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COMPLIMENTARY

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Police nab triple shooting suspect

By RORY SCHULER

Police are believed to have shot a man wanted for a triple shooting on Ligian Court in Johnston.

Early Wednesday morning, Johnston Police secured the crime scene, just off Simmonsville Avenue. The suspect was still atlarge.

Around 9:38 a.m., Johnston Police cruisers at the crime scene took off at a high rate of speed and converged with other departments and state police under the overpass on Plainfield Pike.

Witnesses working along Plainfield Pike reported hearing 'more than 50 gunshots" after police shot and apprehended the suspect along Plainfield Pike, which is the border between Johnston and Cranston.

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HEAVY POLICE PRESENCE:

Police from multiple departments converged on a shooting suspect's car along Plainfield Pike, on the Johnston/ Cranston border, early Wednesday morning. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

7,026 empty boots

EMPTY BOOTS: The OSDRI Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial depicts 7,026 boots adorned with flags and name placards representing the lives of the of the U.S. service members killed in action post 9-11 in the Global War on Terror.

Memorial pays tribute to the nation's KIA By RORY SCHULER

and loved the individuals depicted in the boots to com



The boots are empty.

The 7,026 American veterans whose feet could have filled them were all killed in action since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Members of the public can come, and find people that they know — people who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Tyrone Smith, Director of Veteran Supportive Services for Johnston-based Operation Stand Down Rhode Island (OSDRI).

The OSDRI Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial event will be held through Memorial Day weekend (from May 26-29).

"Volunteers will converge at Fort Adams State Park on (Wednesday, May 24) to set up the Memorial," according to OSDRI. "On Friday, May 26, starting at 8 a.m., the Memorial will open to the public.

Visitors can stop and reflect on America's lost treasure all four days, through Memorial Day (open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 26, 27, and 28; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 29).

"Each year this Memorial stands proud honoring our fallen and reminding the public about the true cost of freedom," said Dee DeQuattro, Boots on the Ground founder. "It also serves as a place for those who knew

spend time with them, heal, and remember their loved one."

On Saturday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m., OSDRI will hold a "special ceremony for Rhode Island's Gold Star Families to place the boots representing their fallen loved ones.'

"Just to be specific; these are all Killed in Action (KIA) post 9/11," Smith said. "We also have an Invisible Scars of War monument — stand alone memorial next to it."

The Invisible Scars monument pays tribute to "a lot of people who succumbed to their invisible wounds directly related to conflict," Smith explained.

"This monument recognizes the pain and sacrifices of those Service Members who have succumbed to the invisible scars of war such as depression and PTSD and ultimately committed suicide," according to OSDRI. "This monument is the first of its kind in (Rhode Island) and it helps recognize the lasting effects of war and trauma."

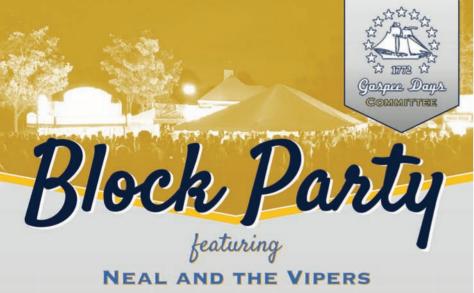
On Sunday, May 28, from 5-6 p.m., the Rhode Island National Guard's 88th Army Band Jazz Ensemble is expected to perform "a Patriotic Concert."

SET UP BEGINS: Dispersing the boots, Santos Perez (left) and George Luttge (right), spent Monday working to set up for the Boots on the Ground event. (Photos courtesy OSDRI)

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CLASS OF 2024 NHS MEMBERS: Front row: Riley Guenette, Historian Elise Connors, President Samantha Marcotte, Vice President Alexia DiLorenzo, Sofia China, Chelsea Maranhao and Andrew Sia. Second row: Gianna Halliwell, Raylin Santos, Parliamentarian, Cameron Ferrara, Mackenzie Buddenhagen, Emily Buddenhagen, Diana Rosales and Kevin Biscelli. Top row: Nina Lautieri, Jayden Testa, Logan Brennan, Brendan Paul Norris and Brendan Testa. (*Photos courtesy Stacy Landi*)



SUPER SOPHS: Members of the Jo0hnaston High School Class of 2025 who were inducted into the National Honor Coty Society are Logan Martins, Mathew Clements, Lucas Anderson, Skyla Prata, Nicole Patenaude, Noelle Patenaude and Kiniya Glenn.



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National Honor Society Induction



NATONAL NICHE: JHS Senior Members of the National Honor Society and Rhode Island Honor Society are from front to back, left to right: Steffi Rotella, Lilian Oliva Garcia, Dariana Carascoza, Vincent Chang, Anghelina Vejarano, Siera Jeeten, Cartina Zinni, Jackson Troxell, Allison Benoit, Melanie Capraro, Emma Homenick, Gianna Brodeur, Marylin McAteer, Emily Klein, Michelina Irons, Jaylin Molina, Ayomide Josephine Olagundoye, Caleb Guimares, James Guilmette, Nathan Zaliksk Aliyah Hunt, Tyler Renaud, Phoenix Russell, Talia Laflamme, Ava Melo, Derek Salvatore, Josh Philbrick, Jacob Muller and Michael Cepeda. (Photos courtesy Stacy Landi)

Character, Scholarship, Leadership & Service

By PETE FONTAINE

They epitomized the emblem of the National Honor Society — a flaming torch and the letters "C.S.L.S." anchored to its base.

The letters stand for the cardinal principles upon which this prestigious organization was founded: "Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service."

On a recent Thursday evening, those four qualities shined bright inside the nearly full Johnston High School Auditorium where 21 members of the Class of 2023 were inducted into the National Honor Society during a pomp and circumstance ceremony.

Likewise, a total of 19 members of the Class of 2024 and nine from the Class of 2025 also gained admittance to the NHS during an impressive ceremony coordinated by Advisor Emilia Ruggiero.

The night also showcased a total of 44 JHS students who are also members of the Rhode Island Honor Soci-

Perhaps Dr. Bernard DiLullo, superintendent of Johnston Public Schools, best summed up the extraordinary evening, when he emphasized: "These students are not only serious about their studies but also about their interest in civic affairs and leadership opportunities. They are the same students who participate in government, athletics, social events and community service.

DiLullo, who played an important part in the presentations along with Assistant Supt. Julie Zarrella, went on: "Their dedication to being the best students they can be is impressive. They have met and exceeded our vision of the qualities of a Johnston graduate. They fully deserve the recognition they received here tonight."

He wanted it known that "it was a pleasure to take part in such a special event and to be able to congratulate the students and their families on their success."

Rotella, his wife Jen's parents, Jane and Vincent Baccari, who presented a bouquet of flowers to their favorite granddaughter.

Johnston High School National Honor Society Induction

The Class of 2023 NHS officers are President Talia LaFlamme, Vice President Charles Curci, Historian Allison Benoit and Parliamentarian Jackson Troxell.

The other members are Melanie Capraro, Willson El Hage, James Guilmette Aliyah Hunt, Michelina Irons, Siera Jeeen, Emily Klein, Jaylen Molina, Ayomide Josephine Olagundoye, Lilian Óliva Garcia, Josh Philbrick, Steffi Rotella, Derek Salvatore, Makayla Scuncio, Sunny Sysomphou, Nathan Zalisk and Catrina Zinni.

Class of 2024 NHS Members include: Samantha Marcotte, President; Alexia DiLorenzo, Vice President; Elise Connors, Historian; and Cameron Ferrara, parliamentarian. Members: Kevin Biscelli, Logan Brennan, Emily Buddenhagen, Sofia Emily China, Riley Guenette, Diana Marie Halliwell, Nina Lautieri, Chelsea Maranhao, Brendan Paul Norris, Diana Rosales, Raylin Santos, Andrew Sia, Brendan Testa and Jayden Testa.

Class of 2025 NHS Members include: Lucas Anderson, Mathews Clements, Adrianna DeNucci, Kiniya Glenn, Vanessa Javery, Logan Martins, Nicole Patenaude, Noelle Patenaude and Skyla Prata.





OUTSTANDING OFFICERS: Emilia Ruggiero (center) advisor for the Johnston High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is joined by President Talia LaFlamme, Parliamentarian Jackson Troxwell, Vice President Charles Curci and Historian Allison Benoit.



On a night when NHS Class of 2023 members re-ceived their white Honor Sholes that they'll wear during next month's graduation, four students, led by President Talia LaFlamme, played important roles during the induction ceremony.

After issuing a heart-warming welcome, LaFlamme began her President's Address saying: "Students, tonight we recognize the work and dedication we have put in this past year. Not only have we gone above and beyond in our academics, but we have also put in time . bettering community through acts of service."

The purpose of the NHS, she went on, "is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to tender service, promote leadership and to develop character in students. I can confidently say that all of us demonstrated these qualities."

