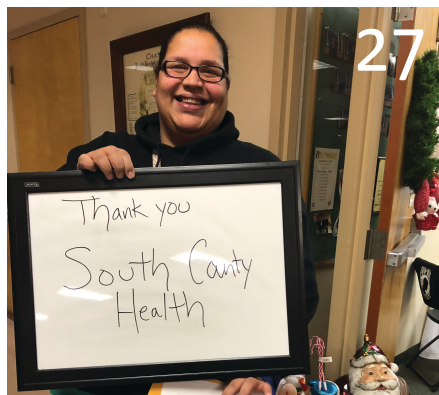
40 #mysouthcountylife

South County Instagrammers.

ON THE COVER

Santa Claus, aka Terry Simpson, picks out ornaments for his Christmas Tree at The Paper Store in the Wakefield Mall.

Photo: Michael Derr



| local catch |



South County Art Association will celebrate a big milestone this year as its annual Holiday Pottery and Art Sale turns 50. This year's sale begins on Friday, November 26 and runs through Sunday, December 19. Pictured above and below are samples of the work that has been shown and sold at previous sales.

GOOD AS GOLDEN

It's a milestone moment for South County Art Association this season as the organization celebrates its 50th annual Holiday Pottery and Art Sale

The holiday season is all about traditions. Whether it's taking your yearly photo with Santa, bringing your friends together for a Yankee Swap party or waiting until Christmas Eve to open your first gift or, there's nothing more comforting than reliability as the temperatures drop and you get ready to celebrate the season.

Perhaps that's why South County Art Association's Annual Holiday Pottery and Art Sale remains a staple of the holidays in Southern Rhode Island year after year. Featuring the work of more than 90 artists, this three-week event has provided generations of local families the perfect opportunity to find unique, often homemade gifts that come with a personal touch.

And after the coronavirus pandemic forced SCAA to postpone plans for the 2020 sale, organizers are hoping this year proves to not only a return to normal but a celebration worthy of honoring

Continued on page 6



ORGANIZE YOUR LIFE

*Custom Closet Geeks has the
solution and it works!*



Custom
Closet
Geeks

A solution for every room!



Installation included!

**Call Wendy at 508-441-7301 to make an
appointment for a FREE in-home consultation.**

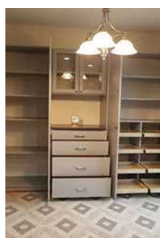
Custom Closets Without the Custom Price!



**Mention
this ad and
receive
up to a**

**25%
discount**

**with minimum
purchase of
\$1500.
New orders only.**



Showrooms (by appointment only):

685 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA

74 Nooseneck Road, West Greenwich, RI

CustomClosetGeeks.com

f /customclosetgeeks

Continued from page 5

the milestone 50th anniversary of the beloved event.

"It's almost hard to fathom," Kathleen Carland, SCAA Executive Director said. "We're going into our 95th year next year as an organization and the sale has been going for 50 years. The first sale was in the '70s and as I've been hearing from people, it was just a few potters and not really an extensive event like it is now. It went for one or two weekends, now it goes for three weeks and we have almost 90 artists. I think they had like 10. But mainly it really helps us to really meet part of our mission which is really to promote artists. Artists are creating the most beautiful, wonderful things and if the community can't buy them or see them, where are they going to go with all this beauty?"

While the group scuttled plans for its annual sale in 2020 due to the pandemic, Carland said it did offer a couple of outdoor art sales throughout the year and sales were better than expected.

"Original art was very in last year," she said. "It's sort of a situation where people were stuck at home and they needed something to look at. The pandemic was good for art in some ways and bad for us in others."

Each year, SCAA staff and volunteers transform the historic Helme House Gallery into a dazzling holiday gift store, selling the work of artist members that range from talented hobbyists to seasoned professionals and come from all over the state of Rhode Island.

Thousands of visitors visit the sale annually to shop for one-of-a-kind items to be given as gifts or a present for themselves. The Holiday Sale has something for everyone on your list, including handmade pottery, cards, small framed prints, paintings, jewelry, ornaments, stocking stuffers and woodwork.

With nonstop news stories this year warning shoppers to plan their purchases in advance because of supply chain issues, Carland feels now is the best time for an event like SCAA's annual sale.

"The upcoming 50th anniversary holiday sale will prove once again that original art is always in style, tax free, supports artists and doesn't depend on the supply chain. That's kind of what we're looking at, just welcoming people and having them enjoy a peaceful and restful shopping experience that they can count on."

This year's Holiday Pottery and Art Sale opens on Friday, November 26 and runs until Sunday, December 19. The hours are Wednesdays-Sundays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

SCAA will also host a special "Meet the Artists" event on December 9 from 6-8 p.m.

"It's the most festive and dazzling display of beauty that you'll find anywhere," Carland said. "We have two historic buildings, they're completely decked out for the holidays. It's a magical place. We have sent some photographs but it doesn't do it justice. You take two galleries and a gift shop and you imagine it completely turned over to original art. It really is just a beautiful thing. People can buy small gifts, they can buy little ornaments, little sponge holders all the way up to some kind of beautiful painting. There's a price point for everyone in the community."

For more information on the holiday sale, visit <https://www.southcountyart.org/>.

local catch

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Christmas comes but once a year and, when it comes to Christmas in Wickford, that means Santa, elves, music ... and the Festival of Lights.

If there's one thing the coronavirus pandemic instilled in all of us, it's that you can't take your holiday season and holiday traditions for granted.

Last year, one of the most disappointing announcements of the year for local families was that the Festival of Lights in Wickford would be devoid of any of its usual large-scale events.

But absence makes the heart grow fonder and this year, the festivities are back and better than ever.

The Wickford Village Association recently unveiled its plans for the 36th annual Festival of Lights and on tap are a ton of marquee events, whether you're a child just hoping to catch a glimpse of

Santa, a teenager who wants to show off her best holiday costume or a parent who just needs a few minutes to take a relaxing stroll through town.

The four-day Festival of Lights officially kicks off Thursday, December 2 with North Kingstown's official town tree lighting and a guest appearance by Santa in Updike Park at 6 p.m.

On Friday, December 3, Santa will return to the village when he arrives by boat with Safe Sea to the town dock on Brown Street at 5:30 p.m. led by the kayaking and paddle boarding "reindeer" of the Kayak Centre.

That evening, from 6-8 p.m., Santa will lead horse-drawn hayrides throughout Wickford Village at a cost of \$3 per person

(cash only, masks required.) Can't make it to the hayrides Friday? Don't fret. Santa will be on site Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. for the rides as well.

Also Saturday, the village welcomes all to dress in their "elfiest attire" and meet at 11 a.m. at Sweet Marie's Tea Cottage, located at 25 West Main Street, for an elves' reception of hot cocoa and cookies before the group marches in the annual elf parade through Wickford at noon.

For more information on this year's Festival of Lights, visit wickfordvillage.org.



Wickford Village will kick off the holiday celebrations in Southern Rhode Island in style this year as the 36th annual Festival of Lights returns December 2-5.

Photo Courtesy: Wickford Village Association



Full Service Eye Care For
The Whole Family

We also offer a beautiful
selection of eyewear for
all budgets



RHODE
Eye **LAND**

74 Frenchtown Road
North Kingstown Stop & Shop Plaza
(401) 262-0042
rhodeeyeland.com

HEAD OF THE GLASS

Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift that will stand out? Bosgraaf Studio's 6th annual Holiday Sale offers unique glass art that was made to shine.

There are few things more stressful during the holidays than trying to find that perfect gift for the people on your list who seemingly have it all. But, thankfully, local businesses have you covered and few do so in as unique a way as Bosgraaf Studio in Peace Dale.

Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio, located at 1214 Kingstown Road, will host its 6th Annual Holiday Sale on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event features original glass works from over 60 student artists featuring holiday, nature, whimsical and

enchanting themes, with items for sale in every price range. The public will get to view and buy hundreds of unique creative stained glass and fused glass pieces that are functional or decorative, or both and can also learn about classes offered at the studio and see workspaces while talking with students about methods and materials.

For Peggy Corcoran, owner of Bosgraaf Studio, the annual holiday sale is a great event for both students and the public alike.

"We're very excited," she said. "I think this year is going to be the biggest year."

Corcoran works with her students in a very hands-on way for the sale, ensuring they put out high quality items and gain real-world experience with things like pricing and figuring out how to "anticipate what people want and what they're looking for for holiday gifts."

This year's holiday sale, which is free to the public, features a complimentary hot chocolate bar, a special wine tasting from Gooseneck Vineyards from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday and a raffle that will be drawn on Sunday.

For more information, visit bosgraafstudio.com.

Southern Rhode Island Properties



Nestled in a Peaceful
Wooded Retreat.
Safe, Scenic, Friendly
& Affordable.

ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY

434 Leisure Drive
South Kingstown RI 02879
(401) 792-7107 • Cell (401) 228-4822
Fiore Realty Corp.
www.villageatwordenspond.com

**RANDALL,
REALTORS**

Leading
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES
IN THE WORLD

15 Years Experience
Multimillion Dollar Producer
Recipient of The Gold's
President's Award

Leading
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES
IN THE WORLD

I'M LOCAL I'M GLOBAL™

LP LUXURY
PORTFOLIO
INTERNATIONAL
REAL ESTATE

DIANNE LEMAY

Sales Associate
Cell: 413.636.9048

Email: DLeMay@RandallRealtors.com
124 Bay Street, Watch Hill, RI 02891



EXPLORE SOUTH COUNTY!

