



Kristen Adamo, Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau executive director, a Warwick resident, addresses the Warwick Rotary. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

Hospitality Industry Looks To Score With World Cup

By JOHN HOWELL

Nearly 8,000 residential construction workers from across the region are expected to attend the JLC Live conference March 27-29 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Kristen Adamo has had the event in her sights for months, lining up volunteers to help the visitors navigate Rhode Island, finding hotel rooms and arranging for transportation.

Adamo is executive director of the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the JLC Live conference is one of many events she and her team book, plan and coordinate. On top of that over the next three to four weeks, the state will host the Division 3 college wrestling championships and March Madness. There are many more events the bureau's staff of 30 have brought to the state or assisted local groups to coordinate from the Great Car Race involving 150

pre-1974 cars that started on June 15, 2022, from Rocky Point Park to Fargo, North Dakota to the collectors of paperweights show and convention that filled the Crowne Plaza.

And with seven FIFA World Cup games possible in Foxboro next year, PWCVB's world just gets bigger.

Adamo said bookings for regional sporting events are large, and so are higher-education and medical conferences. She is keeping a close eye on how cuts in government agencies and grants under the Trump administration will impact the hospitality business. Already a conference focused on wind power has been canceled.

Last year the PWCVB booked 270 events that will result in the estimated direct spending of \$100 million in the state. Events are measured in booked hotel nights with 2,000 nights over three days considered big.

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Cooking up an Honor Flight

The food was good, the company even better and the cause something everyone believed in. The event hosted by St. Mary's Feast Society in Cranston on Sunday was a pasta, meatballs and chicken dinner for the benefit of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub. *Beacon Media text and photos by John Howell SEE PAGE 12 FOR MORE COVERAGE*



Dave's Ties For Best Local Grocery Store Worldwide

By ADAM ZANGARI

Dave's Fresh Marketplace may have started as a humble fruit stand on West Shore Road, but now it's achieved international renown.

Not only did the store, with 10 locations throughout Rhode Island, win a USA Retailer of the Year and Food Innovation awards, it finished in a tie for the Independent Grocers Alliance's best independent grocery store in the world. The IGA competition included more than 7,700 grocery stores from across five continents in the International Retailer of the Year competition.

"We were shocked by that," said Susan Budlong, Dave's director of marketing and communications. "There were so many impressive grocery stores. It was amazing."

This was Dave's first year participating in any IGA competitions. Budlong said the company had been encouraged to enter by its wholesaler, Bozzuto's Inc., which had shown off the store as a model to other independent stores over the last 10 years. Last year, Cesario and Hogan finally relented.

"Both Bill [Hogan, director of business operations]

and Dave [Cesario, owner] are very humble guys. As a company, we're run under the radar, we keep to ourselves, we support our communities and we do the right thing by people," Budlong said. "These are two guys that try not to make waves, right? They're not trying to be anything but the best community stewards and be involved ... At the time, I think they didn't realize what a big deal it was. It wasn't until we went to Vegas and realized that this was a lot of competition and this was a big deal."

Dave's tied with Nam Dae Mun Farmer's Markets, a Korean grocery store with eight locations in the greater Atlanta area, for the international honor.

In his acceptance speech, Hogan said that while local and independent grocers face increasing challenges from national chains, the most important priority for Dave's has never been focusing on its competition. Rather, it's been about making Rhode Islanders happy.

"We truly appreciate our customer base," Hogan said in his acceptance speech. "For 50-plus years, Dave's and its 10 stores have served Rhode Island well and given our customers clean, vibrant, neighborhood-themed

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Bill Hogan (left), director of business operations for Dave's Fresh Marketplace, and Dave's owner Dave Cesario at the IGA ceremony. *Submitted photo*

COVID 5 YEARS ON

When Hospital, Schools Struggled at Ground Zero

By ADAM ZANGARI

On March 11, 2020, the novel coronavirus, later referred to as COVID-19, was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. Later that day, after an NBA player tested positive for the virus, the league shut down, soon to be followed by countless other businesses and organizations nationwide.

Five years have now passed since the pandemic began. In that time, we all have experienced a once-in-a-lifetime event that has altered the course of history and taken the lives of millions worldwide.

The Beacon talked with community leaders who helped Warwick through the pandemic to put things in perspective

five years on. What follows are the insights of leaders in the two realms of life that, in retrospect, seemed most profoundly challenged by the virus and all the changes it brought to daily life: education and health care.

In the schools, 'we had to be comfortable with uncomfortable'

To call the pandemic a time of change for Warwick Public Schools would be a serious understatement.

Superintendent Lynn Dambruch, at the time, was Warwick's assistant superintendent – Philip Thornton, now the superintendent of Cumberland Public Schools, held the role at the time.

March 13, 2020, would end up being the last day of in-

person schooling in Warwick for the year. From there, making sure each of Warwick's 8,610 students had a Chromebook for remote learning became a top priority for the administration.

"That was D-Day, as we call it," said Patti Cousineau, principal of Warwick Neck Elementary School at the time. "My teachers and I, we were meeting at a Taco Bell parking lot with families and just opening up our trunks and

Born in the pandemic, Kent's home health care thrives. Page 13

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Legal Notices

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE STOCK TRANSFER

APPLICATION FOR A STOCK TRANSFER OF A RETAILER'S BEVERAGE LICENSE **CLASS BV** TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Blazin Wings Inc.
DBA: Buffalo Wild Wings
400 Bald Hill Rd
Warwick, RI 02886

TO: Munson of Warwick Wings LLC
DBA: Buffalo Wild Wings
400 Bald Hill Rd
Warwick, RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, RI., ON **Tuesday, March 25th 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILLED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
JAMES PAOLUCCI, CLERK

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

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CITY OF WARWICK BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY SECOND HAND DEALERS LICENSE

APPLICATION FOR A SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENSE TO KEEP AND SELL SECOND HAND ARTICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 5-21 OF THE RI GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Goodwill Industries of Southern New England Inc.
DBA: Goodwill
2525 Warwick Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPT., 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE, WARWICK RHODE ISLAND, **at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday night, March 25, 2025** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
James H. Paolucci, Clerk

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

3/6, 3/13/25

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE (NEW)

LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A RETAILER'S BEVERAGE LICENSE **CLASS BV** TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Joey O's LLC
DBA: Joey O's
1980 Warwick Ave
Warwick RI 02889

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, 2nd floor WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., on **Tuesday March 25th at 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
James H. Paolucci CLERK

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

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members, commission members and legislators, each have 45 days after service of this summons within which to file an answer to the complaint. CLERK OF COURT, BY: Steven D. Grierson, Deputy Clerk, Date, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, County Courthouse, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155, Issued at the direction of: SKLAR WILLIAMS PLLC, By: Anthony R. Ager, Esq., Nevada Bar No. 003780, 410 S. Rampart Blvd., #350, Las Vegas, NV 89145, Tel: (702) 360-6000, Fax: (702) 360-0000, Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATE WIDE 7

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

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

BARCHI, David, est.

1st Account; for hearing March 20, 2025

BAZOR, David W. alias David Wayne Bazor, est.

1st & Final Account; for hearing March 20, 2025

BELLIVEAU, Laura L. est.

1st & Final Account; for hearing March 20, 2025

COLE, Warren Douglas alias Warren D. Cole, est.

Probate of Will; for hearing March 20, 2025

CUDDY, Doris Elizabeth, est.

Sale of Real Estate for property located at 752 Quaker Lane, Unit 202, Warwick, RI 02818 further designated as Assessor's Plat 227 Lot 01-090; for hearing March 20, 2025

DONOVAN, James Timothy alias James T. Donovan, James Donovan, est.

Probate of Will; for hearing March 20, 2025

ELIASON, Ella Grace, est.

Co-Guardian's 2nd Account; for hearing March 20, 2025

HOULE, Grace, est.

Guardianship Petition; for hearing March 20, 2025

JENCKS, Lillian J., est.

Probate of Will; for hearing March 20, 2025

PIERCE FROELICH, Patricia, est.

Administration Petition; for hearing March 20, 2025

SMITH, Stephen, est.

Sale of Real Estate for property located at 11 1/2 Ocean Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 further designated as Assessor's Plat 355 Lot 502; for hearing March 20, 2025

BROOKS, Robert David, est.

Margaret A. Brooks & Courtney Griffin-Neill have qualified as Co-Executors (Paula Cuculo, Esq., of 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 1006, Warwick, RI 02886 as agent); Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time Required by law beginning March 6, 2025

BUDLONG, Mary Lou, est.

Susan Budlong has qualified as Guardian of the Person & the Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

CARROLL, Susan L. alias Susan Carroll, est.

Dianne Bertrand & Kathleen Carroll has qualified as Co-Administrator's; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

CONNOR, Whitney B. alias Whitney Bowe Connor, est.

Mary E. Connor has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office Of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

DONNELL, Eileen, est.

Jennifer A. Quinn & Stephanie A. Quinn have qualified as Co-Executors; creditors Must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by Law beginning March 6, 2025

HAWCROFT, Paul D., est.

Pamela Cave has qualified as Executrix (RI Registered Agents, Inc. 47 Wood Avenue, Suite 2, Barrington, RI 02806 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

LACROIX, Deborah Lee, est.

Julie Lynch has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

MORRIS, Michelle M., est.

Rachel Hazelwood has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

NUNES, Norma F. alias Norma Frances Nunes, est.

Jordan P. Nunes has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

PATON, Lynn M. est.

Michael J. Paton has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

POTTER, Stephen L. alias Stephen Leroy Potter, est.

Deborah Crowley has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the Office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

SANANTONIO, Donald N. est.

Donald J. SanAntonio has qualified

as Guardian of the Person & Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

STEBBINS, Jean F. alias Jean Fiddes Stebbins, est.

Christopher Fiddes has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

STRAND, William H. alias William Harry Strand, est.

Laurie Ann Strand has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

VIAU, Linda L. alias Linda Lee Viau, est.

David C. Tyler, Jr. has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office Of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

WEBSTER, Kathleen S. est.

Alisha Cady has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

WILSON, Robert H., est.

Meredith D. Wilson has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning March 6, 2025

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the City Clerk's Office at (401) 738-2006 Ext 4 at least (48) hours in advance of the hearing.

ATTEST: LYNN D'ABROSCA, CITY CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF WARWICK ORDINANCE NO. O-25-2

APPROVED Frank J. Picozzi
March 11, 2025 MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WARWICK ZONING ORDINANCES TOWERCO 2013, LLC AND CELCO PARTNERSHIP, D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, APPLICANT 150 DRAPER AVE ASSESSORS PLAT 354, LOT 49

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

Section I: The Zoning Map and the Record Book of Lot Classifications which are a part of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Warwick are hereby amended by changing the classification of the following described premises from Residence A-10 (A-10) to Residence A-10 (A-10) with variances and authorization for Use Code 611 to locate a telecommunications tower and facilities on the property in connection with a lease between the City of Warwick as landlord and TowerCo 2013, LLC as tenant, with Verizon Wireless as a subtenant use:

Assessor's Plat 354, Assessor's Lot 49, as said plat appeared in the Tax Assessor's office on December 31, 2024 is hereby changed from Residence A-10 (A-10) to Residence A-10 (A-10) with variances and authorization for Use Code 611. The lot is set forth in the legal description and on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Subject to the following conditions, waivers and stipulations:

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF WARWICK ORDINANCE NO. O-25-3

APPROVED Frank J. Picozzi
March 11, 2025 MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARWICK TO EXPAND THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN WHICH RETAIL SALES OF MARIJUANA AND RELATED PRODUCTS CAN OCCUR THOUSAND LAKES, LLC, PETITIONER 319 BALD HILL ROAD ASSESSOR'S PLAT 273, LOT 481

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

Section I. Appendix A, Zoning Section 300, Table 1 Use Regulations of the City of Warwick Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows, with numbered parenthesis representing the insertion of a footnote:

Zoning Districts	OS	A-40	A-15	A-10	A-7	O	WB	GB	LI	GI	Inter modal	Gateway	Village District
511. Retail sales of Marijuana and Marijuana-related products	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (29)	S	S	No	No	No

Footnotes:

[...]

(29) Allowed only within selected areas of GB zone district along Route 2 between and including the intersections of Route #13 West Natick Road and Route 2, and Route 3 / Cowesett Road and Route 2.

Section II. The Clerk of the Zoning Board of Review is hereby authorized and directed to cause said changes to be made within the Zoning Ordinance.

Section III. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SINAPI

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC PROPERTIES, LAND USE, & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Attest: Lynn D'Abrasca, City Clerk

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1. Relief from Section 506(C)1, location within two miles of another facility.
2. Relief from Section 506(C)4.i, minimum setback from residential and open space zoning districts.
3. Relief from Section 506(C)5, tower height limitation.
4. Relief from Section 506(C)7, underground utilities.
5. On the condition that any trees to be removed shall be marked prior to and discussed at a pre-construction meeting at which a land trust member shall be invited to attend and participate.

Section II: The Clerk of the Zoning Board of Review is hereby authorized and directed to cause said changes to be made on the Zoning Map and the Record Book of Lot Classifications.

Section III: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC PROPERTIES, LAND USE, & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Attest: Lynn D'Abrasca, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF WARWICK ORDINANCE NO. O-25-4

APPROVED Frank J. Picozzi
March 11, 2025 MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARWICK SPRAGUE COVINGTON, LLC, APPLICANT 112 OLD WARWICK AVENUE ASSESSORS PLAT 351, LOT 234

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

Section I: The Zoning Map and the Record Book of Lot Classifications which are a part of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Warwick are hereby amended by changing the classification of the following described premises from General Business (GB) to General Business Planned District Residential (GB PDR) with waivers to support a 16 unit development on vacant land:

Lot 234 on Assessor's Plat 351 as said plat appeared in the Tax Assessor's office on December 31, 2024 is hereby changed from General Business (GB) to General Business Planned District Residential (GB PDR) with waivers. The lot is set forth in the legal description and on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Subject to the following waivers:

1. Dimensional relief from Section 302, Table 2B, Footnote 2 (a commercial use shall be set back 40' from a PDR Overlay Zone).

Section II: The Clerk of the Zoning Board of Review is hereby authorized and directed to cause said changes to be made on the Zoning Map and the Record Book of Lot Classifications.

Section III: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC PROPERTIES, LAND USE, & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Attest: Lynn D'Abrasca, City Clerk

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The Buzz

March 13, Oakland Beach Association Meeting will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 715 Oakland Beach Ave., Warwick (side entrance).

March 13, RIPTA released its 2025 schedule for its program that offers a reduced fare bus pass program for seniors and people with disabilities. Every month, RIPTA's Customer Service staff will travel to communities throughout the state to process Photo ID bus passes for qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation. This will allow residents to access transit information and apply for the Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program without having to travel to RIPTA offices in Providence. Photo ID bus passes for qualified people with disabilities and seniors will cost \$10 in 2025 and are valid for 2 years. Warwick residents can visit on Thursday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pilgrim Senior Center on 27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick.

Applicants can apply in person at RIPTA's Photo ID Office, located in Kennedy Plaza. The Photo ID Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.). In addition, RIPTA Customer Service staff will continue to process bus passes applications submitted through the mail and online. For more info call 401-784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit RIPTA.com/ReducedFare.

March 15, Spring Green Memorial Church, will hold its monthly Drive-Thru Food Pantry on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot in the back of the church at 1350 Warwick Ave. If you have any questions, please e-mail the church at spring-greenchurch@yahoo.com or call the office at 401-463-8328.

March 15, Food for the Soul on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be held at Lakewood Baptist Church, 255 Atlantic Ave., Warwick. Hosted by Lakewood Baptist Church, Asbury UMC and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This program is on every third Saturday from October to May.

March 16 Greenwood Fire Company and Museum will hold its next bingo on Sunday at the Greenwood Fire Hall, 45 Kernick St. Everyone is invited. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Registration is recommended; space is limited to 50 guests. Price of admission is \$15.00. Reserve your spot by leaving a message or text to Diane at 401-241-7203 or email greenwoodvfc1@gmail.com. You must be 18 to play. Snacks and drinks are for sale as well as bingo markers. No alcohol on premises.