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was also filled with love from proud parents - even grandmothers and grandfathers — who came to honor their favorite students, armed with special gifts.

Take Joseph Rotella, Vice Chairman of the Johnston School Committee, for example.

He sat with other administrators and school officials smiling, as his daughter Steffi Rotella (who'll enroll at RIC and study graphic design) was among the 24 Class of 2023 inductees. Once the program was over, Joe and his wife Jen were joined by his parents Joseph and Linda

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SUN RISE SCOOPS

Sun Rise Staff Reports

Thursday, May 25 Wild Edibles

Thursday, May 25, at 5:30pm, learn about the Wild Edibles of the Woonasquatucket Greenway!

Join Iris Weaver, Bioregional Herbalist and Foraging Instructor, on a ramble along a section of the Woonasquatucket Greenway at Merino Park in Providence to learn about over a dozen species of edible wild plants.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

May 26-29

Volunteers needed for OSDRI Boots Event

OSDRI needs your help! The Johnston-based organization is in great need of volunteers for their breakdown day (Tuesday, May 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.) at their Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial at Fort Adams in Newport.

Boots on the Ground for Heroes '23, open to the public, will take place throughout the weekend, leading up to breakdown day on May 30.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, they must sign up through the link: osdri.charityproud.org/ VolunteerRegistration/Index/4506. (Scroll down to the calendar and click on the shift desired to sign up.)

Contact Amanda Dean at adean@osdri.org or 401-383-4730 with concerns or questions.

Operation Stand Down RI is excited for the return of the full display of Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial on Memorial Day weekend (May 26-29). Volunteers will converge at Fort Adams State Park on 24 May 2022 at 9 a.m. to set up the Memorial. On Friday, May 26th, starting at 8 a.m. the Memorial will



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open to the public. The Memorial will be opened from May 26, 27, and 28 from 8 am to 8 p.m. and on Memorial Day, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a special ceremony for Rhode Island's Gold Star Families to place the boots representing their fallen loved ones at 6:30 p.m. on May 27th.

From 5-6 p.m. on May 28th, Rhode Island National Guard's 88th Army Band, Jazz Ensemble will play a Patriotic Concert. This is the first year the Jazz ensemble has played the event. In the past, the concert has been played by the full band The concert is free of charge and those looking to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. The concert will feature patriotic selections from the band.

May 27

Connors Farm Hike

Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m., you can hike Connors Farm Conservation Area!

Located in Smithfield RI, Connors Farm is a 2.9 mile loop trail that passes by cranberry bogs, small brooks and ponds and features a picnic area at the top of a look-out spot. It's a beautiful rocky terrain and the WRWC's Land Stewardship Coordinator Sam Blair will join us to share some information about the geologic history, plant communities, and human past that make Connors Farm unique!

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

May 30

"Billie and Amy," at The Cabaret Room Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m., The Cabaret Room at

Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m., The Cabaret Room at The Arctic Playhouse, 1249 Main Street, West Warwick, will host Boston performing artists singer, Frankie Campofelice and accompanist, Andy Lantz with their tribute to Billie Holiday and Amy Winehouse. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$22 at the door. Full-cash bar available, table seating. Reservations are highly recommended as this cabaret series is sold out every month: www.thearcticplayhouse.com/ shows/may-cabaret-billie-and-amy/ or box office: 401-573-3443.

May 31

Band of Brothers

On Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m., the Johnston Historical Society Museum, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, will host an event exploring the Johnston connection to the "Band of Brothers," a group of World War II veterans who fought their way across Europe and were immortalized in a book by Stephen Ambrose and an HBO series. George Luz Jr., was blessed by an early introduction to the men of Company E, 506th PIR, 101st Airborne Division, in 1965 at the 101st Airborne Reunion. Luz was nine years old at the time, and that started a journey that his father, George Luz, began in August 1942 at Toccoa, Georgia. George Luz Jr. will be delivering a presentation on his father. Call the museum at 401-231-3380.

June 1

Neighborhood Watch Walk

On June 1 at 5:30 P.M. at the Tri-County Community Action Agency parking, a group will meet for its "first walk of the season."

In an online post, Johnston Police urged residents to attend an upcoming Neighborhood Watch Walk.

"We are pleased to invite residents of District 2 to take part in Councilwoman Lauren Garzone's 2023 Neighborhood Watch Walk!" Johnston Police announced on their Facebook Page. "This program aims to create open lines of communication, strengthen community bonds, and promote a sense of pride in our town. Participants in this event will have the opportunity to meet neighbors, develop relationships, and contribute to the safety of our community."

Johnston Police said that "the Neighborhood Watch Walk is an initiative that combines community-oriented policing with informative walking tours and meetings."

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SCOOP OF THE WEEK May 27 **Memorial Day**

On Saturday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m., at the Johnston Memorial Park Bandstand, Johnston will remember those lost in service to a grateful nation, according to Vin Jackvony of Johnston's Parks and Recreation Department.

Service

The program in-cludes a bell ringing to honor the 42 Johnston men killed in action. The event will also feature performances by the Johnston High School choir and band. Pastries and refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Military personnel are also reminded they can still reserve a place on the Memorial Park Honor Wall. For more details, contact the Parks and Rec Department, 1385 Hartford Ave., at 401-272-3460.



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June 3

Free Car Seat Check & Touch a Truck Event On Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., South County

Health will host a free car seat check and touch-a-truck event. Members of the South Kingstown Police Department, trained in Child Passenger Safety, will provide free car seat installation checks. This is a convenient opportunity for community members to ensure that they are using the right car seat, with the right installation, for their children's ages and sizes. Other family-friendly activities will include: face painting, touch-a-truck, and guided tours of South County Hospital's award-winning Birthing Units.

June 9

Cranston High East Class of '73 Reunion Cranston High School East, Class of 1973 will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Friday, June 9, at the Valley Country Club,

251 New London Avenue, Warwick. Cash bar: 6 – 7 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. \$75 per person. For more information, contact: AC 401-559-6627.

June 10

Funny 4 Funds Comedy Night Fundraiser

Rhode Island Canine Search and Rescue, Funny 4 Funds Comedy Night Fundraiser, Warwick Knights of Columbus, 474 Sandy Lane. Doors open at 6 p.m. Event starts at 7 p.m. \$25/person. Raffles, 50/50 and auctions. Sponsor opportunities available. RICSAR is a non-profit 501c(3) search and rescue team. Our focus is to ensure that the families of the missing will be reunited. For links to more information or tickets, ricsar.org, or email ricsar.treas@gmail.com.

June 23 Johnston High School Class of '73 Reunion

The Inspiration of '73 will celebrate its 50th year reunion on Friday, June 23. It will be held at the Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave., Warwick. If you are in contact with any classmates, spread the word. For more information, check out the JHS Class of 1973 Facebook page or call Donna at 401-497-9292.

June 24 **Strawberry Festival**

Smith's Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown, invites the public to celebrate their annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 24, from 12 to 4 p.m. This family friendly event will feature once again puppeteer Dan Butterworth, as well as pop singer Jesse Liam. Plenty of colonial games, activities, and crafts will be provided as well as pony rides for children. Vendors will be on-site, and they will be selling their famous strawberry shortcake as well as plants for the garden. A special exhibit will feature collections from the Narragansett Bay Quilt Association. Admission to Strawberry Festival is \$10 per adult, \$8 for seniors and military, \$6 for children over 6 years of age. Family Cap is \$25. For more information: www.smithscastle.org or 401-294-3521.







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June 10

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June 15 Track & Field Registration Deadline

Now thru June 15 is the time to register for Johnston Youth Track & Field. The Johnston Recreation Department is also looking for volunteer coaches and sponsors. Register your child and get involved in the community. Anyone interested in signing up can stop by the Johnston Recreation Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program costs \$65 per individual, and \$40 for each additional sibling. Checks and money orders are accepted (checks should be made payable to JYSA). The program is available to boys and girls currently in grades 1-8. For more information (including schedules, registration forms, and more) go to johnstonrec.com.

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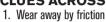
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- 4. Consumed
- 5. The habitat of wild animals
- 6. Sun up in New York
- 7. Cygnus star
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- 9. Talk to you (abbr.)
- 10. A place to clean oneself
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July 30 Warwick Reunion

July 30, Warwick Veterans/Toll-Gate High School Class of 1973 Reunion Warwick Veterans Memorial High School/TollGate High School Class of 1973 will hold its 50th Year Reunion on Sunday, July 30, at the Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave, Warwick. Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. \$50 per person. Checks payable to "VetsTollGate Class of 1973" can be sent to Ms. Judy Snow, 29 Oberlin Dr. Warwick 02886. Contact us at ClassOf73VetsTollgate@ gmail.com with any questions.

