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Permits on sale for inaugural hunting season

Bow hunting for deer at four town-owned properties slated to begin in September

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The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has announced that deer permits for legal regulated hunting, are now on sale online and at local sales agents.

As of April, Bristol is one of the Rhode Island towns in which bow hunting will be permitted on some town properties. According to the Dylan Ferreira of the DEM, Bristol has one of the highest numbers of negative deer interactions, from motor vehicle collisions to rates of Lyme disease, among all towns in the state.

"I deal with a lot of constituents that call complaining about the deer issues here in Bristol, whether it be vehicle, collisions, or ticks," said Ferreira in testimony before the Town Council back in April. "The way the deer population is managed in town is through legal regulated hunting on private property...You need writ-

ten permission to hunt on private property or any property. So, in order to increase the harvest, to reduce the negative impacts associated with high deer populations, we wanted to open some of the town properties via a memorandum of understanding which would allow legal licensed hunters in Rhode Island to hunt those properties."

The Council approved that Memorandum of Understanding.

Interested bow hunters may purchase licenses and deer tags, hunt within the designated season (September 15 to January 31), from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sundown. The DEM's law enforcement division is tasked with making sure that these and all hunting regulations are followed. Visit DEM's Rhode Island Outdoors online system or find a vendor near you on DEM's list of local sales agents to purchase licenses and tags.

There will be four approved locations: 100 acre woods, which is north of Tupelo St.; Skaters Pond, which is behind Seasons Market at Gooding Ave. and Metacom; behind the land-



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Deer seen at Colt State Park last year. Their booming numbers has necessitated action from the Town Council to allow limited bow hunting on some town-owned properties.

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KMS teen on a Fast Track to stardom

13-year-old Eleanor Lial competes in Junior Olympic nationals

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The drone of the public address system at a train station in Seattle was still audible in the background as Jennifer Reynolds-Lial looked back on what was a whirlwind weekend for her and her 13-year-old daughter, Eleanor.

"It was a great weekend," Jen said, awaiting a train that would begin their long journey back to Warren after traveling to Eugene, Ore. for the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships — held this past weekend at the famed Hayward Field at the University of Oregon.

Eleanor, a rising 8th grader at Kickemuit Middle School, traveled with the Fast Track team out of Central Falls, one of just four runners from the team to travel for the event (and one of 13 to qualify), which featured the best young runners from around the nation.

"I spoke to one parent who was traveling

with a club from Houston," said Jennifer. "And they brought 200 runners."

Eleanor had only joined Fast Track this June, but quickly showed a prowess and determination that impressed her coach, Ernest Fennell, who began the Fast Track team originally in East Providence in 2008. It has since evolved into a sort of Rhode Island all-star track team, bringing together the most talented young runners throughout the state.

"She was disciplined. She listened to everything I asked her to do, didn't complain, asked questions. She's smart, she's articulate," said Fennell. "She was always willing to learn. I'm not even her primary coach, but she jumped into a totally different system with a bunch of girls she didn't know."

Also enticing was that Eleanor's event of choice was the 3,000-meter run, which Fennell said was difficult to find enthusiastic participants for.

"Everyone usually runs away from the 3,000-meter," he laughed.

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JEN LIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Eleanor Lial runs in a relay event at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, held at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon this past weekend. Her mother, Jen, a professional photographer, caught the action.



The Cup comes home

11th Hour to celebrate Ocean Race victory Friday

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Magellan flagship poised to discover Rockwell Dock

Bristol's waterfront will host a unique visitor this week, staying through upcoming Harborfest

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A replica of the Nao Trinidad, the flagship of the Magellan-Elcano expedition, is coming to Bristol today and staying until Aug. 13.

the Portuguese were waiting for them; they captured the crew and abandoned the battered ship, where it vanished from history.

A project of the Nao Victoria Foundation, a non-profit entity specializing in promoting and spreading historical events supported by the construction of historical ships, the Nao Trinidad was replicated in 2017-2018 with attention to historical detail. Just as with original, the replica of the Trinidad has three masts and a bowsprit. The height of the main mast is almost 82 feet from the waterline. Iroko wood, a tropical wood of great durability, was used in the construction. The build took about 14 months, and the Nao Trinidad was launched on March 11, 2018. Its home port is Huelva, Spain.

The 93-foot, 200-ton vessel includes more than 1200 square feet of deck space over four decks, a captain's cabin and other accommodation. It can hold 100 people for special events and hosts 2,000 visitors a day.

According to Harbormaster Gregg Marsili, the Nao Trinidad hoped to make Bristol a stop on their 2022 schedule, but it didn't work out. He's excited they are going to be able to make it this year, and that the boat will still be in town for the Bristol Harborfest event on Aug. 12. "It's going to be great," he said.

The Nao Trinidad will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the duration of its stay. To purchase tickets visit naotrinidad.org/en.

The Nao Trinidad, the flagship of the Magellan-Elcano expedition, led the first circumnavigation of the world from 1519 to 1522, the greatest maritime feat in history. The expedition opened new routes and connected continents and oceans from Brazil to Argentina, the Mariana Islands, the Philippine Islands, Indonesia, Brunei and Timor.

And now, its replica is coming to Bristol, arriving Thursday, Aug. 3 and staying until Sunday, Aug. 13.

It set sail from Seville, Spain on Aug. 10, 1519, at the head of a fleet of five ships which crossed the Atlantic, sailed along the coast of South America, discovered the Strait of Magellan and crossed the Pacific Ocean for the first time in history. They eventually reached the Mariana Islands, the Philippines and the Moluccas.

A man by the name of Antonio Pigafetta served as the main chronicler of the expedition. Throughout the entire journey he wrote a detailed account, including a magnificent description of the geography, nature, and the indigenous peoples who they met around the planet.

After more than two years at sea and thou-

sands of nautical miles, the Trinidad sprang a leak in its hull, preventing its return to Spain with the expedition's only other surviving ship, the Victoria. The latter did make it home to complete the circumnavigation just months later.

Following repairs, the Nao Trinidad attempted to return to Spain with 54 men on board, but was defeated by weather, hunger, thirst and scurvy. It returned to the Moluccas after six months of suffering and fighting against the sea, with just 17 survivors. There,

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11th Hour Racing to host victory party

First American team to win Ocean Race will hoist the cup in Newport on Friday, all are invited

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The 11th Hour Racing Team is hosting a Victory Party this Friday, Aug. 4, and you are invited!

It's the first time the team will return to its hometown of Newport since their historic victory on June 29, when they became the first American team to win The Ocean Race, a 37,500 nautical mile, around-the-world race which started in Alicante, Spain, on Jan. 15.

Dominant in the last three legs prior to the final trek from The Hague to Genoa, as well as in the tie-breaking in-port race series, they seemed unstoppable — until they were t-boned at the start of the final leg by another competitor, sustaining significant damage and sending both teams limping back to port in The Hague.

In a remarkable show of fortitude, they repaired the boat in three days and made it to Genoa in time to win the final in-port race



SAILING ENERGY / THE OCEAN RACE

The 11th Hour Racing Team hoists the Ocean Race trophy after being declared the winners on June 29.

(and the in-port series.) En route they learned that their redress points, coupled with the

lackluster performance in the final leg by their closest competitor, earned them the overall win.

The party will be held at the Great Friends Meeting House at 21 Farewell St. in Newport, beginning at 5 p.m. Entertainment will include live music, food trucks, an on-stage Q&A with winning sailors Charlie Enright (USA), Jack Bouttell (AUS/GBR), Francesca Clapcich (ITA), and Media Crew Member Amory Ross (USA), and the opportunity to take a selfie with the one and only Ocean Race Trophy.

“Winning this race has been such an achievement for the entire team,” said skipper Charlie Enright, a Bristol native and Barrington resident. “We went through the first half of the race not winning a leg and then, as I’m sure this community remembers, we won Leg 4 into our hometown of Newport. This was a turning point for us in the race and the momentum stayed with us right through to the final victory.

“We can’t wait to celebrate with our local friends, fans and supporters. This community and this network has helped power our team for the better part of a decade, so we hope everyone will turn out and enjoy the moment.”



This property at 458 Poppasquash Road closed for \$8,000,000 on Tuesday, Aug. 1, a record high in Bristol.

Poppasquash home sells for highest number on record

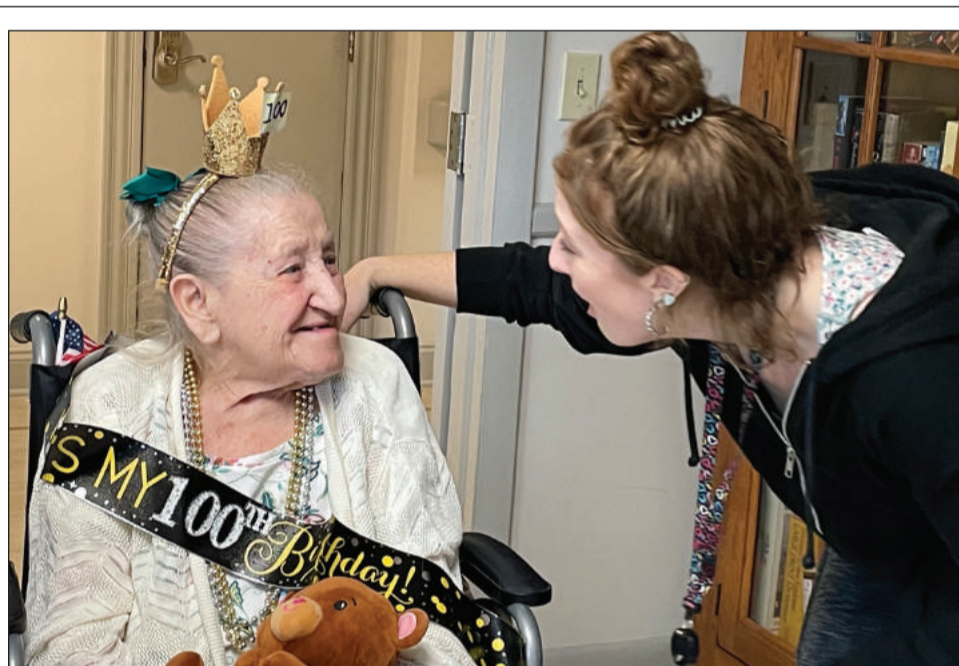
LandVest recently announced the highest sale of a residential property in Bristol on record. The property at 458 Poppasquash Road, listed by LandVest agent Terry Boyle, closed for \$8,000,000 on Tuesday, Aug. 1. It was listed by Boyle for \$7,975,000 in May of 2023 and was under contract in 17 days.

“This sale marks a new high watermark for the Town of Bristol and was one of the smoothest transactions I have ever worked on,” said Boyle. “The property was immaculate and very well received by the market in the first week it hit the market. The sellers were incredible stewards of the property and they are thrilled that it is passing to another owner who will enjoy it.”

This unique seaside property is situated on 2.78± beachfront acres on a private peninsula in Bristol’s Poppasquash Point. The property offers views of Prudence Island, the National Estuarine Sanctuary, and the ocean. The home includes over 9,000 finished sq. ft., recently upgraded and expanded in 2022, with 5 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms.

The previous highest residential sale price was the waterfront compound property at 55 Ferry Road that sold for \$6,750,000 in 2017 to Roger Williams University.

The buyer for the sale was represented by Patrice Fenton of Compass out of Charlestown, Rhode Island.



Silver Creek Activities Director Kathleen Barry escorts Pat Pires into her second birthday celebration in as many days, this time with her many friends from the First Congregational Church.

Celebrating a century with humor and a smile

Patrocinia (Pat) Pires celebrated her 100th birthday this week, first with family on Sunday, then again with friends on Monday. Born July 31, 1923 to Salvador and Maria A. Nunes, she lived for many years at 25 Harborview Ave., a street that was developed by her father, a builder. She enjoyed a career in the 1950s and 1960s as a buyer of children’s and women’s clothes for both the Shepard Company and Peerless department stores. She was married to Sam Pires, and she remains very close with her many nieces and nephews.

“She was like a mother to me and my brother,” said her nephew Karl Correia, whose own mother passed away when he was 20 years old.

Raised in the Catholic Church, at St. Mary’s, she learned as an adult that her family had Jewish roots in Portugal and had converted to hide their faith. She embraced that history, eventually becoming an active member of the United Brothers Synagogue as well as the First Congregational Church. She volunteered for many years at the East Bay Food Pantry, translating for Portuguese-speaking clients. She now resides at the Silver Creek Manor.

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ABOVE: The MacNeills with Sandy Sears, who made this event possible, and Senior Center Director Donna Coroa Wilson. **BELOW:** Josephine & David Alves with Arthur Medeiros, who recently celebrated his 103rd birthday.



It's never too early for Christmas

Tuesday, July 25 saw Christmas come early to the Benjamin Church Senior Center, including photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Gerry and Mickie MacNeill. More than 75 seniors enjoyed the festivities which included a cookout and ice cream courtesy of Atria Senior Living.



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The Bristol 10U championship team consists of: Carter Beaulieu, Zachary Bento, Owen Brinza, Thomas Carroll, Bennett Costello, Cameron Cote, Jack Duarte, Lucas Hallam, Sam Harcourt, Lorenzo Ring, Landon Vermilyea, and David Wilcox.

Bristol 10U wins first ever D2 championship

Bristol capped off its impressive run through this summer's District 2 Ron Silva tournament with a convincing 10-0 victory over Rumford in the Championship game held at Vets Park last Sunday in Bristol. Bristol was 4-0 in the tournament with 3 shutouts. Jack Duarte pitched a no hitter to lead Bristol to victory.

The team, made up of 9- and 10-year-olds defeated Barrington, Portsmouth, and Rumford twice to earn the honor to hoist the Ron Silva championship trophy for the first time in King Philip history.

