

Ushering in a new era of local farming

While small farms in America are decreasing, Bristol's largest farm is evolving and growing

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On a recent Tuesday afternoon, Usher's Farm was humming with activity. Deliveries were incoming, a logging truck was outgoing. A couple of young men were welding something on a flatbed. Pigs were snorting, goats were bleating. Cows were looking for treats, and Patrick Usher was the man at the center of it all.

"Everything around here happens at the same time," he laughed. And it's only February.

There aren't a lot of working farms left, but Bristol's largest is doing something unexpected; it's expanding.

"That's Big Mama," he said of one of the larger cows who was jostling for Usher's attention at the fence. "She just had Blackberry, the first calf born on the farm in 50 years."

Usher named the rest of the herd, obtained in April from a veteran-owned ranch in Exeter: Dalton, Beasley, Mavies, Valentin,



CHRISTY NADALIN

Patrick Usher gives some love to a few of his Black Angus cows, which he hopes is the start to a successful beef operation at the storied Usher Farm.

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School Committee torn on proposed budget cuts

Bristol would be asked for \$704,633 increase in local support

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Holding their first public conversation as a full school committee on the proposed FY25 general fund budget that would take effect on July 1 and carry through the 2024/25 school year, the Bristol Warren School Committee were at odds with how to square a budget that required multiple cuts to teaching and support staff in order to limit the impact on Bristol and Warren taxpayers.

The proposed \$60.1 million general fund budget, which represents a 2% total increase in spending over the FY24 budget, includes a request for \$387,866 more in local funding from Warren (a 2.7% increase over last year), and \$704,633 from Bristol (a 2.4% increase over last year).

Superintendent Ana Riley, in her presentation to the committee, explained that major cost drivers for the upcoming year primarily included mandatory increases to teachers' salaries and healthcare through the new contract with the BWEA teachers' union, as well as increases in costs for transportation and the amount of students going out of district for their education, which amounted to a little over \$700,000 more than last year.

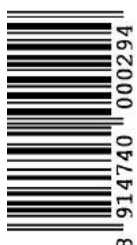
But the issue that generated the most discussion among committee members was the proposal to cut three social workers from the budget in order to reduce the impact on the budget and overall increase necessary from taxpayers.

For the past couple of years, the district had been funding five additional social workers thanks to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grants made avail-

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Cuts to three social workers that were hired during Covid, utilizing temporary grant funding, generated disagreement among the school committee members deliberating on the proposed FY25 budget.



Snowed in

Check out photos from Tuesday's snow storm



Expanding the search for Bristol's lost Black history

Research BIPOC History seeks to empower descendants to locate ancestors, and tell their stories

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Research BIPOC History (RBH), a local, volunteer-led effort to research primary source documents in order to recognize and honor the history and contributions of the enslaved people who lived in and around Bristol from its founding in 1680 to the end of the 19th century, has received a \$35,000 grant from the Tufts University Research and Scholarship Program, "Tufts Springboard."

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice Provost for Research, Tufts Springboard is designed to contribute to the research and scholarship environment at Tufts, which includes an emphasis on Tufts' racial justice efforts.

Tufts-based team members of the Research BIPOC History Springboard Grant Project include Dr. Elaine Donnelly, Director, Tisch College Community Research Center, Dr. Diane O'Donoghue, Director, Program for Public Humanities and Senior Fellow for the Humanities of The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, and Kendall Reiss, Professor of the Practice at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University.

Reiss, a Bristol native and practicing artist with a gallery and studio at 469 Wood Street, serves as the group's Project Leader.

"Our group came together in 2020 in the wake of George Floyd's murder and as the issue of race entered the national conversation, in a way, that felt like a call to action," she said. "We



answered it with comprehensive, primary source research to try and identify the community of color who were enslaved in Bristol — both African American and Indigenous people — as well as the free black people who created the neighborhood known as New Goree."

New Goree was a neighborhood, populated largely by free black residents, that came to be during the 1800s in and adjacent to the current site of Unity Park. By the 1900s it had all but vanished. The reasons why are not clear, but the presence of the large and growing National Rubber Company, first sited in the neighborhood in the 1860s, is thought to be a contributing factor.

"There hadn't been any comprehensive work

done here in Bristol at that point," said Reiss of the enslaved and free black population of Bristol. "So initially it was just a very loose group of people who were interested in doing this research that came together to see if we can figure out what that population looked like here."

The nature of society in the 1800s means the group really has their work cut out for them.

"How do you build a story for people, bring this information back to a decedent community and connect that history back to the people for whom this narrative should be told?" asks Reiss. "These are the people that need to be able to control this history so that story gets told in a way that is respectful and not being driven

by the voices that it has been driven by, historically."

One of the group's first efforts, in collaboration with the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society (BHPS) and Linden Place was The Timeline of the Enslaved, a 56-foot-long strip of fabric that lists in chronological order the names of those who were enslaved in Bristol between 1680 and 1808. All those identified occupy their own space on the timeline, regardless of how much or little is known about them. The approximately 600 entries represent 475 enslaved individuals in total.

The \$35,000 grant will go towards expand RBH's work on The Timeline of the Enslaved, the interactive database, and New Goree Research. It will also allow them to add a Descendant Advisory Council, as part of their goal is to empower descendants with information to tell their own history, and to create open and accessible resources.

By making this information accessible, public, free, and shareable, RBH's goal is to empower descendants to locate and identify ancestors, research their history, and tell their stories.

"I hope this really starts to open things up more here," said Reiss, of the former New Goree neighborhood in which her current gallery now sits. "How might we as a community think about what could happen in New Goree, so the people who are just visiting here, going to get a pizza or something, might also be able to learn about the community that was here for quite a while?"

"There's a lot more to learn, that's the bottom line."

For more information about RBH and their efforts, visit www.researchbipochistory.org.

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A great day to play in the snow

Although Bristol Warren students (and parents, by extension) didn't get the benefit of a snow day on Tuesday, that didn't stop other Bristolians from frolicking outside as a Nor'easter blew fluffy, wet flakes across the region from the morning to the late afternoon. **ABOVE:** Zach Westner and wife, Carly play frisbee with their dog, Emmett, a German shorthair pointer, on the Bristol Town Common during the snow storm on Tuesday. **BELOW:** Valerie Disarro shovels a walk for a friend on Constitution St.



Dan and Laura Grobarcik walk their dog, Alfie, down High Street in the storm.

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Alviti 'accepts full responsibility' for bridge closure

Analysis of structure is expected to be received by end of the month

BY MIKE REGO

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Rhode Island Department of Transportation Director Peter Alviti took the brunt of the blame for the calamity created as he was peppered with questions about the status of the Washington Bridge from the respective Oversight Committees from the House and Senate during a joint meeting of the groups Monday afternoon, Feb. 12.

"This one is an anomaly...I accept full responsibility," Alviti said, referring to how quickly and devastatingly the 56-year-old structure fell into deep disrepair.

The inquiries, which were civil, followed remarks made by Alviti, Joe Almond and Jeff Klein. Almond, who mostly served as deputy chief of staff for Gov. Dan McKee, was appointed by the state's chief executive as his office's main envoy for the bridge crisis. Klein is the Director of Structural Engineering for the Providence-based engineering and construction firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., VHB.

Not a ton of new ground was covered. Klein gave a brief description on what is currently being done by the partners in the effort. He said the focus at the moment is to determine why and how critical components called "tie downs," previously referred to as "pins," on the Piers 6 and 7 of the cantilever-style bridge failed. The tie downs keep the road deck properly positioned and balanced. Klein said the results of the analysis are expected to be turned over to RIDOT by the end of the current month, February.



Cars pile up on I-195 West headed towards the Washington Bridge.

Alviti, as could be expected, did most of the talking. He made mention in his opening statement of his department's goals, which include instructing his staff to come up with a solution to the closed westbound side of the bridge "quickly...but not to compromise."

He did note it was upon the discovery of the faulty "tie downs" that the greater and more significant damage to the substructure was found.

The director said the current focus for

RIDOT engineers is working with their counterparts in government and the private section to "do all that they can to get traffic moving better" and to "mitigate" any more significant delays for drivers.

"The mission is to get people's lives back to where they were before the closure," Alviti said, referencing the December 11, 2023 date he, his staff and the governor took the decision to shutter the four-lane west side of the bridge built in 1968.

He continued, "And I assure you we're going to do this as quickly as possible while keeping people safe."

Alviti went over some previously covered ground, noting that the bridge was shut down upon finding several tension rods become severely structurally deficient. He stressed the ongoing review of the matter will include why, how, when and what caused the structure to fail to such an extent.

The director, who touted the success of the "RhodeWorks" infrastructure initiative the state began back in 2016 under former governor Gina Raimondo, said the design and construction of structure of the westbound side of the bridge has made its repair as well as its

review difficult.

"I'm truly sorry for the difficulty people have faced every day in this state because of the closure of the Washington Bridge," Alviti said, while adding his staff shares the same "anxiety" about the situation, but that everyone is working as "quickly and expertly" as feasible.

Alviti pointed to the number of construction projects RIDOT has completed since the start of RhodeWorks as an example of his department's competency. Of the 1,100 bridges in Rhode Island, 270 have been rebuilt at a cost to date of \$3.1 billion in state and federal funding.

The director promised to continue to be "open and honest with you" as he claims he has with the General Assembly and the public since he took on the position, saying, "I've told you in the past when we've failed and when we've succeeded and I will continue to do so."

He also referenced RIDOT's creation of a dedicated website for the public, <https://www.dot.ri.gov/projects/WashingtonBridgeClosure/index.php>, which he said he hopes and expects to assist motorists in adjusting their schedule based on up to the second information it provides.



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POLICE REPORT

Police make seven arrests, including multiple DUIs

Monday, Feb. 5

A Wood Street resident reported at 10:52 a.m. that their license plates were being used on another vehicle.

Police dispersed a person whose car alarm had been going off since 7 a.m. at 4:40 p.m.

Andrew S. Goddard, 33, of 176 Norfolk Ave., Apt. #1, Pawtucket, was arrested following a motor vehicle accident on Metacom Avenue at 7:59 p.m. that resulted in injuries. He was charged with DUI of liquor or drugs (BAC unknown, first offense), possession of a stolen vehicle (2nd+ offense), failure to stop for an accident resulting in damage to a vehicle, and refusal to submit to a chemical test (first offense). He was later transported to court.

Police investigated an incident on Metacom Avenue at 10:35 p.m. when someone called police after hearing banging on their door. It turned out to be a prank by a friend.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Steven M. Grieve, born 1962, of 5 Christine Dr., Barrington, was arrested on Sullivan Lane at 5:54 a.m. and charged with DUI of liquor or drugs (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer.

A State Street resident reported at 7:16 a.m. that their vehicle had items taken from it while parked overnight.

Harassment was reported on DeWolf Avenue at 9:50 a.m.

A teenaged juvenile was arrested on State Street at 5:19 p.m. They were charged with four counts of larceny under \$1,500 (three from a building, one count of all other larceny).

Greg L. Alexander, 42, of 236 Water St., Warren, was arrested on San Juan Drive at 9:57 p.m. following a call from someone claiming to be harassed. He was charged with one count of domestic violence (criminal violation of a no contact order, first offense).

Wednesday, Feb. 7

A dead deer was reported on Hope Street at 12:00 a.m. DEM was notified.

Police pursued a vehicle reported as suspicious near Metacom and Griswold Avenues at 3:02 a.m. The pursuit was terminated near Tiverton at 3:16 a.m.

Police dispersed a man sleeping inside his vehicle near Hope and Bradford Streets at 10:04 a.m.

Police responded to a report at 1:48 p.m. that a woman was not allowed entry into the East Bay Food Pantry and Thrift Shop on Wood Street because they had a service dog with them.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Charles E. Paradis, 62, of 550 Victory Hwy, Atp. #47, Exeter, was arrested on Chestnut Street at 9:55 a.m. and charged with simple assault and/or battery.

Police received a report at 12:47 p.m. that a student threw a rock over a fence, causing damage to an area of the Colt Andrews School on Hope Street.

Police spoke to a man on Metacom Avenue who was suspected of shoplifting from the CVS on Metacom Avenue at 3:42 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9

Shawn W. Roche, born 2004, of 73 Hybrid Dr., Cranston, was arrested on Wood Street at 12:35 a.m. He was charged with DUI of liquor or drugs (BAC .15 or greater, first offense).

Kimberly L. Ouellette, 52, of 241 Swansom Rd., Swansea, Mass., was arrested on an active warrant at 1:18 p.m. They were charged with felony assault and/or battery, reckless driving (eluding officer with a motor vehicle in a high speed pursuit), and obstructing an officer in execution of their duty.

Saturday, Feb. 10

A rescue was sent to Church Street at 10:47 a.m. following a report that a teenager was throwing things in a combative manner.

Online fraud was reported on Fox Hill Avenue at 2:58 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Police received a report from someone at an assisted living facility at 9:09 a.m. that they had been threatened by a family member of a patient the prior evening.

