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Mayor trims school request, but taxes to rise

Values rise, rates likely to fall; \$389.3M budget now goes to City Council

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

Mayor Frank Picozzi has proposed a \$380.3-million budget that if passed by the City Council would give most but not all of the \$198.1 million the School Committee asked for and lower the tax rate, but increase the tax bills of most Warwick property owners.

A department-by-department summary of the budget and the notice of the proposed tax-rate change appears in a legal advertisement in today's Beacon.

Although the numbers are down on paper, Picozzi said in an interview Tuesday, his biggest concern is what unknowns might still pop up in the School Department. He pointed out that, after completing its budget, the department discovered it had failed to take into account the expected spending of \$2 million to \$3 million in the personnel supplement.

As the proposed FY 2025-26 budget shows, the tax levy would increase from \$238 million to \$245.2 million, an increase of 3%.

As a result of the revaluation reflecting higher property values, the residential tax

rate would drop from \$14.47 to \$13.34 per \$1,000 of valuation. And reflecting the relatively minor increase in commercial values, the commercial rate would increase from \$25.32 to \$25.45. The tangible personal property tax is capped at \$37.40.

Final rates could be less

City Tax Assessor Neal Dupuis explained Wednesday that the rates published in today's paper are an estimate and the final rates, which he expects will be lower, won't be set until the revaluation is certified and

budget approved. When all is said and done, he believes both the residential and commercial rates will be lower than the current rates.

Under the mayor's budget proposal, schools would get \$194.4 million, \$3.9 million less than what they had asked for, which nonetheless represents a 3.7% increase in spending from the current budget. Most of the increase to schools is a result of the governor's budget that shows Warwick receiving \$49.3 million in state aid, an increase of \$2.6 million. The increase on the city side is \$400,000.

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Cleaning up the green

The Pawtuxet Village Association Garden Club spent several hours on Saturday raking, weeding and cleaning Pawtuxet Park. Originally scheduled for April 26, the Earth Day clean-up attracted a handful of volunteers.

"We need more volunteers for our garden group," said Melissa Gergel, garden club volunteer, shown here in a pause from weeding.

Club president Victoria Otta says the next project on their agenda is replacing or repairing the sign marking the entrance to the historic village on Narragansett Parkway near Bayside Avenue, above.



'Self-contained' development proposed for Pawtuxet

May 14 hearing set for townhouses, commercial space planned at Hunter's Garage

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

Anthony Albanese Sr. thinks of the latest version for the future for Hunter's Garage on the Warwick side of Pawtuxet Bridge as the "last hurrah."

It's no wonder in the last five and a half years two plans have been floated for the property with the most ambitious and the one garnering the loudest village objection being a structure combining six residential units and first-floor restaurant with cantilevered balconies overlooking the river.

Albanese's son, Anthony Jr., who is spearheading the latest proposal for the property that will get its first public airing May 14 before the Warwick Planning Board, believes the village will embrace "Hunter's Landing."

"We hope to have a beautiful building that everyone enjoys," he said in an interview last week. He said the



Hunter's Garage in Pawtuxet Village is being proposed as the site for a connected two-building development with six residential units and 1,500 square feet of commercial space. *Beacon Media photos*

proposed building "keeps in style with the neighborhood."

Scaled back proposal

So far, the project has received a favorable nod from City Planner Thomas Kravitz who notes the proposed mixed use building, a two-and-a-half story structure connected by a two-story common area is a significant reduction over prior proposals. Ginny Leslie, a board member of the Pawtuxet Village Association whose historic home is two lots away from Hunter's got her first glimpse of the plan Sunday. While she found the proposal smaller than prior proposals, she still thinks it is too big for the lot.

As Albanese puts it, the project is a "self-contained envelope" meeting zoning requirements for residential and commercial parking.

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Retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Frank Flaherty listens to the defense in a practice session of a mock trial at Bishop Hendricken High School. *Beacon Media photos by John Howell*

The case is total fiction, but for Hendricken, the stakes are real

Retired Justice Flaherty critiques mock trial performance before team leaves for national competition

By JOHN HOWELL
Beacon Media Staff Writer

The defense was ready to present its case. It would argue that the defendant, Hollis Trimble, was innocent of attempted homicide even though he owned a gun, planted a fake car bomb as a gag and threatened Tajari, an employee.

Hearing the case last Thursday afternoon at Bishop Hendricken High School would be a Hendricken alum, former Warwick mayor and now a retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice, Francis Flaherty. Flaherty was not alone in critiquing the student performance.

With him was Superior Court clerk assistant Joseph Wolserseder and lawyer Jen Spaziano.

And then there was Rebecca Warr, who is a lawyer and the coach of the Hendricken Mock Trial team that for a first time since the school fielded a team in 2008 has won the state championship. On Wednesday the eight-member team left for Phoenix, Arizona, for the national competition. Forty-eight teams from across the country will have the opportunity to participate in scrimmages today with the competition starting Friday morning with the first round followed by the second round that afternoon. Rounds three and four will be held on Saturday.

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In support of long term care

The ABLTC Foundation is set to host its 18th Annual Silent Auction Spectacular. As a charitable organization, the Foundation raises funds to support the programs of Alliance for Better Long Term Care. For more than 30 years, the Alliance has worked to enhance the quality of life and health care for residents in long-term care facilities, assisted living communities, and individuals receiving licensed health care or hospice services at home. This year's event will take place on Thursday, May 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Warwick Country Club. *Submitted photo,*

Winner claims 100k in Warwick

Search continues for 50k Powerball winner

According to the Rhode Island Lottery, a \$100,000 Powerball® Power Play® ticket from the April 30, 2025, drawing has been claimed by Warwick resident.

He purchased the winning ticket at Colleen Haxton's Liquors, 1325 Post Rd., Warwick, and says he plans to save his winnings.

As of the Beacon deadline, a \$50,000 winning Power-

ball ticket from April 16, 2025, drawing remains uncashed. It was purchased at Marty's Liquors, 945 Namquid Drive in Warwick.

The Rhode Island Lottery encourages all players to check their tickets and verify winning numbers on the Lottery's website or mobile app.

Police Log

SUSPECTED SHOPLIFTING

On April 2, Officer Cabrejos, along with Officer Reddy and Detective Aarico (in patrol capacity), responded to Market Basket (25 Pace Blvd.) for a shoplifting in progress.

Upon arrival, Cabrejos made contact with the offender, a woman who approached Cabrejos yelling "It's me you're looking for." As Cabrejos began approaching the offender, she continued to yell while pushing a shopping cart.

The offender stated that she used to work at Market Basket and came to get groceries. She stated multiple times that was not shoplifting and showed Officer Cabrejos a digital receipt on her phone.

A Market Basket employee stated that the offender was

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a past employee who used to work in the Bakery Department. The employee stated that the offender had entered the back room of the bakery and began moving shelving racks around.

The employee stated he had asked the offender to leave, as she did not work at the store anymore. The offender began yelling loudly at the employee and

other workers. She caused a disturbance in front of multiple customers.

As the offender began to leave with her shopping cart of items, the employee said he needed to see a receipt, which the offender did not provide. The employee stated that he could search for a record of her transaction if she told him what cashier she went to.

The offender refused and proceeded to exit the store with the cart. The employee called the police believing she had shoplifted.

The employee stated he confirmed via the store's internal system that she paid for all merchandise.

The offender was given a no-trespass order.

STOLEN VEHICLE

On April 3 at about 8:33 p.m., Officer Bailey observed a U-Haul box truck traveling 10 mph over the posted speed limit.

At this time, Officer Bailey ran the plate and the vehicle came back stolen out of Providence. The vehicle was entered stolen on April 1.

Officer Bailey activated the overhead lights and emergency siren, made a traffic stop and arrested the driver.

The Providence Police Department provided a copy of the police report, which showed the vehicle had been rented by the driver at a U-Haul location in Providence.

The driver was charged with obtaining a vehicle with intent to defraud and released with a court summons.

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Patricia Silva of FutureGood sic was the keynote speaker at Monday's breakfast for the release of the annual KIDS COUNT report on the well being of the state's youth. Beacon Media photo by Barbara Polichetti

KIDS COUNT warns of federal cuts to family support programs

By **TARA MONASTESSE**
Beacon Media Contributor

The 2025 KIDS COUNT Factbook, released Monday, has identified affordable access to housing, education, health care and nutrition as continued top priorities when it comes to supporting children and families in Rhode Island.

What's uncertain, however, is whether the federal funding needed to sustain key programs for children and families in the state will remain intact.

KIDS COUNT, a nonprofit children's advocacy group, publishes the Factbook annually to create a statistical portrait of how children across Rhode Island are performing. It looks at several key areas: family and community, economic well-being, health, safety, and education. The 2025 Factbook also introduced three new indicators to track child wellness: family structure, maternal health and infant health.

The 2025 Factbook was officially released at a special breakfast held Monday at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. The large meeting room was packed with more than 450 attendees that included dignitaries and high-ranking, state, local and federal officials. Those in attendance included members of Rhode Island's Congressional delegation as well as members of the General Assembly and various community leaders.

The organization stressed that many federal programs that have traditionally supported children and low-income families in the state are at now at risk. One such program is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides monthly benefits to low-income families in order to purchase food at retail stores and some farmers markets.

According to the Factbook, 44,951 of children under age 18 across Rhode Island received SNAP benefits as of October 2024. That number includes more than 5,000 children across Johnston, Warwick, and Cranston.

"We've been hearing a lot about an increase in hunger in Rhode Island," Stephanie Geller, deputy director for KIDS COUNT. "The Rhode Island Community Food Bank has noted enormous increases in the number of people coming to food pantries because they can't afford food. So, we know that that's an area... we're worried about."

Geller, a longtime Cranston resident, also mentioned several early childhood education programs in the local area that could be affected if federal funding were cut — perhaps most crucially providers of Head Start and Early Head Start programs. For

60 years, Head Start has provided comprehensive services to low-income children, and their families. The services range from hands-on learning programs for the youngsters to childcare, health care, nutritional support, and more for the for families.

The 2025 Factbook reports that, as of October 2024, Early Head Start programs in Rhode Island supported 540 infants and 13 pregnant women. Head Start program enrolled 1,073 children with an additional 365 children dually enrolled in Head Start and RI Pre-K programs.

While the initial White House budget request for FY2026 released on May 2 does not mention Head Start, an earlier draft of the budget suggested eliminating funding for the program. Head Start programs across the country have already been impeded by layoffs of federal employees who support the programs.

"Congress is the one who makes the decisions about the budget, so we have to see what Congress passes," Geller said. "But those have also been looking fairly ominous."

The 2025 Factbook's new indicators have also highlighted how crucial federal programs have been to supporting Rhode Island families in recent years. Under the new "Maternal Health" indicator, the Factbook notes that women who received health coverage through Rite Care, the state's Medicaid-managed aid program, were much less likely to have a delayed start to their prenatal care than women who are uninsured. From 2019-2023, delayed prenatal care affected 448 women in Warwick, 211 in Johnston, and 588 in Cranston.

Housing is another area where the loss of federal funds could impact Rhode Island families. Federal funding has been used extensively by the state to support affordable housing efforts; from FY2022 to FY2024, the Factbook reports, the state used \$332.2 million in federal State Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide housing. With these funds now ending, funding sources such as housing bonds will have to be used to fill the gap. The loss of funding comes at the time where housing expenses in Rhode Island have risen, with the cost of rent in the state increasing by 17% from 2020 to 2024, according to KIDS COUNT.

In its executive summary, the organization stresses the need to continue programs that serve the state's children and their families: "We must ensure that families will be able to access the programs that help them thrive."

—With reports from Barbara Polichetti

Memory of 4 airport firefighters to be honored

Long overlooked but not forgotten, four deceased members of the Fire Recue Department at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport will be recognized this Saturday at 11 a.m. in a ceremony at the Rhode Island State Fire Academy in Exeter. The four, along with other members of Rhode Island fire service, will be recognized for line-of-duty death due to fire-service related illness and injuries.

Lt. Steven R. Parent, president of Local 2873, Airport Workers of Council 94, didn't have an explanation for why the four Green Airport firefighters had not been previously recognized, but now that they will be, he's expressed his appreciation to state Association of Firefighters President Joe Andreoli and Chief Paul Valetta for assisting in the recognition of these public servants along with Mike McDonald, president of Council 94 RI Fire Chiefs and the memorial committee.

Being recognized are:

- Capt. Anthony Abilheira, who served 33 years from 1972 through 2005. A Bristol resident, he also served the Bristol Fire Department.
- Capt. Jeffery Steere of West Kingston, who served from 1989 through 2008. Steere served as union president of Local 2873 Council 94, as well as chief of West. Kingston Fire Department.
- Lt. Raymond Carr of Warwick, who served from 1968 to 1993. He was a Korean War Air Force veteran.
- Crewman Thomas Gregelevich of Warwick, who served from 1972 to 2005. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Parent explained that "forever chemicals" — also known as PFAS — were a primary ingredient in firefighting foam, a cancer-causing agent used at airports. Its availability is among the requirements for receiving FAA certification for airport operations.

Abilheira, Steere and Carr died of cancer-related illnesses. Gregelevich died from pulmonary disease, which is prevalent in the fire service.

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The City of Warwick proposes to increase its property tax levy to \$245,245,492 in the 2025-2026 budget year; the property tax levy this year is \$236,010,618. The FY 2025 and FY 2026 tax levies have excluded motor vehicle excise tax for the purpose of determining tax levy growth pursuant to current law. THIS IS A PROPOSED INCREASE OF 3.91%

The City of Warwick is currently conducting a revaluation of property, which is mandated by the State of Rhode Island. It is anticipated that there will be an overall increase in property values and when coupled with the increase in the property tax levy will result in a property tax rate of \$13.34 for residential real estate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$14.47 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and \$25.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for commercial and industrial, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$25.32 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Tangible personal property tax rate of \$37.46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation has been capped in alignment with RIGL §44-5.3-3.

A property tax rate of \$13.36 for residential real estate, \$25.47 for commercial real estate and \$37.46 for tangible personal property would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by section 44-5-2 of the general laws.

The City of Warwick's budget will be considered at a special public meeting to be held on May 19, 2025. The School Department's budget will be presented at the same time.

The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

City of Warwick Report to Taxpayers on Current and Proposed Annual Budget

Function or Purpose of Expenditure	Fiscal Year 24/25 Current Budget	Fiscal Year 24/25 Projected Budget	Fiscal Year 25/26 Proposed Budget	Current % Change
Expenses				
Executive	\$453,761	\$399,113	\$425,142	-6.3%
Legal	\$471,099	\$466,099	\$480,500	2.0%
City Clerk	\$594,517	\$509,324	\$579,577	-2.5%
Probate & Municipal Courts	\$171,794	\$146,500	\$167,594	-2.4%
Personnel	\$430,300	\$409,583	\$418,946	-2.6%
Legislative	\$327,030	\$236,583	\$334,414	2.3%
Board of Canvassers	\$480,722	\$384,214	\$338,206	-29.6%
Finance Administration	\$544,052	\$495,618	\$613,601	12.8%
Treasury	\$531,884	\$580,502	\$567,264	6.7%
Debt - Principal	\$7,813,975	\$8,350,001	\$8,030,795	2.8%
Debt - Interest	\$3,898,038	\$4,551,054	\$8,752,215	124.5%
City Collector	\$588,177	\$474,598	\$525,161	-10.7%
City Assessor	\$984,960	\$1,089,121	\$796,043	-19.2%
Mgmt Information Systems	\$1,744,987	\$1,695,424	\$2,256,298	29.3%
Purchasing	\$257,810	\$207,797	\$259,555	0.7%
Animal Shelter	\$238,980	\$257,325	\$279,871	17.1%
Police Department	\$24,987,279	\$24,422,956	\$26,609,725	6.5%
Fire & Rescue Department	\$28,857,605	\$29,088,183	\$31,023,121	7.5%
Building Inspection	\$1,078,631	\$1,091,335	\$1,194,943	10.8%
Parks & Recreation	\$967,993	\$942,156	\$1,000,367	3.3%
Warwick Public Library	\$3,245,632	\$2,960,006	\$3,374,042	4.0%
Human Services	\$1,227,521	\$967,249	\$1,241,503	1.1%
Community Development	\$282,698	\$244,318	\$260,561	-7.8%
City Planning	\$650,164	\$546,405	\$535,399	-17.7%
Tourism, Culture & Development	\$734,566	\$638,500	\$816,740	11.2%
Public Works	\$17,118,950	\$16,301,905	\$17,728,531	3.6%
Boards & Commissions	\$125,068	\$120,918	\$80,400	-35.7%
Employee Benefits	\$29,200,254	\$30,207,640	\$32,976,242	12.9%
Insurance	\$2,851,020	\$2,885,074	\$3,136,121	10.0%
Council Claims	\$10,000	\$11,827	\$10,000	0.0%
Postage	\$71,950	\$77,005	\$71,950	0.0%
Fixed Costs	\$520,000	\$473,368	\$412,000	-20.8%
Pensions and OPEB	\$40,085,628	\$40,290,000	\$40,571,632	1.2%
Total - City	\$171,547,045	\$171,513,266	\$185,868,459	8.3%
School Department	\$189,700,392	\$191,497,050*	\$194,442,908	2.5%
Total Expenditures:	\$361,247,437	\$363,018,751	\$380,311,367	5.3%
Revenues:				
Local Property Taxes	\$235,429,792	\$235,863,602	\$244,037,944	3.7%
State Aid	\$81,190,857	\$83,186,388	\$85,412,676	5.2%
Federal Aid	\$4,402,439	\$4,507,433	\$4,330,000	-1.6%
Licenses and Fees	\$9,786,916	\$10,374,117	\$11,054,320	12.9%
Other Revenue	\$24,131,476	\$24,728,826	\$28,821,080	19.4%
Enterprise Fund Transfers	\$2,890,822	\$2,889,356	\$2,889,356	-0.1%
Fund Balance Drawdown	\$2,515,135	\$569,029	\$3,765,991	
Other Reserves	\$900,000	\$900,000		
Total Revenues:	\$361,247,437	\$363,018,751	\$380,311,367	5.3%

* The Warwick School Committee has identified a deficit in the FY 2024-25 approved budget. The Warwick Schools Budget Commission created by an Act of the General Assembly is currently meeting to address that deficit.

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Frank J Picozzi
Mayor

Legal Notices

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

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 Dba: Ollie's Pub
 941 West Shore Rd
 Warwick, RI 02886

TO: TEV LLC
 Dba: Ollie's Pub
 941 West Shore Rd
 Warwick, RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., **on Wednesday, May 28th 2025 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 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.

5/8, 5/15/25

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: Rancho Chico Restaurant Inc.
 DBA: Rancho Chico Mexican Restaurant & Bar
 1705 West Shore Rd.
 Warwick, RI 02889

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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 James H. Paolucci CLERK

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468-4217, OR TDD AT 739-9150 **AT LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING DATE.

5/8, 5/15/25

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE TRANSFER OF LICENSE

APPLICATION FOR A 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: The Friendly Tap Inc.
 Dba: Dave's Bar & Grille
 2339 Post Rd
 Warwick, RI 02886

TO: JAVI LLC
 Dba: Dave's Bar & Grill
 2339 Post Rd
 Warwick, RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., **ON Tuesday June 10th 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 PAOLUCCI, CLERK

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5/8, 5/15/25

NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION

IN THE MATTERS OF: PETTINATO, GABRIELLA MARIE AND PETTINATO, GREGORY ANTHONY, FC NOS. KJ25-001051 AND KJ25-001052

State of Rhode Island Family Court Juvenile, Warwick, SC IN THE MATTERS OF: PETTINATO, GABRIELLA MARIE AND PETTINATO, GREGORY ANTHONY, FC Nos. KJ25-001051 and KJ25-001052. NOTICE: Please take Notice that on April 2, 2025, the Providence County Family Court granted Petitioner's Motion for Alternative Service permitting alternative service on Defendant, Gregory Pettinato, via publication in the Warwick Beacon. Miscellaneous Petitions were filed on March 12, 2025. The matters have been scheduled for hearing on **May 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at Providence County Family Court located at 1 Dorrance Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Defendant, Gregory Pettinato, should contact the Law Office of Timothy J. Robenhymmer, 303 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888 at (401) 921-4800.

4/24, 5/1, 5/8/25

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice All-Purpose Storage - 21 Warwick RI located at 107-111 Meadow St, Warwick, RI, 02886 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 5/27/2025 at 10:00AM. Joshua C Butler unit #10; Will Clem unit #15; Michael Davis unit #173/174; Peggy Parish units #177 & #181/182; Melissa Morgan unit #185 & #186; Mike McCall unit #201; Eryn M Stewart unit #25; Rex Rogers unit #30; August J Martin unit #39; Emily Taylor unit #40; Brandon Y Ildskou unit #54; Noraimalee Ramos unit #7. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

5/8/25

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:

CONATY, Sarah A. alias Sarah Ann

Conaty, est.
 Probate of Will; for hearing May 15, 2025

DICK, Nicholas, est.
 Guardianship Petition; for hearing May 15, 2025

FUGERE, Sherrie L. alias Sherrie Lee Fugere, est.
 1st & Final Account; for hearing May 15, 2025

HARRIS, Thomas John, est.
 Guardianship Petition; for hearing May 15, 2025

JOHNSON, David, est.
 Guardian's 1st Account; for hearing May 15, 2025

KRUSE, Nova, est.
 Minor Guardianship; for hearing May 15, 2025

LOZIER, Henry, est.
 Guardian's 1st & Final Account; for hearing May 15, 2025

OLLER, Ann F. alias Ann Oller, est.
 Probate of Will; for hearing May 15, 2025

SAO BENTO, Gloria, est.
 Guardianship Petition; for hearing May 15, 2025

SINAPI, Rocco Angelo alias Rocco Sinapi, est.
 Probate of Will; for hearing May 15, 2025

WATTERSON, Rochelle, M. alias Rochelle Marie Watterson, est.
 Probate of Will; for hearing May 15, 2025

BODZIOCH, Stephen, est.
 Michael Bodzioch has qualified as Administrator (Robert Bollenger, Esq. of 3210 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

COSTA, John A., Jr., est.
 Michael Costa has qualified as Administrator c.t.a.; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

DURAND, Jayson J. alias Jayson Joseph Durand, est.
 Nicole K. Durand has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the Office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

FANFARA, Edward Jr., est.
 Matthew M. Aspden has qualified as Executor; (Matthew W. Aspden, II, of 111 Foxboro Avenue, Portsmouth, RI 02871 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

KEARNS, Michael Charles, est.
 Christine L. Kearns has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

KHAMVONGSA, Joann Viengthong, est.
 Peter Pholsina has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

KOOLE, Joseph K. alias Joseph Koole est.
 Summer Koole has qualified as Administratrix; (Melanie Marchetti, Esq. of 200 Midway Road, Ste. 163, Cranston, RI 02920 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

PLANTE, Norman A. alias Norman Albert Plante, est.
 Richard A. Plante has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the Office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

RUGG, Charles H., Jr. alias Charles Henry Rugg, Jr., est.
 Charles H. Rugg, III. has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

SAMSON, Christopher L., est.
 Linda J. Samson has qualified as Administratrix (Stephen P. Levesque of 165 Burnside Street, 2nd Floor, Cranston, RI 02910 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 2025

ZIENOWICZ, Frederick R. alias Frederick Robert Zienowicz, est.
 Diane L. Zedros has qualified as Executor (Jonathan V. Kalandar, Esq. of 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 2004, Warwick, RI 02886 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning May 1, 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

5/1, 5/8/25

CITY OF WARWICK COLLECTOR'S SALE OF

ESTATES FOR TAXES AND/OR ASSESSMENTS DUE AND UNPAID

The undersigned, Tax Collector, of the City of Warwick, hereby gives notice that she will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the **Warwick City Hall at 3275 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886 on the 30th of May, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** Local Time, the following described parcels of real estate (for the levy upon which notice is hereby given) or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the real estate taxes, and/or assessments which constitute a lien thereon, together with the costs and interest thereon, and the costs and charges incident to this sale.

