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Letter from the Editor



Brittni Henderson
Editor

Congratulations to the Smithfield High School Class of 2023!

The vision for July issue of *The Smithfield Times* is all things green and gold. Photographer Mark Carrier captured the exact photo I imagined for the cover this month and many other touching pictures from graduation on Saturday, June 10. The emotion captured in these photos is palpable.

With the help of Facebook and Instagram, I was able to witness the many other events leading up to graduation. Some were familiar to me as an SHS graduate myself, but some new events were added to the pre-grad docket. My personal favorite was what seemed to be a graduate walk-through of their elementary school alma maters. How cool not only for the students to revisit those hallways again (likely a few feet taller), but for the teachers to see their former students in their crisp green gowns.

Speaking of gowns! When did Smithfield High School step up their cap and gown game? I dug through the archives to find a photo of what we wore in June 2007. Pictured here is Class of 2007 Class Council including Secretary Anita Roberti (née Yuen); Vice President Leah Saccoccio; President Brittni Henderson; and Treasurer Lisa Smith (née Coletti).

It has been so heart-warming to see the love and support for the Class of 2023. May the next steps on your journey be smooth but challenging enough to build strength. May the lessons you learn become building blocks instead of roadblocks. And if all else fails – take a deep breath, laugh it off, and start over again.

Warmest regards,

Brittni Henderson



A Twinkle of HOLLYWOOD in Smithfield



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SHS Scoop

by Ellorie Corcoran



The time has come.

As of June 10, 2023, I am a Smithfield High School alum. For my final column as the student writer, I wanted to reflect on my time at SHS.

I was asked once if SHS has helped me feel prepared for my future. Did the courses help me with career exploration? Do I feel ready to enter the world? I was lucky enough to have an experience my freshman year that decided my college major. I accidentally took one marketing class and I knew exactly what I wanted to do. So, I might be biased, but yes, SHS has helped me with my future.

At the end of this year, seniors were asked to type up a small piece of advice for underclassmen, including things we wish we had known and things that helped us throughout high school. My piece of advice was simple: get involved and take initiative. I have had so many experiences at SHS that stretch

beyond just classes – like events, extracurriculars, and honor societies – because I got involved and took initiative. All of those experiences have made me feel more prepared to enter the world. I feel more ready to not just enter the corporate world with these experiences, but also life. With so much problem solving, collaboration, and leadership, there are so many situations I feel more prepared for now versus when I entered high school.

The experience I've had with the teachers at SHS is something I will value for years to come. I was lucky enough to have mentors, teachers that really cared, teachers that loved what they taught, and teachers that wanted the best for their students. These teachers made the goodbye more bittersweet than I expected. Some teachers I've known for a year, others two, or three, but the impact each of them had was different but influential in their own way, and I think the teachers at SHS need more recognition and acknowledgment than they get. The teachers make the

environment so welcoming, and such a good place to be, and without those teachers, the school would not be what it is today.

It is a bittersweet goodbye to leave at SHS, and to leave this column. It has been a wonderful four years at the high school, and a fantastic two years with this column. As sad as it is to leave and continue on, I have so many fond memories of SHS and I know I will look back on this time with so much love and appreciation for my high school experience.

I want to thank you all for reading my column. It has been such a pleasure to report to you about what is going on within Smithfield High School, but I am very excited to hand over the title of student writer to your next columnist! Thank you again for your continued support, and I can't wait to see what happens in Smithfield in the future.

Best of luck in the future, Ellorie,
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Tristan M. Fulks
India Kali Gaffney #X*
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Hannah Josephine Geil X

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Karissa K. Gendron
Ryan Michael Gendron #X
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Emily Ann Gliottone X
Nathaniel J. Goffe ^X*
Jacob Gorman ^X*
Abigail Elizabeth Grace
Remy Deanna Guertin #X*
Colin M. Harris X
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Taryn Angela Kelly X
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Rebecca Simone Lahousse ^X*
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2023 Graduates



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Giannah Maree Martineau

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Lillie C. McCormick ~X*

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Madison Anne McDonough ^X*

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Savanna Lee Morrow #X*

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Hunter Trask Picard

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Nicholas Dallas Pitrone X

Natalia Polce #X*

Ava Grace Pomposelli X

Ray Thomas Porter X

Chase J. Rinker

Kathryn Lynne Rock ^X

Faith Xiao Yan Rugg ~X*

Curtis J. Ruotolo X

Kristen Lee Ryan #X*

Lila Rhiannon Ryone #X

Elijah G. Saddlemire #X*

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Emma Michelle Santos X*

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Shane A. Santos #X

Leah Faith Saunders X

William R. Schiller X

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Emma Marie Senna ^X*

Samantha Marie Sepulveda ^X*

Bradyn John Shadoian

Elizabeth Anne Shepard ^X

Olivia Elizabeth Siegel X*

Trista Emily Silveira #X*

Domenic Alfredo Simonelli X

William A. Singleton Jr.

Derek J. Sleboda

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Natalie Marie Tomah #X*

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^ Denotes Magna Cum Laude Honors
~ Denotes Summa Cum Laude Honors

Congratulations to the Summa Cum Laude students Smithfield High School Class of 2023!



Congratulations

to **Max Votolato** for being selected as this year's recipient of the SHS Music Department's Legion of Honor award. Max just graduated from the Hartt School of Music, and is headed to Kansas City, Missouri to begin his Master's Degree with Professor Zachary Shemon. Max recently had his debut concerto performance with the Hartt School Wind Ensemble. *Congratulations Max!*



National Signing Day

Congratulations to all Smithfield High School Senior Student Athletes, especially those who celebrated their continued athletic careers on National Signing Day!

The Smithfield High School Athletic Department would like to congratulate all senior student athletes on their wonderful accomplishments. The department wishes them luck next year as they embark upon the next phase of their academic and athletic careers.

Leah Saunders – Softball at Eastern Nazarene College

Cayley McCurdy – Softball at Eastern Nazarene College

Lauren Boyd – Track and Field at Quinnipiac University

Elijah Saddlemire – Cross Country and Track and Field at the University of Rhode Island

Jeremy Knobel – Track and Field at Sacred Heart University

Sela Bastajian – Track and Field at Rhode Island College

Trevor Morgan – Track and Field at Rhode Island College

William Schiller – Track and Field at Rhode Island College

AJ Hetu – Football at Bridgewater State University

Ryan Flynn – Football at Salve Regina University

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Smithfield High School Holds Elections



By Joe Siegel

On May 30, Smithfield High School students held their elections with a twist—real voting machines supplied by the Rhode Island Secretary of State's office.

Kelley Young, advisor to the Class of 2024, said the candidates ran real campaigns, complete with signs, stickers, posters, and T-shirts. As with adults running for public office, the students were required to collect signatures to get on the ballot and write a summation of why they were running.

"They seem excited," Young said of the student politicians. "(The machines) make it a bit more real."

Adam Turner, a junior and the National Honor Society President, said he was "really happy we can properly vote." Secretary of State Gregg Amore said six other schools have also been supplied with the voting machines and ballots.

"We do a lesson on voting rights, where I basically give a 35-minute civics lesson," Amore explained. "There's a back and forth between myself and the students. The lesson is designed for them to contribute. We've been incredibly well received. The students have been great, the teachers have been very cooperative. It gets them used to the process."

Grades 10, 11, and 12 all cast ballots in a cordoned off section of the cafeteria. The votes were to be tabulated and the results announced before the end of the school day. Candidates were urged to run positive campaigns. No mudslinging was allowed, nor was making promises that aren't possible to keep.

"We tell them to promise real things," Young noted.

"It's been really fun," said Emma Fredrickson, a junior running for Student Council President.

"I'm glad I did it," explained Brenna Lawrence, also a junior and a candidate running for Student Council President.

Lawrence has enjoyed campaigning, although she notes it's been "a lot of hard work" and "nerve-wracking."

"I hope it gives them some real-world experience," Young added. "Voting is something they can take with them."

For more information, visit the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.sos.ri.gov/divisions/civics-and-education/for-educators/student-government-elections>



Senior Award Night

Representative Brian Rea attended the **Senior Award Night Ceremony** on June 6 and he personally sponsored two \$2000 scholarships, one for each town in District 53 (Glocester and Smithfield). The Smithfield Scholarship, called **The Striving Sentinel Scholarship** is not GPA driven, but rather driven by character. The award is meant to acknowledge the hard work of a student, showing through their education that they have exhibited the drive and desire to persevere.



Representative Brian Rea and Braden Hoyt

Their determination through adversity, and their appetency for further education has brought forth great success.

The Striving Sentinel Scholarship was awarded to **Braden Hoyt**.

"It was an absolute Joy to meet Braden and his family. Job well done; the sky is the limit for this young man!" Representative Rea shared.



Gallagher Middle School National Junior Honor Society



Photos: Mark Carrier

Pleasant View Elementary School *Get Food Smart Recognition Event*



Pleasant View Elementary School Vice-Principal, Jessica Borges, Senator David Tikoian, Pleasant View Elementary School Principal, Cathy Pleau

On Thursday, June 15, Senator David Tikoian attended a special event at Pleasant View Elementary School to recognize students, staff, and administrators for their participation in the DEM Food Waste Reduction Program. During this program, the school achieved the following goals

- 3.3 tons of food scraps turned into compost instead of going to the landfill, reducing the harmful greenhouse gas emissions caused by food waste in the landfill.
- Food waste was reduced per student by 31%, consciously reducing the amount of food that gets wasted.
- Food that didn't get eaten was recovered and redistributed to hungry students!