Jan. 1 – June 31 St. Francis Xavier Academy **Scholarship Applications**

The St. Francis Xavier Academy Alumnae Association is accepting scholarship applications from Jan. 1, until July 31. Forms are available on their two Facebook pages, by mail at SXA. P.O. Box 20452, Cranston, 02920, or contact a board member.

Events at Mohr Library

Tuesday, June 20, "Read Across Rhode Island" programming to read and discuss True Biz, a bestselling book which the publisher calls "an unforgettable journey into the deaf community and a universal celebration of human connection." Register by calling Meg at 231-4980, and press 6 for the reference

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Art-Smart classes starting in May for ages 8 to 12.

Saturdays, 2 p.m., Art-Smart classes starting in May, for ages 5 to 8.

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- Monday Arts and Crafts
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- Wednesday Poker
- Wednesday Quilting
- Thursday Mar Jong
- Friday & Saturday Bingo

The Senior Center Club the last Tuesday of the month. There is no charge for Senior Center activities. They offer Bingo on Thursday and Friday. Lunch is served daily at 12 p.m. (with a suggested donation of \$3).

May-June Trips

Wednesday, May 31: Mystery

- lunch \$10 pp Wednesday, May 31: Paint & Wine 6:00pm \$20 pp
- Thursday, June15: The Memories of Patsy, Whites of Westport Dinner & Show \$79 pp

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Amenity Aid's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable populations by creating access to essential hygiene products. Serving all of Rhode Island, we distribute toiletry necessities to those most vulnerable through our network of direct service agencies.

Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund

The Johnston High School Class of 1971 is raising donations for The Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation. A generous donor has offered a \$4,000 challenge! The donor will match all gifts to the Fund up to a total of \$4,000. The Class of 1971 initiated the fund on the occasion of its 50th reunion in 2021. Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a Johnston High School Senior planning to attend a college, university, trade or technical school. Donations are tax according to your filing status. To donate, go to the following website: www.rifoundation.org/funds/soul-of-1971-scholarship-fund.

Low-Income Home **Energy Assistance**

More than 1 in 4 US households struggle with their home energy bills. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help keep the heat on. The Tri-County LIHEAP Program helps to cover the cost of home heating bills for those that qualify.

Visit www.tricountyri.com for more information about the LIHEAP program, and other weatherization programs that can help to reduce your home energy bills. To submit an application for LIHEAP, or to see if you qualify, contact them at 401-519-1913. The Tri-County LIHEAP program has locations in North Providence and North Kingstown.

Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency.

Editor's Note: Send submissions to Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@ rhodybeat.com or Front Desk Coordinator Ida Zecco at idaz@rhodybeat.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.

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- Tuesday, June 20: Newport Playhouse, (Spreading it around) Lobster Fest Dinner show, \$95 pp
- Wednesday, June 28: Mystery lunch \$10.00pp

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EDITORIAL

Small improvements can make a big difference

We wholeheartedly endorse a package of six bills before the general assembly seeking to make improvements in the electoral process.

These changes, while not monumental or particularly headline-grabbing, would make voting a more convenient process for citizens and make the whole process easier on the hardworking individuals in city and town halls across the state who are charged with tallying votes and ensuring the democratic process goes off without a hitch. We fail to see a downside in that endeavor.

Among the most helpful aspects of the pro-

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posed bills is the concept of making it less difficult for independent voters to disaffiliate after voting

for a specific party in a primary election. There's enough going on in life without having to worry about changing your voter status after an election to ensure that you can vote in future elections for a different party, if you so choose.

Other procedural changes do no harm, and only increase the amount of time individuals have to cast a ballot, such as the bill that would extend the deadline for mail-in ballots for three days to account for those who apply for one close to the 20-day deadline. Similarly, an extension regarding how long the drop boxes for mail ballots will be open (from 20 days to either 30 or 35 days, depending on which version of the bill is adopted) only increases the period in which people can drop off a vote at their convenience. There are no logical reasons (unless you want to subscribe to unhinged conspiracy theories) to make mail-in voting through drop boxes more difficult — their use is safe and effective and increases access to the democratic process.

Two bills could potentially change things on Election Day, but also in a positive way. Being able to combine low-volume polling locations into more centralized spots makes perfect sense, as it reduces the burden on voting staff and enables them to combine efforts into larger polling places, where it is easier to control traffic and longer lines of people. Similarly, raising the cap from allowing 3,000 registered voters in a poll-ing place to 3,500 will further this effort of optimizing voting on the day of the election.

These small steps can have a big positive impact on the workers and volunteers who spend countless hours checking in voters and processing ballots. They are simple and sensical steps towards creating a better legislative process for all of us.



LETTER

Keep our libraries places where we can make choices

May 10 is the 90th anniversary of the 1933 purging of public and private libraries in Germany. Nazis snatched books from shelves, throwing them in the street to burn because politicians claimed they were indecent. There was shock and outrage throughout Europe and the United States, and I am sure other countries. English and French committees worked to preserve the ideas Nazis tried to destroy by founding libraries of Nazi Banned books.

At the New York synagogue where my grandfather was administrative di-rector, a call went out "... to preserve, in readily accessible collections, all books which the Nazis outlawed in Germany.

. monuments both to the men and women who created them and to the barbarity of those who, with medieval fanaticism, burned them."

The synagogue leaders formed a board to advise, publicize, raise funds, and develop a local Library of Nazi-Banned Books. Among its members were physicist Albert Einstein, historian Will Durant, anthropologist Franz Boaz, NAACP founding member Oswald Garrison Villard, Henry Street Settlement founder Lillian Wald, writers Theodore Dreiser, Sholom Asch, and Upton Sinclair, and others. The library opened December 22, 1934.

It comes as a personal affront that members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives submitted House bill H 6324. That bill holds the state legislative library and public and charter school libraries liable for distributing "indecent" material to minors with threats of fines and prison terms for the librarians.

In other states such actions inspired attacks on Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning books. The Missouri House threatened all state library funding. A western Michigan town voted to close the library over LGBTQ+ themed books. A Texas county tried to shut their library after a judge ordered banned books returned to the shelves. A school board in Tennessee banned Maus. As the book's author pointed out, "they want to teach a nicer Holocaust." Parents are demanding books be denied, not just to their own children, but to every child, even those whose parents want their children to read those books. Parents deserve a say in what their own children read, but deciding what other children read goes beyond parental choice, becoming censorship. These book bans recall the actions of a barbarous political regime 90 years ago

In The Better Angels of our Nature, Steven Pinker writes that a lessening of hatred toward minority groups in Europe several centuries back was partially the result of a growing familiarity with those groups from reading works of fiction. No wonder groups trying to prevent normalizing other groups, whether defined by religion, race, or gender identity, view books as a danger.

Books deal with complicated issues, but limiting access doesn't protect children from those issues. Knowing that other people dealt with similar problems makes it easier for children. Young people must see people like themselves when they read.

We need to tell our political leaders we value our libraries, we can make our own individual and family choice of what is acceptable, and not permit "medieval fanaticism" to restrict our access to the ideas and joys in books. Let this 90th anniversary of a terrible day be one in which our better angels lead us in a better direction.

Michael H. Goldberg, Cranston



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Our Lady of Grace Church Primavera



PROUD PARISHIONERS: Dario la Terrabellina, Norman Bessette, Debbie St. Hilaire, Chase Stone and Ken Lanni were among the people who helped make Sunday's OLG Primavera ar overwhelming success. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

Welcome to the Spring

By PETE FONTAINE

"Another great show father," many people could be heard telling Rev. Peter J. Gower Sunday afternoon inside jampacked Fioretti Hall.

Our Lady of Grace Church's Primavera — which has become an integral part of many parish traditions — was perhaps among the best in the event's 12-year history.

The planning committee — headed by "Mr. OLG Extraordinaire Joe Andreozzi" and his wife Joan — included Father Gower, Joanne Burley, Betsy Reilly, Tammy and Roy Borges, Tom and Pat Ucci, Mecca Domenico, Mike Lombardi, Jen Burns and the parish's St. Ann Solidarity and Holy Name Society groups.

They worked for weeks organizing every aspect of the fantastic food and social success, which as the multi-colored thick printed program read, "is proudly sponsored in part by your Johnston First Responders ... Johnston Firefighters Local 1950 and Johnston Police Local 307."

"As chairperson Joe gives 100 percent of himself and has worked hard for months to make this the great success it was," Gower said. "(He) has a knack for getting other people to help him to secure cure a successful event."

There were vendors from all over Johnston and beyond. They treated the largest Primavera crowd ever to their delicacies amid the color and pageantry of an event that included live music, prizes galore.

Italian/American flags decorated the room. People that sat at long linen covered tables, which were topped by beautiful floof the OLG Primavera.

"We are honored to have Joanne as this year's Grand Marshal," Gower said. "She has worked at OLG for over 40 years ... (She's) a dedicated individual who (has) been a joy to work with and more importantly has touched the hearts and lives of so many people in this parish, especially our children in the religious education program."