Each of the following described parcels of real estate will be sold for the payment of the taxes assessed. Information as to the nature of the said taxes and the amounts due on the several parcels may be obtained from the undersigned, and will be announced at the sale.

Be advised that if your property in which you have a substantial interest is sold at tax sale, then you have one year to redeem it through the Treasurer's Office or through the tax sale purchaser by tendering the real estate taxes, sewer and/or assessments paid, plus a ten percent penalty on the tax sale amount, plus one percent interest on the tax sale amount per month from the seventh month onward.

After the passage of one year, you may exercise your right to redeem through the tax sale purchaser or his attorney, or, if a petition to foreclose your right of redemption has been filed in Superior Court, you may redeem through the Court until a final decree is entered forever foreclosing your right of redemption.

For a more particular description of the said estates, reference is hereby made to the records and plats in the office of the Clerk of said City of Warwick.

TERMS: CASH OR CERTIFIED CHECK ONLY

Kyla A. Jones,
 Tax Collector
City of Warwick

Estate Taxed To:
 WILLIAM MILLER JR
Property Location:
 12 ROSEDALE ROAD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 203-0224-0000
Title Code: 2

Estate Taxed To:
 GLORIA E MULHEARN & 127 BEACON LLC
Property Location:
 0 LIBERTY STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 214-0008-0000
Title Code: 6

Estate Taxed To:
 GAIL MAIZEL TRUSTEE OF THE GAIL MAIZEL INCOME ONLY IRREVOCABLE TRUST & JENNIFER MAIZEL MCKIERNAN TRUSTEE OF THE GAIL MAIZEL INCOME ONLY IRREVOCABLE TRUST
Property Location:
 15 WELTHIAN COURT
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 218-0018-0000
Title Code: 7

Estate Taxed To:
 WILLIAM P MCKIERNAN
Property Location:
 75 HILLTOP DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 219-0079-0000
Title Code: 8

Estate Taxed To:
 RYAN P HOGAN
Property Location:
 25 DUANE STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 220-0112-0000
Title Code: 10

Estate Taxed To:
 ROBERT M MILLANI
Property Location:
 35 PLYMOUTH STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 222-0069-0000
Title Code: 15

Estate Taxed To:
 STONEBRIDGE CROSSING DEVELOPMENT LLC
Property Location:
 0 STONEBRIDGE LANE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 228-0098-0015
Title Code: 23

Estate Taxed To:
 DAVID F WALKER & CAROLYN M WALKER
Property Location:
 41 BRIGHT WATER DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 232-0021-0000
Title Code: 26

Estate Taxed To:
 STEPHEN KOPECH & ALYSSA C KOPECH
Property Location:
 0 HIGHLAND AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 235-0132-0000
Title Code: 29

Estate Taxed To:
 RONALD R S PICERNE TRUST CREATED UNDER INSTRUMENT OF TRUST DATED 12/29/88
Property Location:
 0 VICEROY ROAD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 237-0178-0000
Title Code: 36

Estate Taxed To:
 YONATAN MABAT & 127 BEACON AVE LLC
Property Location:
 0 QUAKER LANE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 241-0033-0000
Title Code: 38

Estate Taxed To:
 SAMNANG MORK & LITY L NAM MORK
Property Location:
 144 DIAMOND HILL ROAD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 243-0046-0000
Title Code: 39

Estate Taxed To:
 ANTOINE F ST GERMAIN & JULIETTE M DEMERS & RHODE ISLAND HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION
Property Location:
 23 BENEFIT STREET 25
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 244-0013-0001
Title Code: 41

Estate Taxed To:
 BARBARA J PETANO
Property Location:
 3399 POST ROAD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 244-0109-0008
Title Code: 42

Estate Taxed To:
 ELLERY D LINEHAM JR
Property Location:
 0 ARNOLDS NECK DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 244-0146-0000
Title Code: 44

Estate Taxed To:
 TAINA LILLY MARTE & DAISY OLIVEIRA UYEDA
Property Location:

153 COLLEGE STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 245-0041-0000
Title Code: 49

Estate Taxed To:
 KELSEY HENRY & MICHAEL V LIPPE
Property Location:
 82 SPRUCE STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 245-0092-0000
Title Code: 50

Estate Taxed To:
 EBONY DAVIS-MOYE
Property Location:
 576 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 247-0165-0000
Title Code: 66

Estate Taxed To:
 COUNTRY CLUB EST ASSOC
Property Location:
 0 GAUVIN DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 250-0067-0000
Title Code: 67

Estate Taxed To:
 DONALD S MULVANEY & MARGARET A MULVANEY
Property Location:
 84 BLUE HILL DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 257-0141-0000
Title Code: 72

Estate Taxed To:
 WORCESTER SERVICES LLC
Property Location:
 403 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 260-0007-0000
Title Code: 73

Estate Taxed To:
 KARLENE CHASE
Property Location:
 123 ADELAIDE AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 262-0024-0000
Title Code: 77

Estate Taxed To:
 TODD J MERRY
Property Location:
 57 JAMBRAY AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 262-0297-0000
Title Code: 81

Estate Taxed To:
 STEVE HOUSING, LLC & BRUSHNECK COVE INVESTMENTS LLC
Property Location:
 74 PONTIAC STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 263-0051-0000
Title Code: 83

Estate Taxed To:
 EDWARD G DAVIS & MARILYN M DAVIS
Property Location:
 365 NATICK AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 266-0344-0000
Title Code: 85

Estate Taxed To:
 TRACIE L JOHNSON
Property Location:
 220 ALVIN STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 266-0505-0000
Title Code: 90

Estate Taxed To:
 JAMES E FERGUSON III
Property Location:
 0 KENYON AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 268-0177-0000
Title Code: 92

Estate Taxed To:
 CHRISTOPHER NERNEY & JENNIFER NERNEY & JESSICA NERNEY
Property Location:
 63 FOX RIDGE CRESCENT
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 269-0100-0023
Title Code: 99

Estate Taxed To:
 THOMAS B HOWARTH & SUSAN G HOWARTH
Property Location:
 923 HALIFAX DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 269-0100-0347
Title Code: 100

Estate Taxed To:
 RICHARD A BOLANDZ JR & SYMPHONEE ONEAL
Property Location:
 3 LISTER STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 270-0225-0000
Title Code: 105

Estate Taxed To:
 MICHAEL BANNON & MICHAELA BANNON
Property Location:
 170 EDMAN STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 271-0132-0000
Title Code: 110

Estate Taxed To:
 GREATREX CORPORATION
Property Location:
 0 GREENWICH AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 271-0181-0000
Title Code: 112

Estate Taxed To:
 APM ASSOCIATES LLC
Property Location:
 87 W NATICK ROAD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 273-0409-0000
Title Code: 114

Estate Taxed To:
 JOSEPH GRANDE
Property Location:
 81 CENTRAL STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 274-0132-0000
Title Code: 117

Estate Taxed To:
 JOHN E DONAHUE & JUDITH E DONAHUE
Property Location:
 42 EASTMAN STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 274-0154-0000
Title Code: 120

Estate Taxed To:
 NAIR RODRIGUES
Property Location:
 61 COTTAGE STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0022-0000
Title Code: 123

Estate Taxed To:
 MEI ZHEN LEE & CHRISTOPHER JAMES OKEEFE
Property Location:
 175 KILVERT STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0070-0000
Title Code: 125

Estate Taxed To:
 JOSEPH S PISCOPIO
Property Location:
 78 BLACKBURN STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0095-0000
Title Code: 126

Estate Taxed To:
 JOSEPH S PISCOPIO
Property Location:
 84 BLACKBURN STREET
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0097-0000
Title Code: 127

Estate Taxed To:
 DONALD G HILL & ROSEMARY C HILL
Property Location:
 0 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 282-0039-0000
Title Code: 128

Estate Taxed To:
 MOUNTAINDALE REALTY LLC
Property Location:
 0 LINCOLN AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 283-0091-0000
Title Code: 131

Estate Taxed To:
 WILLIAM S MILLER & RESERVOIR ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
 82 NOLBETH DRIVE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 286-0436-0000
Title Code: 147

Estate Taxed To:
 WILLIAM P MCKIERNAN
Property Location:
 0 WINGATE AVENUE
 WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 287-0125-0000
Title Code: 148

Estate



Prayer for the nation

The 74th National Day of Prayer was observed last Thursday at noon on the steps of Warwick City Hall, with representatives of the local clergy delivering prayers for the government, church, family, education, next generation, business, media, military and first responders. In part, the 2025 National Prayer reads: "God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Cheryl Russell, (pictured here), organizer of the state observance of the day of prayer for the last 26 years, organized the Warwick event. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

Senate leadership team 'a labor dream'

After Val Lawson won election last Tuesday as the new president of the Rhode Island Senate, she faced a battery of reporters' questions about her dual role as head of that chamber and president of the National Education Association Rhode Island teachers' union.



Talking Politics

by Ian Donniss

The focus was easy to anticipate. Lawson, 58, was ready to respond and she stuck by her message – that she will tread carefully to avoid conflicts of interest.

"There's nothing I'm going to do without my due-diligence, I can guarantee you that," she said. "It's of the utmost importance to me all the time."

How this actually works in practice, however, will be a story that plays out over time. It takes a certain moxie to win the presidency of a major union and to move up quickly in a legislative body. But organized labor always presses its case, and the Senate has long exhibited a stronger pro-union flavor. The losing Democratic candidate in the race for president, Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D-Cumberland), called the tandem of Lawson and the new majority leader, Sen. Frank Ciccone (D-Providence) – a former top official with the Laborers' union – "a labor dream team." RI GOP Chairman Joe Powers was more withering in a statement, saying in part, "Rhode Islanders should be very concerned. This is no longer public service – this is political self-service."

To her doubters, Lawson can point to how she won the presidency with the support of 65% of the Senate (and 73% of the Democratic super-majority). And labor-related legislation aside, she faces an immediate challenge in getting her chamber up to speed in the intensifying rapids of the legislative session, with six to eight weeks to go and a state budget process marked by uncertainty due to the Trump administration and signs of a softening economy.

THE OPPOSITION: Talking after the vote Tuesday for Senate president, Sen. Pearson said he felt vindicated. "It's nothing I want to be vindicated on, but literally everything that I was concerned about and what I had expressed my concerns to the president at the time played out exactly as I thought they would," Pearson told reporters. The Cumberland Democrat, 36, was referring to how he shared his concerns about Dominick Ruggerio's health with the ailing Senate president last year. Pearson said the two men parted as friends after that discussion at Ruggerio's home – and that the subsequent rupture in that relationship, which led to Pearson losing his post as the number two Democrat in the Senate, was engineered by rival senators. In the end, Pearson got just eight votes in his competition with Lawson – four less than on the opening day of the 2025 session.

BUSINESS: House Speaker Joe Shekarchi tells me a bill will be introduced this week as part of an effort meant to keep giant insurer FM Global based in Rhode Island.

POLICING THE POLICE: Rhode Island is the last state to embrace reforms meant to thwart "wandering officers," the practice in which police found responsible for misconduct sometimes move to a different jurisdiction. In 2001, a select commission formed after the shooting death of Cornel Young Jr., a Black Providence officer mistaken by two white colleagues for a criminal, found that Rhode Island Rhode needs "mechanisms to hold individual officers accountable throughout every stage of their careers." But as Sam Stecklow reported for the Invisible Institute and The Public's Radio, efforts to address the situation through a bill sponsored by state Rep. José Batista (D-Providence) faced strong opposition from police unions and AFSCME's Council 94.

HEALTH CARE: When an email arrived after the close of business last Thursday, with Gov. Dan McKee, House Speaker Joe Shekarchi and Senate President Val Lawson using a joint statement to express support for CharterCARE's transition to nonprofit status, it seemed curiously lacking in context: "We need to focus on supporting these hospitals to allow them to achieve a sustainable future," the troika said in part. "These are critical hospitals to our state's health care system, employing close to 2,500 physicians and staff, with over 50,000 emergency room visits last year, comprehensive cancer and geriatric care, and as one of the

state's largest providers of behavioral health services."

The Public's Radio has reported extensively for years on the uncertainty facing Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence, so what was up with this statement? A little digging revealed the communication was sought to bolster potential buyers' confidence in the up-to-\$165 million in taxable and tax-exempt bonds being marketed to finance the Centurion Foundation's acquisition of CharterCARE.

"This was the result of ongoing dialogue with state leaders," Centurion spokesman Otis Brown told me. "We appreciate their continued show of support." S&P Global Ratings gave the bonds a BB- rating last month. A spokesman for the RI Health and Education Building Corp., which is helping to facilitate the sale of the bonds, declined to comment on the status of the offer.

WOMEN IN POLITICS: The mannerisms and the familiar voice remain the same, but Gina Raimondo has been playing on a bigger stage ever since Joe Biden drafted her to be part of his team back in 2021. That – and Raimondo's acknowledgement to former Obama strategist David Axelrod that she is considering a run for president – makes their extended conversation well worth the watch. For all her status as a high-flier, our former governor still has a bad taste about what she called a double-standard in gender politics. "Every woman who has ever run for office gets the same s*** – 'There's just something about her.' Everyone! Just go ask any woman," Raimondo said. She recounted how her likability improved when her pollster displayed pictures of her in jeans rather than a business suit. If it's any solace, though, the percentage of women in the General Assembly has climbed since Raimondo's time as general treasurer.

YOUNG VOTERS: The Rhode Island Young Republicans have launched a series of new local chapters around the state in recent months as part of an effort to build a more competitive GOP. The Young Democrats of Rhode Island have also been active, trying to bring some fresh energy to a party challenged at the national level. Ken Naylor Jr., chairman of the YRs, and Autumn Guillette, a board member of the YDs, joined me on Political Roundtable this week to discuss their efforts, their concerns and their favorite current elected officials in RI. We spoke after a recent Harvard Youth Poll found high dissatisfaction with both parties among young voters. Another finding: more than 4 in 10 Americans under age 30 report barely getting by financially.

"This is a generation that's weathered pandemic isolation during formative years, entered an unstable economy and faced skyrocketing housing and education costs – all while being told they're not resilient enough," John Della Volpe, director of polling at Harvard's Institute of Politics, said in materials accompanying the poll. "What Gen Z needs isn't another lecture, but genuine recognition of their struggles and leaders willing to listen before they speak."

MEDIA: Via statement, U.S. Sen. Jack Reed responded to President Trump's effort to strip funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which provides some support for local stations like The Public's Radio (most comes from our listeners and other groups in our area):

"Public broadcasting is for the public benefit in every single state across this great country. It provides trusted local and national news, culture, lifesaving emergency alerts and public safety information. NPR and PBS stations play an important role in the media landscape. They are not ratings driven or just trying to reach one target demographic. Whether you're listening in Idaho, Alabama or Rhode Island, NPR and PBS are fact-based and their goal is to inform and ensure all voices can be part of the national discussion. It's not sensationalized or slanted: It is civic-minded. At a time when newsrooms are shrinking, and when billionaires are buying up and controlling the editorial content of big papers, TV and the internet, public broadcasting is the opposite: It's for everyone and not beholden to any individual or ideology."

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Honoring Our Heroes

CONCERT

To honor, salute and thank our Police Officers, Firefighters and military, active and retired.

Friday May 16 @ 7PM

St. Kevin Church
333 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889

Free will offering to benefit
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The evening opens with the combined color guards of Warwick Police and Fire, followed by the RI Professional Pipes and Drum Band

SPECIAL GUESTS :
The United States Navy Band Northeast and St. Kevin Choir & soloists

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An inflated fat cat drew attention to the union rally outside the 214-unit Class A apartment building under construction on Post Road. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

Union leaders say sub-contractors breaking law

Heavy rains on April 26 didn't deter a handful of elected officials, union representatives, housing advocates and a giant inflatable "fat cat" from a sidewalk rally in front of the first of two 4-story towers of Alta Altitude, a 214-unit Class A apartment on Post Road adjacent to the Airport Connector.

Organized by IUPAT District Council 11 and supported by the RI AFL-CIO, RI Building and Construction Trades Council, Fuerza Laboral, and other labor and community allies, the group said contractors working on the \$64-million project for owners Wood Partners are under investigation for alleged wage theft and worker misclassification. Justin Kelley of the IUPAT claimed local Massachusetts sub-contractors paid mostly immigrant workers without regard to their classification. Warwick Rep. David Bennett, Rep. Robert Craven and RI AFL-CIO President Patrick Crowley were among those speaking.

Reached last Wednesday, Jim Lambert of Wood Partners had the following statement: "We have no information to support these allegations. We take great care in vetting and selecting our subcontractors, and they are all required by law and contract to provide fair wages and proper classification. We look forward to the completion of this project later this year, bringing 214 much-needed apartment homes to the Warwick community."

Council to take second bite at food truck contract

Crowd to speak on assault rifle ban applauds owner of New England Lemonade

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

The yellow shirts sat on one side of City Council chambers and the orange shirts on the other side Monday night. They have opposing views of state legislation to ban assault weapons. The yellows are against the ban and those wearing orange favor the bill.

But as it turned out neither side had the opportunity to voice their opinion on a council

Ocean State Concessions was the only bidder. It bid \$8,260 for the season. This compares to last year, when the city's 10% collections totaled \$4,350.

Ward 5 Councilman Ed Ladouceur was not happy with the proposal since it gives no preference to Warwick food truck vendors. Additionally, he learned that a possible bidder chose not to bid because specifications didn't outline responsibilities of the vendor, lacked projected attendance at events and included no provisions ensuring the fair treatment of food truck vendors.

One year trial run

Façente assured that the process would be evaluated after the first year and that the Ocean State Concessions contract would not automatically be extended should it get the bid.

But that all seemed secondary as Lombardi told his story. He said his father started New England Lemonade 60 years ago and the company continues to operate from a storefront in Oakland Beach. New England operates five trucks, and when the city last solicited bids for concessions the company paid \$18,500 for the rights to be the exclusive lemonade truck at city beaches. In addition, he pointed out, New England is a sponsor of youth athletic teams and a summer employer of students.

"This is a monopoly," Lombardi said of the rights afforded Ocean State Concessions. "This is as wrong as it gets."

resolution in opposition to the state bill. And as it happened, members of both sides were in unison as they applauded Robert Lombardi, the second-generation owner and operator of New England Lemonade after he spoke against the award of a contract to Ocean State Concessions to schedule food trucks at 13 events during the year.

The food truck contract was the first item on the agenda of the City Council's finance committee. And although City Council President Anthony Sinapi informed the audience that the Intergovernmental Committee would likely hold the resolution opposing the gun ban, as he learned the legislation would soon undergo revision, most of the crowd stayed seated to hear about food trucks.

Flaws in former system

Chief of Staff William Façente explained that the administration elected to seek bids on scheduling food trucks rather than continuing with a process of allowing associations to schedule trucks for certain events with the city collecting 10% of individual truck revenues at the end of the event. Two issues emerged with the 10% collections. Some food trucks left the venues before parks and recreation personnel could make collections, and there was no way of knowing the truck sales. Additionally, those making collections ended up with pockets full of cash and there was a loose record of who and what had been paid.

The plan was to seek bids on a package of 13 events during the course of the season.



New England Lemonade owner and operator Robert Lombardi expresses his frustration with the award of an exclusive food truck contract. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell*

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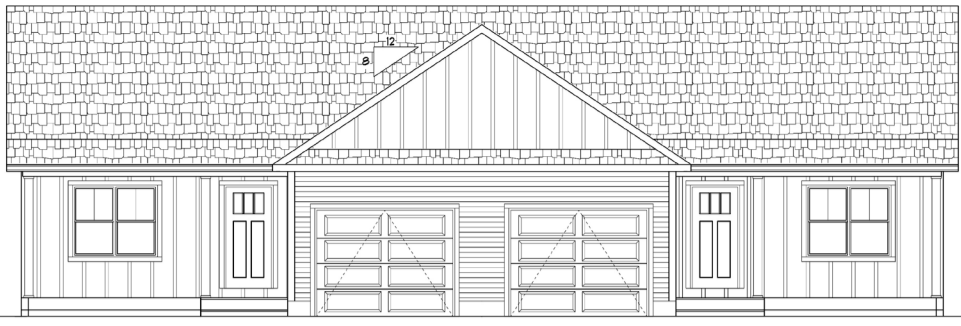
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Trees down, homes up

Land was cleared recently on a wooded lot not far from the Warwick Public Library on Sandy Lane to make way for a 10 duplex-style, one-story residential development. Centerville Builders of Warwick gained Planning Board approval on Jan. 31, 2022 for the development, which has less-than-required front yard setbacks, separation between buildings and parking within 15 feet of a residential structure. *Beacon Media photo by John Howell.*

Breaking ground to make connections

Ramps to link I-95, Route 4, upgrade Quonset traffic flow

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

State Department of Transportation Director Peter Alviti got his wish Monday when he looked beyond a tent just large enough to accommodate officials to a sea of umbrellas Monday in the entry to the Neon gas station on Division Road, Warwick. It was pouring and showed no sign of letting up.

"I wish it was raining money," Alviti said, opening a press conference to break ground for the I-95 "Missing Move" and Quonset Ramps Construction Project.

Indeed, money is pouring into the state to make the projects aimed at improving traffic flow, safety and, in the long run, attracting more companies and therefore making more jobs possible. Alviti said the RIDOT can move forward with the projects totaling \$144 million thanks to an \$81-million federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant.