NEWS BRIEF

Bristol Warren kindergarten registration begins Feb. 20

The Bristol Warren Regional School District's kindergarten registration for fall 2024 is quickly approaching. This year, the registration period starts on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and closes on Monday, March 4.

"Why should you choose to send your child to BWRSD?," a press release from the district posits, arguing their case in the following bullet points:

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- For more information, contact Lori Miele at lori.miele@bwrsd.org or call 253-4000 ext. 5127, or visit the district website at www.bwrsd.org.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

The joy of the snow day

Tuesday's good, old-fashioned winter snowstorm induced a good, old-fashioned snow day for most students throughout this region, but not all. In just a handful of public school districts, including Bristol Warren Regional, administrators opted for a "distance learning" or "virtual learning" day, a phrase which should have been coined because students learn virtually nothing.

Remember back to the global pandemic, when distance learning days were a necessary evil. They served the purpose of keeping students mildly engaged in education while they were all banished from their actual school buildings, but they were not good for anyone.

Older students spent hours in their bedrooms, relentlessly distracted by their phones while loosely following their teachers' instructions. Younger students struggled to extract lessons from the talking boxes on their Chromebook screens.

Teachers struggled to transfer lessons from the real world to the virtual world, often while distracted by their own children Zooming or goofing off just a few feet away.

Worst of all was special education, where the students who need to be with their teachers the most, were the most disconnected and isolated.

Distance learning was a poor replacement for the real thing, so why is it still the default setting for some of these school districts?

By treating Tuesday as a distance learning day, administrators get to tally Feb. 13 as one of their mandatory 180 school days. It brings everyone one day closer to summer vacation.

However, was it worth it? Instead of enjoying the good, old-fashioned magic of a snow day(!!!), thousands of students and teachers woke up and were forced to log on to their laptops for several hours of screen-watching.

It's not like the region has been overwhelmed by snowstorms and the school calendar is under duress. In fact, with climate change, it seems like there will never be winters like yesteryear. These days, snow falls just a few times each winter and melts away within hours. Children barely have time to make snow forts or break out their sleds before everything turns into a mud patch.

A generation ago, snow days were one of the true joys of childhood, marked by puffy snow suits, frozen gloves, glorious snow angels and homemade hot chocolate. Snow days were fun.

School administrators should remember that it's okay for kids to have good, old-fashioned fun. Fun can be an integral part of a quality education — Chromebooks not included.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Washington Street Bridge was an avoidable crisis

To the editor:

The failure of the Washington Street Bridge is a crisis for Rhode Island and all who drive I-195. Our elected representatives must take all necessary steps to protect the public's interests.

Information to date suggests incompetence or possible negligence by some elected and appointed officials and contractors. Reports show Rhode Island leaders knew of the dangers for many years, including Governor McKee acknowledging awareness of the issue back in 2018, and contradicting Peter Alviti's assertions that the bridge was in good condition in July 2023 and the problems are a recent development.

People's lives were risked by allowing this to happen. The fix will take years and will require either extensive rebuilding or complete replacement of the bridge. In the meantime all who drive I-195 will be forced to endure significant personal and economic hardships. Summer traffic to Cape Cod, winter driving conditions, and inevitable accidents will make the problem even worse.

The ultimate responsibility lies with Governor McKee. He has been Governor since 2021, and Lieutenant Governor since 2015. He was aware of the dangers and this debacle happened on his watch. He knew about the bridge problems years ago and apparently chose inaction. The buck stops with him.

The Oversight Hearing on Feb. 12

was a necessary first step but largely political theater with responses long on deflection, empty buzzwords, disturbing inconsistencies, heavy sighs, and short on anything meaningful.

Our state legislators should consider the following:

■ Immediately remove Peter Alviti, whether dismissal, resignation, or impeachment. The person most directly responsible for allowing this catastrophe to happen should not be relied on to correct it.

■ Form an independent panel of qualified bridge engineers to objectively access the problem and recommend solutions. Given the history of questionable performance and dealings with local contractors this group should come from outside the local area to minimize risk of bias, perhaps New York.

■ Form a commission to investigate and ascertain responsibility, working with the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation in their own investigations. Include the Attorney General, members of the state legislature, independent investigative attorneys, and bridge engineers. It must operate with complete transparency, unlike recent actions such as failing to provide all emails from Peter Alviti or John Iglizzi in response to a public records request.

■ Hold Governor McKee accountable. The evidence to date and his lack of forthrightness and

transparency are concerning. Saying that driving delays add only 10 to 15 minutes is disingenuous, not realistic, and out of touch. Real world experiences show delays can often be 30 minutes to as much as 2 hours. It's hard to imagine an outcome that doesn't require the Governor to either resign or be impeached.

■ Declare a State of Emergency. A federal agency, the Department of Transportation or Federal Highway Administration, should lead the reconstruction. Rhode Island has a history of cronyism, corruption, and poor decision making and execution. Competent leadership would not have given us the fourth worst bridges in the country with 17.3% being structurally deficient. I-195 is a federal interstate and vital artery carrying about 100,000 vehicles daily. The bridge must be rebuilt to proper standards and people need to have confidence in its safety. The much smaller and flawed Henderson Street Bridge has been under construction for a decade. In Bristol the tiny little 20-foot-long 'Silver Creek Bridge' took well over a year. The record shows Rhode Island does not have the expertise or wherewithal to do this in a timely or quality way.

We are all affected by this. Call your state representatives and senators and the Governor and let them know how you feel.

Nick Landekic
Sunset Road

Thanks for the thoughtful dialogue on Port Marker

To the editor:

I've never been shy about criticizing elected officials when I feel that criticism is warranted, but conversely, I occasionally offer praise, and last week was a time of praise after the Bristol Town Council voted

unanimously to approve the design for the Bristol Middle Passage Port Marker Memorial at Independence Park, which honors victims of the notorious slave trade, in which Bristol played a large part.

And what impressed me even

more than the 5-0 vote was the fact that each councilor took time to speak individually in their support of the monument and the cause it represents. All five councilors made

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's improve, not abandon, the Bristol ferry

To the editor:

Ready! Fire! Aim...

That's the expression a crewman on the Bristol-Providence ferry used when talking to me on the final day of that service regarding the state's approach to this option for commuting around the Washington Bridge catastrophe. The twisted idiom fit.

Employing a water option around the bridge traffic was an excellent idea. However, it was administered recklessly. The short-lived service came off as a shriek of panic issued by administrators desperate to do something that they could present publicly as an effort to lessen the crisis.

I don't claim expertise when it comes to facing a challenge like the demise of the Washington Bridge—whatever the heck went wrong. Still, logic would have led me to consider a water-based travel solution. Logic would have also led me to not overdo the initial effort and jeopardize success.

Using three large boats with a full day's schedule before assessing potential ridership was a mistake. Designating parking in Bristol at Colt State Park, necessitating a shuttle to get to the boat, was also a mistake.

The good news is: the Washington Bridge is such a disaster that there is plenty of time to try a Bristol-Providence ferry service again, but get it right this time: Ready! Aim! Fire!

If I were King of Rhode Island, I would suggest that running one, smaller ferry between Bristol and Providence would be an excellent way to revive the service. One boat running at peak commuter times in the morning and afternoon would serve those who could make good use of the option to get to and from work (like me), or otherwise get to desirable destinations within a short distance of the docks. These include restaurants, shops and other attractions. Running one boat would allow for a boarding schedule of about an hour-and-a-half interval at either terminus, which would be reasonable.

As King, I would also let prospective ferry riders know that you don't have to park somewhere remote and take a shuttle to get to the boat in Bristol. Street parking there is not that tough during the day and there is an underused public lot at the Town Common on State Street, about two blocks from the ferry dock. That's a

five-minute walk for most, or a one-minute ride for those who bring their bike—like me.

In the first attempt, businesses that could benefit from ferry ridership didn't advertise—at least not broadly—as destinations. The state could have helped, giving a boost to businesses impacted by the bridge mess. Bristol features many good restaurants close to the ferry landing as well as fun shops and other attractions. Likewise, the Providence terminus puts you close to lots of desirable dining, socializing and points of interest.

Encouraging boat-bike commuting could also be a way to get more people interested as bridge construction lingers on. My own commute to Hasbro Children's Hospital required a five-minute bike ride from dock to door. No problem. Those working in downtown Providence or on the East Side would have an even shorter distance to pedal.

Finally, though I was ecstatic about a free ferry, I would gladly pay a reasonable fare to take advantage of a revived service. I'm a RIPTA bus rider and the two dollars it takes to get me to Providence never burdens my wallet—and neither does the two bucks to get home. A reasonable fare for a relaxing, scenic ferry ride would work for me.

I am aware that it is tremendously difficult to wrest the steering wheel from the hands of car owners. We love the driving freedom. Public transportation isn't popular around here, despite the affordability. It takes an adjustment of mentality to make it work—but it is possible. I found myself adapting very quickly to the ferry. It became a happy, new part of my life. Getting around ugly traffic while enjoying a comfortable cruise with pleasing views of upper Narragansett Bay for free—what was not to like?

Since I am not King of Rhode Island, I can only ask that those who are in power take another look at the option of a ferry service between Bristol and Providence. If the state doesn't want to give it another try, maybe a private operation can step in. Ferry service remains a viable and desirable travel alternative for many not wishing to endure the time-wasting frustration of Washington Bridge traffic.

Steve Brosnihan
21 George St.

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it abundantly clear that they supported the concept and design, which will not only be a beautiful addition to Independence Park and Bristol Harbor, but will be a place for reflection, contemplation, and healing for many generations to come.

As was stated many times at the town council meeting, while Bristol's role in the notorious slave trade is well documented, this

memorial and sculpture will not be erected to cause shame, anger, and hurt, but instead will be educational, inspirational, and a source of healing.

I sincerely thank the members of our town council for their kind words and thoughtful discussion, and I look forward to the construction and completion of this beautiful memorial.

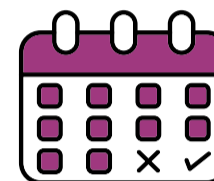
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Mia Shaw – “Mia embodies Mt. Hope. She is the Husky Spirit. Her dedication to her sport, arts commitments and academics are admirable. She takes on her responsibilities with pride, never failing to knock expectations out of the park. Since freshman year she has set the bar as a model Mt. Hope student and beautiful soul. She is a great leader, which is demonstrated in all classes. For all of us who know her, she has been a fantastic resource and caring individual who puts a foot forward and steps up when we need it most.”



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BUDGET: Committee did not take a vote, expects to deliberate more

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able during Covid. Those additional five social workers were spread throughout the district; two at Mt. Hope, one at Kickemuit Middle School, one at Hugh Cole, and one split between Guiteras and Rockwell. But that funding runs out in September.

Riley said on Tuesday morning that the district had been able to secure a separate grant to fund two of those positions, which left a delta of three social workers for which funding could not be identified and would need to be cut. The district maintained its usual cohort of five regularly-budgeted social workers (1 at Mt. Hope, 1 at KMS, 1 at Colt Andrews, 1 at Hugh Cole, and 1 split between Guiteras and Rockwell).

The budget draft also proposed cutting a reading specialist and librarian that had been dedicated at Guiteras as part of that school's transition towards closure. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be moved from Guiteras to Colt Andrews next year. Guiteras and Rockwell would share one, full-time librarian.

Additionally, due to declining enrollment, the budget includes the cutting of four full-time teaching positions at Mt. Hope High School in each of the major subjects; English, math, science, and social studies. Riley said that two of those positions wouldn't require

layoffs due to retirements, but two of the positions may require layoffs if no additional retirements or voluntary departures happen before May.

Committee split on cuts versus impact to taxpayers

School Committee Treasurer Jessica Almeida made her opposition to cutting staff support positions loud and clear.

"I suggested that the cuts be made on the administrative side, which I was told could not happen...Social workers and reading specialists are needed in this district," she said. "We are here to ensure that our students get what they need to thrive, which I believe is not currently being reflected in this proposed budget...In my opinion there should be absolutely no cuts that directly affect our students."

School Committee member Carly Reich concurred with the concerns over losing social workers at a time when mental health concerns are paramount among kids.

"As a parent, as an elected official, as a mental health professional, the loss of these services I think are really scary and uncomfortable and I think they're terribly premature," she said. "I don't think we have appropriately recovered from Covid and I think that has put a lot more pressure on our staff, and on our students. I don't feel like losing those social workers aligns with our strategic plan. I think it

will damage culture, I think it will damage what's happening with our students, and I think it will ultimately damage staff morale. And that all makes me really nervous and uncomfortable."

School Committee Secretary, Tara Thibaudeau, made a counter-argument that keeping costs down for taxpayers, particularly in financially-fraught Warren, was necessary to keep in mind.

"I understand and I support that we need the people in the classroom for the students. I strongly believe in the reading specialists and the social workers, I don't want to give the impression that I don't think those are important," she said. "We told the towns that we were going to stick to a 2% increase...We asked them to approve a \$200 million school bond. I would like to stick to our word. I know that there are needs for these things, but the Town of Warren is in a financial crisis at the current moment. And a 2.7 increase is a lot different than a 3.4 increase."