Hats off to these 12 boys from Bristol who had a magical baseball summer!

Library names interim to permanent post

The fourth director in three years brings new energy and experience to the job

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After serving as Interim Director of Rogers Free Library beginning on May 16, Eileen Dyer was appointed permanent director, effective July 19. She takes over the role from Dawn Jenkin, who resigned in April.

"I've been a long-term librarian in Rhode Island," said Dyer, who began her career in South Kingstown before transitioning to the Providence Community Library (now the Community libraries of Providence, a nine-branch system that separated from Providence Public Library about two decades ago). She then served as director of the Swansea Free Public Library for about five years. During her tenure there, she was instrumental in securing \$19,000,000 in public funding for their expansion project.

Dyer co-chaired the Massachusetts Library Association's (MLA) Library Legislative Committee, which has been successful in advocating for increased state library funding, and

where she has worked directly with legislative leadership and national library advocates in ongoing efforts to update library eBook law to attempt to address pricing discrepancies for electronic titles in libraries. She has served as liaison to MLA's Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibilities Committee on seeking legislative support for increasing challenges to library materials and the targeting of library staff as attempts to censor library materials, displays, and programs continue to skyrocket.

Now that she is back in RI, Dyer has rejoined the Rhode Island Library Association's Legislative Action committee, where she will continue to focus on similar issues in RI libraries. Dyer was RILA President from 2011-2013. She received the 2013 RILA Outstanding Librarian Award and the 2017 RILA Library Advocacy Hero Award.

"The the team here is great," she said of The Rogers Free Library staff when she joined in May. "We've got a lot of new people who have tons of energy as well as quite a bit of knowledge for being so youthful, and a lot of great ideas — and they pair really well with the more seasoned staff. It's a nice balance, and I'm trying to make sure that it all works and everyone feels an equal part of the team."

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COMMENTARY

Signature scandal and Board failures have made a mess of this race

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Were it happening in a normal cycle, nested into a crowded ballot in an even-year November, the race for Rhode Island's District 1 Congressional seat would be a noteworthy little drama. But this is not a normal election cycle, and the competition for David Cicilline's vacated House seat is the biggest story in town — made bigger by some of the key players stumbling badly through the process. Leading that list are the once-presumptive favorite, Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos, stumbling arm in arm with the Rhode Island Board of Elections.

As we've all seen clearly in recent years, elections matter, and who represents us can matter greatly. So this race is important for Rhode Island.

Unfortunately, the race began with a circus-like atmosphere this spring, when 35 different people announced they would be running. Thankfully that list has dwindled to "just" 12 — 10 Democrats and two Republicans — with Primary votes a mere five weeks away.

Before July of 2023, few Rhode Islanders (and that includes the media) paid much attention to or understood how candidates are qualified to run for office. We now know that to run for U.S. Congress, one must collect at least 500 signatures from registered voters in the district (areas of Providence and northern Rhode Island, plus the entire East Bay), and those signatures must be submitted and certified in the municipality in which each voter is registered. We've also learned that while some candidates walk the streets and knock on doors to collect signatures, others rely on volunteers, contract workers or hired agencies to gather signatures for them.

Matos campaign stumbles

This was the case with the lieutenant governor, who relied upon paid contractors to gather and submit those signatures. Of course not

all signatures are created equally. Matos nomination papers in Jamestown, then Newport, then East Providence, were found to include a range of fraudulent tactics — signatures from dead people, signatures from people who no longer live here, signatures from people who deny ever signing them, signatures from public officials listing city hall as their address, and an entire sheet of signatures written in the same pen with the same handwriting. The registered collectors were two different women working on behalf of the Matos campaign.

Were the fraudulent signatures part of a deliberate scheme that started at the top? Almost certainly not; it would be absurd to think so. But ask any experienced political manager about the process of gathering nomination signatures, and their answer is clear: there are strict rules about gathering signatures, and those rules must be followed. One political consultant said recently that he routinely calls all the signature-gatherers together and gives them stern warnings about what they can and cannot do.

The Matos nomination papers reveal an embarrassing breakdown within the campaign.

Equally embarrassing are the local canvassing boards that did not initially discover the allegedly fraudulent tactics. After the Jamestown town clerk's office became the first whistleblower in the case, it took great reporting by Rhode Island journalists to uncover more fraudulent signatures in Newport.

Follow the timeline here ... Nomination signatures were due in local town halls on Friday, July 14. Jamestown initiated a criminal investigation into allegedly fraudulent nomination papers on Monday, July 17. Nomination papers throughout the region were certified and submitted to the Rhode Island Board of Elections by Tuesday, July 18. Newport and East Providence authorities did not refer suspected fraudulent nomination forms to law enforcement officers until Wednesday, July 19 — after investigative reporting put a spotlight on the entire pro-

cess, and most importantly AFTER Matos was certified and placed on the ballot for the Democratic Primary on Sept. 5.

Certifying the signatures

To be clear, numerous canvassing authorities have restored confidence in the process. Our journalists spoke to town clerks and canvassing leaders throughout the region. All those we spoke to confirmed that they did, in fact, scrutinize the papers, including the Matos papers, and results did not change even after a second review of the nomination forms.

Bristol Town Clerk Melissa Cordeiro said she endured a sleepless night last week, worrying that Bristol had missed something on nomination papers submitted to the state. So the next day she and her team meticulously re-reviewed every nomination form of every candidate who submitted papers in Bristol — a total of 1,886 signatures. Their initial findings did not change, and she breathed a huge sign of relief.

The Matos campaign had submitted 45 signatures in Bristol; 33 were accepted and 12 were rejected. That 26% rejection rate is consistent with what they found across all campaigns. Of the 1,886 signatures in Bristol, 448 were rejected, or 24%. Most rejections were because the signer was not actually registered to vote, or not registered in that community. Some were rejected because the signature was illegible. "This is our normal routine," Cordeiro said. "We do our due diligence. We really scrutinize them."

The same is true in Warren. Said Warren Town Clerk Sandy Speroni, "We check every single signature ... If I don't feel like it matches, then we reject it. The clerks all know that." Warren received 30 Matos signatures and rejected 7 of them (23%).

The Board fails to act

Yet despite the due diligence in some communities, the entire process was justifiably under a white hot spotlight and deserving of close scrutiny — something the Board of Elections failed to provide.

With media swarming and fellow candidates demanding an investigation, the state board did almost nothing. It met but did not hear a challenge to the Matos campaign legitimacy because the petitioner, candidate Donald Carlson of Jamestown, did not attend their meeting.

A close observer who knows as much or perhaps more than anyone in the state of Rhode Island about election laws and process believes the board should have done more. Said John Marion, executive director of Common Cause Rhode Island since 2008, "The Board of Elections clearly has oversight of all actions of the local boards of canvassers,

regardless of whether or not something is appealed to them. In this instance, the Board of Elections could have and should have reviewed all of Matos' signatures, and gotten to the bottom of whether she had the required 500 signatures to quality to be on the ballot."

Furthermore, Marion added, "Going forward, the Board of Elections needs to figure out what happened in those communities where the invalid signatures were either not caught initially, or when caught, were not reported to them."

The rejected East Providence nomination form is preposterous. Written with apparently the same pen and same handwriting, it should have been flagged and scrutinized immediately. Less obvious are cases where the names of registered voters appear properly, with only the validity of a signature to confirm or deny the authenticity. The Channel 12 investigative team, which has been setting the standard on this story, revealed more instances where registered voters claim they did not actually sign certified Matos nomination forms, including a couple from Barrington.

Yet the Board of Elections chose to leave things alone and reaffirm its confidence in the local canvassing authorities. Matos was certified with 728 signatures — enough to clear the 500-minimum threshold.

The invisible Board

Now that we've all learned more about the candidate nomination process, we have as many questions as answers, ranging from "Is this the best process?" to "Should Sabina Matos be on the Sept. 5 ballot?"

With controversy swirling, the Board of Elections could step forward and restore confidence with the public — if it weren't so pathetically absent.

Though rarely in the public eye, the Board of Elections is a branch of state government with enormous responsibility. It administers and ensures the integrity of our elections. It is run by a full-time staff of 13 people, overseen by a board that is one of the few paid boards in all of Rhode Island government.

Its chairperson is a name familiar to those in Bristol, former town clerk and town administrator Diane Mederos, who retired from government service before joining the Board of Elections and then being chosen to lead the semi-private East Bay Community Development Corporation.

Mederos did not respond to our requests for comment. Neither has the Board's executive director, a man who avoids the media at all costs.

The only initial response from the Board of Elections came from a public relations spokesman, Chris Hunter, leader of a private firm, who released a written statement that was a drab recitation of the facts.

It stated that the process overseen by local Boards of Canvassers had worked as intended, that potentially fraudulent activity was flagged and sent to the Attorney General for investigation, that the investigation is ongoing, and that the Matos Campaign had acquired enough verified, legitimate signatures to qualify her for the ballot without need for additional review or scrutiny.

Hunter did agree to a short interview, which amounted to another drab recitation of those facts, only diverging from the script momentarily to say, "I'm sure there will be more to say on this, but we followed the process, and there was a lot of confusion about that process."

You can say that again.

Late Tuesday afternoon (too late for some of our print deadlines), Hunter released another press release, this time attributing a lengthy statement to Mederos personally. Apart from another recitation of facts already established, it lamented the short time allotted between the certification, submission, and printing of ballots (as we alluded to above), and how they are trying to change that legislatively to a longer period of seven days between nomination papers being due and those papers being submitted to the Secretary of State. That would be a good start.

Mederos continues in the release, simultaneously thanking local board of canvassers for "their due diligence" which identified likely fraudulent signatures, but also revealing that the board is "exploring additional training opportunities for our local boards of canvassers partners, which will be discussed at a future board meeting."

In conclusion

So what are we left with? A lot of questions.

Is Sabina Matos qualified to run for Congress? Absolutely she is.

Did she qualify to run for Congress? We don't truly know.

Did the Board of Elections uphold its responsibility? No.

Did the local canvassing authorities uphold their responsibilities? Some yes, some no.

Is this story done? Unfortunately not.

And that's the real frustrating outcome here. Several very important votes are happening in a matter of weeks, but instead of digging into the quality of those candidates, Rhode Island is digging into election laws and questioning how government works.

The Matos campaign and the Board of Elections have helped make a murky mess of this race.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A different perspective on Robin Rug

To the editor:

"In a world of steel-eyed death and men who are fighting to be warm, come in, she said, I'll give ya shelter from the storm." - Bob Dylan

I recently read Mr. Mascena's concerns about the proposed development of the "Bristol Yarn Mill" complex, and I must respectfully offer a different perspective on this matter. While I understand his passion for preserving the waterfront and creating a beautiful harborside park, we also need to consider the pressing need for housing and the inclusion of affordable housing options within our community.

One crucial aspect we must address is ensuring that people who work in town can afford to live in town. As the demand for housing continues to increase, it becomes increasingly challenging for working individuals to find affordable housing options close to their workplaces. Many essential members of our community, including teachers, healthcare workers, public servants, and others, contribute significantly to the well-being of Bristol. We owe it to them to create housing opportunities that are within their reach, allowing them to live near their workplaces and foster a sense of belonging in our town.

The proposal to develop 127 residential units represents a crucial step towards addressing the housing crisis and supporting those who work diligently to make Bristol a better place. By providing more housing options, we can enable working individuals to live closer to their jobs, reducing commute times, and enhancing the overall quality of life.

Affordable housing plays a pivotal role in this endeavor. Bristol, like many places, faces the challenge of offering housing that is accessible to people from various income levels. By incorporating affordable housing into the development plan, we can ensure that hardworking members of our community can call Bristol their home without facing financial burdens that come with high rents or real estate costs.

While we appreciate the importance of preserving historical buildings and being mindful

of environmental concerns, we must also strike a balance between honoring our past and preparing for the future. Development plans can carefully integrate elements of historic preservation, and we can implement sustainable practices to mitigate environmental impacts.

To further enrich our community, we should embrace cultural diversity in Bristol. Encouraging a diverse and inclusive population brings a wealth of experiences, perspectives, and talents to our town. By offering affordable housing, we open doors for individuals from different backgrounds to live and work here, fostering a vibrant cultural tapestry that benefits us all. Embracing diversity not only celebrates our differences but also strengthens our sense of community, creating a place where everyone feels valued and heard.

Addressing the issues of traffic and parking is indeed crucial. Proactive solutions, such as intelligent traffic management systems and innovative parking options, can help us find a balance between addressing residents' needs and minimizing environmental impacts.

Through responsible development of the Robin Rug complex, we have a unique opportunity to create a thriving community that benefits both residents and visitors alike. The new commercial spaces can foster entrepreneurship and support local businesses, contributing to economic growth and job creation. Moreover, an influx of people can breathe new life into the town center, enriching our cultural events, festivals, and community activities.

In conclusion, I believe that we must consider the urgent need for housing in Bristol and the inclusion of affordable housing in any development plans. While preserving our town's history and environment is vital, we must also focus on shaping a bright future for all members of our community, especially those who dedicate their time and efforts to work within Bristol.

Michael Florio
36 Bradford St.

Opportunity lost

To the editor:

Thank you Mr. Mascena for pointing out what appears to be obvious to all but the Bristol Planning Board and Town Council. Giving up that beautiful waterfront property to a developer rather than the taxpaying citizens of Bristol was an opportunity lost.

All the debates and discussions and meetings regarding this property fell on deaf ears, except for the developer, who the town council heard loud and clear, caving to his many demands and giving back little or nothing. The small parking lot at the corner of Thames and Church could have been purchased by the town versus making concessions to the developer as if he was doing the town a favor.