“Congratulations to the students but ALSO to those members of the faculty and staff who help every day. Initiatives like this are always more successful when they are supported by all the key stakeholders and so we want to recognize those who have made the food waste reduction program work at Pleasant View Elementary School,” says Tikoian.

Citizens citation awards were granted to:

Head Custodian – **James Renaud**
Custodian - **Everette LaMountain**
Food Service Lead – **Emily Russas**
Food service team – **Maura Cavanagh, Robyn Williams, Laurel Aucoin, and Janice Thomas**
Cafeteria team who help at lunch – **Katherine Pierpaoli, Susan Oleran, Irene Rathier, Cindy Jannerelli, Juliet Alves, and Nancy Luca**
Vice Principal– **Jessica Borges**
Principal – **Catherine Pleau**

“So proud of our students taking the initiative to protect the environment and minimizing organic waste being disposed in our landfill. It's incredible at their young age they are already, not only thinking about the environment, but also taking an active role in becoming stewards of the environment. It's appropriate for the students, teachers, administrators and staff who all collaborated on this initiative to be recognized,” Tikoian says.



Stillwater Assistant Living celebrated the end of **National Nursing Home Week** on May 24 with a staff appreciation car wash, live music, and a grab and go lunch!



Photo credit: Stillwater Facebook

Smithfield's Teacher of the Year!



Mrs. Torie Caldarone

The Smithfield District Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Torie Caldarone! Mrs. Caldarone is an outstanding special education teacher at LaPerche Elementary. What makes her outstanding? Every day she goes above and beyond what is expected or asked of her.

Mrs. Caldarone brings positivity and endless energy to the students and her colleagues. She is a teacher who sees each student as a unique individual who is bursting with strengths and she works tirelessly to ensure the students see themselves that way too!

She is someone who takes the time to get to know her students. Through her words and actions, they know she cares about them and they are in turn open to new challenges. They know they will persevere with her at their side.

Torie believes strongly in the importance of inclusion and advocates for the most meaningful learning environments for all students. She understands that a truly inclusive setting is where children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. Torie often co-teaches in all learning areas to cultivate an inclusive classroom.

She is the epitome of a team player who always finds a way to get it done and done well. She is creative and presents information so all learners are engaged and actively participate in their own learning. Her colleagues seek out her innovative problem-solving solutions.

In addition to her role as a special education teacher at LaPerche, Mrs. Caldarone is also an induction coach acting as a mentor to new teachers. She fosters their learning and love for teaching through support and constant encouragement. She serves on and leads many

committees at LaPerche and in Smithfield including the Responsive Classroom Leadership team, the LaPerche Inclusion Committee and she recently served on the Math Selection Team.

You will often find Mrs. Caldron on interview committees as she feels passionate about finding the best candidates to become part of the Smithfield family.

Outside of school, she is the co-director of Dance Unlimited whose mission is to provide opportunities for movement and dance, for all people, so that their art reaches the hearts and minds of ALL who desire it.

Congratulations, Mrs. Caldarone! We are so proud of you!



From left to right: Julie Dorsey, (school principal), Robert Lemoine, Kristi Lemoine, Torie Caldarone, Benjamin Caldarone, Susan Caldarone, John Caldarone, Sara Monaco (assistant superintendent of schools), Dawn Bartz, (superintendent of schools).

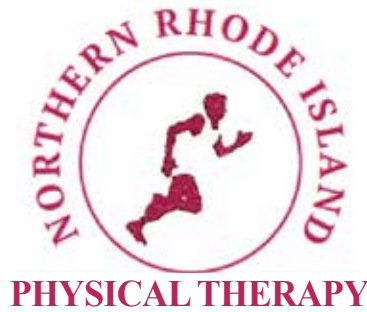
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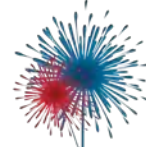
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Smithfield Resident Embarks on Life's Dream

Paul Lonardo

By Paul Lonardo

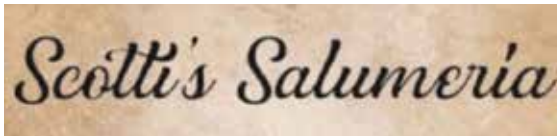
It's not every day that a person gets a chance to do something that they've been dreaming about for a long time. Many pieces must come together for some aspirations to come to fruition. For Smithfield's Marco Scotti, he is taking full advantage of an exciting business opportunity that has come his way, and he is more than ready.

Marco grew up in Smithfield and is accustomed to hard work, having worked



Marco Scotti and his dad, Lou Scotti

as a mason since before he graduated from Smithfield High School in 2011. He is a third-generation mason, following in the footsteps of his father and paternal grandfather, who came over from Italy with his family that included eight children. Marco now operates his own construction business, and if that wasn't enough, he has also been the Smithfield High School assistant hockey coach for the past 10 years, and this past spring an assistant coach for the school's baseball team. He has been bartending for the past decade as well, most recently at The Thirsty Beaver in Smithfield, so he is well-known to many people in the community. Over the years, Marco has harbored a desire to one day open his own restaurant, and Ed Brady and Jeff Quinlan, the owners of The Thirsty Beaver, have not only



encouraged his dream, but they are now willing to back him. When Marco pitched the concept that he had for an Italian restaurant to Brady and Quinlan, a new partnership was formed.

With shared enthusiasm, renovation work quickly began to an existing building, Huck's Filling Station, located at 4654 Post Road in East Greenwich, a property owned by Brady and Quinlan. This will be the location of the new restaurant, *Scotti's Salumeria*, which is expected to open this summer.

Marco will not only be part owner, but he will oversee the day-to-day operations. Serving as a consultant on all menu matters will be Chef Armando Bisceglia, owner of Bacco Vino & Contorni on Federal Hill.

"I couldn't have executed this concept without Armando," Marco says. "He's a real artist in the kitchen, and he'll be bringing a piece of Federal Hill to East Greenwich. Armando, from Naples Italy, will be incorporating both recipes and selective wines from his homeland."

This is an endeavor that involves a lot of talented and creative individuals lending their restaurant experience. The goal is to put *Scotti's Salumeria* on the map in East Greenwich for a long time to come.

The restaurant will feature a very welcoming feel of vintage Italy and a garden themed patio with fire pits for outside dining. As Marco states, "Where old school Italian meets new school." Inside will be booths and tables alongside a *salumeria*, an Italian-style deli with

classic cured meats, mortadella, prosciutto, salami, and other cold cuts in coolers and hanging from the ceiling, all of which will be cut freshly from their slicer. The

salumeria will also be offering a to-go/online ordering option for those who do not have time to wine and dine.

"It's been quite an undertaking," Marco admits. Between his commitment with the high school, the construction company he started just last year, and now getting this restaurant underway, these past few months have been hectic. But it's all worth it.

"People have stepped up tremendously," Marco says, "especially our General Manager Cici Dipaola. This has always been a lifelong dream of mine. Over the years, Jeff has always brought the best out of me. I'm blessed with this opportunity that he's providing me with."

For Marco, being in the restaurant doesn't feel like a job, it feels more like home.

"I want to host the way my parents would host," Marco says. "Where everyone leaves with a smile, a full stomach, and most of the time a good story."

If you're familiar with Bacco's menu, you'll love the Italian fare offered at *Scotti's Salumeria*. There will be many pasta options, charcuterie boards (which you can get to-go), *al taglio*-style pizzas, hand cut sandwiches, and weekly dinner specials along with an Italian-style brunch on Sunday's featuring seasonal cocktails.

Follow Scotti's Salumeria on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok @scottissalumeria and stay tuned for details.



A Call to Protect and Serve

By Diane L. Marolla, LICSW, CFRC

This interview with Chief Seltzer occurred prior to the events at the Subway Sandwich Shop. It was both the Smithfield Police and Fire Departments who responded to the call to help those who were seriously injured and whereby one person lost their life. This article is dedicated to all our first responders locally and nationally who protect and serve us every day as a thank you for your service. It is a special calling to want to serve and protect the community. I also want to thank Chief Seltzer for agreeing to speak with me, and for all his years of exemplary service.

In recent weeks, there have been discussions in the media about shortages on recruiting for our local police departments. Little to no media reports have reported on the status for recruiting for our fire departments. Both departments keep our communities safe. Both professions are where someone dedicates their life to protecting and serving others selflessly. Recently, I talked with Chief Robert W. Seltzer of the Smithfield Fire Department to talk about the downturn in new candidates for the fire department locally and statewide.

Chief Seltzer has been serving the community for a total of 48 years. He started as a volunteer at age 16 and volunteered for 13 years. He took a liking to the profession, started taking classes, and decided to go into the fire service profession.

Chief Seltzer: I opted to go full time in 1989. I saw enough of it to see where I wanted to do this. I got to test it out first. Many people from my generation started as volunteers.

Diane: We are hearing in the news that the police departments are having

difficulty recruiting candidates – is the fire department having issues?

Chief Seltzer: It is not as bad as law enforcement, but we are having similar issues. The pool of candidates dropped off about five years ago.

Diane: Years ago, it was difficult to get on the fire department. What is happening?