Almeida countered this point, saying, "To my knowledge, the entire full school committee as a whole did not promise anything...At least, I was not part of that promise."

Riley explained on Tuesday morning that the cuts to social workers were not preferred, but anticipated as they knew the funding source was only temporary.

"It's not a matter of if we would like to keep the social workers or not. We all would like to keep the social workers," she said. "The issue is we have an operating budget that doesn't sup-

port the additional social workers, and when we hired them, we always knew they were temporary...We knew we wanted to give kids two extra years of additional support while we had the funding, but we were never saying we're going to put them here and keep them forever.

Riley said it was the school committee's prerogative if they wanted to advocate for more revenue from Bristol and Warren taxpayers to fund the three social workers, but that would need to be approved by the Joint Finance Committee.

"If we can keep them, we will, but I am not sure we're going to find the money in the budget," Riley added. "Everything is down, we have cut everywhere."

School Committee Chairperson Nicky Piper and Vice Chairperson Adam McGovern both agreed that it would be critical to deliberate further on the budget before voting on it to send to the Joint Finance Committee for consideration.

"We have two problems that are competing. We want to try and hold on to some of these support staff, but as well we want to try to minimize the impact to the taxpayer," Piper said. "We have two weeks. I have been through the budget many, many times, closely, and I don't come with a solution unfortunately. We have two weeks in which we need to be creative, we need to be respectful, and we need to really get to the bottom of how we might be able to solve these two competing problems that we have."

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FARMING: Clearing access to six more acres land will be a big step forward

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Piper; many of the animals came with names in honor of high-ranking women in the military. They are Black Angus, prized for the quality of their meat, and the foundation of what Usher hopes will be a successful beef operation. That is, if he doesn't get too attached.

A bull named Vindicator blends in with the ladies, as Black Angus are hornless. "He'll do two breedings and then I will send him to another farm. You don't want to intermingle too much."

"The cows are like my pets," he said. "This is my breeding stock. I can't really do anything with Blackberry because my father really loves him and my daughter named him, so that makes it even worse."

"I might grab some more steers this spring. I tell the kids, you just can't get too attached to anything."

The kids are getting some practice at that. Usher's daughter's two goats are exclusively pets. But his son has been trying his hand at a small pork-raising operation, also begun last spring. He enjoyed a successful season, having sold five this year. They are a Mangalitsa Berkshire crossbreed. Genetically close to wild boar, they are furry, and, Usher says, are exceptionally good eating. They also have two piglets but they cannot go into the pen with the big ones until they can hold their own, so Usher and his son are building them their own little enclosure.

Eventually, Usher hopes to expand his Angus herd to 20 animals on site, and an additional 60 at an offsite location. "My goal is to sell two or three a month," he said. "They will be raised on a little grain, but mostly hay and silage corn."

A long history in Bristol

Usher's family has worked the 110 acres at 616 Metacom Ave. for as long as anyone is likely to recall. Usher's grandfather bought the farm in 1941, the same year Usher's father was born. Grandfather Usher was himself born on a different farm in Bristol, Old Orchard Farm, across from the Rockwell School.

"We've been farming in Bristol for longer than we care to count," said Usher. "Farming is not just something you do. It's in your blood."

If you are a fan of sweet corn in the summer, you know Usher's farm stand, just north of Stop & Shop. But that is just the tip of the iceberg. The Farm extends a full mile toward the Kickemuit River with fields, some cleared and some wooded, on either side. "Where else can you go in Bristol and be in the middle of nowhere?" asked Usher, driving his pickup slowly down the access road that leads to the fields where the first corn of summer gets its start.

Usher's grandfather paid a lot for this farm — \$15,000 in 1941 — and the back fields were a big part of the reason why. They slope gently, making for great drainage, and they catching the rising sun from the East and hold it for much of the day.

Usher's sweet corn planting begins in these back fields and he succession plants through about 40 acres cultivated with sweet corn, initially planting about every 10 days, increasing to seven, and then every three in the height of summer.

"On a hot July day you can actually listen to the corn grow," said Usher. "You know when you take damp grass and pull it between your fingers? That's what it sounds like."

Though corn has a growing season of about 70-85 days, the shorter days of September and October are less productive. "You make the most in the beginning of the sweet corn season," said Usher. "As soon as Labor Day hits it drops off. Nobody is buying sweet corn in



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ABOVE: Usher is in the midst of clearing out about six acres of land in a field on his property to grow more corn, both to supplement their existing sweet corn sales, and to grow food for the cattle operation.

LEFT: Blackberry, a calf recently born to one of the Usher cows, is the first calf to be born at the farm in 50 years, according to farmer Patrick Usher.

October."

In response to that reality, Usher is making a few changes in an effort to meet that demand — especially after last year saw his profits take a huge hit when deer destroyed 14 acres of his crop. One day last month, he saw 23 deer in one field alone. If you went to pick up corn last summer and found Usher's closed earlier than expected, that's why.

He's clearing some land, about 6 more acres, on the eastern end of his property, to add to the acreage allocated for sweet corn production. And he's been employing a method of planting with plastic that will allow him to get his crop in the ground — and corn out — weeks earlier than he has in the past.

Laying plastic is one of the few times during the season when Usher needs to hire extra hands; it's a labor-intensive process, but it can be a game-changer when your bread and butter is a crop with a short, defined season. Greatly simplified, the process involves laying sheets of plastic on a field in early spring, after creating ridges that will eventually become the corn rows. After a few days, when the earth under the plastic is warm to the touch, peel back the cover and plant the corn seeds half-way down the south face of each ridge. Then reposition the plastic and wait. The ridges support the plastic until the seedlings grow, promote good drainage, and serve as heat reservoirs. This technique ensures that the area under the plastic will not freeze, and is significantly warmer than the outside air.

As the seedlings grow, the area under the plastic must be carefully monitored for moisture and damage. Eventually, the little corn plants are acclimated by opening the plastic when conditions permit, until the plants can be fully exposed.

Plastic planting enables Usher to plant the

first week of April, instead of the last. "Those extra days are huge," he said. His goal? Corn on the 4th of July.

"These extra 6 acres will keep me open earlier and longer," Usher said. "But I am spread thin, and I'm not a spring chicken." To increase productivity, he recently purchased a corn picker, which he thinks will make a big difference.

Operation 'New Lot'

"I call this the new lot," Usher said of the area currently being cleared. "My father always thought this would be a very good field."

The woodcutter began the job at the end of November, but the weather in December and January was not conducive to land clearing. "When the weather is good he is working seven days a week clearing the lot," said Usher.

"Like all farming, you make hay when the sun is out." On this day, the hauler is leaving with only the second load of wood to go be processed. It's not an easy paycheck.

"There is one tree he can't touch," said Usher. "I have a Red Tailed Hawk's nest and they come back every year; he knows not to touch that tree." Usher puts down seed for the hawks, and in return they attack the English sparrows, red-winged blackbirds and others that go after the corn, chasing the flocks off his farm. "The hawks don't discriminate," said Usher. "One minute you're picking corn and suddenly there's feathers everywhere from them hitting a bird in midair. It's incredible to watch. We have about six and I'm trying to keep them here."

Clearing the land is only the beginning of a multi-year process. First the fields have to get stumped. Then in April or May Usher will put down a pasture mix for the cows, and they will spend two years in that field, grazing and loosening the earth with their hooves. Another benefit to having the cows down in the New Lot is Big Mama chases deer for fun. "She keeps them scared and out. I'm hoping she'll teach her daughter, Not The Mama, to chase them too."

In the third year, he will put lime in the field in the fall, to make the soil less acidic. Usher estimates he will have to put down about three tons of lime on each acre.

"We will see how the lot comes together, the wetness, the drainage," said Usher. "I'll figure it out as I'm going, like with everything."

"It's a lot of work before I can even think of putting corn in and then in a matter of months it's all here...once June's here there's no time to do anything but grow sweet corn."

In the off-season, Usher does a lot of reading on soil management and how to keep the microbes in the soil. He always plants winter rye, but recently read that too much decaying rye, tilled into the ground, can be detrimental. So instead he will use it as free feed for his animals. "You feed the cows, and you get rid of the excess rye," he said. "You've got to keep reading."

Farming is a growth industry here at Usher's both on the main property and offsite partnerships where he grows most of his silage and his future beef herd. Of his success, he attributes much of that to his relationships with businesses like Sunset Cafe, Portside, and SS Dion, who buy from the Farm — not only sweet corn, but the cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, green, and yellow squash, string beans, butternut squash and pumpkins he grows on an acre close to Metacom Avenue.

"Except the string beans," Usher said. "The deer ate all the string beans this year."

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Explore the farm and see the process of maple sugaring from start to finish.

See the tapping of the trees. Guests will see the process of carving spiles, collecting sap, and sugaring down the sap to remove the water. There will also be scavenger hunts, a maple craft, and kids games.

Finish off your visit to the historic farmhouse to view the final stage in

the process from sap to maple sugar.

It's a fun day at the farm, to learn more about the history of maple sugar in the region and the connections to land usage, trade and early abolitionist movements.

Maple sugaring is a weather-dependent program and could be rescheduled if appropriate.

Admission is free for members and \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (4 and under free). Get tickets on the website at coggeshallfarm.org.

NOTE: While the sheep and chickens are still onsite, the pigs and cows will not be back until the official opening day on April 13.

Special Home School Days

Special Home School Days are on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Feb. 28 is sold out, but there are limited spaces available on Feb. 27.

Plan to arrive with enough time to spend at least 20 minutes at all five stations.

Learning stations will be set up throughout the farm, and participants can go through them at their own pace. There will be stations set up to carve spiles, tap the maple tree, learn the tricks for identifying maple trees in winter, create a maple leaf craft, learn about boiling off the water from the sap, and more maple fun.

The cost is \$15 per home school youth (4 to 17). Chaperones and siblings 3 and under are free. Registration is required. The farm will be closed to the general public on those days.

Students' guardians must stay in close proximity of the program location for the entire duration of the activity for safety reasons.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Bristol students were named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Tampa. **JACKLYN TEIXEIRA** is a junior majoring in cybersecurity. **OWEN O'NEIL** is a freshman majoring in computer science.

Two undergraduate project teams from Worcester Polytechnic Institute were awarded honorable mention for the President's Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) Awards. **ANTONE MELLO** of Bristol, Class of 2024, was a member of one of the teams. He is majoring in biomedical engineering. Hundreds of these projects are completed each year by Worcester Polytechnic students as part of their graduation requirements. A fraction of those are then submitted to be considered for a President's IQP Award based on their focus on science, technology and society.

Local student selected for R.I. DAR Good Citizen Award

Ella Quesnelle, a senior at Mt. Hope High School, has been selected as the State of Rhode Island Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen for 2024. Quesnelle was previously selected as the D.A.R. Bristol Chapter's winner.

The Good Citizen Award Program was established by the DAR in 1934 to recognize graduating seniors who best display the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

To earn this award, students must

display qualities of good citizenship, have excellent grades, and provide recommendations by a school counselor and two teachers familiar with their work, as well as a personal essay written on a topic provided.

Quesnelle will be honored at the Bristol DAR Chapter meeting on April 8 and the R.I. DAR State Conference on May 4, after which her application will be considered for the United States DAR regional award.



Your Favorite Brass Quintet, a Rhode Island-based chamber ensemble, will perform a family-friendly program of fun, classical pieces.

Brass quintet recital to benefit local food pantry

Your Favorite Brass Quintet will perform a recital to benefit the East Bay Food Pantry on Friday, Feb. 23, at 7 pm. at St. Mary's Church, Wood Street.

Your Favorite Brass Quintet, a Rhode Island-based chamber ensemble, will perform a family-friendly program of fun, classical pieces, including Handel's "Aria for Winds," "Kinderzirkus (Children's Circus) Suite" by Jan Koetsier, and "Dancing on Tiptoes," a world premier by Australian composer Rachel Bruerville.

"It's been a tremendous amount of fun to work on this eclectic program of music... By working up these (new) selections, we've stoked the fire of our enjoyment of per-

forming together," said tuba player and founding member of the quintet, Tom Gregory. Also the brass quintet-in-residency at Salve Regina University, Your Favorite Brass Quintet has been part of the Rhode Island music scene since 2001.

Consider donating \$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the East Bay Food Pantry, which has been providing healthy food for Bristol and other East Bay residents since 2009.

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Jilly Martin and Ryan Brooks Kelly have become the next must-see act from New England to Nashville.

Crossover country duo at coffeehouse on Feb. 24

Bristol's Stone Church Coffee House at the First Congregational Church welcomes for the first time a New Hampshire-based duo, Martin and Kelly, on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 at the church at 300 High St.

Jilly Martin and Ryan Brooks Kelly have become the next must-see act from New England to Nashville. Over the years, they've been featured as support acts for Brad Paisley, Willie Nelson, The Brothers Osborne, Phil Vassar, Bonnie Raitt, Alison Krauss, The Band Perry, Keith Urban, Eric Church, Miranda Lambert, Justin Moore, Jana Kramer and Sara Evans.

Standouts in today's crossover

country music scene, Jilly and Ryan's songs bridge the boundary between traditional and new country. They've made their mark with highly acclaimed original music.