Matunuck Holiday Stroll



Wednesday,
December 8th
4pm - 9pm

• FOR ALL THE HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPING •

• LOCAL ARTISTS • RAFFLE PRIZE •

• HOLIDAY COCKTAILS • FOOD •

TREE LIGHTING @ 7pm

“The Beach Hut” Gift Store

Custom on-site Embroidery



Holiday Gift Baskets

teacher gifts/ guy gifts/corporate gift giving/ hostess/
wedding/Baby Gifts

DIY Kits for kids & adults

Paint Pouring Kits

Unique embroidered gifts like

“Design your own Hoodie” with your
favorite saying or Beach Town



www.timetodesignri.com • timetodesignRi@gmail.com

NEW
LOCATION

750 Boston Neck Rd, Ste 2,
Narragansett, RI 02882

Now open Wed. thru Saturdays 10-4pm
(hours also by appointment)

401.228.5444

SPECIAL

Inspired by the loss of a friend, North Kingstown resident Ali Hornung made it her mission to gift an American Girl Doll to every child battling cancer. This holiday season, Hornung and her Glimmer of Hope Foundation hope to get step closer to making that goal a reality.

Story by Jessica Abbiati



DELIVERY



North Kingstown resident Ali Hornung, a student at the University of Rhode Island studying global business, German and human development & family sciences, poses for a photo in front of gifts she helped organize with her nonprofit organization The Glimmer of Hope Foundation that donated American Girl Dolls to children battling cancer.



Last Christmas, the Glimmer of Hope Foundation teamed up with local police and the Maddie Potts Foundation to send 30 full-sized sacks of toys to Hasbro Children's Hospital's oncology wing. The group also helped sponsor three families in three states with a full slate of Christmas presents.



The Glimmer of Hope Foundation says it sponsors and donates bald dolls of four ethnicities to "better help children feel represented and confident" during their fight against cancer.

From an early age, Ali Hornung of North Kingstown made it her mission to bring joy to children battling cancer. At just 12 years old, she asked her parents to help her create a hair accessory business where the funds would go to benefit pediatric cancer. From there Hornung became a passionate advocate for these children and has continued to bring smiles and hope to them ever since.

Hornung's ultimate inspiration, however, came a few years after she began her journey into pediatric cancer advocacy. Eleven-year-old Ella, who was battling leukemia, was just an acquaintance until one day when Hornung invited her to participate in a fashion show event. The two girls then became inseparable.

Hornung became like a big sister to Ella. She started going to chemo and physical therapy with her, and their bond deepened. Ella was in remission for about 10 months after completing her initial two and a half years of treatment. Unfortunately, she relapsed in April of 2019 at 14 years old and died in August of that same year.

"My passion was already sparked, but Ella forged that path for me because she was amazing. She was truly inspiring," said Hornung.

About a year after Ella's death, Hornung approached her parents and told them that she wanted to start a nonprofit in honor of their daughter. She respectfully asked them what they would like their daughter's legacy to be. They explained how Ella wrote to the American Girl company and asked them to send a bald American Girl Doll to every child battling cancer. Ella received such a doll after sending that letter and named her Hope. From

young Ella's inspiring legacy, the Glimmer of Hope Foundation was created.

Since the foundation was launched a year and a half ago, they have impacted over 400 individuals and their families. Glimmer of Hope sends bald American Girl Dolls to children battling cancer, wellness packages to them and their families as well as bereavement gifts to parents who have lost a child to cancer.

Last Christmas — with the support of local police and The Maddie Potts Foundation — the foundation sent 30 full-sized Santa sacks to the oncology wing at Hasbro Children's Hospital. They also supported three families — one in Rhode Island, one in New Jersey and one in Georgia — for Christmas by sending gifts to not only a child battling cancer but their siblings as well. Each child received 15 to 20 gifts and a full stocking to open on Christmas morning.

"When we first started Glimmer of Hope we weren't always in a position to give to siblings, but now that we are I realized that siblings are a huge part of the journey of childhood cancer and that's something that I really wanted to include," said Hornung.

Three new families will be chosen this year to receive Christmas gifts from Glimmer of Hope.

This holiday season the Glimmer of Hope Foundation is hosting 24 Days of Dolls. This campaign aims to send one bald American Girl Doll to a child battling cancer each day leading up to Christmas in December. Funding for the dolls comes primarily through special doll sponsors. Anyone can make a donation of \$135 to Glimmer of Hope and become a Doll Sponsor. The foundation then posts a photo of the child who received the doll and credits the donor as the doll sponsor. The foundation also receives many generous donations from the local community.

"We've just been very fortunate to have a very supportive community," said Hornung.

Hornung is a senior at the University of Rhode Island and is pursuing a triple major in global business, German, and human development & family sciences.

Follow Glimmer of Hope Foundation on Facebook and @glimmerofhopefdn on Instagram see their 24 Days of Dolls campaign in action this December.



the GLASS STATION
studio and gallery
Wakefield, RI

Hand-Blown Glass







**Ornaments
Menorahs
Tree Toppers
Holiday Decor
Jewelry
Gifts**

Home of The Glass Float Project

446 Main St., Wakefield • 401-788-2500
Shop online at www.theglassstationstudio.com

QUONSET Auto Body Inc.



**Serving You
For Over
50 Years!**

Wishing you a
safe
and happy
holiday season



- Full Mechanical Staff
- RI Inspection Station
- Lightbulbs to Engine Changes
- Tire & Wheel Alignment • Brakes
- Oil Changes • Tune-ups • AC Service
- Computer Diagnostics
- Reconditioning/Detail Department
- Windshield and Chip Repair
- Towing Service Available
- Local Shuttle Service Available

7335 Post Road, North Kingstown, RI
401-884-3900 • 401-295-5356

M'ALL THE FIXINGS

With hard-to-find items and the kind of customer service you can't find online, the Wakefield Mall remains one step ahead of its competition all year long ... but especially during the holiday season.

Story by Bill Seymour, Photography by Michael Derr





Santa Claus, aka Terry Simpson, helps Jennifer Dowell, owner of Jennifer's Chocolates in the Wakefield Mall, make chocolate lollipops during his recent visit to the mall. For business owners like Dowell, who has operated out of the location for 25 years, the Wakefield Mall is the perfect balance between a traditional mall — and its steady volume of foot traffic — and smaller, intimate shopping centers which allow more one-on-one customer interaction.



planet fitness

DRY CLEANERS
DRY CLEANING

OLYMPIA Sports

BUY 1 GET 1
70% OFF
CLEARANCE
APPAREL &
TEAM LICENSED

FREE
CLEARANCE
FOOTWEAR

OLYMPIA Sports



LEFT Santa Claus, aka Terry Simpson, shops at Olympia Sports in the Wakefield Mall. **ABOVE** Classic toys, such as this model train at Pow! Science! in the Wakefield Mall, are still popular Christmas gifts ideas.

Jennifer Dowell has been at the Wakefield Mall — a classic throwback to the 1970s-style indoor shopping centers — for over 25 years. She makes and bakes and sells chocolates of all kinds.

Her business, “Jennifer’s Chocolates,” is right inside the main tall glass doors greeting anyone coming from a large nearby parking lot. This small mall, a large retail fixture in South Kingstown, is near the crest of Old Tower Hill Road, just before the Route 1 overpass.

“It’s so convenient and has stores that people like to visit and they don’t need to even go north on Route 1. They have it right here,” said Larry Fish, the mall manager of over 35 years and chairman of the town’s Economic Development Committee.

Dowell said that she agrees and that’s one of the reasons she’s kept her storefront here, where some days only a few people walk along its single-level and short concourse

while at other times it bustles with folks poking around more than 15 stores (wakefieldmall.com/directory) inside.

Like several other store owners, Dowell says that the chief attractiveness is the congenial community of businesses creating a special atmosphere of friendliness among themselves and for their customers.

This special attitude keeps customers coming, they say, whether holiday shoppers, summer tourists or locals wanting to stay in town to avoid crowds at other larger malls more than 20 miles away.

Margie Cornwall of Narragansett shopped at the Wakefield Mall one recent afternoon. She goes to grocery giant Shaws in the complex as well as The Paper Store offering eclectic greeting cards and other small gifts, toys, jewelry and clothing.

“This mall is more quaint than the big malls. I get lost in the big malls,” said Cornwall, who also said that she’s been going to the Wakefield Mall for “a lot of years.”

Deborah Lysik of Narragansett said she’s

been going to the mall for more than 15 years. She likes to browse around the stores and will walk around it a few times a month.

At Christmas time, this indoor arcade of shops brings a warmth from both friendly surroundings as well as protection from cold ocean winds outside in the fall, winter and early spring, said customers and other retailers in Wakefield.

A Community Holiday Anchor

Fish, who owns Pier Cleaners, pulls from his long-time association with this shopping center, a list of many contributions that have come as a result this retail hub’s location in South County.

“For example, Santa comes here every year. The mall pays for him to be brought by helicopter and if that’s not possible due to weather, it arranges for the fire department to bring him by fire truck,” Fish said about one of its main Christmas holiday attractions.

Continued on page 18

Continued from page 17

The visit is also planned again for this year, he added.

In addition, he said, the holiday season offers an opportunity for local non-profit organizations to fundraise by wrapping gifts with multi-colored paper and bows attached with tape or ribbons and cut into neat shapes with the necessary scissors, all supplied by the mall.

Then there's the holiday decorations at the mall for those wanting a small and local treat.

Going inside for a walk among them brings a welcome respite, say some visitors, for squinting eyes that stare too much and too long at online shopping sites. These have been overtaking malls like this one and others around the county as well as the once ever-important community Main Streets that featured small and department stores of all kinds.

"People really like to come here and see them. There's something traditional about it, especially at a mall that still has a small-



Animal lovers can get an up-close and personal look at a yellow bearded dragon at Critter Hut Aquarium & Pets in the Wakefield Mall.

town atmosphere and feel to it as well as so much a part of the town's history," Fish said.