As for historic property, there is one building in that whole hodgepodge of shoddy construction that warrants historic status and that is the original burgundy stucco

building that was built on the site in the 1860s, everything else was an add-on and unsightly. So please, let's not hear the cry that we needed to save them all. The only one benefiting from saving them all is the developer himself with a nice return on his investment.

Like Mr. Mascena, I too had suggested floating a bond or at least letting the voters and taxpayers of Bristol weigh in with their vote. Keeping the one and only historic building and repurposing it, taking the rest down to create a park or seaport village would surely have been more beneficial to the Town of Bristol and its citizens than it is going to be to the developer, who will take the money and run, leaving the taxpayers holding the bag.

Paul J. Salesi
249 Hope St.

Brown land would still be a better school site

To the editor:

Last week's paper questioned the validity of the BWSC site choice. The consultant's response was that the new building was outside the theoretical limits of the flooded area. As we all know that is only a line on a plan, drawn based on past historical data and really has no bearing on future flooded conditions that can possibly have little relevance to actual reality. Oops, sorry folks.

In addition this consultant remarks negatively on the hypothetical idea of using eminent domain to acquire the necessary land acreage, which is the standard conservative response using only negative impact examples to disparage this concept and avoid looking further than into this possibility.

The Town of Bristol with a diminishing population since 2005, with only 22.5% of its households having school age children cannot afford to continue to support the quantity of non taxable and non-productive land within its boundaries. Primarily this rather large parcel should at least be paying taxes if not used for other purposes. Brown University's large endowment will not suffer or be diminished by ceding this land back to the Town.

This land was previously used by Brown for an archeological museum now closed, and for a conference center, now also closed.

There are many ways that such an extraordinary wooded and hilly site would allow a

really unique design concept with great ocean views with low-rise buildings blending into the topography and nature of the site to generate a marvelously ecological conscious site plan. Frank Lloyd Wright would turn over in his grave at the currently proposed design concept on a poorly chosen site.

A really unique site driven concept on the Brown property would be very different from the high rise urban concept currently being proposed by the consultants that is more suited to a suburb of New York or Chicago. These high-rise larger schools are generally much disdained by today's crop of ecologically woke students.

Regarding the exorbitant project costs, we can refer to many official nationwide data sources that all point to about half the consultant's proposed budget.

The current diminishing demographics of our two Towns consists of a majority of aged pensioners on fixed incomes. The inevitable increases in the tax burden will quickly become unworkable, but by then the planners and consultants will long be in the rear-view mirror.

Why are we persisting in going down this poorly planned and overly costly path? There is still time to reverse course and seek other options.

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HUNTING: Licenses and hunting education course required for new applicants

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fill, which would be accessed through a small parcel of town property on Tower Street; and the north side of Hopeworth Ave. behind the Veterans Home.

A hunter education course is required for new hunters and is offered as part of DFW's Hunter Education Program. To date, more than 40,000 people have completed a hunter safety course in Rhode Island, helping to reduce accidents in the state and elsewhere. A complete schedule is available of all upcoming hunter education pro-

grams.

Deer survey also open as of Tuesday

For the fourth year in a row, DEM is encouraging all members of the public to participate in a summer deer survey, which is a community science initiative designed to monitor deer during the summer months. All live deer sightings can be reported from Aug. 1 through Sept. 30. This information is helpful in determining the number of fawns that survive after common causes of mortality such as predators, weather, and deer vehicle collisions are

considered. This data will help the DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) obtain fawn-to-doe ratios and an index of reproductive rates through time, informing sustainable management of the state's deer population.

To participate in this year's survey, the public can submit their reports via Survey123, an online survey platform that also hosts DFW's Herp Observer and Wild Turkey Brood Survey. The Survey123 smartphone app allows users to record observations on the go. Participants will need to download the Survey123 app prior to

opening the survey link. Observations also can be submitted on a computer. To report observations via Survey123, please use the following link on your smartphone or computer: <https://arcg.is/1SCKWi0>.

Tips to Remember during the Deer Survey:

Record deer observed from dawn to dusk (when headlights are not used for driving); record all deer you see; do not include multiple observations if you are sure the same deer is being seen repeatedly; do not include trail camera counts in your observations; fawns don't always have spots in September — they

have a short snout compared with adults.

Hunting has a long tradition in Rhode Island, and hunters and anglers purchase around 70,000 licenses, permits, stamps, and tags each year and contribute more than \$235 million to the economy. Revenue generated from license and permit sales support Rhode Island fish and wildlife conservation programs, and is leveraged to match federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program dollars that support outdoor recreational opportunities for fishing, hunting, and boating in Rhode Island.

RUNNING: Lial comes from a family of gifted athletes

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The road to Oregon began on June 24 with a qualifying race at Fitchburg State. Eleanor finished sixth in the 3,000-meter with a time of 11:58.09, good enough to qualify for the USATF Region 1 Championship at Taconic Hills High School in Craryville, N.Y. in early July. She placed 4th overall with a time of 11:57.37 in that one.

That led her to Nationals, held this past weekend. In the 3,000-meter race, held on July 29, she finished 5th in her heat and 41st out of 64 total runners in her age bracket, also setting a PR (personal record) of 11:33.40. She shaved off a whopping 23.97 seconds from her practice runs.

"I still have that time burned into

my head," Fennell said, recollecting on her performance. "It was amazing to watch."

Eleanor also stepped up and volunteered to be a part of the team's 4x100 and 4x400 relay events because multiple teammates were unable to commit the finances necessary to travel with the team. The team wound up with a personal record in the 4x400, running a seasons-best time of 4:50.09.

"It was definitely scary, because there are so many people there," Eleanor said, reflecting on the event. "And they're all at the finish line for the 3,000. When you finish, you're just running in and all of these people are screaming and cheering. It just gives me the chills."

Eleanor's athletic abilities are not an anomaly, at least in her family.

Her eldest sister, Parker, was chosen for the Girls 15 National Player Development Camp for USA Hockey in St. Cloud, Minn. when she was 14 years old. Her other sister, Mae, has also played in USA Hockey Nationals on her club hockey team. Eleanor plays hockey in the winter as well, and will be able to qualify for her own nationals team this year.

Although such an athletic pedigree is found throughout her family, Eleanor's mother said that it doesn't

require any kind of coercion to get her to train to be the best she can be.

"She takes training really seriously. I don't think she's missed a day, even in this hot weather," Jennifer said, adding that Eleanor will train Mondays through Fridays and also completes "running homework" on the weekends. "Generally speaking, she's lacing up her shoes herself and saying 'I need to go do my runs.' She has the capacity and determination to do it on her own. This is not something generated by

[her father] Scott or myself."

Eleanor said she was grateful for the opportunity, and was excited for whatever comes next in her athletic career.

"It's really fun to run, and I find it really fun to win and compete and see the other teams and travel," Eleanor added. "I would definitely thank my mom and my dad and my coach for taking me here and giving me this opportunity. I definitely recommend starting track so you can travel the world."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About Victory Day

To the editor:

Victory Day, is celebrated in Rhode Island on the second Wednesday of August. It marks the surrender of Japan, ending World War II. To celebrate termination of humanity's greatest conflict would seem unobjectionable, but in popular culture it was transformed into V-J Day, singling out Japan as the principal architect of this global war.

Rhode Island is now the only American state that observes Victory Day as a formal holiday, although the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and South Korea observe it on Aug. 15, the day Emperor Hirohito broadcasted Japan's surrender.

This brief discussion of Victory Day serves as a prelude to outlining a more amicable relationship between Rhode Island and Japan, our current friend and ally (as are Germany and Italy the other leading Axis powers in World War II).

Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, the Newport-born younger brother of Oliver Hazard Perry, was a career naval officer who gained the rank of commodore in 1840. By that time, he had also earned the title "Father of the Steam Navy" for his efforts to introduce steam power into American naval vessels.

Perry's great achievement, however, was diplomatic in nature. In 1853, and 1854, his black-hulled ships visited Japan and pressured that nation into accepting the Convention of Kanagawa, a consular treaty with the Empire giving the United States access to the ports of Hakodate and Shimoda and open-

ing that feudal nation to Western influence.

By the turn of the twentieth century Japan had shed its feudal system and became not only modernized and industrialized but also aggressive towards its neighbors. The United States, after winning the Spanish-American War of 1898, took the Philippines from Spain and then imposed an American protectorate over the island nation. In retrospect, the American grip on the Philippines was a mistake and became a serious source of friction with Japan.

In 1924, the United States enacted a comprehensive and discriminatory immigration law. Intended mainly to restrict migrants from Eastern and Southern Europe, it also contained a provision preventing Japanese from immigrating to America. Modeled on the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, this race-based rule caused further tension between the U.S. and Japan in the years prior to Pearl Harbor.

To Rhode Island's credit, its U.S. Senator, Le Baron Colt, was the chief opponent of Japanese exclusion. Although he was the chairman of the Senate's Committee on Immigration, Colt voted against the Japanese ban. When he died a few months after the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924, his Bristol family received several letters of praise and condolence from Japanese and Italian diplomats which my brother Bill and I found in a scrapbook that we gave to Linden Place Mansion, Colt's former home.

By the 1980s, the international landscape had dramatically

changed. Japan, our World War II enemy, was now our friend and two of our major World War II allies, China and Russia, were adversaries. So much for the folly of war!

Again Rhode Island took an important step to restore the original Japanese-American friendship. In 1983 Newporters, to honor their native son Matthew Perry, formed a Japan-America Society, a private, non-profit organization to develop educational, cultural, and business programs to strengthen American-Japan relations and promote international goodwill.

Led for the past several years by attorney Spencer Viner and supported by the Naval War College and several local donors including the Toray Corporation, and the Heritage Harbor Foundation, the society is holding its 40th Annual Black Ships Festival in Bristol, longtime home of the Perry family.

The event, featuring a multitude of Japanese exhibits and activities, will be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12 at Bristol's Rockwell and Independence Parks, followed by a Gala Banquet on Saturday evening at Newport's Ochre Court Mansion and a Sunday observance at the grave of Commodore Perry in Newport's Island Cemetery.

These events are a most appropriate prelude to Rhode Island's unique Victory Day observance because our state shares with Japan a unique history.

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Cruise-in for a good cause

Annual charity car show and toy drive is in its 6th year

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Cruise-in for a cause — a great cause — and enjoy some summer fun seasoned with the spirit of Christmas.

The 6th annual Cruise-in for a Cause Charity Car Show and Toy Drive will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (registration for cars begins at 8 a.m.) at Mount Hope Farm.

Held by the James D. Rielly Foundation (JDRF), whose trademarked tagline is “Spreading Cheer Throughout the Year,” organizers encourage everyone to bring the whole family and spend some time after the event exploring Bristol.

The beneficiary of funds collected will be Bristol’s Santa House, the JDRF initiative that enjoyed a very successful inaugural holiday season in 2022, with hundreds of children passing through its festive doors — and dozens of those visitors were kids with special needs. They are the reason the house was built, after all.

“I started the James D. Rielly foundation so that we could do things like this,” said Michael Rielly, the grandson of James. “The mission of the Santa House is for kids with special needs. It’s open to the public, but the core mission is for kids that can’t stand in a line, kids that can’t go to the mall, or it’s just too difficult for their families to bring them to these places



NAT SQUATRITO

Entries at the 2022 event certainly didn’t fail to impress.

where they can meet with Santa and have a magical Christmas experience.”

Though much of the expenses for the initial build have been met, Rielly and his team of volunteers have plans to add elements, change some props, and most critically, invest in software to manage both volunteers’ schedules and reservations for their target guests.

Registration for the car show is \$20 per car, \$10 if you bring an unwrapped toy. A list of suggested toys can be found at jdrfoundation.org, though Rielly emphasized that sensory toys are most appreciated.

Admission is free for spectators, and there will be food trucks, music, raffles, and prizes.

“Mount Hope Farm is such a beautiful venue,” said Rielly. “Both car owners and spectators really enjoy the day.”

POLICE REPORT

Monday, July 24

A possibly rabid fox was reported on Echo Farm Drive at 10:19 a.m. but was gone when authorities arrived.

A possibly rabid coyote was reportedly wandering around the area of Tupelo and Hope Streets at 10:30 a.m. but was gone when authorities arrived.

Vandalism was reported at the Bristol Animal Shelter on Minturn Farm Road at 1:47 p.m.

A computer scam was reported on Bay View Avenue at 5:39 p.m.

Police looked into a report of a woman screaming at people walking by on Varnum Street at 8:12 p.m. No one was found at the scene.

Tuesday, July 25

Police looked into a report of two homeless people sleeping in a tent near Naomi Street and Dixon Avenue but no one was found.

Identity theft was reported on Sowams Drive at 12:09 p.m.

A High Street resident reported being the victim of a scam at 2:43 p.m.

A gift card scam was reported on High Street at 4:34 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26

A Walley Street resident complained about excessive noise from a landscaping company occurring on a daily basis at 8:00 a.m.

Another scam was reported on High Street at 9:55 a.m.

Police spoke to a skateboarding juvenile near Wood and Franklin Streets who was reportedly weaving in and out of traffic around 7:55 p.m.

A woman reported that two men had approached her offering a ride near Metacom Avenue and Ferry Road at 8:37 p.m.

Thursday, July 27

A River Street resident reported a man had attempted to get into his car earlier that morning.

DPW was notified of a filing cabinet that was dumped near Hope and Constitution Streets at 4:02 p.m.

A person was removed from a Metacom Avenue residence at 5:46 p.m.

Police assisted a family whose child had locked themselves in a car on St. Elizabeth Street at 7:14 p.m. The father was able to gain access without issue.

Friday, July 28

Loud juveniles were spoken to following a noise complaint on Metacom Avenue at 1:43 a.m. They agreed to take it inside for the night.

A Smith Street resident reported that someone had attempted to gain access to their home through the garage door or rear entry.