Chief Seltzer: The candidate pool was greater years ago. It is not one particular item. People have to have the willingness to serve and they will seek these type of jobs. What we do now is different from what we did 20 years ago. Emergency medical is the majority of what we do. We also do hazardous materials and active shooter alongside the police department. Fire service was also a tradition in some families. Another contributing factor is social media and the news. The bad side of things makes everyone look bad. Years ago we did not have that type of spotlight. In the past, this was the type of job where we did not need to do recruitment. A new focus for us is how we recruit people. People look at this and ask, “is this as good of a job as it used to be?” This is also a young person’s job. It is demanding physically and mentally. The physical stamina on the fire and medical side is incredible. We are also dealing with a whole new world of fire fighting. Everything today is synthetic so it burns quicker and hotter. It is much more dangerous job and it requires people mentally to be on their toes constantly.

Diane: What type of changes are you making to recruiting?

Chief Seltzer: This is something that has come up at our state Fire Chiefs

Association meeting. We are meeting and identifying what we need to do to recruit people. At what age do we start influencing people about the career? We are going to look at all potential options to educate people and to recruit. I am an adjunct professor at CCRI and we are looking at a certificate program for fire, EMS, and law enforcement that will present the profession and hopefully make people part of the recruitment journey.

Diane: As someone who was influenced by the women’s movement in the 70’s, I still don’t see a lot of women firefighters.

Chief Seltzer: The majority of our applicants are male. We have three female firefighters, one female dispatcher, and one female administrative assistant. Our female firefighters are fabulous and we want to hire more, but they do not apply. Every single woman we have hired has done a great job. They bring a lot to the table and I want to hire more.

Diane: When you say the job has changed, what are things that you are responding to now, that you didn’t years ago?

Chief Seltzer: In the late 80’s early 90’s the emphasis was on hazardous materials. In the 90’s and 2000’s EMS started to take off. We didn’t have a lot of paramedics at that time. In 2000 it was terrorism training and what to look for. We also did a lot of training on weapons of mass destruction and spreading of illnesses where the health system would be impacted. We have vests and helmets for active shooter. We also have the opioid crisis now. The drugs have always been out there but I have never seen anything like this. We are always training for the next situation. There is nobody else to respond. We are it.

Ask an Expert

My name is Tom Lopatosky. I'm the President of LOPCO Contracting (www.LopcoContracting.com) and I'm honored to have the opportunity to talk to you about home improvement on a monthly basis. I love answering your questions!

Please send them to tom@LopcoContracting.com or call 401-270-2664. Thanks in advance for taking the time to read this column!



Why is it a BAD Idea to Caulk the Gaps In-between Shingle Siding?

Recently I had a client message me with concerns of there being gaps in between the shingle siding on his family's home, after we had conducted our prep and were well on our way through applying the finish coat.

While he was SUPER complimentary on how hard the crew had worked on things, he was not quite sure if they had properly caulked items that should have been caulked, due to the noticeable gaps in between the shingles on the home's siding.

Caulking the gaps in between shingle siding may seem like a quick and easy solution to improve the appearance and weatherproofing of your home. However, there are several reasons why it is actually considered a bad idea:

- **Impaired Ventilation:** Shingle siding is designed to allow for proper ventilation, allowing moisture to escape and preventing the buildup of condensation. By caulking the gaps, you disrupt this natural airflow, leading to potential moisture problems such as rot, mold, and mildew. These issues can compromise the structural integrity of your home and even pose health risks.
- **Trapped Moisture:** Shingle siding is designed to shed water and allow it to flow downward. However, if you caulk the gaps, water can become trapped behind the shingles, leading to moisture infiltration. This trapped moisture can cause the shingles to

deteriorate prematurely and result in costly repairs or replacements.

- **Decreased Durability:** Shingle siding is intended to expand and contract with temperature changes. By caulking the gaps, you restrict this natural movement, which can lead to warping, buckling, and cracking of the shingles. Ultimately, this compromises the durability and lifespan of your siding, causing premature repairs or replacements.
- **Aesthetic Issues:** Caulking the gaps in between shingle siding can create an unnatural and unsightly appearance. Shingles are designed to overlap and create a visually appealing pattern. Applying caulk disrupts this pattern and can make your siding appear disjointed and unattractive. Furthermore, caulk may change

color over time, leading to an even more noticeable and unappealing appearance.

- **Maintenance Challenges:** Shingle siding requires periodic maintenance, such as repainting or re-staining. When you caulk the gaps, you create additional obstacles for future maintenance tasks. Removing and reapplying caulk can be time-consuming and difficult, and it may damage the shingles in the process. This can make future maintenance tasks more complicated and costly.
- **Potential Damage:** When it comes time to replace or repair your shingle siding, caulking can cause significant damage and increase the complexity of the project. Removing caulk from between the shingles can be

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About Tom Lopatosky

Tom Lopatosky has run his own RI-based painting and repair business since 1995; LOPCO Contracting - the "Personable, Particular Professionals" - specializes in exterior & interior painting and carpentry. Recently LOPCO Contracting was named 'RI's Finest Painting Contracting Company' by *ShopInRI Magazine*. In 2013, Tom was named "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA) and a "40 Under 40" award winner by *Providence Business News*. He is a member of both PCA (Painting Contractors Association) and RIBA (Rhode Island Builders Association). Tom has often had weekly 'Home Improvement Tips' that have aired on the radio on 630 WPRO AM and on television on WPRI 12. You can catch Tom LIVE on the radio EVERY Saturday, 2pm-3pm, on 630 WPRO AM (99.7 FM) during his weekly ProTalk Home Improvement Radio Show!



The Chief's Corner

By Robert W. Seltzer, BSEE, EFO, MPA
Smithfield Fire Department Chief



10 Tips for Firework Safety



Have a happy and safe 4th of July! Consider the following safety tips:

1. Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water/hose nearby in case of accidents.
2. Designate a safety perimeter. If you have ground-based fireworks like a fountain, spectating from at least 35 feet away is best. Aerial fireworks are illegal in the State of Rhode Island. Only professional, licensed shooters with proper permits may shoot off aerial fireworks.
3. Ditch faulty fireworks. Sometimes fireworks don't go off, but duds always pose a risk. The important thing to know is that you should never try to relight or approach a failed firework. Let duds sit for 5 - 10 minutes before you put them in a bucket of water. This can prevent injury and disarm the firework permanently so you can safely dispose of it.
4. Supervise children when they are handling sparklers. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit—hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet or touching body parts.
5. Don't forget about your pets! Fireworks can be extremely stressful for pets, but there are ways to help reduce their fear and anxiety. Keep your pets indoors. Close the curtains or blinds and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction. Treat toys filled with their favorite food (frozen pumpkin puree, peanut butter, and apple sauce are good options) may also help keep their minds busy and distract them from the fireworks.
6. Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
7. Never place a part of your body directly over a firework or hold a firework in your hand when lighting. To safely light fireworks, make sure they are secured on the ground away from people and animals and use a stem lighter such as a grill lighter.
8. Only light one firework at a time. Lighting multiple fireworks at the same time increases the risk of accidents occurring from the fuse burning faster than designed.
9. Avoid alcohol consumption when handling or using fireworks. This should be pretty self-explanatory.
10. Consider safe alternatives to fireworks such as party poppers, bubbles, silly string, or glow sticks.



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challenging, and it may require the use of harsh chemicals or scraping tools. This process can scratch or gouge the shingles, leading to added repairs or the need for complete siding replacement.

Caulking the gaps in between shingle siding is generally considered a bad

idea due to the negative consequences it can have on ventilation, moisture management, durability, aesthetics, maintenance, and potential damage.

While it may seem like a simple solution, it can result in significant issues and expenses - both short and long term!

If coming across such a situation, it is always advisable to consult with a professional who can provide expert advice on the best course of action for your specific situation as it relates to shingle siding.

Smithfield's Resident of the Month

Ann Cecile Minor Mackinlay is *The Smithfield Times'* first *Resident of the Month*. This title is for anyone who lives or has lived in Smithfield and made an impact on the town in some way. Ann's legacy was shared with us by her daughter Lori, who found it especially important to inform townspeople of her passing on March 25, 2023. We were touched by her story and felt that, albeit posthumously, she would be the most fitting for the column this month.

Ann, who later in life became known as Phayth Christine Kelleher, held many positions in life as she discovered the world. She was born in Attleboro, MA to beloved parents Cecile Charlebois and Edgar Minor. She was a devoted mother to Stephen, Kandy, and Lori.

If you lived in RI from the 1960s-1980s, she may have been your skating, gymnastics, or cheerleading coach. She may have done your high school pictures, family portrait, or photographed your wedding after opening Ann Mackinlay Studios. Today, you, your children, or grandchildren skate at the Smithfield Ice Rink that she worked so hard to help get built.

According to Lori, Phayth started working on getting the rink built around 1971.

"She did all of the artwork for the posters, ads, and fundraisers," she says. "Her name is on the plaque in the lobby. She even learned how to cut music so she could make program music for her skaters."

Once the rink was open, she started the Smithfield Area Skaters Club, bringing her students who used to travel to Warwick and North Smithfield for lessons closer to home. She also helped to bring quality coaches to the area.



Ann Cecile Minor Mackinlay

Phayth spent time in Europe, becoming fluent in German and a local national, which was quite an accomplishment for a woman at that time. She was a tour guide that let her explore the far reaches of the continent. Phayth even thrived as a marketing partner and manager of a Mexican restaurant frequented by local Germans and US Military alike. She loved to tell the story of breaking into the Opera House in Paris where she experienced its wonder and reverence when empty. An experience you could see she relived through her eyes.

Phayth had a passion for photography that graced the pages of The Observer in Greenville, RI, made her a staple at Bryant College, and helped her document the world as she explored it. She continued that passion to her last capable day, amassing over 21,000 photos on just her current computer.