March 18, Warwick Veterans Day Parade, the Planning Committee for the 2025 Warwick Veterans Day Parade will meet at the Shield's Post beginning at 6:30 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. For further information, please call Camille at 952-7340.

March 19 VFW Post #183 will host a bingo night on Wednesday. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. \$30 entry and cash prizes. Please email vfwpost183bingo@

gmail.com with any questions.

March 26 CCRI Criminal Justice Day, The Community College of Rhode Island invites students and community members on Wednesday at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Criminal Justice Day at 400 East Ave. Attendees can explore careers in law enforcement, public safety and paralegal studies.

March 27 Community Libraries of Providence is teaming up with Art Connection Rhode Island (ACRI) to host ABC (Art, Books and Conversation) night at Knight Memorial Library, 275 Elmwood Ave., Providence from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Their annual Mini Golf Fundraiser at the main library, 600 Sandy Lane, on Friday, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Donate any amount at the door to play. Come at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. to avoid waiting in line.

March 28 Friends of the Warwick Public Library will have their annual Mini Golf Fundraiser at the main library, 600 Sandy Lane, on Friday, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Donate any amount at the door to play. Come at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. to avoid waiting in line.

April 3 RIPTA released its 2025 schedule for its program that offers a reduced fare bus pass program for seniors and people with disabilities. Every month, RIPTA's Customer Service staff will travel to communities throughout the state to process Photo ID bus passes for qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation. This will allow residents to access transit information and apply for the Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program without having to travel to RIPTA offices in Providence. Photo ID bus passes for qualified people with disabilities and seniors will cost \$10 in 2025 and are valid for 2 years. Warwick residents can visit on Thursday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the West Warwick Senior Center on 145 Washington St., West Warwick.

April 15 - 17, April School Vacation Art Camp at Warwick Center for the Arts, 3259 Post Rd. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each day will focus on exploring different art mediums while learning how to use different materials to experiment and develop their own personal, unique creations. Choose one day or all three. Students should pack a lunch and wear comfortable clothing that they can get messy in. For further information, please call 401-737-0010 or warwickcfa.org

June 23 - August 8, WCFA Summer Art Camp 2025 at the Warwick Center for the Arts. Join us for one week or the whole summer. Morning and afternoon sessions available with different themes each week. For further information, please call 401-737-0010 or warwickcfa.org

Wickford Art Festival Artist Applications Now Open North Kingstown, RI – The Wickford Art Association (WAA) is excited to announce that artist applications for the 62nd annual Wickford Art Festival are now open. The outdoor art festival will take place on the weekend of July 12 & 13, 2025. Now through March 15, artists are invited to submit their applications to be considered for

participation in this event. Artists interested in applying can visit the official festival website at www.wickfordart.org for more details. Applications will be reviewed by a jury panel, and selected artists will be notified in early April 2025.

Every Monday through Friday, Virtual Dementia Caregiver Support Groups are specifically designed for people caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Monday, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information and registration, call 401-415-4664; or email to: info@HopeDementia.org. Follow us on Facebook @HopeHealth.

Every Monday - The Gaspee Celtic Jam meets at the Pawtuxet Village Baptist Church, 2157 Broad St., Cranston, every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Do you play fiddle, guitar, Irish flute, pennywhistle, bodhran, mandolin, banjo, concertina, accordion, folk harp, hammered dulcimer, Appalachian dulcimer, banjo, acoustic bass, ukulele, keyboard, recorder, or sing? All skill levels welcome. Visit www.gaspeecelticjam.org for more info (including the current tune list/tune book) or to send us any questions. No specific Celtic music experience is required.

Every First and Third Monday Rhode Island Active Toastmasters meets, serving both Rhode Island and Southern MA. Rhode Island Active Toastmasters holds its meetings at New England Institute of Technology in East Greenwich, in Rm N214 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact us Rhode Island Active Toastmasters. All are welcome!

Every Tuesday, ASL Interpreted RI AA Meeting will be held at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Every Second and Fourth Tuesday the Fall River Toastmasters Meeting, serving both Rhode Island and Southern Mass. the Fall River Toastmasters holds its meetings. Doors open at 6 p.m. and meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us at The Chamber, 200 Pocasset St, Fall River, Mass., 2nd floor. For more information, call Sean DaCosta at (508)-840-6621. All are welcome!

Every Thursday, The Warwick Rotary Club meets from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Every week features a different speaker.

Every Thursday, Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS #38 is meeting every Thursday morning at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (lower level), 99 Pierce Street, East Greenwich. Weigh-in begins at 10:15 a.m. The meeting starts at 10:45 a.m. Enter from the side parking lot, go down the stairs to the kitchen area. All are welcome as well as any canned food donations. For information, call: Angela Henderson at 401-225-6174.

Every Thursday, Get-a-Job-Thursdays - We Make RI, an organization that provides free manufacturing training, hosts a series of job fairs every Thursday from 11 a.m. to

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Oaklawn Grange Used Clothing Donation Shed in need of used clothing items at the Oaklawn Grange Donation Shed, 24 Searle Ave., Cranston. Accepted items only: Used Clothing, Shoes, Sneakers, Belts, Purses, Linens, Pillowcases, Blankets, Curtains, and Stuffed Animals. All items must be in useable condition. Your donations will be distributed as whole garments locally and worldwide. Contact oaklawngrangeinfo@gmail.com for more information.

NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups; the RI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones struggling with mental health. Groups are led by trained facilitators with experience with family members. Meetings last 1.5 hours, and everyone gets a chance to share. Group members offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at namirhodeisland.org. or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

Call for Volunteers Gaspee Days Committee; volunteers are needed for all aspects of planning the Gaspee Days celebration. The Gaspee Days Committee meeting is being held on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aspray Boat House, 2 E View St. Please ask for the volunteer coordinator. For more information on the Gaspee Days Committee visit www.gaspee.com

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Majestic Bald Eagle Caught On Camera

Tyler Gates was home preparing for his first day at new job when he heard a vehicle idling outside. When he looked out the window, he saw a family in their truck filming something above his house. “Over the past month, I’d caught glimpses of this eagle family flying around my street and the Apponaug area,” Gates shared in an email to the Beacon. “So, I had a hunch about what they were watching. Sure enough, there was an adult Bald eagle perched in a tree in my backyard.” He quickly grabbed his cell phone and started snapping away. Gates believes that there are three Bald eagles in the area, two adults and a juvenile. He also thinks the family of eagles may be nesting near Gorton’s Pond in Apponaug or possibly down by Apponaug Cove. “It’s been incredible seeing these majestic birds, and I hope to catch more glimpses of them in the future,” he wrote.

Gates believes the Bald eagle pictured appeared to be around three feet tall.
Submitted by Tyler Gates



Check smoke, Carbon Monoxide alarms during Daylight Saving Time

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is reminding Rhode Island businesses and residents to test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when adjusting clocks for daylight saving time. “Checking smoke and CO alarms when you change clocks is a simple habit that can save lives,” said Rhode Island State Fire Marshal Timothy P. McLaughlin. “Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms provide early warnings in an emer-

gency, giving you crucial time to make decisions and get to safety.” The Office of the State Fire Marshal recommends the following safety tips:

- Test alarms monthly by pressing the test button.
- Replace batteries at least once a year if the alarm uses removable batteries. Consider upgrading to long-life sealed battery alarms.

- Check the manufacturing date on alarms and replace any that are more than 10 years old for smoke alarms and 5-7 years old for carbon monoxide detectors.
- Ensure alarms are installed in the right locations, including inside and outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home.
- Never ignore a sounding alarm. If an alarm goes off, get outside immediately and call 911.

Toll Gate Second Quarter Honor Roll

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Plight of deer on Post Rd. stirs lawmakers to act

Whether it’s for people or wildlife, free and open access to public habitat has its champions. Lots of them, apparently.

Last week’s story and photo on the panicked state of a family of deer hemmed in by a chain-link fence along Post Road near Pawtuxet Village caught the eyes of many readers who shared the concern of Beacon Media publisher Joy Fox, who photographed the deer as they struggled to find a route away from the road and into the woods.

Eventually, the deer returned to where they had come from, crossing Post Road into the historical cemetery on the edge of the village. It was probably not their first time in that predicament. Social media has carried accounts of deer and other wildlife attempting to cross to and from the area.

An update from last week’s story: State Sen. Matthew LaMountain and Rep. Joseph McNamara are working on legislation giving the Department of Environmental Management the power to create rights of way to the river. McNamara is looking at eminent domain or some other means, but he sees a need reaching beyond the property the deer were trying to reach at 175 Post Rd.

“It would give the DEM director the power to recognize traditional access to waterways,” he said.

LaMountain, who gained Senate passage of legislation for the DEM to take access to the river by adverse possession last year – it didn’t make it to a vote in the House – said Saturday he would introduce legislation giving the DEM the power to take historically used paths to waterways for public use.

Stay tuned to see if there’s any truth to the adage ‘where there’s a will, there’s a way.’

City chips away at unfunded pension burden

By ADAM ZANGARI

The Warwick City Council heard a presentation from actuary Joe Newton regarding the city’s pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) during the council’s regular meeting Monday night.

Currently, according to Newton, Warwick must contribute more than \$50 million to these programs in future budgets, largely because of some pensions and programs being unfunded in past budgets.

“If all of your plans were fully funded, which means all of the debts of the past had been paid off, this year’s contributions to all of these programs would only be about \$15 million,” Newton said. “As it stands, it’s about \$56 million. The majority of your current contributions are actually going to pay for the past. It’s to pay off the debts.”

Specifically, Newton said, the amount Warwick will need to put into each post-retirement program in Fiscal Year 2026 stood at \$56.6 million. In FY25, according to Newton, Warwick has put in \$55.2 million.

Making sure the city is contributing more to bring the accrued interest down, Newton said, is key. His projections showed the city shedding those unfunded liabilities within the

next 25 years.

“It’s also a rate that should be, over time, less than the growth of your budget, so that every year, it’s becoming a little bit of a smaller piece of your budget,” Newton said. “As we go forward, that’s going to ensure benefit security.”

The council also gave unanimous second passage to two previously discussed items, one amending the city’s zoning ordinance to allow for the construction of a cellphone tower off 150 Draper Ave. and another increasing the area in the city where marijuana could be sold.

During the council’s Feb. 10 meeting, Verizon representatives said that the tower would be a relatively low height, due to its proximity to T.F. Green, but would notably improve service in Conimicut and Warwick Neck and would be a significant distance away from each of the property’s abutters.

An additional ordinance allowing lease of the land the tower will be on to Verizon received first passage at Monday’s meeting.

Marijuana sales are now allowed in the city along Route 2 from the intersection with Cowesett Road to the intersection with West Natick Road. Before its passage, the northern terminus of the area where weed could be sold was Route 113.

AAA: Average RI gas price continues to fall

At a time when gas prices typically creep higher ahead of the warmer weather and busier summer driving season, the gulf between today’s prices and what drivers saw at the pump at this time last year continues to widen.

Prices have fallen slowly but steadily since late January, driven in large part by falling crude oil prices and economic uncertainty. Crude prices ended last week down between 3% and 4% as markets adjusted for the expected increase in production from OPEC+ nations in April, ending two years of output reductions they instituted in an effort to boost prices.

Another driver of lower gas prices has been light domestic gasoline demand. Weak demand since the start of the year has helped keep inventories high and pricing pressure low. According to the Energy Information Administration, regional inventories of gasoline stand above 66 million barrels — 2 million barrels higher than last year — and firmly above the five-year average. But there are signs the paradigm is shifting: the EIA reported a 700,000-barrel draw-down in supplies last week, and gasoline demand rose to 8.87 million barrels a day. That’s an increase from the prior week’s 8.45 million barrels a day and represents the highest demand reading so far this year.

Locally, the average gas price in Rhode Island is down 4 cents from last week (\$2.97), averaging \$2.93 per gallon. Monday’s price is 7 cents lower than a month ago (\$3) and 22 cents lower than a year ago (\$3.15). Rhode Island’s average gas price is 15 cents lower than the national average.

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Tree work, removals first step to Pawtuxet Park renewal

By JOHN HOWELL

Roy Evans didn’t feel comfortable walking in Pawtuxet Park. Looking up into the tree canopy, he spotted dead limbs and in some cases branches that had broken off and were dangling. Some trees showed their age and were fading, and others were dead.

To Evans this was a matter of aesthetics and safety. He saw that something had to be done to clean up the park and more importantly keep people safe. Evans wasn’t alone. The maintenance of park trees has been on the radar of The Pawtuxet Village Association for at least five years, estimates village resident and former PVA board member Adrian Beaulieu.

Last week, the first of three phases of park projects was completed by arborist David Schwartz of Schwartz Tree Care Landscaping with the removal of six or seven trees and the pruning of scores more. Evans, who helped oversee the project, said the second phase of work will include stump grinding and the bracing of trees that show signs of splitting. Work on phase two could start in about two weeks.

So far the work has cost the PVA about \$20,000, says Evans.

And how did the PVA come up with the money?

“We have been blessed by grants and folks who care about Pawtuxet Village,” said Evans. PVA board member Susan Hartman said that PVA savings and grants

made the work possible.

“It’s used by so many people,” Hartman said of the park. She, too, remarked on the safety and appearance of the park and how the association turned to Schwartz to do a “careful assessment of which trees needed to be trimmed and those that had to be taken out.” She said Schwartz subcontracted the work to Curran Tree Service. They also worked with the city’s tree warden, Carlos Pinheiro, on the project.

“We really appreciate the support of the city,” Hartman said.

The next step, says Evans, is identifying the species of trees to be planted in the park as part of a master plan that is being worked on by the city Planning Department. It was unclear who would be responsible for restoring the park lawn that was rutted by equipment used in the tree work.

Recently the Planning Department received approval of its application for a \$190,000 Ocean State Climate Adaption and Resilience grant from the Department of Environmental Management. The money is to be used to redesign the parking lot to catch runoff from spilling directly into Pawtuxet Cove, in addition to a realignment of the park pathway to reduce erosion. Implementation of the design and other park improvements is the subject of an application for a \$2.3-million Congressional Direct Spending Grant submitted to Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, according to the Planning Department.

The pruning of scores of trees and the removal of dead trees over the last month has cleaned up and improved the safety of Pawtuxet Park. The work was paid for the Pawtuxet Village Association.

Photos courtesy of Adrian Beaulieu



Data shows Green is fastest-growing US airport

BEACON MEDIA STAFF

It didn’t take long for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to declare that, according to the latest U.S. Department of Transportation data, Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport is the fastest-growing major airport in the United States.

In January RIAC disclosed that Green recorded more than 4 million passengers for 2024, making it the fastest-growing airport in New England. According to the release issued last week, the designation of fastest-growing airport in the nation is based on federal data on updated passenger numbers from May to October 2024 and the airlines' currently published schedules for the Top 75 airports in the United States from January to June 2025.

According to data from the Department of Transportation, Philadelphia International Airport and Washington-Dulles International Airport were ranked behind Rhode Island T.

F. Green International Airport in passenger and seat growth, respectively.

Yet, Green passenger traffic is short of a record 5.9 million passengers in 2005. For years RIAC CEOs have been hopeful of topping that number with increased flights and destinations. Iftikhar Ahmad, RIAC president and CEO, made it a goal.

In the announcement it was disclosed that recently added or announced flights that will boost passenger volumes are new nonstop routes such as JetBlue's daily service to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and New York JFK. Southwest Airlines announced daily service to Nashville, Tennessee, starting later this spring. Last week, Breeze Airways launched two new routes from PVD in a single day: Daytona Beach, Florida, and Wilmington, North Carolina. PVD now offers 38 nonstop destinations, including seasonal nonstop service to Los Angeles, California (LAX), and same-plane service to seven additional destinations, including New Orleans, Pensacola,

Memphis and San Diego.

The airport recently announced that it will have international flights to Bermuda on BermudaAir beginning in May. PVD has been selected by Breeze Airways as one of its largest hubs. The airline also plans to add international flights from PVD upon FAA approval. This winter, PVD also offers travelers nonstop routes to 10 Florida destinations, more than from Boston Logan Airport.