Their compelling songwriting, dynamic vocal harmonies and stunning musicianship have them poised for a breakthrough in the music industry.

The coffeehouse is a family-oriented, handicap-accessible musical venue. Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. Light refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$20; half-price for students. Children 5 and under are free. For reservations, call 253-4813.

School vacation week fun is at the Audubon center

February is the perfect time to head outside in the frosty air and have some fun at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., on the Warren/Bristol town line and at other Audubon locations. The Nature Center and Aquarium in Bristol is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden remain open 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.

■ **"Owls & Ales" for ages 21 and older** is on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meet one of Audubon's owl ambassadors in person. Enjoy a presentation on native owls while enjoying locally brewed beers. Then take a guided walk through the refuge at night to look and listen for owls and other signs of animal life.

Leave the kids at home. The program is just for adults. Come prepared to walk on a chilly evening. Advance registration is required. The fee is \$35; \$30 members. Register through the events calendar at www.asri.org.

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■ **February school vacation week fun** is from Monday to Friday, Feb. 19 to 23. Special programs and activities are available each day and are free with admission. Registration is not required.

There will be a nature craft table each day, as well as a nature story at 10 a.m. and animal interviews at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The following special programs for children ages 6 and up are also available each day at 1 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 19: "Birds and Feathers" - Learn all about bird feathers, how they work, and why they are so important. Match real feathers to the bird they belong to.

- Tuesday, Feb. 20: Turtle races - Join an Audubon educator for a favorite activity. Watch two turtles meander down a track to see which is the fastest reptile around.

- Wednesday, Feb. 21: Trail walk - Join an Audubon naturalist on a walk around the wildlife refuge looking for tracks and other signs of animal life. Dress warmly.

- Thursday, Feb. 22: "Cooking for the Birds" - Come learn how to make a bird-friendly meal for our winter residents. (Allergy alert: Nuts will be used.)

- Friday, Feb. 23: Owl pellet dissection - Learn how owls hunt, then use simple and safe tools to take apart an owl pellet. Identify the bones inside and discover what your owl ate.

■ **Morning bird walks** are offered for ages 14 and older from 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday in February. The walks are in small groups with naturalist Laura Carberry. Each week a new birding destination is chosen.

Advance registration is required. Locations are determined weekly. The fee is \$10; \$5 members. Register through the events calendar at asri.org.

■ **"Seals and Society," a new traveling exhibit**, is open through March 1 during regular hours. Dive into the world of harbor and gray seals, two local and abundant species in our region.

The temporary exhibit, created by the New Bedford Whaling Museum, includes multiple pop-up screens, stunning photographs, and up-to-date research that brings you into the seals' watery world. Learn how different people and cultures relate to seals, how these mammals forage, sense their world, where they travel, and more. It is free with admission.



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facility," he stated, adding that you should choose one that will work with you and the insurance company to solve your automobile collision needs.

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AROUND TOWN

Juried exhibit at Bristol Art Museum

“Breadth and Depth: Earth, Water, Air, & Fire,” a national juried exhibition, is open in the Livingston & Abbot Low Galleries at the Bristol Art Museum, 10 Wardwell St., now through March 24.

On view in The Brick Gallery are wool felt paintings by Stephanie Stroud.

Regular hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays to Sundays. Admission is \$5; free to members, students with ID and children under 12.

Santo Cristo hosting Lenten fish dinners

The Santo Cristo Committee of St. Elizabeth Church will sell Lenten fish dinners from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, Feb. 16 to March 22, in the parish hall, 577 Wood St. Eat in the church auditorium or get it take-out.

On the menu are fish and chips with fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce for \$15, extra fish for \$8, extra French fries for \$3, extra coleslaw for \$2, shrimp Mozambique with fries and rice for \$15, hake with boiled potato for \$14, chicharos (stickleback) with boiled potato for \$13, and Blount’s clam chowder for \$5.

Place your order in advance by calling John Medeiros at 749-0109, John Cordeiro at 662-6112, or Connie Martins at 413-4804.

Farmers’ market is every Saturday

The Mount Hope Farm Farmers’ Market at 250 Metacom Ave. is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the barn. Dogs are not allowed. Bring your reusable bags and use

credit cards whenever possible. 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.

SNAP and EBT purchases can be doubled at the market. Stop by the market table for details.

Nature drawing and a Teddy Bear Tea

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is hosting a variety of programs this winter at 101 Ferry Road. The mansion and grounds will reopen for the season on March 30.

Space is limited. Registration is required for all events. For details and to register, visit www.blithewold.org. Watch here for updates each week.

- Nature drawing with artist/instructor Joanne Murrman, BFA, M.Ed., is on Thursdays through June 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in the education space. Use Blithewold’s gardens for inspiration. Working from pictures and found natural objects, the class focuses on how to render color, texture and design in flora and landscape. Each week a different topic and a variety of drawing techniques are covered. For details on materials, see the website. Priced per series or individual class.

- A children’s Teddy Bear Tea is on Saturday, Feb. 24, with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the dining room. Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal and enjoy treats and tea or cocoa with your special friend along with a teddy bear craft and a photo session. Space is limited and registration is required (Four maximum per table). It is \$45 per adult and \$35 per child age 5 to 12. More details online.

- Homeschool days are on the last Tuesday of the month, Feb. 27, from September to May, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It’s fun, educational hands-on learning. This year, they offer programs in science, history and art and collect data for Cornell University’s Lab of Ornithology (birds) to help scientists track changes in bird populations across the globe. For ages 8 to 13. Adult chaperon required. Class is limited to 10. See fees and make reservations online.

Veterans’ initiative offers monthly lunch

The Building Bridges Veterans Initiative

brings veterans together with complimentary meals to share friendship and support, building a trusting community of support and healing. The site has moved to Woodrow L. Silvia Post 5382, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 134 Shove St.,Tiverton.

Lunch (their treat) is on the third Monday of the month, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is complimentary for any veteran and their guest. Meet, enjoy lunch and share some conversation with other vets.

The initiative was established in 2015. It has 13 sites and more are on the way. Want to volunteer? Email them at buildingbridgesveterans@gmail.com.

Join Rotary Club 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.

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

“Help Us Help Others” (bristolrotaryclub.com).

Medicine making, jazz concert at Mt. Hope Farm

A variety of events are offered this winter at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave. Register for programs and get more information online at www.mounthopefarm.org.

- A plant medicine making series is on three more Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Join one or all four programs led by Maggie Hatzpanian covering all the basic knowledge needed to begin the practice of making plant-based medicines at home.

Topics include salve making on Feb. 21, tinctures on March 13, and designing your own medicinal garden on March 27. The fee per class is \$65; \$60 for members.

- The February storytime is on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. Every month, Ms. Sarah, youth services librarian at Rogers Free Library, brings her favorite stories and fun activities. Meet on the lawns to the left as you enter the farm (or in the barn when it’s cold or raining). Registration is required. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

- A Leap Year Jazz Concert is in the barn on



Acclaimed folk artist to perform Saturday

Internationally acclaimed local musician Allysen Gallery will play on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Borealis Coffee Co., 500 Wood St. There is no cover.

Thursday, Feb. 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Paul Del Nero Jazz Quintet will play music from one of the most exciting decades, when jazz and blues collided to form melodies that truly float above that infectious groove known as swing. The quintet plays compositions by Duke Ellington, Ben Webster, Harry “Sweets” Edison, Coleman Hawkins, and Clifford Brown, just to name a few.

The quintet features Jeff Stout on trumpet, Arnie Krakowsky on tenor saxophone, John Wilkins on guitar, Mark Teixeira on drums, and Paul on bass.

Paul is now in his fifth decade as a professional bassist and recently retired after 28 years on the faculty at the Berklee College of Music. Over his career, he has performed throughout North America as well as abroad and has shared the stage with many of the legends of jazz. He lives in Bristol, where he and

See **FACING PAGE**

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:

AMARAL, GEORGE, estate.
First and Final account of executor; for hearing February 20, 2024.
February 1, 8, and 15, 2024

SUSTAKOWSKY, ANN LEE, respondent.
Sale of real estate located in Bristol at 15 Rosedale Drive, designated as Lot 960 on Assessor’s Plat 159; for hearing February 20, 2024.
February 1, 8, and 15, 2024

SUSTAKOWSKY, ANN LEE, respondent.
Appointment of guardian; for hearing February 20, 2024.
February 1, 8, and 15, 2024

REUSS, MELISSA JANE, estate.
Granting letters of administration; for hearing February 20, 2024.
February 1, 8, and 15, 2024

SHAW, JOVELINA ward.
Napoleon Gonsalves of N. Attleboro, Massachusetts, has qualified as guardian and has appointed John Santos of 155 Warren Ave, Pawtucket, 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 February 8, 2024.
February 8, 15, and 22, 2024

HAGAN, II, WILLIAM J. estate.
Probate of will; for hearing March 5, 2024.
February 15, 22, and 29, 2024

SUMNER, EDWARD, ward.
First account of guardian; for hearing March 5, 2024.
February 15, 22, and 29, 2024

PERRY, LAVINA, respondent.
Appointment of guardian; for hearing March 5, 2024.
February 15, 22, and 29, 2024

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 1037**

Sealed Bids will be received until 12 noon on February 28, 2024, for the following:

**Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks Display
BID #1037**

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL, 10 COURT STREET ON February 28, 2024, FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 28, 2024.

The Town of Bristol is requesting sealed bids for the **Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks Display**, 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 #1037 – Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks Display”** 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 February 28, 2024.

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

February 15 & 21, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 2024-4**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 17
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN
CODE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 17 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 17 – OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE II – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ESTABLISHMENTS

Sec. 17-82. - Number of licenses. Alcoholic beverage licenses within the town shall be limited in quantity as follows:

(2) For class B limited, there shall be a maximum of seven eight licenses;

This ordinance shall take place upon its passage.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on February 28, 2024. If remonstrance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

February 15, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
PUBLIC HEARING
INTOXICATING BEVERAGE LICENSE
CLASS B LTD**

Application for license to keep for sale and to sell intoxicating beverages, in accordance with Title 3 of the General Laws of 1956, and all amendments thereof, and additions thereto has been made at this office as follows:

**FOLKLORE, LLC.
d/b/a FOLKLORE PROVISIONS
CHARLES ELI DUNN
301 HOPE STREET**

The Town Council will be in session on February 28, 2024, beginning at 7:00 PM at which time and place all persons remonstrating the granting of the above license are entitled to and will be heard. Said remonstrance must be filed on or before the time of hearing and must be accompanied with a plat.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the deaf or hard of hearing must notify the Town Clerk’s Office at 253-7000, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

By Order of the Town Council

Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

February 15 & 22, 2024

AROUND TOWN

From **FACING PAGE**

his wife Cathy promote jazz through their Shoe Horn Concert Series.

Listen to the concert in a cozy lounge setting with a cash bar by Two Gals Cocktails and pizza from Broadway Dough Co.

Tickets are \$55; \$50 for members.

• Daily throughout the year, a StoryWalk is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It features a children’s book each month. Enjoy nature and get a bit of exercise while stopping at stations that feature pages from a book perfect for young readers.

Early bird ticket deadline is today for Frostbite Bash

The 12th annual Frostbite Bash at the Herreshoff Marine Museum is on Saturday, March 9, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the museum. There is a culinary showcase, open bar, live music by Los Duderinos and a silent auction.

Early bird tickets through Feb. 15 are \$75 online at herreshoff.org. After that date, they are \$90 online or at the door.

Carnival cruise to benefit the East Bay Food Pantry

A Carnival Venezia cruise departing from New York from July 8 to 16 is the latest fundraiser for the East Bay Food Pantry. The itinerary is four days at sea (fun and sun), with daily and nightly activities on the ship and visits to Amber Cove, Dominican Republic, Grand Turk and Half Moon Cay (Carnival’s private island).

Included are all meals, daily and nightly games, shows, entertainment featuring Teatro Rosso Playlist Productions, port charges, government taxes and fees, and access to the Serenity Adults Only Retreat, Camp Ocean, Circle C and Club OZ for children, and golf and outdoor fitness center.

For more information, or to reserve, call Roberta (Roby) A. Saucier at 253-7619.

Electric launches are topic of next lecture at Herreshoff

The Herreshoff Marine Museum Lecture Series will present “Noiseless, Clean & Reliable:

The Untold Story of HMCo’s Electric Launches” by Evelyn Ansel on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the museum and via Zoom if desired. An in-person reception begins at 6 p.m. in Gallery 26, located on the second floor of 26 Burnside St. (This lecture was rescheduled due to the snowstorm on Tuesday, Feb. 13).

Evelyn, who has been the curator at the Herreshoff Marine Museum since 2021, tells of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Co.’s adoption of

electric motors for steam yacht tenders in the early 20th century, a time when electric motors were viable head-to-head competitors with internal-combustion engines for small-craft auxiliary power as the era of the steam engine waned.

In-person tickets are \$20; \$15 for members. Virtual tickets are \$15; \$10 for members. For tickets, visit herreshoff.org.