When she had her photography studio, she did weddings, family portraits, the portraits for the Smithfield Police Dept, and had the first yearbook senior picture that was "not your standard portrait" in the high school yearbook.

"It was mine in 1981," Lori says. "The next year there were a whole lot more like it."

Phayth's love of nature, compassion, and giving spirit were cherished by those around her, not only her family, but her devoted friend Leslie and treasured pets Chip, Bruno, and Sammy. She never lost her sense of adventure, finding the wonders of life big and small or her passion for life. Phayth taught those around her to do the same and we will carry that on in her name.

Phayth will be missed more than she could ever know, or words can express. Devoted mother to Stephen M. Mackinlay (spouse Hui Kyong) of Attleboro, MA; Paula J. Mackinlay of Tabernacle, NJ; and Lori-Ann (spouse Michael). Grandmother to Anney O'Meara (spouse Michael) and Stephen M. Mackinlay Jr. Sister to William Minor (spouse Carol) of NC and the late Jane Minor of Attleboro, MA. Aunt to Rachael Mork and William Minor Jr. She will be missed by her loving partner James Kelleher and devoted friend Leslie Kuhn.



In lieu of flowers please send donations to St Mary's Center for Health Care and Rehabilitation where Phayth was cared for in the past. She loved taking part in their bingo activity and donated to after leaving.

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Memorial Day Service

On Sunday, May 28th the Sons of the Union Veterans Civil War and Camp 12 of General Zenas R. Bliss held a Memorial Day Service at the Greenville Cemetery to pay tribute to those that fought for our country.



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Life's *Bettah* with a Little *Cheddah*

By Gabrielle Libutti

Are you in the mood to try specialty cheese? Perhaps an artisan cracker or two? Maybe something you've never heard of before from a local or even national business? Then this summer you have to stop by East Side Cheese & Provisions and visit Jeff and Angie DiMeo. Soon to be located at 17 S. Angell Street nestled in Wayland Square, this space is not just a cheese shoppe, but a place for the community to gather and appreciate the heart and soul that goes into the production of food.

Great beginnings start small and this is no exception. Smithfield born and raised, Jeff has always had a hand in the food industry. His passion for specialty cheeses bloomed while working behind the cheese counter at Bread and Circus in Wellesley, MA. Over the next 25 years, Jeff dabbled in many aspects of the specialty food business. From buying, selling, and importing cheese to even making it, he furthered his knowledge and love of all things cheese. He and Angie met and fell in love at work, and got married. One day, they decided to leave the company and pursue their passion for food together, combining their different talents and areas of expertise by becoming consultants. Throughout this time, they worked closely with many different local and national brands, growing their network and connections. While they loved being consultants and continue to do so today, their dream was to one day own their own brick and mortar.

In addition to artisan cheese and crackers at East Side Cheese & Provisions, an assortment of local honey, jams, olives and more can be found. The shop will focus on supplying the community with unique and interesting items that you might



Jeff and Angie DiMeo

not have tried before. Jeff and Angie also decided to stock pantry staples for customer convenience. The couple is excited to have the freedom to offer the community and beyond new and exciting products, or as Jeff put it, "a little bit of everything fun and delicious."

The DiMeos are excited to have the physical space to bring the community together and host events such as Cheese Bingo and welcoming experts to teach classes on types of cheese and agriculture. Fueled by their own creativity, and the location within the hustle and bustle of the Creative Capital, the couple aims to do everything they can to support other local artists within their space. When you walk into the shop, be sure to check out the mural painted by Lena McCarthy on the wall. They also hope to have rotations of art by local artists for customers to enjoy, as well as host 'meet the artist'. It's a great way to help support artists.

"It's about the cheese, but it's so much more. It's about learning about the people behind the industry, and preserving tradition while discovering new and interesting things" Angie said. The goal of the shop was not only to share their love for cheese, but also to provide a space where people feel comfortable popping in, saying hello, and spending time trying new things while getting to know each other. Jeff and Angie spent countless hours over the past five years, bringing their dreams to life.

So if you're ready to fall in love with an exotic cheese, play a round of Cheesy Bingo, or just pick up a block of cheddar for the house, make sure to pop by East Side Cheese & Provisions. I'm sure they'll have what you're looking for!



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Golf Links Smithfield Friends

Paul Lonardo



2023 – West Palm Beach, Florida

Top Left: Ryan Malloy, Nate Travis, Ryan Finnegan, Peter Amoriggi III, Andrew Cobb, Adam Camillo, Nick Fugere, Ben Heroux, Joe Scotti, John Heiss. Bottom Left: Phil LaTorre, Nick Vitacca, Colby Fugere, Marco Scotti, Ryan Maloney, Jeff Langellier.

A golf getaway can make a classic guys trip, but for a group of local friends it's become a tradition that continues to grow in size and scope. Peter Amoriggi III of Smithfield is part this fraternity, and he and Colby Fugere, helped organize their inaugural golf trip in 2018. Peter was one of eight buddies, most from Smithfield with a couple of college buddies from URI mixed in, who traveled to Myrtle Beach, where they got in as much golf as they could stand in the South Carolina heat.

Golf was something they all enjoyed, but it was not the sole reason they sacrificed the time and expense to organize this and subsequent golf trips. It was friendship that was the driving force, and it marked a new beginning for them collectively, changing the nature of their friendships forever.

"The trip turned out to be the best week

of the year," Peter says. "It was a lot of fun and a lot of laughs."

They had such a good time that first year that it has become an annual event, while adding a little adventure by choosing a new location each year. Plenty of guys can relate to this kind of tradition, whether it is an annual golf trip, fishing trip, or the like.

With any sport, there may be a little friendly competitive component involved, but that just makes the time together more enjoyable. The increase in the number of guys attending these golf trips each year is a testament to that. In 2019, four more guys were added, and they played courses in Austin, Texas.

Not even the pandemic kept them from heading to Hilton Head Island in 2020, now with sixteen guys, all the same

mix of Smithfield friends and former college roommates. In 2021 they went to Nashville, Tennessee, and 2022 it was Scottsdale, Arizona. This past May, they ventured down to West Palm Beach, Florida, and they are already talking about where they might go next year.

Growing up, Peter did not play much golf. Between the other sports that he participated in at school and in town, including soccer, basketball, baseball, and later soccer in college, there wasn't a lot of time for golf. However, just before graduating from the University of Rhode Island he joined a couple of friends to play a round of golf and that sparked an interest in the game as a way to stay connected with friends. As more of his core group of buddies got together to play, golfing became a bond under which they all coalesced.

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“We’re just a group of close-knit friends who hadn’t seen each other much because we were all busy with college,” Peter says. “We wanted to get together and do more together, and since we all liked playing golf, we decided to take some time off and go somewhere special to play.”

Besides the yearly travel excursions, Peter and his friends golf locally as much as they can. Around New England, the seasons are short, so during the summer months the young men hit the links almost every weekend. As they play more, they have all gotten better, which makes the golf trips more competitive and fun for everyone, according to Peter. They do a Ryder Cup style golf tournament with two captains, each picking their team of eight, and a four-round tournament begins. They are all relatively at the same skill level, and the handicap system in golf keeps the teams balanced.

The trips are called the Senders Invitational, because the trip expenditures are made more affordable due to the Senders Invitational generous sponsors, which include Coventry Lumber, Chip & Sip Golf Company, and Scotti Construction.

Each passing year, Peter understands the personal and family commitments will restrict the number of times they can



2020, Hilton Head Island – Top left: Peter Amoriggi III, Andrew Cobb, Cody O'Donnell, Nick Fugere, John Del Padre, Tom Jamieson, Ryan Finnegan, Brett Bursie, Jeff Langellier. Bottom left: Adam Camillo, Colby Fugere, Phil LaTorre, Marco Scotti, Nick Vitacca, Ryan Malloy, Alex Allard.

get out together, but knowing this they cherish the moments they’ve had more and look forward to the next time they can get out on the course together.

“These travel trips become more important each year,” Peter says, “If for some reason we aren’t able to get out together as much during the summer, we can at least count on this one week a year to do something we all enjoy, just catch up with one another, and have fun.”

The golf vacations across the country have seeded plans for future trips, not only to some of the many other fabulous courses in the United States, but they are also considering playing abroad, for a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

“This trip means the world to me and my wellbeing” – Colby Fugere, co-organizer for the trip.

“The Senders invitational is a trip that I look forward to every year. We golf at premium locations with the best guys I know, what’s better than that? Not many people can even say they still keep in touch with friends from 15+ years ago, never mind go on an annual trip together traveling the US.” – Marco Scotti

“I cannot imagine life without the Senders’ trip” – Andrew Cobb

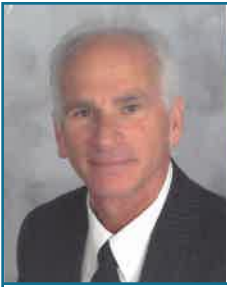
“It definitely is harder now to get everyone on the same page, and free up the same time,” Peter says, “but we all make sacrifices for those four or so days each year because it’s important.”

The United Nations declared July 30 as the International Day of Friendship, while in the U.S. and some other countries, National Friendship Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in August. However, friendship doesn’t need any special day, you can celebrate it year round. And you don’t need to know how to play golf to participate.

But it doesn’t hurt.



First trip, 2018, Myrtle Beach – Left to right: Ryan Finnegan, Andrew Cobb, Nick Vitacca, Tom Jamieson, Jeff Langellier, Colby Fugere, Brett Burise, Peter Amoriggi III.



