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Letter from the Editor



Brittni Henderson
Editor

Dear Smithfield Times readers,

The Town of Smithfield suffered an immense and heavy loss in the passing of beloved teacher, colleague, mother, friend, and soul Katherine Young. *Smithfield Times* writers Sydney Briggs and Ellorie Corcoran are former students of Katherine's and share their poignant memories of her in this month's issue. *The Smithfield Times* sends its deepest condolences to the Smithfield community, as well as the family and friends of Katherine Young. May her memory live on through acts of kindness, compassion, and friendship.

We also remember the late Joseph Mattera through a special feature written by Paul Lonardo. Joe was another pivotal member of the Smithfield community, and this feature pays homage to him via his partner, Karen. It is a touching story of love and loss, specifically in February, as it is his birthday month.

Paul also spoke with a local woman who faced a tragic loss in life and joined forces with *The Herren Project* to bring awareness and support for the treatment, recovery, and prevention of substance use disorder. She will be running the Boston Marathon this year on Team Herren to continue her mission to support this compelling cause.

For those of you celebrating Valentine's Day this month, we hope you have a love-filled day with all things that make your heart smile!

Thank you for being with us this month!

Warmest regards,

Brittni Henderson





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Remembering Katherine Young

by: Sydney Briggs

On December 30th, 2023, an unexpected tragedy hit Smithfield: the passing of beloved mother, friend, teacher, and mentor, Katherine Young.

Mrs. Young was a huge inspiration to the community of SHS – the “best thing to ever happen to Smithfield High School,” says one student – specifically the school’s music department. She taught the high school’s chorus for years, always choosing fun, creative, and overall amazing repertoires for the concerts hosted throughout the school year. Last year, after Dr. Chartier began a new journey, Mrs. Young took over the school’s concert band as well. Though she was new to it, she always tried her best to adjust and learn along with her students.

She was far from just a music teacher, though. She was a mentor, a supporter, and most importantly, a friend.

Mrs. Young’s office was always open. If you’d had a bad day, she was there to talk about it and let you vent. If you’d had the best day ever, she was there to listen all about it. She was always willing to listen, no matter the person or situation.

She never failed to give her advice on a situation, no matter how difficult it was. Whenever you needed her, she was there to talk. About the good, the bad, and the ugly. Back in March of 2023, Mrs. Young told a student this: “My advice if you want it—feel the feelings, be sad and angry, then when you’re ready, pick yourself back up again and carry on. You’ve been through worse and you’re strong. You can handle anything life throws at you!”

The music department, myself included, has thought about her words day in and

day out. They’re incredibly true, and important to remember, while also a reminder of her.

She was extremely supportive, inside and outside of music. Whether you needed help learning a new song or fixing a sticky situation with friends, she was there to help.

“She looked at each and every one of us, and took us under her wing like we were her own kids,” says an SHS music student. “She made us whole, no matter what we were going through at home.”

Her ability to give great advice was just one of the many amazing qualities of Mrs. Young. She was also incredibly supportive, and never failed to uplift those around her.

“Mrs. Young was exuberantly positive,” one student said. “She truly cared for everybody, and it shows through her kind, gracious, and fun presence.”

She transformed her students not only as musicians, but as people as well. The words she spoke were mindful, caring, and will leave lasting impacts on everyone.

“I remember Mrs. Young always did anything and everything to help me with confidence. She always said things to make me feel good and told me ways to feel more confident about myself, she changed how I see myself and I will be forever thankful for that.” recalls another.

One of Mrs. Young’s favorite colors was plum, so students wore purple the first day back from winter break to honor her. This carried on



through sports teams, with numerous teams hosting purple themed games in her honor.

Memorials were placed along the back of the piano she played, including notes, flowers, gifts, and much more.

The night of Tuesday January 9, loved ones gathered at Deerfield Park to begin the vigil in honor of Mrs. Young. They walked from Deerfield Park to the high school, carrying lights as they made their way to the school’s auditorium. Once gathered in the auditorium, a compilation of photos and videos, put together by current students, alumni, friends, and family, played for attendees to watch.

Her funeral and wake was held on Wednesday, January 10, with friends and family in attendance.

Mrs. Young was an incredible mentor, friend, mother, and teacher, and her incredibly hard work at Smithfield High School will never be forgotten. Her light will always shine through, her laugh and smile will never be forgotten, her legacy will live on forever, and the SHS Music Department will forever love and miss her.