Projected for completion in 2028, the "Missing Move" includes construction of two critical ramps that were never built when Route 4 was constructed in the 1960s. The ramps will provide a direct connection between I-95 North and Route 4 South and I-95 South and Route 4 North.

Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi, who attended the soggy press conference and wisely stayed under the tent except to toss a shovel of sand for the groundbreaking, expects the project will relieve the Centerville Road and Route 2 congestion caused by motorists traveling north on Route 4 and intending to connect with I-95 South.

The Quonset Ramps project will ease traffic flow at the state's largest industrial park, eliminating the cutting through residential neighborhoods and enhance further development opportunities.

The Route 4 and I-95 gaps have long been talked about. Senator Jack Reed pointed out that with the foresight of the DOT 40 years ago, the state procured the land to make it possible. Reed secured a \$4-million planning grant in 2020 for the projects.

Reed said the projects would improve efficiency, shorten commutes and reduce congestion while improving Quonset Point truck and freight operations.

He noted that Quonset, because of its highway, rail, air and sea connections, is uniquely positioned as a major port.

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse also hit on the benefits of infrastructure improvements, but not before saying, "I'm sorry you couldn't afford a bigger tent with only \$81 million." Those with and without umbrellas laughed.

Referencing the impact on jobs, U.S. Rep. Gabe Amo focused on the spin-off effects to an improved infrastructure, saying "projects like this are bigger than the money."

Steven King, Quonset Development Corporation managing director, said state and federal investments in Quonset since 1980 have totaled \$800 million. He said that the 14,000 jobs at Quonset generate \$1.7 billion in wages annually and that the park generates \$200 million in tax revenues annually.

The corporation will allocate \$2 million to the project. As officials prepared to brave the rain and wield shovels for the groundbreaking, Alviti promised a bigger tent next time.

Leigh Vincola kicked off the first market of the season in Pawtuxet and the first as market manager. *Beacon Media photo by Joy Fox*



Sisters, Kathy Gendron of Cranston and Ruth Jones of Warwick were all smiles leaving the Pawtuxet Farmer's Market on Saturday. "This is such a fun way to connect with neighbors," said Gendron. *Beacon Media photo by Joy Fox*



Claire, 3, of Cranston enjoyed an oversized cookie while her new little brother, Wyatt, three weeks, snoozed. They were among the first to attend the market's opening weekend with their parents, Phil and Mekahla. *Beacon Media photo by Joy Fox*

First farmers of the season

The Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market popped open its tents this weekend off Broad Street near Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. It was also the first market for Leigh Vincola of Warwick. She's the new manager for the market.

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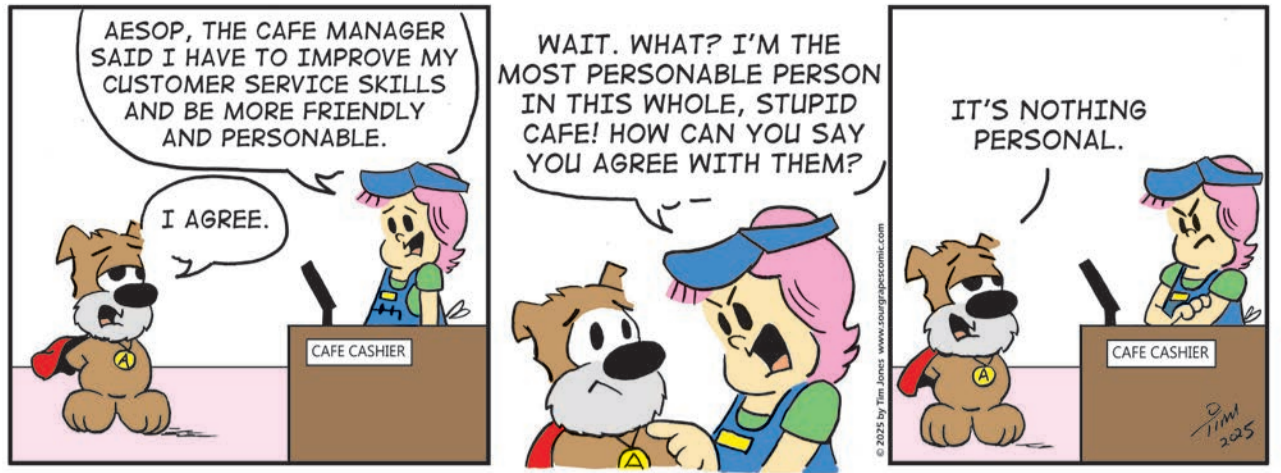
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It looked easy enough, but scoring a hole in one was challenging in many instances on the 18-hole course set up in the clubhouse gym.

John Rainone shows off the mini-robot he made in a class for adults directed by Milissa O'Neil, Rhode Island's Elementary School Teacher of 2025. Looking on is John Delemontex, who also got the chance to make a tiny robot during the Par-Tee. Beacon Media photos by John Howell



Lara D'Antuono, executive director of the Warwick Boys & Girls Clubs, joins former City Councilman Tim Howe and Warwick Chief of Staff Bill Façente in the club's game room, which had been transformed into a nightclub.



Golf 'par-tee' scores for Boys & Girls Clubs

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

You would imagine keeping score at a golfing event to raise funds for the Warwick Boys & Girls Clubs held last week at the Oakland Beach clubhouse. Not so. Keeping score was not the intent of the Par-Tee that started at 5 p.m. and was over by 8 p.m., although guests could play as many holes of miniature golf as they liked. In fact, a lot of those playing sank holes-in-one, which would have been a big event at a traditional fundraising golf event.

programs it provides for kids. "We wanted to get people in the club and see what fun it is for the kids," said D'Antuono. To do that, the club gym was converted into an 18-hole miniature golf course and the large game room just inside the main entry was transformed into a lounge – the work of Dan Scanlon Jr. – with high tables, nightclub lighting and a serving line staffed by volunteers who barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs just outside the door. Food was donated by 99 Restaurants. The stone fire pit inside – which was not burning – was one of the donations to the club that was auctioned off during the event. Also, there was a drawing for \$10,000. The winner was Gilbane Construction, one of the corporate sponsors of the Par-Tee. D'Antuono was thrilled with the event, which raised \$60,000 to support Warwick Boys & Girls Clubs programs.

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The comfort and reward of clocks

As a kid I never really thought too much about time. It seemed limitless.



This Side Up
by John Howell

Then school came along and you had to be there on time and, of course, get homework done on time. Time became both an annoyance and something to look forward to. Meeting the deadline for a school report was frequently difficult, but knowing summer vacation was around the corner made it all worthwhile.

Domenic Giarrusso, whose story will appear in the Prime Time section of next Thursday's Beacon, got me thinking about time on two planes. The first is the time we have on Earth – he's made good use of it – and the second has to do with clocks. At 102, Domenic has had a full life. That's not to say he will be leaving us soon, because he shows no sign of slowing down. It is a testament to his tenacity to keep going and doing the best he can.

I meet Domenic at an Honor Flight fundraiser where he talked about his service during World War II and what it was like to take an honor flight to Washington, D.C. and visit the war memorials there. He was relaxed addressing the audience and his message resonated with veterans and their families. As people started eating, I joined Domenic to learn more about his time in the Air Force and what he did. I discovered he lives alone, drives and still occasionally repairs clocks, which started as a hobby.

I have a love for clocks, not the plug-in or battery-driven ones. They're too perfect. I find the ticking of clocks reassuring and their chimes a great way of subliminally keeping track of the day, although those with Westminster chimes every 15 minutes are too much. Weight- or spring-driven clocks require attention and adjustment once in a while. It's a symbiotic relationship. You wind or crank up the weights and you have company for a day, a week and sometimes even longer. Clocks establish a rhythm that abruptly stops when you have overlooked winding them. Good thing, you

can start again, unless, of course, the clock is broken.

My affection for clocks goes back to the summer days I spent with my grandparents. My grandfather was an Episcopal pastor and, as I remember, took up watch and clock repairs on a doctor's recommendation the hobby would relieve stress. I don't see how that worked, as it seemed, if anything, dealing with all those tiny parts would be enough to drive people mad. What I enjoyed was watching him work talking between puffs on his pipe.

So when Domenic said he worked on clocks, I thought of the Seth Thomas banjo clock that has remained silent on our dining room wall for years. Might he get it going again? But more than that, I was anxious to see the clock shop and in a perverted sense turn back the clock to those childhood days.

Domenic looked at my clock and quickly diagnosed that other than the dial proclaiming it was a Seth Thomas, it "was a piece of junk." He didn't think it worth repairing and gave me the name of a company that wholesales clock parts and mechanisms to repair shops. I called and when they heard that Domenic was still working on clocks at 102, they agreed to sell me what I needed.

Domenic was surprised I got the mechanism. A day later he had the clock working, but told me to wait a week since he wanted to make adjustments.

I finally got to visit the clock shop – actually, a corner of Domenic's basement. His work bench was well lit. He had a stool and clipped a magnifying glass to his glasses. Within his reach was a series of drawers and cigar boxes filled with gears and small parts. It was as if time had suddenly spun in reverse and I was back watching my grandfather as a kid.

The time Domenic spent showing me around and explaining why clocks stop took less than a half hour, but it was a timeless glimpse into what keeps him ticking – a passion to make things work.

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Parcel ID: 310-0392-0000
Title Code: 287

Estate Taxed To:
RANCIER MATOS
Property Location:
125 MICHIGAN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 310-0463-0000
Title Code: 289

Estate Taxed To:
RUSSELL M YATES JR TRUSTEE OF THE
RUSSELL M YATES JR LIVING TRUST
DATED MARCH 24, 2000 & RESERVOIR
ADVENTURES & MICHAEL CUNHA
Property Location:
1533 WARWICK AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 312-0315-0000
Title Code: 292

Estate Taxed To:
RUSSELL MYATES JR TRUSTEE &
SEDONA ASSOCIATES LLC
Property Location:
0 WARWICK AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 312-0420-0000
Title Code: 293

Estate Taxed To:
LUCILIA CARRASCO
Property Location:
324 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 313-0093-0000
Title Code: 296

Estate Taxed To:
LEON PETROLEUM LLC
Property Location:
688 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 317-0254-0000
Title Code: 302

Estate Taxed To:
ROBERT W MALLET JR
Property Location:
109 ETON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 317-0420-0000
Title Code: 305

Estate Taxed To:
DONALD G PREST & KRISTEN M PREST
Property Location:
27 UNITY COURT
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 320-0012-0000
Title Code: 318

Estate Taxed To:
JON OGDEN
Property Location:
3 ANSCOT COURT
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 320-0108-0000
Title Code: 319

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF BARBARA M SULLIVAN
Property Location:
101 OMAHA BOULEVARD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 320-0191-0000
Title Code: 320

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM E BEELEY JR
Property Location:
1 AIRWAY ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 322-0185-0000
Title Code: 327

Estate Taxed To:
ELMWOOD REALTY LLC
Property Location:
32 KILVERT STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 323-0446-0000
Title Code: 328

Estate Taxed To:
TIMOTHY A SYSAK
Property Location:
59 WELLS AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 327-0128-0000
Title Code: 332

Estate Taxed To:
SHANA M O'CONNOR AKA SHANA WILLIS
Property Location:
462 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 327-0210-0000
Title Code: 333

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM J BRACKEN & MARGARET J
BRACKEN & RHODE ISLAND HOUSING &
MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION
Property Location:
136 BETSEY WILLIAMS DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 328-0337-0000
Title Code: 338

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM RUBEIRA
Property Location:
110 RIDGEWAY AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 329-0348-0000
Title Code: 340

Estate Taxed To:
JOSHUA R DOWNING
Property Location:
469 CHURCH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 330-0010-0000
Title Code: 345

Estate Taxed To:
GREGORY SODER
Property Location:
88 FARMLAND ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 330-0021-0000
Title Code: 346

Estate Taxed To:
CHRISTINE M CHARPENTIER
Property Location:
162 DRYBROOK ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 330-0136-0000
Title Code: 347

Estate Taxed To:
NORTH END HOLDINGS LLC & CITY OF
WARWICK
Property Location:
0 OVERBROOK AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 331-0384-0000
Title Code: 350

Estate Taxed To:
ELDEBERTO ARRUDA
Property Location:
338 BEACH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 332-0804-0000

Title Code: 361
Estate Taxed To:
OLUWATOYIN WILCOX
Property Location:
955 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 332-0862-0000
Title Code: 362

Estate Taxed To:
ANNA M CARDARELLI & ALFRED PAPA &
GRACE PAUL
Property Location:
0 SHAWOMET AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0030-0000
Title Code: 374

Estate Taxed To:
FRANCIS G LOCKLIN JR TRUSTEE OF THE
FRANCIS G LOCKLIN JR LIVING TRUST
DATED DECEMBER 28, 2004 & BLAGO
IRREVOCABLE TRUST UAD FEBRUARY
6, 2019
Property Location:
0 SHAWOMET AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0031-0000
Title Code: 375

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF ALFRED A IZZO JR
Property Location:
0 POINT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0060-0000
Title Code: 376

Estate Taxed To:
ARMAND DELUISE
Property Location:
0 SPADINA AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0252-0000
Title Code: 378

Estate Taxed To:
K JOSEPH SHEKARCHI TRUSTEE OF THE
JOHN M MARINATTO TRUST 2013 DATED
JULY 9, 2013 & TIAA FSB TRUSTEE OF THE
JOHN M MARINATTO TRUST 2013 DATED
JULY 9, 2013 & K JOSEPH SHEKARCHI
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST SHARE FBO
PETER R MARINATTO TRUST PER THE
JOHN M MARINATTO
Property Location:
380 SHAWOMET AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0285-0000
Title Code: 379

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF ANTHONY FAMIANO JR
Property Location:
0 POINT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0338-0000
Title Code: 380

Estate Taxed To:
APALDA M RIBEZZO
Property Location:
0 COLDWELL STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0363-0000
Title Code: 381

Estate Taxed To:
APALDA M RIBEZZO
Property Location:
0 COLDWELL STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 334-0364-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
357 ASSOCIATES & JUSTIN R PROVOSIL
Property Location:
0 LIPPITT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 335-0250-0000
Title Code: 382

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM H CROKER IV
Property Location:
0 LAROCHELLE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0096-0000
Title Code: 383

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM H CROKER IV
Property Location:
0 LAROCHELLE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0097-0000
Title Code: 384

Estate Taxed To:
SANDRA FEDERICI & LINDA PETRONIO &
MARIA DIBENEDETTO
Property Location:
0 HUGHES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0125-0000
Title Code: 385

Estate Taxed To:
SANDRA FEDERICI & LINDA PETRONIO &
MARIA DIBENEDETTO
Property Location:
0 DAWES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0126-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN F PAGE & HELEN M PAGE
Property Location:
0 DAWES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0129-0000
Title Code: 386

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN F PAGE JR & MILDRED FELLOWS &
RESERVOIR ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
0 KILTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0165-0000
Title Code: 388

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN F PAGE & HELEN M PAGE &
RESERVOIR ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
0 KILTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0167-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN F PAGE & RESERVOIR
ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
0 KILTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0168-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
LOUIS GIULIANO JR & CITY OF WARWICK
Property Location:
0 TERRACE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0323-0000
Title Code: 389

Estate Taxed To:
SASHMA GIRL LLC
Property Location:
0 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 336-0345-0000
Title Code: 391

Estate Taxed To:
MICHAEL J STEWART & JILL STEWART
Property Location:
145 SANDY LANE
WARWICK RI

Parcel ID: 337-0426-0000
Title Code: 400

Estate Taxed To:
KYLE NGUYEN
Property Location:
452 CHURCH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 339-0038-0000
Title Code: 403

Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM J BARRATT
Property Location:
46 VERNDALE STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 339-0107-0000
Title Code: 404

Estate Taxed To:
JAMES F FARRELL
Property Location:
0 ELTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 339-0129-0000
Title Code: 406

Estate Taxed To:
TED SOLTYS & LEE ANN M SOLTYS
Property Location:
25 EUCLID AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 340-0361-0000
Title Code: 416

Estate Taxed To:
RICHARD JACQUES LIFE ESTATE &
ROBERT JACQUES & KEVIN JACQUES &
CHRISTINE PERILLO & DAVID PERILLO &
SCOTT PERILLO
Property Location:
15 SOCIAL DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 340-0524-0000
Title Code: 419

Estate Taxed To:
JOSHUA THOMPSON & LORI J TUMA-
THOMPSON
Property Location:
36 MORNING GLORY DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 340-0632-0000
Title Code: 420

Estate Taxed To:
PETER F SIMPSON
Property Location:
30 UPHILL AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 342-0076-0000
Title Code: 429

Estate Taxed To:
MARK S DRAGON & LORI A DRAGON
Property Location:
80 UPHILL AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 342-0086-0000
Title Code: 430

Estate Taxed To:
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Property Location:
211 PINNERY AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 342-0281-0000
Title Code: 433

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF FLORENCE VIOLET
CONINGFORD
Property Location:
0 GEORGE ARDEN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 345-0117-0000
Title Code: 443

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF FLORENCE VIOLET
CONINGFORD
Property Location:
0 JOHNSON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 345-0119-0000
Title Code: 445

Estate Taxed To:
N & J PROPER PROPERTIES, LLC
Property Location:
630 MAIN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 345-0140-0000
Title Code: 446

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF RAYMOND M BURTON &
MICHAEL W BURTON
Property Location:
169 SMITH STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 345-0263-0000
Title Code: 447

Estate Taxed To:
KYLE GIRARDI
Property Location:
99 PETTIGREW DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 345-0762-0000
Title Code: 448

Estate Taxed To:
TWENTY ELEVEN LLC
Property Location:
3524 WEST SHORE ROAD 905
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0077-0097
Title Code: 451

Estate Taxed To:
LELAND L LABOSSIERE JR
Property Location:
0 BINGHAM STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0078-0000
Title Code: 452

Estate Taxed To:
SHANNON FERNS & JOSEPH M FERNS
JR & AUDREY J FERNS & RHODE ISLAND
HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION
Property Location:
15 FOUNTAIN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0422-0000
Title Code: 456

Estate Taxed To:
STEPHANIE E BOWERING & GERALDINE
A BOWERING
Property Location:
260 GROVELAND AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0479-0000
Title Code: 458

Estate Taxed To:
ROBERT E DEBLOIS JR & ALEXANDER J
PETRUCCI
Property Location:
0 BINGHAM STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0575-0000
Title Code: 461

Estate Taxed To:
RICHARD A PARENTEAU
Property Location:
12 WILMAR STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0352-0000
Title Code: 468

Estate Taxed To:
TRAVIS BENTLEY
Property Location:
103 VERA STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0395-0000
Title Code: 470

Estate Taxed To:
ALAN DALE & KIMBERLY DALE
Property Location:
144 MCKINLEY STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0411-0000
Title Code: 471

Estate Taxed To:
LOANS FOR INVESTMENT PROPERTIES
LLC & 127 BEACON LLC
Property Location:
0 LARKIN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0445-0000
Title Code: 473

Estate Taxed To:
NEDDY PIRATE & ALYSE E PELLETIER
Property Location:
20 BUTTONWOODS AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0447-0000
Title Code: 474

Estate Taxed To:
JOSEPH A MARZILLI
Property Location:
130 MAIN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0471-0000
Title Code: 475

Estate Taxed To:
HERBERT Y MASON
Property Location:
0 EVERGLADE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0071-0000
Title Code: 477

Estate Taxed To:
HERBERT Y MASON
Property Location:
0 EVERGLADE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0073-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
HERBERT Y MASON
Property Location:
0 EVERGLADE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0075-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
PAUL E HAMEL JR LIFE STATE &
MATTHEW PAUL HAMEL
Property Location:
153 INMAN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0171-0000
Title Code: 478

Estate Taxed To:
DAVID C GEER
Property Location:
11 ELMORE STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0658-0000
Title Code: 482

Estate Taxed To:
HWB REALTY LLC
Property Location:
2783 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0895-0000
Title Code: 487

Estate Taxed To:
RUSSELL J HOWARD & MICHELLE F
HOWARD
Property Location:
80 DEERFIELD DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0962-0000
Title Code: 491

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN D LAQUALE & JON E DASKAM
Property Location:
2465 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 349-0673-0000
Title Code: 501

Estate Taxed To:
JOSE REYES
Property Location:
51 GLEN FARMS COURT
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 349-0690-0000
Title Code: 502

Estate Taxed To:
BRUCE D JUPITER II
Property Location:
0 PAGE STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 350-0293-000

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Estate Taxed To:
WILLIAM R MACRAE & PATRICIA L MACRAE
Property Location:
99 MYSTIC DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0137-0000
Title Code: 603

Estate Taxed To:
STANFORD L BOWERS & ELSIE C BOWERS
Property Location:
0 INEZ AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0198-0000
Title Code: 607

Estate Taxed To:
CHRISTOPHER J CIMAGLIO
Property Location:
345 ASYLUM ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0310-0000
Title Code: 609

Estate Taxed To:
JUSTIN N PIZZI
Property Location:
70 UNION AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0740-0000
Title Code: 618

Estate Taxed To:
JEFFREY S PIRRI
Property Location:
259 LONG STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 364-0208-0000
Title Code: 622

Estate Taxed To:
PAMELA UTTARO & JESSE UTTARO
Property Location:
34 STAPLES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 365-0037-0000
Title Code: 625

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JOANNE MOOREHEAD
Property Location:
0 STAPLES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 365-0050-0000
Title Code: 626

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JOANNE MOOREHEAD
Property Location:
0 STAPLES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 365-0051-0000
Title Code: 627

Estate Taxed To:
PATRICK B DUGGAN & NICOLE M FUNK
Property Location:
488 LONG STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 365-0327-0000
Title Code: 630

Estate Taxed To:
MELVILLE NELSON SR LIFE ESTATE & MELVILLE NELSON JR
Property Location:
9 MELBOURN ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0150-0000
Title Code: 632

Estate Taxed To:
PATRICK T CONLEY
Property Location:
0 NAUSAUKET ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0165-0000
Title Code: 633

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 WALTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0212-0000
Title Code: 634

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 ABBOTT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0253-0000
Title Code: 635

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 THEODORE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0271-0000
Title Code: 636

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 THEODORE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0272-0000
Title Code: 637

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 THEODORE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0273-0000
Title Code: 638

Estate Taxed To:
GINO BURGIO
Property Location:
275 NAUSAUKET ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0568-0000
Title Code: 642

Estate Taxed To:
CARMINE J BALZANO JR & ANITA D BALZANO
Property Location:
0 LEWIS STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 367-0589-0000
Title Code: 643

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF JAMES P QUINN
Property Location:
0 BAKERS CREEK ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 368-0007-0000
Title Code: 644

Estate Taxed To:
PAUL AUGER
Property Location:
0 BAKERS CREEK ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 368-0036-0000
Title Code: 645