To accommodate the increased demand for service, the airport has recently made several changes to improve accessibility and customer service, including the opening of Parking Lot "O," a new discount overflow parking lot located at 581 Airport Road, available during high volume travel periods such as school vacations.

The long term parking is needed, as the airport is losing a chunk of parking south of the terminal to the construction of a \$100-million air cargo facility in that portion of the field.

The airport also relocated and expanded its free cellphone waiting lot, located a one-minute drive to the arrivals curb, helping to streamline passenger pickup.

Growth in passenger volume has also been assisted by airport investments made by both the state and federal governments, including destination marketing efforts spearheaded by the governor and General Assembly. Other airport infrastructure and facilities improvements have been made possible thanks to federal funds secured by Sen. Jack Reed and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, who have secured funding for runway and terminal upgrades, with more improvements scheduled for the coming months and years, including new restaurant and retail operations. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, Rhode Island receives \$2.7 billion in economic benefits from civil aviation, including over 19,000 jobs and the related economic activity they provide.

Teachers Question Departure of Vets Principal

By ADAM ZANGARI

In a regular meeting of the city’s School Committee at Warwick Veterans Memorial Middle School on Tuesday night, teachers at the school implored committee members to retain their principal, Jeff Goss.

Goss sent in a letter of resignation to Warwick Public Schools administration, although several of the teachers speaking said he was forced out.

The safety improvements that had occurred during Goss’s two-year tenure at Vets, many teachers said, were notable to those who had been at the school before him.

“I’ve talked with our nurse a number of times, and you wouldn’t believe how strongly she feels about all of this,” Vets social studies teacher Michael Pierce said. “She’s seen the safety issues and is amazed at how much better it is.”

A petition circulated among teachers at Vets imploring the School Committee to keep Goss as principal garnered 123 signatures from the school’s faculty.

That, speakers said, showed how much respect and appreciation the teachers at Vets had for Goss’s work.

“His leadership has had an impact,” Vets teacher Scott Daigle said. “The signatures, the test scores, all of it says one thing. The man belongs here. He wants to stay. You give him a chance, you let him stay here, you’re going to see some great things out of this school.”

Teachers were also concerned about finding another principal who would commit to Vets, with many saying that the school seems to have trouble retaining principals.

“We have a principal right now who truly wants to be here,” Meredith McSwiggan, a special-education teacher at Vets, said. “For reasons we’re not quite sure why, he’s now being told that Warwick doesn’t want him anymore. We want him. We think he’s doing a good job. He wants us, and that speaks volumes.”

McSwiggan also said that since 2016, when the school was converted from a high school to a middle school, there have been 17 different administrators at the school.

Goss’s resignation will take effect at the end of the school year, according to School Committee Chairman Shaun Galligan. Park Elementary School principal Dan Sylvestre, who similarly resigned, will also serve out the remainder of the school year as principal.

Asked about the two principals leaving, Galligan said he would not comment on a personnel issue.

Additionally, the School Committee accepted the resignation of Finance Director Brandon Bohl, who had been placed on administrative leave last month.

Administrative building study approved

School Committee Chairman Shaun Galligan introduced a resolution to study moving WPS’s administration from its current location in the former Gorton Middle School to elsewhere in the city.

Moving the school’s administrative facilities into a smaller building, Galligan said, would be important given the financial issues that WPS was facing.

“I feel that it wouldn’t make sense financially to maintain that property,” Galligan said. “That facility is going to require a new roof, and that’s going to be several million dollars. The facility is not connected to sewer – it’s septic, so that’s expensive. There’s building code upgrades that will need to be made depending on if we change its usage.”

The Gorton building, Galligan said, has been important over the last couple of years for temporarily housing elementary schools where extensive work has been done – Sherman, Oakland Beach and Holliman. After Holliman moves out after this school year, however, there are no future plans for schools to utilize Gorton, meaning that only the building’s second floor would be occupied.

Another potential benefit of a new administrative building, Galligan said, would be having the administration more centrally located in the city.

“We’re just looking to do an analysis, not pulling the trigger on anything until we evaluate,” Galligan said. “There’s a lot to consider here, and I’m just asking that we start the

process of evaluating it.”

Galligan’s resolution received unanimous support from the committee.

New Pilgrim special meeting Wednesday

With an official groundbreaking on the new Pilgrim High School currently planned for next month, School Committee Chairman Shaun Galligan announced a special School Committee meeting for next Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Vets.

The meeting, according to LeftField Project Management’s John Bates and Chris Spiegel, will focus only on the new Pilgrim, and will occur the day before Pilgrim’s design team has its final progress review with the state Department of Education..

“They will present to us the [construction design] packet for Pilgrim High School only, and then that will go off to RIDE,” Galligan said. “They will also have a big packet that will be coming out of a special meeting of the Building Committee that is occurring that same day.”

Bates said that another meeting with state officials on the new Toll Gate project would also happen in the near future. Groundbreaking on that high school is expected in May.

Additionally, Spiegel said, LeftField was currently looking at making the basketball courts at both schools NCAA regulation size.

“The challenge is to work within the existing footprint of the building,” Spiegel said. “We have taken a look, and we believe that within the existing footprint, we can potentially provide an NCAA court size. It would be an increase of about 10 feet, so 5 feet on each side of the court. We believe it can be done; we’re triple checking now just to make sure.”

According to Bates, a new cost estimate on Pilgrim showed costs remaining steady, meaning that the estimated cost of the combined high school projects still sits at \$372.9 million – \$22.9 million over the \$350 million approved by voters in a 2022 bond referendum.



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COVID-era program has proven its worth

Five years ago almost to the day, if you can believe it, COVID-19 was formally declared a worldwide pandemic. The impact from that declaration and the coming months of unprecedented chaos and disruption is something that no one who lived through it will ever forget.

And while there is no shortage of decisions and governmental reactions stemming from that surreal time period where we can play Monday morning quarterback, we would rather applaud a program that came out of that time and should be enthusiastically continued.

Kent Hospital, recognizing that some patients could benefit from remaining at home while receiving treatments for various ailments, became a trailblazer in Rhode Island with the first program of its kind in the Ocean State — Hospital at Home, which recently celebrated treating its 1,000th patient.

The program, while a first in Rhode Island, is just one among hundreds found in 38 other states. And that wide pool of data, from drastically different parts of the nation, has given good reason to believe that the program makes a real difference in creating positive patient outcomes and lessening the burden on hospital systems that are frequently strained.

It doesn't take much imagination to see the benefits of such a program.

Rather than forcing a patient — for example, a person in their late 80s — from being moved out of their home (where they are most comfortable) into a stressful and often chaotic environment, that patient can receive treatment at home with a doctor or nurse coming to them. This enables them not only to recover faster from their illness, but it reduces the likelihood of them picking up some other sickness or infection while forced into staying at the hospital.

But as with all good things worthy of keeping or expanding, it all comes down to funding. And, like so many things right now, the mechanism providing for this program is in jeopardy of expiring or disappearing altogether.

The Hospital at Home program was made possible by a waiver provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that provided Medicaid reimbursements for home care that matched hospital care. Today, the ultimate state of Medicaid funding rests in the balance and at the peril of being de-funded by a Republican-led Congressional budget bill. But even more directly than that, the aforementioned waiver is set to expire at the end of March, and it has not been renewed yet.

While we understand that our federal delegation has a limited ability to reign in a foolhardy desire to use Medicaid as a sacrificial lamb within our federal budget, we hope that they can join colleagues from both sides of the aisle in extending the waiver that enables this program to happen in the first place. Then, if Medicaid funding survives, patients can continue to receive high-quality care from the comfort of their homes; and one of the few positive legacies of Covid can live on.

LETTERS

A request of Rep. Magaziner

To the Editor,

As a resident of Warwick, I'm asking Representative Seth Magaziner to do more to prioritize our health, climate and future. This includes:

- Stopping efforts to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act's climate and clean energy policies. These will put us on a path to cut climate pollution by 40% by 2030, create millions of jobs and lower energy prices.
- Blocking the administration's efforts to cut vital government programs and staff to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy.
- Resisting attempts to eliminate critical environmental protection laws.

As a resident of Warwick who deeply cares about the natural environment of our beautiful state and the future of our children, I urge Representative Magaziner to continue to speak publicly, vote and do whatever he can to protect our environment and our children.

Sr. Diane Dube, RJM
Warwick

What is Trump's ultimate goal?

To the Editor,

I have been trying to figure out what is Donald Trump's end game. Why tariffs? Is he purposely trying to ruin the economies of the Western Hemisphere in order to make it easier for Putin to conquer the world? Is he purposely trying to destroy American farmers so that they are forced to sell their farms at bargain prices to the American oligarchy?

Whatever the end game, it is going to be a long hard four years, and that is if we can survive the destruction.

James Wishart
Warwick

Lawlessness in Washington is attack on democracy

To the Editor,

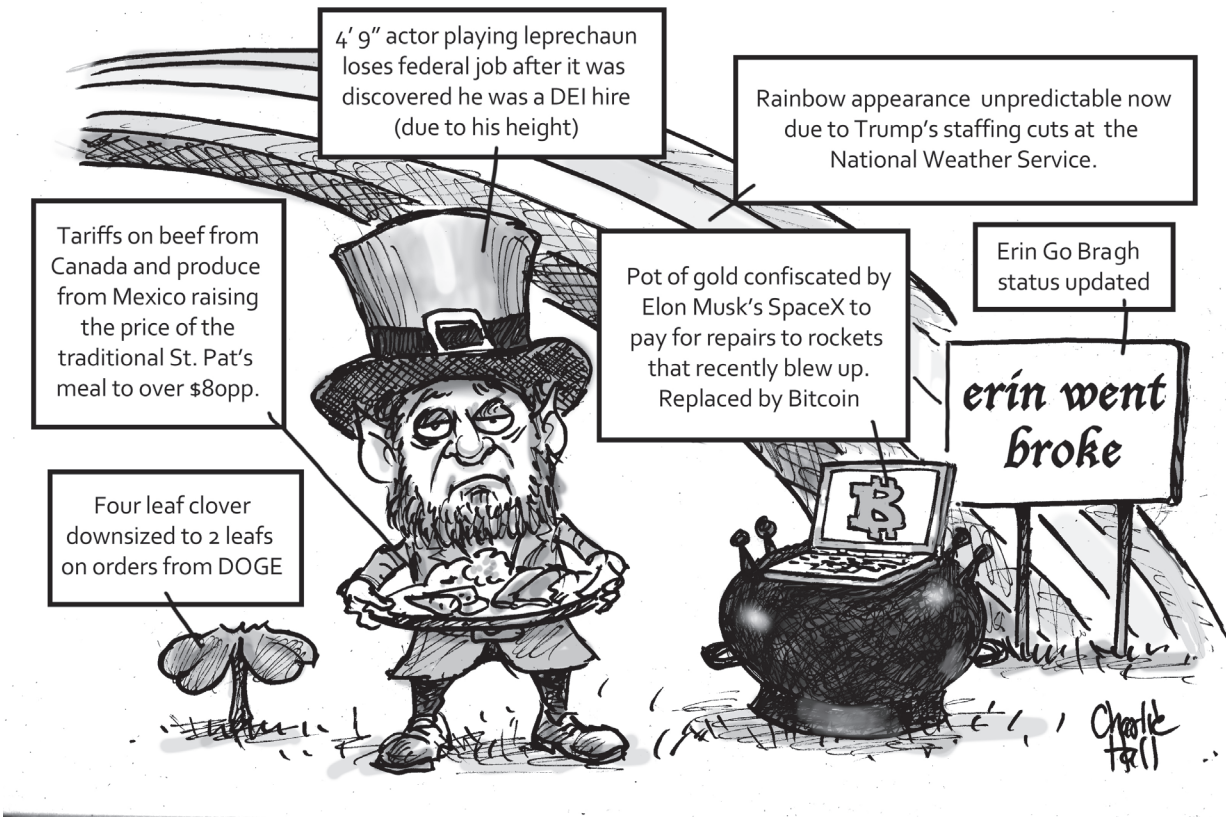
I am 69 years old and I lived through Vietnam, Nixon and the Reagan years, but I have never seen an attack on our democracy like this.

In the past, there was bipartisan opposition to lawlessness. Elected officials did not all vote for tyranny based on political party. Why is the unelected Musk running the show? Why is he getting access to our personal information? This is a coup because Musk and his followers were not elected to any public office and there is no office that would give him the authority to take these actions.

It is all illegal and its intended effect is to undo democratic practice and violate human rights.

Jeneane Lunn
Cranston

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY?



An all-hands-on-deck to honor veterans

Retired [and that word is used loosely] Providence Fire Chief George Farrell is always looking to raise money and to get a good deal. That's why I figured he had come up with something when he said Sunday he had chartered a Breeze Airways jet for Honor Flight "Charlie." The March 30 flight is being sponsored by the Charles Lombardi Charities, which was another surprise. Lombardi, the North Providence mayor, has been a regular at flight sendoffs. I knew he was impressed because he loves talking about honor flights, but I had no idea his charities' fund has contributed about \$30,000 over the years.

For all those contributions, George thought it only appropriate the flight be named "Charlie." The list of Honor Flight benefactors is a testament to George's passion to pay tribute to our veterans, which has a lot to do with people wanting to help him. I asked George to name some sponsors. He started with McShawn's Pub, sponsor of three flights; Wayne Morse, two flights plus providing coffee and doughnuts at flight departures; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, whose various locals have sponsored seven flights; Ocean State Job Lot; Paul Vadenais of Friends Foundry, and the list goes on.

Since the first flight in November 2012, George and his team have held 32 flights.

George's wife, Jane Barletta, who went on the first flight, has been at his side plus a devoted core of board members who really dig into the lives of participating veterans to ensure every base is covered and there are no hiccups. For the upcoming flight, George is checking TSA protocols for a service dog and to alert them of a vet on a liquid diet. He wants to make sure the bags will be cleared.

But why Breeze?

When George explained Breeze would be the carrier rather than Southwest, as has been the practice with the honor flights for more than 10 years it, made sense. Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport is a Breeze base, meaning Breeze planes are here overnight. Southwest and other carriers don't use Green as a base. They would need to fly an empty plane in and fly out empty after the return honor flight to Green. Breeze was a better deal.

Jane has come to expect such things of George.

"He's always busy," she said. She wasn't exactly idle herself on Sunday. She was carrying on a conversation while selling raffle tickets at the St. Mary's Feast Society hall in Cranston. The event, a meatball and chicken pasta luncheon hosted by the society, was a benefit for the upcoming honor flight.

"We're as opposite as opposites can be," said Jane. Maybe that explains why

LETTERS

Let's help deer back to the woods and Washington back to its senses

To the Editor:

I just finished reading my Beacon and two articles force me to send a response.

The first article is written by Mr. Howell concerning Joy Fox's story about seeing deer trying to get to a safe place. I pass by this field almost daily and I see this fence. My first thought was how are the deer going to get back to the woods and safety because of that fence. Now Joy has answered that. Because of that fence they won't be able to. I hope the organizations that can act to help the wildlife of Warwick do act to preserve this small bit of nature for all of us who cherish our shrinking wildlife.

The second story was the letter to the editor by Mr. Liddle. Mr. Trump is doing what he said he was going to do? Did the



This Side Up
by John Howell

the marriage has worked for 45 years. They are parents of two daughters and have three grandchildren; most of them were at the event.

I've seen George and his crew in action as honor flights come together at 5 a.m. at the airport terminal. The flights are carefully choreographed, with the focus on the veterans — sometimes as many as 70 vets, each accompanied by a guardian. Every possible contingency is considered, from medications to the timing of visits to national monuments and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington to an evacuation plan should there be a shutdown of Washington.



WWII veteran Domenic Giarrusso, who is 102, takes the microphone to describe his experience on an honor flight as George Farrell looks on during St. Mary's Feast Society event Sunday to benefit the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

Where would they go, who should they contact? There's a plan for that.

The highlight of the flight is the mail call that comes at a dinner before the return flight to Rhode Island, WWII Air Force veteran Domenic Giarrusso, who is 102, told the group Sunday. Domenic teared up as he spoke of the letters he received from elementary school students. Domenic has been around to the schools to personally thank the students.