Ask Our Attorney

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Ouch! Aches and Pains at Age 969!

Methuselah, according to the Holy Bible, lived to the ripe old age of 969. At that age, I wonder how long it took him to get up in the morning, shower, dress, and get ready for his day. However, I'll leave it to biblical scholars and theologians to interpret biblical literature.

This article is a continuation of an earlier one regarding the contemporary issue of guardianships. Someone can be the "natural" guardian of someone else, the best and most obvious example being that of parents and their natural born offspring.

Guardians can become guardians of someone else, through certain legal processes and filings. Whichever court is the one of appropriate jurisdiction, determined by way of legislative enactments (statutes, or statutory law), would have the authority and power to entertain lawsuits filed which seek to have one (or more than one) person(s) be put "in charge" of another person. The person so appointed usually carries the moniker of "guardian" and the person for whom he's appointed is usually referred to as the "ward."

A little bit of a misconception about guardianships is that the only court in Rhode Island that hears such cases is the Family Court or that the only court in RI to hear these cases is the local municipal court, known as the Probate Court.

As it turns out, under current RI law, both the state Family Court and local municipal Probate Court have jurisdiction to hear guardianship cases.

In Family Court, guardians are usually chosen in domestic relations cases or Department of Children, Youth, and Family cases. Under domestic relations cases, the Family Court, when it deems that a guardian is needed for a child/minor, may appoint a guardian from a list of prospective guardians. These prospective guardians, usually attorneys, have undergone certain training and taken certain classes specific to guardianship issues. Most of them are also experienced in guardianship cases already. On occasion, the parties, through their attorneys, may suggest the appointment of a particular guardian on whom the parties mutually agree.

In such domestic relations cases, the guardian is the child's/minor's lawyer. I've heard it said, though I'm not sure it's accurate, that only in America do children (even newborn babies) have their own lawyer. It wouldn't surprise me, though, if it's true. Nevertheless, such guardians get involved via the legal process where the natural parents are unable to agree on a major issue involving said child, such as custody, placement, visitation, religious instruction, schooling, interstate travel, and the like.

Within RI DCYF cases, guardians can be appointed for the child(ren) involved in the case, and infrequently, the adults. Said adult(s) is/are usually the natural parent of the child(ren), or at least the legal guardian of said child(ren).

Why would the RI Family Court appoint a guardian for the adult(s) in the case? Whenever there is an issue about that adult's level of cognitive, emotional, and psychological functioning, such that it's unclear whether that adult understands what's going on in the case. The court wants to be sure that the adult is competent enough to make reasoned, voluntary choices in the case at hand. Again, this doesn't occur all that often, but if someone in the case raises the issue, he can ask the court to appoint a guardian for that adult. On other occasions, but rarer still, the court can appoint a guardian for that adult 'sua sponte,' i.e., on the court's own authority without the necessity of someone in the case making the request.

Rhode Island has (as do most states throughout the country) its own independent state agency designed to serve as the Guardian Ad Litem (or 'GAL') for a child(ren) who is/are the subject of an active pending DCYF case before the RI Family Court. The agency is known as C.A.S.A., which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate.

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In Our Community

Food Truck and Live Music Festival held at Deerfield Park on June 13.

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On occasion, where C.A.S.A. has some kind of conflict in the case, making it unable to serve as the GAL for the child, the Family Court will usually appoint another GAL from a list of people (usually attorneys) maintained by the court. Such a C.A.S.A. conflict may arise where it is already representing another child in the case, though this is

not necessarily an automatic prohibition on representing a second child in the case; it'll depend on the particulars about the case. On rarer occasions still, such a conflict may arise where the parent of the child in the pending case was himself/herself represented by C.A.S.A. when he/she was a child subject to an earlier past DCYF case.

This actually occurs more often than you might think.

We've only scratched the surface of the multitude of things involved in guardianships, so we'll continue with our discussion in a later article.

... and as for our young friend Methuselah, we'll get back to him as well.



Tales From Beyond Ghost Cats - Part II

By Thomas D'Agostino

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We are not the only ones who have a ghost cat in their lives. General Stanton Inn in Charlestown, RI has three known ghosts – the general, his wife, and an unidentified cat. No one knows who the kitty is, but bartenders and patrons often feel the ghostly feline rub up against their legs. Many have seen the dark shadow of a cat moving about the tavern and heard ethereal "meows" coming from areas at the inn.

Ciro's Restaurant in Woonsocket, RI, has a celebrated history regarding everything from a speakeasy to a brothel. The upstairs is decorated like Henry VIII's Tudor mansion and hosts several paranormal entities, one being a kitty.

Several of the staff have closed up for the night and have heard a cat meowing in the castle-style dining room known as Hampton Court. One staff member saw the cat, thought it had somehow got in, and went upstairs unnoticed. She turned for a moment to bring it a drink, and when she turned back, it had vanished. A subsequent search proved no cat was ever in the building, at least no living one.

Hammond Castle in Gloucester, MA, was built by inventor John Hays Hammond Jr. He let his favorite pets, cats, run among the many ancient artifacts he displayed. Hammond was also a paranormal enthusiast and performed many experiments inside the castle with the likes of a Faraday cage.

It was well known that Hammond wanted to be reincarnated as a cat after his mortal body was committed to the earth. Shortly after his death, a black cat appeared at the castle, lying in Hammond's favorite chair. From the moment the strange kitty entered the castle, it was familiar with the layout. It would go right to Hammond's favorite rooms at certain times of the day, much like the inventor did, and found solace in a certain chair Hammond also sat in when he wished to relax.

Each time the cat died, another would reappear in its place. Ghost? Reincarnation? Attraction from some ethereal power? No one is sure, but to this day, one can tour the castle and perhaps meet the little furry dude that seems to have dominion over the other ghosts of the castle.

The Orleans Inn, located in Orleans, MA, is home to two ghost cats that live in Room 4. The cats belonged to two women who bought the inn around 1900. They kept many cats, and two of them have survived in spirit to this day. People

hear them purring and meowing, and sometimes when they open the door to the room, they feel invisible fur brushing against their legs as the ghost mousers either enter or leave the apartment.

Christy Parrish of the Oliver House in Middleborough, MA, has realized that one of the several ghosts that still occupy the house is an orange tabby named "Merragold."

Merragold belonged to Sally Hutchinson Oliver, the original and first lady of the house. The building was erected in 1769 for Dr. Peter Oliver Jr. and his wife, Sally. The Olivers may be among the several ghosts that haunt the mansion along with Merragold. Many people have seen the ghost cat wandering among the rooms throughout the years. Investigators have also caught Merragold on audio either meowing, purring, or just making the general noises that cats are known for. The house is leased for daytime or overnight investigations, as it is very active and tenanted with many who once lived there in the mortal frame.

These are just some of the stories where ghost cats still make themselves known to those who loved them. They are an amazing breed and known to be intuitive. It may be comforting to know that your little guy or girl will still be there for who knows how long, if not in the physical sense, at least the spiritual one.





A View From the Cheap Seats

Dan Pieroni

The Luck of the Irish Runs Out; Heat Cool off Celtics in Game 7 Laugher

There was no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow this time.

This time, all the Boston Celtics found was a tight zone defense and backbreaking clutch shooting by the Miami Heat's Caleb Martin and Gabe Vincent.

The Celtics and the Heat met last year in the exact same round of the playoffs. Even then, the Heat gave the Celtics all they could handle. It took a gutsy game 7 victory in Miami to seal the deal.

Miami was going to play tough and disciplined basketball, that was expected. What was not expected was the dominating way they executed it in the first three games. Led by their emotional leader and best player, Jimmy Butler, the Heat simply outshot, outmuscled, and outperformed the Celtics. Before anyone could blink, the Celtics were pushed to the brink of elimination.

How could it be that this team that was at least more talented on paper, and the consensus choice to win the Eastern Conference at the beginning of the season, could dig themselves into an insurmountable hole?

When you consider this question and pair it with the fact that no team had ever erased a 3-0 deficit in the NBA Eastern Conference Finals to win the series, a four-game sweep was inevitable. Thankfully, the Celtics got the messages about what was at stake and who was the more talented team.

After a convincing game four win in Miami, and a victory highlighted by a dominant first quarter in game five, the Celtics headed back to Miami with a glimmer of hope. For most of game six, it appeared that the Celtics would have the chance to make history by forcing a game seven in Boston. However, Butler came alive in the last few minutes of the game, and after he was helped by a questionable foul called on the Celtics' Al Horford, sunk three free throws to give Miami a one-point lead. Then, just as quickly as you were lamenting about the Celtics inability to hold another lead, the resilient Derek White threw in a miracle lay-up at the buzzer and all faith was restored.

If the Celtics hired Lucky the Leprechaun to spook the Heat prior to the seventh game instead of their regular mascot Gino, few would have blamed them. The Heat were coming back to Boston shocked, but focused.

Sometimes we as fans allow ourselves to get too caught up in the moment in that we lead ourselves to believe that the other team would ever recover from something like the buzzer-beater by White enough to win a do or die game seven on the road. By doing so, we discount the talent and experience of the other team—Miami had both qualities in droves.

Propelled by their stifling zone defense, and the clutch three-point shooting of Martin, the Heat deflated the overconfident egos of the Celtics and their fans as quickly as visions of

the 2004 Red Sox miracle comeback danced in their heads. The culprits, as was usually the case with Celtics, was their inability to consistently make three-point shots and solve the Miami zone defense.