Estate Taxed To:
RAYMOND A ZWOLINSKI & RESERVOIR ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
0 CAPRON FARM DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0032-0000
Title Code: 648

Estate Taxed To:
RAYMOND A ZWOLINSKI & RESERVOIR ADVENTURES LLC
Property Location:
0 CAPRON FARM DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0033-0000
Title Code: 649

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF EDWARD A BRENNAN & ESTATE OF MARIE BRENNAN
Property Location:
0 SARATOGA ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0035-0000
Title Code: 650

Estate Taxed To:
BARBARA JEAN DOUGAN & TIMOTHY DOUGAN
Property Location:
19 ENTERPRISE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0088-0000
Title Code: 651

Estate Taxed To:
LEONARD T MAYNARD JR TRUSTEE OF THE LEONARD T MAYNARD TRUSTE AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2000
Property Location:
0 BUDLONG FARM ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0109-0000
Title Code: 652

Estate Taxed To:
JUSTIN C COSTA & STEVEN C GIARRUSSO
Property Location:
91 CAPRON FARM DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0177-0000
Title Code: 654

Estate Taxed To:
LEONARD T MAYNARD JR & HOPE MAYNARD & MARK MAYNARD
Property Location:
597 BUTTONWOODS AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 369-0244-0000
Title Code: 656

Estate Taxed To:
ANDREA J ZITO & JAMES K ZITO
Property Location:
248 WETHERSFIELD DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 370-0030-0000
Title Code: 659

Estate Taxed To:
MICHAEL D MANNING TRUSTEE OF THE MICHAEL D MANNING LIVING TRUST CREATED BY AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
Property Location:
11 ONISKA STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 375-0246-0000
Title Code: 668

Estate Taxed To:
LINDA PARENTEAU & WILLIAM F BAILEY
Property Location:
63 ONISKA STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 375-0364-0000
Title Code: 674

Estate Taxed To:
KATHLEEN M HOWES
Property Location:
88 POWHATAN STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 375-0382-0000
Title Code: 675

Estate Taxed To:
LEONARD M BLANCHARD LIFE ESTATE & SANDRA A BLANCHARD LIFE ESTATE & SANDRA A GOFF
Property Location:
42 HAZARD AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 375-0535-0000
Title Code: 676

Estate Taxed To:
PALM TREE INVESTMENTS LLC & 127 BEACON LLC
Property Location:
0 SHEFFIELD STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0050-0000
Title Code: 677

Estate Taxed To:
PALM TREE INVESTMENTS LLC & 127 BEACON LLC
Property Location:
0 SHEFFIELD STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0051-0000
Title Code: 0

Estate Taxed To:
CAROL J COATES
Property Location:
67 COBURN STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0106-0000
Title Code: 682

Estate Taxed To:
TANYA M MCKEAGE
Property Location:
103 UNCAS STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0349-0000
Title Code: 686

Estate Taxed To:
DONALD W KROHN & GLORIA HEMINGWAY & RHODE ISLAND HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION
Property Location:
123 SUBURBAN PARKWAY
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0368-0000
Title Code: 687

Estate Taxed To:
ELMWOOD REALTY LLC
Property Location:
0 OAKLAND BEACH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0434-0000
Title Code: 689

Estate Taxed To:
DAVID A JOSEPH SR & MARY LOUISE JOSEPH
Property Location:
288 RANDALL AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 378-0111-0000
Title Code: 694

Estate Taxed To:
XAVIER BALLARIN & STEPHANIE MICHAT BALLARIN
Property Location:
191 ALDRICH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 381-0048-0000
Title Code: 702

Estate Taxed To:
THOMAS MCKEAN DOUGHERTY & KRISTEN JEAN DOUGHERTY & CLEMENT & ASSOCIATES REALTY
Property Location:
23 PORT CIRCLE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 382-0349-0000
Title Code: 703

Estate Taxed To:
ROBERT PEARSON
Property Location:
135 PORT CIRCLE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 382-0352-0000
Title Code: 704

Estate Taxed To:
ESTATE OF RICHARD A BOGOSIAN & JOSEPH J CANNISTRACI JR
Property Location:
0 NARRAGANSETT BAY AVENUE

WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 385-0070-0000
Title Code: 706

Estate Taxed To:
RALPH E BRIGGS JR & PATRICIA A BRIGGS
Property Location:
190 CHAPMANS AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 266-0078-0000
Title Code: 710

Estate Taxed To:
KYLE CARPENTER
Property Location:
794 MAIN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 267-0387-0000
Title Code: 713

Estate Taxed To:
JONATHAN M COOPER
Property Location:
60 WEST STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 274-0078-0000
Title Code: 721

Estate Taxed To:
MALCOLM W CROWELL & PHOENIX REALTY RIGP
Property Location:
53 BLACKBURN STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0057-0000
Title Code: 729

Estate Taxed To:
MATTHEW WILLIAMS & ASHLEY WILLIAMS
Property Location:
61 BLACKBURN STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0059-0000
Title Code: 730

Estate Taxed To:
JOSEPH S PISCOPIO
Property Location:
661 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 278-0098-0000
Title Code: 731

Estate Taxed To:
JEREMY ROMAN & ROCIO J ANTIGUA
Property Location:
102 NORWOOD AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 286-0061-0000
Title Code: 733

Estate Taxed To:
MARGARET E CASEY & STEVEN L CHECRALLAH
Property Location:
182 GOULD AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 286-0289-0000
Title Code: 736

Estate Taxed To:
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WARWICK RI
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ERIK J MEYERS & MARISA L MEYERS
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
LAUREN BIDON & RICHARD BIDON
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24 PEACE STREET
WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
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Property Location:
117 FAIR STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 292-0442-0000
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GLENDA H SOHL
Property Location:
19 HARDING AVENUE
WARWICK RI
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RICHARD J TRAVIS & AMY SUE STAPLES
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WARWICK RI
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Title Code: 777

Estate Taxed To:
MICHEL R ROCHELEAU & EVELYN VELOZ ROCHELEAU
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
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Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 296-0466-0000
Title Code: 803

Estate Taxed To:
SHAYNA J DECESARE
Property Location:
307 SARGENT STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 297-0313-0000
Title Code: 806

Estate Taxed To:
TODD R LANDER
Property Location:
321 CHESTNUT STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 297-0367-0000
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Estate Taxed To:
KEVIN WEBER
Property Location:
325 ELM STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 297-0431-0000
Title Code: 809

Estate Taxed To:
ARTHUR COLVIN & NICOLE JONES
Property Location:
1006 POST ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 298-0116-0000
Title Code: 811

Estate Taxed To:
DANIELLE BOURRET
Property Location:
68 PILGRIM DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 298-0143-0000
Title Code: 812

Estate Taxed To:
EDWARD R RICCITELLI & HELEN RICCITELLI
Property Location:
21 SPECTACLE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 300-0216-0000
Title Code: 823

Estate Taxed To:
DAVID M KINDER
Property Location:
53 BEECHCREST STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 301-0027-0000
Title Code: 827

Estate Taxed To:
SRBOUI ZARMANIAN & ARAKSIA ZARMANIAN
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
SEAN RAINEY
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WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 302-0402-0000
Title Code: 835

Estate Taxed To:
MARK J BLANCHARD MARGARET Q BLANCHARD
Property Location:
40 WAUREGAN DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 306-0238-0000
Title Code: 843

Estate Taxed To:
CHRISTOPHER M MARK & KERRI L MARK
Property Location:
109 FALCON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 308-0282-0000
Title Code: 850

Estate Taxed To:
ALEX P TORRES
Property Location:
85 FALCON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 308-0292-0000
Title Code: 851

Estate Taxed To:
EDWARD J SCOTT JR
Property Location:
275 EASTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 308-0538-0000
Title Code: 855

Estate Taxed To:
CHAVELLE MARTINEZ & EDUARDO LOPEZ SUAREZ
Property Location:
218 PARTITION STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 308-0555-0000
Title Code: 856

Estate Taxed To:
JEFFREY R CAMERON & TANYA L CAMERON
Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 309-0035-0000
Title Code: 858

Estate Taxed To:
KEVIN P MADDEN & CRYSTAL MADDEN
Property Location:
49 MARYLAND AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 310-0296-0000
Title Code: 865

Estate Taxed To:
JOHN D HALL
Property Location:
115 ETON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 317-0417-0000
Title Code: 878

Estate Taxed To:
DAWN SMITH & TIMOTHY SMITH
Property Location:
565 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 318-0026-0000
Title Code: 879

Estate Taxed To:
NADINE JEAN BAPTISTE & MACKENZY DOMESCA
Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
COURTNEY M KRESHAK
Property Location:
40 MAGNOLIA STREET
WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
KAREN CHECK
Property Location:
161 WEST SHORE ROAD
WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
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Property Location:
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Estate Taxed To:
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131 LEIGH STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 329-0322-0000
Title Code: 901

Estate Taxed To:
PAUL LEBLOND III

Property Location:
43 ESQUIRE AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 330-0107-0000
Title Code: 906

Estate Taxed To:
MICHAEL WILLIAMS & KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
Property Location:
76 DAMON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 332-0217-0000
Title Code: 911

Estate Taxed To:
CHRISTOPHER VASQUEZ & JACQUELYN LORENTI
Property Location:
28 MAWNEY AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 332-0520-0000
Title Code: 913

Estate Taxed To:
DASHARNA S CRUDUP
Property Location:
94 WAVERLY STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 333-0190-0000
Title Code: 919

Estate Taxed To:
CRAIG A BROWN JR & MALISSA DOLAN BROWN
Property Location:
31 COIN STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 340-0489-0000
Title Code: 931

Estate Taxed To:
CESAR E RAMIREZ ORTIZ & IDA M MORENO PIERA
Property Location:
108 STILLWATER DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 340-0617-0000
Title Code: 934

Estate Taxed To:
ERIN F MURRAY
Property Location:
935 CEDAR SWAMP ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 341-0003-0000
Title Code: 936

Estate Taxed To:
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Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
KATIE CHAPDELAINE & JEFFREY CHAPDELAINE
Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
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Title Code: 949

Estate Taxed To:
KELLY V CORREIA & ANTHONY E WELCHMAN
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53 (55) TOURTELOTT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 346-0232-0000
Title Code: 950

Estate Taxed To:
BRITTANY FLANAGAN & KYLE FLANAGAN
Property Location:
145 VERA STREET
WARWICK RI
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Estate Taxed To:
ADRIEN J PLAMONDON & MAUREEN PLAMONDON
Property Location:
48 WESLEYAN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0046-0000
Title Code: 954

Estate Taxed To:
SAMIR R WALLACE & NARODIA MENA
Property Location:
16 BARBER AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 347-0147-0000
Title Code: 955

Estate Taxed To:
SUSAN E MORGAN AS TRUSTEE OF THE SUSAN E MORGAN LIVING TRUST UA DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2024
Property Location:
82 STRAWBERRY FIELD ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 348-0523-0000
Title Code: 965

Estate Taxed To:
STEVEN L MARCUS & RENEE T MARCUS
Property Location:
59 ITHACA STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 349-0606-0000
Title Code: 975

Estate Taxed To:
BRUCE JUPITER & BRUCE D JUPITER II
Property Location:
60 KENNETH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 350-0273-0000
Title Code: 978

Estate Taxed To:
EDWARD F PELLETIER AKA EDWARD F PELLETIER III
Property Location:
27 TELL STREET
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 350-0326-0000
Title Code: 979

Estate Taxed To:
RONALD L LARIVIERE & JANICE D LARIVIERE
Property Location:
42 YATES AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 350-0642-0000
Title Code: 984

Estate Taxed To:
CHARLES TESTUT
Property Location:
139 TICONDEROGA DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 351-0189-0000
Title Code: 985

Estate Taxed To:
JASON M OLIVER & KELLY L TAYLOR
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WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 354-0228-0000
Title Code: 989

Estate Taxed To:
ROBERT A MANCHESTER
Property Location:
26 CURRY PLACE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 355-0453-0000
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Estate Taxed To:
KERRI ANGEVINE
Property Location:
32 CINDI-JAMES CIRCLE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 357-0544-0000
Title Code: 998

Estate Taxed To:
LEILA HILL & NED STEVENS INC
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77 BEAVER AVENUE
WARWICK RI
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Title Code: 1000

Estate Taxed To:
STEVEN J BROWNING
Property Location:
9 GLENCO ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 359-0563-0000
Title Code: 1005

Estate Taxed To:
ADOLFO CARRASCOZA & CHRISTOPHER BALDIVIESO
Property Location:
125 JOHN STREET
WARWICK RI
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Title Code: 1008

Estate Taxed To:
JOSEPH F INSANA
Property Location:
9 QUARRY ROAD
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 360-0878-0000
Title Code: 1010

Estate Taxed To:
MICHAELE MALLOZZI & MICHELLE MALLOZZI
Property Location:
131 CANFIELD AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 361-0345-0000
Title Code: 1015

Estate Taxed To:
TWENTY ELEVEN LLC & LONGSHIP INVESTMENTS LLC
Property Location:
76 RYAN AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 361-0492-0000
Title Code: 1016

Estate Taxed To:
SHERI L COATES
Property Location:
17 HAWKSLEY AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 361-0608-0000
Title Code: 1019

Estate Taxed To:
WENDEL TOUSSAINT
Property Location:
215 SHAND AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 362-0588-0000
Title Code: 1027

Estate Taxed To:
STEVE S NONG
Property Location:
90 MARSHALL AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0230-0000
Title Code: 1028

Estate Taxed To:
JASON A JANUSKIEWICZY & RHODE ISLAND HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION
Property Location:
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WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0529-0000
Title Code: 1029

Estate Taxed To:
ANTHONY R CARCIERI
Property Location:
43 WELLINGTON AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 363-0706-0000
Title Code: 1030

Estate Taxed To:
HEATHER PREUIT
Property Location:
206 LONG VIEW DRIVE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 364-0336-0000
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Estate Taxed To:
PRISCILLA LIANNA VECCHIO COWAN & COREY SIMONE COWAN
Property Location:
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Estate Taxed To:
KERI LYNNE THOMAS & DELMAR DELMAR DWAYNE THOMAS
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156 COBURN STREET
WARWICK RI
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JESSICA L GALBRAITH & MATTHEW R FARIA
Property Location:
638 OAKLAND BEACH AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0130-0000
Title Code: 1052

Estate Taxed To:
DANIEL CHOW & FRANK TANG & CHAN PING-HOU TRUSTEE UNDER THE CHAN PING HOU LIVING TRUST DATED 10/5/2023
Property Location:
376 PEQUOT AVENUE
WARWICK RI
Parcel ID: 376-0200-0000
Title Code: 1054

Estate Taxed To:
PATRICK BURKE TRUSTEE OF THE BURKE REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UAD DECEMBER 22, 2020 & MARIA BURKE TRUSTEE OF THE BURKE REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT UAD DECEMBER 22, 2020
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257 PAINE STREET
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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Rats: No single cause, but only one solution

It's not a club anyone wants to join, but it seems a majority of people in our three municipalities have some kind of story when it comes to experiencing rats in their own backyards. Maybe you've found them taking refuge in your shed, or you've had an out-of-body moment of fear shoot through you when you start to take a step off your porch and have one zip underneath your foot, or simply seen one run across the road 50 feet ahead of you when you're taking the dog for a walk in the neighborhood, there's no use denying the simple fact:

The rats are among us. They don't respect property boundaries. And they aren't asking for our permission.

If you have not had the personal misfortune of walking into your garage to be greeted by the sounds of scurrying little footsteps and panicked squeaking, consider yourself very lucky. Because it could happen to you tomorrow, or next year, even if you do everything you're supposed to do.

While a household with a tidy, neat and clean property that carefully bags its trash, keeps its ancillary structures free of clutter, and always picks up the animal waste in the yard is certainly less likely to attract rats, those prevention efforts mean much less if the house is bordered by a neighbor or two who completely disregard all of those precautions.

Our persistent rodent problem serves as a microcosm of a much larger issue. It shows how a society can function at its fullest potential only when everyone shares responsibility for it, and there are few more visceral symbols of our collective failure to hold ourselves accountable to this standard than a hulking rat scurrying from one overflowing dumpster or garbage can to the next.

While we are grateful that Cranston, Johnston and Warwick all have dedicated rodent-control workers who bravely battle an insurgent force far outnumbering them, the reality is they are fighting a war that cannot be won through extermination efforts alone.

The only way we can meaningfully reduce the rat population is to stop giving them such fertile grounds to thrive and reproduce. This means everyone — residents, businesses and governmental bodies — needs to work together to hold one another accountable, educate one another, and when those two fail, report and bring forth penalties to those who are not taking responsibility for carrying their portion of the load.

The rats themselves, although easily scapegoated, cannot be blamed for doing what rats are genetically driven to do: survive at all costs, using whatever means are available. They are smart and cunning, but we are smarter and more capable. So let's prove it.

What's on your mind?

The Warwick Beacon encourages letters to the editor. It's part of our mission to reflect a multitude of perspectives on everything from community news to national politics. In the interest of including as many viewpoints as possible, we ask that you hold your letter to 250 words. We can accommodate a longer piece on a complex topic as an op-ed, preferably with a local focus and a maximum of 750 words. With your letter or op-ed, we ask that you include a phone number (not for publication) where we can reach you to confirm authorship. We'd like to hear from you.

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LETTERS

Lawmakers, don't go soft on drunk drivers

To the Editor:

As a program manager of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), I urge the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass House Bill 5638 / Senate Bill 947 (Motor and Other Vehicles — Accidents and Accident Reports), which establishes stronger penalties for driving offenses resulting in serious bodily injury or death.

It was deeply troubling to hear testimony suggesting that these penalties are "too harsh." Where is the consideration for victims and survivors? Impaired driving is not a one-time mistake; studies show that for every arrest made, there are an estimated 88 instances of drunk driving (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). This is not accidental — it is violent, reckless and 100% preventable.

Moreover, Rhode Island's "good time" law allows offenders to be released after serving only one-third of their sentence, compounding the injustice faced by victims' families. Real Rhode Island families are living with permanent injuries, grief and trauma, while the offenders responsible can return to their lives after minimal accountability.

Those opposing these bills should sit beside a grieving mother in court before declaring that tougher sentences are unjust. Prison reform discussions should not come at the expense of justice for victims of violent crimes.

Passing this bill is a necessary step toward real accountability and prevention.

Jennifer O'Neil
MADD RI



LETTERS

Reducing criminal use of firearms requires honesty

A letter to the editor,

"Legislators, let's ban assault weapons," published April 10, is full of misinformation. Why does that matter?

Everyone wants the state to be as safe as possible from criminal use of firearms. But that will not happen unless gun control advocates from Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, like the author of that letter, stop spreading false information. Only when we have honest, factual discussions about the root causes of criminal firearms violence can we improve public safety.

The Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban of 2025 (AWB), a bill under consideration in the legislature that the letter writer advocates for, cannot possibly make the public safer. It is based on falsehoods, as her letter clearly shows.

The writer touts the AWBs in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She either doesn't know or chooses not to mention the ban in Connecticut has been a disaster. Fewer than 15% of the firearms owners affected have complied with the law. They have refused to turn in or register their banned firearms. In Massachusetts the law has met with considerable public resistance, including multiple lawsuits. Worse, the law created thousands of felons. Why are AWB advocates wasting legislative time and taxpayer money advocating for a law that has clearly failed elsewhere?

Her letter cites a Brady United statistic that gun massacres decreased 37% during the nationwide assault weapons ban of 1994 to 2004. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) conducted the most respected studies of the ban. It could find no connection between the ban and a decline in mass shootings. Brady United produces antifirearm propaganda. The CDC is an agency of the federal government that is not particularly firearm friendly. Which organization is more likely to produce accurate information?

In her letter, the writer cites the Violence Policy Archive (VPA) claim that there have been 41 mass shootings in 2025. The VPA is another antifirearm propaganda organization. The Washington Post—hardly pro-firearms—said there have been three mass shootings this year. Again, whom do you believe?

In their campaign to reduce the public's access to firearms for self-defense, gun control advocates are knowingly spreading misinformation. They say they want to ban "assault weapons." Ironically the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban of 2025 has absolutely nothing to do

with real assault weapons. Those are machine guns that fire continuously as long as the trigger is pressed. They are used by our military. The firearms the proposed Rhode Island AWB makes illegal are not assault weapons. It has been virtually impossible to own them in Rhode Island for 40 years.

This bill seeks to ban semiautomatic firearms that have certain features. None of these features—like adjustable stock, pistol grip, barrel shroud, foregrip—make these firearms more lethal. They actually make them more easily controlled, thus safer.

To scare up public support for their AWB, gun control advocates purposely misidentify these firearms as "assault weapons." If gun control activists have a good case for an AWB, why do they feel the need to lie?

Gun control advocates never acknowledge the Center for Disease Control's assertion that between 500,000 and three million times a year law-abiding people legally use firearms for self-defense. That's far more than criminal use of firearms.

Passing ineffective feel-good legislation that is based on misinformation and overwrought emotion won't make Rhode Islanders safer.

The Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban of 2025 would make it illegal to buy nearly every type of semiautomatic rifle and a number of shotguns and handguns. These are firearms that have been legal for Rhode Islanders to own for self-defense for more than 100 years.

Reducing violence involving firearms is a complex problem that requires more and better mental health services and more aggressive prosecution of gun-law violators. Believing that we can reduce violence involving firearms simply by enacting laws that make it difficult for good people to defend themselves is delusional and puts Rhode Islanders at greater risk of harm.

We need to tell our legislators not to pass a provably ineffective AWB and focus honestly on the real causes of gun violence.

The names and contact information for your legislators are easily found at the website sos.ri.gov > Elections and Voting > Find Your Elected Officials.

If we don't speak up and the AWB becomes law, we will all be less safe.

Bill Welch
Portsmouth

How do we know Pre-K would be worth it?

To the Editor:

As reported by Tim Forsberg and John Howell, House Education Chairman Robert M. McNamara is eager to spend lots of taxpayer money on what he euphemistically refers to as "government investment." ("Lawmakers push for universal Pre-K in RI," April 17).

Chairman McNamara is an advocate for universal pre-kindergarten. He can't tell us how much this proposal will cost the taxpayers, but he is certain it "may" be worth it in the long run.

I call this legislating by wishful

thinking. My understanding is that taxpayers currently spend more than \$20,000 per year per K-12 pupil. And yet test scores show that only 30% of students in grades 3 through 8 are proficient in math and reading. Why hasn't that lavish spending resulted in better scores? Mr. McNamara doesn't say.

Mr. McNamara also claims this program "could reduce rates of incarceration" and "curb those costs" of imprisonment. But I'm skeptical.

For example, I don't think any pre-kindergarten experience would have made Craig Price a model citizen instead of a serial killer. And keeping

Price incarcerated is worth every penny spent.