Its Size and Beginning

Labelscar, an online retail history blog, wrote in 2006 about the mall, "We love tiny malls. Maybe it's because there's a

thrill in hunting them; they're stealthy and low-profile, hard to catch and rarely documented on the internet. The International Council of Shopping Centers generally ignores them. They're fun little surprises, and some of them go

Welcome to East Greenwich



*Delicacies for the
serious gourmet*

**Chef-a-Roni®
Fancy Foods**

*Rhode Island's
Largest Selection of
Holiday Foods*

**Shop Daily 9-5
Sunday 9-2
Call for hours
on Tuesdays**

**2832 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI
www.chefaroni.com • 401-884-8798**

C & L Stables

Goddard Memorial
State Park
Warwick, RI

Guided Public Trail Rides
(17 Miles of Trails)

TRAIL RIDES RATES: \$35
BEACH & BAYSIDE RIDES: \$45-\$65
(CALL FOR RESERVATION ACCORDING TO TIDE)

Barn Phone: 401-886-5246
<http://candlstable.info>

We Accept


 Gift Certificate



Hours:
Open year round 10am - 5pm
Wednesday Through Sunday
Reservations Please



undetected by us for years even in well-worn territories."

"The Wakefield Mall," the author added, "is a bit different because it's in my home state, which is also really tiny. What a perfect pair!"

The blog went on to note that "more interesting than its size is the sheer awesomeness of that logo and facade! Located in the middle of the suburban shopping district of Wakefield, itself just a village located in the larger town of South Kingstown, this aging and tiny center serves the upmarket farthest-south Providence suburbs."

The vision for this enduring retail icon in South Kingstown formed in the early 1970s in the eyes of Irving Levy, a Massachusetts business entrepreneur, whose son, Geoffrey, now 74, has continued as owner and preservationist of the plaza. It is the only one of its kind in South County, claims Fish.

That may be true, despite whether other plazas say they also offer something indoors, because this one has withstood tests of time, development, businesses shuffling in and out, economic upturns and downward cycles and now a once-in-one-hundred-year pandemic.

"It opened in 1972. It's hard to believe where the time has gone. It's just happened," Levy told South County Life during a recent interview.

Yet, this man has managed to hold on to this mall, has avoided selling it, despite offers and inquiries about potential sale for property or business, and says he has no plans to let go. He's even making plans to keep it going, said Fish, when this owner's time comes to step aside.

"The nice thing about Wakefield," said Levy, "is that I've been able to get some really wonderful people to take stores there, who you can deal with. It's not like you get a recording when you call their office, you get the person."

It's a sentiment that reflects that feeling of community the tenant business owners have mentioned. It's all about community, said Levy, who until the COVID pandemic hit, would personally hand-deliver to South Kingstown's tax collector his quarterly real estate tax payments.

"I liked seeing people, connecting with them, checking on whether anything was needed," he said about a routine that could have easily been done by mail, online payments when they became possible or even Fish hand-carrying it.

Kelly Silva, manager of The Paper Store for the last 11 years, tells about camaraderie — not competition — among businesses side-by-side and an attitude that extends to the customers they all share, she added.

"It's a community of our customers as well. We see several people here many times a week. We now know them on a first-name basis," she said.

Meg Rodrigue, manager at POW! Science! store for three years, said the same.

"The locals come to support us and call us for things. Everybody watches out for each other," she said. When Dowell heard about that remark, she laughed.

"If I need a ladder, I'll go over to The Paper Store to borrow one. I don't have one and they gladly give it to me," Dowell said, as a woman stepped to her counter from the corner hallway. "Can I



Wakefield Books in the Wakefield Mall is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and offers book lovers a chance to browse the stacks and find new and exciting offerings in a way that isn't possible by shopping online.

borrow some ribbon. I'll take black or whatever color you have," the visitor said.

Dowell pulled some from a roll used for tying any of the variety of balloons she sells — along with chocolates — marking birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and any other holiday or occasion someone is celebrating.

"Thanks!," the woman said, walking away. Dowell then explained, "She's from Planet Fitness and they are having a grand opening tonight." The gym recently welcomed patrons to this newest exercise location in large open-space section of the mall.

At Wakefield Books, a special history unfolds. When mall tenant Walden Books closed, Levy exercised a contract option to obtain fixtures. He then bought inventory and invited the store manager — Bob Ryan — to be a partner in a new store called Wakefield Books.

He preserved, said employees, jobs and a store. Levy said the reason was simple, "Every community should have a bookstore."

Susan Martin, who has worked at the bookstore since 1984, gazed out to the mall's main concourse. "It's a little mall, but it packs a powerful punch."

Write to Bill Seymour, freelance writer covering news and feature stories, at independent.southcountylife@gmail.com.

Home - for the - Holidays

Holiday gift giving is about so much more than buying presents. It's the thought that counts and, when it comes to finding the most thoughtful gifts for your friends and family members in South County, there's really nothing like shopping local.

**Story by Jessica Abbiati,
Photography by Michael Derr**

It's a classic scene: falling snow, warm streetlights, bustling streets and ringing bells. A walk downtown to find the perfect, unique gift for everyone on your list is a quintessential holiday experience. Plus, supporting local businesses leaves an impact that is felt by your entire community.

Shopping local is vital throughout the year, but the holidays provide a special chance to patron local businesses. Kristin Urbach, executive director of the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce, said, "we encourage everyone to shop locally not only during the holiday season, but as often as possible. When you buy local, more money is retained in the community; you are supporting local job creation and making a community investment." She continued, saying, "the shops in town offer unique items that shows the character of our community. This uniqueness you can't find online."

If you think about it, when you shop local you are not simply paying for a good or service. You are helping employees — who will support other local businesses — get paid, thus bolstering the local economy and helping South County stay vibrant.

Joe Viele, executive director of the Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, said "there's a whole flow from [shopping locally]. A down river

Continued on page 22

For South County residents, the holiday season offers a wide variety of options for shopping locally. Teddy Bearskins has three locations in the area and its Wickford shop offers a variety of designer children's clothes such as these Mayoral outfits.



| *shop local* |





Hema Bulmer, owner of Pow! Science! in the Wakefield Mall holds one of the many engineering kits offered at the toy store. For nearly 20 years, Pow! Science! has been a unique business in Southern Rhode Island, in that it specializes in toys that both entertain and educate children. Pow! Science! has toys in categories ranging from brainteasers and games to science and nature and even products designed for sensory learning and imaginative play.

Continued from page 20

flow where money that's spent at the restaurant then goes to pay the waitress who buys something for her kids at Pow! Science! and so on. There's a compounding effect that's immeasurable. As shoppers we should support our local businesses first because they employ our neighbors and our neighbors in turn shop local."

Additionally, with the ripple effects of the pandemic still being felt, supporting local businesses is vital to their recovery and survival.

Lisa Konicki, president of the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, said, "staying loyal to local is more important now than ever. Small businesses in our community are still recovering from losses experienced due to COVID and the ongoing effect it has. We're asking everyone to shop the great, unique collections offered in our region and show their love to local shops."

Shopping local truly contributes to the overall vitality of your town and makes it the uniquely wonderful place it is. Shopping local has an immediate, tangible effect.

Steve Lombardi, executive director of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, said, "small businesses are the backbone and the fabric of our community. They add so much to our town's quality of life."

With such an array of local shops and businesses to choose from you are sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list right here in South County.

For the Little Ones

- Pow! Science! located at 160 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, is an educational toy store that was founded in 2003. With their extensive inventory of classic and modern toys, a trip to Pow! Science! is a delight to all ages. There are both online and in-person shopping options. For more information on Pow! Science! visit powsciencetoys.com, call 401-788-1024 or email info@powscience.com.

- Teddy Bearskins has three South County locations — the Wickford Store is at 17 Brown Street; the East Greenwich Store is at 5600 Post Road; and the North Kingstown Warehouse Store is at 135 Frenchtown Road. This family-owned business sells quality children's clothing, shoes and toys and they pride themselves on excellent customer service. They also offer a personal shopper service through their website along with professional gift wrapping. For more information on Teddy Bearskins, visit teddybearskins.com or call 401-295-0282.

For the Chef

- Wickford Gourmet Factory Outlet is located at 21 W Main Street, North Kingstown, and has an impressive array of kitchen gadgets to satisfy the chef on your list. For more information on Wickford Gourmet Factory Outlet visit them in person or call 401-

294-8430.

• Neapolis Food Emporium is located at 60 S County Commons Way, South Kingstown. They sell high-quality Italian ingredients that will make your mouth water. Neapolis offers freshly made pasta, prepared Italian foods, a variety of imported charcuterie and cheese and market items including dried beans, jams, tomatoes, bread, local honey and local milk. While there shopping for a loved one make sure to get yourself some homemade gelato or an authentic cannoli to treat yourself for shopping local. For more information on Neapolis Food Emporium, visit neapolisri.com or call 401-854-0667.

For the Artist

• Create! Color Art Studio, located at 91 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, is wonderland for creatives of all ages. At Create! You can choose and paint your own pottery — they have hundreds of options to choose from — and you can schedule pottery wheel lessons and paint parties. You can either make something to gift or you can gift a trip to Create! so the recipient can experience the fun for themselves. For more information about Create! Color Art Studio, visit createcolorartstudio.com or call 401-363-9511.

• Rebekah Cook Art Studio, located at 344 Main Street Unit 103, Wakefield, offers private art lessons in a variety of medias for all ages as well as paint nights and birthday parties. A one-time pottery class or a series of painting lessons would be the perfect gift for the budding artist on your list. For more information about Rebekah Cook Art Studio, visit rebekahcookart.com or call 401-829-2064.

For the Luxury Lover

• Spa Mosaic, located at 422 Main Street, Wakefield, offers all your pampering and beauty essentials. From their dream hairstyle to facials, manicures and waxing, the ladies in your life will be thrilled to receive a gift certificate to Spa Mosaic. For more information on Spa Mosaic, visit spamosaicri.com, call 401-792-3030 or email spamosaic422@gmail.com.