A woman reported that she was assaulted by another woman at the Town Beach at 2:41 p.m.

A Hope Street business reported damage to a private massage room at 2:49 p.m.

A Michael Drive resident reported juveniles riding mini bikes on the street at 2:55 p.m. Police didn’t find anyone.

Saturday, July 29

Damage to flower pots was reported on Wood Street at 9:15 a.m.

Police received a report that juveniles were riding skateboards at the new pickle ball courts on the Town Common at 2:14 p.m. They didn’t find them at the scene.

Sunday, July 30

Police intervened on two men having an argument on Metacom Avenue following a road rage incident at 2:58 p.m.

A man on Hopeworth Avenue reported their dog got a fishing lure caught in its mouth around 5:11 p.m. They were advised to see an emergency veterinarian.

A juvenile was reportedly bitten on the face by a dog on Mulberry Road at 7:08 p.m.

Police dispersed five vehicles from Narrows Point at 11:23 p.m. and two vehicles from the Mt. Hope Boat Ramp at 11:27 p.m.

Monday, July 31

A Roger Williams student was dispersed from Lower Ferry Road at 12:14 a.m.

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Hot lunches are at 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Call the office two days in advance and reserve a seat. The meals are a suggested donation of \$3.

A Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor will be at the center on Tuesday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the office to schedule an appointment.

An outreach counselor from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is at the senior center once a month. Call the office for an appointment.

Ongoing

Play cards on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN

Historical society is celebrating vets

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society has a special exhibit, "Bristol Veterans and the Evolution of Military Funerary Rites," at the society at 48 Court St. The society is open Wednesdays to Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The challenges of military service are well known. But, this exhibit illuminates what happens to veterans who make the ultimate sacrifice and how the practices of caring for our military dead have changed alongside changing tactics of war. The exhibit chronicles the origins of traditions like playing "Taps" at a funeral and demystifies the stages of military headstone design.

The exhibit also profiles the stories of seven local veterans).

The exhibit is in place throughout 2023. An accessible entrance is at the rear of the building (park at the rear of the lot to the east of the building on Court Street and follow the concrete path).

Call 253-7223 or visit www.bhpsri.org for more information.

Photographers show at Graham Gallery

"A New England Photographers Show" is at The Graham Gallery, 412A Thames St., through Aug. 22. Featured is work by Bonnie Jaffe, Marc Jaffe, Jake Hart, Joshua Wright, Jan Burling, Henry Goldenberg and Matt Corbishley-Brown.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., Joshua Wright will give a presentation of his work, including the Incandescent series and some of his other series.

On Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., meet Henry Goldenberg and

Meals on Wheels continue to be distributed from the senior center. (They also are looking for drivers. See the story in Around Town).

Transportation is offered at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays for groceries (community shopping) and Thursdays (Bristol Housing Authority residents). It is offered for medical appointments on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Call the center to reserve a seat. The bus is for members only.

Free wellness classes

Wellness classes to socialize and get exercise are free. For questions, call Donna at 253-8458.

Strength & Balance with Jessica is on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. at the Franklin Court community room, 150 Franklin St.

Zumba Gold with Jessica is at Franklin Court on Mondays from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

Chair yoga with Kate is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Colt State Park for the summer months. Register at shriyoga.org if you can.

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The East Bay Chamber of Commerce is at 16 Cutler St., Suite 102, Warren. To get tickets for events, visit www.eastbaychamberri.org/events or call 245-0750.

hear the stories behind his works.

Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., when the flag is out, or by appointment at 293-0657.

Fiber arts exhibit at Bristol Art Museum

The Bristol Art Museum (BAM) is hosting "Tensions: New Directions in Fiber Art" now through Sept. 9 at the museum at 10 Wardwell St. It's an exhibit of 37 Rhode Island-based contemporary fiber artists.

Hours are Thursdays to Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5; free to BAM members and students.

An artists' reception is on Monday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

Herreshoff music series is on Thursdays

The Herreshoff Marine Museum presents its annual Summer Sunset Music Series on Thursdays through Aug. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine, under the tent on the waterfront overlooking Bristol Harbor and Narragansett Bay.

They have tables, chairs and picnic tables or bring your own chairs. Enjoy live music, food and drink from local vendors. Or, you can bring your own food and drink.

Tickets are \$35; \$25 for members. For tickets, visit herreshoff.org. Ticket sales close at 3:30 p.m. on the day of each concert. Remaining tickets at the door.

The presenting sponsor is BankNewport.

Aug. 3: Greg Piccolo

Aug. 10: Dan Moretti and the Hammond Boys featuring Sugar Ray Norcia

Aug. 17: Greg Abate

Bristol Harbor Festival & Blessing of the Fleet is Aug. 12

Home chefs invited to enter stuffie contest

The Bristol harbormaster's office and local fishing community will hold the 10th anniversary of the Bristol Harbor Festival & Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Rockwell Park on Thames Street.

The event features a full day of activities for the entire family, including a Blessing of the Fleet at 1 p.m., a stuffie competition at 2:30 p.m., live music throughout the day, and a beer, wine and raw bar.

The highlight is a traditional native littleneck boil or optional steak dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are \$30 each and can be purchased online at <https://bristolharborfest.com> or in person at the harbormaster's office. Children receive a free hot dog with purchase of a ticket.

All fishing, motor and sailboats are invited to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet. See the website at bristolharborfest.com for more information.

All home chefs are encouraged to enter the stuffie competition. There is a \$20 participant fee to compete. Applications are due by Friday, Aug. 4. Go to bristolharborfest.com for



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details and an application.

The fun, family event promotes use of the waterfront and strengthens ties between the harbormaster's office, the local fishing community and those who choose to explore Bristol by land or by sea.

Funds raised from the festival will be used for marine-related children's activities.

"Keeping kids and their families connected and engaged to our local

waters is important as they are the future stewards of this valuable resource," said Bristol Harbormaster Gregg Marsili. "We appreciate all who have supported, donated and attended in past years and look forward to hosting our most successful event yet."

Various levels of sponsorship are available. Contact Harbormaster Gregg Marsili at 253-1700 or gmarsili@bristolri.gov.

Aug. 24: Paul Del Nero
Aug. 31: Roomful of Blues

Concerts on Common are on Thursdays

Concerts on the Common is on Thursdays through Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. on the town common, State and High streets.

Concerts are free and open to the public. Bring blankets and chairs. The rain location is the Bristol Maritime Center on Thames Street.

The lineup

Aug. 3: Topez (formerly Boston Premiere) featuring Kelly Caton

Aug. 10: Doug Botelho

Aug. 17: Colby James

Aug. 24: Diesel

Aug. 31: The Brothers All Band

Historical society offers walking tours

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society are offering another summer season of walking tours. Tours are on most Fridays and Saturdays and depart from different locations. The society museum is at 48 Court St.

The walking tours are open to the public and cost \$15; \$10 for society members. Visit www.bhpsri.org for more information.

On Fridays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at 1:30 p.m., get "Out and About in Bristol." Meet at the corner of Hope and Court streets. Looking for a "greatest hits" history tour? Join historian and lifelong Bristolian Rei Battcher for a tour of Bristol's most interesting monuments.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, the tour is "Hidden in Plain Sight: It's Over Your Head" at 10 a.m. Join Rei Battcher for a close look at some of

the more curious objects to be seen in Bristol's landscape. This focus will be on rooflines, brackets and other decorative features visible under the eaves. A Pozzi Center offering.

Farmers' market is on Saturdays

The Mount Hope Farm Farmers' Market at 250 Metacom Ave. is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the south pasture. Dogs are not allowed. Bring your reusable bags and use credit cards whenever possible.

Thanks to a grant from Farm Fresh Rhode Island, SNAP and EBT purchases can be doubled at the market; you can stop by the market table for details.

Pre-ordering is possible online from many of the vendors. For details, a list of this week's vendors and safety procedures, visit www.mounthopefarm.org/community-programs/farmers-market.

The next electronics recycling day is on Saturday, Aug. 12. Visit Indie Cycle's website at <https://indiecycle.blogspot.com> for info on what they accept.

Coggeshall Farm open Saturdays, Sundays

The Coggeshall Farm Museum at 1 Colt Drive is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sept. 3. Head to the farm to savor the sights and sounds of summer, tour the kitchen garden, meet the heritage breed sheep, chickens and pigs, learn about life on a 1790s saltmarsh farm, play old-fashioned games and more.

Go to coggeshallfarm.org for tickets. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 4 to 17, and free for

children under 4 and members.

The farm also is open for self-guided exploration on Fridays; with no charge, but donations are appreciated.

Music at Sunset is on Wednesdays

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is hosting a variety of events this summer at the mansion at 101 Ferry Road. Registration is required for all events. For details and to register, visit www.blithewold.org. Watch here for updates each week.

- The kitchen serves a warm weather menu for breakfast, lunch and tea on Fridays to Sundays through Oct 15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. See the website for menu items and reservations.

- Music at Sunset is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays through Sept. 6. Spread out a blanket and unpack your picnic basket while enjoying the sunset over Narragansett Bay and savoring a musical performance. Music can be heard all the way down to the water, so there is plenty of room to spread out and relax on the 10 acres of lawn. And, R.I. Cruisin Cocktails serves non-alcoholic as well as drinks with a kick inspired by the gardens.

On the schedule are:

Aug. 9: The Cajun Hobos

Aug. 16: Cold Chocolate

Aug. 23: Colby James & The Ramblers

Aug. 30: TBA

Sept. 6: The Oh Nos: Beatles tribute band

Tickets are sold online only. Pricing is by the carload (with discounts or those who bike or walk). Registration is required online.

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Free Family Fun Day on Saturday at Audubon center

Summer is under way at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., on the Warren/Bristol town line. The Nature Center and Aquarium is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden remain open for all to enjoy from dawn to dusk.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4 and members.

Unless noted, registration is required for all programs. Register online and view a complete listing of programs around the state through the events calendar at www.asri.org/calendar.

Masks are required for all indoor guests ages 2 and up during indoor programs or for participants on Audubon van trips regardless of Covid-19 vaccination status.

■ **The Citizens Bank Free Family Fun Day** is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. The center and aquarium is open to the public for free on the first Saturday of each

month courtesy of Citizens Bank. Families can explore environmental exhibits representing Rhode Island's diverse habitats, enjoy the nature trails, and participate in programs listed below, which are free.

Activities are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden are open from dawn to dusk.

Join Audubon for nature stories, animal discoveries, hikes and more. The theme this month is "What's all the Buzz About? Pollinators!" No need to register.

— 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Nature craft table

— 10 a.m.: Nature story

— 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.: Animal interview

— 1 p.m.: "What's all the Buzz About? Pollinators!" Join Audubon naturalists, learn all about local pollinators and take a discovery walk through the pollinator garden in bloom. Discover the plants that pollinators need and see how many of these fascinating insects you can find.

■ **An edible and medicinal plant walk** for adults is on Sunday, Aug. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join Audubon naturalist and herbalist Tina Lidano and explore the edible and medicinal herbs along the trails. The program is rain or shine, so dress for the weather. The fee is \$14; \$10 for members. Register online.

■ **"Proactive Conservation: Managing Audubon Properties for Bird Populations,"** a lecture with Charles Clarkson, Ph.D., director of avian research, is on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Now more than ever, there is an urgent need to understand the habitat and nutritional requirements of birds.

The first step to understanding how bird populations are being affected by climate change is to establish a baseline of abundance and distribution within a given study area. Learn about the data set that has been collected across Audubon properties, and how they will begin conservation efforts to bring back

declining bird populations.

The lecture is for teens and adults. The fee is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children; \$10/\$5 for members. Register online.

■ **Bird banding** will be demonstrated on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. for ages 6 and older.

Witness bird banding, where experts capture, band, measure and release songbirds in order to record their movements. Birds are gently removed from tall mist nets set in Audubon's shrubby habitats.

The techniques of identifying, measuring, weighing, and banding the birds will be demonstrated before they are released. The migratory habits and life history of each captured species will be discussed.

The cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children (\$10/\$5 members). Register online.

■ **"Discovering Moths: Night-time Jewels in Your Own Backyard"** is an author meet-and-greet with John Himmelman on Saturday, Aug.

12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Meet the beautiful, fascinating and underappreciated cousins of the butterflies... moths! Less than 1 percent of the over 11,000 species of moths in North America are considered pests. The rest show an amazing variety of color, shape and behavior missed by many of us, as we tend to be indoors at night when most (not all) are active.

Himmelman is the author of the book bearing the title of this program (he will sell signed copies after the lecture).

The fee is \$16; \$12 members. For ages 12 and over. Register online.

■ **"Foraged Art," an exhibit of artwork** by Rebecca McAssey is open through Aug. 31 at the center during regular hours. She creates her foraged art pieces using items from nature.

Nothing is glued or taped in place, it's all a balancing act. The pieces are photographed, then most items end up in her compost bin, while others are dried and saved for use in future pieces. Free with admission.

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See more details and band descriptions online.

Karaoke is at the VFW on Saturdays

Karaoke with DJ Larry is every Saturday at 8 p.m. at VFW Post 237, Hope Street.

Summer events at Mount Hope Farm

A variety of events are offered this summer at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave. For details on events below, prices and registration information, visit www.mounthopecfarm.org/upcomingevents.

- Summer yoga with Bristol Yoga Studio is on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the gardens. Classes are led by Mary Proietta, a hatha yoga practitioner. Classes are for all levels.

- The walking trails are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day at the farm. Enjoy the beauty of the farm and surrounding lands.

Outreach ministry offers a food pantry

The outreach ministry of St. Elizabeth's Church, the Friends of St. Elizabeth, has a food pantry stocked with nonperishable food items. The pantry is in the former school building at 10 Monroe Ave. and is open on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., weather permitting.