After pausing to welcome another group of proud parishioners to Sunday's super special social success, the popular OLG pastor added — with a wide smile on his face and sincere sternness in his voice: "Joanne loves her job, her co-workers and the parishioners here at Our Lady of Grace Church."

Burley, who was once a quality control manager at Narragansett Brewery, said: "I'm honored that father asked me to be Grand Marshall ... there are so many people in this parish who volunteer so much of their time, so to be asked to be Grand Marshal is so humbling. I have enjoyed every one of my 40 years at the parish, volunteering and working with so many wonderful families through the religious education department and other ministries. I am also grateful to all the pastors who I've worked with, especially Father Peter. I'm very blessed and I know it!"

As he has in years past, the OLG Primavera was enhanced by Emcee Mike Montecalvo, popular newsz anchor at WPRI-12 TV, who really worked the room.

"All in all, it was an amazing day, a lot of fun, great fellowship and the proceeds will certainly help continue the work and mission of the church here at OLG," Gower told the crowd. "As pastor of this phenomenal parish, I thank God every day for the gift you are to me and I express a heartfelt thanks to all those (who) made this the most beautiful event ever; may god Bless you all."

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GRAND GAL: Joanne Burley, who is in her 40th year working at Our Lady of Grace Church, was this year's Primavera Grand Marshall. She's joined by Chairman Joe Andreozzi, Rev. Petr Gower, Mike Montecalvo and Silvio Patriarca.



ral arrangements.

One table was reserved for the day's special guest — Joanne Burley — who joined the list of people who have been honored with the prestigious title of Grand Marshal

WARM WELCOME: OLG parishioners Ken Rawlinson, Steph Lemoi, Rose and Greg Parascandolo and Lou Pontarelli served as a welcoming committee at Sunday's 12th Annual OLG Primavera.

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Boots (Continued from page 1)

"This is the first year the Jazz ensemble has played the event," OSDRI recommends. "In the past, the concert has been played by the full band. The concert is free of charge and those looking to attend are encouraged to oring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. The concert will feature patriotic selections from the band."

The boots were donated by "various entities in 2015," Smith explained. And in between Memorial Day events, the "boots are stored on our property within (OSDRI's) mobile boots transport trailer."

Flood Ford donated a Ford F-250 to haul the 30-foot long trailer from Johnston to Newport.

Smith said he hopes the memorial continues to spur "conversations and dialogue among people in the community about the cost of war."

OSDRI launched the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial in 2015. The memorial inhabited Roger Williams Park in Providence for its first three years.

"In 2019, the memorial relocated to its new home inside Fort Adams State Park in Newport," according to OSDRI.

In 2021, the organization added "the 13 boots of the U.S. Service Members killed during with withdrawal from Afghanistan."

"The memorial depicts 7,026 boots adorned with flags and name placards representing the lives of the of the U.S. service members killed in action post 9-11 in the Global War on Terror," according to OSDRI. "The exhibition has been seen by thousands of visitors since its inception in 2015. Every fallen service member is included in the memorial; service members are alphabetized by state allowing individuals to locate loved ones at the memorial. The Memorial continues to grow each year the war continues." Smith has helped to lead the set-up effort all week long "It's a huge task," Smith said from Fort Adams. "This is a memorial for the people. It's for everybody. It's not ust our memorial. We want to make sure we do it right. It has to look right."

LOST TREASURE: Above, the Boots on the Ground Memorial has been seen by thousands of visitors since its inception in 2015. According to OSDRI, every fallen service member is included in the memorial and names are alphabetized by state allowing individuals to locate loved ones at the memorial. Below, a state flag and a circle commemorate the Ocean State's KIA. (*Photo courtesy OSDRI*)



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: See the Sun Rise Scoops column on Page 4 for details on how to help OSDRI take down the memorial following the event.

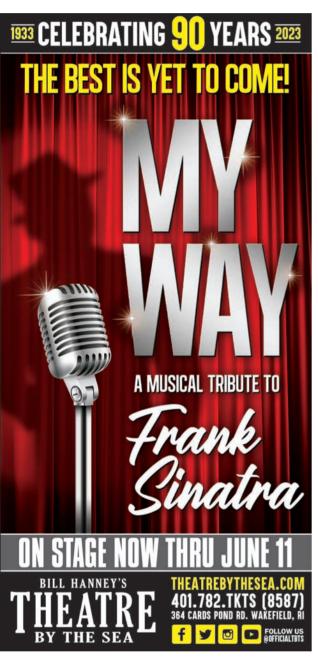
BOOTS ON THE GROUND:

By Tuesday of this week, the Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial had already started to take shape. (Photo courtesy OSDRI)



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THE WINNING TEAM: Among the JPD officers who made up Local 307's team Friday night are Chief Mark Vieira, Eli McGuire Krueger, Nick Bordieri, Seve Letterle, David Chen, Tom Santurri, Dave Galligan, Ryan Lemueix, Kevin Brady, Derick Ofori, Andrew Broccoli, Mike Babbitt and Lou Cotoia. They we coached by JHS Panthers Camani Batista and Anthony Corsinetti. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

Battle of the Badges thrills, tips off new annual event

By PETE FONTAINE

The "Camaraderie Classic" - a.k.a. Battle of the Badges co-starring the Johnston Police Local 307 and Johnston Firefighters Local 1950 - played to benefit the town's champion-caliber unified school sports program in what may rank as one of the most heartwarming and successful events in the town's storied sports history.

There was an SRO crowd, headed by Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr, and was a like Who's Who in Johnston that enjoyed an extraordinary evening that included touch-atruck for children, food trucks that may have run out of doughboys, and JPD and JFD personnel showing all sorts of athleticism for four 8-minute periods and raising \$2,000 plus to benefit the John-



NEW EVENT: The Johnston Firefighters Local 1950 was presented by Chief Davis Iannuccilli, Joe Pingitore, Chris Celani, Scott Mooney, John Wooley, Mike Gaskin, Tyler McNulty, Jacob Podmaska, Adam Barros, Cory McNulty, Bandon Wooley, Coly Wooley, Dave Karbowski, Mark Livingston and coaches Neari Vasquez and Derek Salvatore.

ston Unified School Sports program.

Perhaps never before at least in recent memory

- has the Panthers Pen (Edward DeSimone Gymnasium) – been filled with as much love and pride as there was Friday night.

"This is special!" exclaimed Johnston School Supt. Dr. Bernard DiLullo, who stood throughout the whole evening as did Mayor Polisena Jr. along with many school and town officials. "This is really, really impressive."

at Immaculate Conception Regional Catholic School in Cranston. "The entire atmosphere in this gym is special."

There were many examples, beginning with a basketball game that the JPD won, 41-34, behind Cotoia's 12 points. Eleven from Andrew Broccoli and the 10-rebound effort of Mike Babbitt.





It was that way for many reasons, especially the efforts of co-chairs JRD Rescue Lt. Mark Livingston and JHS Resource officer Lou Cotoia - who has great relationships with students and faculty on Cherry Hill who turned out in record numbers Friday night. They collaborated with Principal Matt Velino and Athletic Director Justin Erickson to make everything special.

"Tonight, has all the earmarks of a big-time basketball game," assessed David DelFino, former JHS Athletic Director who heads the physical education department

The JFD got behind early by as many as 14 points and closed to within five but couldn't close the gap.

Dan Robbins and Ken Rattey, who are both board referees, volunteered their time while Mark Gilmore of Johnston Community Center Association fame was the night's DJ while Cam Iasimone did the play by play and team introductions.

Digital art teacher Mike Harwood showed his scoring ability during the Student/Faculty game at intermission while basketball icon coach Chris Corsinetti emceed a moving halftime ceremony BATTLE - PAGE 11



STOPPING BY: Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. is joined by JPD Chief Mark Vieira, JFD Chief David lannuccilli and volunteer referees Ken Rattey and Don Robbins at last Friday night's big benefit game.



LOOKING ON: This is only a small portion of the SRO crowd that made last Friday night's Battle of the Badges a special success.



SINGING THE ANTHEM: Syria Reyes, JHS Class of 2026, delivered an extraordinary rendition of the National Anthem and later was joined by Athletic Director Justin Erickson, Principal Matt Velino and School Superintendent Dr. Bernard DiLullo.



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FORMER PANTHERS: JHS basketball icons Sara Bandoma, now of Providence College, Coach Chris Corsinetti and twotime Gatorade Player of the Year Chelsea Marandola of PC Lady Friar fame were honored during halftime last Friday night.

Battle

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honoring two-time Lady Panther/Lady Friar Chelsea Marandola who now has two plaques on the gym wall for her Gatorade Player of the Year laurels back in 2004 and 2005. Likewise, current Lady

Friar and JHS alumni Sara Bandoma was honored as well.

"It was great to see the camaraderie between the different departments of the town and get so much help from so many students," Livingston wanted it known. "Today was a good day!"