George doesn't take "no" when it comes to giving veterans the Washington experience. On one of the recent flights, buses filled with veterans were waved away from approaching the WWII Memorial not all that far from the White House. Trucks blocked the entrance and

firefighter, and when he climbed the ranks he was on call 24/7. Jane remembers a bank of phones to stay in touch with Fire Department personnel. He was always busy.

George says the procedures he learned and practiced as a firefighter have proven invaluable in organizing and running Honor Flight. Indeed, it's smooth running and it's no wonder that the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub has been recognized nationally.

What can't be measured is the attention of all of those involved, from sponsors to guardians and George and his team to our veterans. That's what makes it work and meaningful for those so deserving.

Brenda Nordin
Warwick

Students urge ‘proactive action’ on wildfires

Over three months, 10,000 California homes were lost. Wildfires are no longer a crisis in Los Angeles, but they are a growing threat in Rhode Island and beyond. With increasingly dry conditions, wildfires are not only spreading farther but also affecting air quality everywhere. Fires in the Carolinas as recently as March 2, 2025, show that this danger is putting more communities at risk. Many communities currently facing these risks are not aware.

Our team recognizes that we must act now by supporting wildfire relief and prevention efforts that make a real difference. We have been fundraising for Community Organized Relief Effort. CORE partners with local communities to ensure the aid they receive matches the community's needs, including providing immediate aid and investing in long-term solutions. We know this is not a challenge we can face alone. We must all come together.

Our campaign began as a community service project for SkillsUSA, a career and technical student organization that

connects students with industry to develop workforce skills. This competition initiated our efforts to give back, but we began to recognize that there is so much more we can do. As environmental engineering students, we recognize the risks we take when we don't take proactive action towards urgent societal needs.

Learning about the homes lost and lives devastated in LA, and the broader causes of wildfires, we were led to a clear realization: In a community, when one member suffers, everyone is affected.

What started as concern has become much more personal, making the need for action urgent. Our campaign is now driven by the hope that we can educate and inspire Rhode Island to take precautions, raise awareness and support efforts to safeguard our environment and homes. Everyone must come together to contribute to stronger, lasting action.

Wildfires threaten more than just forests. They endanger homes, air quality and entire communities. Our mission has

driven us to create a petition to Rhode Island's legislature. To spark action and amplify our message, we urge Rhode Island to lead by example. Together we can show how communities can unite to prevent greater devastation and protect the places we call home before it's too late.

Wildfires affect us all. The time to prepare and protect is now. Please sign our petition. www.daviestech.org/wildfires

*11th Grade Pre-Engineering Technology Students
Davies Career and Technical High School
Lincoln*

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170 Fairview Ave.
Coventry, RI 02816
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faithbaptistri.org
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Faith Family Chapel
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First Congregational Church of Warwick, UCC
715 Oakland Beach Avenue
Pastor Michael Ashe
738-3377
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First Evangelical Lutheran Church
124 Division St.
East Greenwich

Friendship Baptist Church
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738-4392
friendshipri.com

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Lakewood Baptist Church
255 Atlantic Avenue
Pastor Ron Provencal
781-1136
lakewoodbaptistchurchri.com
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www.LivingFaithRI.org

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Pastor Dru Merrill
738-0600
nbbcri.org

Norwood Baptist Church
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Rev. George Barclay
941-7040

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
1817 Warwick Avenue
Pastor Todd Stange
739-2937
www.pilgrimlutheranri.org

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church
3257 Post Road
Rev. Scott R. Lee
737-4141
8:00 & 10:00 Holy Eucharist
www.stbarnabaswarwick.org

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
111 West Shore Road
737-3127
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
www.stmarkswarwick.com

Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
389 Greenwich Avenue
Rev. Hayley Bang
737-6758
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Saint Timothy Church
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Spring Green Memorial Church
1350 Warwick Avenue
463-8328
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Rev. Shelton Rucker, Jr.
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Trinity Church
139 Ocean Ave., Pawtuxet Cranston, RI 02905
8 am & 10 am
10 am is live-streamed on facebook @trinitypawtuxet
941-4324
<http://www.trinitycranston.org/>

Warwick Hope Assembly of God
425 Sandy Lane
Pastor Matthew McIntosh
732-0634
Sunday Service 9:30 am.
Bible Study Wed. 7 pm

Warwick Central Baptist Church
3270 Post Road
Pastor Sam Chesser
739-2828
wcbc01@verizon.net
Service Sundays at 10:15 AM

Warwick Christian Fellowship
358 Warwick Neck Avenue
Pastor Steve Reickett
739-26606

Westminster Unitarian Church
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Streaming on: westminsteruu.org

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Rev. Deb Packard
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Federal elimination of election security support is frightening

By NICK LIMA
Cranston Canvassing Authority

Election officials performed vital work throughout 2024 to successfully administer the presidential election – along with elections for numerous federal, state, and local offices and ballot questions. In cities like Cranston, Johnston, and Warwick alone, that effort included nearly 1,000 poll workers, city personnel, police detail officers, and full-time election staff who maintain our voter rolls, hire and train poll workers, and coordinate early voting and polling place operations.

The common denominator in all these efforts is the focus on securing and maintaining the integrity of our elections. For years, alongside local law enforcement, our biggest partners in strengthening election security have been federal agencies like the FBI, DNI, NSA, Homeland Security, and in particular, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which was created under President Trump during his first term in office.

Since 2017, our elections facilities, staff, and equipment have been designated “national critical infrastructure” – the same designation given to other vital facilities like nuclear power plants, ports, and pipelines. If our elections are successfully attacked, the foundation of our government crumbles, so the federal government has, until now, taken this designation seriously in providing significant security support.

This has been sorely needed: election offices are among the smallest, understaffed, and most under-resourced departments of local governments nationwide, yet a tremendous amount of responsibility is put on the shoulders of local election officials. We must process thousands of voter registrations accurately, enforce a complex web of federal and state voting laws, oversee recruitment and training of hundreds of poll workers, ensure ADA compliance and accessibility for all aspects of voting, be responsive to the public in keeping elections transparent, and, among many other duties, we must keep every facet of our elections process secure in order to ensure integrity.

The security of elections is more challenging than ever as we combat well-resourced, hostile foreign nations that have actively tried to undermine trust in our elections via fake, AI-generated videos on social media, robocalls to voters with false polling place information, and attempts to hack into election websites. On Election Day in 2024, hundreds of polling locations around the country received bomb threats – originating from Russia – in a brazen, but unsuccessful, attempt to disrupt voting across America. Fortunately, election officials were well-prepared for these attacks thanks to ongoing training, support, resources, and real-time intelligence from CISA.

These are serious threats from foreign adversaries who are intent on disrupting our elections process, which put local election officials on the front lines of international conflicts. However, we are unequipped to fight off these direct attacks by the governments of Russia, China, and Iran without federal support. That's why the work of CISA has been so vital: they have been the front-line shield to protect our elections, voter databases, voting equipment, poll workers, and staff from America's adversaries.

CISA has provided free training, planning templates, classified briefings, cyber-attack table-top exercises, on-site security evaluations, and threat monitoring. For instance, they have routinely made us aware of specific email and IP addresses associated with hostile Russian intelligence agencies that are being actively used to attack elections, so that our city IT Department can take action to block them.

These vital services have been provided at no cost to all 39 Rhode Island cities and towns. If we had to pay for these free federal cybersecurity services from private vendors, municipalities, collectively, would need to spend millions of local taxpayer dollars.

Not all threats come from overseas. Last September, the state Board of Elections in Cranston received an envelope from the “U.S. Traitor Elimination Army” containing white powder, one of many sent to election offices around the country that in some cases were laced with deadly fentanyl. Election officials have been victims of swatting attacks on their homes and have faced credible death threats to their families. In October, incendiary devices were placed on several ballot boxes on the West Coast. CISA provided us with real-time intelligence sharing on these attacks in 2024, and the list of genuine security threats to elections goes on.

Shockingly, in recent weeks, election officials have learned the federal government has terminated all existing security support for our elections. Intelligence analysts at CISA, along with all 10 regional election security advisors – good people who we have worked with directly – were fired. The FBI's elections security task force was disbanded. All sharing of threat intelligence and security preparations has come to a sudden halt. The Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) – a vital, CISA-funded organization designed to provide election officials with direct security intelligence – was terminated (all 41 state and local election offices in Rhode Island were active EI-ISAC members).

Numerous letters and attempts by state and local election officials from across America to discuss these concerns with CISA and Homeland Security leadership have gone unanswered. In essence, election officials are now completely cut off from our longstanding federal security partners.

Meanwhile, the myriad threats faced by our people, facilities, networks, and voting equipment are just as real, persistent, and dangerous as ever. Our ability to defend our democracy and provide accurate, safe, secure elections is dependent upon our capability to mitigate these threats. We are simply not equipped to do that alone.

For us to confidently administer secure elections, these federal partnerships must be restored and strengthened. Unfortunately, there is presently no indication that will happen, but we continue to remain hopeful that these common-sense, bi-partisan election security concerns will be heard and addressed at the federal level.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nick Lima has been the Registrar / Director of Elections for the City of Cranston Board of Canvassers since January 2017. He is the Chairman of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association's Elections Committee, which is the state's association of local election officials.

Consistently, Warwick hotels have recorded good occupancy and average daily rates. Adamo attributes that to rates and to the fact that Warwick hotels welcome families with savings for groups participating in regional sporting events.

In the 12 months that ended in January, the occupancy rate of the city's 18 hotels was 68.8% – growth of 4.3% year-over-year.

The average daily rate for the period was \$129, a 2.5% increase for the year. Revenue for the year was \$69.8 million, an increase of 5.3%.

“So, Warwick is pretty strong,” Adamo writes in an email. “Our organization currently has 69 events on the books that are using at least one Warwick hotel between now and April of 2027, which is the furthest out we go for Warwick. This equals 18,264 total rooms. Lastly, these Warwick hotels are part of the 69 events that will be bringing in 180,940 attendees with a total direct spend of \$43.7 million.

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World Cup

Adamo told the Rotary Club of Warwick on Thursday that the bureau is working with Massachusetts to host seven FIFA World Cup 2026 games at Boston Stadium. The 2026 World Cup games are being held in this country, Mexico and Canada starting June 11 and culminating July 19.

Yes, you read that correctly, “Boston Stadium.”

In order to host those games to be played between June 26 and July 4, 2026, FIFA requested Gillette Stadium be named Boston Stadium for the period, so it's Boston.

“That's like seven Super Bowls. That's going to be crazy,” said Adamo. She believes one of the semi-final games will be played in Rhode Island. She also anticipates Warwick hotels will be packed, that there will be a surge in airline passengers at Green Airport, and there will be an increased demand for train service to the stadium.

AND NOW SOME LOCAL NEWS...IN RHYME



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Rachel J. Hurlich

Rachel J. Hurlich, 79, passed away on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Hope Health Hular Hospice Center in Providence, Rhode Island. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Harris and Lillian (Trachenberg) Spector, she had lived in Warwick for 25 years, previously living in West Warwick for 27 years. Rachel was an alumnus of Jeremiah E. Burke High School in Dorchester, MA; class of 1963. She moved to Rhode Island and fell in love with the charm of the Ocean State; She was an animal lover, who was dedicated to her cat, Teddy, her cocker spaniel /dachshund mix Shayna, and beagle, Sydney. She was a sales associate with Macy's in Warwick for 38 years, retiring in 2020. Devoted mother of Jeffrey, his wife Laura, of Virginia; Howard and his wife, Renee LeBlanc, of Beverly, MA; and Lawrence, his wife Michelle, of Ocala, FL. Beloved sister of Hilda "Renee" and her husband Joel Waldman, of Levittown, NY. Loving grandmother of 6; Brady, Adam, Joanna, Michael, David and Alex. Cherished great grandmother of Amber. She was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Abrams. Rachel was the best treasured friend of Mona Scharaga for 48 years. She was a supportive and loving partner of David Mossberg for 8 years. Funeral services were held Monday, March 10, 2025, at the Priest Chapel at Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888. Shiva is being observed in private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the North Shore Animal Hospital, the WAGS Fund [hyperlink: <https://veterinarycare-foundation.org/veterinary-practice-donation/?state=MA&member=MA100715>] or the American Cancer Society, PO Box 7312Warwick, RI 02887, [hyperlink: <https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en>]. For online condolences, please visit ShalomMemorial-Chapel.com.



Obituaries

Ada (Macaruso-Schoeninger) Kelley

Ada (Macaruso-Schoeninger) Kelley, originally from Providence, RI, passed away peacefully on March 9, 2025 at the age of 99. She was the wife of the late Robert H. Kelley for 28 years. Ada was born in Pietravairano, Italy on January 20, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Adelina (Borzacco) Macaruso and the late Joseph Macaruso. As a young girl Ada attended Hugh B. Bain, Jr High school. After leaving school she was employed 8 years by Van Dell Jewelry, 10 years by Samson's Diner and by Riccotti's Sandwich Shop for 10 more years. Ada had 3 brothers: the late Armando of Cranston, the late Gino of Charlestown, and surviving Joseph Macaruso of Floral City, Florida. She is survived by 5 children: two daughters, Sandra L. Bergheimer from Florida, Linda J. Schoeninger from Warwick, three sons: Alfred W. Schoeninger from Cranston, twins Robert W. and William W. Schoeninger, both from Warwick, and two stepchildren: Patty Palmieri from MA and Robert Kelley, Jr also from Warwick. Ada is the proud grandmother of 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 8 great great-grandchildren. Besides being an avid Red Sox fan, two of Ada's favorite hobbies were singing and walking. At the age of 16, she recorded 2 records and later in life enjoyed singing many hours of karaoke. Right up into her 70's, Ada would walk Blackstone Blvd, for a total of 6 1/4 miles, making the Providence Journal, and becoming known as the "Boulevard Jogger". For many years, Ada volunteered at St Rita's as a Catechist for their Special Needs Religious Education Program, SPRED. But most of all, Ada was devoted to her family. Every Sunday afternoon pasta diners were enjoyed by all. She took great pride in her family and will be dearly missed. Her funeral will be held Saturday March 15, 2025 at 9am from the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10am in St. Rita Church, Oakland Beach Ave., Warwick. She will be laid to rest in the St. Ann Mausoleum, St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Her visitation will be held Friday, March 14, 2025 from 4-7pm. Kindly omit flowers. Donations may be made to the SPRED program of St. Rita's Church, 722 Oakland Beach Ave, Warwick, RI.



Paula L. Cenami

Paula L. Cenami, Warwick RI, passed away unexpectedly in January 2025. Paula was a lifelong vegan and passionate about animal rights and environmental issues. She loved Rhode Island and was an avid scholar of its history and enjoyed its beautiful places, especially Beavertail and Goddard Park. She was a longtime caregiver for her mother and Lambert Lind. She worked at Back to Basics in East Greenwich and Wickford Antiques for many years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Speech Therapy from Rhode Island College in 1973. Paula is predeceased by her parents Carmel (née Scialo) and Louis Cenami Jr. She is survived by her sister, Lois Graydon (husband John) and nieces Elisa Graydon and Julia Bornmann. Paula loved libraries and was well known by the staff at Warwick Public Library. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Warwick Public Libraries. For an online guestbook, please utilize: OlsonParent.com.