For You, Mrs. Young

by: Ellorie Corcoran

Mrs. Young was not just the music teacher at Smithfield High School, or the co-director of the musicals. Mrs. Young was the teacher who had a place for anyone and welcomed anybody with open arms. Mrs. Young noticed when someone's mannerisms or attitude was slightly off, and knew when to ask them if everything was okay and how they were doing. She gave all of her students, and even just students who knew her, her unconditional love. Mrs. Young saw hope in every student and was one of the most selfless people you would ever meet.

Her smile lit up the room, and her contagious laugh could make a bad day bright. Her life advice managed to resonate with anybody, and her support for each and every student helped so many. Mrs. Young was one of the most amazing souls I have ever met.

I was never a musically inclined student, but after a scheduling issue was forced to take a year long Music Theory class taught by Mrs. Young. She remembered me on the first day of class, despite the last time I had spoken to her being three years prior. A few months as a quiet freshman in the back of the ensemble, and she remembered me when we reconnected.

I was up front with her, and told her I would not be very good in the class. She didn't care. She knew that anybody, if taught the way they needed, could learn anything. She worked with me and made sure I understood the topics while everybody else already knew it like

the back of their hands. Some days we'd do class in the auditorium just for fun, and some days we'd sit and discuss anything that was on our minds. She was never a by-the-book teacher. She was always trying new things, to adhere to every student's learning style, while also keeping it fun and engaging.

I felt so welcomed in her classroom despite not being a "music kid," and knew I'd always have a place in the high school to truly be myself. She took my book recommendations, and listened to any music her students loved.

Mrs. Young would drop everything if a student was struggling and help them immediately. She never wanted to see a student sad. She was excited when students she didn't know joined the musical, or signed up for one of her classes. She checked in on alumni post graduation, and continued to support them. To her, we were were lifelong students, and her support never stopped.

I spent a full year with her as a student, after only knowing her briefly, and she impacted me so deeply. Her impact is seen throughout alumni and current students, even teachers. She continues to be loved by so many, who like me, found a place in her classroom. Students who felt comfortable being their completely authentic self, learned things about themselves through her, laughed with her, sang with her, supported her as she supported them. Anybody who met Mrs. Young liked her, and those who got to know her loved her. She was authentic, real,



vulnerable at times, and connected with her students on so many different levels. Her classroom was not just a classroom- it became a home to the students of Smithfield High School. She was a person that made the world a better place.

The chorus room, band room, and auditorium will feel emptier without her and her laugh. Mrs. Young is an irreplaceable person, who makes a mark on anyone she's known. Her hard work, kindness, and love for educating students on music is so strong and will be carried through the students she has taught.

Her memory will never be forgotten. The stories she shared will continue to be told. The advice she gave will continue to be given. Her laugh will echo through the walls of Smithfield High School. The lights will shine with the brightness of her smile.

You will never be forgotten, Mrs. Young, and your hard work and dedication will live on. We love you forever.



A memory submitted by English teacher Elizabeth Pimental



"I had a student who presented a very cute and funny speech in English class. She wanted to present it to another one of my classes where she had a few friends. I told her that I couldn't pull her out of her class, but if she could get permission then she could come and present. She said to me, 'Oh, Mrs. Young won't mind.' This turned out to be true. Not only didn't she mind, but she came too, and brought the entire class. After the girl presented, she asked if she could stay and hear other speeches. To me, this just shows how she cared deeply for the students whether she knew them or not. That was the last time I saw her."



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*Thank you,
Mrs. Young*



Side Bar

Side bar (noun): a short article in a newspaper or magazine, placed alongside a main article, and containing additional or explanatory material.

As a side bar to each month's issue, we'd like to introduce you to someone who works behind the scenes at *The Smithfield Times*. You'll get a chance to meet the team behind creating this magazine. You'll not only learn their roles here at *The Times*, but also what they love to do in life. We'll show you their passions and pastimes; introduce you to their family and friends; and most importantly - you'll put a face to the hard work that goes into this magazine each month.



Mark Carrier – Photographer

by: Joe Siegel

Mark Carrier has been covering various events for the magazine for nearly two years. He's been a town resident for his entire life.

"It doesn't feel like it's changed much over the years in some ways. There's always those 'Mom and Pop' shops everywhere. I like going into those small businesses. It's a nice town. Nice and quiet."

Carrier's career goal wasn't photography, but something quite different. He majored in criminal justice in the hope of becoming a police officer. Not long after graduating from Rhode Island College, he reconsidered.

"I started photography as a hobby," Carrier explained. "I used to hike with my friends. I thought it was cool you could see the Milky Way galaxy and my friends showed me how you can take more photos (and see more of the galaxy). I thought that was pretty cool. I specialize in wedding photography, but also branch into portraits, product photography, food photography, fashion, real estate and architecture, as well as others that are just for my own personal enjoyment, like landscapes, nature, pets, and astro photography."