And set the stage for Battle of the Badges II 2024.

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By JENNIFER COATES

Travel. For some, the pure love of travel is just part of their DNA. Now that the world has opened up again, the desire to travel has exploded ~ and taken some new and exciting directions. Just ask Rhode Island's very own "celebrity chef," Chef Walter Potenza.

Many may recognize Chef Walter from his many appearances on Channel 6's weekend cooking segments. Others may know him from his culinary school, aptly named Chef Walter's Cooking School ~ one here in Rhode Island, another in Dubai, UAE. Some may even know him from his years as a restauranteur. Chef Walter is a busy man, and his life got a whole lot busier when he took his passion for travel, for cuisine, for teaching and for exploring the world to a whole new level.

Today, as he has done since 1996, Chef Walter leads Culinary Tours throughout Italy. Combining his love of his homeland (he is a native of Abruzzo, Italy) with his true calling as a Master Chef who specializes in Italian and Jewish cooking and who has a lifelong commitment to the sustainability of the planet, he takes his guests on sensory journeys through this famous country. Chef Walter calls these private tours ~ led by an authentic Italian chef ~ "Flavors & Knowledge Tours with Chef Walter." And this is exactly what they are.

Wine tastings throughout Italy. Cheese tastings throughout Italy. Dessert tastings throughout Italy. It is a culinary dream which cannot be duplicated or imitated. It is the best of the best, by the best of the best. If you think Chef Walter's culinary tours are ordinary, you haven't met Chef Walter. He is knowledgeable, thorough, talented, dedicated, and prepared. He takes extensive "pre-tours" which are tours done before the

actual paid tours of his travelers. This is when and where he does his hands-on research before bringing his guests on board.

Walter scours the countryside, looking for the best vineyards, the best cucinas, the best chefs, the best accommodations, the most environmentallyconscientious forms of transportation. His years of travel have introduced him to people around the regions of Sicily, Palermo, Tuscany (and more) with whom he has developed enduring relationships. They work closely with him to create the most authentic, experience-based, thrilling tour possible. Travelers get to go "behind the scenes" to see and taste and feel the most unforgettable gastronomic experiences of a lifetime.

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CRIME SCENE: Johnston Police blocked off Ligian Court following reports of a triple shooting Wednesday morning. (*Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler*)

Shooting

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Multiple sources confirm one of the suspect's shooting victims is a local base-ball coach.

Dan Chiovitti was watching the massive police presence gathered along Plainfield Pike, from a parking lot at the intersection with Simmonsville Avenue.

"I saw the smoke," he said. "And then I heard a lot of gun shots — at least 50."

Some early published reports said the suspect was transported to the hospital. Other reports have said the shooting was fatal. At press-time, law enforcement had yet to release any official information.

Rhode Island State Police at the Scituate barracks deferred inquiries to Cranston Police (Cranston officers were possibly first on scene for the apprehension). Cranston Police did not respond to requests for comment by press-time.

Johnston Police Chief Mark A. Vieira was expected to brief the media later in the day Wednesday.

Reports from the scene indicate the suspect lived across the street from two of his victims. Several sources, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed one of the victims is a local baseball coach.

Those same sources say a child shot at the initial crime scene possibly survived the shooting, although law enforcement has yet to confirm that or release the identities of the victim.

A credible source with ties to law enforcement confirmed the suspect is Ligian Court resident James Harrison. Sources also say Johnston Police responded to Ligian Court late Tuesday for reports of a possible "Peeping Tom."

Early reports and multiple sources indicate one victim was living with Harrison, and the other two lived next door.

While the suspect was on-the-loose, Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. said he was instructing Johnston Police to send extra law enforcement to local schools until the situation was resolved.

Police received a BOLO (Be On the Lookout) alert to watch for Harrison, who was possibly driving a dark blue Buick.

Some reports indicate the suspect was possibly hiding out at St. Ann Cemetery in Cranston.

Witnesses spotted a police chase on Atwood Avenue, which ultimately moved in the direction of Plainfield Pike. The police and the suspect met under the Route 295 overpass on Plainfield Pike, when shots rang out.

The Cranston Police Department Crime Scene Investigations van arrived on the scene around 10:30 a.m.

This story will be updated online as more details are released.

BLOCKING

Cranston Police ran crime scene tape across Plainfield Pike early Wednesday morning after police shot a man wanted in a Johnston triple-shooting.







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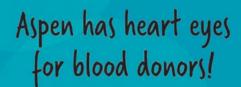
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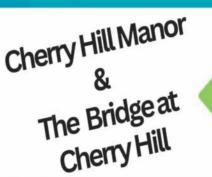
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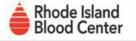
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CAUGHT IN JOHNSTON Judge Caprio celebrates centenarian speedster's 100th birthday



COLELLA CORNER: Victor S. Colella (seated) was the guest of honor at a surprise 100th birthday luncheon. He was accompanied by his family: son Richard Colella, niece Karen Zompa, niece Kathy Marinelli, sister Lillian Zanecchia and sister Ada Marcoccio. (*Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine*)



PERFECT PIE: This is the apple pie that carried three candles and was served during the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Victor S. Colella during his recent birthday bash at the JSC.



FANTASTIC FRIENDS: Former Providence Municipal Court Judge Frank Caprio joins his long-time friend Victor S. Colella on his 100th birthday. (*Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine*)

By PETE FONTAINE

Victor S. Colella was all tears and smiles during a recent love-filled luncheon inside the Johnston Senior Center's jam-packed multi-use dining room.

A judge that Colella appeared before four years ago to argue a speeding ticket and Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. were among the many people who helped the long-time Johnson resident — who was born in Providence back on May 9, 1923 — celebrate a mighty milestone on his 100th birthday.

In fact, ever since that day when Colella, at age 96, and the famous judge first met in the courtroom, he and now retired Providence Municipal Court Frank Caprio have become inseparable to the point where they visit each other's homes and prepare culinary creations of all kinds — even Victor's favorite, apple pie.

"When I learned about Victor and he'd soon become the state's newest centenarian, I wanted to do something extra special for him as well as his fine family," explained Richard J. DelFino Jr., the JSC's executive director. "After all, Victor has been a regular at a lot of our luncheons and events here at the JSC."

So DelFino contacted Caprio, who added to the day by bringing his son and law partner Frank Caprio Jr., a former Bishop Hendricken and Harvard University baseball standout, to the luncheon.

DelFino told an audience that Colella's son Victor Jr. was sick, and he was driving him for blood work when a traffic camera recorded him speeding. That prompted a violation and an appearance before Caprio in court and on his once highly popular and watched television show "Caught in Providence."

Colella vehemently denied driving fast and gave a tearful explanation of his role as a father helping his sick son.

As a result, Caprio dismissed the case that led to the

internet worldwide and set in place a wonderful friendship between the judge and Colella.

Meanwhile, as Polisena said while presenting Colella with a gold seal State of Rhode Island-Town of Johnston Official Commendation in honor of his 100th birthday: "This is your day; once you reach 100 you don't have to pay any more senior taxes." The mayor added: "It's pretty hard to find a 100th birthday card."

After Caprio explained that the two men have become close friends and have shared many memorable moments at each other's homes, Colella said, his voice cracking with emotion as he wiped tears of joy from his eyes: "You're the best man I ever met; you mean so much to me. I hope you all live a long life."

"Seeing Victor with his family was so wonderful," DelFino observed. "It was extra special having Judge Caprio here. As Victor said when asked his recipe for a long life: "Be kind to others you'll receive kindness in return."

After which, the JSC's larger than usual lunch crowd added to the special day singing the traditional "Happy Birthday Song" and later watched Colella blow out three candles on top of an apple pie, which was the day's special dessert.

MILESTONE MARK:

Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr. presents long-time Johnston resident Victor S. Colella – who was born on May 9, 1923 – with an official commendation at his 100th birthday celebration. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



WARWICK SHOWCASE

FAST X *1/2

(Number 10 in the Action Series)

They're back!

Dominic (Vin Diesel) and his family, which includes his crew, have a new bad guy to contend with.

There are cameos from Helen Mirren, Rita Moreno, John Cena, Ludacris and Brie Larson.

Dante, played by Jason Momoa, is seeking revenge for the crew killing his father. And is he persistent!

There are four major car chases, one race, and numerous fights in this action packed adventure, where more cars and trucks are annihilated than are registered in the state of Rhode Island.

Bridges are wrecked, helicopters crash, and Dominic drives down a dam that looks a lot like the Hoover.

It is all completely outrageous, but exciting. Forget the plot, as it makes no sense as the crew goes from London to Rio to the USA.

The ending leaves you hanging like the old serials used to do.

Everyone stays for the credits. Was that the Rock?



AVON

CARMEN

(Surrealist Drama)

Carmen is an independent, beautiful woman who flees Mexico after her mother is murdered, crossing the border illegally with the help of a former marine suffering from PTSD.