James J. Prata

James J. Prata, 85, of Warwick, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, March 8, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Providence, James "Jim" was the beloved husband of Norma A. Prata (Buonaiuto) and the son of the late James and Edith Prata (Petrarca). In addition to his loving wife of 62 years, Jim is survived by his three children: son James, daughter Leah Smith (Prata) and her husband Richard, Julianne Hopgood (Prata) and her husband Andrew, and his sister Barbara Petrarca (Prata). He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, Gianna Ahnrud (Prata), Marissa Prata, Rebecca Prata, Jamie Davey (Hopgood), Ariana Smith, Teresa Prata, Andrew Hopgood, Sydney Smith, and Samantha Hopgood, and two great-grandchildren, Bria and Luca Ahnrud. In addition, he had many nieces and nephews. Jim graduated from Classical High School and attended the University of Rhode Island, where he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He graduated in 1961. Jim was the co-owner and director of Prata Funeral Homes in Providence, West Warwick, Pawtucket and Woonsocket for over 60 years. In addition to his career as a funeral Director, Jim served as a Warwick City Councilman for three terms in the 1980s. He also served the community as a communicant and trustee of Sacred Heart Church in West Warwick, on the Board of Directors at the DeAngelis Manor in West Warwick, the Warwick Sewer Authority and a board member of the Warwick Public Library. Jim was an avid music lover and loved hosting guests in his music room to listen to his favorites, such as Chicago and Earth Wind and Fire. He deeply valued spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and musical and theatrical shows. Jim and his wife Norma enjoyed traveling, spending time in Florida, and golfing. During his health journey, the entire team at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Foxborough would greet him with amazing kindness and smiles when he went for his chemotherapy treatments. He called the Foxboro facility his "happy place." Jim's family is grateful for the expert care they provided him with. Jim's smile was contagious, and his laugh was one of a kind. Jim lit up every room he entered. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. His funeral will be held Friday, March 14, 2025 at 8:45 a.m. from the PRATA-GALLOGLY Funeral Home, 78 Providence Street, West Warwick. A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, 820 Providence Street, West Warwick. Visiting hours Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Dana Farber Brigham Cancer Center- Foxborough, 22 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035 in his memory, would be appreciated. For further information and to offer condolences, please visit www.PrataGallogly.com.



Paul William Mortimer, Sr.

Paul William Mortimer, Sr., 83 years old of Warwick, departed this life on March 8, 2025, surrounded by his best friend, love of his life, and wife of 54 years, Mary Ellen. Born and raised in Providence, he also spent time at a family home on Warwick Pond. Paul's professional life consisted of prior service in the Army Reserves and over 40 years in the banking industry. Paul had many hobbies and interests over the years that include being an officer in the Rhode Island Tropical Fish Society, breeding African Cichlids from Lake Tanganyika, bird watching within his backyard, outdoor and indoor organic gardening, graphic design, packaging thousands of homemade chocolate chip cookies, and cooking his amazing Quahog Chowder. However, if you asked him, Paul would tell you his greatest achievement in life was his family. Paul was known for his quick wit, blunt honesty, attention to detail, and his ability to make friends with every customer service associate he called. He will be remembered for all the joy he brought to others through his handmade cards for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and other special moments. His sayings include: "I did my due diligence", "Safety First", "Teamwork" and "Give credit where credit is due!" He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen (Boyd) Mortimer, three children: Debbie Faith (husband Lauren Commons), Pamela Schaal (husband Corey), and Paul William "Bill" Mortimer Jr. (wife Hilary); seven grandchildren: Michael McCarthy (wife Becca), Ryan Leffler (wife Krista), Charlotte Marquez (husband Orlando), Maxwell Gleadow, John Henry Mortimer, Elizabeth Mortimer, and Zachary Schaal and two great grandchildren: John McCarthy and Sarah McCarthy. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Paul's Life on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 3:00PM at THE URQUHART-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 800 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick. Visitation will be held prior from 1:00PM-3:00PM. Interment will take place on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 11:00AM at the Chapel of Gates of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence. Guests are invited to gather at the Cemetery by 10:45AM. The family, and especially Paul, would like to thank those that have provided love and support to him and his family during his recent illness – the medical staff at Kent County Hospital especially 3 North and 2 West, Scout Troops 7 and 77 Buttonwoods, Hope Hospice, Right at Home Care and numerous friends and family members who stopped by to spend time sharing their special memories with Paul and Mary Ellen. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John Lodge #1 Providence F. & A. M. PO Box 8397 Warwick RI 02888. www.murphyfuneralhomes.org



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Honor Flights rely on generosity to keep taking off

By BARBARA POLICHETTI



Jane Barletta, wife of retired Providence Fire Chief George Farrell who started the RI Honor Flights sold raffle tickets at Sunday's fundraiser. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

The best day of their lives. That's what George Farrell, retired Providence fire chief and chairman of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub, wants to give every single veteran who takes an Honor Flight to Washington, DC to visit the memorials built to commemorate their service.

Farrell, who founded the Rhode Island hub of the nationwide Honor Flight network, considers it his honor and duty to be responsible for the safe passage of veterans who have served their country. "Their families trust us, and we are prepared," Farrell said last week as he was wrapping up preparations for the next trip which will take place on March 30.

Called "Honor Flight 'Charlie,'" this trip will include two 100-year-old veterans of World War II, six Korean War Veterans, and 13 Vietnam Veterans. As on all honor flights, the guests are accompanied by 'guardians' and medical staff to make sure the trip is as safe as possible.

In preparation for the flight, Farrell was scheduled to be at the St. Mary's Feast Society in Cranston Saturday, where a special fundraising dinner was being held for the Hub.

Every veteran travels free of charge, and Farrell said that donations, sponsors, and special fundraising events like the dinner at the Feast Society are what make the Honor Flights possible.

He noted that this month's trip is named 'Charlie,' because its primary sponsor is North Providence Mayor Charles Lombardi's charitable fund.

"It's our sponsors and local fundraising events like (the dinner) at the Feast Society that enable us to do this," said Farrell who founded the Rhode Island Hub of the national Honor Flight network in 2012. Since then, the state chapter has conducted 31 Honor Flights and transported 925 veterans to the nation's capital.

"By the time I finish the details for one trip, I'm already planning the next," said Farrell who is known statewide for his passion and tireless work to honor Rhode Island veterans.

The cost of each flight varies, he said, and is often dependent on the price he can negotiate with airlines. If he must charter a flight, the price of traveling can be as much as \$80,000, he said, but he is often able to find commercial flights. The guardians who accompany each veteran, as well as others who assist the non-profit Honor Flight organization are almost all volunteers.

"It's our privilege to travel with these veterans," he said, adding that the organization is well aware of the "unbelievable trust" that veterans' families have in the Honor Flight — trusting the organization to keep loved ones safe on what may be the biggest trip they have taken in years.

"Since America felt it was important to build a memorial to the service and ultimate sacrifice of her veterans, the Honor Flight Network and RI Honor Flight Hub believe it is equally important that they get to visit and experience THEIR memorial," the organization states as its official philosophy.

The Rhode Island Hub is one of 128 active Hubs in the country. Founded in 2005, the Honor Flight network states on its website that, to date, it has served more than 317,000 veterans "and counting."

Farrell said it is his honor to attend fundraisers such as the dinner at the St. Mary's Feast Society and that he appreciates the sponsors and individual donors who make the Honor Flights possible. "Sometimes in the past we have large sponsors such as Ocean State Job Lot, and we also have local groups that support us with fundraisers," he said. "We are grateful for all the support we receive."

If anyone is interest in contributing to the Rhode Island Honor Flight Hub, they can visit its website at <https://www.rihonorflight.com>.



Veterans got a resounding welcomer as they arrived at Green Airport for the Honor Flight held Sept. 29, 2024. *Beacon Media file photo.*



George Farrell looks to rally veterans and their guardians as they prepare to board the Honor Flight Sept. 29, 2024. *Beacon Media photos*



Honor Flight has always been a family affair for the Farrell Family. Their granddaughter Giuliana DaSilva finds a moment to play with a straw. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

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Hospital at Home:

‘Old medicine with modern spin’

1,000 patients served since Kent Hospital initiated program during pandemic

By JOHN HOWELL

Kent Hospital is like home to 90-year old Doris Witt. It is where four of her six children were born and where she went for the treatment of recent illnesses. And Kent is where she can expect to find her granddaughter, Julianna Witt an emergency department nurse.

Last week Doris’ apartment at Sparrows Point became the hospital as Kent marked the 1,000th patient admitted to its Hospital at Home program, the only one of its kind in the state.

“It’s the best thing when you don’t have to stay in the hospital,” Doris said. She is comfortable in her own space, her own bed and knowing her condition is being constantly monitored. She receives twice daily nursing visits and looks forward to seeing Dr. Tyler Weisberger once a day.

Earlier last week, Doris was having difficulty breathing. She was admitted to Kent where she was diagnosed with low oxygen levels and a mild exacerbation of congestive heart failure. Once patients with congestive heart failure are stabilized they usually stay in the hospital for several days, but in Doris’ case, and is becoming more popular with patients and physicians, she was admitted to the Hospital at Home program where she could receive treatments such as intravenous diuretics and oxygen therapy.

In addition to continuous cardiac monitoring 24/7 patients have access to other essential inpatient services such as lab work, physical therapy, physician consults, and x-rays.

Making house calls

The program has also opened doors for those who would otherwise be making hospital room visits.

Weisberger, who has worked the program for two years, said he never dreamed his job would be so enjoyable.

“You meet so many wonderful people and it’s cool to see how they’re doing,” he said. Benefits to patients are that they feel more comfortable coming back to the hospital. And, he notes, it keeps them at home at a time like this when respiratory illnesses are rampant.

“It really sets them up for success,” he said.

Weisberger, who trained at Kent came to Rhode Island from Maine with the thought he wouldn’t be staying. Now he thinks of Kent as his hub.



During a visit to her apartment last week, Kent Hospital’s Dr. Tyler Weisberger confers with Doris Whitt. Doris was the 1,000th patient to be admitted to the hospital’s Hospital at Home program. Photo submitted by Ryan Pickering

He feels “completely at ease” and enjoys the social aspect of being a visiting doctor.

Mentioning hospital beds, he said, “We can get anything needed within hours. It’s pretty amazing what we can do with the hospital team.” The team reaches beyond a patient’s discharge, which on average is between three and



According to Dr. Michael Lee, Kent Medical Director of the program the hospital has seen the program grow steadily since it was started during the pandemic. Lee made a houseboat call to check on Russell Browning, in a marina off Post Road in Warwick. Photo submitted by Ryan Pickering

four days. Visiting nurses do follow ups as do physical therapists.

Yet, Weisberger acknowledges the program is not for everyone. Admission is granted only after careful evaluation of the patient’s condition as well as an appraisal of their conditions at home including support from family and friends. Pets also fit in the picture, although Doris doesn’t have one.

Kent Medical Director of the program Dr. Michael Lee said the hospital has seen the program grow steadily since it was started during the pandemic. The “game changer,” he said is when the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provided waivers enabling Medicare to pay the same as in hospital care.

Personalized medicine

“From the patient perspective it is very personalized medicine, a very different experience than the hospital,” Lee said. He sees the program as an extension of the hospital to the home, “but it’s still a Kent patient.”

Lee, who started at Kent in the Emergency Department, said one physician and one physician assistant are on each week to manage up to 10 patients at a time and screen prospective new patients in the emergency department or the hospital floors to see if they are good fits. Expansion of the program is under consideration.

Asked whether we’re seeing a return to the days when doctors made home visits, Lee sees Hospital to Home a combo of “old medicine combined with modern spin” that provides a high standard of care often resulting in faster recoveries because patients are in an environment they know. “Nothing beats your home,” he said.

Kent’s program is part of a growing national trend in delivering hospital care in the home. According to the American Hospital Association, there are 378 hospitals across 140 health systems in 39 states that have been approved to provide hospital-at-home services to patients.

According to the association, “Studies have shown that Hospital at Home programs improve patient outcomes, reduce complications, lower hospital readmission rates, and enhance patient satisfaction—all while easing the strain on hospital capacity.”

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What To Do Around Rhode Island On St. Patrick's DAY

By ROB DUGUAY

St. Patrick's Day is a time for Irish-Americans honor their heritage and those who don't have any Irish ethnicity try to pretend they do for a 24-hour period. It's also a time when people head out to their local establishment to indulge in corned beef and cabbage and have a drink or two. March 17 falls on a Monday this year, but it doesn't mean that folks can't celebrate. In fact, there are a ton of fun events going on around Rhode Island featuring either live music, stand-up comedy or even a combination of both. For all the details on what to check out, here's a list of what's happening on Monday March 17:



The JRay Dynamic
Escada Restaurant & Bar
39 Putnam Pike Johnston
2-5pm 21+ Free

Featuring vocalist Jeanette DelMonaco and guitarist Ray Athiade, this duo will be performing renditions of Irish tunes to create an ideal atmosphere for a St. Patrick's Day afternoon. There will be numerous food and drink specials and reservations are recommended. For folks who are looking to stick around after the performance, Escada will be having their weekly team trivia night starting at 6:30pm.



Garda & Stand-Up Comedy
Pub On Park
655 Park Avenue Cranston
2pm 21+ Free

The Garda Band are going to be performing an array of Irish songs, rebel songs, covers and sea shanties among others from 2pm to 6pm. Rhode Island Comedy Hall of Famer John Perrotta is going to be hosting a "show up & go up" edition of his Comedy Factory starting at 7 p.m.



Alex Medieros
Boomerangs Roadhouse
239 Providence Street West Warwick
6-8pm 21+ Free

On St. Patrick's Day check out Alex Medieros perform at Boomerangs. The Warwick native recently released a few singles with "Inside Of My Heart", "You and Me" and "I've Left, I've Returned" so expect to hear them performed live along with an assortment of covers.



Tiny Band Showcase & The House Combo
Nick-A-Nee's
75 South Street Providence
5:30pm 21+ Free

Providence has a lot of great dive bars, but few are on the level of Nick-A-Nee's. The place has live music every night of the week, there's never a cover and their Monday nights consist of the Tiny Band Showcase led by keyboardist and vocalist Dawn Cabral followed by the House Combo with Jim Kelly, John Juxo, Benny Banning and Mark Garabian. The bar is cash only with an ATM on the premises.



Foundation Mondays
The Parlour
1119 North Main Street Providence
9pm 21+ \$5

Another great way to spend St. Patrick's Day is at The Parlour. The venue's Foundation Mondays reggae night is an institution. Featuring The Parlour's owner Gregory Rourke on guitar, Natural Element will be performing two sets with DJ Pauly Danger spinning tunes in between and it's always a fun experience.

Violinist almost turned back

The tiny melody of a violin, climbing sharp peaks and descending again to lose its echo, filled the halls of the New York Public Health Department's hospital. Thirty-five-year-old Italian immigrant Giuseppe Camilloni was facing deportation. His own violin was packed in his trunk, secured somewhere in the baggage room. He asked to borrow another – to entertain those who were intent on walking him to the edge of Ellis Island and putting him back on a ship.

Camilloni (sometimes spelled Camillone), had been born in Italy on March 19, 1886. He stood five feet and four inches tall and weighed 115 pounds. His hair and eyes were brown. But the eyes did him no good. Camilloni had been blind since birth. After it was planned that he would sail to America and reside with his older brother Antonio at 32 Walnut Street in the Johnston village of Thornton, Camilloni boarded the ship Pesaro at Naples and arrived on the shores of New York City on July 20, 1921.

When the immigration authorities at Ellis Island learned that Camilloni was totally blind, they cited a law regarding the deportation of any immigrant liable to become a public charge. Camilloni, who had attended the Rome Institute for the Blind as well as the Rome's Conservatory of St. Cecil, explained to the authorities that he was well-educated and able to write as fast as a sighted person. Considered a musical genius as a composer, violinist and pianist, he had written, performed, published and sold numerous compositions despite not having the power of sight. As the deportation order stood, he appealed the decision to the Secretary of Labor.

When Antonio discovered that his little brother had been ordered detained and deported back to their homeland, he instigated a major ruckus. He involved the Italian population of Thornton as well as that in Silver Lake. He contacted politicians and immigration authorities, requesting that the liability law be waived on this specific occasion. Each of the local Italians took it upon himself to write and submit an affidavit guaranteeing that Camilloni would not become a public charge. After Antonio enlisted the help of an agent for the Society of Italian Immigrants, he was assured that his brother would not be deported until the matter had been carefully considered. Before long, it was decided that Camilloni could remain in the United States.

Rhode Island embraced Camilloni. Three months after he settled into Antonio's home, a dinner to celebrate his life and achievements was held at the Narragansett Hotel. He went on to perform at grand concerts all over the state and taught piano and violin. The multi-talented musician continued composing his own pieces such as "Spring Motif" which he performed for the first time in 1930.