AT THE EAST BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WEBOND meeting

WEBOND, a women’s networking meeting, is on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Chamber office. There is a \$5 admission.

Job & Career Fair

The Chamber is hosting a Job & Career Fair on Thursday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Highlander Charter School in Warren, and are asking for help.

Though open to the entire community, the fair really targets high school students, giving them a chance to learn about careers and opportunities right here at home. Will you find

your next star employee? You can help the next generation learn and grow. Staff a booth at the fair and help young people develop interviewing skills, boost their confidence, and spark ideas about what they might do, or who they might become, in the real world.

To sign up, or to learn more, call 245-0750 or email info@eastbaychamberri.org by end of business on Friday, March 15.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE
No. 2024-01**

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Bristol Town Council held on Wednesday evening, February 7, 2024, the following ordinance was adopted

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTERS 11 & 18 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE**

CHAPTER 11 – COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES

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Sec. 11-1. - Comprehensive schedule of fees.

The following fees are imposed:

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(42)	Beach fees:	
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(d)	Pavilion rental:	
	1. Bristol residents	50.00 per two-hour block
		(A \$25.00 deposit is required to reserve a date.)
	2. Nonresidents	100.00 per two-hour block
		(A \$25.00 deposit is required to reserve a date.)
	Note: A two-week notice of cancellation must be received for a deposit to be refunded.	

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(f)	Volleyball court:	
	1. Bristol residents	0.00
		(Must schedule use of volleyball court in advance.)
	2. Nonresidents	25.00
		50.00 per two-hour block
	Note: A \$10.00 deposit is required for the use of a volleyball. The deposit is refunded upon the return of the volleyball.	

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(76)	All fees for recreation department summer camp are established by town council resolution, filed in the town clerk's office.	
(77)	Parking fee(s) Prudence Ferry Dock and/or other town-designated Prudence Ferry parking areas:	
	All parking fees, and other related fees and charges are established by town council resolution as part of rules and regulations, filed in the town clerk's office.	
(78)	All fees for parks and recreation facilities, and special events are established by town council resolution, filed in the town clerk's office.	

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**CHAPTER 18 - PARKS AND RECREATION
ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL**

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Sec. 18-11. - Bristol Parks and Recreation special event.

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(c) Fee schedule.

FEES ARE PER DAY	Regular Games Weekdays	Regular Games Weekend and Holidays	Special Event or Tournament Weekdays	Special Event or Tournament Weekends and Holidays	Lights Fee for Events after Dark
Group 1: Recreation Dept Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Group 2: NP, Bristol Youth	\$0	\$0	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 3: NP, non-Bristol Youth	FUF	FUF	\$100.00 + FUF	\$150.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 4: FP, Bristol Youth	\$50.00 + FUF \$75.00 + FUF	\$100.00 + FUF \$150.00 + FUF	\$100.00 + FUF \$150.00 + FUF	\$150.00 + FUF \$200.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 5: FP non-Bristol Youth	\$150.00 + FUF \$200.00 + FUF	\$200.00 + FUF \$250.00 + FUF	\$250.00 + FUF \$300.00 + FUF	\$500.00 + FUF \$750.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 6: NP, Bristol Adult	\$0	\$0	\$100.00 \$150.00	\$150.00 \$200.00	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 7: NP, non-Bristol Adult	FUF	FUF	\$100.00 + FUF \$150.00 + FUF	\$150.00 + FUF \$200.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 8: FP, Bristol Adult	\$150.00 + FUF \$200.00 + FUF	\$200.00 + FUF \$250.00 + FUF	\$250.00 + FUF \$300.00 + FUF	\$500.00 + FUF \$750.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00
Group 9: FP, non-Bristol Adult	\$150.00 + FUF \$200.00 + FUF	\$200.00 + FUF \$250.00 + FUF	\$250.00 + FUF \$300.00 + FUF	\$500.00 + FUF \$750.00 + FUF	\$25.00 \$50.00

This ordinance shall take place upon its passage.

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

AT THE LIBRARY

Costume talk and matinée

A film screening of John Huston's 1956 adaptation of Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick," with special guest Hollywood costume designer Deb Newhall, is on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m. Gain insights into costume design, view authentic period costumes, and enjoy a classic film. Registration is required.

'Moby-Dick' reading group

Humanities scholar Charles Calhoun offers a chapter by chapter guided tour, with group discussion, of a complex and challenging masterpiece, "Moby-Dick" by Herman Melville. Sessions are on Thursdays through Feb. 29 at 6

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL INVITATION TO BID BID NO. 1032

Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon on February 28, 2024, for furnishing the Town of Bristol with the following:

MOUNT HOPE AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL*, 10 COURT STREET ON February 28, 2024 FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 28, 2024.

The location, general characteristics, and principal details of the Work are indicated in a set of Contract Documents, entitled "Town of Bristol, Rhode Island, Mount Hope Avenue Drainage Improvements, Bid No. 1032".

The work in this Contract includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal & disposal or abandonment-in-place of existing drainage infrastructure within the project area;
- Furnish and installation of new drainage manhole and catch basin structures, castings, and drainage pipes;
- Modifications to existing utility (storm water and water) pipelines and structures, including (but not limited to) removal or abandonment-in-place, replacement, and new installation of water lines and valves;
- Temporary flow diversion and/or bypassing of stormwater and flows;
- Removal of existing pavement and excess material;
- Installation of bituminous base and surface course material;
- Installation of new asphalt/concrete berm and curb;
- Structure adjustments as required;
- Driveway reconstruction as required;
- Installation of pavement markings;
- Installation of erosion controls;
- Safety controls and signing for construction operations;
- All other incidentals items included in the contract documents.

Bid documents may be obtained and bids MUST be filed at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Bid documents may also be obtained 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 clearly marked on the outside "Mount Hope Avenue Drainage Improvements- BID #1032 - and the bidding date of FEBRUARY 28, 2024". Bids will be opened at 12:00 PM at the Bristol Town Hall*, 10 Court Street on February 28, 2024.

Successful bidders must furnish a performance bond on 100 percent of the proposed contract within 15 days after the award. The Town reserves all rights to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, or to go on the open market when is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

A **non-mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM on February 16, 2024** at the Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Attention of Bidders is particularly referred to the Federal and State requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and wage rates to be paid under the Contract as determined by the Department of Labor and Industries under the Provisions of Chapters 12 and 13 of Title 37, General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

This project is also subject to Chapter 37-14.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and regulations, which require that ten percent (10%) of the dollar value of the work performed on the project, be performed by certified disadvantaged business enterprises.

Any contract or contracts awarded under the Advertisement for Bids will be funded in part by a grant from the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant and Town of Bristol General Obligation Bonds.

Melissa Cordeiro
Town Clerk

February 8 and 15, 2024

p.m. Take part in as many or as few sessions as fit your schedule. The emphasis is on informal group discussion of the text – 100 pages a week – no previous knowledge needed.

The Bristol BookFest selection is "Moby-Dick," so this group will help readers prepare for Bristol BookFest (April 5 and 6).

Vacation week fun

There are February vacation week activities for kids and teens:

- "Whale Tales." Learn about this massive mammal and star of "Moby-Dick." Recommended for ages 3 to 12, there are two sessions at Colt Andrews School on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. Register on the website is required.
- "Sticker Palooza" is on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. Stop into the Teen Space, where the library will have hundreds of unique, colorful and fun designs. Notebooks will be provided as well (while supplies last). Swap, take or decorate. Best for ages 8 to 18. No registration needed.
- "International Snack Taste Test." On Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m., foodies can test a variety of sweet and savory snacks

LEGAL NOTICE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 15 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN CODE

CHAPTER 15 – JUNK, SECONDHAND-AND- ANTIQUÉ DEALER

ARTICLE II. LICENSE

Sec. 15-36. Required; conditions.

No person shall sell, purchase, barter or deal in junk, or old metals, ~~secondhand articles or antiques~~, and no person shall establish, operate or maintain an automobile junkyard within the town, without having first obtained a license as provided in this chapter. All licenses issued shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions as the town council shall deem appropriate to promote the public health, safety or general welfare, and shall be revocable at the pleasure of the town council.
(Code 1972, § 10-2)

Sec. 15-38. Hearing on application by town council.

The town council shall hold a public hearing on any application for a license under this chapter in any location not lawfully occupied for such purpose at the time of the application for such license. Notice of such public hearing shall be posted at least seven days, but not more than 14 days prior to such hearing, in not less than two public places in the town, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the town; provided, however, that before the town council shall post or publish notice of a hearing, the applicant shall deposit the sum set out therefor in section 11-1 with the town clerk, plus the cost of posting and publishing such notice. Such notice shall indicate ~~that~~ whether the applicant is either a junk, ~~secondhand or antique dealer~~.
(Code 1972, § 10-4)

Sec. 15-39. Prerequisites to issuance—Approval of adjoining property owners.

No license shall be granted to the keeper of any shop or storehouse for the reception of any junk, or old metals, ~~secondhand articles or antiques~~ or to a person establishing, operating or maintaining an automobile junkyard, in any location not lawfully occupied for such purpose at the time of the application for such license, where the owners or occupants of the greater part of the land within 200 feet of such building or place shall file with the town council their objection to the granting of such license; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any applicant who is the keeper of such ~~an shop or storehouse or automobile junkyard~~ in the town which is being acquired by eminent domain proceedings, who is applying for a license to relocate such business within the town.
(Code 1972, § 10-5)

This ordinance shall take place upon its passage.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on February 28, 2024. If remonstrance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance

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COUNCIL CLERK

February 15, 2024

from around the world and vote for their favorites. Some snacks may contain gluten, dairy and/or nuts. Best for ages 12 to 18. No registration is needed.

• Storytime at Mount Hope Farm is on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. with Miss Sarah. Listen to the StoryWalk® tale and an extra story, then dive into a fun craft session. Best for ages birth to 8. No registration required.

• Stuffed Buddies Sleepover! Children can bring one special stuffed friend with them to the library starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, or to Mrs. Katz's storytime that night. Bring your stuffed buddy, make them a name tag, share storytime with them and then tuck them in for a good night's sleep. Then, pick them up the next day and receive photos to see what they were up to! All stuffed participants will be sent home with a memory book of what they did at the sleepover. Dolls and other toys are invited as well. One toy per child, please. No registration is needed. Best for ages 3 to 12.

• Dave Marchetti's Animal Experience will visit on Friday, Feb. 23, from noon to 1 p.m.

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

LEGO Engineering

LEGO Engineering with LEGO Master contestant Christine "Tacos" Blandino is coming up.

On Monday, Feb. 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., it is for ages 5 to 7 and is \$40 per child.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., it is for ages 8 to 11 and is \$40 per child.

EZ Owl quilt workshop

An EZ Owl quilt workshop, great for new sewers, is on Mondays, Feb. 19 to April 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

You need your own sewing machine. Stop by or contact them for the materials list (253-1611). It is \$100 per person.

New fitness program

S.E.A.T. (Supported Exercise for Ageless Training) is a brand new, chair-based fitness program every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The award-winning program strengthens the body and mind, while improving balance and flexibility through functional fitness to get the most out of life. It is \$6 drop-in or 12 sessions for \$60, which is interchangeable with other fitness classes.

Trips to PPAC, Fenway Park

A variety of trips are planned.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE RI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

(RIDEM) is currently accepting comments on File Number DP 23-198; WQC 23-044, an application request of SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC to dredge and install cables in the Sakonnet River and Mount Hope Bay on either side of Portsmouth, RI. The project is limited to the cables in state waters only and does not include the wind farm or any cables outside of the 3-mile state jurisdictional waters.

RIDEM will hold a public comment hearing at the Portsmouth High School auditorium, 120 Education Lane, Portsmouth, on Feb. 22, 6-10 PM.

RIDEM invites the public to submit comments on the proposed application until 4 PM on March 7 by writing:

RI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF CUSTOMER & TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
ATTENTION: RONALD GAGNON
235 PROMENADE STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI
02908
TEL: 401-537-4013

More information available at <https://dem.ri.gov/public-hearing-0224>

Learn about and meet a variety of different animals in the Herreshoff Community Room. Fun for the entire family. This is an all ages program. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Authors Unplugged

The library is hosting livestream talks with renowned authors via a live video available to watch from home. Registration is required on the website and includes a text box to send in your questions to the author ahead of time.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m., it's "Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott," author of "Image for Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America." He is a New York Times bestselling author and National Book Award winner.

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.com.

- See the Boston Red Sox vs. Cleveland Guardians at Fenway Park on Monday, April 15, at 11 a.m. The bus leaves the community center at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$100 per person, which includes ticket and transportation.
- See "Company" on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. It is \$50 per person with transportation.
- A trip to New York City is on Saturday, April 27. The bus departs the community center at 7 a.m. and departs NYC at 7 p.m. It is \$60 per person.

Smart Driver workshop

An AARP Free Smart DriverTEK workshop is on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. Learn about your car's technology and safety features.

Knitting workshop

A knitting workshop for beginners and beyond is on Wednesdays, Feb. 28 to April 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It is \$60 or \$12 drop-in. Registration is required.