• Regency Cigar Emporium is located at 752 Main Street, East Greenwich. Regency

Continued on page 25

Westwind Financial



- RETIREMENT
- INVESTMENTS
- INSURANCE
- MEDICARE EDUCATION



238 Robinson Street • Wakefield, RI 02879 • larry@lamchugh.com • 401-364-1000

Securities and investment advisory services offered through SagePoint Financial, Inc. (SPF), member FINRA/SIPC. SPF is separately owned and other entities and/or marketing names, products or services referenced here are independent of SPF.



SOUTH COUNTY WALK-IN & PRIMARY CARE

Due to COVID precautions, please call ahead for screening.

M-F 9-5 / SAT 9-2
open most holidays
Monica L. Gross, MD, MPH
Maria A. Como, APRN, CNP

t (401) 789-1086
f (401) 789-5344

Narragansett Medical Building
360 Kingstown Road, Suite 104
Narragansett, RI 02882
@ the Narragansett Rotary

RIKB

DESIGN BUILD



Schedule your
virtual or in-
person Design
Consultation
today!

Let's Create Your Forever Home!
RIKB.com | 401.463.1550

RI REG. #3984 MA HIC REG. #164199 CT REG. #HIC.0673137



SHAIIDZON

BEER COMPANY

Come to our **Last Ditch Effort Holiday Bash and Art Market** on December 17, 18 & 19

141 Fairgrounds Road | West Kingston, Rhode Island

www.shaidzonbeerco.com | [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [g](#) @shaidzonbeerco



Featuring unique & original art by local artists.

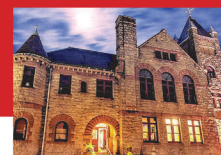
November 26 - December 19
Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 6pm

2587 Kingstown Rd • Kingston, RI
www.southcountyart.org

THE COURTHOUSE

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

GIFT CERTIFICATES
Available



FRI, NOV 19th • 8PM
THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE
Eagles Tribute

SAT, NOV 27th • 8PM
THROUGH THE DOORS
Doors Tribute

A PIECE OF MY PEARL
Janice Joplin Tribute

FRI, Dec 3rd • 7:30PM
AGING DISGRACEFULLY
THE CAUTIOUS COMEBACK

SAT, DEC 4th • 8 PM
COMPLETELY UNCHAINED
Van Halen Tribute

SAT, DEC 11th • 8 PM
MOON DANCE

Van Morrison Tribute

SAT, DEC 18th • 8 PM
LIVING ON A BAD NAME
Bon Jovi Tribute

FRI, JAN 7th • 8 PM
STEVE KATZ
of Blood Sweat & Tears

SAT, JAN 8th • 3 PM & 7:30 PM
RAVE ON
50's and 60's Rock & Roll

SAT, JAN 9th • 8 PM
SAINTS IN THE CITY
Bruce Springsteen Tribute

SAT, JAN 15th • 8 PM
SONS OF SKYNYRD
Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute

SAT, FEB 5th • 8 PM
DEAN FORD AND THE BEAUTIFUL ONES
Prince Tribute

FRI/SAT, FEB 18/19 • 8PM
MOON DANCE
Van Morrison Tribute

SAT, FEB 26th • 8 PM
CHANGES IN LATITUDES
Jimmy Buffett Tribute

SAT, MAR 5th • 7:30 PM
AGING DISGRACEFULLY
Charlie Hall Comedy

SAT, MAR 19th • 7:30 PM
THE ELVIS & ORBISON SHOW

SAT, APR 2nd • 8 PM
THE EAGLES EXPERIENCE
Eagles Tribute

SAT, APR 9th • 8 PM
JOBY ROGERS
The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience

SAT, APR 23rd • 8 PM
GOLD RUSH
The Ultimate Neil Young Celebration



Tickets available online! CourthouseArts.org

3481 Kingstown Rd. • West Kingston, RI • 401-782-1018



Continued from page 23

offers the finest cigars from all around the world. The cigar aficionado on your list must visit them this holiday season to experience their special cigar quiz that pinpoints the perfect cigar based on the buyer's preferences. To learn more about Regency Cigar Emporium, visit regencycigar.com or call 401-884-7665.

For the Experience Junkie

- The RI Riddle Room, located at 20 Water Street Floor 2, East Greenwich, is an escape room experience that weaves an intriguing plot with mind-bending riddles and a splash of Rhode Island history for an unforgettable time. They offer multiple mysteries and difficulty levels so there truly is something for everyone to enjoy. For more information on The RI Riddle Room, visit ririddleroom.com, call 401-398-8177 or email contactus@ririddleroom.com.

- Surfing Lessons from Warm Winds, 26 Kingstown Road, Narragansett, will delight the ocean lover on your list. According to their website, "Warm Winds has been offering quality surf lessons for over 20 years. We welcome people of all ages and surfing abilities to come join us for a lesson. Whether you've previously taken lessons or have never tried surfing before, with a positive attitude and an ability to swim by yourself, you'll be out there shredding with the best of them in no time!" For more information on Warm Winds, visit warmwinds.com, call 401-789-9040 or email contact@warmwinds.com.

For the Sweet Tooth

- Main Street Candy, located at 324 Main Street, Wakefield, gives visitors that traditional candy shop experience. With seemingly endless sweet treats to choose from, any sweet tooth will be delighted to be gifted an assortment from Main Street Candy. For more information on Main Street Candy, visit mainstreetcandyri.wixsite.com, call 401-789-1323 or email mainstreetcandyri@gmail.com.

- Sweenor's Chocolates, located at 21 Charles Street, Wakefield, is a Rhode Island staple that will bring a sweet smile to the face of anyone receiving their treats this Christmas. These third and fourth generation chocolatiers make a variety of treats to satisfy any sort of sweet tooth you are buying for, including Christmas themed novelties, sugar-free chocolates, gift baskets and various non-chocolate sweets. For more information on Sweenor's, visit sweenorchocolates.com or call 401-783-4433.

For the Reader

- Rarities Books & Bindery, located at 396 Main Street, Wakefield, is a dream come true for book lovers. Not only do they boast an expansive collection of gently used and new books, but they also feature wares from local artisans including candles, bookish merchandise and cards. The owner, Kelly, can help you find the perfect title for the reader on your list. For more information on Rarities, visit raritiesonline.com or call 401-379-9970.

- Savoy Bookstore is located at 10 Canal Street, Westerly, and offers adult and children's books, toys, cards, journals and gifts. The bookstore features two gorgeous floors of titles to browse along with a café serving locally sourced coffee, tea, kombucha and pastries. You will love their selection. For more information on Savoy, visit



In addition to fine cigars, a variety of smoking accessories are also offered at Regency Cigar Emporium in East Greenwich including this lighter and cigar cutter by S.T. Dupont.

banksquarebooks.com or call 401-213-3901.

For the Outdoorsy One

- The Kayak Centre is located at 70 Brown Street, North Kingstown. According to their website, "...our commitment to customer service is paramount. We want you to find the right boat for your needs, budget and future aspirations and we don't mind taking the time to walk you through the process. From sitting in a boat in the showroom, to test paddling on the water, to racking your

Continued on page 26

9TH ANNUAL SOUTH COUNTY *life* PHOTO CHALLENGE

ARE YOU AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER?

We want to see how you live your South County life - whether it's a festive event, seasonal shot, landscape or anything else in South County that inspires you, show us your life through your lens. Winning photos will be announced and published in the Spring 2022 issue.



SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED

Jan 1 - Feb 4, 2022

Visit southcountylifemagazine.com
for entry form and rules.



Need to find something special for that family member who loves to cook? Wickford Gourmet Factory Outlet in North Kingstown offers a variety of kitchen items for the chef on your list, including these coffee mugs by Cordon Bleu.

Continued from page 25

car so you can take it with you that day—we provide you with a level of personal service that you just don't find at 'big-box' or 'alphabet' stores." For more information, visit kayakcentre.com or call 401-295-4400.

- The Preserve Sporting Shoppe is located at 87 Kingstown Rd C-100, Richmond. They sell firearms, ammunition, shooting accessories, outdoors accessories, fishing equipment and more both online and in their physical store in Richmond. They also offer a variety of lessons and experiences. The outdoor enthusiast on your list will be elated to receive a gift from The Preserve. For more information, visit thesportingshoppe.com or call 401-247-4867.

For the Four-Legged Friend

- SOS retail is located at 577 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, and offers quality pet products, self-dog washing, adoptions, grooming and dog training. Whether your family will wake up to a new puppy under the tree or the family pet to a gift from Santa Paws a gift from SOS is sure to bring plenty of smiles this holiday season. As an added bonus, 100 percent of their profits go to help animals in need. For more information on SOS, visit sosretailri.com or call 401-360-2258.

- Fetch RI, located at 91 Kingstown Road, Richmond, is holistic pet store for dogs and cats that is owned by a canine and feline

nutritionist. They offer a vast selection of food, toys, treats and accessories for the beloved family pet (or dog mom) on your list. For more information on Fetch, visit fetchri.com or call 401-539-8080.

For the Geek

- Fantasy Zone Comics is located at 7610 Post Road, North Kingstown. According to their website, "Fantasy Zone Comics opened in 1988, making us the longest running comic bookstore in Rhode Island. We are a husband-and-wife team who love comics and read every title we carry." It continues, saying "our inventory includes over 60,000 back issues and a full line of new titles from publishers big and small. We also have a large selection of used paperbacks and graphic novels. If you like to read, or just want to escape reality for a bit, there is something waiting for you within these walls." For more information on Fantasy Zone, visit fzcomicsandbooks.com or call 401-294-6044.

- Revive Games, Sport Cards, and Collectibles is located at 211 Main Street Unit #104, Ashaway. They feature a collection of merchandise for your favorite RPGs including Dungeons & Dragons and Warhammer along with a variety of classic and hard to find board games. They also have Legos, puzzles, comics, sports and collectible cards, models, hobby supplies, RC cars and trucks, and custom 3D printing and fan art. For more information on Revive, visit revivecollectibles.com or call 401-377-8963.