Camilloni spent his life residing in Rhode Island with Antonio – a jeweler – his wife, and children. They eventually left Johnston and relocated to Leah Street in Providence and then Pocasset Avenue. On the night of March 7, 1941, the 55-year-old was seriously injured when he was struck by an automobile while crossing Webster Avenue with a 16-year-old relative. Camilloni survived the accident and lived to the age of 85.

Back in the Day

by Kelly Sullivan

Theatre By the Sea Announces Local Youth Auditions

Bill Hanney's Theatre By the Sea announces Local Youth Auditions for its summer productions of Waitress and Heartbreak Hotel. Seeking local youth actors to portray Lulu, Jenna's daughter in Waitress, and Young Elvis in Heartbreak Hotel. Housing and transportation are not provided for out-of-town actors. Both youth actor roles will be double cast, with performances to be shared.

Performers selected for Waitress will need to be available for afternoon, evening, and weekend rehearsals from June 10-24 and all day and evening performances from June 25-July 19, 2025. Performers selected for Heartbreak Hotel will need to be available for afternoon, evening, and weekend rehearsals from August 5-19 and all day and evening performances from Aug. 20-Sept. 14, 2025.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at The Talent Factory, 46 Frenchtown Road, North Kingstown. Those auditioning should bring a current headshot or a recent photo and a resume (if available). Character description and specific requirements for each role are listed below:

LULU – Young Girl, 4-5 years old, Caucasian
Jenna's daughter. A sweet, carefree child who appears in the last scene of the show. Actor should be confident and able to engage in a small amount of dialogue and movement on stage. Must be shorter than 42". The role will be double cast.

For the role of Lulu, please download the side at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/u6t4dq74sqqb2ym/LULU.pdf?st=suijaq2h&dl=0> and be comfortable reading (or reciting) the lines.

YOUNG ELVIS – Boy, 10 - 12, Caucasian
Confident actor/singer. Guitar experience is a plus but not required. The role will be double cast.

For the role of Young Elvis, please prepare a 16-bar selection of a song, preferably with sheet music, in the style of the show. An accompanist will be provided. A cappella will be permitted but is not encouraged. Those who have any guitar experience are encouraged to bring and play their guitar at the audition. If asked, audition sides (scenes) from the show will be provided after singing.

There will be separate sessions for each character. No appointment necessary.

LULU:
9:30am - Check-in begins
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11:30am - Audition begins

If interested but unable to attend or for any questions, please email 2025.tbts.casting@gmail.com.

Portrait commemorating the First Rhode Island Regiment on display until June at State House



“Brave Men As Ever Fought” by Don Troiani

The Museum of the American Revolution recently loaned “Brave Men as Ever Fought,” a portrait commemorating the First Rhode Island Regiment to the RI Department of State. The portrait will be displayed in the State House Royal Charter Museum on the first floor of the building until late June.

The Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore, chair of the RI250 Commission, recently received the portrait at a State House ceremony. The Collections Manager and Registrar at the Museum of the American Revolution Keith Minsinger presented the portrait.

“The history of the First Rhode Island Regiment is unique to Rhode Island, and all Rhode Islanders should know the story of these brave individuals who fought in the first integrated military regiment,” said Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore. “It’s truly an honor to display this portrait. I thank both the Museum of the American Revolution for their partnership and the historians who joined us today for ensuring this history is never forgotten.”

In 1778, Rhode Island reorganized its regiments of the Continental Army and authorized the recruitment of enslaved men into the First Rhode Island Regiment. Over 130 free Black men and formerly enslaved men joined the regiment that year. The enslaved men were granted their freedom immediately upon their enlistment, the first and only time such an offer had been made by a state government during the Revolutionary War.

The First Rhode Island Regiment, comprised of Black, Indigenous, and white soldiers, would go on to fight during the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778. In 1780, Rhode Island united its two Continental Army regiments into a unit known as the Rhode Island Regiment. Two full companies of that regiment were made up of Black and Indigenous

enlisted men. The Rhode Island Regiment would go on to serve in the decisive Siege of Yorktown in 1781.

Commissioned by the Museum of the American Revolution in 2020, renowned historical military artist Don Troiani (b.1949) recreated what the Rhode Island Regiment’s march through Philadelphia in 1781 might have looked like. As part of the scene, 15-year-old African American sailor James Forten looks on as the Regiment marches past the brick façade of the Pennsylvania State House (now known as Independence Hall).

Later in life, Forten became a successful business owner, abolitionist, and community leader, and he described what he witnessed in 1781 to his friend and fellow abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison:

“I well remember that when the New England Regiment marched through this city on their way to attack the English Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis, there was several Companies of Coloured People, as brave Men as ever fought.” Forten was referring to the Rhode Island Regiment.

“As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2026, it is timely and appropriate to ensure that we remember all those who served, struggled, and sacrificed to secure American Independence,” said Museum of the American Revolution President and CEO Dr. R. Scott Stephenson. “We owe a debt of gratitude to those Rhode Islanders of color who wore the uniform and saluted the flag of the fledgling United States in spite of the fact that for most of them, equality was an elusive dream. The Museum is thrilled to loan ‘Brave Men as Ever Fought’ to the Rhode Island Department of State to commemorate the Rhode Island Regiment’s service.”



“The history of the First Rhode Island Regiment is unique to Rhode Island, and all Rhode Islanders should know the story of these brave individuals who fought in the first integrated military regiment.”

— Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State



WARWICK SHOWCASE
LAST BREATH
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(True Underwater Rescue)

This movie tells. The true story about the rescue of deep sea diver Chris Lima who survives for 29 minutes without oxygen, as his lifeline gets tangled and his ship is blown off course by raging seas.

Woody Harrelson is an aging diver who is on what he expects to be his last dive as he becomes one of the rescuers.

A problem with the movie stems from it being 1,000 feet under sea and very dark. Chris’s chord gets tangled in the pipes of an undersea structure and the crew needs to figure out how to get him loose as his oxygen runs out.

The other problem is that you know he is going to survive.

The decompression chamber looks like the inside of a spaceship and the ship’s interior with all its computers looks like mission control.

RIFF RAFF
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(Black crime/comedy)

This goofy movie is for those who like something a bit different.

Ed Harris plays Vincent a retired criminal living the good life in Falmouth, Massachusetts, with his clueless second wife and her equally naïve son.

At 4:00 a.m. one morning his son shows up at the door with his pregnant girlfriend and Vincent’s former wife.

It takes half the movie to figure out their relationships and why they are there.



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with Joyce & Don Fowler

The “family” deals with past and present problems until Bill Murray finally arrives and we discover why he’s been tracking them down.

The moment of truth is as crazy as you will ever see.

You may hate this movie or, like me, go along with its quirky characters and plot.

MICKEY 17
* * ½ Sci-Fi
(Dark Comedy Adventure)

Robert Pattinson plays the title character who takes on deadly assignments in this sci-fi disaster.

He ends up dead every time and is immediately cloned. When we meet up with him, he is on number 17.

Off he goes to a snowy planet after surviving a close call. His bosses think he is dead, so they cloned him, and we now have Mickey 17 and Mickey 18.

The two try to kill each other at first but then team up to save the creatures on this snowy planet, fighting the bosses (Mark Ruffalo and Toni Collette) who ought to be ashamed of themselves for appearing in this mess of a movie which goes on way too long.



Mickey 17

AVON
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR
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(Academy Award Nominee-Tilda Swinton)

Tilda Swinton was up for an Academy Award for the role of Martha in this emotional relationship movie.

Martha reconnects with old friend and writer Ingrid (Julianne Moore) as she is dealing with cancer. They become close as Ingrid helps her deal with her disease.

The two leave the city to spend quality time in the country as Martha asks Ingrid to aid her in her very difficult decision.

The two actresses give brilliant performances, resulting in a movie that will tug on your emotions, your faith and your intellect.



I’m Still Here

I’M STILL HERE
* * * *

(Oscar Winning Brazilian Drama)

The true story of Eunice Paiva, a Brazilian mother raising five children as she deals with the government as it removes her husband from his house and family.

Brazil is on edge as the military takes over the government and violently questions and tortures people they believe to be enemies of the state.

The tense drama portrays Eunice’s strength and determination as she attempts to find out what has happened to her husband while doing her best to keep her family together.

Much of the movie takes place along the streets parallel to Rio’s famous beaches.



Sylvia Bernal as Chea, Yamel Castillo as Young Dedé. Submitted photo by Francis Parra



Yamel Castillo as Young Dedé, Juan Carlos Parra as Enrique, Jahaira Suarez as Young Minerva, José Luis Suazo as Trujillo, and Anna Delgado as María Teresa. Submitted photo by Jorge Rivera

Gamm Closes 40th Season with ‘Hamlet’

“‘Hamlet’ is the play that most defines The Gamm over the last 25 years.”

The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) closes its 40th anniversary season with a captivating new production of “Hamlet” by William Shakespeare, the playwright whose work cemented and continues to elevate the theater’s regional reputation for fearless, timeless art.

Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella directs what promises to be an exhilarating staging of this famous tale of murder and revenge with Jeff Church in the play’s titular role. Jeanine as Hamlet’s mother, Gertrude; Kelby Akin as his uncle turned stepfather, King Claudius; and Nora Eschenheimer as Ophelia headline a company of seasoned artists as they plumb the depths of the human condition through Shakespeare’s transcendent words.

“‘Hamlet’ is the play that most defines The Gamm over the last 25 years. Our first production in 1997 in Providence put us on the theatrical map and pushed us in an exciting new direction that has continued through today,” said Estrella. “I like to call Shakespeare our unofficial house playwright, having produced many of his most iconic works including a second “Hamlet” in 2011. Now, here we are for our third go-round with quite simply the greatest play ever written in the English language. Shakespeare has been The Gamm’s calling card and we couldn’t think of a better way to put an exclamation point on our 40th season than by revisiting this towering masterpiece for the first time in our Warwick home.”

“Hamlet” runs April 3-27 at The Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I. Tickets: \$65-\$75; preview performances (April 3-6) are \$55. Information about Friday matinee pay-what-you-wish tickets, as well as discounts for seniors, students, groups and more at gammtheatre.org/discounts. Tickets: 401-723-4266 or gammtheatre.org/hamlet

In the Time of the Butterflies

By IDA ZECCO

ECAS (Educational Center of Arts and Sciences), is currently presenting Yo Soy Minerva running through March 23. Written by Mu-Kien Sang Ben and adapted by Francis Parra, Director and Artistic Director of ECAS, the play begins with a Minerva who returns from the dead 54 years later after she and her sisters were murdered under the order of the Dominican Republic’s dictator president Trujillo. This is the life of Minerva Mirabal and her sisters in Ojo de Agua, Salcedo, their hometown. Through the memory of Minerva’s returned spirit, the story is a recollection of what happened to them as they led a revolution against a tyrannical dictator until their assassinations.

In a world where voices are often silenced, Yo Soy Minerva dares to speak truth with passion and power. This breathtaking play takes you on a journey through the struggles, triumphs, and untold stories of a woman who refuses to be defined by anything other than her own strength.

During the Trujillo dictatorship (1930-1961), unspeakable crimes were committed in the Dominican Republic, but the exact amount is still unknown. One of the most widespread and reviled crimes was against the Mirabal sisters: Patria, Minerva, Maria Teresa, and Rufino de la Cruz, their chauffeur and protector.

In Yo soy Minerva, Mu-Kien Adriana provides a recounting of Minerva Mirabal, and her life based on the human dimension. To achieve this work, this author uses a rarely used method: she gives life to the spirit of Minerva and, 40 years after the crime, brings this fighter for the country’s freedom into the world. Minerva relates the events and places but especially the house where the sisters grew up and where they lived during their last years. Patria, Minerva and Maria Tera were often thrown in jail and tortured until their brutal murders. They are often referred to as “The Butterflies,” (Las Mariposas); which symbolizes a fight for freedom and independence.

The cast of Noelia Parra (Minerva - spirit); Jahaira Suarez (Minerva - present); Anna Delgado (Maria Teresa); Betsy Montes (Patria), Yamel Castillo (Dede - past), Jose Luis

Suazo (Rafael Leonidas Trujillo); Franklin Solano (Manuel De Moya); Sylvia Bernal (Dona Chea y Dede - present); Juan Carlos Parra (Enrique and Rufino) and Miosotis Ihefeld (Violeta and Sina) under the direction of Francis Parra, bring this moving and difficult work to life as a cohesive, dynamic ensemble.

Noelia Parra as the spirit of Minerva, offers dauntingly sustained, moving and passionate monologues in her narration of the events that took place. Jahaira Suarez, as Minerva

(present), displays a courageous and convincing young revolutionist unmoved by the danger that awaits her.

This is more than just theater. It is an invitation to reflect on our own identities, our place in the world, and the battles we fight within ourselves. Yo Soy Minerva will move you, challenge you, and ignite a fire within your soul.

Whether you are witnessing Minerva’s fight for justice or connecting with her moments of vulnerability, you will find something in her journey that resonates with your own life.

Yo Soy Minerva is also ECAS’ tribute to March’s Women in History Month. The Mirabal sisters have become such a symbol of women’s struggle that, in honor of them, in 1999 the United Nations made November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

What: Yo Soy Minerva
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Where: Teatro ECAS
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Mood boosters...or not...

I saw an article titled “75 Ways to Boost Your Mood Right This Very Second”, which caught my eye. That title alone gave me a tiny mood boost—something to look forward to. But as I read through the list, I realized that I already do most of these things every day. So, I have been living in a state of peak happiness without even realizing it.

The first suggestion is to text an old friend about one of your favorite activities. Lucky for me, my good friend and I already do this regularly as a survival tactic for when our everyday conversations get dull.

“Hey, remember that time we went on a group trip to New York City and laughed so hard in the Empire State Building that it carried through all 100 floors?”

The second suggestion is to smile. Apparently, even forcing a smile can trick your brain into releasing happy chemicals. My smiles are naturally occurring, like a mood-boosting reflex. Honestly, it doesn’t take much... a cute dog, a toddler waddling along, an elderly couple holding hands, or even a nicely gardened patch of flowers in full bloom.

The third suggestion is to watch an episode of your favorite television show. I love how Judge Judy puts scoundrels in their place, and how humorous the new George and Mandy’s First marriage is.

The fourth suggestion is basically my life mantra: give someone a compliment. The article claims that the person I compliment might return the favor and compliment me. Although this is cute in theory, it rarely happens, which is fine because I am not fishing for praise. Besides, if they did try to compliment me back, they’d probably have to get really creative. “Gee, your hair is extra curly today,” or “Your lips are very pink.”

Another happiness recommendation is to pay it forward by covering the meal of the person behind me in a fast-food drive-thru. While it sounds nice in theory, I have never done



it. With my luck, I would pick a car filled with a ravenous basketball team that just ordered 27 Whoppers, a truckload of fries, and 22 vanilla milkshakes. Suddenly, my small act of kindness would turn into a financial investment.

One suggestion is to video chat with a loved one. Supposedly, this will make me

happier, but in my case, it won’t. My on-camera persona is not my best look. My eyes glaze over like I am on drugs, my hairdo is a tragic tribute to last night’s sleep, my forehead suddenly develops a mysterious slope, and my smile somehow comes out crooked, like I am in the middle of a dental emergency. I will stick to good old-fashioned texting, where my personality shines and my face remains mercifully unseen.

Another method to supposedly boost happiness is to put on calming nature sounds. I have tried the whole soothing ocean waves thing, but instead of feeling peaceful, I just get annoyed because the waves refuse to crash in a predictable rhythm. Don’t get me started on birds chirping. They never do it in unison or in some type of pattern. It is just random tweets. Unpredictable. Frustrating.

Taking a power nap is suggested, and I am on board with that. There’s nothing better than curling up on clean sheets

under a fluffy, warm comforter. It’s basically the closest thing to a hug from heaven, and I sleep like a baby.

Playing with pets is also suggested as a mood booster. Apparently, petting, snuggling, and playing with a furry friend can trigger endorphins. We do not have any pets, but I do seem to get happier when snuggling with Hubby. He is my emotional support person, plus he goes grocery shopping and cooks the meals, which makes me very happy.

The fact is, we each have to figure out what makes us happy. Hopefully, other people will get as lucky as I am with their choices.