The two make it to Los Angeles and the La Sombra nightclub, which is owned by her mother's best friend.

Carmen rekindles her love for dancing, while Aidan hides out from his past.

The movie becomes very surrealistic, with several beautiful dance routines in the night club and outside in the city streets

Carmen and Aidan are both

searching for their future in this tragic love story.

POLITE SOCIETY * * 1⁄2

(Bollywood Spoof)

This strange Bollywood spoof features two strange Pakistani sisters who live and attend school in England.

Their family follows the Pakistani traditions, while Ria practices karate and Lena pursues art until she is proposed to by a handsome and rich man.

The rest of the movie has Ria trying to stop the wedding.

I found the characters very irritating and the story very stupid.



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Theatre By The Sea's 90th anniversary opens with 'My Way: A Musical Tribute To Frank Sinatra'

In celebration of 90 Years of Theatre By The Sea, owner and producer Bill Hanney is proud to announce the opening of the 2023 Summer Season. The season begins with the award-winning musical, My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra, which will be presented from May 24 - June 11, 2023.

"I have been looking forward to celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Theatre By The Sea since selecting this season's productions, which celebrate some of the greatest voices of the 20th century," said Bill Hanney. "My Way is a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra who was considered by many to be one of the greatest American singers of our time. It is the only show this season that we have produced previously. It was so well received in 2009 and fit so nicely with this season's theme that

Hanna and Alex Berg, along with Joel Andrew Cote (Production Stage Manager) and Kaitlin Buttofucco (Assistant Stage Manager). My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra is being produced for Theatre By The Sea by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Thom Warren (Associate Producer)

Audiences are invited to enhance their theatre experience by dining at the on-site restaurant, Bravo by the Sea, just a short stroll down the arbor walk adjacent to the theatre. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made online at www.theatrebythesea.com/ menu or by calling (401) 789-3030. Before or after the meal theatergoers can enjoy the lush seaside gardens, which contain over 300 varieties of perennials, grasses,

I thought it was a great time to bring it back. Judging from the ticket sales, it looks like audiences agree and are ready to hear this timeless music once again.'

From the king of swing to the Rat Pack, Ol' Blue Eyes charmed his way into the hearts of millions. Celebrate the pivotal moments of Sinatra's remarkable five-decade career with a journey through his greatest hits. Four performers sing more than 50 classics such as "I've Got the World on a String," "Fly Me to the Moon," and "New York, New York." Experience the elegance of "The Chairman of the Board" as you're transported back to the era of supper clubs, vintage Las Vegas, and the perfect martini.

Directed and choreographed by Greg Santos, who directed last season's critically acclaimed production of Million Dollar Quartet, with musical direction by Broadway pianist/conductor Milton Granger, who returns to Theatre By The Sea having previously music directed Singin' in the Rain, My Fair Lady, Mary Poppins and CATS, the cast includes veteran performers Christopher Brasfield, Daniel Drewes, Alyssa Giannetti, Lucy Horton, Kaléa Leverette, and Lucas Weber.

The creative team includes resident scenic designer Kyle Dixon, costume designer Kelly Baker, lighting designer Katie Whittemore, and co sound designers Don shrubs and climbing plants, which offer a magical environment for flower lovers of all ages.

My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra will be presented from May 24-June 11, with preview performances on May 24 and 25 and opening night scheduled for May 26. Performances are scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm, Thursdays at 2:00 pm, Saturdays at 3:00 and Sundays at 5:00 pm, with special performance times on Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm and a special added Wednesday matinee on June 7. The theatre is located at 364 Cards Pond Road, Wakefield, RI. Tickets for preview performances, Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25 are \$62, and \$65 - \$88 for all other performances (additional fees may apply). Discount rates are available for groups of 10 or more by calling (401) 782-3800 x112. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm and performance days from 11:00 am until curtain, (performance Sundays 12 noon until curtain), online 24-hours-a-day at www.theatrebythesea.com and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 782-TKTS (8587).

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Sports

Panthers snap skid with win over NP

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston baseball team snapped a two-game losing streak when it picked up a 3-1 win over North Providence at home on Monday evening.

The Panthers were led by senior Derek Salvatore on the mound, who pitched seven innings and allowed just one run while striking out four batters.

Salvatore helped his own cause at the plate by going 1-for-3 with an RBI, while Chris Civetti also knocked in a run. Kevin Biscelli scored twice while Davian Nunez also crossed home.

Johnston improved to 4-12 with the win.

Johnston's previous win came against Chariho in a 5-3 decision.

Salvatore also got the win on the mound for Johnston, pitching seven innings and allowing three runs while striking out four batters.

Salvatore also went 2-for-3, knocking in a pair of runs while Dean Paris went 1-for-3 with two RBI. Nunez also recorded an RBI in the victory. Salvatore leads the team in

batting average and ERA while Paris leads the club in SNAP - PAGE 19



OUTFIELDERS: Johnston's Chris Civetti (left) and Steven Finegan play the field. (*Photos by Alex Sponseller*)

Initial thoughts on upcoming playoffs

Our teams are wrapping up their regular seasons this week and as always, this spring season is flying by.

As we get prepared for the upcoming playoff tournaments, let me give you my thoughts on the regular season slate and some predictions as we head to the next leg of the race and the final countdown to the high school sports season.

Bishop Hendricken baseball has been on a tear this season behind ace Alex Clemmey, who has



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a loaded lineup that features guys like Braden Campbell, Griffin Crain, Ryan Thompson, among others, the Hawks look



JHS softball stays hot

The Johnston softball team continues to roll in Division II and is getting ready for the upcoming playoffs.

The Panthers rolled past Lincoln 13-3 on Monday night and was led by Hannah Calabro, who finished the day with four RBI while Janina Mazzulla knocked in three runs. Arianna Velasquez and Kailyn Foster each recorded a pair of RBI as well.

Freshman pitcher Haley Boudreau had a strong outing in the circle, allowing just two runs while striking out nine batters in seven innings of work.

been as good as advertised this spring as a Vanderbilt commit and MLB hopeful. Along with

like a sure bet to make a run.

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SWINGING AWAY: Michelina Irons at bat. (Photo by Alex Sponseller)

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Clesas picks up win in regional tournament

Sophomore first baseman Bo Yaworski (Brooklyn, Conn.) drove in six runs with a 4-5 day and a school-record tying three doubles to lead the number three seed Mitchell College baseball team to a 7-4 victory over No. 8/9 and top-seeded Wheaton College this afternoon in the NCAA Regional Tournament at Alumni Field on the campus of host Mitchell in New London, Conn.

Senior right-handed starter Zach Clesas (Johnston) scattered six hits and did not allow a run, while fanning two batters in six full innings.

The Mariners improve to 32-8, while the Lyons fall to 38-7. Wheaton will play fourth-seeded Husson University, a 5-2 winner over second-seed Tufts University in this morning's elimination contest. Mitchell will play tomorrow against the winner of Wheaton and Husson at 11:00 a.m. The Lyons defeated Husson, 11-3, on Friday to open the tournament.

Mitchell scored all seven of its runs in its final two at-bats, scoring three runs in the seventh and four times in the eighth. Wheaton got on the board first with a run in the fifth, a single run in the seventh and two in the eighth.

The left-handed Yaworski was 4-5 and matched his career high for runs batted in for the Mariners with a pair of three-run doubles off of Wheaton pitchers, who were a combined 3-37 against lefties. First year Thai-ler Sestokas (Danbury, Conn.) was 2-3 with two runs scored and a walk. Sophomore Matthew Blackwell (Ansonia, Conn.) was 1-4 with an RBI. Senior righthanded reliever Tyler Daly (Wallingford, Conn.) was credited with the win to improve to 5-0 after allowing one run on

three hits and striking out a batter in the final two innings.

Junior right fielder Tommy Ambrosone (Hopkinton, Mass.) paced the Lyons' offense with a pair of RBI singles, while senior third baseman Nick Croteau (Cumberland) was 2-4 with a run batted in. Sophomore designated hitter Tommy Beauregard (Salem, Mass.) was 2-3 with a walk and a run scored. Senior southpaw reliever Zach Nichols (Chicopee, Mass.) (0-2) suffered the loss, giving up three runs on two hits and two walks to go with a strikeout in two-thirds of an inning. Mitchell scored four runs in the bottom of the eighth to erase a one-run deficit and take a 7-4 lead. For the second time in as many innings Yaworski came through with a three-run double to give Mitchell the lead for good. Senior Lelo Martinez (New London, Conn.) worked a leadoff base on balls, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and came around to score the tying run on a single from Blackwell to knot the game at 4-4. Sestokas drew a walk and junior shortstop Angel Galindez (Carolina, P.R.) was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Yaworski with two outs. The second-year batter blooped a fly ball into left field just out of the reach of both the Wheaton left fielder and shortstop, while all three runners were off on the crack of the bat with two outs and all three scored to give the Mariners the deciding runs.