One of Carrier's favorite memories is taking photos of the 2023 ribbon cutting for the opening of Slice n Scoop on Route 7.

"It was the fact that I got an opportunity to meet this really cool photographer

that was there, working for the bank that provided the loan for the owner of (Slice n Scoop). This photographer shoots on very cool cameras that are very expensive. He had a car full of them which was just wild. He opened his trunk, and it was just stuffed with cameras. I talked with him for an hour or two after we did the ribbon cutting. It was just a nice interaction where I got to meet someone."

Carrier also enjoys taking sports photos, especially for soccer, softball, and basketball games. He recalls connecting with the children and seeing them happy as they engaged in something they liked doing. A lot of the events benefited various charities such as Toys for Tots.

"I like to continuously challenge my skills by doing all different types of photography," Carrier noted. "I don't believe that the saying 'jack of all trades, master of none' applies to photography. For example, wedding photography encompasses all types of photography - fashion, photojournalism, product, candid, real estate/architecture, portraits, and others. So, sticking to one type of photography limits your ability to grow and limits how much I can offer to my clients."

Carrier enjoys his job for the variety it offers and the chance to positively impact people's lives.

"It's an interesting opportunity to always meet new people and to do different things," he said. "Each shoot is different in some way. Each family is different. Each wedding is different. You get to learn about other people and at the same time you get to bring them happiness in some way."

Carrier advises anyone interested in a career in photography to have some patience.

"It takes a long time to learn photography and learn what people want to see," Carrier explained. "Just keep going. Keep pushing and learn as much as you can. You must welcome constructive criticism. Nobody is perfect. The best thing you can do is learn from those mistakes."

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Joe Mattera Was a Family-First Guy

by: Paul Lonardo

The recent loss of Joseph Mattera was felt by many in the community and all-around northern Rhode Island. While he will be missed, those who knew him best will never forget him. A well-known and respected police officer, Joe served on the Gloucester Police Department for 33 years before retiring as a Captain in 2017.

Jamie Hainsworth, now the chief administrator for the Rhode Island District Court, was a former Chief of Police in Gloucester who knew Joe well from their time in the department together.

“He was the type of guy if you called him and asked him to help out with something, he would drop everything if he could and he’d come to work,” Hainsworth says. “He took a lot of pride in what he did. Any responsibility he was given he took that very seriously, and he worked hard at it, that’s what made him so special.”

During his tenure on the department, Joe lived in Harrisville, where his daughter and son, Corinne and Daniel, grew up. Joe was a devoted father, who was so proud of them both. Not long after his retirement, he primarily became known as Papa to his two grandchildren Gia and Roman, who Joe got up on skates practically before he could walk. They became the light of his life.

Joe was active in the community as a member of the Gloucester Country Club and a longtime hockey coach for the junior hockey league’s Vikings as well as the hockey coach for Burrillville



Joe Mattera

High School. He was also a hockey referee for many years and enjoyed playing hockey and football in his youth. During that time, he met Karen (Carberry) Beety. They were about 10 or 11 years-old, Joe was playing youth football in Smithfield and Karen was a cheerleader.

“I’ve known Joe practically my entire life,” Karen says. “His parents were involved in the league, his father coaching and his mother running the concessions. His sister Rose was also a cheerleader. All great people.”

While attending Smithfield High School, Joe played hockey and football, and Karen cheered for him. “I always thought he was adorable,” she says. After graduating, they went their separate ways.

“He was just such a nice kid, always smiling, always polite. But life takes funny turns sometimes, and it just wasn’t meant to be then.”

Joe graduated in 1981, but his senior year was derailed when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He was treated and his cancer went into remission. While he was recovering, he could not participate in sports, but that didn’t stop him from being around his friends and teammates, including riding the Zamboni during hockey games and being an inspiring presence, for which he was voted Most Courageous by his class.



Karen and Joe

While Karen graduated the year before, her mom, who knew Joe’s, would provide updates on Joe’s health and his personal and professional life all through the time when they were married and raising their own families.

Thirty-some-odd-years later, in 2013, both divorced, they found themselves at a popular local restaurant/bar, The Last Resort, running into each other

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for the first time as single people since high school. Karen's brother's band was playing at the club, and Joe was there to meet some buddies.

The "Last Resort" could not have been a more fitting metaphor for just how Karen had been feeling at that time. Having recently lost her mom, she was looking to start a new life with someone with whom she could spend some quality time. She was beginning to lose hope that it was ever going to happen to her.