I'm also suspicious about McNamara's stipulation that "30% of funding would be set aside for development and administration of programs." That sounds like a plan to add even more administrative positions to an already top-heavy public school bureaucracy.

McNamara's plan may make sense to you, but it sure doesn't make sense to me.

A. H. Liddle
Warwick

A look at Trump's first 100 days — pluses, minuses

To the Editor:

Our present administration has just completed its first 100 days. It has produced both needed accomplishments and deep concerns.

There is much to review, but I will keep it simple. I will review what most Americans require: financial stability and public safety.

The financials have been extremely disruptive caused by proposed increased tariffs on most of our trading partners. This will cause a severe impact on all our financials, both spending and savings.

On public safety there is some good news, as we are

currently deporting many violent criminal migrants making positive strides in public safety.

There is much to accomplish in the next 100 days, and one thing I suggest is a review of the firings of more than 100,000 dedicated federal employees.

We still have a need for a stable economy, medical coverage for all, personal safety in all public spaces and racial equality for all.

Move forward now.

Bob Sweeney
Warwick

Trump's war on the nation's older adults

By MAUREEN MAIGRET

May is Older Americans month, a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, highlight trends and reaffirm commitments to serving older adults in our nation, state and communities.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration is at war with our nation's older adults. First, it was the attack on Social Security as offices were closed, workers targeted for layoffs and beneficiaries told they could not provide information over the phone but would need to visit offices or go online, which many older adults and some of those with disabilities are not capable of doing.

Next was an attack on the Administration for Community Living as Health and Human Services Secretary Robert J. Kennedy proposed its dismantling, with functions delegated to other agencies. ACL oversees the Older Americans Act, which funds states across the country to assist older adults with their nutrition needs, offer services such as home care and transportation, protect the rights of nursing home residents, deal with cases of abuse and neglect of older adults and help explain the complexities of Medicare.

Not only was the ACL proposed for dismantling, but

important programs targeted for elimination including the long-term care ombudsman program, lifespan-respite services and adult-protection services support. Loss of funding for these programs would seriously impact the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging, which receives half of its funding from the federal government.

Former Rhode Island Congressman John E. Fogarty was a driving force in the passage of the Older Americans Act, which laid the groundwork for many of the programs administered by the Administration for Community Living. Our nation's older population is growing. In Rhode Island, there has been a 25% increase in persons age 60+ since 2020, and in six of our communities 25% of the population is age 65 and over. Eliminating programs that help keep older adults healthy, safe and independent is irrational and just plain wrong.

Now we wait with great anxiety for an attack on Medicaid as Congress attempts to find the nearly \$900 billion in savings over 10 years needed to extend tax advantages for the extremely wealthy. Medicaid – which pays for long-term supports and services including nursing-home care, adult day services, home care and assisted living for thousands of older Rhode Islanders and persons with disabilities – will likely be a prime target.

Wildfire risk and the reality of old growth forests

By JOE SHANNON

I am writing to respond to recent letters and comments from Nathan Cornell regarding wildfire in Rhode Island that contained inaccurate and dangerous comments.

First, I would like to highlight that, contrary to Mr. Cornell's comments, RI forests are in fact more than fire prone and are actually fire dependent. Common species in RI, like pitch pine, thrive when exposed to fire. Their seeds need the heat from a fire to release, and the bare soil that results to get established. Their trunks and buds are specially adapted to protect them from the heat and vigorously grow into new openings. According to USGS LANDFIRE data most of the forests in RI have evolved over millennia to have frequent low intensity fires (on average every 6-15 years), and drier forests in the southern part of the state expect fires even more frequently (every 0-5 years).

Like many fire-prone forests around the world, there is a correlation with experiencing drier conditions. In

RI, sandy soils do not hold much water; they drain easily and dry fast, meaning that an overly dense forest can have trees fighting each other for resources, making them weaker. These weaker trees are more likely to die in a fire, more likely to have dead branches further down their stems leading to more severe fire conditions, and more likely to have dead wood debris dried out on the forest floor, leading to hotter fires that cause more soil damage. These forest are also more susceptible to other risks such as insect outbreaks (spongy moth) and drought (summer 2022).

There are lots of reasons people care about and enjoy forests, and lots of different forest structures that people can rightfully value, including the types of dense, closed forests that Mr. Cornell seems to favor. However, the idea that all "old growth" forests match this description stems from a lack of historical and ecological context about the variety of forests throughout Rhode Island, New England and North America.

Many RI forests have

evolved for frequent low intensity fires, and many areas in RI and coastal New England have been managed with fire as a tool by tribal nations for millennia. Had these forests not been converted to agriculture (and later abandoned) we would see relatively open forests that had persisted for hundreds to thousands of years under careful and guided stewardship. Those forests would not be considered "old growth" under the conditions set out in previous letters to the editor and in the problematic Old Growth Forest Protection Act (H 5294). The singular definition of "old growth" as both "untouched wilderness" and "dense, closed, rainforest-like greenery" erases history and collapses the wonderful range of natural forests we are all so lucky to experience.

RI has a chance to lead on being ready for the fire risk that faces us as we experience longer, warmer and drier falls and springs, like this last fall with fires in the state and up and down the East Coast. RI will not be able to prepare if we choose to ignore the science, ignore the history

and ignore the risk. Education and incentive programs for residents can prepare communities for increased fire risk with proactive defense and informed forest management.

I have spent 22 years studying forests and disturbance, and I work on new methods to measure the effects of wildfire and forest management on the values people hold (safety, clean water, wildlands health, forest products). As an expert in the field I submitted testimony against the Old Growth Protection Act, and urge others to oppose this bill. I would also be happy to speak in person with any state legislator who wants to learn more.

Joe Shannon holds a Ph.D. in forest hydrology. His research included how disturbances such as climate change and invasive species affect forests and what forest managers can do to preserve threatened ecosystems. A Cranston resident, he currently works for a private firm focused on the impact of wildfires, leading its efforts at quantifying and mitigating wildfire risks to water quality and quantity.

anticoagulant rodenticides contaminate waterways and infiltrate the food chain. Alarmingly, they also pose a serious risk to children. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, thousands of young children require treatment for rodenticide poisoning each year. In 2023, 70% of reported exposures involved children under the age of 6.

Given the significant dangers to wildlife, public health and the environment, California banned the most toxic anticoagulant rodenticides in 2021. Since then, rodent complaints in cities across California have steadily declined, reaching a 10-year low. The evidence is clear: poison bans work.

With Rhode Island facing a growing rodent crisis, it is time for similar action. The Audubon Society of Rhode Island has made banning these harmful poisons a top legislative priority. Sen. Melissa Murray and

Rep. Rebecca Kislak have introduced legislation (S651 / H5704) that would prohibit the use of the most dangerous rodenticides while providing exemptions for agriculture and true public health – consistent with IPM's philosophy of using poisons only as a last resort.

We commend Johnston, Cranston and Warwick for their commitment to finding more effective, sustainable solutions for rat control. We urge all Rhode Island communities to embrace Integrated Pest Management and support the health of natural predators, such as eagles, hawks and owls, that are part of the solution.

Jeffrey C. Hall is executive director of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island

We must also be concerned that Medicare may be another battle in Trump's 'War on Older Adults.' Despite the president's claims that Medicare will not be touched, we do not yet know what the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid administrator has in mind but will be closely watching.

It is important to know what is at stake by these short-sighted proposals. We all need to speak up loudly to stop this 'War on Older Adults' and the disruption and collapse of programs so important to the lives of Rhode Island's older adults and adults with disabilities and those across the nation.

Maureen Maigret, a former Rhode Island state representative and director of the state Department of Elderly Affairs, is a consultant on aging policy and long-term services.

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A smarter, safer approach to rat control

By JEFFERY C. HALL

Last week, a story in the Johnston Sun Rise entitled "Rats!" highlighted the growing rodent problem in many of our local cities and towns, along with some of the alternative control measures under consideration. Johnston, Cranston and Warwick are taking thoughtful and proven approaches by implementing a strategy known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). This strategy has long been recognized as the gold standard for managing pest populations, including rats.

Integrated Pest Management implements a variety of measures, such as proper trash management, habitat modification and biological controls before resorting to chemical options. The heavy reliance on poison bait boxes – such as the 400 deployed in Johnston – may worsen the problem, as IPM guidelines suggest that natural predators, such as birds of prey, can remove an abundance of rodents from communities and are much safer and more effective than poisons.

Raptors – including owls, hawks and eagles – can each consume thousands of rodents each year. Unfortunately, the widespread use of anticoagulant rodenticides in bait boxes threatens these vital predators. These poisons take five to ten days to kill rats, during which time the rodents become easy prey. When poisoned rats are consumed by raptors, the toxins also accumulate in their bodies, often resulting in the deaths of these owls, hawks and eagles. An Eastern screech-owl, for example, may eat over 1,000 rodents annually, but ingesting just one or two poisoned rats can be fatal.

The risks extend beyond wildlife. Research shows that

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devoid of the snow,

rejoicing the free ones,
with flowers to lead them
To sway....

Mixing fresh colors with May.

Hearts that are tuned
To the music of color

will sway with the waves of fresh Light.

Joining their heartbeat
And songs of delight
That winter is past;

the dew on the grass.

And now we can grasp
Being lighter,

In dress,

and in hope.

For long nights are gone

And birds know the song
That welcomes the dawn....

Leading on.

*Carol Bo Howell
Warwick*



The Hendricken Mock Trial team is pictured after winning the state competition, from left: Rebecca Warr, legal coach; Edward Saroka, Jacob Harrigan, Ryan Lopez, Benjamin Warr, Lucas Caporasso, Nathan Viera, Matthew Pappas, Adam Barboza-Simpkins, Hendricken Principal Mark DiCiccio and Donna Lynch, Mock Trial coach. *Submitted photo*

● **TRIAL** from page 1

Benjamin Warr, son of Rebecca and Ronald Warr and a lawyer on the team, said the team would be argue two cases – one for the defense and the other the prosecution – in each round. Trials follow strict time restrictions and teams are awarded points on their performance.

Benjamin said the team came together in late September. It has been pretty intense since then, says coach Warr. She estimates the students have put in four to five hours a week doing research, reading cases and preparing. Twenty-five teams competed in the state competition, which narrowed the field to 16 in three preliminaries. After winning the state competition, the team received a 112-page packet on April 1 that spelled out the case including affidavits from all of those involved in from witnesses to law-enforcement in the totally fictitious case for the nationals.

Thinking on their feet

Coach Warr said she “fell in love” with her role when asked to help out the team three years ago.

“They’re a very dedicated group of boys,” she said. She said the experience “will pay off in all their classes, helping them conduct research and to think on their feet.”

That was evident Thursday when Ryan Lopez, playing the role of defendant “Hollis,” took the stand. There were chuckles when Flaherty said Hollis looked to be 17 years old and not the 73 he said on the stand. Under repeated questioning, Hollis stuck to his story of befriending Tajari Hakika [Jacob Harrigan] an employee, and although they had argued and he became heated, he was innocent of attempted murder.

In summarizing the performance, Flaherty said “everyone gets nervous,” and as a result they go too fast. He urged the students not only to slow down, but when they find they have missed a portion of their argument, or have forgotten it, to pause and inform the court they are reviewing notes rather than move ahead and come off the tracks. He suggested a short opening statement keying in on what the defense will show, but not bringing up the issue of reasonable doubt until the closing at which time to highlight inconsistencies in witness statements.

“Put the question in their [the jury] minds,” he said.

“You want to put as many bulbs on the Christmas tree as possible,” he said referring to elements of the prosecution’s story that can be questioned.

In his 32 years at the court, Wolserseder said, he has seen thousands of lawyers. He commended the students on their performance. Spaziano, who filled several pages of a legal notepad with observations, drilled down to some fine points that Coach Warr and the team were glad to get.

In addition to Benjamin Warr, Jacob Harrigan and Ryan Lopez, other members of the team are Lucas Caporaso, Matthew Pappas, Edward Saroka, Nathan Vieira and Adam Barboza-Simpkins. Working with coach Warr is teacher-moderator Donna Lynch.

Coach Warr said the Rhode Island Bar Association has been helpful as well as lawyers Pamela Chin, Chris Barone and Chris Friel, who have worked with the team.

● **TAXES** from page 1

Acting school superintendent William McCaffrey was highly appreciative of the state increase. He said yesterday he is looking forward to the city budget hearings and working with everyone, including the School Budget Commission.

“I think they understand,” Picozzi said of the School Committee, adding that the city couldn’t afford to give them what they requested. Troubling him is that schools don’t have a handle on their deficit or a plan to take them out of the red. The mayor is optimistic that the School Budget Commission that was scheduled to hold its third meeting yesterday afternoon will be able to get its arms around the deficits and develop a five-year plan to put the department on a positive financial footing. The commission heard last week that the deficit is \$400K for FY 23 and \$700K in FY 24. The projected deficit for FY25 is in the range of \$7 million, making for a total of \$8.1 million.

“There’s no way I can give them the \$5 million to \$6 million they want [to pay down the deficit],” the mayor said. Apart from needing to “right-size schools,” Picozzi said, the department can’t look at righting the ship in one year.

Debt interest payments top \$8 million

The largest single increase in city budget expenditures – a hike of 124.5% – is in debt interest payments totaling \$8.7 million that is largely attributable to school improvement bonds. Picozzi is concerned by the impact and timing of issuing the full \$350 million in bonds for the new high schools and said, “we’re not going to be borrowing all at once.”

Heading forecasts that the \$350 million wouldn’t be enough to complete the schools, the City Council is calling for General Assembly approval of a special election for an additional \$50-million bond. Picozzi could not say when that is expected to be heard in committee, but he would like to hold the election as soon as possible. Then, with voter approval, the city would have the funds to complete the schools. If, on the other hand, voters fail to grant approval, Picozzi points out, there is no Plan B, as activist Barry Cook observed at a recent council meeting.

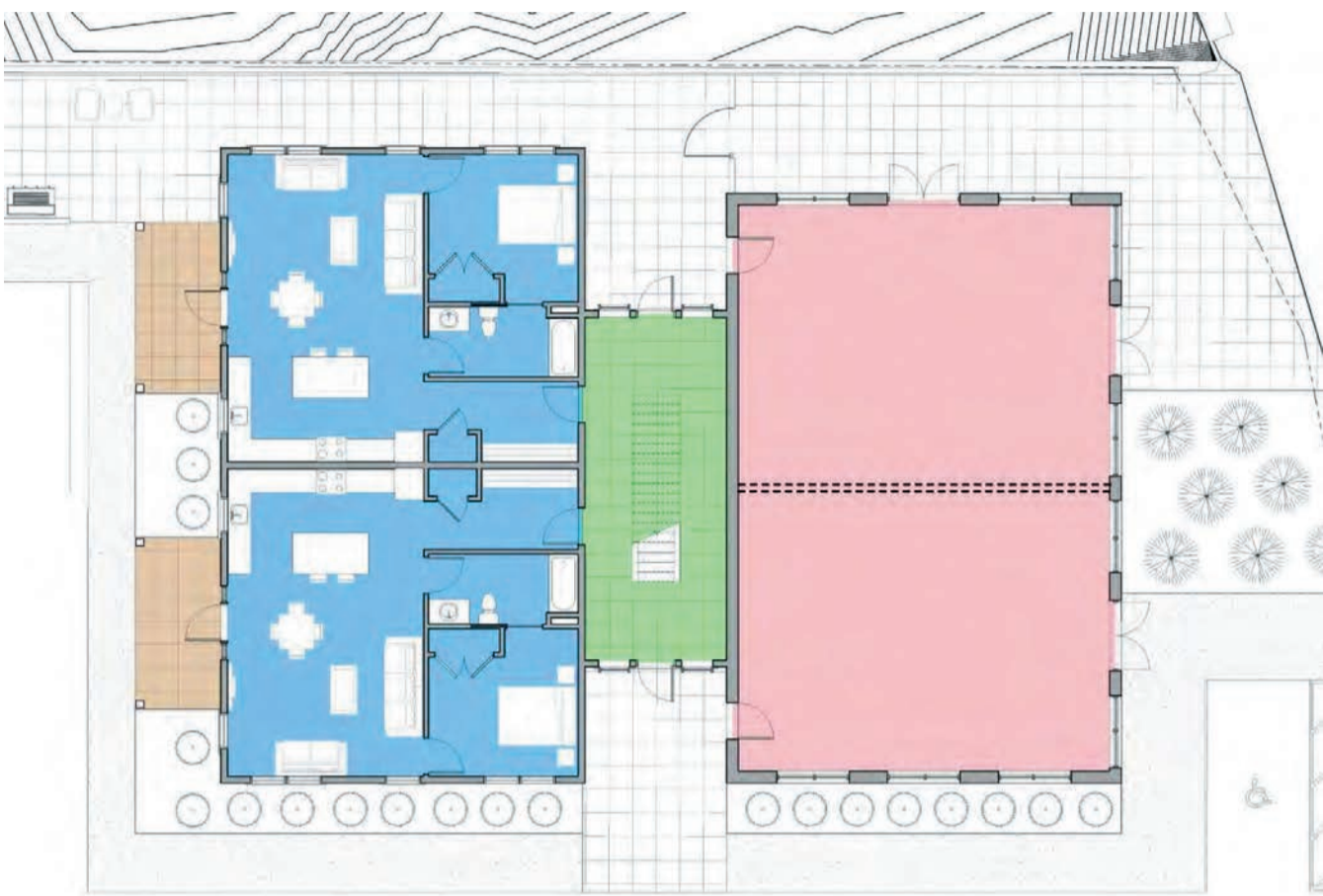
As for the city side of the budget, the mayor said he looked to “tighten the belt” without diminishing services or cutting personnel. He is not adding personnel, noting that the Department of Public Works, with a budget of \$17.7 million, remains down 22 personnel from the staff it had in 2017. The DPW allocation is up 3.6%.

The Police Department is budgeted at \$26.6 million, an increase of 6.5%, and the Fire Department is budgeted at \$31 million, an increase of 7.5%.

Employee benefits are up 12.9% to \$32.9 million.

The budget calls for a \$3.7-million drawdown from city reserves, which are nearly \$31 million.

The first of the budget hearings will be held Monday, May 19 at 4 p.m.



A rendering of the “Hunter’s Landing” development proposed for 9 Post Rd. in Pawtuxet.

● **DEVELOPMENT** from page 1

According to the narrative accompanying the request of Bridge Group, LLC (Albanese’s limited liability company), for approvals of a Major Land Development Project, the western and eastern structures would have two one-bedroom, single level flats on the ground floor and two two-story townhomes on the second and third floors.

Restaurant not in the cards

Furthermore, the plans drafted by Joe Casali Engineering, Inc. (JCE) of Warwick, call for 1,510 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor of the eastern side of the building. Albanese Jr. says this could be a single commercial establishment or divided into two. He is “not looking favorably” on a restaurant.

“The eastern structure ground floor units will have patio spaces and the upper townhouse units will have patio spaces and the upper townhouse units will have decks above the common space entry doors,” reads the narrative. Common space would be comprised of the building entry, lobby and stairwell.

The existing Hunter’s Garage would be demolished according to the proposal.

According to the city zoning, parking ordinances for multi-family residential units and commercial space, the

development would require a minimum of 20 parking spaces. The proposal calls for 22 spaces. Vehicles would enter the property from the north and would be restricted to existing the premise to the south.

Built in 1930, Hunter’s Garage sat vacant for years before being acquired by the Albaneses who are the largest village property owners. They cleaned up the garage property that had become a site for derelict vehicles and trash, painted the building, adding windows which gave a façade more fitting to the historical character of the village.

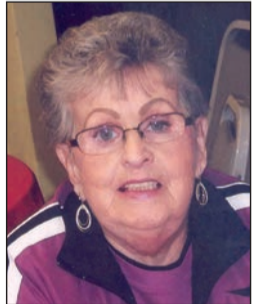
Village scuttlebutt centered on what would become of the property. Two plans were advanced, the first being the combination of a restaurant and housing and the second a year ago for an all-residential 12-unit building. Both plans met strong headwinds from the Historic District Commission and village residents for being overpowering and were not pursued.

After briefly scanning the plans, Leslie said “it’s an improvement, but I’m not sure I can go for it.” What troubles her are the one-foot side yard setbacks from the abutting residential property for parking requiring an exception to the regulations from the city.

Repeating what one member of the Historic District Commission said in reviewing a development, Leslie said developers need to start their plans around what they have for property, not with what they want.

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Restaurants on the move



It's time to make artisanal bread

By **JOY FOX**
Beacon Media Publisher

The seventh Seven Stars had its soft opening on May 7, with grand opening celebrations set for Wednesday, May 14, according to JJ Smith, the CEO of the artisan bread company.

Most recently, their newest location in Edgewood, at the intersection of Broad Street and Warwick and Norwood Avenues, was home to a Santander Bank.

"It's a privilege to bring Seven Stars to this neighborhood," said Smith, noting the company's original founders, Jim and Lynn Williams, lived in Edgewood for a time. "This is a nod to their legacy."

The new space will be among largest in the company's portfolio at 2,500 square feet. Smith says the landlord explored trying to split the space into two storefronts, but after working with architects in an effort to maximize the customer experience, it was decided to keep current foot-

print.

The indoor and outdoor space will accommodate about 50 people seated. And to keep the operation humming, they will have a crew of 15 to 20 people.

Over the course of his career, Smith has worked with several brands and countless openings, but he notes a Seven Stars opening is different.

"[Seven Stars] is a Rhode Island icon," he said. "One of our core values is being a part of the community, and we work to stay connected to the community."

The café first opened in 2001 in Providence. Its Hope Street location, which was once a gas station, remains the bakery's flagship location.

This is Smith's second opening since joining the company as chief executive in March 2024. His first opening was Seven Stars number six in East Greenwich.

When asked what makes for a successful opening, without missing a beat he laughed and said, "have lots of bread on hand."



Sonia's heads for Atwood Ave.

By **BARBARA POLICHELLI**
Beacon Media Staff Writer

Sonia's Market & Deli, a popular eatery on Park Avenue, is staying in the city, but will soon move to more spacious quarters on Atwood Avenue, according to an announcement it posted to its social media accounts last week.

The business, which offers traditional Armenian foods with an American twist, is known for its bountiful sandwiches and salads. It has occupied its location at 816 Park Ave. since 2011, but that is about to change.

"Our business is growing!! Can you believe it!? Pretty soon Sonia's will be opening on ATWOOD AVE in Cranston!!," the business states in what it billed as a "huge announcement" on Facebook and Instagram.

"We will have more important announcements and news coming about what else we are working on. But for now, we're just so excited to share this excitement with you

(and really excited to have more kitchen space) so stay tuned to see what we're working on, and what we're cooking up!!"