Wheaton took advantage of a Mitchell miscue to score the first run of the game and take a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth. Senior catcher Robert Wirtanen (Brentwood, N.H.) grounded deep in the hole to shortstop, reaching on a throwing error and went to second on the overthrow to

begin the rally for the Lyons. Ambrosone ripped a single to right field to plate Wirtanen to give Wheaton the edge.

Mitchell looked to answer right away with runners on first and third with one out following back-to-back singles from Sestokas and junior second baseman Robbie DelaCruz (Uncasville, Conn.). Galindez ripped a pitch on the ground ticketed for centerfield, but Lyon senior shortstop Cavan Brady (Sheffield, Mass.) made a diving stop to his left, got to his feet, stepped on second and threw to first to turn the double play and end the threat.

Wheaton's defense came up big again in the bottom of the sixth with another inning-ending double play coming with runners on the corners with one out. Yaworski opened the frame with a double down the right field line for the Mariners and later moved to third on a one-out single through the right side from senior catcher Matt Falk (Enfield, Conn.). Martinez grounded sharply to third, where Croteau fielded near the bag to start a 5-4-3 double play to end the frame. Croteau flashed leather earlier in the inning when he dove to his right to snare a line drive and rob senior left fielder Dougie Dela-Cruz (Uncasville, Conn.) of a potential RBI single to drive in Yaworski with no outs.

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The Lyons tacked on another run in the seventh, courtesy of Ambrosone again, to take a 2-0 margin. Sophomore left fielder Kevin Matos (Lawrence, Mass.) began the inning with a single to left field and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, before coming around to score on a two-out single to left field off the bat of Ambrosone.

Mitchell took the lead with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to take a 3-2 margin. The Mariners loaded the bases with two outs and Yaworski delivered with a three-run double to the left-center gap to clear the bases and give Mitchell its first lead of the day. The Mariners received a leadoff single from junior Owen Robbins (East Lyme, Conn.), followed by a single from Sestokas and a walk worked by Robbie DelaCruz to load the bases before the first big blow from Yaworski.

Business Card

DIRECTORY

This Week's

Pitch (Cont. from page 16)

The question will be if they can finally beat North Kingstown, who overcame a slow start to the season to once again emerge as title contenders down the stretch. The two teams are meeting up on

Thursday for a huge late season matchup. Cranston East could be

a dark horse in Division I as well.

Sure, the Bolts have been about as inconsistent as any team in the state this spring, but when they're on, they're on. Randy Guzman and John Devine combine to give them an elite 1-2 punch on the mound, and the bats are capable of dropping 10 runs at any given moment. The bats tend to go cold and the fielding has been a work in progress, but if East can peak in the postseason, then it may be a dangerous team to deal with

For softball, Pilgrim has been the most dominant team in the state this spring. Alyssa Twomey has been dynamite in both the circle and at the plate. It's hard to not be the best team in the state when you have the best player in the state in your lineup. Cranston West is in this thing, though, as it sits in first place in Division 1A. Between Sam Healy and Siena Nardelli at the plate, as well as Paige Cote in the circle, the Falcons will absolutely be ready to go toe to toe with the Pats, or Coventry, La Salle, Bay View, Cumberland, whoever. Division I will once again be a dogfight in the postseason.

have also emerged as title contender and have been perhaps the best team in Division II in the second half of the season. Freshman phenom Haley Boudreau has been a force, as well as standout senior Arianna Velasquez.

Our boys lacrosse teams will be busy in the next week as the playoffs get underway.

Defending DIII champ Pilgrim was bumped up to DII and didn't skip a beat, finishing in second place and earning a firstround bye. The Pats will be taking on the winner of Cumberland-Prout, both of which they beat in the regular season. Braxton Bragg has been among the state's elite and will need to keep it up.

Toll Gate has enjoyed a breakout season as well in Division III, and although the Titans may not be quite the lock that the Pats seem to be, they will have every chance to get compete for a title behind Sean Mullaney, Jacob PickerJohnston is loaded with experience. Winning another title is pretty much a given, I'd say.

Up in Division II, it looks like a two-horse race between Barrington and Cranston West. The two teams finally met last week in a battle for first place and the Eagles would get the thrilling, five-set win. Westerly is very much a factor still, but the Falcons and Eagles appear to be on a collision course for the finals.

Bishop Hendricken just saw its top singles player Jack Ciunci claim his second straight individual tennis title and the Hawks will be getting their team playoff run started this week against Smithfield.

The Hawks will face some stiff competition against Barrington and La Salle, but with a guy like Ciunci leading the way, they will be right in the thick of things in the next two weeks.

The outdoor track state championships will be tremendous theater.



The Johnston Panthers

ing and Cooper Gross guth.

It looks like the Johnston boys volleyball team will be claiming its second straight championship in the next few weeks.

The defending champs entered the week with a 10-0 record and have only surrendered one set in that span. I don't want to be hyperbolic here, but I do not see a way that this team does not walk off the court holding the gold plaque at postseason's end. It has been virtually untested ... actually it's not virtual, it's literal. The Panthers have cruised past everyone they've faced.

James Guilmette, Josh Philbrick, Josh Galeas,

The Hawks and Rams will likely finish 1-2 once again, but the order will be anyone's guess. Hendricken was dominant at the class meet and looks to be the favorite with possible champions in every event.

On the flip side, the Cranston West girls have followed up their impressive 2022 spring with possibly a better 2023. Although the girls side is a little more top heavy than the boys, I still believe that the Lady Falcons have a shot to pull off the win. Ailani Sutherland is the state's best sprinter while Reece Vitale just put on a clinic at the class meet.



Managers hope new rebuilding plan will save striped bass

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

More striped bass fishing trips are taken by anglers coastwide than any other species. This highly desirable fish has been overfished for the past few years, and last year, anglers killed twice as many fish than the year before reducing the probability of success of the stock rebuilding plan to just 15 percent.

The larger than normal striped bass class of 2015 maturing to the slot limit size of 28 to less than 35 inches led to the higher than normal overfishing.

The species is managed coastwide by the Atlantic Stales Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and their Striped Bass Management Board that engaged an "emergency action" last month.

The emergency action asks that states engage in a new regulation (no later than July 2) of one fish/person/day in the slot size of 28 to less than 31 inches. Secondly, they engaged in something called Addendum II which forces the ASMFC to develop a new plan that rebuilds the stock by 2029 before they are fished into extinction.

The ASMFC is holding online public hearings to review their actions and garner angler input on possible rebuilding plan options. The last of our meetings will be held Wednesday, May 31, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Register for virtual hearings HERE at https://register.gotowebinar.com/ rt/454738649028335194 and use the dropdown menu to select the hearing date you plan to attend to register for a public hearing webinar.

Catch & release tips for striped bass that will reduce mortality

1. Circle hooks to hook bass in the mouth (not the gut) are now required when fishing with bait

2. Land fish quickly to minimize stress

3. Avoid putting fish on deck or rocks and letting it flop around, keep in the water if you can

4. Wet hands as dry hands remove fish's protective slime layer which can lead to infection

5. Handle fish carefully, do not put fingers into gill cavities or eye sockets

6. Gently remove the hook to minimize damage

age 7. Use lures with single hook, barbless hooks (snap them off), or circle hooks (as noted above).

8. Return fish to water quickly, place fish gently in water in upright horizontal position, move it back and forth in the water to force water across its gills, once revived allow fish to swim away

Where's the bite

Striped bass and bluefish. "The East Passage from Sandy Point to Providence Point, Prudence Island was alive with bass down deep in the water column on the channel pad with Capt. Rene Letourneau finding bass on the surface in Greenwich Bay this week. White and bone colored lures seem to be working well," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence.

"The bass bite has been on at night. My wife Rhonda Swain out fished me this week and caught her first striped bass, a 20-pound fish, live lining pogies in Bristol Harbor at night," said striped bass fishing sharpie Mike Swain.

Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author, East End Eddie Doherty, said, "Canal surfcasting continues to be outstanding at all levels of the water column with an assortment of lures. Bunker, mackerel, squid and silversides are fueling a striped bass revival throughout the Big Ditch. A common refrain by experienced Canal Rats is, "This is like the good old days"! Bill "On the Grill" Prodouz of Pocasset had multiple heavy fish including another 35-pounder totaling three over 30 pounds for him so far!"

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, said, "Cold nights have made it hard for the worm hatch to happen. Hopefully this makes for a strong but late hatch with potentially very large fish. Fishing for striped bass has been great some days and slow other days around the Breachway. Morning and evenings have been more productive with a few fish being caught during the day. Bluefish are still around in good numbers hitting a variety of baits from swimming minnows to soft plastics."