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Avvio Ristorante Celebrates Italy with ‘A Taste of Sicily’ Prix Fixe Menu

Three-course, Limited-time Prix Fixe Menu Available for the Month of March

Avvio Ristorante, located at Garden City Center, 90 Hillside Road in Cranston, is celebrating the cuisine of Sicily with a special prix fixe menu for the month of March.

The three-course menu is available daily during dinner hours only. The cost is \$42.00 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity, and is not available for take-out. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.avvioristorante.com.

The menu begins with a choice of antipasti: Crudo, with fluke, orange, pistachio, fennel, Castelvetro olive, and extra virgin olive oil or a Stuffed Sweet Pepper with focaccia stuffing, scamorza, hot Italian sausage, and bread crumb.

Entrée choices include a whole roasted Sea Bass with citrus, herb, and chicory salad; Pollo Agrodolce: tomato-olive braised chicken thighs, white wine, cannellini beans, oregano, parsley, and cous cous; and Gnocchi alla Norma with charred eggplant, tomato, basil, garlic, and ricotta salata.

Dessert choices are Pistachio Cannoli with sweet cream and chocolate chips or Blood Orange Sorbetto with candied mint.

For more information about the restaurant visit www.avvioristorante.com.



Rising costs keep live venues on their toes



Submitted photo courtesy of Myrtle Rhode Island



Park Theatre Submitted photo by Kelsey Ann Photography

By ROB DUGUAY

The price of eggs and the cost of housing are getting a lot of attention these days. As expenses keep adding up for people supporting families or working to get ahead, small businesses are also caught up in continual price increases. Many are still working to recover from the pandemic.

Costs hit live entertainment venues especially hard. To thrive, they depend on patrons to enjoy a night out. With the current economic landscape, some are facing these challenges head on while others are relying on financial assistance from their local community to keep afloat.

Spectacle Live, the Massachusetts-based live entertainment company, operates several venues around New England, including the historic Park Theatre and Events Center in Cranston and The JPT Film & Event Center in Newport.

“Like most industries, we have seen inflation impact nearly every aspect of running our venues,” said Pete Lally, president and CEO of Spectacle Live. “Touring artists playing our venues have also experienced significant impacts. The last five years of being in the live entertainment business has certainly been a wild ride, with inflation being a leading contributor to changes within the industry.”

Apponaug Brewing Company in Warwick hosts musicians on the patio and other events from time to time.

“Like most commercial businesses, Apponaug Brewing has been impacted by rising prices, from utility rates to the cost of almost all goods used to manufacture beer and run our restaurant,” said Tamara McKenney Apponaug Brewing ‘BrewEO’. “We anticipate that the upcoming tariffs will further impact grain prices, most food products and utilities, negatively impacting our business profitability if we don’t raise prices correspondingly.”

As a customer-focused business, they are highly sensitive to the potential economic

impact a price increase would cause, so they have adopted an alternative approach to managing their business in this current economic environment.

“Our approach to managing surging inflation is twofold,” she continued. “We are focusing our attention on potential cost-saving efforts that don’t impact the guest’s experience, such as sourcing better pricing on goods by buying in bulk, monitoring utility usage, and ensuring that we have the best pricing possible with our vendors. Additionally, we are hopeful that the combination of maintaining our current prices and the onset of better weather will potentially drive additional traffic to our taproom, offsetting the across-the-board increase in cost of goods we are dealing with.”

Offering memberships

Myrtle in East Providence, which has been open for a little more than a year, is also experiencing rising costs across the board.

“Liquor and beer prices, insurance rates that already total over \$10,000 each month, music licensing, utilities, and even payroll and POS (point-of-sales) fees have all increased significantly in the last year,” said Natalie Vanlandingham, Myrtle’s co-owner along with Tommy Allen.

“Small, locally owned music venues are often overlooked for tax breaks, grants, and partnerships larger corporate venues are afforded when they move into the area, making it nearly impossible to continue to serve

the community,” she continued. “The demand for live music post-pandemic has surged, leading to higher ticket prices from corporate venues as they capitalize on the increased interest.”

She would love to see some of these larger venues give back to the small, local venues that work as a springboard for artists that will possibly grow to make money for them in the future, as well as more of an investment from our government for all small businesses.

Myrtle recently started selling memberships to the Lower East Providence Music & Arts Society with benefits including invitations to monthly society events, access to a monthly newsletter and first dibs on ticketed shows among others.

The venue states on its membership page of their website, “In order to sustain our mission of bringing free and accessible performance to our community, we offer Music & Arts Society Memberships to those with the same vision of a flourishing arts community in the Bay Area.”

Turning to the community

House Music Works in Wakefield has been a hub for folk, blues and jazz music in South County for nearly a decade while functioning as a non-profit organization. The venue has definitely felt the toll of high costs and to help curb various expenses, they currently have a GoFundMe page for donations.

“Pump House Music Works is definitely feeling the strain, and

it’s a tough time for music venues due to various factors, with inflation being a significant one,” said Dan Collins, president of Pump House Music Works. “Rising costs are affecting businesses from all directions. We have been providing free food at our events for years. Unfortunately, we recently had to stop this service because we simply can’t afford it anymore. Food costs are skyrocketing, and energy expenses continue to rise.”

“We understand that these increasing costs also impact our patrons, and performers,” Collins continued. “Many of our loyal music fans prioritize and budget for a night out to enjoy live music because they love the experience, creative expression, and release it provides. However, there are many others who want live music but choose to stay home due to financial strain. We understand that everyone is feeling the pinch right now, and we recognize how difficult it is. Still, live music in our communities is worth fighting for, and we will continue as long as we can.”

Pump House has opened a GoFundMe page to help keep the doors open.

Another venue that has recently set up a GoFundMe page is The Galactic Theatre in Warren. According to the page, the pandemic, plus the Washington Bridge closure plus rising costs, is challenging the venue.

“The truth is, debt and rising expenses have snow-balled into a storm of almost disaster,” David Podsnap, owner of the Galactic Theatre said via the venue’s GoFundMe page. “We continue to have the most affordable menu in the region and the best bands and artists around.” He went onto note that the “pandemic has been crushing us since four years ago.”

“We have hung on and I have exhausted all means of capital including maxing out my own credit cards and taking out numerous loans that are now all way behind and late, sacrificing everything as the dreamer I am just to save the music,” he adds.



Pump House Music Works Submitted photo by Todd Gianguzzi

Ginza – An Intimate Chinese Restaurant

Ginza recently opened at 736 Park Ave. in the Auburn section of Cranston, becoming the sixth Chinese restaurant within five miles of my house.

I think Rhode Island has more Chinese restaurants than China, and many of them, including Ginza, are now adding Japanese cuisine and sushi to their menus.

Ginza is a charming, intimate restaurant with an adjoining bar. They offer take out, delivery and catering in addition to dining in.

The basic Chinese food is like most, with the usual chow mein, chop suey, egg foo young, and moo shu.

Restaurant Review by DON FOWLER

Chicken, beef, pork and seafood dishes include what you would find on most menus.

In addition to appetizers, Ginza offers five choices of “Tidbits,” boxes filled with a variety of finger foods, all at \$13.99.

I tried T5, which included a tasty spring roll, two huge chicken wings, two fried shrimp, and a generous portion of tender, juicy boneless ribs. It was all I could do to finish it.

Joyce ordered the curry sauce shrimp with a generous portion of hot and spicy shrimp and veggies (\$14.99).

“All Day Plates” are reasonable priced from \$10.99 with larger combination plates at \$16.99. All include pork fried rice.

Also available is a large selection of sushi, sashimi and special maki for those who prefer Japanese food.

Luncheon specials range from \$9.95 (Chicken chow mein) to Shrimp with lobster sauce (\$10.95).

Ginza is open seven days a week. Monday to Thursday 11am to 10 pm; Friday and Saturday until 10:30; Sunday noon to 10 pm.

We’ll be back.



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Yet the program is still in its formative stage.

Lee points out the CMS “waiver” that laid the foundation for the creation of Hospital at Home programs (with regards to Medicare patients) is set to expire March 31, 2025.

“A five-year extension was part of a bipartisan bill that was widely expected to pass back in December 2024, but it got caught up in the end-of-year wrangling over the budget and government shut down and so the waiver was only extended until March 31, 2025. We are expecting that the waiver will be extended further, but unclear if it will be five years or something less than that,” Lee said.

Doris, who refers to herself as “one of the birds at Sparrows [Point apartments] was discharged from the program last Friday. Throughout her stay-at-home hospital visit and for the immediate future she depends on the Blue Cross Blue Shield meal program offered recovering patients. And she will get twice weekly visits by occupational and physical therapists.

“Things are looking better,” she said Sunday.

What she likes best about the hospital program is the freedom and comfort it’s given her.

“I’m very grateful to have helpful people around me,” she said.

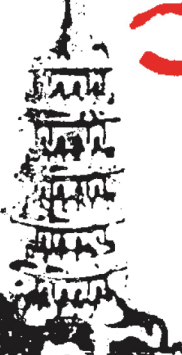


Dr. Michael Lee made a houseboat call to check on Russell Browning, in a marina off Post Road in Warwick. Photo submitted by Ryan Pickering

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By JENNIFER COATES

Sticky. Sweet. Crispy. Finger-licking. Mouth-watering. These are all words which describe the enticing Teriyaki Chicken Wings at China Sea, the home of flavorful and tempting Polynesian and Cantonese style food, right here in Warwick. And this is just the beginning! After devouring the wings, you can move on to some of the other tantalizing appetizers ~ the boneless spare ribs . . . and the chicken dumplings . . . and the pork strips . . . and the egg rolls . . . and the Crab Rangoon. The list of options at China Sea goes on and on. And on.

China Sea, a family-run restaurant which opened over 44 years ago, gives you a memorable culinary experience every time you visit – from its famous chicken wings to its heavenly combination platters to its full-service bar. With its friendly and efficient servers, consistently flavorful food and welcoming ambiance, China Sea has earned its reputation as the “go-to” place for authentic Chinese food in Warwick.

China Sea has a loyal following with diners who have been frequenting this familiar restaurant on Post Road since they were children. One such longtime customer writes: “This is the best Chinese food I have ever had. I have been coming here since I was a small kid living in Warwick. My travel requires me to travel around the world so I always have Chinese food that I can compare to China Sea. Hands down the best egg rolls and fried rice I have ever eaten!”

Whether you are dining in or calling for a take-out order, your list of meal options here is lengthy, varied and always



Enjoy these finger-licking good Teriyaki Chicken Wings and heaping helping of MooShi Chicken served with its fresh pancakes, all from Warwick’s own China Sea, a long-standing and familiar destination for authentic Polynesian and Cantonese food.

crowd-pleasing. If you need a break from the kitchen this spring, start your meal with one of China Sea’s specialty Polynesian Drinks, including the ever-popular Mai-Tai or the refreshing “Zombie,” a combination of rum, brandy and fresh tropical fruit juices ~ it will feel like a “mini-vacation.”

Enjoy one of the many entrees at China Sea, such as one of these combination platters: Sweet and Sour Chicken with an Egg Roll; Pepper Beef with Egg Foo Yong, or Moo Goo Gai Pan with a Boneless Chicken. Try one of China Sea’s most popular menu item, their Hawaii Orange Chicken ~ a crispy chicken dish served in a special citrus-y and tangy fresh orange sauce.

Included on the long list of delicious entrees are over 60 additional combination plates, including every variation of chicken, seafood, beef, duck and pork you can imagine. The list of fried rice, soups, lo mein, egg foo yong and chow mein choices is seemingly endless. China Sea also accommodates their health-conscious diners, offering a variety of vegetarian dishes.

China Sea is located at 1278 Post Road in Warwick. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 9:00pm. (Closed on Mondays) Take-out hours end at 8:30 pm. For more information or to order take-out, call 401-467-7440.. Online orders now available through www.doordash.com.

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Sports

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 WARWICK BEACON

Hawks win 5th straight title

Hendricken comes back to beat Prout in triple OT

By ALEX SPONSELLER
Beacon Sports Editor

The four-time defending state champion Bishop Hendricken hockey team was less than six minutes away from seeing its reign come to an end in Sunday's title clash against Prout, as the Crusaders built a 2-0 lead deep in the third period.

The Hawks, though, extended their championship streak to five as they flew to two goals in the final minutes to knot the score, then would see senior Frank Tillinghast put the game away in the third overtime period to clinch the 3-2 decision.

"You dream about these scenarios happening. The whole week leading up to it you think about that overtime goal and I happened to be in the right place at the right time. Mason Crain made a backdoor pass to me and I tapped it in," said Tillinghast, who is now a four-time state champ.

Prout got the 1-0 lead in the first period before doubling the advantage with 10:12 remaining in the third period.

Hendricken's offense finally broke through when Cullen Crain lit the lamp on a pass from Andrew Soscia with 5:31 left. Aiden Craft scored the tying goal with just under a minute remaining to force overtime.

After two overtime periods, the game was stripped to a 3-on-3 format and Tillinghast's championship-clinching goal will be remembered as one of the great moments in Hendricken hockey history.

"We all knew what to expect. We were fortunate enough to experience it (three) years in a row so knowing what we were getting into helped us a lot," said Tillinghast of the comeback.

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The Bishop Hendricken hockey team after beating Prout in triple overtime to win its fifth straight state championship and 11th title overall as a program. At left, Hendricken head coach Mike Soscia celebrates with Andrew Soscia moments after the Hawks scored the game-winner. *Beacon Media photos by Alex Sponseller*

EG/TG takes DII crown in OT



Toll Gate earns 1st hockey title since 2005

By ALEX SPONSELLER
Beacon Sports Editor

The top-seeded East Greenwich/Toll Gate boys hockey co-op pulled off a 4-3 win over defending champion Portsmouth in overtime of the Division II Championship on Sunday afternoon.

Tied 3-3 after three periods, the Avengers wasted little time getting the win as Jack Kiernan put away the game-winner just 35 seconds into overtime. He also scored the game-winner in the semi-finals against Cumberland, earning him tournament MVP honors.

"I'm just so proud of this team, I couldn't be more grateful to have the opportunity. You always think that, you always think you're going to be the guy to do it. I was the guy, but I wouldn't be here without this team," said Kiernan moments after the Avengers hoisted the championship plaque.

The East Greenwich/Toll Gate boys hockey team after winning the Division II Championship. *Beacon Media photo by Alex Sponseller*

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Hockey championships among best ever

In last week's column I mentioned that I have covered too many championship games to truly chose a favorite or best. This past weekend's hockey championships may have shattered those feelings.

The Bishop Hendricken Hawks came back in the third period and then eventually went on to win in triple overtime to clinch their fifth straight state title. In the earlier game on Sunday, the East Greenwich-Toll Gate co-op took the Division II championship when it beat Portsmouth in overtime in what was a back-and-forth contest from the opening two minutes on.

Each of these games were epic and I have to say, that was probably the best day of hockey playoffs that I have ever covered. Not sure how I'd stack each of the two games individually, but in terms of an overall day, I would put that at the very top of the list when thinking about the 10 years I have been in this field full time.

The two games were similar in that they required extra periods, but the way they got there was totally different.

In the first game, Portsmouth

took the lead in the opening period, EG/TG responded, Portsmouth answered back, and it wound up being a 3-3 score heading into overtime. The Avengers wasted little time getting the victory as they scored the game winner less than a minute into the extra period.

The first time the teams faced each other, EG/TG took the 7-4 win. These two teams were offensive juggernauts and the championship played out exactly as we expected. Fast paced, high scoring offense. It was a thriller from start to finish.

In the later game, the Hawks fell behind 1-0 early and were down 2-0 with less than seven minutes remaining in regulation. The Prout defense stood on its head up until that point and a shutout was on the table late in the third period.

We saw the power of momentum unfold as the Hawks rattled off two goals to force overtime. From there, you saw fatigue set in as the pace slowed down, legs got heavy, shots weren't as crisp. It took until the third overtime for something to break, and fortunately for the Hawks, they got the opening and Frank Tillinghast delivered.



My Pitch

by Alex Sponseller

A wild shootout and then a third period comeback, followed by overtime, to determine two championships. It was an unbelievable day to be a sports fan.