No one from the restaurant was available by press time to answer questions about the new location or details about the timing of the move.

According to the business' website, it was started by the brother-and-sister team of Ara and Sevan Janigian in 2011.

"As a brother-sister team, our dream was to create more than just a deli in Cranston," the restaurant states on its website. "It's about bringing to life the flavors of our Armenian heritage, blended with an American twist. Every dish we serve is a piece of our story, a celebration of culture and the joy of bringing fresh, delicious food to our community."

Sonia's, which also provides catering services, has built a faithful following and is always crowded at lunch and dinner, with parking spots hard to find.

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Ruggerio's \$148K campaign account lives on

By **NANCY LAVIN**
Rhode Island Current

In his final months as Rhode Island Senate president, the late Dominick Ruggerio continued to rake in campaign donations, according to the first-quarter report filed with the Rhode Island Board of Elections last Wednesday.

Ruggerio died on April 21. But his campaign finance account, and its \$148,000 balance, lives on, with state law laying out a host of options for how the balance in his war chest can be spent. Apart from paying off any outstanding loans or other debt, the money can be used to support other candidates, political parties and political action committees, donated to charity or returned to donors.

There's no deadline by which a deceased officeholder or candidate's campaign account must be closed, as long as there's a treasurer willing to administer the funds and file quarterly reports with the state Board of Elections.

Jim Aceto, Ruggerio's brother-in-law, who was named as his campaign finance treasurer in 2008, said the family had not decided what to do with Ruggerio's campaign funds.

"We're not even thinking about that," Aceto said in an interview last Thursday.

Only one other campaign finance account remains open and active for a deceased officeholder or candidate, said Ric Thornton, the state elections board campaign finance director.

Former Warwick Mayor Joe Solomon died in May 2021, but his son, Rep. Joe Solomon Jr., has maintained the account as its designated treasurer since his dad's death. The deceased Solomon has over \$67,000 cash on hand in his account, though no new donations have been made since his death. The campaign has spent money one time since May 2021, making a \$500 donation in September 2024 to St. George Maronite Catholic Church in Cranston for a memorial, according to the report filed with the state elections board.

Joseph Solomon Jr., a Warwick Democrat first elected in 2014, did not return multiple calls for comment.

A third account for a deceased officeholder, former Cranston City Council President John E. Lanni Jr., remains open but inactive. After deducting bank fees, the remaining \$1,200 balance was transferred to the state's unclaimed property account, overseen by the Office of the General Treasurer, following Lanni's death in 2020, Thornton said. Lois Lanni, John Lanni's wife and the treasurer for his campaign account, died in 2019.

Prior to his death, Ruggerio missed most of the 2025 legislative session due to illness, including two stays at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in his North Providence district. But the 76-year-old Democrat nonetheless received a strong show of financial support from fellow officeholders, labor and business leaders.

Ruggerio reported nearly \$93,000 in donations in the first three months of

2025, including \$64,000 from individual donors and nearly \$29,000 from political action committees. His financial supporters included local auto body shop owners, Bally's Corp. lobbyists and two of his predecessors: former Senate Presidents Billy Irons and Teresa Paiva-Weed, who donated \$300 and \$250, respectively. Gov. Dan McKee gave \$1,000 to Ruggerio, while McKee's 2022 Republican rival, Ashley Kalus, donated \$150.

Ruggerio spent more than \$65,400 from his campaign account in the first three months of the year, including more than \$31,000 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick on Feb. 5 for a political fundraiser.

Ruggerio also contributed to many fellow lawmakers. He gave \$1,000 to Sen. Val Lawson, the East Providence Democrat, his majority leader, who was elected last Tuesday to succeed him as president. Ruggerio also gave \$500 to Sen. Frank Ciccone, a Providence Democrat tapped as the new majority leader. Senate Minority Leader Jessica de la Cruz, a North Smithfield Republican who voted for herself in the leadership election among state senators Tuesday, received a \$100 donation from Ruggerio's campaign.

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Lifestyles

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WARWICK BEACON



Tony Ricci was properly attired as he set to cleaning his hives and putting them in order for the upcoming season. *Beacon Media photos by John Howell*

Spring cleaning for

50,000

inhabitants

By JOHN HOWELL
Warwick Beacon Editor

By trade, Anthony Ricci is a landscaper and a singer – although, he says, the singing gigs aren’t what they used to be. There are way too many funerals lately.

And then there’s another side to Tony, one where you can’t see his contagious smile. On a recent Friday afternoon as the temperatures finally crawled into the 60s, Tony wore a hat with fine netting draped across his face and the back of his neck. His voice was muffled. His jacket could have come from a first responder’s wardrobe. It was of heavy material, had giant pockets and reached below his knees. His jeans were strapped tightly around his ankles. His gloves were thick, but they didn’t restrict his movements.

On the other hand, his accomplice – his wife, Lorna, who for decades ran the Warwick-based Ocean State Center for Independent Living – was in spring clothes, hatless, fearless and ready to help.

Tony was on the front line of spring cleaning five beehives, lined up so they are exposed to the south and the sun, for another season of harvesting. Not all that far away is Hoxsie Four Corners with its own busy bees of motorists and shoppers.

Seemingly no concern to the bees that seemed intent on their work, Tony lifted a cement block from one hive and placed it on the ground before raising the cover to inspect what was inside.

“This is all insulation,” he said pulling sheets of pink foam from inside and around the hive. Without it during this unusually harsh winter, Tony and Lorna surely would have lost hives.

With the warmer weather, bees went about their work entering the hives from a screen lattice not far from the ground.

Feeding bees a tile of pollen

“This one is active,” said Tony, lifting the lid to another hive. “They could use some pollen.”

Lorna knew what that meant. She left, returning with a pollen patty about the size of a bathroom tile and the same thickness. Tony laid it on the upper floor of the hive and replaced the top.

A bee colony will have 30,000 to 50,000 bees. The queen can lay upwards of 1,500 eggs daily. She lives in the hive along with worker bees, which live up to six months and run the place. Drones mate with the queen and live one to two months.

Nearby was the smoker, a handheld device about the size of a coffee pot with an enlarged spout. Smoke wafted from the spout. Tony lifted it to demonstrate its use, waving it near the opening to the hive. The bees didn’t seem to mind. They weren’t angry, but they retreated. Tony uses the smoker when the bees are agitated and when removing honeycombs.

The Grumpy hive

He uses the smoker more on “Grumpy,” his name for the hive that customarily is more troublesome than the others.

“Inside the hive is not a happy place,” he concludes.

Hives are built with removable stories with the top story – the super – being the one for harvesting the honey. Before removing it, he smokes the hive, causing the inhabitants to congregate near the queen downstairs. Then he brings the whole honeycombed flat, weighing about 45 pounds, to his cellar to separate and bottle the honey. Last year the Riccis bottled more than 600 12-ounce bottles. The first harvest of the season is a light yellow hue

called “white honey.” As the season progresses, the honey gets darker. Last fall, Tony said, it was so dark and syrupy that he left it in the hive. Perhaps it was a telltale of the cold to follow. He augments what honey is left in the hive with plate-sized rings of hardened sugar.

Local honey sold in local stores

Lorna’s late brother Kurt Cameron introduced them to beekeeping and was their mentor until his death. They forged their own way in 2017 and haven’t stopped. They sell the honey at Sandy Lane Meat Market and other local outlets. A 12-ounce bottle sells for \$11.

Tony said he started off with Italian bees, but at this point “they are Rhode Island mongrels.”

Swarming occurs when a queen is pushed out of the hive by a new queen. The old queen takes off with her retinue to establish a new hive.

Tony said yard-spraying for insects kills bees and other pollinators. He is also down on herbicides, especially ones used at this time of year to kill dandelions that are among the first spring flowering plants. The herbicides also kill the bees that he finds dead.

Tony probably could have tended the hives without wearing all the protective gear. He has a good relationship with his bee team and he believes they understand he’s there to help and protect them ... but then one never knows what the Grumpy hive might have for him.



Partially eaten pollen and sugar placed in the hive to help the bees through the winter are revealed once the lid of the hive is lifted. *Beacon Media photos by John Howell*



Lorna Ricci and her husband, Tony, are the beekeeping team with hives not far from Hoxsie Four Corners. *Beacon Media photos by John Howell*

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

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Taking flight



A Great Egret takes flight from Salter Grove Memorial Park in Warwick with the Port of Providence in the background. Submitted photo by Tom Wojick

See it on the Screen
with Joyce & Don Fowler

CONAN O'BRIEN — MARK TWAIN AWARDS

(Comedy Honors)

The annual Mark Twain Award for comedy is awarded every year at Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Fans of Conan O'Brien won't want to miss this year's event as the writer/performer is honored by his peers in a bitter-sweet evening of comedy and not-so-subtle pokes at the new administration and what one man has single-handedly done to tear the heart out of the revered center for the arts.

AVON

ON SWIFT HORSES
** 1/2

Lee and Muriel leave their meager existence in Kansas to start a new life together in California.

Lee's brother comes in and out of their lives as he also strives to start anew, working in a Vegas casino, striking up a relationship with a co-worker that turns deadly.

Meanwhile, Muriel decides that she wants more out of life than working as a waitress.

She becomes involved with another woman, starts drinking and betting on horse races, making enough money to support her new life.

The plot plays out like an old B movie with the addition of R-rated sex scenes and moves slowly toward an unrealistic ending.

You will not like these characters.



The Four Seasons

NETFLIX

THE FOUR SEASONS

(Relationships Flick)

Tina Fey helped in the writing of this bittersweet relationships movie that stresses how much work is needed to create a successful marriage.

Fay stars as Kate, alongside Will Forte as Jack. On the surface they appear to have a happy marriage, but they are not always honest with each other. Steve Carell plays Nick and the delightful Kerri Kenney-Silver plays Anne, who is blown away when Nick has a midlife crisis and asks for a divorce.

Colman Domingo and Marco Calvani play a married gay couple.

The couples have been friends since their college days and take vacations together four times a year.

Things change in between their get-togethers, with the biggest bombshell being Nick and Anne's divorce and Nick bringing his half-his-age girlfriend along for the next trip.

There are some funny moments, but also some very poignant ones, especially with Anne who has serious problems dealing with the situation.

Couples therapy, infidelity, resentments, effects on grown children and the very existence of lifelong love are explored in a series that occasionally misses the mark but has enough going for it to cuddle up and watch on a rainy eve.



On Swift Horses

Case remains unsolved in Warwick

Back in the Day

by Kelly Sullivan



The tops had been cut off the too-large rubber boots on five-year-old Donald Darigan's feet. Still, he was having a difficult time trudging through the recently fallen snow on the ground. Donald and his 12-year-old brother Robert had gone with their 23-year-old brother Lester down to Gorton's Pond that day — Dec. 30, 1945 — to hunt deer and rabbit. Now, they were trying to make their way home through the woods.

Robert and Lester instructed Donald to follow the path, which was easier to walk, out to the main road where they would meet up with him in just a short time. When the two older boys reached the road about ten minutes later and Donald wasn't there, they assumed he had simply decided to continue on alone to their family's small cot-

tage on Lucille Street. When they got to the house however, Donald wasn't there. The two boys returned to the pond and followed their little brother's footprints to Trinity Street where the trail soon dissolved into the slushy, melted snow.

Later, a search party scanned the town. Sixteen-year-old Helen Rose, who resided with her parents on Main Avenue in Warwick, announced that she had seen Donald walking down the street at about 3:15 that day. He had entered Main Avenue from Trinity Street she said. He'd told her that he was looking for his brothers and had gotten lost, then he asked her how to get to "Seal Street." Helen didn't know of any such street and it was later assumed the boy had been attempting to say, "Lucille Street." Helen was headed toward Post Road, at the corner, where she planned to board the bus for Providence. Donald walked with her as far as the Green-

wood train bridge, about a mile from his house.

"He would have known his way home from there," his parents Lester and Sarah Darigan told the police when the information was shared with them. Flyers were made up and police departments around the state were called. The missing boy stood at 4'3" and weighed 80 pounds. He had blue eyes, light brown hair and freckles. At the time of his disappearance, he was wearing brown snow pants, a green plaid shirt, a tall rounded hat colored navy blue and red, and a pea coat colored blue, red, orange and green. He wore a medal suspended from a chain around his neck, and a bracelet with his name on it. His description included a scar near the hairline on his forehead, and a broken front tooth.

Donald's disappearance resulted in the most intensive missing person's search ever organized in Rhode Island. The search



Donald Darigan. Submitted photo

party included friends, relatives, town residents, police officers, forest rangers, firefighters and Boy Scouts.

Eighty years have passed since five-year-old Donald Darigan disappeared one mile from his Warwick home. It's likely that anyone who knew anything about his disappearance is no longer alive. If anyone has any information to share, however, please call the Warwick Police at 401-468-4200.

Cathy's Cat Corner: One cat or two?

Spring is kitten season, and if you're thinking of adopting a feline companion, now is the perfect time to visit the RISPCA or another local animal shelter. While a single kitten might seem easier to manage, two kittens are often less work, and a whole lot of fun to watch!

Kittens are playful, curious, and full of energy. And while that makes them adorable, it also means they need lots of mental and physical stimulation to help them grow into well-adjusted adult cats. A single kitten without a playmate can become bored easily, which often leads to unwanted behaviors like climbing curtains, grabbing and biting your ankles anytime you walk by, among others.

If you have two kittens, they will entertain each other, learn boundaries through play, and form a strong bond that provides comfort when you are not home. In fact, in many cases, two kittens are less work than one. They will tire each other out and develop social skills in ways humans simply cannot replicate. So, if you think you may want two cats someday, I highly suggest adopting a pair of kittens from the start.

Of course, every kitten needs human interaction. Just because you adopt two, does not mean you are off the hook. Playtime with you is not just fun, it's es-

sential for your kitten's development. Interactive play such as wand toys, food puzzles, and training sessions, helps prevent behavior problems, builds confidence, and strengthens the bond between you and your cat.

tured introduction, but there are no guarantees.

Not all cats will become best friends. Sometimes you end up with reluctant roommates that coexist. As long as they are not fighting or showing signs of stress, that's a win.

new people, pets and sounds, food puzzles, play/enrichment, and introduction to clicker and harness training.

These early life experiences are essential for developing confident adult cats. Just like puppies go to training and socialization classes, kittens can also benefit from these classes, as well. It's a great way to create a strong human-animal bond from the start.

So, whether you are adopting a pair of kittens, one kitten, or adding to your existing feline family, take some time to consider what is best for your lifestyle and for the cats. With thoughtful choices, working with the animal care staff, and some preparation, you can ensure your new addition thrives for years to come.

Next month, I'll be letting you know why playing with your cat is one of the most important things you can do, not just for their health and happiness, but it strengthens your bond, as well.

If you have any questions about this month's article, or questions about behavior concerns with your cat, you can reach out to me at cathy.simonini@rispca.org. I am happy to be a resource to you and your cat!

Bye for meow,
Cathy

If you think you may want two cats in the future, adopt a pair from the start. A pair that already have a history of being friends and enjoying each other's company.

What if you are unable to have two cats?

That's okay! Many cats actually prefer to be the only cat in the home, and shelters are full of amazing cats looking for just that. The animal care staff can help you find the right match, whether it's a high-energy cat who needs lots of play, or a more independent cat who enjoys solo time.

What if you already have a cat and are thinking of adding another one?

Look for a companion with similar energy and play style. They need to be compatible. As an example, an active kitten may overwhelm an older cat, leading to stress and conflict. Again, the animal care staff can assist you with finding a good match.

Anytime you bring home a new cat, there should always be a slow and struc-

This is why, if you think you may want two cats in the future, adopt a pair from the start. A pair that already have a history of being friends and enjoying each other's company. This will also help them adjust quicker in your home, because they will have their best buddy with them.

To help our kittens grow into confident adult cats, we are excited to announce that the RISPCCA will be launching Kitten Kindergarten starting this May. These classes are designed to set kittens and their humans up for a lifetime of success.

Kitten Kindergarten includes:

- An informational Zoom session to go over the program and to discuss the basics of kitten care and socialization
- Two in-person socialization and training classes
- Topics include veterinary handling, introducing to



This kitty crew will be available for adoption in about six weeks at the RISPCCA. Submitted photo by RISPCCA



Recently adopted kittens, Truffle and Fudge, are settling in their new home. Submitted photo by RISPCCA

FirstWorks announces Summer Beats 2025: celebration of global music returns with four free concerts

Photos courtesy of firstworks.org



Las Guaracheras



William Cepeda & Elio Villafranca



Khumariyaan



Elida Almeida and Chachi Carvalho

FirstWorks, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting art with audiences, announced their 2025 Summer Beats Concert Series featuring a lineup of global artists.

"FirstWorks created Summer Beats six years ago to gather community and unite us through the arts. We are uplifted by audiences aged 1-100 dancing, listening, enjoying food, and finding joy and replenished spirits through the music of extraordinary artists," said Kathleen Pletcher, Executive Artistic Director of FirstWorks. "Global Journeys is a theme we continue to embrace as we invite artists from across the world to Rhode Island and stellar local artists share stages as performers and hosts."

The powerful, all-female salsa sextet Las Guaracheras kicks off the summer series at the Roger Williams Park Bandstand on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Las Guaracheras were founded in Cali, Colombia and perform Afro-Caribbean rhythms, salsa, as well as music from the Pacific region of Colombia.

Coming up next is a groundbreaking collaboration with The William Cepeda & Elio Villafranca Sextet: Merging Roots, at Roger Williams Park Boathouse Lawn on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The "Merging Roots" project unites these two renowned musicians in a dynamic exploration of the shared African roots connecting Cuba, Puerto Rico and New Or-

leans. The event coincides with Food Truck Friday, nearby at the Roger Williams Park Carousel Village starting at 5:00 p.m.

The third concert of this year's Summer Beats global journey transports audiences to the ancient crossroads through the Khyber Pass with an electrifying performance by Pakistan's Khumariyaan, on tour as part of Center Stage, at the Roger Williams Park Boathouse Lawn on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. With its propulsive, furious sound, Khumariyaan is celebrated for blending traditional folk music with modern styles. The event coincides with Food Truck Friday, nearby at the Roger Williams Park Carousel Village starting at 5:00 p.m.

In an exciting new expansion for FirstWorks Summer Beats, the finale concert featuring Cape Verdean vocalist Elida Almeida will take place in the city of Central Falls at Jenks Park on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The concert celebrating Cape Verdean musicians and heritage will also feature local hip-hop hero, Chachi Carvalho, who will open this special local/global double bill concert.

For more information about free FirstWorks Summer Beats Concerts visit <https://firstworks.org>.

Las Guaracheras – an all-female salsa sextet from Colombia
Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Roger Williams Park Bandstand
Free and open to the public

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Friday, July 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Roger Williams Park Boathouse Lawn
Free and open to the public

Khumariyaan, on tour as part of Center Stage – Pakistani folk fusion
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May in years past

By DON FOWLER

20 Years Ago

Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn starred in the spy thriller "The Interpreter."

Don Cheadle and Sandra Bullock were among the many stars in the all-time classic movie, "Crash."

"Star Wars: Episode III-Revenge of the Sith" was the big hit of the summer.

The Whodunnit Murder Mystery Theatre performed "Murder in the Court" starring Geri Sereno, Carol Allen and Stephen Bruno, and directed by Tony Annicone at Warwick's Crowne Plaza.

We reviewed Thayer Street's Greek restaurant, Andrea's, which has opened and closed a number of times over the years. We went across the street and reviewed

Kabob and Curry, which is still going strong.

We also reviewed Cherrystones in Oakland Beach (Now the site of Top of the Bay). It was at this popular Warwick restaurant that we were introduced to tilapia, which has become one of our favorite fish.

Chuck E. Cheese in Warwick had giant hot dogs for \$1.79.

Remember the Pewter Pot in Midland Mall? They had liver and onions for \$4.25.

Alvaro Cassuto led the RI Philharmonic in a Viennese pops concert at PPAC. PPAC also had the Temptations and the Four Tops.

Gallagher was at PPAC.

Cristopher Durang's "Marriage of Bette and Boo" was at the now defunct 2nd Story

Theatre. It starred JM Richardson, Jim Sullivan and Lara Hakeem.

"Smoky Joe's Café" was at PPAC, followed by "Movin' Out," with 24 songs by Billy Joel.

Chelo's had a dozen clam cakes for \$5.98.

Trinity presented the hilarious "The Buzz Gem Blues" starring Timothy Crowe.

40 Years Ago

Anthony Edwards starred in "Gotcha."

Chuck Norris starred in "Code of Silence."

Mia Farrow starred in Woody Allen's "The Purple Rose of Cairo."

Richard Kneeland starred in Noel Cow-

ard's "Present Laughter" at Trinity Rep.

Bob Colonna and Lindy Nettleton starred in "My Fat Friend" at the Newport Playhouse.

The Shrine Circus was at the Cranston Ice Rink. Tickets were \$5, \$2.50 for kids.

Bassett's Inn on West Shore Rd. had prime rib for \$8.95, including their famous salad bar with marinated mushrooms.

Celestino's on West Shore Rd. had fish and chips for \$1.99.

Vallee's had a Maine lobster dinner for \$8.95.

Bickford's in Cranston had a Thursday night special omelet with three fillings plus French fries for \$2.99.

L'Apogee restaurant, high atop the Biltmore Hotel, had prime rib for \$13.75.

Senior Center volunteers recognized for contributions

By **BARBARA POLICHETTI**
Beacon Media Staff Writer

Volunteerism helps make the world go round — particularly at the Cranston Senior Centers.

Last week, the Cranston Senior Services Department held a special luncheon to thank the cadre of volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, known as RSVP.

Held at Fresco restaurant on Comstock Parkway, the lunch recognized the time and talents contributed by volunteers that helps to enhance the services and programs center offers. Being a part of the program also means new opportunities for both volunteers and those that benefit from their services.

Tricia Cipriano, Director of the program, said it helps provide a sense of purpose to seniors who still have much to offer.

“I firmly believe that socialization helps prevents isolation,” she said. “And this program benefits those that are giving their time as well as those that are benefitting from their volunteerism.”

She said that there are more than 80 RSVP volunteers involved with the Senior Center. They help to serve meals, give rides to seniors who don’t have transportation, or share their skills to teach classes or run recreational programs.

The program is part of AmeriCorps which states that it pairs thousands of Americans, age 55 or older with a wide variety of organizations across the country in order to empower them to make changes in their home communities.

“Volunteers are what make Cranston special,” Mayor Kenneth Hopkins said in addressing the crowd. “Thank you for the quality of life we have here...and thank you for helping make our senior center the best in the state.”