The disappointing end of a season that was once filled with promise leaves the Celtics with more questions than answers:

Is Jaylen Brown worth a supermax contract?

Should the dynamic duo of Brown and Jayson Tatum be split up?

Is Johnston's own Joe Mazzula the right man to coach this team?



Joe Mazzula

Whatever the answers to those questions may be, one thing is abundantly clear.

There is much to be done before the Celtics find a pot of gold at the end of the next rainbow.



Inside The Brown Bag

By Peg Brown

The Slumber Party - On Permanent Snooze?

Slumber parties during my adolescence required several things: a clueless mother who willingly agreed to let six or seven pre-pubescent girls stay overnight in her rec or living room, plenty of blankets provided by the participants (few had actually sleeping bags), and several heavy pillows for the inevitable pillow fight.

We would also have our favorite 45s, complete with center plastic discs so we could play several without interruption and plenty of junk food to fuel the gossip and revelations that always emerged.

Lastly, perhaps a Ouija Board for those scary moments at midnight and games that explored our belief in the supernatural.

The 2023 requirements for a slumber party, if any are held at all? More about that later.

As sixth graders we could not be aware that holding slumber parties had a long and checkered grounding in history. In 1692, for example, several young girls held seances during their “sleep overs” which led, in part, to over 200 individuals being accused of witchcraft. And we remember how most of those accused met their demise.

Almost 200 years later there is documentation that two sisters – Katie and Maggie Fox – who convinced their parents they could speak with spirits using code. That, according to folklore, was in part responsible for the rise of the Spiritualist movement.

Interest in holding slumber parties waned and ebbed with the times. Outbreaks of serious diseases, much like Covid, put such gatherings on hold. Slumber parties were also criticized by many doctors at the time as allowing young girls to discuss the consequences of their changing bodies—including GASP! – an emerging interest in their “role in reproduction.”

However, by the turn of the 20th century,

slumber parties were back and actually became the topic of many newspaper stories – in the decade between 1910 and 1920, for example, over 2,000 accounts of these gatherings appeared in newspapers across the country.

Slumber parties eventually became a tradition rather than a trend, and exploring the supernatural world through games and rituals, handed down through many generations, were an integral part of those sleepless nights.

Keeping in mind that there were only three television stations, no cell phones, no concept of social media, and no access to DVRs, our slumber parties relied on the chemistry and imagination of those gathered.

Most of our slumber parties began with a dance contest, each trying to outdo the most recent featured couple on Dick Clark’s American Bandstand. Sweaty and exhausted, we took our first refreshment break and shared the latest gossip about members of the current “in crowd” in our class. Experimenting with new hair styles, teasing our locks into the highest beehive we could create, experimenting with make-up, otherwise off limits in our real life, provided the transition to darkness and our own exploration of the supernatural.

Those who have documented the history of slumber parties suggest that these represent rites of passage, and historically and in many cultures, mark the transition of young girls into women. It is also suggested that slumber parties allow adolescent girls to work through their questions and fears about their futures as adults, while being supported by a close group of friends. I am guessing that many of us in those naïve and protected days experienced their first real “sex education” classes.

As our grandmothers had, we explored the supernatural. The telling of ghost

stories, the use of the Ouija Board, and our interpretations of the rituals known as “Bloody Mary” and “Stiff as a Board” required complete darkness, a candle or two, and ensemble chanting. Since I was the heaviest person in our group, I volunteered to be the subject of “Stiff as a Board.” This involved lying rigidly on the floor, several chants by the group, and everyone who surrounded “the body” extending one finger and collectively trying to raise what resembled a corpse from the dead. Since I weighed in at 130 lbs. in sixth grade, this resulted in a disaster, prompting another round of giggles that broke the spell. Our experiences with Ouija Boards had similar results. Despite our best levels of concentration, we could never get the spirits to identify the names of our next boyfriends.

After a few crank calls, asking unsuspecting strangers if their refrigerator was running and advising them to chase it, we resorted to the highlight of every sleep over – the making of fudge from scratch. Invariably we mixed the required ingredients, boiled the fudge as directed, occasionally dropped a bit of the liquid in a cup of cold water to see if it was done, spread it in a pan and, almost always, resorted to eating the result with spoons as it never seemed to set. Who knew about candy thermometers?

Sleep overs in 202 – forget it! Concerns about how others run their households, who has pets and what kind of smoke there is in the house, Tik Tok, quality of snacks, screen time, diets, and safety make these events rare. It is reported that one parent even asked if the home site had a water filter. There’s even a hashtag on Tik Tok called #NoSleepovers, created by psychiatrist Larry Mitnaul, that has been viewed millions of times.

One last comment – Thank God I’m old. If I were raising children today, I would be fired as a mother!



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Sojourner House staff is looking for RI teens ages 13-19 who attend high school in Smithfield to participate in the **SPARKS Peer Education Program**. **SPARKS** stands for **Supporting Peers and Raising Knowledge**. School-age youth can raise awareness on teen mental health issues such as teen dating violence, violence prevention, and sexual violence while getting paid for their time doing outreach, attending weekly meetings at the East Smithfield Library, community service hours, and learn experience in leadership.

- Program starts Thursday, July 6th.
- This Program will be for the summer and during the school year.
- Contact sgibbs@sojournerri.org; 401-861-6191.



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- in person & virtual options
- Location: TBA

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Saylesville Meetinghouse Book Swap!

The free monthly book swap at the Saylesville Meetinghouse has been in existence for almost 20 years. There's no limit on the number of books you can take or give. In fact, people give more than they take so there are a ton of books to choose from. Also, bringing books to swap is not required!

Sometimes people bring in puzzles or DVDs, there's really no telling what you will find. Paperback mysteries are the most popular, but there are hardcover books too.

The swap is always the THIRD Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
The meetinghouse is located at 374 Great Rd, Lincoln, RI.

More details about the swap from member Roseanne Cedroni:

- One of the reasons we decided to have a book swap is that we want to invite people into the Meetinghouse. The building is over 300 years old. Our claim to fame is that Stephen Hopkins was an attendee—he signed the Declaration of Independence! Many people do not realize the role that Quakers played in the history of Rhode Island. When Roger Williams established this colony there was a flood of Quaker because they were hardly tolerated anywhere else. What makes this even more interesting? Roger Williams could barely tolerate them himself! Fighting words were exchanged but Quakers are pacifists, so it never came to blows. Furthermore, Roger Williams was true to his principles, he may not have tolerated the Quakers, but he allowed them to worship in peace. Another reason to admire him!
- Throughout the years that we've had the swap, people will come into the building and say, "I've driven by this a million times, and I've always wanted to come inside." We're happy to give tours of the building and answer as many questions as possible.
- We still are a functioning Meetinghouse, and we have services every Sunday at 10:30. People are welcome to join us, but we do not push religion in any way, shape, or form. We respect wherever people are on their spiritual journey. Furthermore, our service is very similar to an hour of silent meditation, and we recognize that many would find that difficult. We're happy to answer any questions about that also, we just tend to stay away from debates.
- We really do consider our Meetinghouse a Rhode Island treasure and history belongs to all of us!

For more information, contact the meeting house at saylesville@providencefriends.org or 401.331.4218.



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Community Cat Center



The *Smithfield Times Magazine* and the Community Cat Center are working together to find loving homes for kitties that are currently living in their shelter. Here are their stories:

STRETCH: Introducing the one-and-only Stretch! This sweet, gentle affectionate boy is an absolute joy to be around. This handsome guy has black and white markings, golden eyes and the cutest pink nose. Stretch loves attention, being pet, exploring and being held. He is approximately 1 year old and will win your heart over with his charming ways. Stretch is FeLV positive, and he should be the only cat in the home or in a home with other FeLV cats. FeLV is non transmissible to dogs. Stretch can live a good quality of life as an indoor kitty with proper care and lots of love. Stretch is a super social kitty, and he has been patiently waiting to meet the right person or family to call his very own.



SNICKERS: Meet Snickers! A simple, quiet guy, this 5-year-old male doesn't ask for too much. Snickers is a big hunk, with light golden brown and black tiger stripes. His distinguished good looks include one folded ear and fine black markings around his mouth that almost give him the appearance of "lips." Snickers is a FIV positive kitty. He loves attention, especially when it is given one-one-one. It took some time for him to warm up to people at the cat center, and now this gentle giant's playful personality has started to blossom. Shy and sweet, Snickers is a love

at heart, and he would make an ideal companion for someone who has the patience to take it slow and let this special boy continue to feel comfortable on his own terms and at his pace.

PRINCESS GREENIE: All hail the princess! Say hello to Princess Greenie. Princess Greenie is a petite, loving girl with a distinct and unique dilute tortoiseshell coloring. She is approximately 4 years old and both FELV/FIV negative. This somewhat shy, but thoughtful and curious young lady recently had a stunning litter of three kittens who have all moved on to their forever homes. Now it's mom's turn! Princess Greenie has come so far from being reserved around people to becoming more accepting of being pet. She will let you know her contentment with the sound of her soft and gentle purr. An ideal home would be with teens or adults as that would suit and satisfy this girl best. Won't you consider adding her royal highness as the next addition to your home?



ALL CATS ADOPTED FROM THE COMMUNITY CAT CENTER HAVE BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED, VACCINATED, TESTED FOR FELV/FIV AND MICROCHIPPED.

If you are interested in adopting any of the cats featured in this article, please submit an application today which can be found in the link below. The CCC will only be accepting pre-approved applicants for meet and greet appointments once the completed application has been received.