It is open to Bristol and Warren residents only and ID is required. Call the rectory at 253-8366 with any questions.

Join Bristol Rotary for lunch (or just join)

The Bristol Rotary Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 12:15 p.m. at the DeWolf Tavern (second floor). Lunch is \$20.

The agenda features interesting speakers and activities of the club's

charitable foundation.

Email jdelabry@gmail.com to reserve a place, no later than 24 hours before.

The speaker on Aug. 16 will be Chelsea Karns-Barnes, owner of Thistle & Posey.

"Help Us Help Others" (bristolrotaryclub.com).

'Bristol & The Slave Trade' walking tours

Linden Place Museum will host "Bristol & The Slave Trade" walking tours focused specifically on Bristol's DeWolf family and their involvement in the transatlantic slave trade on select Thursdays this summer.

The DeWolf family, Bristol's premier family in the 18th and early 19th centuries, was one of the largest traders of slaves in New England.

The guided tours begin at Linden Place, the Federal-style mansion built by architect Russell Warren for George DeWolf, and continues through the center of historic Bristol and down to the waterfront pointing out significant sites tied to Bristol's lengthy and profitable involvement in the slave trade.

Tours are at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 10 and 24 and Sept. 7.

The tour is \$20, \$15 for Linden Place members, and includes a complimentary self-guided tour of Linden Place mansion. Reservations are required and each tour is limited to 15. For reservations, call 253-0390.

Walking tour of free black community

Linden Place is partnering with the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society and the East Bay BIPOC Research Group to bring a historic and immersive tour to the middle of downtown on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m.

Building on the groundwork and research established by Kevin Jordan, Ph.D., the tour will delve deeper into the history of New Goree. Take a circa 1850 walk in New Goree, a neighborhood created by Bristol's

free African American population during the years following the American Revolution. How do you build a community? What is its importance? Who are the people involved? Why did it disappear?

The tour begins at Linden Place, 500 Hope St., and covers about 1.4 miles all on level terrain over the course of 90 minutes.

The narration will end on the Bristol Town Common area where guests can choose to stay and enjoy the annual BH&PS Flea and Fair, grab lunch at a restaurant on Wood Street or be guided back to Linden Place by the tour guide.

The tour is \$15 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited to 20. No walk-ins. All proceeds from the tour will be donated to ResearchBipocHistory.org to support their historical research.

For more information, visit www.lindenplace.org or call 253-0390.

Cruise-In for a Cause on Sunday, Aug. 13

The James D. Rielly Foundation will hold its sixth annual "Cruise-In for a Cause," a charity car show and toy drive to benefit the children and families of military, law enforcement, first responders and the Bristol Santa House, on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave. Admission is free for spectators.

Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m. and is \$20 per car or \$10 and one new unwrapped toy. The first 50 cars will get a commemorative dash plaque, T-shirt and goodie bag.

Included in the show will be cars of every kind: Antiques, classics, muscle cars, hot rods and special interest cars of all types and sizes.

There also will be food trucks, specialty vendors, a 50/50 raffle, and music by Triple J DJ.

Donations are welcome. The toy wish list and details are at jdrfoundation.org.

Note: The farm does not allow dogs.

East Bay Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is open


The East Bay Food Pantry provides food assistance free of charge to anyone in need in the East Bay (Newport through East Providence). The food pantry provides about a week's worth of groceries at each visit, including dairy, meat, fresh produce and non-perishables. Guests can choose their own food on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pre-packed food pantry bags can be picked up Fridays from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. Online ordering is available for pick up either day through the website, eastbayfoodpantry.org. Just click on the orange "Order Food" button at the top and fill out the online form.

Families with children can receive supplementary food through their Food4Kids program every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Additional fresh produce is available weekly on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the Fresh Food Friday program.

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Bristol High School Class of 1983 members meet for 40th reunion

Members of the Bristol High School Class of 1983 celebrated their 40th reunion at Bristol Marine on Saturday, July 29.

DO YOU NEED A NEW ROOF?

If So, I Bet The Last Thing You Want To Do RIGHT NOW Is Spend \$15,000-\$25,000 Or More On A New Roof!

Call the Roof Assistance Hotline at 401-954-9012 to learn how you may qualify to replace your old roof for \$5,000-\$6,000 of your own personal funds, regardless of roof size.

This is not a loan or a grant so there is no application to fill out and no home appraisal required. Qualifying is strictly based on a free assessment of your current roof.

Who this program is for:

1. Homeowners with medium, large or extra-large roofs
2. This program is not based on financial hardship. In fact, many homeowners that we assist are considered somewhat affluent
3. Homeowners with a roof that is between 10-35 years old are ideal

Who this program is NOT for:

1. Homeowners with smaller than average roofs
2. Homeowners that have replaced sections of their roof over the years, piece by piece
3. Homeowners with roofs that are less than 10 years old
4. Homeowners that have a roof in absolutely terrible condition that probably needed to be replaced many, many years ago

Call the Hotline at 401-954-9012 for your free roof assessment or go to www.roofassistancehotline.com

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Those who need food but cannot get to the food pantry can have a friend or relative pick up their food or call 396-9490 to schedule a delivery.

The East Bay Food Pantry Thrift Shop is open to the public, and proceeds provide critical funding to support the food pantry. The thrift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

To make a monetary donation to support the food pantry, visit <https://eastbayfoodpantry.org/donate-to-ebfp> or mail a check to East Bay Food Pantry, 532 Wood St., Bristol, RI 02809.

Trip to Atlantic City in September

The Tropicana Resort Casino in Atlantic City will host a fully escorted tour package on Sunday to Tuesday, Sept. 17 to 19.

Included is chartered motor-coach, deluxe accommodations, \$30 slot play, \$50 meal credit, baggage handling, and taxes and gratuities for hotel and casino.

Gratuities are not included for driver and escort. The cost is \$309 per person double occupancy. Add \$140 for single occupancy.

A \$100 per person deposit is due with reservation, with the balance due Aug. 18. Call Roby Saucier at 253-7619. Space is limited, but 30 are needed for a Bristol pickup. This will help benefit the East Bay Food Pantry.

Call for artists by Bristol Art Museum

Bristol Art Museum will host a juried, regional show, "A Small Point of Land," a study of Rhode Island through various creative mediums, from Sept. 23 to Oct. 28. The juror is Michele Poirier-Mozzone.

Artists are encouraged to submit artwork that captures the essence of Rhode Island's oceanside heritage. Artists from the entire East Bay area are welcome to enter work.

For details, visit www.bristolart-museum.org.

Domestic violence support services

The Women's Resource Center has free and confidential domestic violence support services every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 624 Main St., Warren. Just drop in. Or, call the 24-hour hotline at 800/494-8100.

Meals are available; volunteer drivers

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island provides a nutritious meal, well-being check and social visit to 1,500 homebound seniors statewide.

For more information about the meal program or how to volunteer to deliver meals, visit www.rimeals.org or call 351-6700.

R.I. Blood Center is in need of donations

The R.I. Blood Center is in need of blood and platelet donations. All types are needed; but, there is an additional need for blood types O, O-, A-, B- and AB-. Donor centers around the state are open and you can make an appointment to donate blood at your convenience. To schedule an appointment, visit donate.ribc.org or call 453-8360. Appointments can be made online. The closest center in the East Bay is the Aquidneck Donor Center in Middletown.

Haunted Bristol walking tours nightly

Haunted Bristol walking tours are nightly at 6 and 8 p.m. It's a leisurely 90-minute walking tour of history, architecture and ghosts. Tours of Bristol and Warren are based on historic stories of native tribal battles, Revolutionary War attacks and slave wealth that are the basis of these haunting stories.

Reservations are required. Call 286-1209 for more information.

GRADUATES

NICHOLAS JANUARIO graduated summa cum laude and received a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Tufts University. He also was named to the spring semester dean's list. He is the son of Kym and Steve Januario of Bristol.



TONY KUTTER of Bristol received a doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

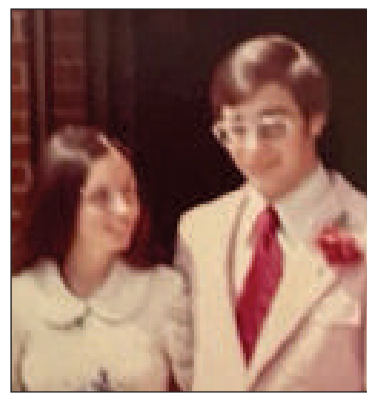
Annual Flea & Fair on the town common Aug. 12

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society's annual Flea & Fair is on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Bristol Town Common, High Street. This year's event has over 40 vendors selling antiques, crafts, collectibles, handmade items, artwork, books and much more.

New this year, are two raffles replacing last year's flea market. The first is a general raffle with over 50 prizes, including gift certificates to restaurants and stores.

Tickets are six for \$10. The second raffle features a 1-carat solitaire diamond ring appraised at over \$4,000. Tickets for the ring are \$10 each. Tickets will be available at the Flea & Fair or, in advance, from Dan Manchester at 829-9340. Winners do not need to be present.

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society is a 501(c) (3), not for profit organization. For more information, visit bhpsri.org.



Golden Anniversary

Steven and Anne Ricci will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4. Anne Rezendes and Steven Ricci were married on Aug. 4, 1972, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. They have lived in Bristol since the 1960s and met at Bristol High School. They have a daughter, Christine Ricci Hughes, son-in-law Tom and a granddaughter, Katie Hughes. They say the secret to their successful marriage is based on unconditional love with strong family values. Steven and Anne enjoy traveling and all the beauty of Bristol, especially the Fourth of July festivities.

GRADUATES

KRISTEN BLACK of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in history and a bachelor of science degree in preservation studies.

JAYLIN BODELL of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in forensic science.

JUSTIN BRITSCHGE of Bristol received a master of architecture degree.

JASMIN CARDOZA of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

PAULA CARROLL of Bristol received a certificate in community development.

McKENZIE CATALDO of Bristol received a master of arts degree in forensic mental health counseling.

ALEXANDER COLE of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in finance.

TRISTEN COMIZIO of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design communications.

LEILA DUMAS HOVEY of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in management.

CAMERON DUTRA of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in engineering (civil special-

Roger Williams University

ization). **BROOKE DUTTON** of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in architecture.

ANNA HARDCASTLE of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

COLBY IBBOTSON of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

MARGARITA ICAZA of Bristol received a master of science degree in criminal justice.

JOSELYNN LYFORD of Bristol received a master of architecture degree.

TARYN MARTEL of Bristol received a master of arts degree in special education.

MADISON McCAULEY of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in management.

JARED McGOWAN of Bristol received a master of architecture degree.

NOAH MENDONCA of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

CATHERINE NIZIAK of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in marine biology and a

bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

MADISON QUATTRINI of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

DANIEL RENSEHAUSEN of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in construction management.

BIANCA RIBEIRO of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in biology.

GRACE SHANNON of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

SAMANTHA SOARES of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in biology.

JULIA R. SOUSA of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in marketing. She is the daughter of EJ and Isabel Sousa.

GREGORY SPINCKEN of Bristol received a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design communications.

ANNA VOGEL of Bristol received a master of arts degree in forensic mental health counseling.

CHRISTOPHER WELLS of Bristol received a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

Bay View names honor roll students

Bristol students were named to the fourth-quarter honor roll at St. Mary Academy - Bay View.

Receiving highest honors were Francine Miller, Grade 12, and Elizabeth Dunlop, Grade 8.

Receiving honors were Marina Abreu and Sophia Napp-Vega, Grade 12; Ava Valenzuela, Grade 11; Skyla Mimoso, Grade 10; Tierney Heath, Grade 9; and Isabella Napp-Vega, Grade 8.

RELIGION

Free hot lunches for children, teens

"R.I. Summer Meals" provides free hot lunches for children and teens (18 and under) at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Fridays through Aug. 15.

The program offers free lunches provided by the R.I. Dept. of Education. They are served in St. Michael's parish house, 378 Hope St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no signup necessary.

St. Michael's offering Saturday open houses

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 399 Hope St, is opening its historic

sanctuary to visitors from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday through September. Parish members will be on hand as docents.

Built in 1860, the Gothic Revival structure is the fourth church on the site, the original having been burned by the British in 1778. Among its attractions are a Tiffany window depicting St. Michael defeating Satan, naval flags from the Battle of Midway, and monuments to many generations of Bristol citizens.

Visitors are also welcome to check out the new pollinator garden on Church Street, the re-landscaped Memorial Garden with its southern magnolias now in bloom, and the English-style vicarage garden in the Close, adjacent to the sanctuary.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
Board of Canvassers
ELECTION NOTICE**

PRIMARY ELECTION - MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINE

Any registered voter wishing to vote by mail-in ballot for the September 5, 2023, Special Primary Election must submit a mail ballot application to the Bristol Board of Canvassers, located in the Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. You may also apply for a mail in ballot online at mailballot.sos.ri.gov or by scanning the QR code.



Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Phone: 401-253-7000

Bristol Board of Canvassers
Melissa Cordeiro, Clerk

August 3 & 10, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
Board of Canvassers
ELECTION NOTICE**

The Board of Canvassers will be open Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Bristol Police Department at 395 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM for the purpose of registering to vote and changing an address in order to be eligible to vote for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. New registration, name, and address updates, and party changes can also be submitted online at vote.ri.gov until 11:59 PM on August 6, 2023.