They bring the music! Volunteers Margie and Eddie Borbe are known for the popular midday karaoke sessions they have brought to the center. *Beacon Media photos by Barbara Polichetti*



Lunch ladies. Volunteers (L to R) Pearl Fernandes, Eleanor Aloisio and Marilyn McCabe can be found in the Senior Center dining room every day helping to serve lunch. *Beacon Media photos by Barbara Polichetti*



There were lots of smiles as volunteers from the Cranston Senior Center enjoyed a thank you luncheon. L to R: Jane Gemma, Henry Tow and Loni Hooper. *Beacon Media photos by Barbara Polichetti*



Volunteers contribute a lot to the Cranston Senior Center, which held a special thank you lunch for them last week. Pictured here are RSVP volunteers Annette Martinelli (left) and Sharon Martin.

Puerini and Killian join forces for new indie pop project

By **ROB DUGUAY**

It’s always interesting to see what happens when two musicians from different backgrounds get together to create something. Sometimes it’s a seamless melding of their styles, while at other times, it’s a completely different sound with new sonic territories being explored. The latter can be used to describe Crash Space, which is a duo featuring Damian Puerini and Beth Killian. With Killian on vocals, the structure and arrangements put a unique spin on pop music while adding synth distortions, mesmerizing harmonies and an array of samples. This is exemplified in the debut full-length “Space Mom”, which came out on April 28.

I spoke with both Puerini, who is a Cranston native, and Killian about the catalyst for the start of this project, the making of the debut album, and how this is just the beginning for what Crash Space has in store for the future.

Rob Duguay: What was the initial inspiration for starting Crash Space? There’s a pretty interesting framework behind it with Damian coming from the rock & roll world and Beth being involved in folk and singer-songwriter styles.

Damian Puerini: We didn’t have any intentions, we got together to record a cover song and just started making our own. It doesn’t sound much like anything either of us have listened to or have made before, so we were both pretty surprised by what it sounded like. It’s funny to us how different our tastes and styles are, but how we’re also exactly on the same page for this one thing that neither of us previously felt any desire to do.

Beth Killian: Yeah, it’s a pretty new genre for both of us. I had started dabbling in writing electropop tracks about a year ago and put out a DIY EP co-produced with my brother John Killian last June. Damian heard it and thought it’d be cool to write together. He’d been making beats and has done some similar-ish instrumental stuff with his other project Blobfish in



Damian Puerini and Beth Killian. *Submitted photo*

the past, so we started chatting about it at a show and decided to get together and mess around with what we could do. At first, we were just going to get together to make a cover so I could see his workflow for sampling, using an MPC, production, all that stuff, and that was it.

The synergy was wild, and we wanted to try writing and producing something from scratch, and “Space Mom” really just took off from there. It was a surprising but really interesting sound that we both wanted to keep making.

RD: Speaking of “Space Mom”, what was the experience like recording it? Was it completely DIY fashion with you both handling the production or did you work with someone in that capacity?

DP: We recorded it ourselves on both of our bare bones setups. Some tracks we produced together at my home setup, and others were sent to Beth, who wrote and recorded the vocals at her place, both super DIY. We focused on getting the music down and sending it to producer Sammy D’Ambruoso at Andem Street Studios in Providence. He had the difficult job of working with what we were sending him, but he put a ton of work in to clean it all up and is definitely the third member of the group when it comes to recording. Our love of these songs has a lot to do with how Sammy was able to make them sound.

RD: That’s wicked cool. In terms of Crash Space being a creative outlet, what does this project fulfill for both of you and what makes it stand out from the other

bands and projects you’ve been a part of?

DP: For me it’s been a total rush of making things quickly and consistently with another person on the exact same page. We just synched up and have similar workflows. I’ve never collaborated so productively with someone before, where we were both so involved with every little part of it from the music to the arrangements, lyrics and themes. There was a mutual obsession that made our time very productive. We were both pretty entertained by how much fun we were having just making music without any plan.

When there’s no plan and you work well together, you loosen up and just have fun making things. Crash Space is just fun and easy.

BK: I’ve always been more drawn to writing lyrics and melodies, that’s where my experience is, and I only learned basic guitar when I was younger to have something to sing over. Crash Space has given me the opportunity to explore larger sounds, beats, interesting and unexpected clashes and whirrs and instrumental scapes that had been untapped before. Being able to actively co-create all of the elements of a song with someone equally as energetic and exploratory has just been really fun. It’s a creative challenge that we both want to keep going.

RD: Can we expect Crash Space to play any live shows? Are there any future recordings in the works? What does the future hold for this project?

BK: We played as a duo recently and are booking more like that, but we have a full band show coming up on June 28 as part of Schiavone Fest at Platforms Dance Club on 165 Poe Street in Providence. We have drums, bass, keys, backup singers, and we also have three EPs ready to go with another 16 songs to put out. We’ll be getting those tracks to Sammy in the coming weeks. Hopefully the future holds more songs and more recordings and more shows because we both love it.

Raising Cane’s raises chicken fingers standards

Restaurant Review
by **DON FOWLER**

I wouldn’t touch a chicken finger with a ten-foot pole.

And then I broke down and went to Raising Cane’s and experienced an attitude adjustment.

My previous experience with chicken fingers had been at a fast-food chain, where the rubbery, tasteless product turned me off.

Chicken fingers were not for me. They were for kids who went out to eat with their parents where restaurants had added them to the kids’ menu.

Along came Raising Cane’s, built quickly on the spot of a former Chinese restaurant across from the Warwick Mall (336 Bald Hill Rd.)

I broke down this week and stopped at the brightly designed restaurant, where cars were lined up at the drive-through and people inside were ordering take-out and eat-in.

Most were ordering the popular combos, which included the Three Finger Combo, consisting of 3 chicken fingers, fries, sauce, Texas toast and a small drink for \$9.59.

For \$16.59, you can get 6 fingers, fries, sauce, cole slaw and a large drink.

You can buy 100 fingers for \$142.99, enough to feed an entire Cub Scout Pack.

Being extremely apprehensive, I ordered 2 fingers at \$2.29 each and sauce at 49 cents. I think the compassionate employee thought I was down on my luck. He gave me a free soda.

The chicken fingers arrived in a few minutes. They looked like a couple of fried smelts.

I dipped one in the special creamy sauce, and I was in chicken heaven.

Piping hot. Lightly breaded. Tender. Tasty. Terrific.

I’ll be back!

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Civic Chorale to present powerful requiems

The Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra (RICCO) will present a deeply moving and uniquely beautiful concert featuring two powerful works: Herbert Howells’ Requiem and Maurice Duruflé’s Requiem on May 17 and 18.

On the May 17 the concert will be performed at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 237 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students.

These two extraordinary pieces, composed by contemporaries during the 20th century, are renowned for their rich harmonies and emotional depth. While Duruflé’s Requiem is more familiar to American audiences, Howells’ Requiem is rarely performed in the U.S., making this concert an exceptional opportunity for lovers of choral music.

“The Howells’ Requiem is one of the most gorgeous, otherworldly pieces of mu-

sic in the entire repertoire,” says Joshua Rohde, RICCO’s Artistic Director. “It’s 30 minutes of sheer beauty—ethereal, lush, and incredibly moving.”

Both works were written in response to the turbulence of the early 20th century, yet the composers chose to focus on beauty rather than the harshness of the world around them.

“At a time when many composers were writing more dissonant, jarring music reflecting the ugliness of war and loss, Howells and Duruflé turned to rich harmonies and timeless chants,” says Rohde. “They sought to create beauty and solace in the face of chaos, making these pieces particularly meaningful and profound.”

Duruflé’s Requiem is especially notable for its integration of the organ, which plays a central role in the composition. “This isn’t a situation where the organ is a substitute for an orchestra—it was specifically writ-

ten for the instrument,” Rohde explains. “Duruflé himself was a renowned organist, and his deep understanding of the instrument shines through in this work.”

This concert is not only a rare chance to hear the Howells Requiem, but also an opportunity to experience the beauty of these two remarkable works performed together. As Rohde notes, “The harmonies and textures in both pieces are simply stunning. Despite the complexities, they sound effortless and can transport listeners to another world.”

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.RICCO.org.

In addition to presenting these two unique requiems, these performances will feature RICCO’s Soloists. As part of its mission to encourage the vocal arts in the New England region, RICCO holds an annual Collegiate Vocal Competition, now in its 15th

year, which is open to all vocal students, undergraduate or graduate, currently studying at any institution of higher learning in New England. Recent winners performed in November and December with the Chorale’s Messiah performances on Block Island, in Providence and in Manville.

Soloists for the upcoming requiem performances will include: Mara Riley, Soprano, from the New England Conservatory; Delaney Finn, Mezzo-Soprano, from Boston University; Zachary Fisher, Tenor, from the University of Massachusetts; and Ziqi Fang, Bass, from Brown University.

“It’s thrilling to give these young singers the chance to perform with a large choir and orchestra, often for the first time,” said Rohde. “Some of our past winners have gone on to sing in prestigious venues across the globe, so this is a wonderful opportunity for audiences to witness future stars in their early stages.”

Taking time to appreciate moms

As a mom, I carry a thousand worries in my heart about my adult children's well-being, their choices, and their future. I still show up every day with love, strength, and hope, because that is what mothers do.

When I was raising my children, technology was not much of a concern, unless you count watching too much television. When they went to bed, they went to sleep; they weren't hiding under the covers with tablets or phones into the wee hours of the night. I did not have to worry about screen time limits, social media pressures, or digital safety concerns like cyberbullying, inappropriate content, screen addiction, or the impact of constant social comparison. Back then, managing technology was as simple as telling them to change the channel if I didn't like what was on TV. Mothers these days have many more wor-

ries about technology than I had.

While many years ago my children were involved in extracurricular activities, they were limited to Boy Scouts, or soccer. It seems that nowadays children are involved in way too many sports, including soccer, basketball, baseball, gymnastics, martial arts such as karate, taekwondo, and judo, dance including ballet, hip hop, contemporary, and tap, swimming, tennis, cheerleading, track and field, ice skating, hockey, fencing and rock climbing. Singularly, there are many more options for music and performing arts including lessons on instruments, including piano, guitar, violin and so many others, choirs, drama clubs, school bands and orchestras, and competitive performing arts programs.

There are robotic clubs, coding classes, science Olympiads, art classes, animation and digital de-



Life Matters
with Linda Petersen

sign, photography, service clubs, culinary classes, yoga classes, academic decathlon, chess, Dungeons and Dragons, peer mentoring, and environmental clubs.

In addition to the work schedules of 73% of mothers, they must also provide chauffeuring for their children who participate in these community sports and clubs. This turns mothers into unpaid Uber drivers with messy cars who fit in meals from fast food restaurants while driving around.

Each child also needs attention to their medical needs, with the mother often finding herself in the doctor's office reading outdated People magazines. This includes visits to the pediatrician for well-child and sick visits, the dentist for routine dental check-ups as well as orthodontic work, the eye doctor if the child wears glasses, specialists such as allergists, dermatologists and ear doctors, and physical, speech and occupational therapy. Moms are faced with providing transportation, emotional support and financial payments.

Moms need to be counselors, offering emotional support, listening to feelings, managing meltdowns, and providing comfort with kisses, cuddles, and hugs. They also serve as life coaches, teaching everyday skills, helping with homework, and attending parent-teacher conferences to ensure their children are on track.

Managing the household is another task that most often falls on mothers. Unless they have a helpful significant other, like my dear Hubby, they are the ones doing the meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking on a tight schedule, and making sure healthy snacks magically appear. Moms must clean (a four-letter word in my vocabulary), keep the house tidy (I personally prefer the "hide it in a cupboard or under the bed" method), and tackle endless loads of laundry (which I fold while bonding with Judge Judy on TV).

Being a mother these days is hard! Please take a moment to truly appreciate all that they do, not just the big sacrifices, but the daily juggling acts, the quiet worries, and the endless love they feel in their overworked hearts. Mother's Day is this Sunday... do not let it go by without making her feel cherished and celebrated.

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By JENNIFER COATES

What can be written about a popular restaurant that has been on the Warwick landscape for nearly 44 years? What does it take, in this very competitive environment, to stay relevant, popular, and busy?

You would have to ask the owners of China Sea to get the answer to these questions because they seem to have the formula for longevity!

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China Sea, a family-run restaurant which opened its doors in 1981. Loyal customers and newcomers alike have a memorable culinary experience every time they visit – from its famous chicken wings to its heaping combination platters to its full-service bar.

China Sea has a dedicated following with diners who have been frequenting this familiar restaurant on Post Road since they were children. Many return whenever they are back in town once moved away. One such diner writes: "This is a MUST visit when you are in RI, or on a layover – it's just five minutes from T.F. Green Airport. Perfect to fill your stomach after a long flight; it's a cozy little place with a lot of character, the owners are also very nice and the food is AMAZING! You have to check it out when you are in town!"



Slide into your favorite seat at Islander Restaurant, this longtime and popular restaurant on West Shore Road. Enjoy classic Chinese food with loved ones and friends in this welcoming eatery in Warwick.

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

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 offers 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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John Howell gets a laugh from the audience as he delivers a speech during his induction into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. At right is former West Warwick Mayor Michael Levesque. *Beacon Media photos by Barbara Polichetti*

‘Dean of RI newspaper publishing’ inducted into Hall of Fame

By **BARBARA POLICHETTI**
Beacon Media Staff Writer

Lifelong newspaper man and Warwick Beacon editor (and former publisher) John Howell has always been all about getting the story right. Well, on Saturday, he was the right story, joining eight other notable Rhode Islanders in being inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

In the event at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, Howell was one of nine prominent Rhode Islanders selected this year to be honored for their contribution to the state, its history and its society. According to Hall of Fame Board President Lawrence Reid, the organization was formed to honor “any individual who has brought credit to Rhode Island, brought Rhode Island into prominence, and contributed to the history and heritage of the state.”

This was the 59th year of welcoming new inductees to the Hall of Fame, which includes historical figures such as Roger Williams and the Chief Sachems of the Narragansett and Wampanoag tribes. It’s roughly 800 members include people who have made their mark in Rhode Island through a wide variety of careers and causes.

This year’s other inductees are: Maria Gemma Corcelli, executive director of the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Center; Olivia Culpo (McCaffrey), Cranston native, actress and businesswoman and former Miss Rhode Island, Miss USA and Miss Universe; Steven Feinberg, Cranston native, writer, film producer and director who is also executive director of the Rhode Island Film & Television Office; Matthew J. Smith, former Speaker of the House and a historian and professor; Loren M. Spears, executive director of the Tomaquag Museum and an educator and Native American rights advocate; Dr. Joyce L. Stevos, an educator and social reformer for African and Native communities as well as director of the Heritage Harbor Foundation; James Vincent, Cranston resident, social activist and former president of both the Urban League of Rhode Island and the Providence branch of the NAACP; and Thomas P. Whitten, long-time executive director of the John Hope Settlement House and author and social activist for the Black community.

Howell, 83, embodies the values of the honorary society and has more than made his mark on the state he has called home for more than 50 years.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Greenwich, Connecticut with youthful aspirations of becoming a political operative, Howell is a graduate of American University. He switched to journalism early in his career and worked on newspapers in Connecticut before moving to Rhode Island to become editor of the East Providence Post. A short time later, in 1969, he and a colleague purchased the Warwick Beacon.

They went on launch papers in other communities, but the Beacon became Howell’s journalistic home, and he served as editor and publisher for decades, sometimes writing almost entire editions himself – and taking the photographs.

In nominating him for the Heritage Hall of Fame, former West Warwick Mayor Michael Levesque called him the “dean of Rhode Island newspaper publishing.” In addition to the Warwick Beacon, Beacon Media currently includes the Cranston Herald, the Johnston SunRise and The Reminder.

Although Howell sold the papers recently, he remains on board as editor of the Beacon and is still busy covering stories today. When he stepped to the podium to make his acceptance speech Saturday, Levesque teased that he had never seen Howell without a camera or a notebook in hand. Howell did not miss a beat and reached into his suit jacket pocket to produce one of his trusty reporter notebooks.

His commitment to local news has been matched only by his commitment to serve the communities he covered. According to his biography for the Hall of Fame ceremony, his accomplishments include co-founding the Rhode Island Academic Decathlon, serving as a driving force for the preservation of Rocky Point, and being a longtime supporter and past chairman of MENTOR Rhode Island, as well as a member of the Warwick Rotary Club for more than 50 years.

He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education.

His wife, Carol B. Howell, has been at his side through it all, and the couple reside in Warwick overlooking his beloved Narragansett Bay.

In inducting Howell into the Hall of Fame, Levesque hailed him as the dean of newspaper publishing in the state, a civic leader and a true “Rhode Island treasure.”



Howell and his wife, Carol, salute the flag during the induction ceremony.



Among the nine inductees to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame on Saturday night was Olivia Culpo (McCaffrey), Cranston native, actress and businesswoman and former Miss Rhode Island, Miss USA and Miss Universe.



The Bard is back

Toll Gate High School teacher Steven Belanger, whose knowledge of all that is Shakespearean runs deep, made certain that April 23, the date of the Bard's birth in 1564 and his death in 1616, was properly observed. He had displays, including a bust of Shakespeare, and was accompanied by an appropriately attired retinue (from left) Nicole Kane, Michele Dagesse, Sarah Amato-Benitez, Melissa Chaffee and Nicole Petrocelli. Submitted photo

The Buzz

May 8 and June 12: Adventures in Acrylic workshops will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Warwick Center for the Arts, 3259 Post Rd., Warwick. Each month artists will explore a different technique that can be applied to their acrylic painting practice which will enhance the narrative of their paintings. For further information, please call 401-737-0010 or warwickcfa.org.

May 10: Vendor/Craft Sale, Plant Sale and Mini-Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Warwick Public Library at 600 Sandy Lane on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come and support our library!

May 10: 11th Annual "Crafting for Critters" Spring Bazaar from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. at the Airport Professional Park, 2348 Post Road, Warwick, RI. Hosted by Friends of the Warwick Animal Shelter. Admission and parking are free. The Bazaar is outdoors; please watch our social media for weather-related announcements.

May 14: Sound Bath: the St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be hosting a sound bath prayer service on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at 15 East Beach Rd. in Charlestown. All are welcome to pray on a yoga mat or sit on one of the pews in the church sanctuary. For more information, you can call the church at 401-322-0088.

May 17: Ping Pong Tournament: 2 to 5 p.m. at Bishop Hendricken High School. This event will support Mission: Boots to briefcases. \$75 to enter a three-person team. <https://missionbootstobriefcases.com/coming-events>

May 21: Something Fishy: Oasis Senior Advisors Rhode Island is hosting a free event for seniors with dementia at 175 Metro Center Blvd. Open to all seniors with memory care challenges and their care partners. This is an ongoing event that happens every Third Wednesday of the month.

May 22: Welcome Reception: the Warwick Village Common Steering Committee will host a welcome reception on Thursday at 10 a.m., at The Tri City Elks Lodge at 1915 West Shore Rd. You can meet fellow village members and volunteers and learn more about the services and programs Warwick's Village offers. For further details visit their official page: villagecommonri.org.

May 31: Spring Fashion Show: the Open Table of Christ United Methodist Church will host a spring fashion show from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at 1520 Broad Street, Providence. \$10 admission includes lunch and door prizes. Tickets are available at the Open Closet resale shop or email marykathaleencurtain@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door. The Open Closet shop will be open after the show.

June 1: Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's: the final concert of COBSJ's 8th season will comprise of six small ensembles comprised of their musicians. It will be on Sunday at 3 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church in Barrington.

June 5: Warwick Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will be joined by performers from Coffee Milk Opera and Community College of Rhode Island Music. This performance will be on Thursday at 7 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church on 237 Garden Hills Dr. Tickets can be found on the website: wsori.org/performances or at the door. Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors & Students, Free children 12 and under. Parking free onsite / fully accessible performance.

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

August 23: Class of 1975 Warwick Vets - 50-year reunion at the East Greenwich Yacht Club, 10 Water Street, East Greenwich, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person. Please contact either Jeff Voigt at meddevconsultant@aol.com or

Conimicut Village Art Festival: the Conimicut Village Association is now accepting artist and maker applications for its annual Art Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 5. Artists are asked to be available for both dates. Space is limited, so don't wait to apply. Original artwork will be reviewed by a jury committee and artists will be notified of their acceptance by July 15. Questions, or to request an application (\$60 registration fee) can be directed to conimicutvillage@gmail.com or for more information visit conimicut.org.

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 Massachusetts. 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!

Third Wednesday of the month, Old Warwick Grange #41 will hold meetings at 7:30 p.m., at 1175 West Shore Rd. There are no meetings in July and August. The Grange is a fraternal community service, non-profit organization with a special interest in rural life and the traditions of faith, patriotism, leadership and family values. For information please call either Joan Clegg at 401 465-7259 or Mike Osiensky at (508) 954-9712.

Every Thursday, The Warwick Rotary Club meets from noon 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 noon, 200 First Ave., Cranston. We Make RI offer job seekers a chance to meet with employers, get career counseling, resume help and more. Some employers include Swissline Precision, Admiral Packaging, KB Surfaces, Warwick Hanger and Hitachi Cable. For more information about this event or other training opportunities, visit www.wemakeri.com/get-a-job-thursday or contact Mike at (401) 232-0077 x109.

Christmas in July Sale: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Hope (Scituate), is looking for donations of Christmas items for Christmas in July sale. Call Barbara: 401-

827-8054

NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups: The Rhode Island 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.

Editor's Note: To submit your news to The Buzz, send information and photos to Rosegalie at rosegalie@beaconmediari.com by Friday at 3 p.m. to appear in the following week's edition. Items can include community and school event announcements and calls for volunteers. Submissions may be edited for space and are not guaranteed to run. To guarantee space, please call 401-732-3100 and ask to place an advertisement.

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 17. Feel pain
 18. San Diego ballplayer
 20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
 21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
 22. Create again
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 30. Thin coating of gold
 31. Welsh river
 32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
 33. Husks of corn
 38. Green vegetable
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Sports

Titans snap skid, top Pats

Toll Gate bats come to life in back-to-back wins

By ALEX SPONSELLER
Beacon Sports Editor

The Toll Gate baseball team has hit its stride in recent games and is hoping to turn things around completely as it sets its sights on a Division II playoff berth.

The team snapped a nine-game losing

streak last week as it picked up wins over Rogers and crosstown rival Pilgrim to improve to 2-9 in league play.

The Titan bats were hot against Rogers as they put up runs in five of the six innings they were at work to grab the 12-7 win. Sophomore Braeden Geer led the way by knocking in a pair of runs while scoring three. Jack Colvin also drove in multiple runs along with Shane Moro. Jonah LaFauci scored three runs as well. Greg Laliberte earned the win on the mound and struck out seven batters.