In terms of big picture stuff, it was EG/TG's first title as a co-op and it was Toll Gate's first hockey championship since 2005, it came almost 20 years to the day.

The Titans had been bounced around a bit the past few years. They spent time with Pilgrim then moved to East Greenwich. They've spent time in Division I and Division II.

It looks like they've found a home in East Greenwich and in DII. I dislike realignments and this annual game of co-op musical chairs. Once a partnership works, leave it alone. I have been very vocal about my frustrations with Toll Gate and Pilgrim parting ways two years ago.

EG/TG will be the defending champs next season. Let them stay together and continue to build. Division II is very competitive and these kids have a special group, clearly.

For Hendricken, the streak continues.

Despite losing a big-time core led by MVP Griffin Crain, this year's group defended the title seamlessly with Cullen and Mason Crain, Tillinghast, Aiden Craft and goalie Avery Picchione. This year's success is a testament to the depth of this group that continues to churn out championship players on an annual basis.

As Prout was closing in on the win, my internal take was that the Hawks were just a little too young and would be back on top next winter. That was washed away in the blink of an eye, and now the rest of Division I will have to deal with what will be largely the same core next season as well.

Hats off to Prout, who finished the regular season with the top seed and was neck and neck with Hendricken. I have a feeling that these two will be right back in the championship game next March.

Congrats to each team and thanks for a day to remember.

I need to give one final shoutout before I sign off.

At the conclusion of each of these games, especially the DI final, the teams and fans were in a frenzy. The players had to be wrangled for the awards ceremony, fans had to be pulled off the glass and kept in their seats, the ice had to be cleared in a hurry while the media sought its postgame interviews. That's the simple description, but it got pretty chaotic.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League representatives, led by Tom Marcello, did an excellent job of letting the fans have fun while maintaining order. It was clear that by the end of the night that the security and RIIL staff were worn out after three straight games, but they maintained a level of professionalism that was quite impressive, to be honest, considering the scene that played out.

It's not easy containing that many excited people in one building, but Marcello and his staff deserve credit for what in reality, is a thankless job at times. Job well done.



Hendricken captains Aiden Craft, Andrew Soscia, Frank Tillinghast and Ben Tamul.



Hendricken players celebrate with the fan section moments after winning the title.



Aiden Craft after scoring the game-tying goal in the third period.

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Although the late goals grabbed headlines for the Hawks, senior goalie Avery Picchione was sharp in net as he finished the day with 28 saves. This was Picchione's first season as the team's starter and his first championship appearance.

"It's amazing. I'm so thankful that (Hendricken coach Mike Soscia) put his trust in me. I've got to give a shout out to the other three goalies on the roster, we push each other every day and to have that much talent in the goalie room is amazing, any of those three could have played tonight. Me and Colin Murray have been together since freshman year, he deserves this just as much as I

do," said Picchione.

Picchione expected the game to go to overtime despite trailing late.

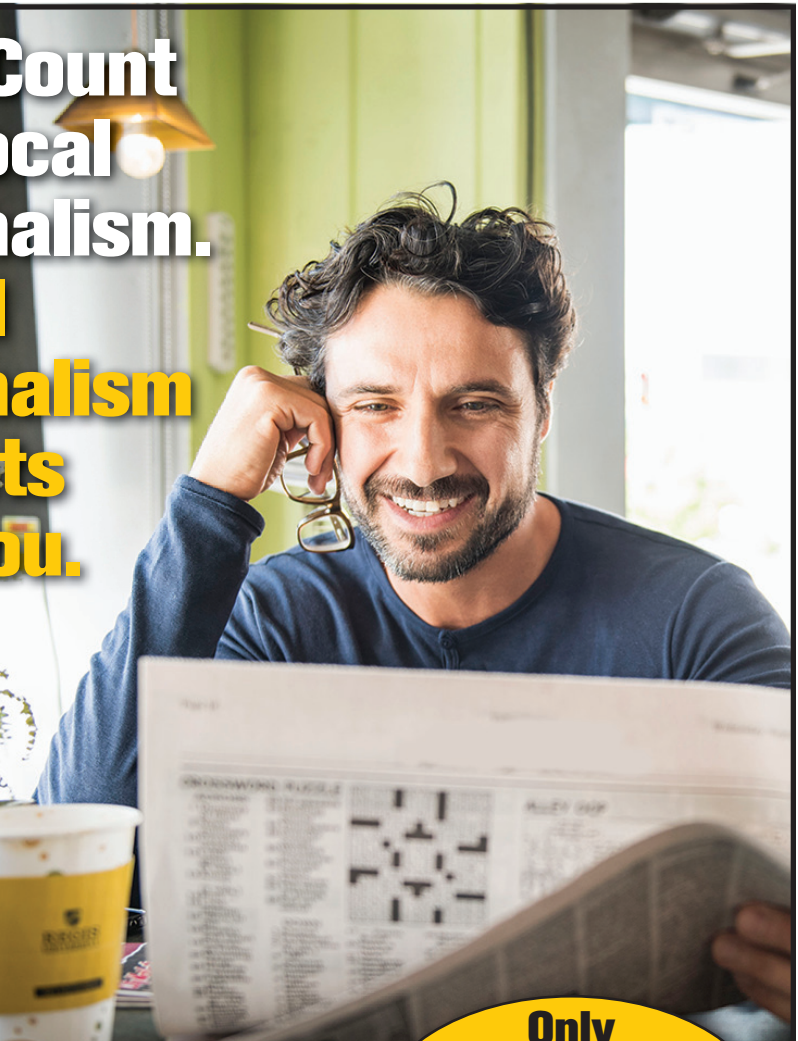
"I never lost faith in this group. I knew it was going to happen, the compete level we have in this team, we knew we'd get them back," said Picchione. "It all happened so fast, I love this group of guys and they battled every day at practice, through the ups and downs. This group is great."

The Hawks will be graduating one of the program's best-ever senior cores before flipping the page toward next year as they set their sights on six straight.

"Five years is crazy," Picchione said. "To be out there and be a part of it, it feels great to be a part of Hendricken history."

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One of two entangled Right Whales now gear-free

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI
Special to the Beacon

Endangered North Atlantic right whales are approaching extinction. An unusual mortality event was declared for North Atlantic right whales in 2017, and currently includes 151 individuals (41 dead, 39 seriously injured, and 71 sublethally injured or ill). The primary causes of the UME are entanglements in fishing gear such as lobster pots and vessel strikes in both U.S. and Canadian waters, which are long-standing threats to the recovery of the species.

Two Right Whales, identified as #5110 and #4120, were seen December 9, 2024, by a NOAA Fisheries aerial survey entangled swimming approximately 50 miles southeast of Nantucket, Massachusetts.

On Feb. 9, 2025, a Center for Coastal Studies aerial survey team saw North Atlantic right whale #4120 swimming in Cape Cod Bay, Massachusetts. #4120 appears to have shed her entangling gear and is now gear-free. This was the first sighting of #4120 since she was seen entangled in December.

North Atlantic right whale #5110 has not been seen since he was documented entangled on Dec. 9, 2024. That entanglement met the unusual mortality event criteria of a serious injury. Responders will continue to keep a lookout for him but many fear the whale is dead.

Mariners are encouraged to report sightings of entangled, injured, or dead whales through the Greater Atlantic Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline for Maine to Virginia: (866) 755-6622; and/or report sightings through use U.S. Coast Guard via VHF Channel 16.

If safe, and from the legally required 500-yard distance, please take photos or video and note the GPS coordinates to share with authorized responders.

New Right Whale Slow Zone

On Feb. 28, 2025, the Martha’s Vineyard Buoy operated by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) redetected the presence of right whales southwest of Nantucket, MA. The right whale Slow Zone is in effect through March 15, 2025.

As a reminder, additional Slow Zones are also currently in effect. Locations and effective dates can be found at Reducing Vessel Strikes to North Atlantic Right Whales | NOAA Fisheries.

Mariners are requested to avoid or transit at 10 knots or less inside the Dynamic Management Areas (DMAs) and Acoustic Slow Zones where right whales have been detected.

Fly fishing for trophy size striped bass in tidal rivers

If you want to fly fish for trophy size striped bass do not miss fly fishing expert and guide Ed Lombardo at the Rhody Fly Rodders seminar on Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m. There is no charge to attend the seminar, which is taking place at the Riverside Sportsman Club, 19 Mohawk Dr, Riverside, RI.

Ed Lombardo plans to share the tidal rivers and estuaries that he has fished in RI for



Nei Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, North Kingstown, works with a customer at the New England Saltwater Fishing Show. Submitted photos

many years. Learn to read the water which holds these magnificent Bass. And learn about the flies Ed users and other strategies and tactics to catch these big fish on the fly. His favorite fly fishing terminal tackle set-up will also be shared.

For information contact Ed Stachelek, club president at castaflycharters@cox.net .

Fishing Show big success

The New England Saltwater Fishing Show held this weekend, at the Rhode Island Convention Center waws a big success. The Show features tackle, rods, reels, lures, electronics, charter guides, boats, motors, accessories, clothes and much more.

“Great crowds for three days and we had a great family day on Sunday. Show participants loved the crowds as most attendees are hard core fishers and buyers,” said Scott Travers, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers, sponsor of the show.

Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle, North Kingstown, said, “The crowd has been very consistent. We had a great flow of traffic all day Friday, it held yesterday, and today, Sunday, the last day of the show, it seems like it is going to be strong right through to the end. It is great to see customers here and sales have been good.”

Visit www.nesaltwatershow.com .

Trout Unlimited Annual Fundraiser Banquet and Auction

Rhode Island Trout Unlimited will hold their annual Fundraiser Banquet and Auction on Saturday, April 5, 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Quonost ‘O’ Club in North Kingstown.

This year’s special guest will be George Daniel, Director of Joe Humphreys Fly Fishing School at Penn State.

An impressive array of silent and live auction items and bucket raffles will be accompanied by a delicious buffet dinner.

Share your passion for conservation and fishing with like-minded individuals while supporting a great cause. Tickets: \$50 for adults; \$20 for children up to age 12 at Rhode Island Trout Unlimited Annual Fundraiser: Sat, Apr 5, 2025.

Where’s the bite?

Cod. Party boat fishing and a few smaller charter boats continue to fish for cod south of Cape Cod and off Rhode Island waters. Visit Fishing Machine Charters, Pt. Judith, RI at www.fishingmachinecharters.com; [\[landcurrent.com\]\(http://landcurrent.com\) and \[www.francesfleet.com\]\(http://www.francesfleet.com\). Fishing. Full day rates for party boat vessels are generally \\$130 to \\$135 per adult and around \\$80 for those under 12 years old.](http://www.is-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Freshwater fishing. For stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) stocked thirteen waterways last week for updates visit Designated Trout Waters | Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

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



Ed Lombardo, an expert fly fisher, fly tyer and fishing guide will speak about Fly Fishing for Trophy Size Striped Bass Tuesday, March 18 at the Rhody Fly Rodders.



North Atlantic right whale #4120 was observed gear-free on February 9, 2025. Photo by Center for Coastal Studies

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- 16. An iPad is one
- 18. Adult beverage
- 19. Manning and Wallach are two
- 20. Makes a petty verbal attack
- 21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Wristwatches
- 26. Body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. Turkish honorific title
- 33. Yell
- 34. Historic Alabama city
- 39. Cub
- 42. Type of sea bass dish
- 44. To call (archaic)
- 46. Unfortunate
- 47. Separate oneself from others
- 49. Hero sandwiches
- 50. Former OSS

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Works of body art
- 2. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 3. A desert in Asia
- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. Doomed French queen
- 6. Beat
- 7. One who survives on blood
- 8. As a consequence
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
- 11. Unclean
- 13. One who does not drink
- 17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
- 51. Open spaces in a forest
- 56. Innermost brain membranes
- 57. Fortune
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Doomed queen Boleyn
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- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Scottish tax
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. An increase in price or value
- 24. __ student, learns healing
- 25. Bacterial skin infection
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What one says on a wedding day
- 28. Crony
- 29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
- 35. Unit of length
- 36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
- 41. Statements that something is untrue
- 42. Greek alphabet letter
- 43. Suspends from above
- 44. Popular types of cigars
- 45. Girls
- 47. U.S. philosopher and logician
- 48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
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- 54. Amounts of time
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Hawks cruise past Lions, headed to Final Four

By **ALEX SPONSELLER**
Beacon Sports Editor

The No. 2 Bishop Hendricken basketball team rolled past No. 7 Lincoln, 69-55, on Tuesday night in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Open State Tournament. The Hawks will now head to the Ryan Center at the University of Rhode Island to take on No. 3 Classical in the Final Four.

Hendricken jumped out to a 16-2 lead to begin the game and would not let the Lions back in as they dominated on both ends of the floor for 32 minutes.

Sophomore Michael D’Ambra and senior James Caldarella paced Hendricken with 17 points each while Will Cary added 14.

“We practiced hard and we knew we were going to come out strong. We stuck to it and finished strong and got the win,” said D’Ambra.

After losing to No. 1 La Salle in the Division I Championship, the Hawks

bounced back to beat Shea in the opening round of the state tournament before taking out Lincoln in the Elite 8. Hendricken is motivated to not only beat Classical on Saturday but is looking for a chance to get revenge on the Rams should they advance on their side of the bracket against Central.

“La Salle got us and we didn’t forget that. We’re going to play with a chip on our shoulder from here on out and we know what we need to do to beat them,” said D’Ambra, who believes tough defense will guide the Hawks past the Purple. “Every game against them is a great game, we need to play hard, play tough and play good defense. We need to play what the coaches give us.”

Hendricken and Classical will tip off at 6 p.m. on Saturday at URI. The two teams split their regular season meetings and the Hawks knocked Classical out of the Division I semifinals. The winner of the game will take on the winner of La Salle-Central on Sunday night with a 6:30 start.



Will Cary defends a Lincoln player on Tuesday. *Beacon Media photo by Alex Sponseller*

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The East Greenwich/Toll Gate players celebrate after winning the title in overtime (left). Brady Slinn takes the puck up the ice. *Beacon Media photos by Alex Sponseller*

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After winning just four games in its first season as a co-op last winter, EG/TG moved to Division II and quickly became a force, going 22-2 overall while clinching first place at regular season's end. Portsmouth entered the contest as the third seed as it looked to repeat as champs, and the Avengers knew they'd be in for a wild battle.

"It's huge, they wanted to come back

here and go back-to-back. They didn't see us, they didn't know us, so there's a new team in Division II," said Toll Gate's Brady Slinn. "When we're out here, we've got to play focused, play to our potential, and if we stick to the gameplan no one can hold us. It seemed like that for a while, but we were more dedicated and we got the job done."

The Avengers took a 3-2 lead into the third period before the Patriots tied up the score in the third. Markus Rowe scored the

go-ahead goal shortly after EG/TG killed off a five-minute major for boarding.

Portsmouth took a 1-0 lead less than two minutes into play in the first period, but Austen Dufresne responded shortly after to tie things at 1-1. The second period got off to a blazing start as Joe Andreozzi put the co-op back on top with a goal, but Portsmouth answered to make it 2-2 less than a minute into the period. EG/TG goalie Wyatt Gelzhiser finished the day with 33 saves.

After beating Portsmouth 7-4 in the regu-

lar season, the Avengers were plenty confident that they'd pick up one final win. It was Toll Gate's first hockey championship since the 2005 season.

"It (was) a nail biter, you never know what's going to happen. We knew we had the upper hand on this team so we knew we had to stick to the gameplan, do what the coaches said and we'd be all set," said Kieran. "It's unbelievable, you don't see a team go 22-2 very often. The banner is going to be there forever."



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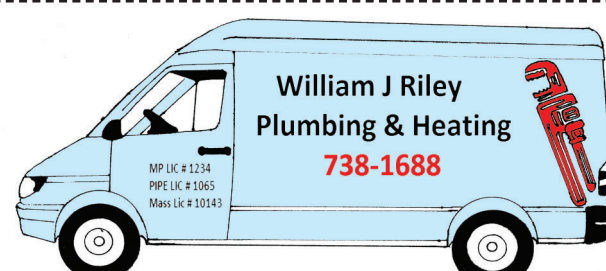
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