Fitness classes

There are in-person and Zoom fitness classes available days and evenings. 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.

A new Bootcamp class is on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. All levels welcome. It is \$60 for 12 classes or \$6 per drop-in.

Win one week of meals from Qhali just by participating in fitness classes. Earn a raffle ticket for each class you participate in.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

The public is being notified that the Honorable Town Council desires to seek applications from among the citizens of Bristol to fill appointments for the following current service:

**Bristol County Water Authority
Harbor Commission
Historic District Commission
Post-Retirement Benefits Fund Board of Trustees
Recreation Board
Zoning Board of Review**

Applications and resumes can be submitted to the Town Clerk's office. You may also apply to volunteer to serve on one of our many boards, commissions, or committees in person, by mail at 10 Court Street, Bristol, or by visiting <https://onboard.bristolri.gov>.

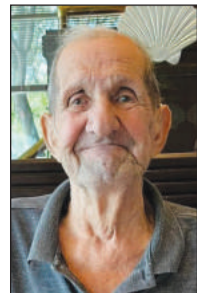
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February 15, 2024

OBITUARIES

Armand Bazinet

Armand Leon ("Lee") Bazinet, 86, of Franklin Street, passed away on Feb. 7, 2024, after a long battle with bone cancer.



Born in Fall River, Mass., he was the son of the late Armand and Irene (Bailbergeron) Bazinet. He was the husband of the late Geraldine Dorthy (Cassel) Bazinet, who preceded him in death in 1981. He leaves behind his only daughter, Michele Martins, and son-in-law Archie Martins; his two grandchildren, Samantha Martins and Joshua Martins; his sister, Claudette Sharkey; and brother, Arthur "Skip" (Kathleen) Bazinet; and many nieces and nephews, including Lucinda ("Cyndi") Brown, who helped with his care during his sickness. He also leaves behind the Martins family, who became his second family: Aurielo Martins, Gilly Martins, Trina DeMello, Mary &

Joe Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert (Bob) Bazinet and Roger Bazinet.

Lee served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1958 and in the Navy from 1958 to 1962. He often said that when he got sick of flying, he decided to float. He met the love of his life, Geri, on her 21st birthday on May 25, 1959, and married her on July 25, 1959.

Lee was a member of the VFW in Bristol, where he served for over 20 years as Quartermaster. He loved spending summers camping at Forge Pond Campground in Assonet, Mass., where he made lifetime friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 12 p.m. at St. Mary of the Bay Church, 645 Main St., Warren RI 02885.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The Rhode Island Veteran's Home, Activities Account, 480 Metacom Ave., Bristol RI 02809.

Arrangements are with the George C. Lima Funeral Home. www.limafh.com

Christopher M. McGinn

Christopher M. McGinn, age 42, of Cranston and formerly of Bristol, died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at Rhode Island Hospital following a medical emergency.



Born in Providence and raised in Bristol, he was the son of Timothy M. and Barbara J. (Ferreira) McGinn of Bristol. He was educated in Bristol Schools and was active in youth sports programs. Chris loved playing football, soccer, baseball and hockey. He loved inline skating, riding his dirt bike, hiking, water skiing on Lake Winnepesaukee and snowboarding at Gunstock Mountain. He enjoyed rooting for his local sports teams, especially on Sundays at his Oma's or his Grandma's surrounded by family.

In adulthood Chris lived with a disability, but he fought hard to maintain normalcy. Chris lived with those of like mind and was a positive role model for them. He excelled at beating everyone in billiards on his daily trip to generations. Chris always managed to make it home for the holidays and special occasions with stories to share. He loved his nieces and always asked how everyone was doing. Most of all, Chris loved his weekly lunches with his mother, who was always by his side. Chris was dealt a bad hand in this game we call life, but

he played it well and tried his best.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, T. Michael McGinn, Jr., his wife Christine (Furtado) McGinn, and two nieces, Raegan Kathryn and Riley Drew, all of Bristol; aunts Paula, Kit, Patti, Maria and Marie; and uncles Kevin, Pat and Louis. Cousins Melissa, Erin, Nature, Eliza, Nic, Kerri, Kevin, Louis and Christian.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edwin C. and Kathryn M. (Cody) McGinn, his maternal grandparents, Louis I. and Marianne S. (Brunjes) Ferreira, and his uncles, Teddy and Mathew McGinn.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary of the Bay Church, 645 Main St., Warren, RI. Burial will be immediately following in The Cremation Garden at North Burial Ground. Visiting hours are respectfully omitted. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Health Resources, 24 Albion Road, Suite 420, Lincoln, RI 02865 or to St. Mary of the Bay Church, 645 Main St., Warren, RI 02885.

For online condolences, shared memories, information and directions go to www.sansonefuneralhome.com



8th Anniversary
Joseph Salvaggio

2/18/16 – 2/18/24



We love and miss you Joe
Mom, Dad & Jim

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 1036**

Sealed Bids will be received until 12 noon on February 28, 2024, for the following:

**WALLEY SCHOOL ROOF
BID #1036**

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL, 10 COURT STREET ON February 28, 2024, FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 28, 2024.

The Town of Bristol is requesting sealed bids for **Walley School Roof**, 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 #1036 – WALLEY SCHOOL ROOF**" 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 February 28, 2024.

A pre-bid conference advising bidders of bid conditions will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10 AM onsite at the Walley School Building, 260 High Street, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

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

February 8 & 15, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND
ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Bristol Zoning Board of Review will be in session on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island when all persons will be heard for or against the following:

PETITIONS:

Thomas A. and Lee H. Dawson – Dimensional Variance: to construct an 18ft. 8in. x 24ft. two-story living area addition to the rear of an existing single-family dwelling with less than the required left side yard. Located at 15 Burton Street; Assessor's Plat 15, Lot 79; Zone: Residential R-6.

Larry Goldstein / TSL, LLC – Dimensional Variance: to modify exterior walls and roofline of a portion of the existing Bristol Harbor Inn hotel building and construct eight (8) new hotel rooming units on the third floor of the structure with less than the required lot area per rooming unit. Located at 267 Thames Street; Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 50; Zone: Waterfront (W).

John M. Lannan / Fairpoint Realty, LLC – Dimensional Variances: to construct an 845 square foot living area addition and a 75 square foot deck addition to the second floor of an existing single-family dwelling with less than the required front yards on a corner lot; and to construct 10ft. x 22ft. breezeway and porch, and a 24ft. x 24ft. two-story garage addition to an existing single family dwelling with less than the required front yard on a corner lot. Located at 111 King Philip Avenue; Assessor's Plat 147, Lots 61 & 62; Zone: Residential R-10.

Scanned copies of all applications and supporting materials will be available on the Town of Bristol web site at <https://bristol-ri.municodemetings.com/>.

Written comments may be submitted to the Zoning Board via regular mail addressed to: Zoning Board of Review, Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809 or via email to etanner@bristolri.gov. Written comments should be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday February 29, 2024.

Edward M. Tanner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF BRISTOL
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 1035**

Sealed Bids will be received until 12 noon on February 28, 2024, for the following:

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION
AND SITE RESTORATION AT
216 BAYVIEW AVENUE
BID #1035**

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL, 10 COURT STREET ON February 28, 2024, FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 28, 2024.

The Town of Bristol is requesting sealed bids for ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION AT 216 BAYVIEW AVENUE, 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 #1035 – ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION AT 216 BAYVIEW AVENUE**" 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 February 28, 2024.

A mandatory pre-bid conference advising bidders of bid conditions will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10 AM onsite, at 216 Bayview Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

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

February 8 & 15, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 2024-3**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BRISTOL TOWN
CODE**

**CHAPTER 16 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC**

**ARTICLE V. - STOPPING, STANDING AND
PARKING**

Sec. 16-146. - Parking time limited in designated places.

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless specified otherwise, except Sundays and legal holidays, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same for any one consecutive period of time longer than specified, within or upon any of the following areas, districts or streets or parts thereof:

(3) One-half hour:

High Street, in front of No. 379 (currently known as Bristol Picture Frame), between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance shall take place upon its passage.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on February 28, 2024. If remonstrance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

February 15, 2024

To Submit Community News

BY E-MAIL (PREFERRED):

lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com

BY MAIL: Bristol Phoenix, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809

BY FAX: 253-6055

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 253-6000, ext. 107

Or stop by our office at 1 Bradford St., Bristol.

Photos are encouraged. Email us a high-resolution jpg or tif and send it as an attachment.

Milestone events, such as births, weddings, engagements, etc., must be submitted within the year following the event.

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(2) DELIVERY MUST BE TAKEN FROM DEALER STOCK BY MARCH 4, 2024. TERMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO WELL-QUALIFIED, CREDIT WORTHY BUYERS THROUGH TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES ON ALL QUALIFYING CERTIFIED USED CURRENT YEAR THROUGH SIX-YEAR-OLD SELECT USED TOYOTA MODELS WITH 85,000 MILES OR LESS. NO DOWN PAYMENT REQUIRED IF QUALIFIED. TITLE, REGISTRATION, BANK ACQUISITION FEE AND \$399 DEALER DOC FEE INCLUDED. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$19.33 FOR EACH \$1000 FINANCED FOR 5.99% APR. SEE YOUR LOCAL PARTICIPATING DEALER FOR OTHER FINANCE PROGRAM LIMITS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS. EXCLUDES GR COROLLA

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THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE

Meet Dean Petrella: From child pianist to successful adult rocker

Local musician sings, plays multiple instruments and leads The Complaints

BY MICHAEL KHOURI

I recently had the opportunity for a sit down with Rhode Island singer/songwriter/guitarist Dean Petrella to chat about his nearly three-decade-long career in the local and national music scenes. The first thing that struck me was his appearance. At 50, Petrella (a devoted, 20-year second-degree black belt student of Taekwondo), does not look his age.

He arrived at our agreed location sporting a leather jacket, mod haircut and hipster eye glasses. Petrella's aura projects that of an unruly, dangerous rocker. It's a veneer that serves him and so many other musicians well, but his personality is contrary to that visual impression. In fact, I found him to be a soft-spoken, charming, humble gentleman. He approached me with a warm smile, an extended handshake and a sincere "so good to see you."

Over coffee, he spoke nostalgically about his family upbringing, the 'business' of music, and the best advice he has ever received. His drive seems indefatigable, while his optimism displays no bounds. Even on hard subjects, he was able to find the lessons and the blessings within them. Intelligent and genuine, he was a pleasure to chat with.

"I was born and raised in Rhode Island and spent my whole life here," said Petrella. "I like to consider myself a family guy. I had great parents. I'm the youngest of five siblings, and we all still live here. And even though my musical travels take me away quite a bit, I'm really a homebody. I'm still a Rhode Island boy and always will be."

It started on the piano

When did you begin to get interested in music, I asked?

"We had a piano in the house, and by the time I was 5 or so, I was fiddling around with it. I started to take some lessons on and off around 8 or 9 years old," said Petrella. "I had a good ear for music, which is sometimes a detriment. When you can hear something and play it pretty easily, it can undermine the discipline you need to read and learn about music, so it's a positive but also a negative. My sister played the piano and sang, and my brother is a guitar player. He's about eight or nine years older. So, I always had music around me. My mom was always going about the house singing."

I asked about his dad, who was in the busi-



Dean Petrella formed a rock band 25 years ago, and they're still going strong. They recently released their fifth album.

ness of entertainment and somewhat of a local legend.

"My mom and dad moved here in the early '50s from Italy. My dad was a self-starting entrepreneur," said Petrella. "He and a friend of his had a little record store up on Federal Hill, then he owned a movie theater in Johnston where he would show Italian films. He was also involved in promotions, where he would bring in and showcase singers and artists from Italy. They would perform in the

movie theater during, and he also would book them in other venues as well. He ultimately landed a job as a disc jockey. He had his own Italian radio program on WRIB out of East Providence at the time. His name was Rolando Petrella, and the name of the radio show was 'The Voice of Italy'. He did the show for over 30 years before he passed away."

I wondered if his dad had inspired him to become a working musician.

"The music bug I got, I think, from everyone

in the house. Everyone singing and playing around me. My dad inspired me in a different way. I got the entrepreneurial spirit and public relations savvy from him," said Petrella. "He wrote and produced his own radio shows. He worked with his own advertisers, selling ads and collecting the money, did his own books and really built his own little franchise."

"When I was in my early twenties and gigging and booking my band, he got sick, so I ended up helping him do some of the advertising and collecting and those types of business chores," he continued. "At the time I don't think I understood that I was getting an education about the business side of music, but in hindsight I see that I learned from him public relations, building strong connections with people, and how to view and treat the business, vendors, customers and the public in general. All the keys to self-promotion and self-sufficiency. So, I think I got all that from my dad, which are the tools you need to run a band and a musical career. It's a huge part of it."

From Kiss to a career

When did you know you were destined to be a working musician?