“The hits started falling, the kids got their

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Toll Gate's Connor Salzillo celebrates after reaching base. Beacon Media photos by Alex Sponseller



Hendricken's Sebastian Nault chases down Pilgrim's Liam Holmes. Beacon Media photos by Alex Sponseller

Hawks heating up

Hendricken bests Pilgrim in crosstown showdown

By ALEX SPONSELLER
Beacon Sports Editor

The Bishop Hendricken lacrosse team got its first crack at crosstown foe Pilgrim since the Pats moved up to Division I this season and rolled to an 11-4 victory last week.

The Hawks mounted a 7-1 lead at the halftime break, and despite Pilgrim grabbing a pair of goals in the opening minutes of the third quarter, the Hawks would rebound with two scores of their own to fend off the threat and close the win.

Jack Treat led Hendricken with five goals and an assist while Will Kornacki added three goals and four assists. Logan Toussaint and KJ Lough also scored for the Hawks. Brett Taylor scored a pair of goals for the Pats in the loss while Marcus Walsh and Logan Fuller added one each.

Hendricken got off to a slow start in Division I this season as it dropped its first six league games. The team has found its rhythm as of



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Hendricken's Jack Treat makes a play.

Roundup: Pats thump Clippers in DI battle

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Pilgrim softball team rolled past Cumberland last week. Marin Prest had a monster day at the dish, driving in seven runs on three hits, including two home runs to propel Pilgrim to the Division I win.

Gretchen Dombeck got the win in the circle, pitching five innings and allowing one earned run while striking out seven batters.

Toll Gate 16, Woonsocket 1

The Titans made quick work of Woonsocket last Friday in three innings.

Delaney Wilson drove in three runs for Toll Gate while Avry Dewar and Reagan Motta also drove in two runs each. Wilson got the win in the circle, pitching two innings and striking out five batters.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Toll Gate 10, North Smithfield 9

Delanie Wheeler stayed sharp for Toll Gate as she scored four goals to lift the Titans to the win on Tuesday.

Ayla Paley also scored three goals, while Alyson Smith added two and Guliana Sirignono one.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Lincoln 3, Pilgrim 0

The Pats were swept by the Lions on Monday night.

Alijah Newton led Pilgrim with five kills in the loss.

BASEBALL

Hendricken 11, Catholic Memorial 1

The Hawks cruised past Catholic Memorial in an out-of-state matchup.

Braeden Campbell drove in three runs while Edgar Rodriguez knocked in two more to pace the Hendricken offense. Dylan Poloski got the win on the mound, pitching four innings and striking out six batters.

BOYS TENNIS

Warwick 7, Central 0

The Warwick co-op swept Central last week.

Cornelius Zmed won his first singles match 6-1, 6-1 and Josh Maynard won 6-4, 6-3 at second singles. John Maynard won 7-5, 6-3 at third singles while Etienne Degos took home a 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 victory in the fourth spot.

Jacob Scott and Will King won their first doubles match 6-3, 7-6. Avery Marques and Alex Mihalos took home a 7-6, 6-4 win at second doubles. Warwick won the third doubles match by forfeit.

The team sent 10 players to the state qualifying tournament last week and Zmed took home a 6-2, 6-1 win to earn a spot in the individual state tournament.



Athlete of the Week: Marin Prest

The Warwick Beacon's Athlete of the Week is Pilgrim softball player Marin Prest. Prest had a huge performance last week against Cumberland, as she went 3-for-3 at the plate with two home runs and seven runs batted in. Prest also knocked in a pair of runs the previous game against Bay View. Beacon Media file photo by Alex Sponseller

Say no to boat tax

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI
Special to the Beacon

At press time, on Tuesday night, May 5, 2025, the boating and fishing community spoke out against Rhode Island House Bill H-6256 at a House Finance Committee meeting. The Bill proposes to remove the sales, property and use tax exemption on motorboats.

In a letter to the committee Rick Belavance, president of the RI Charter & Party Boat Association, a membership of 51 small businesses in Rhode Island, said, "This bill would impact small businesses in the industry by introducing additional costs, with they might need to either absorb or pass on to clients. The industry supports our tourism-based economy and the effects of H-6256 should be carefully considered as the bill would not support tourism and the charter fishing industry in Rhode Island."

Scott Travers, executive director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, with 7,500 affiliated members and 35 affiliated organizations, said, "Recreational fishing has a \$419-million dollar economic impact on Rhode Island's economy annually. Many of our members own boats or fish with friends that have boats so this bill would harm recreational fishing as well as marine trades in Rhode Island."

More to come as we follow this bill through the legislative process.

Small Vessel Speed Restriction for Right Whales

During a partial aerial survey on April 29, the Center for Coastal Studies documented 52 right whales in Cape Cod Bay, including three mother/calf pairs, all of which were skim feeding at the surface or just below the surface. This feeding behavior makes them highly susceptible to vessel collision. Acoustic detections of right whales on a near real-time monitoring buoy in Cape Cod Bay also shows a continued strong presence.

As a result of the ongoing presence of right whales, the small vessel speed restriction in Cape Cod Bay has been extended through May 15, 2025. Small vessels (less than 65') are required to travel at speeds no greater than 10 knots in this area. Right whales are highly susceptible to injury and death due to vessel collision. A complementary federal speed restriction in the same area applies to vessels 65' and greater.

Also on May 1, the Center for Coastal Studies Aerial Survey Team detected the presence of right whales north of Cape Cod, MA so a right whale Slow Zone Area is in effort there through May 16. This voluntary Slow Zone ruts mariners to avoid or transit at 10 knots or less. Visit Reducing Vessel Strikes to North Atlantic Right Whales | NOAA



Tautog bite on: Angler Greg Vespa of Tiverton, said, "Tog fishing opened up this weekend in the mid and lower Narragansett Bay. Caught our limit before our coffee was cold."

Fisheries for all Slow Zone postings and coordinates.

New bluefin tuna regulations in effect May 1

The Atlantic bluefin tuna retention limit for recreational fishermen will remain at the default limit of 1 school, large school, or small medium bluefin tuna (27 to <73" curved fork length) per vessel per day/trip. This limit will continue to be in effect through December 31, 2025, unless modified by later action. Current Atlantic Highly Migratory Species bag limit information can be found at Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Minimum Sizes and Bag Limits | NOAA Fisheries.

The recreational "trophy" bluefin tuna fishery remains open in the Gulf of Maine Trophy area and the Southern New England Trophy area. Atlantic tunas Angling category and Charter/Headboat permitted vessels when fishing recreationally are allowed one trophy bluefin tuna measuring 73" curved fork length or greater per vessel per

year provided "trophy" category sub-quota in the respective region is available at the time of harvest.

New cod and haddock regulation areas

In accordance with a new NOAA Fisheries Emergency Action on May 1, 2025 recreational vessels may not retain Atlantic cod caught in the Georges Bank, Southern New England (includes areas off Rhode Island) and Mid-Atlantic Regulated Mesh Areas.

Vessels in possession of Gulf of Maine cod that meet the possession limit, minimum size, and open season specified for the Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area may transit the other regulated mesh areas with that cod, provided all bait and hooks are removed from fishing rods, and any cod on board has been gutted and stored.

Visit Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish): Recreational Fishing | NOAA Fisheries to see a map and coordinates for these areas, as well as current regulations for recreational fishing.

Recreational Limits for Gulf of Maine Haddock and Western Gulf of Maine Cod: At this time, the recreational fishing limits for haddock and Western Gulf of Maine cod remain status quo, consistent with federal regulations. For Gulf of Maine haddock the open fishing season is April 1 – Feb. 28 with a 18" minimum size and 15-fish bag limit and for Western Gulf of Maine cod, the open season is Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 with a 1-fish bag limit and 23" minimum size.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass fishing for holdover striped bass (fish that did not migrate south) continues to be very good with anglers catching keeper striped bass 28" to < 31".

"Recent sunny days have warmed the water and we're seeing a good mix of sizes, from smaller school bass up to impressive fish over 30 inches. We've also noticed a few worm hatches last week where fish have been present. It looks like these hatches will soon be expanding from the more secluded coves to the open edges of the ponds," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle.

Tom Olson of Ponaug Bait & Tackle, Warwick said, "Still not much action in Apponaug Cove area, but some anglers are picking up fish at Conimicut Point, Warwick with isolated reports of fish in Greenwich Bay."

Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence, said, "Fish to 34" are being caught in the Providence River and West Passage with school bass being caught in Greenwich Bay. Natural baits such as clam, squid and oms are working as well as flutter spoons as there are not many Atlantic menhaden available."

Tautog. "We've been getting some positive reports on tautog, with customers having success both from the shore and by boat. There have also been a few reports of cod in deeper waters," said O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle.

Dustin Stevens of Rhode Island Kayak Adventures, said, "I like to use half of a green crab with legs off in the spring as the fish seem to like softer baits."

Angler Greg Vespe of Tiverton, said, "Tog fishing exploded over the weekend with a nice mix of males and females in the mid and upper bay now that the water is 52.8 so they are chewing. We had our limits before our coffee was cold and then just played around trying new spots."

Freshwater trout fishing is still a good bet with trout stocking recently occurring in RI and MA waterways. For complete regulations, a list of stocked ponds, and a copy of the RI Freshwater Fishing Regulations and Guide visit Fish & Wildlife | Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and in Massachusetts visit Freshwater Fishing | Mass.gov.

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Local CCRI athletes earn Scholar-Athlete Awards

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ten student-athletes from the Community College of Rhode Island were honored last week for their athletic and academic achievements as part of the annual Scholar-Athlete Awards held in House Chamber of the Rhode Island State House.

The Legislative Awards are designed to provide public recognition for student-athletes from CCRI, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island for significant achievements in their academic and athletic pursuits. The honorees have also demonstrated exemplary citizenship and community service.

In addition, Class of 1992 graduate and former men's basketball standout Brendan Murphy earned the Athletic Alumnus Award while former CCRI Athletics Compliance Officer and softball coach Bev Wiley won the second annual K. Joseph Shekarchi Award, which is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the athletic program.

"It is a tremendous honor to celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding CCRI student-athletes who exemplify excellence in the classroom, in competition, and in our communities. These ten students, along with Brendan Murphy and Bev Wiley—two remarkable individuals who have left an indelible mark on our college—remind us of the power of perseverance, leadership, and service. I want to thank Speaker Shekarchi for his enduring commitment to recognizing our best and brightest student-athletes and for his steadfast support of public higher education and the CCRI community," said Dr. Rosemary A. Costigan, Interim President of the Community College of Rhode Island.

"It was an honor recognizing 10 of our student-athletes at the 27th annual Scholar-Athlete



Warwick native Katie Motta accepts her award from the RI State House. Submitted photo

Awards Ceremony for their extraordinary work both on and off the playing surfaces," said CCRI Director of Athletics, Recreation & Wellness Ashley Casiano. "I thank them for their dedication and exceptional representation of our institution."

The scholar-athletes honored this year are:

- Kathryn Motta; softball; Warwick, RI; 4.0 GPA
- Jaiden Harding; softball; West Kingston, RI; 3.98 GPA
- Tyler Pendergast; men's soccer; Coventry, RI; 3.72 GPA
- Brooke Dibenedetto; volleyball; Warwick, RI; 3.45 GPA
- Brianna Grenier; softball; Cumberland, RI; 3.49 GPA
- Kylie Brito; women's soccer; Coventry, RI; 3.33
- Tyler Reall; baseball; Coventry, RI; 3.25 GPA
- Tatiana Pereira; Providence, RI; 3.17 GPA
- Sebastian Velez; men's soccer; North Providence, RI; 3.01 GPA
- Connor Chambers; men's bas-

ketball; Cranston, RI; 2.93

Brito wrapped up her CCRI career with a strong sophomore season, finishing fourth on the women's soccer team 11 points (three goals, five assists) as the Knights went undefeated in Region XXI play for the second year in a row and won back-to-back conference champions to advance to the NJCAA Division III National Championships. Also on the pitch this fall, Velez led the men's program with a tremendous 2024 season, leading the Knights with eight goals and a team-high 17 points. Pendergast finished with three goals, including one of the Knights' four game-winners during 2024.

Dibenedetto's 2024 included 71 digs, 22 blocks, and 29 kills in addition to a team-high 85 service aces as the volleyball team finished 13-4 and advanced to the semifinals of the Region XXI Tournament.

On the basketball court, Chambers started 16 games during the 2024-25 season, averaging 9.8 points per game and 9.9 rebounds;

in 15 conference games, he averaged a double-double with 10.5 points and 10.5 rebounds. Pereira starred 26 of 28 games for the women's team and finished third in points with 11.5 per game, including 12.5 points per game in conference play, and averaged 2.7 assists as the Knights won the Region XXI Tournament and advanced to the NJCAA Division III National Championships for an unprecedented fourth year in a row.

With CCRI's softball team entering the stretch run, Motta has been one of the team's top hitters this season with a .493 batting average – fourth on the team – in her first 23 games in addition to 23 RBI. Through 23 games, Grenier ranked second on the team with five home runs and tied for second with a .500 batting average while Harding has provided a solid, all-around performance through her first 15 games with 12 RBI and a .429 slugging percentage. In eight regular-season appearances on the mound for CCRI's baseball team, Reall

logged 18.1 innings with 16 strikeouts, including one start.

Murphy, a Smithfield, RI, native, earned this year's Athletic Alumnus Award for his record-setting performance on the court between 1990-92. He ranks second in program history with 1,398 points and owns the college's record for most three pointers in a season (110) and in his career (212). The sharpshooter helped lead the Knights to the NJCAA Division III National Championship game in 1991 and a year later earned NJCAA D-III Player of the Year honors in addition to being named a First Team All-American. He eventually transferred to Hawaii Pacific University, where he helped lead the Sharks to the 1992-93 NAIA national championship and was named the NAIA National Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is now a world-renowned contemporary artist with his work found in private collections which include the likes of Warren Buffet, Serena Williams, Ryan Gosling and Novak Djokovic.

Wiley, a Warwick, RI, native, is a well-known trailblazer in women's athletics who served CCRI student-athletes both on and off the playing field. She is the college's all-time winningest softball coach with 108 victories, which includes three consecutive Region XXI titles during an 11-year span. Wiley also served as a Student-Athlete Academic Support Program Advisor at CCRI and later became the college's first Compliance Officer in 2009, a role in which she ensured the college followed regulations and guidelines and complied with NJCAA Title IX and gender equity policies. Outside of CCRI, Wiley has served as Commissioner of USA Softball Rhode Island since 1992, implementing the rise of girls fast-pitch softball in Rhode Island and leading a new era of success on the national level in the 1990s.



Bishop Hendricken's Zach Casten makes a play last week (above). Pilgrim's Brett Taylor looks to pass the ball (at right).



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late, grabbing back-to-back wins to improve to 2-6 and re-emerge in the playoff picture.

"We had a rough start to the season so we knew we just had to bounce back and get ready. We watched some film on (Pilgrim), who to guard, how to shoot quick and where to shoot on the goalie. That film helped us," said Treat, who knew that Pilgrim would not go away easy heading into the second half. "We knew we had to boost our lead. We knew that Pilgrim came back to beat (North Kingstown). We couldn't let that happen to us so we had to make the spread wide enough."

Playing improved defense and cleaner offense has helped the Hawks turn things around the past two games, according to Treat.

"Our defense locked in and knew what their mistakes were. On offense we knew we needed to possess the ball. We needed to possess and put up some goals."

Treat was also excited to see Kornacki step up against the Pats.

"Will really stepped up today and had a great game. We know each other like the back of our hands, we have great chemistry," said Treat.

The Hawks will now take on the back half of their regular season slate, with many rematches on tap the next few weeks.

Treat and the Hawks look forward to the chance at redemption as they seek a postseason run.

"We can't wait. (Those Division I teams) got us the first half of the season but we're a whole new team now. We're ready," said Treat.

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confidence and started rolling. (The Rogers win) was big and it was good to see since they show up every day and work hard," said Toll Gate coach Nick Durand.

The team turned around to beat the Division I Patriots 8-7 the following game.

The game was tied 7-7 in the bottom of the sixth and Geer stepped up and drove in Connor Salzillo to get the winning run. Salzillo finished the day with three runs scored.

Geer earned the win as he pitched in relief. Colvin tossed 5 2/3 innings as the starter and allowed two earned runs and struck out a pair of batters. Henry Kearns led Pilgrim by driving in three RBI on three hits. Pilgrim pitcher Derrick Butler finished the day pitching five innings and striking out six batters.

The win over the DI Pats could prove to be huge for Toll Gate's RPI rating, as Pilgrim has some key wins including against La Salle.

"They absolutely loved it, they were up for the cross-city rivalry. To beat Pilgrim, (a DI team), our second win in a row. That was huge. Their confidence is up this

week," said Durand.

The Toll Gate bats came alive in the past two games, as they only scored 15 runs during the nine-game skid. Geer leads the team in batting average, on base percentage and stolen bases.

"(Geer's) been so consistent at the plate and has done a good job for us," said Durand, who also credited his veterans in Colvin and Moro. "Their senior leadership has been awesome. Jack has been our backbone pitching wise and has been driving our offense, Shane throwing two runners out was a back breaker for Pilgrim. Shane's a stud."

The Titans faced Central on Wednesday as they looked to extend their winning streak, but the results were unavailable at press time. The team will next be in action on Friday when it hosts East Providence.

Toll Gate is preparing to carry the momentum into the second half of the schedule as it gets set to face a handful of teams for the second time.

"We have our scouting reports, our hitting charts. We talk to our pitchers about how we're going to attack, put our game-plan together and see where the dice rolls," said Durand.



Edward Rosario makes a play in the infield.

Community Champion Series: Daniel Calabro

By **BRETT TAYLOR**
Special to the Beacon

Meet this week's Community Champion, Daniel Calabro. Daniel Calabro — a shining example of resilience, strength, and purpose. A standout-athlete during his time at Pilgrim High School, Daniel's promising athletic career was abruptly halted when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of bone cancer. The diagnosis led to the amputation of his leg, forcing him to step away from the sports he loved. But Daniel didn't let adversity

define him. Instead, he used his experience to inspire and uplift others. Embracing a new path, Daniel became a health teacher, dedicating his life to educating students not only about physical well-being but also about the realities of cancer and the importance of perseverance. Today, he serves as a beacon of hope — a reminder that even in the darkest moments, light can be found. Through his work and his story, Daniel Calabro encourages everyone facing challenges to hold onto hope, because resilience often leads to unexpected and meaningful rewards.

Below is a Q&A with Calabro:

BT: Looking back, what advice would you give your younger self?

DC: What I would give my younger self with the knowledge that I have now is focus on the goal, stay positive no matter what happens, and focus on the controllables. There is light at the end of the tunnel and it will come one day. Don't give up hope, it will reach you.

BT: Beyond your achievement in sports, what inspires you to give back to your community as well as encourage others to do

the same?

DC: I like to set the example of a person who has a challenge but hones their focus on positive outcomes. I know first hand how difficult it can be for someone who has to suffer a challenge whether it be a sickness, or an injury that sidelines them forever. These kids need to know that yes things will change, but you need to make the most of it. I want to be a light that this young generation can follow.

BT: You, as an athlete, continue to be a positive influence on your teammates and friends. You inspire them to make a dif-

ference in their community. What are some examples of the contributions that you have made?

DC: Some of the contributions that I have made was firstly, advocating to install lights for our athletic fields so we can allow our students that feeling of Friday Night Lights. Being able to influence my students to reach their goals is the greatest feeling. Take Coach Simpson for example, he ended up as one of pilgrims most successful coaches and its moments like that where I know coming into school everyday and connecting with the students will have its reward.

RIFC holds San Antonio FC to draw in historic home opener

FROM STAFF REPORTS

After out-shooting, out-passing and out-passing San Antonio FC, Rhode Island FC held the Western Conference leaders scoreless for the first time all season as its historic home opener ended in a hard-fought 0-0 draw on Saturday. A sold-out crowd of 10,700 fans brought Pawtucket alive for the first time, cheering on the Ocean State club at its new state-of-the-art home and celebrating a moment more than six years in the making.

After bossing more than 70 percent of the possession through the opening ten minutes of the highly-anticipated match-up, Rhode Island FC (1W-3L-2T) got a first real look at the goal in the 11th minute when Jojea Kwizera took Aldair Sanchez's cross out of the air, recycling it back to the feet of Clay Holstad. Taking a first-time shot out of the air from outside of the 18-yard-box, Holstad's powerful volley looped just north of the crossbar. In the 23rd minute, Noah Fuson layed a ball to Holstad in a similar position, and Holstad once again drilled the shot just over the bar.

In the 37th minute, San Antonio FC (5W-2L-1T) forced a turnover in the midfield and immediately found its best chance of the half. Winning the ball just inside the center circle, Jimmy Medranda spun around and attempted a well-weighted lob over Koke Vegas that nearly found the back of the net, but the Spaniard rushed back just in time to make an acrobatic diving stop. The game remained scoreless going into the half.

In the 62nd minute, Vegas came up big again, denying San Antonio a dangerous one-on-one opportunity when Jorge Hernandez broke through toward the net with a golden opportunity to give the visitors the lead. Two minutes later, RIFC nearly found the breakthrough on the other end when Maxi Rodriguez took a close-range volley at the back post off of a corner kick, only to be denied by a quick reflex save from an outstretched Richard Sanchez.

RIFC continued to push as the game went on, finding another close chance in the 67th minute when Rodriguez connected on a back-post header from Kwizera's inswinging cross. Once again breaking into a wide open position, Rodriguez sent a powerful header just wide of Sanchez's post. In the 80th minute, Rodriguez tested Sanchez yet again, forcing a low save after putting a dangerous free kick on frame. Then, less than a minute later, he sent Sanchez diving with a long-range curling effort that was inches from sending a sold-out Centreville Bank Stadium into euphoria.

Although the Ocean State club continued knocking on the door with a slew of dangerous chances, including a close-range header from Albert Dikwa "Chico" that grazed the outside netting, the hosts could not find the breakthrough as the first-ever game at Centreville Bank



A look at the crowd at Centreville Bank Stadium. Photo courtesy of RIFC

Stadium ended scoreless. Up next, Rhode Island FC will return to U.S. Open Cup action as it gets set to face its first-ever Major League Soccer opponent. RIFC will return home to Centreville Bank Stadium to host the New England Revolution on Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The sold-out crowd of 10,700 fans was the largest crowd in Rhode Island FC history.

The clean sheet was Koke Vegas' second of the season, and the ninth of his Rhode Island FC career.

Vegas' shutout marked the first time all year that the Western Conference leaders were held scoreless in a game.

Rhode Island FC held San Antonio to just six touches in the 18-yard-box, and outshot the visitors 16-6.

Amos Shapiro-Thompson made his first career USL Championship start in the draw.

Albert Dikwa "Chico" made his return from injury following a three-game injury absence, coming on as a substitute in the 60th minute.

The game was the first of a busy summer at Centreville Bank Stadium. RIFC will play two more games here this week, and will play 10 of the next 15 regular-season games at home through August.



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