Tautog. O'Donnell said, "Tautog fishing remains productive with good catches coming from rocky areas 20- to 30-feet of water or even shallower. If you're picking up a lot of shorts search for a single rock rather than a boulder field."

Squid and summer flounder. The Francis Fleet Party Boat, Point Judith, said, "We sailed last week with a light crowd who wanted to get in on the early season summer flounder bite. Fishing started off with a good bite until the wind picked up. High hook had a limit and a few others with three fish with two fluke right around 8 pounds. Squid fishing was good last Wednesday night. The night started off with a ripping tide. Once things eased up the squid started chewing. The best action of the night was from 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Anglers caught 1/2 to 3/4 of a bucket." On Sunday we caught keeper summer flounder at Warwick Light drifting across the channel. Most hits came drifting up or down the channel bank. Fished until we rescued three boaters who had an engine explosion and fire aboard a 30-foot twin engine cabin curser. Hats off to the US Coast Guard, Safe Sea, Warwick Fire Department and other concerned boaters that stood by as we waited for the Coast Guard. "Squid fishing has been good with buckets getting filled for dinner and bait. Fluke bite continues to improve with most fish coming from 70-80ft of water. They should continue to move into shallower water as the water warms," said O'Donnell.

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@verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.



RESCUE TEAM: The US Coast Guard, Castle Hill, Newport (photo) responded to waters off Warwick Light Sunday along with the Warwick Fire Department to our call for aid to help boaters on a twin engine, 30-foot cruiser who experienced an engine explosion and fire. After rescuing three boaters off the swim platform as black smoke billowed from the port engine of their vessel, one passenger was administered first aid for burns by Steve Burstein, mate on my vessel, prior to the Coast Guard's arrival. *(Submitted photos)*



STRIPED BASS: Rhonda Swain with striped bass she caught when fishing with her husband Mike live lining Atlantic menhaden at night in Bristol Harbor.

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Brien earns LEC award

Five members of the Rhode Island College men's tennis team were named All-Little East for their respective performances during the 2022-23 season. Head Coach Adam Spring was named the Little East Men's Tennis Coach of the Year for the second time in his career.

Junior Josh Brien (Johnston) was named First Team All-Little East in singles and was also selected to the league's Men's Tennis Sportsmanship Team. He was 4-10 at No. 1 singles and 3-11 at No. 1 doubles on the season.

Sophomore Noah Morin (Smithfield) was named Second Team All-Little East in both singles and doubles. He was 7-5 at No. 2 singles and 10-3 at No. 2 doubles on the season.

Sophomore Elijah Gouin (Glocester) was named Second Team All-Little East in doubles. He was 12-2 at No. 4 singles and 11-3 at No. 2 doubles on the season. Sophomore Zach Siemmao (Wakefield) was named Second Team All-Little East in doubles. He was 12-1 at No. 5 singles and 12-2 at No. 3 doubles on the season.

Senior Peter Pond (Providence) was named Second Team All-Little East in doubles. He was 10-0 at No. 3 doubles.

Spring was named the 2023 Little East Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. It is the second time in his six years (2019) guiding the Anchormen that he has received this honor. Spring led the Anchormen to a 9-5 overall record and a 5-1 (second place) mark in the Little East. He led RIC to the finals of the 2023 Little East Men's Tennis Championship where the No. 2-seeded Anchormen fell, 5-1, vs. No. 1-seeded Salem State.



THE THROW TO FIRST: Johnston's Kevin Biscelli makes a play in the field.

■ Snap

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on base percentage.

The two clubs met for a rematch on Tuesday evening in North Providence with the winner clinching the final seed in the Division II playoffs. Unfortunately for the Panthers, the Cougars would roar to an 8-4 win.

North Providence jumped out to a 4-0 lead through two innings but the Panthers would pull within a run to make it 4-3. The Cougars would respond and put up insurance runs down the stretch.

Nunez, Biscelli and Aidan McGarry knocked in runs for Johnston.





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f you follow Bruneau and Co on social media, you may remember in December Kev and I took a quick day trip to North Carolina to pick up an epic collection. We didn't spoil the surprise then, but I am here now to tell you we picked up not just any collection, but the world's largest collection of Rainbow Brite toys and memorabilia!

Right now, two thoughts might be crossing your mind. The first might be "How does Travis know it's the largest collection?" The answer is because this single owner collection, in its entirety, comes from the Rainbow Land Museum (formerly located in Apex. North Carolina), which was completely dedicated to Rainbow Brite collectibles. You can actually watch a virtual tour of the museum from right before it closed on YouTube. Thousands and thousands of Rainbow Brite toys, books, videos, decorations and more once filled the property – and now all that is in Cranston, Rhode Island with us awaiting auction!



By Travis Landry Auctioneer & Specialist Bruneau & Co. Auctioneers Cranston, RI

a little girl growing up in the 1980's, there is a chance you are not too familiar with her or the toy line. But that's okay – this article is here to inform!

Like most popular toy lines, Rainbow Brite's story began with an animated series in 1984. The premise of



the tv show and the movies that followed was Rainbow Brite and her friends (known as Color Kids) lived in a magical kingdom called Rainbow Land where all colors were created. They would then fill our world with color and defend it against gloomy grey villains so our hearts would always be filled with hope and happiness - sweet, right? Also like most popular toy lines in the 1980s, Rainbow Brite and friends got an early 2000s reboot, so there are items in this collection from both generations of toys and merchandise. As you can imagine, Rainbow Brite is recognizable for her rainbow attire, and this toy collection is certainly colorful!

While not everyone may remember Rainbow Brite, during her heyday she was a fan favorite, and looking through these cool vintage toys does pull at those nostalgic heartstrings. We have a 40 year old woman in the office at Bruneau and Co who showed more excitement

The second thought crossing your mind right now might be "Who is Rainbow Brite???" Unless you were



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over these colorful toys than she does for fine jewelry. It just goes to show childhood memories (especially happy ones) can be the driving force for collectors well into adulthood!

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hat lush, green lawn most strive for is struggling to survive as our climate experiences "weather whiplash," meaning abrupt swings in weather conditions from one extreme to another. Last season, drought conditions were so dire in California billboards shouted, "Brown is the New Green." This season, despite early, extreme flooding in California, evidence suggests the length and depth of droughts will increase in upcoming years, becoming more frequent and severe.

Outdoor water usage is still astronomical, synthetic chemical use is ever-present and fuel-guzzling lawn blowers and mowers sing all summer. Traditional lawn maintenance is expensive, unnatural, untenable and increases greenhouse gasses, wastes water, pollutes ecosystems and reduces biodiversity.

Average American families use 320 gallons of water daily, about 30% outdoors, with more than half devoted to watering lawns and gardens, according to the EPA. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is 65 million views, evidencing it's time for estimated at almost one-third of all residential water usage, totaling nearly 9 billion gallons daily.

Gas-powered lawn mowers spew pollutants that can cause planetwarming gases, contributing to climate crisis and drought. According to the EPA, gas-powered lawn equipment releases more than 22 million tons of CO2 emissions and estimates over 17 million gallons of gasoline are spilled refueling lawn equipment; that's more than all oil spilled by Exxon Valdez.

There are many issues causing harm to environmental health, from the ridiculous, like billionaires taking 17-minute flights in private jets, producing 2 tons of CO2 emissions, to everyday lawn care wasting staggering amounts of water for aesthetics while polluting the environment through run-off and toxic emissions.

It's time to take a page from the past; sowing clover seed can create a great-looking, water-efficient, sustainable lawn. Decades ago, clover was standard in lawn seed mixes. Then agricultural chemical companies created herbicides to rid lawns of broadleaf plants, killing everything but grass, clovers included, branding them weeds.

"Today, clover is making a comeback," said Troy Hake, president and owner of Outsidepride.com, offering drought-tolerant grasses, clovers, wildflower seeds and more. "Tik Tok's #cloverlawn has over



sustainable options, like adding 'miniclover' or replacing lawns with it. Miniclover (trifolium repens), is one-third to half the size of white Dutch clover, only grows 4-6 inches and produces a thick, carpet-like look that blends well with turf. Less expensive than grass seed, it's a natural solution for self-sustaining, low-maintenance lawns that look beautiful and help eliminate the need for fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and weekly mowing. It's healthier for people, pets, soil and waterways. You can't go wrong with it.'

There's nothing you can do about those 17-minute private jet flights. However, anyone with a lawn can add-in miniclover and redefine what sustainable lawns and responsible lawn care looks like. Sales of miniclover rose dramatically last season, surely an indicator that this lawn renovation trend was well-received and continues to grow.

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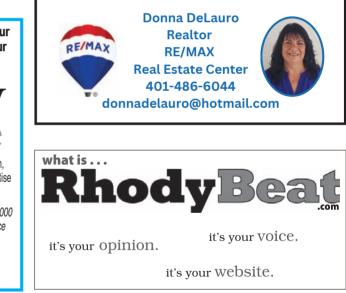
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