"I remember a distinct moment in my musical life. My brother was in the eighth grade. He was about 13 or so and I was 6 or 7 at the time," recalled Petrella. "My mom took me to see him play at a school assembly. He got up there with his band and started to play like a half an hour of Kiss music. It hit me hard. I was so impressed and a bit jealous as a kid, because I wanted to be up there, but I wasn't sure why. It was kind of like my Beatles moment, you know, like 'wow maybe I can do this.' The energy, the crowd, the volume and the reaction of a live audience defined, and set in motion, my path for the future."

Petrella said being the youngest in the house was an asset because of a plethora of musical influences that were readily available to him. One of his sisters was into early Springsteen and Neil Young. His oldest brother was listening to Graham Parker and Elvis Costello. His brother who was closest to him in age was a Kiss and Van Halen fan, while his other sister was into disco and R&B.

"I credit my sister Rita with the best advice ever. I was jamming in the basement with friends that were my age, and it was great. I'm a teenager, about 15 or 16," said Petrella. "One day I'm in the basement playing the piano and the doorbell rings. It was my neighbors that heard my piano playing. They were in their

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MUSIC: Band he started in college is still going strong

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mid 20's and had a band. They wanted me to play with them, but I thought it would be more fun to play with friends my age. Rita sat me down and said, 'It's like playing tennis. If you play with someone who's as good as you or not quite as good, you're never going to get better, but if you play with someone who's better, with more experience, then you'll grow.'

"I asked my mom and she said OK, but asked what else does it entail besides playing in their garage? Well, I said we have to go to colleges and frat parties, and my mother wasn't going to have that. Not at my age. So, I kept jamming with both bands, and a couple years later I'm starting to drive and by the time I'm 18 I'm playing clubs and college frat parties with the older guys — very exciting for a kid my age."

College and club gigs

The band Petrella joined was called Jasbow Fender. In addition to colleges and fraternity parties, some of their first gigs were in Bristol at The Bristol Clubhouse and The Topside. They also performed at the Bristol Fourth of July Parade on more than one occasion. Gigs in Somerset and Fall River at some smaller clubs were common as well. Petrella says it was a good introduction into being in a working band. Because the band was not built around him, it wasn't 'heavy pressure.' He was just an 'addition.' But as time went on, he developed a pro-

clivity for leading and began to think about being a front man.

"As an initiation in the band, I had to learn 30 or 40 songs and learn all the harmonies. I did my homework and became a full-fledged member," said Petrella. "I'm onstage playing keyboard, and I noticed the singer running around the bandstand and the guitar player moving all throughout, and here I am sitting stationary at the piano. I didn't like it. I had started to dabble in guitar, but now I'm really into playing and practicing it intently. I wanted to play some guitar at the gigs, and they allowed it. They were good guys. I played more and more, and pretty soon I was competing with the guitar player."

Out on his own

From there Petrella ended up 'drifting off' on his own. He left the band and got accepted to Providence College. While in school, he put together a few iterations of what would become The Dean Petrella Band and ultimately The Complaints — the band he still leads today with drummer Anthony Marotti and bassist Chris Cruz, 25 years after its inception.

These days, The Complaints, performing covers as well as original music, are staples at Twin River, Dublin Rose, One Pelham East, Yellow Kittens, Bon Vue Inn and Escada, among others. They have also become fan favorites at the Red Lion in New York City.

"We still practice every Monday night. We are best friends and are

having a great time playing to enthusiastic audiences," said Petrella. "I also do solo gigs performing original material. The band and solo material is written, in various combinations, by The Complaints, myself and by friend and co-writer Joe Martira."

The solo project takes Petrella to The Portside Tavern in Bristol, Brewology Lounge in Smithfield and Strings in Johnston, and as much as he can, he travels to Nashville, where he performs at The Bluebird Café, Alley Taps as well as various songwriter showcases in town.

A new album

"The Complaints just released our fifth, full length album, titled 'Chasing Light,'" said Petrella. "Ninety radio stations around the world have picked us up. Spotify and many digital platforms have also taken us onboard. You don't make much money anymore because you're not selling physical copies. It's all digital and online, and the money is quite small when you get airplay. For instance, your song might get played 50,000 times, literally, and you'll get a royalty check for \$18. So money isn't the motivator. It's for the love of music."

He added: "It's a hustle. Talent isn't enough. You need to understand the business side of it, and thanks to my dad, and years of experience, I do. There have been a lot of bands during our time that have come and gone, but here we are, still playing, still rocking."

As we finished up, Petrella recounted a final anecdote.



Dean Petrella grew up playing piano, then learned the guitar. Today he also sings and helps lead his own band, with a busy schedule of gigs throughout the region.

"I was in Nashville one time doing a songwriter in the round, and you have to introduce yourself, and I mentioned my band, The Complaints," said Petrella. "There was an older gentleman in the audience and later he came up to me to chat. He said he loved the name of my band. He couldn't express it enough about how cool he thought it was.

When I asked why he liked it so much, he said, 'because complaining is the essence of Rock 'n' Roll!'"

Find out more about the band at www.thecomplaints.com.

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Measuring impacts of offshore wind farms on recreational fishing

The University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography held an online seminar last Wednesday, titled "Recreational Fishing and Offshore Wind Energy: Understanding the Changing Behavior." About 90 people attended the two-and-a-half-hour online seminar, which will be followed by an in-person workshop in the near future.

Online seminar organizer Jennifer McCann, director of U.S. Coastal Programs at the Coastal Resources Center, URI Graduate School of Oceanography and director of Extension Programs for Rhode Island Sea Grant, who kicked off the online seminar, said, "We are here to identify ways of understanding the impact and changes in recreational fishing behavior due to offshore wind energy."



Capt. Dave MONTI

Highlights of the meeting included studies that used data that is in existence today as well as an angler survey that plotted on a nautical chart angler fishing hot spots.

Scott Steinbeck, a NOAA Fisheries economist, shared his study that utilized the database of an angler smartphone fishing application called FishID to identify what was being fished for in wind farm lease areas.

Steinbeck is in the process of exploring subsequent studies that also utilize the recreational fishing application FishBrains, which provides photos of your catch, interacts with social media, providing data on existing conditions when your fish was caught, i.e., tides, seas, winds, temperature, etc.

The data delivered by a second study using FishBrains promises to be very exciting, particularly if it can help calculate the species and extraction rate of fish caught inside and



The Block Island Wind Farm.

outside of wind farm areas.

Jeffrey Kneebone, Senior Scientist, Fisheries Science and Emerging Technologies Program at the New England Aquarium, reported on his work that analyzes historical data on Highly Migratory Species (HMS) such as sharks and tuna to identify what species and the number of fish that are being caught in and out of wind farm areas. The beauty of his study approach is that it can be replicated

every day, month and year using existing data that anglers are required to report as a condition of their HMS permit.

When asked about the future of his study approach Kneebone said, "We are not funded to do this work moving forward. We have the ability to do it but need funding to continue this work."

A third study produced by the URI Coastal Resources Center on behalf of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council charted responses from 300 anglers on areas they fished. The study is being used to avoid conflicts early in the development process between fin fishers and aquaculture farm lease area. The hope is that the study approach can be used offshore to explore potential conflicts between anglers and offshore wind farm lease areas.

Striped bass regulation set
The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) that regulates striped bass regulations coastwide approved Addendum II to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic striped bass at its winter meeting on Jan. 24. The Addendum means a continuation of the 28" to 31" slot limit with a one fish/person/day bag limit like last year.

Most commenters at the meeting favored ocean Option B (28-31" all modes). Commenters noted this option is the most conservative option with the highest estimated reduction, which is needed to support stock rebuilding.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing in stocked ponds for trout and salmon continues to be good. For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov and in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

Dave Monti holds a captain's license and charter fishing license. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verizon.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.

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Wednesday, Feb. 14	11:23 (4.2)	11:54 (4.6)	4:29	4:27	6:40	5:18
Thursday, Feb. 15	—	12:19 (3.8)	5:30	5:12	6:39	5:19
Friday, Feb. 16	12:51 (4.3)	1:16 (3.4)	7:16	6:07	6:37	5:20
Saturday, Feb. 17	1:51 (4.0)	2:16 (3.2)	8:56	7:17	6:36	5:22
Sunday, Feb. 18	2:57 (3.7)	3:23 (3.1)	10:04	8:45	6:35	5:23
Monday, Feb. 19	4:09 (3.6)	4:31 (3.1)	10:57	10:01	6:33	5:24
Tuesday, Feb. 20	5:14 (3.7)	5:29 (3.3)	11:40	10:50	6:32	5:25
Wednesday, Feb. 21	6:05 (3.8)	6:18 (3.6)	12:15pm	11:30	6:30	5:26
Thursday, Feb. 22	6:48 (3.9)	7:00 (3.7)	—	12:42	6:29	5:28

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TALKING POLITICS

Expect the bridge saga to impact the 2026 race for governor

BY IAN DONNIS

STORY OF THE WEEK: During an address last week to the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Dan McKee suggested the worst traffic fallout from the Washington Bridge is in the past. “We have to be really honest about where we are if we want our businesses to do well,” the governor said, per The Woonsocket Call. But I-195 once again resembled a parking lot for part of Thursday morning, due to an accident. Social media in Rhode Island lit up with howls of frustration. One motorist said it took him 80 minutes to get from Warwick to East Providence. Others described how traffic typically intensifies at peak times later in the week.

Yet Taunton Avenue in EP, which feeds into I-195, was easy to navigate at mid-day Wednesday. The sheer unpredictability of travel conditions, which vary day by day and hour by hour, is a central aspect of this crisis, and probably the most aggravating part for Rhode Islanders. (RIDOT has unveiled travel time charts, in an attempt to address this.)

Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt pledged help in trying to mitigate the fallout, even if his visit underscored the heightened prospect of a years-long project to replace the westbound George Washington bridge. If that’s the case, the saga will remain a backdrop in the run-up to the 2026 race for governor.

For now, expect state lawmakers to channel Rhode Islanders’ frustration when the House and Senate Oversight committees stage a joint hearing at the Statehouse at 3 p.m. Monday. The witness list is led by RIDOT Director Peter Alviti, along with Joseph Almond, senior deputy chief of staff for Gov. Dan McKee, and a representative of one of the state’s

bridge contractors, VHB Engineering.

SPOTTED: Gov. McKee and Helena Foulkes were among those at a recent fundraiser at Ladder 133 in Providence for state Rep. Mia Ackerman (D-Cumberland), in a possible preview of the 2026 Democratic primary for governor.

THE RHODE ISLAND CONNECTION: Aaron Jacobs, who as a Brown University student cut his political teeth as an intern for Devin “Short Pants” Driscoll on Barack Obama’s Rhode Island campaign in 2012, is leading Joe Biden’s run this year in New Hampshire. Jacobs was a longtime aide for U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan of N.H. Another intern from the 2012 Obama team in R.I., Laura O’Neill of Providence College, was Biden’s Granite State director in 2020 and now works as director of public engagement for U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Senate Majority Leader Ryan Pearson of Cumberland joined me on Political Roundtable this week. Some key excerpts:

“Pearson said he does not expect to use his ex officio capacity to participate in the joint Oversight hearing on Monday. Asked if he still has confidence in RIDOT Director Peter Alviti, following a Globe report in which union officials accuse Alviti of fostering a toxic work environment, Pearson said, “I want to look forward to what comes out in the hearings and certainly I think the hearings will either demonstrate the facts on that issue that can inform us.”

“The Senate plans to unveil a legislative package in coming weeks “that we believe will meaningfully improve the healthcare sys-

tem of Rhode Island.”

“Pearson said he believes there’s a path to win Senate support on a bill promoting the construction of accessible dwelling units (ADUs), aka granny flats, the only measure in a 14-bill package backed last year by House Speaker Joe Shekarchi that did not win Senate support. Past opposition was based, he said, on how “senators had concerns around the language in the bill where it allows basically a by-right [approval], designed to create ADUs, and the sizes of those ADUs that by right you would have the ability to build.”

“Judging by the number of cosponsors, momentum suggests the Senate will pass a bill requiring the safe storage of guns.

THE COSTCO CHRONICLES: Warwick City Council President Steve McAllister made a bit of a boss move last week by revealing that he has invited Costco to open a location there. This follows reports that Costco’s plans for Cranston are on hold for now. As part of a regular email update, McAllister said he has offered to hold a community meeting so people can hear what Costco is looking for in a Rhode Island location. While Americans are known for their propensity to buy massive quantities of stuff at wholesale clubs, McAllister’s initiative, coming on the heels of a Crowne Plaza fundraiser co-hosted last year by Gov. McKee and House Speaker Joe Shekarchi, suggests an interest in one day seeking higher office.

LIFE SCIENCES: Just as Rhode Island is gearing up with high hopes for its Life Sciences Hub, Raleigh, North Carolina, is emerging as what The Boston Globe calls “a looming threat to Greater Boston’s biotech dominance.” Neil Steinberg, chair of RI’s new life

sciences agency, tells me via email he still believes that the Hub, if done properly, could have a positive economic effect for decades to come, potentially making for a research industry triangle with Boston and Worcester: “The seeds already exist here in Rhode Island with the sector positioned for growth over the long term with new science such as RNA research. We already have an established life science sector here with a density of resources that we can build on. This includes major companies like Amgen and Vertex, the medical device incubator NEMIC and numerous early-stage companies. How to realize its full potential? Better collaboration, more convening and expediting opportunities will be the Hub’s priorities.