Arnold Lumber in Wakefield is just one of many local companies who have a planned giving program during the holidays. Each year, Arnold Lumber collects toys throughout its five locations in Rhode Island and brings them to a central location on the Arnold family's old sleigh for donation to the Jonnycake Center's "Hope for the Holidays" initiative.

SECRET SANTAS

The holidays are a time of joy and laughter but, for poorer local families, they're also a time of struggle. In Southern Rhode Island, the call for help is never louder, or answered more fiercely by unheralded heroes, than when it matters most.

Story by Bill Seymour

For Erika Castaneda, a local preschool teacher, life hasn't been easy over the years, especially when providing gifts for her only child at Christmas.

Finances have been tight, something a single-mother like her gets familiar with. Yet, there's still the tug to want to provide her son with the same kind of joy from getting presents that other kids – those from more well-off families – feel.

For Sherry Hawkins, who is homeless and lives in campgrounds in the summer and a borrowed mobile home for the winter, the challenge is also steep for providing gifts at

Christmas to her children.

There are other families, too, who experience the same turmoil at the holidays – parents whose self-esteem takes a beating because what they want to give to their kids and what they can give is so vastly different.

"Christmas is so much more harder for low-income people because the pressure is so much greater this one time of year when their kids expect to get that they want at Christmas," said Kate Brewster, executive director of the Jonnycake Center for Hope in Peace Dale.

It serves as a place for refuge for food, clothing, rental assistance, guidance in tough

times, a friendly ear or voice and an inspiration for hope among many individuals and families who don't have money for the basics.

These people cannot, as many others do, simply charge to a credit card, whip out some cash at the checkout or glide a pen across a check with ease and comfort knowing the funds are available.

So, who is Santa to the poor in South Kingstown and Narragansett?

Many who are Santa

Brewster knows. Santa comes in the shape

Continued on page 28

Continued from page 27

of scores of individuals, companies, churches, small businesses and major corporations that funnel toys, clothes and gift cards to her for her annual "Hope for the Holidays" program.

"I can't specify one gift" that's been important to her son and that's come from Brewster's program, said Castaneda of South Kingstown.

"It's all of them. I wouldn't be able to give him half what they gave him," she said, adding, "With personal financial struggles, these past few years I've really needed the help."

Hawkins said, "Last Christmas it was a very big help. Honestly, if the Jonnycake Center didn't step up, my kids wouldn't have had good Christmas. I could do a little, but not a lot."

Taking a look at the Jonnycake Center through the lens of the Christmas classic, "It's a Wonderful Life" where someone's influence is shown so clearly, life without the Jonnycake Center and this program would be so much harder, both women said.

"It would just make more of struggle than it is for me, and my son wouldn't have been able to have the many wonderful Christmases he has had," Castaneda said, echoing Hawkins' sentiments.

These women and others getting the benefit of the program, Brewster said, comes because many organizations and individuals contribute to the program that is now a community rallying point for helping others who are struggling, especially at the Christmas holiday time.

"It's a growing community effort, which is really needed, because if you really want to serve 500 kids, and make sure they get the basics and plus a little extra, it takes a lot," Brewster explained.

How It Works

"Hope for the Holidays" started about five years ago, shortly after Brewster took over as executive director of the Jonnycake Center. Until that point, many organizations were doing individual toy drives, clothing collections and other efforts to help the needy, she explained.

"Some people came to us and asked if we'd organize it and be a central collection and distribution point," she said.

Since that time, the number of participating organizations has grown from 20 to more than 75 while the children served have remained roughly about 500, representing about 220 families in the area, she said.

The families sign up at the center to participate. Many are already members of the Jonnycake center, but others do join around this time of the year, Brewster said.

For the companies, such as Arnold Lumber in Wakefield, it's a planned giving program and the company has never want to disappoint the people seeking the help, said Michelle Swain, the company's marketing director.

Hundreds of toys come to the center atop a flatbed lumber truck and with Santa riding inside the Arnold family's old sleigh. Tony Jarvis, the company manager at "The Branch" location in downtown Wakefield, brought the company into this outreach program, she said.

Toys this program are collected from Arnold Lumber's five locations throughout the state. These include donations from employees as well as customers. This year, Swain said, employees will also be asked to consider a cash donation from an internal fundraising appeal called "Dress for a Cause."

With a \$5-to-\$10 donation, employees wear a certain color for a day. On December 15 it will be red and green, signifying the upcoming holiday, and all donations will go to the Jonnycake Center for Hope, Swain said.

Another special delivery last year came by ambulance. It was packed with toys collected by South Kingstown emergency services personnel, Brewster said.

Sometimes getting the right mix of gift items for those eligible for the program – infants to 18 years-old – can be tricky, the executive director said.

"We're really good for the kids three years-old to 10 years-old, and then it gets harder with teens, so we try to give families with other



AUTOMATED

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Your Partners in Productivity



**Office
Equipment
Solutions**



**Managed
Network
Services**



**Managed
Print
Services**



**VoIP
Solutions**

Proudly serving New England since 1992
Visit us at absne.com
800-832-2729

Follow us on socials!  



FABRIC GALLERY

**Because
Your Home
Matters
to You!**

**First Quality Fabrics
In Stock and Samples
Outdoor Selections**

Custom Bedding, Custom Fabrication,
Custom Lampshades, Hardware (Rods),
Pillows, Reupholstery, Slipcovers,
Shades, Shutters, Trims,
Window Treatments, Wallpaper

**Design Assistance
Custom Fabrication**

606 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852
401-295-2760 • fabricgalleryri.com

Tuesday - Friday 10-5 • Saturday 11-3
Closed Sunday & Monday



children more gift cards," she added.

She pointed out that those in need will make selections of toys, clothes and coats during the first two weeks of December. In addition, the center will give out gift cards – last year the total value exceeded \$40,000.

It all will take place at the center's thrift shop on Kingstown Road in Peace Dale.

Continued COVID Impacts

Nearly half of low-income Americans reported that they or someone in their household experienced some type of income loss during the pandemic, according to information published by Pew Research Center.

Because more people are facing hardship this year due to the impacts of COVID-19 and persistence of its variants, more families will likely be in need of assistance in 2021, according to reports by Michael French and PR Newswire giving a heads up to companies about the continued need for giving.

Organizations like The Salvation Army estimate it could serve up to 155% more people with Christmas assistance, assuming the resources are available, based on increased services already provided during



For Kate Brewster, executive director of the Jonnycake Center for Hope in Peace Dale, one of the trickiest parts of gift giving is finding items for a variety of potential recipients ranging from infants to teenagers.

the pandemic. In order to aid those most vulnerable, nonprofit organizations across the nation need help, it said.

Every Christmas there are families who don't exchange gifts because they can't afford them. However, many communities

nationally offer programs that rely on donations to put new clothes and toys under the tree for children and families that usually go without Christmas gifts, it reported.

Continued on page 30

THE INDEPENDENT



*Lighting the Way
Since 1997*

Newspaper
serving the
civic-minded
communities of
Narragansett,
North Kingstown
and South
Kingstown

*Subscribe
TODAY!*



401-767-8504 ext #3
www.independentri.com



Laurel Lane
Country Club



"The Gem of South County"

18-Hole Public Golf Course

*Driving Range * Short Game Practice Area
Memberships * Leagues*

Best Value Public Golf in Rhode Island

Rudy's Bar and Grille - Off Season Hours

Friday, Saturday 11am to 8pm

Sunday 11am to 5pm

Reservations Required • Take Out Orders Available

**Special Event Venue for Weddings, Parties,
Golf Outings & Other Events**

309 LAUREL LANE * WEST KINGSTON, RI

Visit our Website and Facebook for more information



401-783-3844 • laurellanecountryclub.com

Continued from page 29

And that is the focus this year again for this local group that, in many ways, symbolizes a national issue.

"Our gifts are modest," Brewster said, adding, "but people leave, I think, pretty satisfied."

Affluence versus Needy

Many who donate at Christmas for the needy observed that a strong spirit of Christmas – giving without an expectation of receiving – is the wonderful part of leading drives or making donations.

In a previous interview with South County Life magazine, three Santa Clauses reflected on talking with kids from different economic backgrounds.

Gifts sometimes take on outsized roles in affluent families, said Peter Murgia, of Coventry, Jim Clarke of Warwick and Terry Simpson of South Kingstown.

Murgia said that from his chair he definitely sees the difference that affluence can bring to a view toward the spirit of Christmas.

"Kids from well-to-do homes, those with



New clothing is always a welcome donation for the "Hope for the Holidays" program, especially as the temperatures drop and the need for quality hats, sweaters, gloves and jackets increases.

more than an average share of money, know they will get whatever they want. But, you treat that child the same way no matter what kind of background they have," he said.

"It is, however, a different feel when you're with them," he said. Simpson and Clarke gave a resounding "Yes," looking a

Murgia in this candid conversation of things Santas never say from the sleigh.

Clarke said, "I get the sense that they could ask for almost anything from Santa and they know they're going to get it."

"There are those who say they want computers and cell phones. I tell them those are gifts from mom and dad because they give out gifts, too. Santa brings them gifts that they can play with," he said.

Brewster said that she so easily sees the comparison with those families she helps.

"Families we work with have serious circumstances. They work low-wage jobs, such as nursing homes, hospitality, retail, and live paycheck to paycheck," she said.

"And then the expectation of Christmas comes along. Their kids have wants and desires just like any other kids," she said.

"They want the same things other kids want. They want sneakers, electronics and video games and their parents desperately want to give them that. So the pressure is extreme," Brewster said with a sigh.

Write to Bill Seymour, freelance writer covering news and feature stories, at independent.southcountylife@gmail.com.

THE INDEPENDENT

SOUTH COUNTY *life* MAGAZINE

independentri.com

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
PROMOTE YOUR
BUSINESS TO
50,000
CUSTOMERS IN
SOUTH COUNTY
EVERY MONTH?**

Contact
advertising@independentri.com
to learn more.