<https://pawswatch.org/adoptions/>

A no-kill shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.



PETS OF THE MONTH

This is Lola, she's a red slider turtle who sometimes (always) has an attitude. She likes her back scratched; she likes watching TV; and she



always wants to eat, especially her nightly snack at 7pm. She can tell time and really lets us know when it's 7pm! When someone is cooking dinner, she always gets out of her tank and watches what they're cooking!



Twitch, Bonkers, and Fozzie Holroyd

Blue was an "only pet" for 10 years, until Baxter and Bruiser joined the family. Blue loves being the big brother and he has taught them how to sit for their treats every morning at 5:00 a.m. They greet the neighbors every day when they stop by to visit them - everyone knows them. They are the neighborhood celebrities!



This is Fendy, but we call him "Cachetes," which in Spanish means big cheeks. He is 3-years old and he is such a big baby. People think because he is such a big dog, he is aggressive, but he is such a great lovable dog.

We LOVE pets at *The Smithfield Times*. Let's celebrate our furry, squirmy, or scaley friends every month. Submit a brief description to and photo brittni@smithfieldtimesri.net to be featured in the next issue of the magazine. Submissions might also be used on our Instagram.



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Community Tiny Art Exhibit

Visit our Tiny Art Exhibit of mini canvas paintings, created by artists of all ages! The exhibit will be on display from July 10th – August 5th in the library.

Children's Events:

Summer at Your Library 2023: Find Your Voice June 26-August 4

Please register for all of the following programs by calling 401 949-3630 or visit the children's room. Space is limited, so please call if you cannot attend.

Storytimes and Reading

Summer Fun for Young Ones with Miss Patty

10:00 am Ages 1-3 – July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Budding Bookworms with Miss Babs

10:00 am Ages 3, 4, and 5 – July 6, 13, 20

Book Buddies: Read with a Teen Volunteer

1:00 pm Grades K-5 – July 6, 13, 20, 27

Bedtime Storytime 6:00 pm Ages 3-6 – July 10

Sensory Storytime 2:00 pm Ages 4-10 – July 13

PAWS to Read 6:00 pm Grades K-5 – July 17

Performers and Programs

American Sign Language for Kids

12:30 pm Grades K-5 – July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Free Play Fridays

10:00 – 12:00 pm Ages 2-5 – July 7, 14, 21, 28

Playful Writing 11:00 am Grades 3-5 – July 12

Let's Play Pokemon! 2:00 pm Grades 3-12 – July 12

Big Games at the Library 3:00 pm Ages 3-10 – July 12

Talent Show for Summer Readers

1:00 pm Grades K-5 – July 18

Magic Palooza with Lon Cerel

6:00 pm Ages 3-10 – July 19 Kona Ice at 7:00 pm

The Middles 6:00 pm Grades 4-6 – July 24

Fiddle N' Fun 1:00 pm Ages 3-6 – July 25

Regal Princess Party with Elsa and Anna

1:00 pm Ages 3-10 – August 3

Arts and Crafts

STEAM with Miss Hailey-Rose: Kaleidoscope Skies

4:15 pm Ages 5-10 – July 5

Collage Who You are: Self-Portraits

10:30 am Ages 5-10 – July 11

Fun with Art! 1:00 pm Ages 5-10 – July 19

Tune Time 4:00 pm Ages 5-10 – July 26

Teen Events

Bagels & Books (Grades 6-12) – Sat., July 8, 10:00-11:00 am

Pixel Art with Perler Beads (Grades 6-12)

Monday, July 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

Let's Play Pokémon (Grades 3-12) – Wed., July 12, 2:00-3:00 pm

Drop-in Volunteering: Caring Cards (Grades 6-12)

Saturdays, July 15 and August 5, 10:00-11:00 am

RenderForest Animation Workshop (Grades 6-12)

Monday, July 17, 6:00-7:30 pm

Safe Sitter (Grades 6-8) – Wed., July 19, 9:00 am-2:15 pm

Zines for Teens (Grades 6-12) – Sat., July 22, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

The Middles: Emoji Party (Grades 4-6)

Monday, July 24, 6:00-7:00 pm

Magic: The Gathering (Grades 6-12) – Mon., July 31, 6:00-8:00 pm

Italian Ice Party (Grades 6-12) Wed., August 2, 6:00-7:00 pm

Adult Events

Please register online on our event calendar at greenvillelibraryri.org or by calling 401-949-3630.

Virtual Book Chat – Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 pm

Coffee & Books – Wednesday, July 12 at 10:30 am

Monday Matinee – Monday, July 17 at 2:00 pm

Knitting Mavens – Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Mystery Book Club – Tuesday, July 11 at 1:30 pm

Picnic Table Reads Book Club – Thursday, July 20 at 1:00 pm

Home Sweet Home Book Club – Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm

Bone Builders – Every Monday at 11:00 am

Every Friday at 1:30 pm – Drop-in, no registration required!

Play and Sing with the Ukulele With Instructor Dean

Plowman – Thursdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10 6:00 pm

Exploring Creative Possibilities with AI Intelligence

Friday, July 14 – 11:00 am

Seashell Art – Wednesday, July 26 – 6:00 pm

Music Bingo – Thursday, July 20 at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 pm

Find Your Voice | 2023 Summer Reading Challenge

Community Puzzle Table

Exhibits: Stacey Graham – Through July

Local artist Stacey Graham will display her work at the Greenville Public Library through the month of March.

For more on Stacey Graham and more examples of her work, visit her website or find her on Facebook (@staceygrahamartworks) and Instagram (@staceygrahamart).



East Smithfield Public Library

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Bethany Mott – 401-231-5150 x2



Children's Programming:

Arts and Crafts Mondays –

July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24, and 31st @ 3:00 p.m.

Bingo and Popcorn – Wednesday, July 19th @ 1:00 p.m.

Family Story Time – Tuesday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

"15 Minute Field Trips" Crazy Caterpillars -

Friday, July 14th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pancakes and Pajamas Story Time –

Thursday, July 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

Yoga for Kids – Wednesday Mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Zoomobile - Thursday, July 20th at 2:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m.

Young Adult Programming

Birdhouse Painting Take and Make –

Thursday, July 6th starting at 12:00 p.m.

Board Game Cafe – Tuesday, July 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Creative Writing Workshop –

Wednesday, July 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Glow Gallery – Monday, July 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Hack That Painting – Wednesday, July 12th at 4:30 p.m.

High School Book Club – Tuesday, July 11th at 4:30 p.m.

Introduction to 3-D Printing –

Tuesday, July 11th and Tuesday, July 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

Jeopardy! – Monday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Shrinky Dink Take and Make –

Thursday, July 20th starting at 12:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Program – This program runs from Monday, July 3rd to Friday, August 11th.

Teen Crafternoon – Monday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m.

3Doodler: Learning How to Draw in 3D! – Wednesday, July 12th, 19th, and 26th @ 3:30 p.m.

Video Game Tournament –

Thursday, July 6th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Adult Programming

Adult Summer Reading Program – July 5th – August 11th

Adult Craft: – Monday, July 10th @ 5:30 p.m.

Bring Your Own T-Shirt – Tuesday, July 25th – Drop in between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Card Club – Thursday, July 6th @ 5:30 p.m.

Craft – Tote Bags - Tuesday, July 25th @ 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, July 26th @ 11:00 a.m.

Cricut Club - Friday, July 21st @ 4:00 p.m.

Drop In Tech Help - Every Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Fantasy Book Club – Against the Tide by J. Elle – Monday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Heat Transfer Vinyl - Friday, July 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Basic Vinyl - Thursday, July 13th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Infusible Ink - Thursday, July 20th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jewelry Making Open Studio – Tuesday, July 11th @ 11:00 a.m.

Knitting and Crochet Group - Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Matinee Movie - Wednesday, July 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Meet Our Laser Machine – Friday, July 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Paint and Chillax with Sylvia – Monday, July 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Club – Thursday, July 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

Tabletop Game Night – Thursday, July 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Book Club – Thursday, July 27th @ 6:00 p.m.

Video Game Tournament -

Thursday, July 6th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Game Night - Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Events

Wanted - Donations of clean baskets (dinner plate size or larger) which will be re-purposed for use during the Holiday Bazaar Raffle.

Little Free Food Pantry - Since the schools are now out for the summer, we are anticipating an increase in need for those children suffering from food insecurity. Please consider making a food or monetary donation to the pantry. In demand are canned protein and vegetables.

Museum Passes - The FOL has purchased library museum passes for the Children's Museum, New Bedford Whaling Museum, and the Tomaquag Indian Museum just in time for summer vacations. The passes will allow patrons to attend at reduced or free admission. These make great day trips. Just take a picnic lunch and enjoy an affordable day!

Summer Reading Programs - The FOL is sponsoring two Zoomobile programs on July 20th for the Summer Reading program, along with supplying prizes for the children and teens completing the programs.

Coffee, Cake & Conversation Book Group - Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

The FOL can be reached via email at friends.east.smithfield.library@gmail.com or you can leave a message for Catherine Lynn at the Circulation Desk.



Town of Smithfield Collection Schedule 2023-2024

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Special Events

Metal & Appliance Collection

Lawn & Leaf Collection Weeks

Christmas Tree Collection Weeks

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Holiday Schedule:

When an observed holiday falls on a normal collection day, collections will be delayed by one day for remainder of the week. The following holidays will result in delayed collections:

Independence Day
Victory Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day

Special Events:

Mattress/ Box Spring
Recycling (by appointment only), Electronics Recycling, Sensitive Document Shredding, & Rigid Plastic Recycling:

To be held at Smithfield DPW from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

July 15, 2023
November 18, 2023
April 13, 2024

2024 Earth Day Clean-Up:

To Be Announced

Call (401) 233-1034 x105 or email: recycle@smithfieldri.com

For updates and current event information.