**The deadline to register to vote to be eligible for the upcoming
September 5, 2023**

Primary Election is Sunday, August 6, 2023

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**The deadline to change voter affiliation is
Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM.**

Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Phone: 401-253-7000

Bristol Board of Canvassers
Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk
July 27 & Aug 3, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

ELECTION NOTICE TOWN OF BRISTOL

FINAL CANVASSING OF BRISTOL VOTER LIST

The Bristol Board of Canvassers will meet at Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting is for the purpose of canvassing the Preliminary List of Bristol Voters, and to hear objections to the inclusion or omission of any person as a registered voter, and to make a Final Canvass and correction of the voter registration file for the Primary Election that is to take place on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. The Preliminary List of Bristol Voters will be posted on Monday, August 14, 2023, in the Canvassing Department Office, Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court St, Bristol, RI. An updated list will be reposted on Friday, August 18, 2023.

Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk
Board of Canvassers

August 3 & 10, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROBATE COURT OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL, RI NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING AND FOR HEARING IN SAID COURT

The Court will be in session at the Town Hall, 10 Court Street, on the dates specified in notices below at 9:15 AM, for hearing said matters:

PANE, BRIAN D., estate.

Michael A. Rodrigues of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has qualified as executor and has appointed Edward D. Feldstein of 10 Weybosset Street, Suite 800, Providence, as his agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023.
July 20 & 27, and August 3, 2023

WILSON, SR., JAMES R., a.k.a. James Robert Wilson, estate.

James R. Wilson, Jr. has qualified as executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023.
July 20 & 27, and August 3, 2023

BRUESEWITZ, LYLE V., a.k.a. Lyle Vern Bruesewitz, estate.

Diana Menezes has qualified as executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023.
July 20 & 27, and August 3, 2023

MCSOLEY, FRANCES ANNE, a.k.a. Frances A. McSoley, estate.

Creighton Condon has qualified as executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023.
July 20 & 27, and August 3, 2023

ARDITTE, EDWARD C., estate.

Barbara A. Arditte has qualified as executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning July 20, 2023.
July 20 & 27, and August 3, 2023

BURKE, JOHN F., a.k.a. John Francis Burke, estate.

Probate of will; for hearing August 15, 2023.
July 27, and August 3 & 10, 2023

BOUCHARD, DONNA M., estate.

Probate of will; for hearing August 15, 2023.
July 27, and August 3 & 10, 2023

MORRIS, EDWARD, ward.

Marcus Santora of New Haven, Connecticut, has qualified as guardian and has appointed Crystal L. Collins of One Courthouse Square, Newport, as his agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning August 3, 2023.
August 3, 10, and 17, 2023

DELUCA, GEORGETTE P., estate.

Gina R. McKenzie has qualified as executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning August 3, 2023.
August 3, 10, and 17, 2023

Richard B. Abilheira, Probate Judge
Melissa Cordeiro, Probate Clerk

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's office at 253-7000, 72 hours prior to said meeting.

AT THE LIBRARY

'Animal Experience'

On Friday, Aug. 4, children can learn about and meet a variety of different animals with Dave Marchetti's "Animal Experience." There are two sessions, from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It's an all ages program. No registration needed, but please only attend one session to give everyone a chance to meet the animals.

Celebrate Asian culture

Rogers Free Library is collaborating with the Japan-America Society of Rhode Island in celebration of the 40th annual Black Ships Festival. The following events are sponsored by the Friends of the Rogers Free Library.

- A craft for teens and adults is on Monday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Herreshoff Community Room. Use origami, cutout art, calligraphy or flower paper to make a Japanese paper fan. Geared toward teens and adults, but all ages are welcome. Register on the website.

- A craft for kids is on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. in the children's room. Make a Japanese paper fan, presented by the Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival. Then bring your fan to the Cultural Fair. No sign ups

needed.

- "What are the Black Ships?," a talk with Dr. Matthew C. Perry of Bristol, is on Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Herreshoff Community Room. Perry will speak about his ancestor Commodore Matthew C. Perry, who established friendly relations with Japan in 1854 after abruptly entering restricted waters in Japan with his steam-powered "black ships." Learn more about the historic event that ended 200 years of Japanese isolation, by re-establishing trade and discourse between Japan and the Western world. No registration necessary.

- A storytime, "I Live in Tokyo," is on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 6:20 pm. in the children's room. Stick around after Mrs. Katz's storytime to read from Mari Takabayashi's "I Live in Tokyo." There will be take-home crafts (fish kites). Bring them to the parade on Saturday Aug. 12, at Independence Park. Best for ages 2 to 8.

- Cultural Market Fair is on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Independence Park with traditional drumming, origami folding, and a chance to meet your favorite superheroes and princesses. And don't forget to enter the first cosplay costume contest for kids

HAPPENINGS AT THE BRISTOL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A variety of activities are offered by the Bristol Recreation Department on Asylum Road. Registration is required on their app. All payments, registration and full schedules of fitness classes can be found on the app.

Call the Quinta-Gamelin Community Center on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 253-1611 with questions.

Fitness program insurance discounts for seniors are available through Silver & Fit, Silver Sneakers and Renew Active. Call Mary Ann Quinn for more details.

Teacher volunteers sought

The center is looking for volunteers/instructors to teach mahjong, bridge and t'ai chi. If you are interested in teaching any of these workshops, contact Mary Ann Quinn at mquinn@bristolri.gov or call 253-1611.

Exploring through Play

Exploring through Play for ages 2 to 6 is on

four Mondays starting Aug. 7 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. It is \$40 per child, \$20 for a second sibling and \$12 drop-in. The deadline to sign up is Aug. 4.

High low jack

Play high-low jack with other community members on Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. Free coffee and light refreshments available.

Free meditation

Jerry Zellinger is back with free meditation on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. available on Zoom only. Register for the class on the app or call 253-1611. You will receive an email link 30 minutes prior to class.

You must register an hour prior to class in order to receive the link.

Bowling for seniors

Bowling for Bristol seniors is at Dudek Bowling Alley in Warren on Thursdays at 9:30

LEGAL NOTICE

FRANKLIN SELF STORAGE

The following items below will be sold at auction to satisfy an owner's lien:

Name: Bette Humestone	Unit: STOR1	Description: Household Furnishings
Name: Victoria Stebbins	Unit: 0B023	Description: Clothing
Name: Yvonne Virgadamo	Unit: 0B100	Description: Household Goods
Name: Frank Gilmette	Unit: 0A007	Description: Household Goods
Name: George J Sardinha	Unit: 0B087	Description: Electronics
Name: Stephanie Ferriera	Unit: 0F004	Description: Household Goods
Name: Frank Silva	Unit: 0C030	Description: Household Goods
Name: Robert Stephenson	Unit: 0A015	Description: Household Goods
Name: Jim Noons	Unit: 0B026	Description: Miscellaneous Items
Name: Christopher/Katrina* Walden/Sloane	Unit: 0E014	Description: Miscellaneous Items

The Auction will take place at Franklin Self Storage, 271 Franklin Street Bristol RI 02809, commencing at **10:00 AM on Sunday, August 13, 2023.**

August 3 & 10, 2030

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL Board of Canvassers ELECTION NOTICE

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

Early voting takes place at a new location:
Reynolds School Building, 235 High Street

Wednesday, August 16th – Tuesday, September 5th Weekdays
(excluding Labor Day, Monday, September 4th) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Early Voting ends at 4PM on Sept. 5, 2023.

Bristol Board of Canvassers
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12 and under.

Find more details about the Black Ships Festival at jasri.org/black-ships-festival.

History on the Porch

History on the Porch / Famous Bristolians is an event series in collaboration with the Benjamin Church Senior Center.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m., historian Rei Battcher will give a talk about the famous faces of Bristol. Register directly with the senior center at 253 8458.

Summer Reading Program

Pick up your Passport to Reading (adults and teens) or Reading Log (children) and participate in this year's Summer Reading program.

Read books, attend programs and enter the weekly raffle to win special prizes. Ask a librarian or check the website for more information.

Rogers Free Library at 525 Hope St. is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 253-6948 or visit www.rogersfreelibrary.org for more information.

a.m. Let them know you're with Bristol Parks & Rec and get three games and shoe rental for \$4.

Summer knitting circle

A weekly summer knitting circle (all levels) is on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign up ahead (preferred) or drop in. Call 253-1611 for details.

Resin charcuterie board

Make a resin charcuterie board on Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is \$70. The deadline to enroll is Aug. 9.

Trips to see shows at PPAC

There are trips to see shows at the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC). The bus departs at 5:15 p.m. for all shows with transportation:

- "Mrs. Doubtfire" on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. It is \$50 with transportation.
- "Book of Mormon" on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. It is \$55 with transportation.
- "Moulin Rouge" on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m. It is \$65. No transportation.

Fitness classes

There are in-person and Zoom fitness classes available. Download the Bristol Parks & Recreation app to view types of classes and schedules and to register and pay. Or, stop by and pick up a paper schedule each month.

There is free zumba for middle and high-schoolers.

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

1 Bristol Woods Dr. Unit C1 Bristol, RI 02809

The premises described in the mortgage will be sold subject to all encumbrances and prior liens on **August 10, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.** on the premises by virtue of the Power of Sale in said mortgage made by **Bernadette Bizier dated January 19, 2007**, and recorded in Book **1352** at Page **57**, et. seq. of the **Town of Bristol, RI Land Evidence Records**, the conditions of said mortgage having been broken.

Terms of Sale:

A deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank check at the time of sale is required to bid. The description on the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms will be announced at time of sale.

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Manchester, NH 03104
Phone: (603)-486-1530

Mt. Hope's McCarthy earns All-American status

Wrestler placed fifth at summer nationals event in New Jersey

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
RICHAD W. DIONNE, JR.

Mt. Hope wrestler Andrew McCarthy achieved All-American status by placing fifth in the 138-pound weight class in the Nuway Combat Summer Nationals in Atlantic City, NJ last week.

"Andrew has worked extremely hard this off-season and has grown physically and mentally as a wrestler," said Huskies wrestling coach Ryan Fazzi. "He has taken every opportunity to wrestle and has beaten wrestlers that he has previously lost to including collegiate wrestlers."

McCarthy went a phenomenal 40-4 during the high school season and 3-1 at the state tournament, losing to Ponaganset's Jacob Joyce in the 126-pound championship. He went 2-2 at the New England tournament and 5-2 at the national tournament, where he placed fifth, earning All-American status.

"I am proud of my performance and what I've achieved so far," McCarthy said. "My driving force is wanting to win and better myself."

The rising junior said that he loved the challenge of competing against the top wrestlers in the country at his age and weight class.

"It was difficult, but fun," said McCarthy. "It was tiring, but I learned a lot."

As grueling as the high school winter schedule was with over 36 matches and tournaments, McCarthy doubled down this off season and is working even harder.

"We forced him to stop and take a breather after the New England tournament," said Fazzi. "Then he was off and running. The kid is getting good."

McCarthy flourished while wrestling in high school and collegiate tournaments this spring, winning the Massachusetts Freestyle and Greco Roman State Championship, the Roger Williams University East Coast Championship and the Fourth of July Bash Championship. McCarthy also competed on the RIC summer team for a dual meet tournament.

McCarthy is also working out with the East Bay Wolfpack Wrestling Club this summer. The club brought in multiple high-level wrestlers for McCarthy to work with such as 2010 University Greco Roman Champion Orkhan Pashayev, UFC Veteran Kris Mountinho, and CES MMA Champion Mitch Raposo.

"I love having those guys around because they're great sparring partners for Andrew," said Fazzi. "He can actually go full blast without worrying about hurting them. He scraps hard, but they still have him for now."

"I love seeing different styles of top level wrestlers," said McCarthy. "Wrestling people like that is a good challenge and it makes me a lot better."

Raposo has been working with McCarthy since the winter. He was a Massachusetts state finalist and could have wrestled at a Division I school, if not for his MMA goals.

"Funny coincidence," said Fazzi. "Jake Ferri, who beat Raposo in the Mass state final and is a D-I graduate of Kent University, wrestled Andrew in an offseason dual meet tournament at RIC. Ferri won, but only by points. He was a grown man going against Andrew."

With McCarthy gaining experience and getting better by the day, he'll be a difficult match for opponents to reckon with during the wrestling season this winter.



ABOVE: Andrew McCarthy celebrates a victorious match during the state tournament in February.

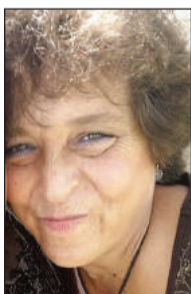
LEFT: Mt. Hope head coach Ryan Fazzi hoists Andrew McCarthy over his shoulder after he gained the final at the state tournament in February.

OBITUARY

Holly J. Silva

Was passionate about raising her children and grandchildren

Holly J. (Souza) Silva, 59, of Murphy Avenue, passed away on July 26, 2023, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of David Silva Jr.



Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Irene (Paiva) Souza. She is survived by her children, Krystal Silva of Warwick and Jacob Silva of Bristol; grandchildren, Camren Botelho, Dominic Pemental, and Naomi Silva; and godchild, Ray McKenzie Jr.

She is also survived by her sister, Cindy McKenzie, and her husband Raymond of Georgia.

Holly attended Bristol High School and was employed by Hasbro for nine years and Handy & Harman for 13 years before retiring. She enjoyed cooking for her family and was passionate about raising her children and grandchildren.

Her funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. from the George C. Lima Funeral Home, 367 High St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Church, 577 Wood St. Burial will follow in North Burial Ground, Bristol.

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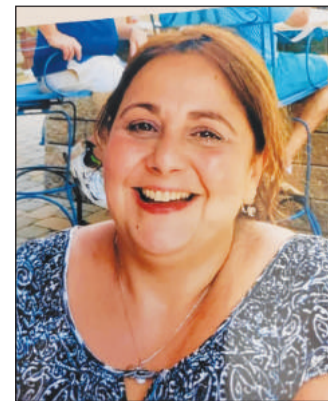
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Jane
xoxo

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 1019**

Sealed Bids will be received until 12 noon on August 23, 2023 for the following:

**REPLACEMENT OF FRONT DOORS AT
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
(FORMER REYNOLDS SCHOOL)
235 HIGH STREET**

BID #1019

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL, 10 COURT STREET ON August 23, 2023 FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF August 23, 2023

The Town of Bristol is requesting sealed bids for Replacement of Front Doors at Town Office Building (Former Reynolds School) 235 High Street, in accordance with all terms and specifications contained herein.