“Innovation from research at Brown and URI, Lifespan and CNE is growing, and we need to better support tech-transfers that will initiate and support new companies. For example, while the significant lack of commercial wet lab space here is currently a challenge, it’s also an opportunity for the Hub to provide meaningful, concrete support going forward, as it was designed to do.

“Speaker Shekarchi has noted that it will take industry, government and academia working together to make the Rhode Island Life Science Hub the success it can be. Investments like the new state health lab will include lab space along with major new life science facilities and investments by colleges and universities will also be key to growing the sector. Growing the workforce presents real opportunities, too.”

HOUSING: How did Burrillville, the rural

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DONNIS: How did this town crack the affordable housing code in R.I.?

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town in northwest Rhode Island, crack the code to emerge as one of the state's municipal leaders in creating affordable housing? Via my colleague Alex Nunes: "Burrillville didn't become an outlier by accident. 'We were trying to employ, kind of, a European growth model, growth style,' said Tom Kravitz, who worked as Burrillville's town planner from 2001 to 2016. Kravitz said the town did a lot of strategic thinking in the run up to the 2008 financial crash, when home prices were high, like they are now.

"Burrillville steered new development and foot traffic to the historic villages of Pascoag, where more people could spur business activity, and Harrisville, where the town was locating a new public library. Town officials loosened zoning requirements where they wanted development and blocked projects in other areas. In one case, they convinced a property owner who had a proposal they didn't like to sell the land to the town to connect a bike path between Pascoag and Harrisville. 'I look back - we were doing it selfishly to try to really generate little dense pockets, again, around these villages where we wanted people to live, because we wanted a small restaurant to take root here or there. So we wanted it to be walkable,' Kravitz said. 'Location, again, was number one for us. Affordability kind of came in after.'"

OPEN RECORDS: Supporters of more government transparency met with the governor's office and law enforcement in an attempt to find common ground on changes to Rhode Island's Access to Public Records Act. The ensuing legislation introduced by Sen. Louis DiPalma (D-Middletown) and Rep. Pat Serpa (D-West Warwick) has 47 changes from the last APRA update more than a decade ago. While the Washington Bridge story underscores the importance of public records - and the hurdles sometimes faced by media organizations in reporting on public matters - the outlook for the bills remains unclear.

HEALTHCARE MIX:

■ Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, used a Washington Post op-ed last week to make the case that private equity is bad for health care. The effect of private equity has been seen in both R.I. and Massachusetts.

■ Attorney General Peter Neronha this week flagged on X data showing that the median ER wait time in Rhode Island is 241 minutes, placing us 49th among 50 states. "So next time someone tells you who cares if a hospital closes, tell them you do," Neronha added.

<https://twitter.com/PeterNeronha/status/1754866642830393782>

■ My colleague Lynn Arditi explains part of the challenge in finding a new permanent head of the state Department of Health, a post filled with acting leadership since 2022: Gov. McKee "is asking state lawmakers for permission to negotiate a higher salary for the job of state health director, which currently pays less than the average earnings of a first-year medical school graduate."

ON THE MOVE: Former RI Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, a 2022 candidate for governor, has a new gig, as the first president/CEO of the Puerto Rico Green Energy Trust. "I am fully committed to making Puerto Rico more energy efficient, resilient, and environmentally friendly," said Gorbea in a statement. "It is an honor to return to my native Puerto Rico and lead the Green Energy Trust's efforts to ensure greater economic opportunities and a better quality of life for Puerto Ricans with a green energy future. I am aware that I am now a part of a growing number of government, business,

and the civil society efforts in Puerto Rico that are contributing to this vital task. The Puerto Rico Green Energy Trust provides a unique opportunity to leverage funds into green energy projects and build upon Puerto Rico's wealth of local resources, including its people, universities, and geography so that we can make the shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050,"

TAKES OF THE WEEK - a mix of views from various Rhode Islanders.

State Rep. JOSE BATISTA (D-PROVIDENCE): "The development of social media and body-worn cameras in the 2020s have done for police misconduct what the advent of television in the 1960s did for the Vietnam War - it exposed Americans to the ugly truth of what is really happening and gave us an opportunity to coalesce and call for it to end. Over the past four years in particular, Rhode Islanders have been exposed to gruesome and unhinged examples of police misconduct caught on camera for everyone to see.

"Instead of promoting swift discipline and deterrent from committing these heinous acts again, our current Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights (LEOBOR) regime has instead promoted a 'wait and see' approach that has had disastrous results for Rhode Island taxpayers. Indeed, Rhode Island cities and towns have, only in the past year, shelled out \$123,000 to an officer who was acquitted of shooting an unarmed 18-year-old while off-duty, \$500,000 to an officer terminated for engaging in domestic violence and \$11 million to a victim of police misconduct in Providence.

"These critical taxpayer dollars are desperately needed to fund our schools, hospitals and fix our bridges, not reward heinous misconduct. As we approach reform, we must rise to the occasion and not shrink to the comforts of 'that's the way we've always done it.' We must use this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reform LEOBOR in a way that keeps Rhode Islanders safe."

STEVE FRIAS, Cranston historian and RI GOP National Committeeman: "Once again, the R.I. House of Representatives is ready to pass an ADU bill. The bill requires municipalities to allow ADUs on non-owner-occupied properties. If this bill becomes law, it could negatively impact single-family suburban neighborhoods, and will do little to lower the cost of housing.

"Under this bill, investors will be able to purchase single-family homes, build an ADU, and then turn the property into two-family rental housing. Absentee landlords will crop up in our suburban neighborhoods. When an absentee landlord owns a property, there is a greater risk that the property will be neglected. Just this past week at the Cranston Planning Commission, I heard residents complain about how an absentee landlord neglected his property and negatively impacted their neighborhood.

"To avoid these type of problems, other New England states wisely limited ADUs to owner-occupied properties. Hopefully, the R.I. Senate will put the interests of resident homeowners ahead of real estate developers."

KICKER: Kentucky's bourbon industry continues to smash records, with an estimated \$9 billion economic impact on the Bluegrass State. Shot: Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear won elections piloted in 2019 and 2023 by Eric Hyers, a familiar face from his past campaign work for David Cicilline and Gina Raimondo. Chaser: Beshear, while celebrating the bourbon windfall, gave a shout-out to Raimondo, now U.S. Commerce secretary, for her help in opposing a bourbon tariff.

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KitKat is as sweet as his namesake

Meet KitKat, a 7-year-old kitty at the Potter League for Animals. The staff think this may be the sweetest cat on earth. KitKat is at least ten times as sweet as his namesake, and captures the heart of everyone he meets. Despite being diagnosed with diabetes, KitKat is always up to make someone's day. He even likes wearing funny hats! KitKat will purr like a boat motor when you give him affection. He also loves spending time with his feline friends. If you think this hunk of love is exactly what you need, you can meet KitKat by swinging by the Pot-

ter League Adoption Center, filling out an application at www.potterleague.com, or calling 401/846-8276. If KitKat isn't for you, there are many other animals looking for homes at the Potter League.

This feature is written by Hazel Bradley, a Mount Hope High School student. It offers pets for adoption from all East Bay shelters.



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'Music At Imago' returns on Sunday

Join Imago Foundation for the Arts as it welcomes The Vox Hunters. Traditional folk archivists Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi are seekers and singers of old songs, cultivators of local music, and chronic multi-instrumentalists. With a pair of voices tastefully garnished with fiddle, free-reeds and tenor guitar, the duo offers an all-natural connection to the living tradition of folk music.



- WHAT: "Music at Imago" series
- WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.; doors open at 3:30
- WHERE: Imago Gallery, 36 Market St., Warren
- COST: \$20
- MORE INFO: Tickets at the door, on EventBrite at voxhuntersatimago.eventbrite.com, or call 401/392-1322.

Vineyard to host a comedy show Feb. 16

A Barrel of Laughs comedy show is at Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Road, Middletown. It's an evening of wine, beer and laughs as host and comedian Jeremy Furtado welcomes comedians from around the region including headliner Dan Boulger. Boulger, who has performed on Comedy Central, The BBC, and the HBO Aspen Comedy Festival. The Taproot bar will be open for drinks and bites.



- WHAT: Barrel of Laughs comedy show
- WHEN: Friday, Feb. 16, from 8 to 9:30 p.m.; doors open at 7
- WHERE: Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Road, Middletown
- COST: \$25 general admission; \$20 for

Case Club/Cru Club members.
 ■ MORE INFO: It is a 21+ show. Get tickets at newportvineyards.com.

Alliance to host 11th annual Winter Art Show

The Westport River Watershed Alliance is hosting its annual Winter Art Show and silent auction beginning Saturday, Feb. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. The theme is "Love Your River," perspectives on the Westport River and watershed. The silent auction is at the show's finale on Saturday, March 2. Go to 32Auctions.com to place bids on the artwork.

- WHAT: 11th annual Winter Art Show
- WHEN: Feb. 17 to March 2
- WHERE: Westport Art Group Gallery, 1740 Main Road, Westport
- COST: Free and open to the public



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- WHAT: Chamber orchestra concert
- WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m.
- WHERE: St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington
- COST: Free and open to the public; donations welcome

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A view of the large gourmet kitchen.

A view of the post and beam great room.

Embrace serenity with this custom-built Nantucket-style home in Bristol. The comforts of this gorgeous home include a post and beam great room with a custom-made stone fireplace and built-in entertainment center; a primary bedroom on the first floor; a guest suite with two bedrooms and French doors to a private deck; a library on the second floor; and uniquely crafted oak hardwoods and elegant amenities throughout.

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Its design boasts a spacious layout, stunning architectural features, and high end finishes throughout. Relax in the beautiful backyard, host gatherings in the gourmet kitchen, or enjoy the tranquility of elegant bedrooms — this home combines sophistication with inviting warmth.

By the numbers

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3.5 baths
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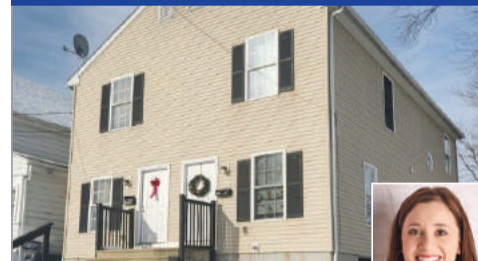
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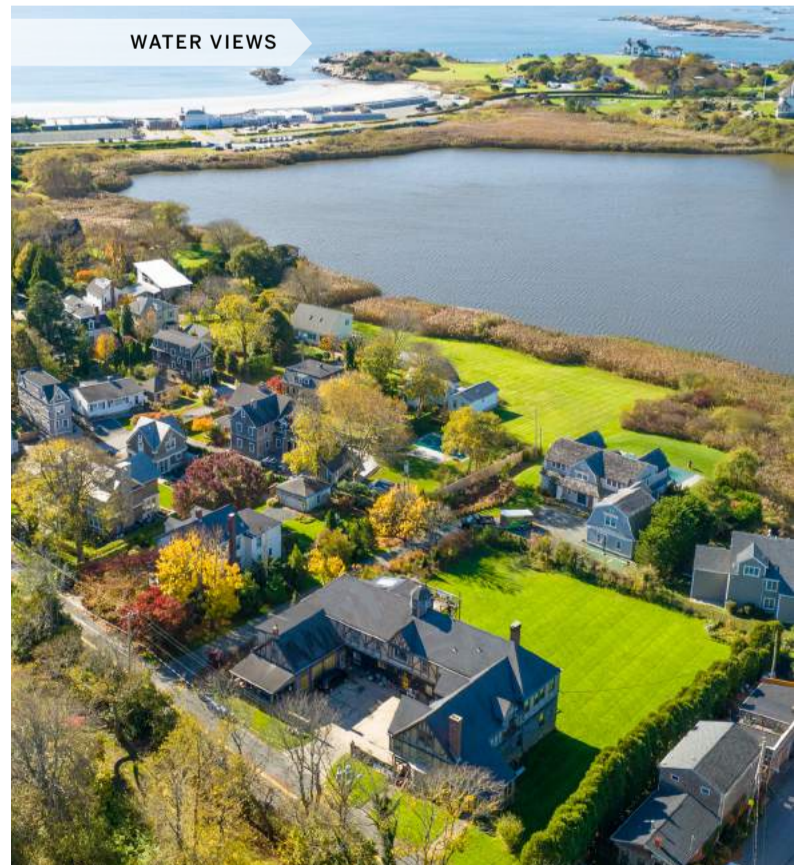
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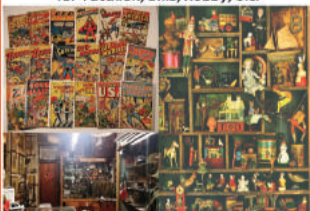
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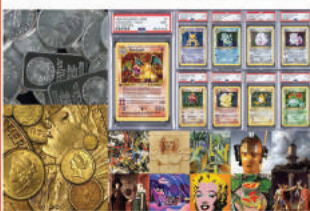
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