THROUGH NOV. 13 Open Juried All Media II Exhibition — Art Exhibit, South County Art Association, 2587 Kingstown Rd., Kingston. For more information, visit soutcountyyart.org.

to do

ONGOING

Open Juried All Media II Exhibition — Art exhibit. Until Nov. 13. South County Art Association, 2587 Kingstown Rd, Kingston. southcountyyart.org.

Dough — Art exhibit. Until Nov. 13. Hera Educational Foundation, 10 High St, Wakefield. For more information, visit heragallery.org.

Let It Flow — Art exhibit. Until Nov. 21. Wickford Art Association, 30 Beach Street, North Kingstown. 401-294-6840. wickfordart.org.

Small Treasures, Simple Pleasures — Exhibit. Until Nov. 30. 1 - 7 p.m. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly, 14 Railroad Ave, Westerly. westerlyarts.com. 401-596-2221.

Members' Show — Art exhibit. Until Dec. 15. Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street, Jamestown. 401-560-0979. jamestownartcenter.org.

Friend of the Morning: New Work by Seamus O. Hames — Art exhibit. Until Dec. 15. Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street, Jamestown. 401-560-0979. jamestownartcenter.org.

Community Resource Advocate-Drop-in Hours — Event. Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. Free. Westerly Library & Wilcox Park, 44 Broad Street, Westerly.

Musical Bingo — Event. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282. oakhilltavern.com.

Acoustic Song Circle w./ Al Keith — Live Music, Saturdays, 2-5 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

NOV. 12

Broadway Pizza Dough Pop Up — Event, 4 p.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

URI Men's Basketball vs. Bryant — Sporting Event, 6 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theyancenter.com.

Viking Jesus Vinyl Release Show with Jodie Treloar Sampson and Ryan Jackson — Concert, 7 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusic-works.com.

The Tempest by William Shakespeare — Performance. 7 p.m. \$30. Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St, Wakefield. 401-218-0282. contemporary-theatercompany.com.

The Pousette-Dart Band — Concert. 7:30-10 p.m. \$25. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Ward Hayden & The Outliers — Concert. Opening with James Maple. 8 p.m. \$20. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

John Fuzek Duo — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

URI Women's Basketball vs. Merrimack — Sporting Event, 8:30 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theyancenter.com.

Hey Nineteen: Steely Dan Tribute — Concert. 8:30-

11:59 p.m. \$25-\$30. Must be 21 or older. Ocean Mist, 895 Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown. oceanmist.net.

NOV. 13

Westerly Nature Cruise with Save the Bay — Cruise. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. \$17-22. Viking Marina, 19 Margin Street, Westerly. savethebay.org/family-fun/seals.

Keith Hughes — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Saturday Morning Drama Club (7-11 year olds) — Class. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$149. Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St, Wakefield. 401-218-0282. contemporarytheatercompany.com.

From Vine to Wine-Rhone Valley Wines — Event. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$75 (plus tax and gratuity). Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

URI Football v. The University of New Hampshire — Sporting Event. 1 p.m. Meade Stadium, 25 W Alumni Ave, Kingston. gorhody.com. 401-874-5210.

Paint Your Own Ornaments — Class. 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$40 registration fee includes one pound of clay, glazes to paint your ornaments and two kiln firings for all of the ornaments made. Rebekah Cook Art, 344 Main Street, Lower Level, Wakefield. Rebekahcookart.com.

Waves and Shadows — Film Screening and Artist Roundtable with Taleen Batalian. 5-6:30 p.m. \$13 for Jamestown Arts Center members, \$15 for non-mem-

Continued on page 32

Continued from page 31

bers. Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street, Jamestown. 401-560-0979. jamestownartcenter.org.

Corinne Southern & The Constellations, Violet Tempo, Scott Danger Bravo — Concert, 7 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

The Tempest by William Shakespeare — Performance. 7 p.m. \$30. Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St, Wakefield. 401-218-0282. contemporary-theatercompany.com.

Forever Young-15th Anniversary Show — Concert. A tribute to the music of Neil Young. 8 p.m., \$25. Greenwich Odeum, 59 Main Street, East Greenwich. 401-885-4000. greenwichodeum.com.

Brian Joseph Duo — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

George Michael Experience-The Ultimate Tribute Show — Concert. 8-10:30 p.m. \$35-\$45. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Mystic Dead — Concert. Playing the music of the Grateful Dead. Opening with Oblivious Fools. 8 p.m. \$15. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

NOV. 14

URI Women's Basketball vs. Coppin State — Sporting Event, 12 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

Granpa J — Live Music, 1-3 p.m. Java Madness, 134



THROUGH NOV. 13 Dough — Art Exhibit, Hera Educational Foundation, 10 High St, Wakefield. For more information, visit heragallery.org.

Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Pump House Piano Bar — Open mic with live band hosted by Eden Casteel, 2 p.m. \$10 performers, \$15 audience. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

sicworks.com.

Sex and the Older Girl Cabaret with Eliza Collins and Special Guest Ted Sorlien — Concert, 6 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

WICKFORD VILLAGE



ECLECTIC BUNGALOW
Home Furnishings & Accessories

Furniture • Home
Jewelry
Gifts • Cards

Distinctive,
unique gifts for home,
table,
personal or baby!

1 Brown Street,
Wickford, RI
401-667-0747
www.eclecticbungalow.com



30-70% OFF
RETAIL PRICES ON

DINNERWARE • GLASSWARE • COOKWARE
FLATWARE • CUTLERY • LINENS & MORE!



**WICKFORD GOURMET
FACTORY OUTLET**

Quality • Value • Selection

— OPEN 7 DAYS —

21 West Main Street • 401-294-8430
IN THE HEART OF WICKFORD VILLAGE



NOV. 21 Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit Whalers.com.

NOV. 17

Paint Yer Pet — Event, 5 p.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

URI Men's Basketball vs. Boston College — Sporting Event, 6 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theyrancenter.com.

Ed Peabody and the Big Blue Thang — Concert, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

NOV. 18

Guided Hike at Biscuit City/Potter Wood Trails — Event, 9 a.m. Free. Blaze orange required. All ages welcome. Binoculars and boots recommended. No dogs allowed. Biscuit City/Potter Wood Trails. Event sponsored by the South Kingstown Land Trust, sklt.org.

Phil & Dave — Concert, 8 p.m. Free. 21+. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

NOV. 19-21

Shaidzon's 4th Anniversary Weekend — Event featuring live music from Take it to the Bridge Trio (Friday), DudeManBro (Saturday) and Stefan Couture (Sunday). Shaidzon Beer Company, 141 Fairgrounds Road, West Kingston. Shaidzonbeer.com.

NOV. 19

David Bromberg Quintet with special guest Jordan Tice — Concert, 7 p.m., \$55-\$61. Greenwich Odeum, 59 Main Street, East Greenwich. 401-885-4000. greenwichodeum.com.

Dudemanbro with TJ and the Campers — Concert, 7 p.m. \$12. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Polo G: Hall of Fame Tour — Concert, 8 p.m. This is

a URI student-only show. You must have a valid URI Student ID to attend. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theyrancenter.com.

Duke Robillard Band — Concert, 8 p.m. \$20. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

The Eagles Experience — Concert, 8-10:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Outcry — Live Music, 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

NOV. 20

Paul Colomino — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Saturday Morning Drama Club (7-11 year olds) — Class, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$149. Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St, Wakefield. 401-218-0282. contemporarytheatercompany.com.

URI Women's Basketball vs. Princeton — Sporting Event, 1 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theyrancenter.com.

Westerly Nature Cruise with Save the Bay — Cruise, 1-2:30 p.m. \$17-22. Viking Marina, 19 Margin Street, Westerly. savethebay.org/family-fun/seals.

In the Cellar-Thanksgiving 101 — Event, 3-4:30 p.m. \$75. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Weekapaug's Naturalist Series-Turkey Trot — Event, 3-6 p.m. \$30 for hotel guests, \$40 for non-hotel guests. Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Dan Moretti & The Hammond Boys with guest Sugar Ray Norcia, Special Record Session —

Concert, 7 p.m. \$20. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Molly Maguires — Live Music, 7:30 p.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

Live Fade — Concert, 8 p.m. \$15 advance, \$20 door. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

Backwoods Acoustic — Live Music, 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

NOV. 20-DEC. 18

Exposed — Art exhibit featuring Hera artist members Barbara Crane, Sonja Czekalski and Abigail Wamboldt. Hera Educational Foundation, 10 High St, Wakefield. For more information, visit heragallery.org.

Small Works Show — Art exhibit featuring a variety of works from Hera artist members, all for sale and all under \$100. Hera Educational Foundation, 10 High St, Wakefield. For more information, visit heragallery.org.

NOV. 21

Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

Buddy Cavaleri — Live Music, 1-3 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Bobby Keyes Trio, Clay Nordhill Band — Concert, 6 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Continued on page 36

Shop, Dine and Stay in Wakefield, RI



SWEENOR'S CHOCOLATES

4TH GENERATION CONFECTIONERS

*Give the Gift of
Sweenor's Chocolate!*

Three Ways
to Shop:

- In-store
- Online for
In-store
Pickup
- Online for
Shipping

- Candy Trays
- Gift Baskets
- Turtles
- Gourmet Truffles
- Sugar-Free Candies
- Cream & Butter Fudges
- Hand Dipped Chocolates
- Chocolate Lollipops & More!

We ship
anywhere
in the USA

WAKEFIELD • 783-4433
GARDEN CITY • 942-2720

sweenorchocolates.com



SOUTH COUNTY *life*
MAGAZINE

Local

SOUTH COUNTY PEOPLE,
PLACES & THINGS IN
EVERY ISSUE!

southcountylifemagazine.com

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



INSTAGRAM

@SouthCountyLifeRI

TWITTER

@SCLife_Magazine

Dine & Shop Local!