Specifications may be obtained and bids MUST be filed at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Specifications are available for download at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/rhode-island/bristolri> by registering and/or logging in as a vendor.

Bids (one original marked "MASTER" and one copy) must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be clearly marked on the outside, "Bid #1019 – Replacement of Front Doors at Town Office Building (Former Reynolds School) 235 High Street" and addressed to the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon on August 23, 2023

A mandatory pre-bid will be held at the property at 235 High Street, Bristol on August 15, 2023 at 2:00PM.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office (401) 253-7000 three business days prior to the bid opening.

The Town reserves all rights to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, or to go on the open market when it is deemed in the best interest of the Town.

MELISSA CORDEIRO
TOWN CLERK

August 3 & 10, 2023

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An old space, a new home

The new leaseholders of the former 2nd Story Theatre are opening their doors to three community theater groups in search of a permanent home

BY CHRISTY NADALIN
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A recent weekday morning saw two very familiar faces revisiting their old stomping grounds at the former 2nd Story Theatre on Market Street in Warren. Trevor Elliott and Max Ponticelli spent many years in the early days of their respective careers as technical directors under former artistic director Ed Shea. Though the theater has been closed for five years, in the physical space, not much has changed. Truly.

"The last show was 'Dancing Lessons,'" said Ponticelli. "There are still some programs floating around here."

"I was here on the day it closed, so it's very cathartic to be back."

Said Elliott, "We are literally taking down the scenery that was up for that last show. We're just getting some light in the room, and then we're going to build a new configuration that's based on an old configuration that we had eight or nine years ago, which was a proscenium layout, we call it. And so that's putting all the seats in this orientation facing the stage."

The proscenium layout is the one used in movie theaters and many other applications. It is the one that is most versatile for musical theater, concerts and many other types of performances. In contrast, when 2nd Story closed its doors, it was set up as a theater in the round — great for some productions, and a massive headache for others.

"This space has seen pretty much every possible configuration, so this really does set it up nicely going forward," said Ponticelli.

The new guys

The building's new leaseholders are a group of partners that include In Your Ear Records and The Upside Tavern on the ground floor. Together, the space will be a vinyl bar where patrons can peruse records and enjoy a cocktail. Upstairs, the group is interested in hosting events, including live music and comedy shows.

They were also interested in using the space to better serve the community, and when the word got out, there were several local theater groups eager to introduce themselves.

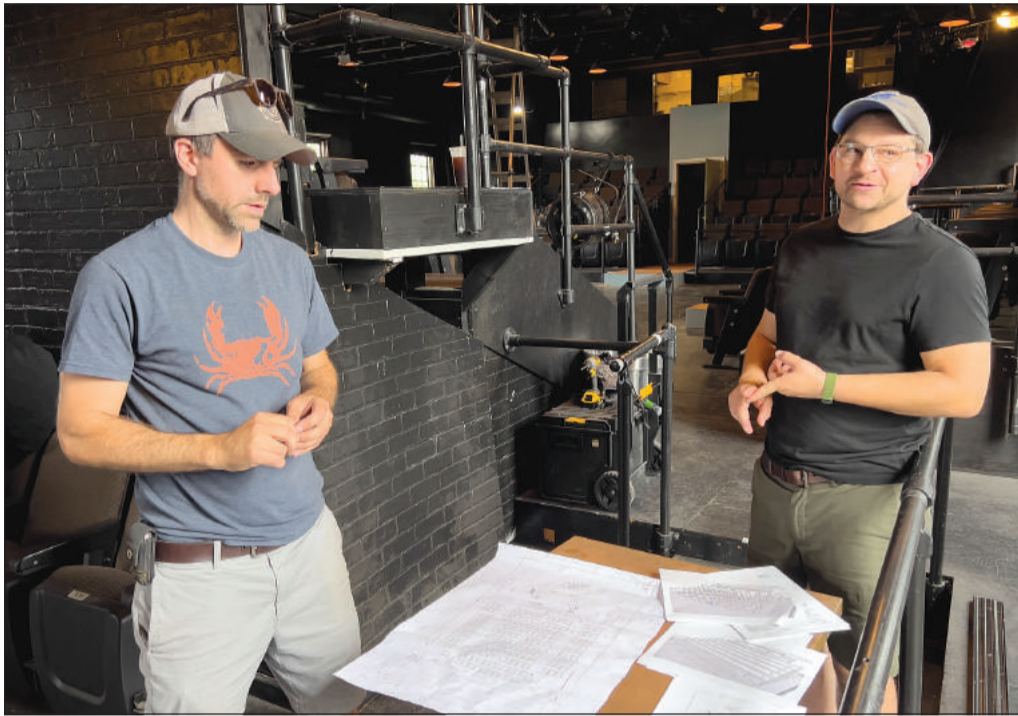
Arts Alive!, the Bristol Theatre Company and Spectrum Theatre Ensemble joined forces in a pitch to make the former 2nd Story their new home. As it turns out, it was not a hard sell.

Meet the players

These three groups are working collectively with the new managers of the former 2nd Story Theater to plan and stage public performances in a newly renovated space.

Arts Alive!

Arts Alive! is a nonprofit arts education program dedicated to introducing children and young adults to theater and performing arts. Most of the group's performances are in Barrington, where they stage productions with all of the Barrington elementary schools and Barrington Middle School, as well as host theatre workshops during school breaks and a theatre summer camp. Some recent perfor-



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Trevor Elliott (left) and Max Ponticelli worked together as technical directors for 2nd Story Theatre under the direction of Ed Shea. They are back together again this summer, helping lead a makeover for the theater space.

Taylor Benton, the proprietor of the Upside Tavern, is also serving as the building manager for the group of leaseholders. "Money is not really the currency we are inspired by — it's the opportunity to help these local theater groups," Benton said. "As we have gotten to know the people behind them, we realized how much of an asset this space is to the community. This is an opportunity to give back, and create a win-win, where we create jobs and new tax revenue, and and bring life back to this theater."

A new home, a fresh start

Marie Knapman, board chairman of the Bristol Theatre Company, can hardly believe their good fortune. For more than two years now, since having their town-owned Bristol space repurposed, they have been living out of a suitcase.

Homelessness came at a frustrating time for the community theater company. Arguably, it was having a permanent home that was helping them reach a new level in recent years, in both accolades and grant money. In 2019, the BTC was nominated for six Motif awards for their Nov. 2018 production of "Tommy." Recognized along with heavy

"I have never been so excited about anything in my life."

■ DENA DAVIS, ARTS ALIVE!

hitters like nationally-renowned Trinity Rep was a very big deal — not to mention that six nominations was twice as many as the company had collectively won in their entire three-decade-long history.

Before losing their home, they had just been awarded nearly \$20,000 in lighting equipment from the Champlin Foundation, made further improvements to their infrastructure, including expanding their stage and building a concession stand, and had their sights set on four productions a year — a dramatic improvement over their one-a-year production as nomads, for most of their history.

"I originally met with Dena (Davis, cofounder and Artistic Director of Arts Alive!) hoping to work together to get a space, but everything was out of our reach," said Knapman. "Then when In Your Ear leased the building, Dena was approached by someone who had heard that they were interested in working with the community. She reached out to Clay (Martin, of Spectrum Theatre Ensemble

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writers based in Providence. The company was established in 2017 with the aim of creating an inclusive environment that promotes understanding of differences. Every year the company holds a summer theatre festival which features original performances written by emerging artists. Each play is 10 minutes long and focuses on a different theme or issue. The plays make both the audience and the actors think deeply about important issues relating to how people interact with the world. Recent productions include "A Sense of Time," "The Importance of Being," and "Space Unexplored."

www.stensemble.org/

mances include "Matilda," "Pinocchio," and "Revolution!"

artsalivebarrington.org/

Bristol Theater Company

The Bristol Theatre Company is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the theatrical arts in the East Bay community. The company was founded in 1983. It is open to both children and adults. Recent productions include "Descendants," "A Christmas Carol," and "A Funny Thing in the Forum."

www.bristoltheatrecompany.org/

Spectrum Theatre Ensemble

The Spectrum Theatre Ensemble is a company of neurodivergent actors, directors and

— By Benjamin Siegel

POLI-TICKS

Be very careful with Officers' Bill of Rights

Another legislative session in Rhode Island has come and gone without any action on a perennial issue, reform of the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights. To be sure, some Constables on Patrol (COPS) have escaped a rightful punishment because of its onerous terms that have served as a roadblock to appropriate sanctions.



Arlene VIOLET

Let's not forget, however, that, initially, protection for police officers who tried to do their jobs without political interference was the main motive for its initial passage. In far too many communities, mayors and other politicians sought to punish their political foes by interfering with the police department. It is imperative that law enforcement stay impartial in the exercise of their considerable powers. Legislators over this summer should mull over what the balance ought to be before making changes pell-mell.

Another consideration should be how to keep the law enforcement job attractive as a career option. The starting place has to be with the police officer himself/herself. Every time an incident of abuse goes unchecked, public scorn is sure to follow. The day is long past gone when the "true blue" can remain silent when rogue cops belittle the badge by illegal or criminal action.

There is certainly some culpability for the demise of respect for those on the beat when the public sees the great wall of silence. I recently dined with a police commissioner of a very large metropolitan police force. Needless to say, we talked about the recruitment problem of appropriate candidates. One trend is that police departments are no longer "legacy" oriented. In the past, it was considered an honor to follow in your father's footsteps in such an honorable occupation. Not only is there a dearth of candidates coming from law enforcement families but also the officer in service is the one actually discouraging his/her child from entering the ranks. This is understandable since respect for the occupation is at a long time low.

Yes, police officers themselves have nobody to blame except themselves when they turn mute when abuses within the force occur. Yet, parents are letting little Johnny and Mary disrespect law enforcement. Children should be raised to respect those who put their lives on the line, since there are an overwhelming number of cops who do that day in and day out.

As numbers diminish in the ranks, it is somewhat frightening to contemplate what the future holds. The Commissioner shared my concern that if the trend continues the United States may very well see mercenary forces taking the place of the police officer. Personally, I think this would be a disaster, particularly for civil rights. Mercenary armies have underscored this blasé approach to human rights. For-profit companies fielding officers would, no doubt,

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Kayak guide taking care of business; warm water fish in Sakonnet

I first met Dustin Stevens at the New England Saltwater Fishing Show in March. His Rhode Island Kayak Fishing Adventures booth was right next door.



Capt. Dave MONTI

Dustin's guide business takes customers kayak fishing for striped bass, blue fish, false albacore and more. The more part includes ground fish such as summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and tautog.

If you are interested in learning about Dustin and his unique business and fishing model, you are in luck. He has been featured in a podcast produced by Peter Jenkins, owner of The Saltwater Edge at The Tireless Dustin Stevens of Rhode Island Kayak Fishing Adventures - The Saltwater Edge.

Cobia caught at mouth of Sakonnet River

A 38" cobia, an exotic warm water fish, was caught at the mouth of the Sakonnet River last week by Tiverton angler Eric Duda.

"It ripped line like crazy on my light rod setup. I knew right away it was not a fluke, and was thinking, must be one of those gator blues. The fish surfaced after eight mins 30 feet from the boat and it was no blue! The fish jumped out of the water and ripped line back to about the bottom again in 50 feet of water. I reeled it up four times, after about 20 mins, we finally got it into the net," said Duda. "It was a 38" cobia! I released the cobia back into the water."

The recreational regulation for cobia in Rhode Island is one fish/per vessel/day with a minimum size of 37" and a year-round season.

Where's the bite?

Tuna. The bluefin and yellowfin tuna bite continues to be very good. Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "Offshore fishing south of the island continues to produce well for yellowfin and bluefin. Most of the fish are still being caught on the troll but there seems to be more of a jig bite developing. Bring proper gear and watch out for the giants as there seems to be more than a few around this year." Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren, said, "I have never seen the tuna fishing this good. We are starting tomorrow at the East Fishing Grounds and near the Block Island Wind Farm. We are going to try to hook a giant bluefin."

Summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and scup. Fishing for summer flounder has improved at the coast, many believe the cooler air and water temperatures has and will enhance fishing. Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, said, "Fluke reports from last week have been great. Local South County waters and Block Island waters have been producing solid catches. More squid and sand eels have entered our area as well. Chartreuse jigs and teasers seem to be work-



Eric Duda of Tiverton with a 38" cobia, an exotic warm water fish, he caught at the mouth of the Sakonnet River last week.

ing the best for customers. Black Sea bass reports are only getting better with some nice blue headers being jigged up." John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside, said, "Fishing in the upper bay has been off including scup fishing at Sabin Point and other areas in the upper bay. Last week the bay water was in the low 80's in the upper bay. Things should improve this week with cooler water temperatures."

Striped bass. "The 5-day lull turned around last Wednesday at the Canal with striped bass chasing whiting and tinker mackerel. "Breakin' Bob" Weir had 19 fish to his credit on Friday with several 20-25 pounders that fell for his white FishLab," said Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author East End Eddie Doherty. "We're seeing some really warm water out front up to 74 and temperatures of up to 84 in the salt ponds. Keep this in mind while targeting striped bass. The bite is better during mornings and evenings as they can get finicky during the day when the sun is high. Live eels and chunked fresh bait continue to produce, as well as large soft plastics (Joe baggs, Gravity Tackle). The first two hours of incoming tide in the pond seems to have the most action." "The bass bite is outstanding. We haven't had to move all season as the Brenton Reef area is producing striped bass with giant bluefish too. So many bluefish are in the area that the dolphins are here feeding on them," said Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle.