To report a missed curbside pick-up please contact **WM (800) 972-4545**.

To schedule a Bulky item, large Metal items and Appliance pick-ups please contact **WM (800) 972-4545**. Collection appointments must be called in before 11 a.m. the day before the collection. Pick-ups are scheduled on a first come first served basis.

To review current recycling information please visit the Town's webpage: <https://www.smithfieldri.gov/departments/recycling-refuse>

Compost to reduce your household waste by almost 20%! Bins available for purchase from the DPW & RIRRC.

Consider donating gently used household items to those in need. Please visit the Town's webpage to view our Donation database.

REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE

SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



Tim Jones
Cartoonist

Meet Tim at Comic Con!

He will be at the following events in July:

July 8-9 at
Contropolis Comic Con in New Jersey
More info at: <http://www.contropolisnj.com>

July 28-30 at
Terrificon at Mohegan Sun
More info at <http://www.terrificon.com>



RECYCLING TIPS

Plastic Rule: Any plastic container up to 5 gallons in size can be placed in your recycle cart. Please empty and rinse. Place plastic caps and covers back on the item they came from.

Glass Rule: Bottles and jars only. Empty and rinse. Separate metal lids from glass jars.

Metal Rule: Cans, foil and lids. Empty and rinse. Bunch up foil. Do not flatten cans.

Paper and Cardboard Rule: Paper and cardboard (flattened) and cartons. There is a cardboard only dumpster for large pieces of cardboard, at the Smithfield DPW, available from 7:30-3:00 M-F.

- Please do not place plastic bags in your recycle bin. No plastic bags, bags of bags or recycling inside of bags.
- Plastic shopping bags should be brought to a ReStore Container, available at most markets.
- Clothing and shoes should not be placed in the recycling cart. Please deposit clean clothing in one of the clothing donation boxes around town. They will even accept ripped or stained clothing, as long as it has been washed.
- Large rigid plastic items (lawn furniture, toys, etc.), electronics, tires, mattresses and box springs are recycled during town sponsored drop-off events, see calendar for dates.

Special collection by Appointment ONLY

<https://www.smithfieldri.gov/departments/recycling-refuse/pick-up-requests>

This is a list of common items under the categories to select for collection:

Metals & Appliance (RECYCLE)

hot water heater
air conditioner
refrigerator
weed whacker
metal tools/electronic tools
treadmill
bikes
metal swing sets
microwaves
metal patio umbrella (remove fabric)
metal file cabinets
metal desks
metal shelf
dehumidifier
washing machine
clothes dryer
dish washer
gas grill (no propane tank)
stove
metal fire pit
metal furniture (remove fabric)

BULK ITEM (TRASH)

vacuum cleaner
wooden furniture
upholstered furniture
hot tub cover
vertical blinds
strollers
pool floats
toddler and crib mattresses
futon mattresses
carpet (cut, rolled, tied in 3 ft. sections)
pool liner and cover

Please do not place plastic bags in recycling carts. No plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling in bags.

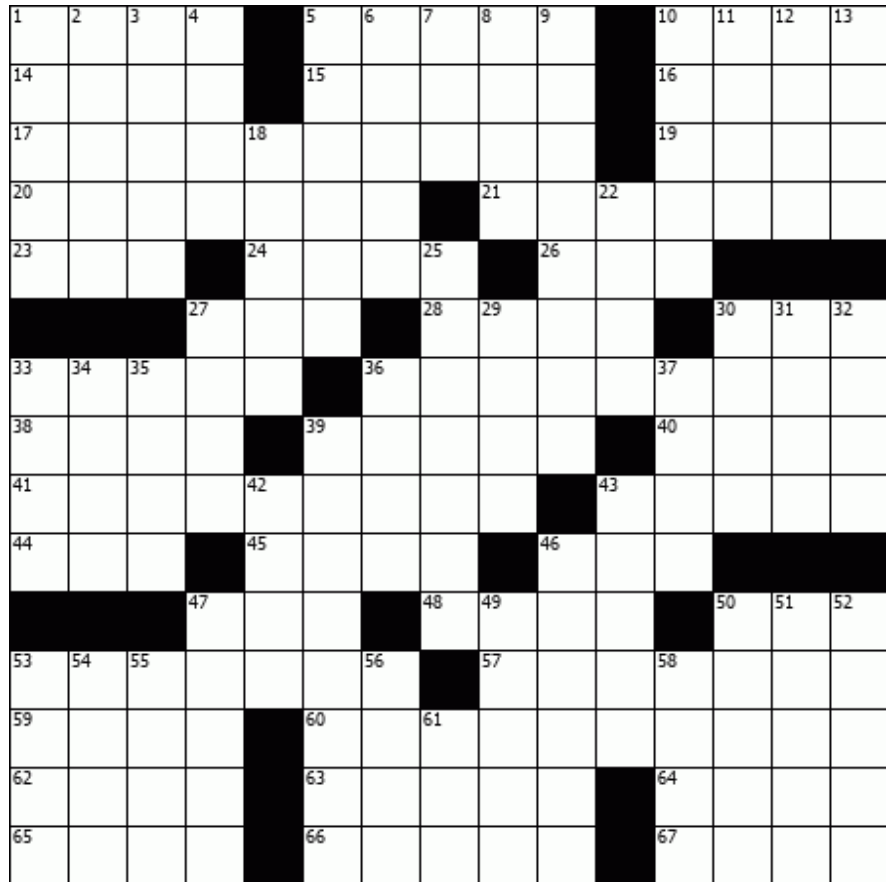
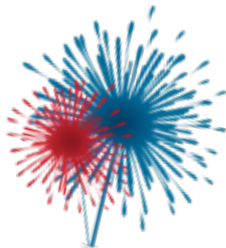


IMPORTANT

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Window part
5. Indian group
10. Scottish girl
14. Choir singer
15. Rabbits' kin
16. Akron's state
17. Military rank
19. Enjoy a book
20. Asian mountain
21. Quandary
23. Actor ____ Gibson
24. Speak imperfectly
26. 60 secs.
27. Roker and Pacino
28. Iraq's neighbor
30. I see!
33. Staggers
36. Dispersed
38. Pinnacle
39. Gladden
40. Urgent
41. Invaluable
43. Untruthful ones
44. Mummy name
45. Bears' feet
46. "Welcome" rug
47. Masculine pronoun
48. Poems of praise
50. Fall behind
53. Facets
57. Raise
59. Party
60. Broken
62. Always
63. Indian boat
64. Oceans
65. Grateful ____
66. Minor quarrels
67. Other



Down

1. Capital of Oregon
2. Breathing
3. Strong metal
4. 60 minutes
5. Dissertation
6. Raves
7. George Gershwin's brother
8. Warp
9. Rough calculation
10. Sophia ____
11. Throat-clearing sound
12. Thailand, formerly
13. Fizzy beverage
18. Narrates
22. Dryer residue
25. Artist Pablo ____
27. Guinness of "Star Wars"
29. Pied Piper followers
30. Diva's offering
31. German mister
32. Summer drinks
33. Entranced
34. Light brown
35. Send out
36. Whole bunch
37. Censor
39. Rubber bands
42. Long tale
43. ____ beam
46. Free-for-alls
47. Listened to
49. Railroad station
50. Name tag
51. Book of maps
52. Barnyard fowl
53. Mellowed
54. Rescue
55. Appeal
56. Break sharply
58. Flower container
61. "Snakes ____ Plane" (2 wds.)

Answers to puzzle on page 44

Recipe Swap!

S'Mores Pudding Parfait

Nichole Bonollo @justlikemomsmeals

Ingredients

8 crushed up Graham Crackers
1 Package Instant Chocolate Pudding
2 Cups Milk of Choice
1 Container of Whipped Topping
1/2 Cup Marshmallow Fluff
2 Hershey Bars
Mini Marshmallows
Plastic Cups or Bowls



1. Place a layer of the crushed graham crackers to the bottom of the cups
2. Prepare the instant pudding mix by whisking together the pudding mix and milk until well combined.
3. Use half of the pudding to cover the graham cracker crumb layer, then top with a second layer of graham cracker crumbs.
4. Add half of the whipped topping to the remaining pudding and whisk to combine.
5. Spread the pudding and whipped topping mixture over the top of the graham crackers in the cups, then add another layer of graham cracker crumbs.
6. Combine the remaining whipped topping with the marshmallow fluff, beating until smooth.
7. Spread the mixture over the top of each cup, sprinkle with mini marshmallows, graham cracker crumbs and a piece of Hershey bar
8. Then place parfaits in the refrigerator to chill for at least 4 hours. Enjoy!

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Annual Alumni Golf Tournament & Dinner

**** All proceeds go to support the Smithfield High School Baseball Team****

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Crystal Lake Golf Club

100 Bronco Highway Mapleville RI, 02839

Don't Golf.....

Come for dinner!!!!

CHECK IN: 1:00 pm

SHOTGUN: 1:30 pm

DINNER: 6:00 pm

Per Player \$150

Tee Sponsor \$100

Dinner Only \$35

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Closest to the Pin**

**Longest Drive
Raffles/ 50-50**

**Contact Amy Antunes 401.261.1826 or
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