*Support Your Downtown
Wakefield Village*

WVA

WAKEFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION - RI

Proud Media Sponsor:

THE
INDEPENDENT

Search Wakefield Village Association on FaceBook for Upcoming Events!



Deliver UNWRAPPED donations by December 10th to:
1231 Kingstown Rd, Peace Dale (rear of bldg.)
Monday – Friday 10am to 2pm
holidays@jonnycakecenter.org | 789-1559 ext. 15

STEDMAN'S BIKE SHOP

Sales • Service • Rentals • Equipment
Pedaling with Community Since 1920



196 Main St., Wakefield RI
(401) 789-8664

www.stedmansbikeshop.com

Thank You

to the Readers of
The Independent and
SRI Newspapers for Voting us
**The Best Flooring
& Carpet Store!**



Largest Flooring Showroom in Southern Rhode Island



WOOD • CORK • TILE • CARPET
LAMINATE • LUXURY VINYL • AREA RUGS

Explore our 3000 sq. ft. showroom!

Rawlings

FLOOR COVERING

204 Main Street, Wakefield RI
(401) 783-8020
www.rawlingsfloor.com



George's OF GALILEE

EAT FISH! LOVE LIFE!



OPEN DAILY • PORT OF GALILEE • NARRANGANSETT • 401-783-2306
GEORGESOFGALILEE.COM

BENEFITNESS PILATES STUDIO & TRAINING CENTER



Give yourself the Gift of Fitness this Holiday season!

- Group And Private Sessions Available On Zoom or In Studio
- RI's only STOTT PILATES Certification Center
- Easy Scheduling And Payment Available On The MindBody App

HOURS AND CLASSES BY APPOINTMENT

You can call (401) 886-5661 or email us at info@ripilates.com
816 Middle Road, Unit 7, East Greenwich, RI 02818
(401) 886-5661 • ripilates.com

Continued from page 33

NOV. 23

URI Women's Basketball vs. Harvard — Sporting Event, 6 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

NOV. 24

Sugar-Thanksgiving Eve! — Concert. 9 p.m. \$15. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

NOV. 25

Thanksgiving Day in Ballroom — Event. 11-6 p.m. \$85 adult, \$45 child (plus tax and gratuity), kids under 5 complimentary. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Thanksgiving Day Family Style Dinner — Event. 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$74 adult, \$37 child (plus tax and gratuity), \$50/person wine pairing. Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Thanksgiving Day in COAST — Event. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$125 adult, \$95/person wine pairing (plus tax and gratuity), Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

NOV. 26

Fellswater — Concert, 7 p.m. \$20. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

Paul Petit — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

Say Darling & The Carleans — Concert. 8:30 p.m. \$20. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

NOV. 26-DEC. 19

50th Annual Holiday Pottery & Art Sale — Event, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. South County Art Association, 2587 Kingstown Rd, Kingston. southcountyart.org.

NOV. 26-DEC. 22

Small Works: Holiday Art Show/Sale — Art exhibit. Wickford Art Association, 30 Beach Street, North Kingstown. 401-294-6840. wickfordart.org.

NOV. 27

Westerly Nature Cruise with Save the Bay — Cruise. 10-11:30 a.m. \$17-22. Viking Marina, 19 Margin Street, Westerly. savethebay.org/family-fun/seals.

Holiday Wreath Workshop — Event. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$65 (plus tax). Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Ed McGuirl — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

URI Men's Basketball vs. Georgia State — Sporting Event, 4 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

Annual Tree Lighting & Christmas Village — Event. 4-7 p.m. Free event, toy donation recommended. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Dinner with Santa — Event. 6-9 p.m. \$65 adult, \$35 child (plus tax and gratuity). Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

The New Black Eagle Jazz Band — Concert, 7 p.m.



DEC. 3-4 Wickford Festival of Lights: Santa arrives by boat to the town dock — Event. 12:30 p.m. Free. Brown St, North Kingstown.

\$25. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

Sugar Ray and the Bluetones — Concert. 8 p.m. \$20. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

Through The Doors and a Piece of My Pearl — Concert. 8-10:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Gary & Linda — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

Neutral Nation-Thanksgiving Saturday at the Ocean Mist w./special guest Hope Anchor — Concert. 9 p.m. \$15. Ocean Mist, 895 Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown. oceanmist.net.

NOV. 28

Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

The Co-Eds — Live Music, 1-3 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Open Mic — Event, 5:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

DEC. 1

Business After Hours-ServiceMaster By Mason & 31st Anniversary Celebration — Networking Event with the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce and Charlestown Chamber of Commerce. 5-7 p.m. \$5 for chamber members, \$10 for non-members. ServiceMaster By Mason, 90 High Street, Westerly.

Cherry Pie — Concert. 7:30-10 p.m. \$10. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 2

Wickford Festival of Lights: Town Tree Lighting and guest appearance by Santa — Event. 6 p.m. Free. Updike Park, 89 Brown St, North Kingstown.

Marshall Tucker Band — Concert, 8 p.m., \$62-\$70. Greenwich Odeum, 59 Main Street, East Greenwich. 401-885-4000. greenwichodeum.com.

Danny Fleet — Concert. 8 p.m. Free. 21+. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 3

South Country Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Coffee, hosted by South County Art Association — Networking Event, 8-9 a.m. \$5 for chamber members, \$10 for nonmembers. South County Art Association, 2587 Kingstown Rd, Kingston. southcountyart.org.

Wickford Festival of Lights: Santa arrives by boat to the town dock — Event. 5:30 p.m. Free. Brown St, North Kingstown.

Wickford Festival of Lights: Horse-drawn hayrides — Event. 6-8 p.m. \$3 per person. Cash only, masks required. Brown St, North Kingstown.

Aging Disgracefully-The Cautious Comeback Tour — Comedy Show. 7:30-10 p.m. \$23. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Neal Vitullo and the Vipers — Concert. 8 p.m. \$15. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

Paula Clare: Special Edition — Concert with special guest opener Beth Barron. 8 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumphousemusicworks.com.

Dan Lilley Duo — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

DEC. 3-DEC. 4

Wickford Festival of Lights: Santa arrives by boat

to the town dock — Event. 12:30 p.m. Free. Brown St, North Kingstown.

Wickford Festival of Lights: Horse-drawn hayrides — Event. 1-4 p.m. \$3 per person. Cash only, masks required. Brown St, North Kingstown.

Wickford Festival of Lights: 'Ladies of the Rolling Pin' perform — Event. 3:15-4 p.m. Free. Updike Park, 89 Brown St, North Kingstown.

Wickford Festival of Lights: Christmas at the Castle! — Event. 12-4 p.m. Celebrate Christmas Past at Smith's Castle, 55 Richard Smith Dr, North Kingstown.

DEC. 3-DEC. 22

Annual Holiday Gift Show — Exhibit. 1 – 5 p.m. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly, 14 Railroad Ave, Westerly. westerlyarts.com. 401-596-2221.

DEC. 4

Holiday Artisan Bazaar — Event, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 383 Old North Rd, Kingston. goodshepherdri.org.

Holiday Street Faire — Event featuring food, live music, drinks, ice skating, Santa sightings and photo ops. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Narragansett Community Ice Rink, 170 Clarke Road, Narragansett. narragansettcoc.com.

Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio's 6th Annual Holiday Sale — Event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free event includes complimentary hot chocolate bar and raffle prize entry. Gooseneck Vineyards will also be providing a wine tasting at the studio from 1-3 p.m. Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio, 1214 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale.

Wickford Festival of Lights: Elf Parade — Event. 11 a.m. Free. Dress the family in their elfiest attire and meet at Sweet Marie's Tea Cottage, 25 West Main Street, North Kingstown for an elves' reception of hot cocoa and cookies before marching in the Elf Parade, which begins at noon.

Continued on page 38



DEC. 7 URI Men's Basketball vs. Sacred Heart — Sporting Event, 6 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

Continued from page 37

Bob Woods & Dave Giorgi — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Maddie Poppe's Acoustic Christmas 2021 — Concert, 8 p.m., \$30-\$35. Greenwich Odeum, 59 Main Street, East Greenwich. 401-885-4000. greenwichodeum.com.

Mark Cutler and Men of Great Courage — Concert, 8 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Van Halen-Completely Unchained — Concert. 8-11 p.m. \$28-\$36. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Vegas Lords— Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

DEC. 5

Brunch with Santa — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$68 adult, \$25 child (plus tax and gratuity). Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio's 6th Annual Holiday Sale — Event. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free event includes complimentary hot chocolate bar and raffle prize entry. Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio, 1214 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale.

Greyhound Dream — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

From Vine to Wine-Scotch Whiskey — Event. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$75 (plus tax and gratuity). Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

Birding Trip to Sachuest — Event. 1-5:30 p.m. \$60 for hotel guests, \$75 for non guests (plus tax), 20% off accommodations. Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Narragansett's 20th annual Jingle Bell Run — Race. 2 p.m. \$20 students, \$25 adults, \$75 for teams of five. In-person race takes place at Narragansett Beach, with check in at the North Beach Clubhouse, 79 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett. For more information, call (401)783-7121. narragansettcoc.com.

Children's Christmas Tea — Event. 3-5 p.m. \$75 adult, \$35 child (plus tax and gratuity). Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Steve Deconti Quartet — Concert, 5 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

DEC. 7

URI Men's Basketball vs. Sacred Heart — Sporting Event, 6 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

SOSARL Volunteer Orientation — Event. 6-7 p.m. Masks are required. RSVP by emailing volunteer@sosarl.org. Save One Soul Animal Rescue League, 577 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. sosarl.org.

URI Women's Basketball vs. Hartford — Sporting Event, 8:30 p.m. University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. theryancenter.com.

DEC. 8

The Cartells — Concert. 7:30-10 p.m. \$10. The

Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 9

Matt York — Concert. 8 p.m. Free. 21+. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 10

Annual Holiday Arts Market — Event. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street, Jamestown. 401-560-0979. jamestownartcenter.org.