Freshwater fishing for largemouth bass continues to be better early morning and at dusk when things cool off. "Anglers are catching largemouth with shiners at Stump Pond, Smithfield and Turner Reservoir, Rumford. The water is still warm, so fish are deep or in the shade. We still have a small trout bite at Willet Avenue Pond, Riverside along with anglers targeting sun fish with worms," said John Littlefield of Archie's.

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

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Thursday, Aug. 3	9:55 (5.2)	10:19 (5.5)	3:20	3:22	5:40	8:02
Friday, Aug. 4	10:47 (5.3)	11:11 (5.2)	4:03	4:17	5:41	8:01
Saturday, Aug. 5	11:41 (5.2)	—	4:42	5:11	5:42	8:00
Sunday, Aug. 6	12:04 (4.9)	12:36 (5.1)	5:22	6:13	5:43	7:58
Monday, Aug. 7	12:58 (4.5)	1:31 (4.9)	6:04	7:42	5:44	7:57
Tuesday, Aug. 8	1:53 (4.1)	2:27 (4.7)	6:53	9:16	5:45	7:56
Wednesday, Aug. 9	2:49 (3.8)	3:25 (4.4)	7:50	10:26	5:46	7:55
Thursday, Aug. 10	3:48 (3.5)	4:29 (4.2)	8:54	11:21	5:47	7:53

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* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

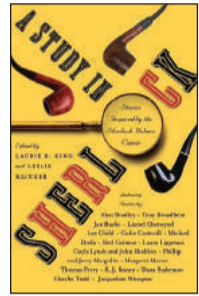
BOOK REVIEW

Some fun reads for sultry summer days

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Some more fun reads for sultry summer days in air-conditioned coolness or on the beach...

"A Study in Sherlock" (2011), edited by Laurie R. King and Leslie S. Klinger, is subtitled "Stories Inspired by the Holmes Canon."



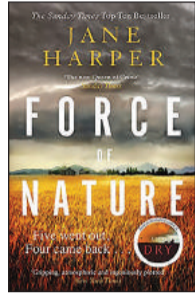
These wonderful stories are written by 18 of the most accomplished writers today — Alan Bradley, Tony Broadbent, Lee Child, Neil Gaiman, Charles Todd, Jacqueline Winspear and more. All inspired by a "man who never lived 'and so can never die,' who is more alive today than any other resident of the Victorian Age, including Victoria herself."

As a huge Holmes fan, and a fan of Laurie King's Mary Russell books, I couldn't resist this book. Sometimes compilations are just so-so, but this one has some fantastic offerings. A few are set in Victorian England, some in present-day America. Some feature Holmes, and others are about people inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tales about him. Some of the authors are award-winning mystery writers, some are members of the Baker Street Irregulars, and others are just fans or growing up wanted to be as clever as Holmes.

I especially liked the one by Margaret Maron in which Dr. Watson and Mrs. Hudson solve a crime while Holmes is presumed dead after

Reichenbach Falls. And, "The Startling Events in the Electrified City" by Thomas Perry, which has Holmes and Watson helping a U.S. president.

"Force of Nature" (2017) by Jane Harper is the second book in the Aaron Falk series (after the fabulous "The Dry"). I love her mysteries set in Australia — psychological thrillers that really keep you guessing. A corporate retreat into the Giralang Range will take five women into the bush on a team-building exercise and only four will come out. Federal Agent Aaron Falk and his partner Carmen Cooper have been investigating their company for money laundering, and one of the women, Alice Russell, is their confidential informant. Does that have anything to do with Alice's disappearance or is she just lost?



Chapters alternate between the present and the three days of the retreat. As a massive search gets under way, Aaron and Carmen try to discover the relationships between the women and hope the information Alice was meant to pass on is still available to them. The mystery is as tricky as the trails through the bushland that by turns seems beautiful, cold, wet, forbidding, creepy and feral. And, there's no cell phone reception.

"The Lions of Fifth Avenue" (2020) by Fiona Davis. I discovered this New York Times best-selling author and am wending my way through her thoroughly entertaining (with a



dash of mystery) books. She takes a famous building and with some true bits (which she shares in the back) creates a fictional novel. I love stories about books and libraries, so this one was a lure.

"The Lions" is the story of a family living in an apartment tucked into the New York Public Library in 1913. Jack and Laura Lyons are happily married with two children. Jack, the superintendent of the library's extensive operations, spends every spare minute on his novel. Laura writes for the library newsletter, but yearns for more and is accepted to the Columbia School of Journalism. Her desire for a career and her awakening to the feminist side of the city shows how tough it was for a woman who wanted more in those days. A preoccupation with their own priorities and a spate of book thefts at the library will set them on a path from which they can't return.

In 1993, Sadie Donovan is the curator of a private collection at the same library. No one knows she is Laura's granddaughter. As she plans a special exhibit, which includes Laura, who became a famous essayist, books and other items again go missing. Endangering her career and the exhibit she's poured her heart into, the thefts lead her (with the help of an ex-cop who is the library's security expert) to

investigate the past, recover the lost books, and discover what happened that made the Lyons leave the library.

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THEATER: Three community groups find a home in downtown Warren

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ble), and Spectrum brings a fresh new aspect to the collaboration.”

“What they are offering us is amazing,” said Knapman. “It seems too good to be true, especially after all we have been through these past few years. Having a place to rehearse and perform again will be amazing. And it is air conditioned!”

Currently, Bristol Theatre Company is gear-

“It’s very cathartic to be back.”

■ MAX PONTICELLI

A new opportunity

“We are in our 14th year and we keep growing,” said Davis of Arts Alive!, a Barrington-based non-profit committed that introduces young people to high-quality theater productions.

“Budget cuts have eliminated theater programs little by little, and for kids who do theater, that’s their sport.” Davis has no plans to change existing Arts Alive! school programs, which are

offered in every Barrington school (K to 8), as well as one in Warren and one in Warwick. But she will be creating a new theater opportunity for all East Bay students. Her goal: to produce really high quality theater with one big annual production, and hold Broadway Boot Camps on school vacations, as well as promoting and volunteering for her parter theater companies.

“Our first production will be a very epic, exciting Broadway musical,” Davis said. Collaboratively, she is looking forward to creating programming, performances, diversity, teaching opportunities and more. “We are not wasting any time, we are working on programming starting Labor Day weekend.”

A new perspective

The Providence-based Spectrum Theatre Ensemble is the group most likely to be unfamiliar to East Bay residents. Founded in 2017, it is comprised of neurodiverse artists with the common belief that theatre provides a unique, collaborative venue for the understanding and inclusion of all. In addition to producing high-quality theater, Spectrum provides leading initiatives and sensory-friendly consulting with other organizations.

“Spectrum Theatre Ensemble is thrilled to partner with these amazing theater organizations in an effort to create a universally-inclusive art space that can serve the East Bay and the Rhode Island Community at large,” said Clay Martin, co-founder and artistic director.

Spectrum will be the first of the three theater companies to perform in the reanimated space. Their Neurodiversity New Play Festival is scheduled for Sept. 7 to 9 in Providence, and they will



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Trevor Elliott (left) and Max Ponticelli stand near the center of the theater-in-the-round configuration inside the former 2nd Story Theater. Over the next few weeks, they will be working to transform the space into a more traditional stage with theater seating.

be offering preview performances in Warren on Sept. 1 and 2.

Lots of work, little time

Elliott and Ponticelli have their work cut out for them.

Back where it all began at the former 2nd Story (in 2007 for Elliott and 2009 for Ponticelli) they reminisced about the good old days while looking over the blueprints for the future.

“Some of the stuff that we did was just incredible,” said Ponticelli, “Coming in here in your twenties and breaking ground in ways that you never thought you could in a small community theater, was just such a valuable experience. I started here right after college, and I learned so much. You had to find a way to do it yourself.”

“There was enough room in the season for experimenting and changing our minds, and discovering, which was great,” said Elliott. “I loved that. It was a laboratory. There were no boundaries.”

“I think sometimes the lack of boundaries

was also the problem,” said Ponticelli. “It’s great to break things and make new art, but then you have to remember to clean up after yourself.”

These days, both Elliott and Ponticelli have hard boundaries — after 2nd Story closed, both got jobs in academia. Elliott is at Providence College, Ponticelli is at Wheaton, and they both have about four weeks to get the job done. They have hired help and welcomed volunteers, but they have to get back to work.

“There’s a lot of infrastructure still here,” said Elliott. “So we’re in better shape than if it was an empty room.”

“I couldn’t be more excited to be working alongside BTC and STE,” said Davis. “We each have something different to bring to the table. Diversity, inclusivity and creativity are something we are all focused on. And I feel like the community is going to be really excited by this space, and the vinyl bar downstairs.”

“I can’t say enough about how much I appreciate the leaseholders. I have never been so excited about anything in my life.”

ARLENE: Prioritize balance with Bill of Rights

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further bury abuses and clip resources in order to make more money.

Before this brave new world arrives, it would behoove all of us to take a reality check. How do we make the profession more attractive? How do we reward the good cops?

How do we raise children to appreciate the service of those who protect us?

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

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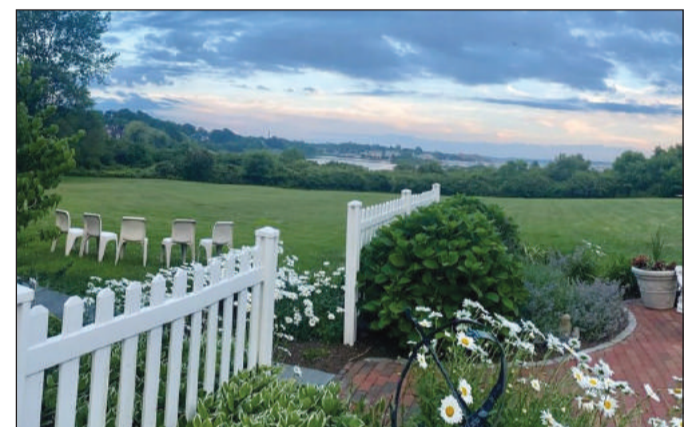
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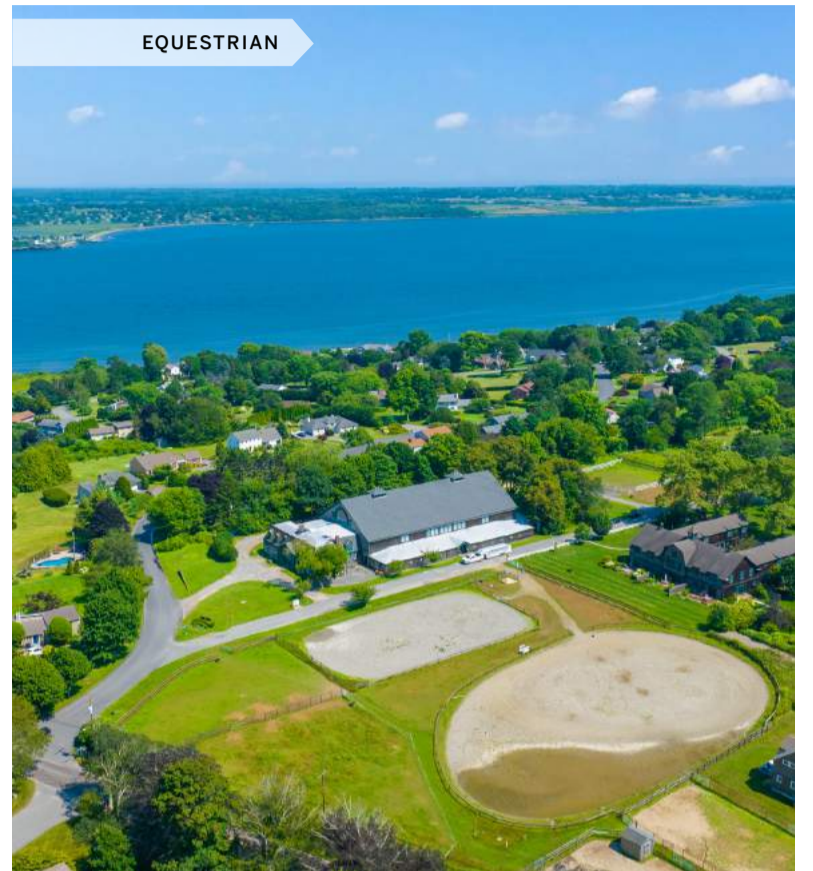
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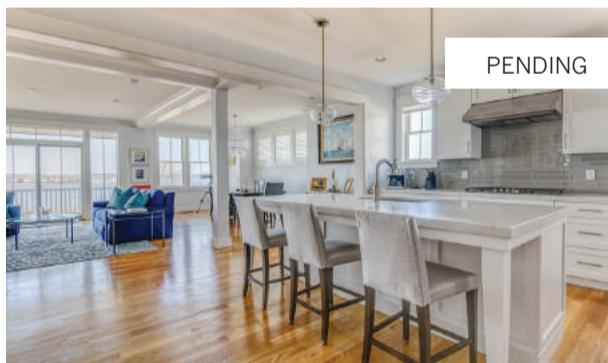
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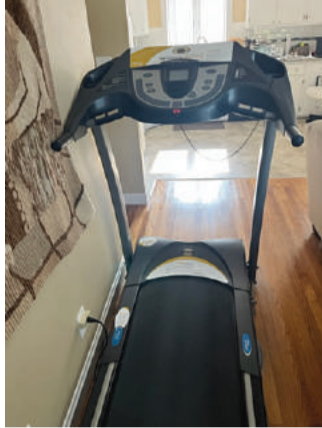
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