Forever Young — Concert, 8 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Rash Cat— Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

DEC. 11

Annual Holiday Arts Market — Event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley Street, Jamestown. 401-560-0979. jamestownartcenter.org.

Jamie Caniglia & Friends — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Photos with Santa Paws — Event. 12-2 p.m. Save One Soul ReTAIL, 577 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. sosarl.org.

Santa Checks In — Event. 5-7 p.m. \$45 per appointment (plus tax and gratuity). Maximum of two children per appointment. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Swinging for Ceresi — Concert featuring Chris Leigh Band, Johnny & The Eastcoast Rockers and Rogers

Allstars. Hosted by Bob Christina and Debra Demar. 6:30 p.m. \$20. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

Ghost Mojo — Live Music, 7:30 p.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

That Acoustic Duo — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

Van Morrison Tribute-Moondance — Concert. 8-11 p.m. \$25-\$38. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

DEC. 12

Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

Brunch with Santa — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$68 adult, \$25 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Brunch with Santa — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$68 adult, \$25 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

To Be Continued Band — Live Music, 1-3 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Children's Christmas Tea — Event. 3-5 p.m. \$65 adult, \$40 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Pump House Piano Bar — Open mic with live band hosted by Eden Casteel, 6 p.m. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Westerly Light Parade 2021 — Event. 6-7:30 p.m. Blizzard Date: Sunday, December 19th. Free. Downtown Westerly.

8th Annual Rock and Roll Christmas Benefit for Stand Up For Animals — Concert featuring music by John Special & Friends, Marc Douglas Bernardo. 7 p.m. \$15 donation. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 13

Gingerbread Village Competition — Event. 6-8 p.m. Complimentary Wine & Cheese reception, cash bar. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 14

Gingerbread House Workshop — Event. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$50 adult (plus tax and gratuity), complimentary for children. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Ornament Making Workshop — Event. 6:30-8 p.m. \$40 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 15

Pierside Pop-Up Ladies Night Shopping Edition — Event, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Narragansett Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, 36 Ocean Road, Narragansett. narragansettcoc.com.

South Country Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours hosted by George's of Galilee — Networking Event, 5-7 p.m. \$5 for chamber members, \$10 for nonmembers. George's of Galilee Restaurant, 250 Sand Hill Cove Road, Narragansett.

The Night Shakers — Concert. 7:30-10 p.m. \$10. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 16

Pierside Pop-Up Gentlemen's Shopping Edition — Event, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Narragansett Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, 36 Ocean Road, Narragansett. narragansettcoc.com.

Playboi Carti: The King Vamp Tour — Concert, 8 p.m. \$33-\$103.95. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. thereyancenter.com.

DEC. 17

Santa Checks In — Event. 5-7 p.m. \$45 per appointment (plus tax and gratuity). Maximum of two children per appointment. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

A Very Veuve Christmas-Champagne Flight Tasting — Event. 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$250 (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Fuzek and Friends — Concert, 8 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Justin Mac — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

DEC. 18

Children's Christmas Party — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$25 adult, complimentary for children. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Keith Hughes — Live Music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Santa Checks In — Event. 5-7 p.m. \$45 per appointment (plus tax and gratuity). Maximum of two children per appointment. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Dylan Sevey and the Gentlemen — Concert, 8 p.m. \$15. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

Eight to the Bar — Concert. 8 p.m. \$15. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

Living on a Bad Name-A Tribute to Bon Jovi — Concert. 8-10:30 p.m. \$24-\$34. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd, West Kingston. 401-782-1018. courthousearts.org.

Heads of State — Live Music. 8-11 p.m. Oak Hill Tavern, 565 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. 294-3282, oakhilltavern.com.

DEC. 19

Brunch with Santa — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$68 adult, \$25 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Brunch with Santa — Event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$68 adult, \$25 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Field of Artisans — Event, 11:30 a.m. Whalers Brewing Company, 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Whalers.com.

URI Women's Basketball vs. Boston University — Sporting Event, 1 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. thereyancenter.com.

Eventide — Live Music, 1-3 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Yule Log Workshop — Event. 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$38 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Feast of Fishes Workshop — Event. 4:30-6 p.m. \$85 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 22

URI Men's Basketball vs. Brown — Sporting Event, 7 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. thereyancenter.com.

Cookie and Cupcake Decorating Class — Event. 5-6:15 p.m. \$35 adult, \$15 child (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House Drawing Room, Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Cork & Canvas — Event. 5-7 p.m. \$45 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 23

Christmas in Song at WH Chapel — Event. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Watch Hill Chapel, 5 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 24

Feast of the Fishes Christmas Eve Dinner — Event. 5-8 p.m. \$75 adult, \$40 child (plus tax and gratuity), Optional \$50/person wine pairing. The Restaurant at Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Christmas Eve Dinner in COAST-Feast of Fishes — Event. 5:30-8 p.m. \$125 per person (including children over eight), \$95/person wine pairing, Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 25

Christmas Brunch in Bistro — Event. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. \$79 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Christmas Dinner at the Restaurant — Event. 12-8 p.m. \$75 adult, \$35 child (plus tax and gratuity), Optional \$50/person wine pairing. Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

Christmas Day in COAST — Event. 6-9 p.m. \$125 per person (including children over eight) plus tax, standard COAST Menu, optional \$95/person wine pairing. Ocean House, 1 Bluff Avenue, Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

DEC. 26

Buddy Cavaleri — Live Music, 11-2 p.m. Java Madness, 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield. For more information, visit javamadness.com.

Open Mic — Event, 5:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Proof of vaccination required. Pumpphouse Music Works, 1464 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield. pumpphousemusicworks.com.

DEC. 30

URI Men's Basketball vs. Dayton — Sporting Event, 7 p.m. The University of Rhode Island Ryan Center, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. thereyancenter.com.

Jake Hunsinger — Concert. 8 p.m. Free. 21+. The Knickerbocker Music Center, 35 Railroad Ave, Westerly. 401-315-5070. knickmusic.com.

DEC. 31

New Year's Eve Dinner at Weekapaug Inn — Event. \$125 per person (plus tax and gratuity.) Weekapaug Inn, 25 Spray Rock Rd., Westerly. oceanhouseevents.com.

NYE-Steve Smith & The NAKEDS — Concert. 8:30-11:59 p.m. \$25-\$30. Must be 21 or older. Ocean Mist, 895 Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown. oceanmist.net.

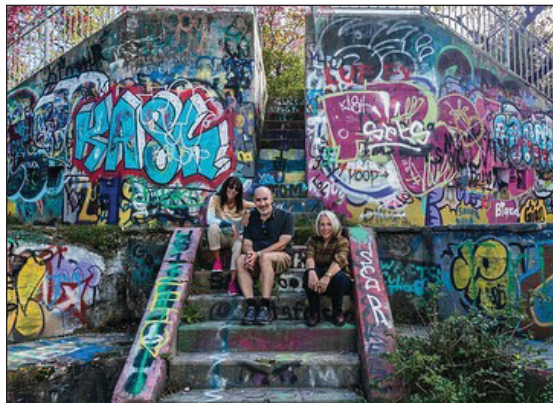
| #mysouthcountylife |



@mtruman42 • Worden Pond

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR SOUTH COUNTY LIFE?

Use #mysouthcountylife in your Instagram posts for a chance to be published here or shared by @southcountyliferi



@Vobphoto • Fort Wetherill



@alliezog • Clark Farms



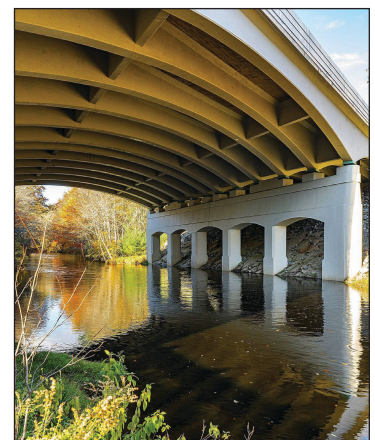
@heyitschelseap • The United Theater



@pattyjdotcom • The Farmers Daughter



@thelocalrhody • Narragansett



@23settingsunphotography • Hopkinton

**PHASE 3
OPENING SOON**

A 55+ community of active people. South Shore Village, we check all the boxes!



Live closer to the beach



Build a new, customizable,
detached, single-level home



Live in a friendly, secure 55+
community with onsite amenities



Enjoy a relaxed, active lifestyle
with more time outdoors



Be yardwork-free



Visit with children/grandchildren
more often



Community Center



Seabreeze model Kitchen

South  Shore
Village

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI

southshorevillageri.com



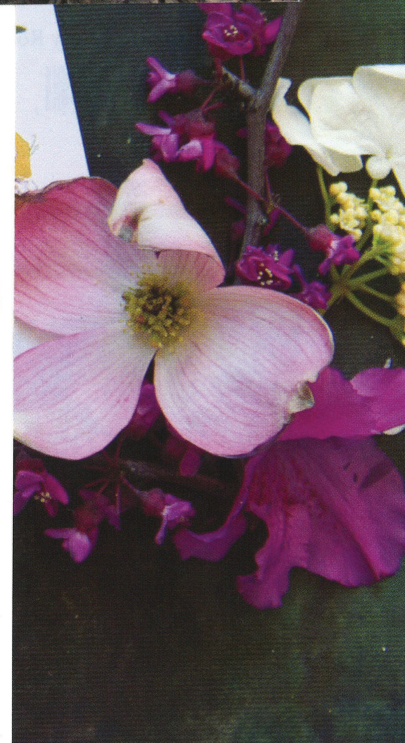
30 Chickadee Lane | South Kingstown, RI | 401-601-0074

Model Homes Open Daily, 10-4pm

Spreading holiday
cheer from the
tips of your toes.



the
purple cowco.



Wakefield, RI 401-789-2389