Joe almost didn't go that night, but he showed up and the moment he walked in Karen made it a point to go up to and say hello to him. They spent the next couple of hours talking and catching up on three decades of life, and at the end of the night Joe asked her if she wanted to go out somewhere with him the following day. And the rest, as they say, is history.

"We went out on that one date and we both knew," Karen says. "We just connected. I knew him from when we were kids, and I knew he was a nice guy."

Joe felt equally strongly about her because they spent the next ten years together. They travelled and played golf, Karen learning the game so they could spend even more time together.

"We enjoyed each other's company," Karen says. "We did everything together."

It was only last May that Joe learned his cancer had returned, in his lungs this time, and in a late stage. Joe fought hard, but he lost his battle with the disease this past November, he was just 61.

Hainsworth remembers Joe often coming by the police station on his days off and he'd always have his kids with him, and despite all that he has done in his life, this was what ultimately defined Joe Mattera.



Karen, Joe and his parents, Carolyn and Vinny Mattera

"He'd often tell me that his job provided him with the opportunity to take good care of his family, and that's why he never minded working any extra minutes that he did," Hainsworth says. "The more he did, the better it was for his family, and that's what he cared about."



Joe and his children, Danny and Corinne



Joe and grandson, Roman

World Languages Teacher of the Year

by: Isabella R Santoro

Lora Calise is a Spanish teacher at Smithfield High School with 34 years under her belt, and recent recipient of the Rhode Island for Languages Association's World Languages Teacher of the Year.

When Lora received the opportunity in her mid 20's to teach at Smithfield High School, she stated that the second she walked in for her interview, she felt at home. She knew that that would be the place she could grow and teach students for years to come.

And she still feels this way, thirty years later.

Lora stated that learning languages was something that she enjoyed, was fascinated by, and was naturally really good at. After she studied abroad in Spain in college, she found that she felt more in tune with the world and wanted to implement it into a classroom. She wanted language to be something that individuals were curious to explore. As she says, language is something that brings people together and as a social person, teaching came natural to her. She never considered anything else and if she could do it all again, she would.

As for her classroom, Lora prides herself on being present with her students. In her classes, Lora wants her students to be effective communicators in the language she teaches and this doesn't always translate to effortless grammar and never making mistakes. Mistakes



Lora Calise and Sarah Steverman

often happen, and Lora feels as though her students should be given the opportunity to learn and grow the best through communication.

Focusing more on a student's success and how they communicate is how Lora teaches in her classroom. As students grow and evolve, Lora evolves and grows with them, as she understands that different students over the years are learning quite differently. For Lora,

it is all about being passionate in what you are teaching your students.

Students will recognize whether or not you're passionate about your craft and teaching, and Lora most certainly is. She enjoys being in the classroom and feels most comfortable in this space.

Lora has found a beautiful and encouraging support system in her family and in her colleagues at the high school. Her fellow world language teachers, as she states, are her world and her life. Lora finds herself to be the luckiest teacher in regards to support to her world language colleagues. She describes them to be like her family and is very blessed to be working with such skilled and professional people. She feels so lucky to have so many people in her corner at the high school.

Plans for the future include Lora looking more into teaching Spanish to children at younger ages and delving more into that.

This is something that she is very passionate about and definitely wants to look into in the future. As she states, it is not easy to start learning a language later in life after the age of 10 and so implementing these studies earlier in life is essential. As for recent achievements, Lora is honored to be able to go to New York City in February for a conference to meet with other world language teachers from New England and hopefully to be recognized and advance at the national level.





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Running for Recovery

by: Paul Lonardo

The Herren Project, a nonprofit organization that provides free resources and support for the treatment, recovery, and prevention of substance use disorder, has helped many people since 2011 when it was founded by former professional basketball player Chris Herren, who has been in long-term recovery since 2008.

The organization benefits those seeking to overcome their substance use issues and aids family members and friends affected in various ways by addiction.

Michelle Banchi is someone whose life has changed after becoming involved with Herren Project. In 2010 Michelle was attending Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, MA when Chris Herren came in to speak to the students and share his story about his battle with substance abuse, with a focus on prevention education.

At the time, substance use was not something that affected her everyday life. Seven years later, however, something life-altering happened that changed her forever. On May 3, 2017, her world came crashing down when she lost her brother, Jason, after a long, treacherous battle with substance abuse. The siblings were close, and it left a void in her life that was filled with overwhelming grief.

Four years later, still suffering from this loss, a friend reached out to Michelle and put her in contact with someone from the Herren Project who represented their Grief Support Group. It turned out to be a revelation for Michelle.

"They were remarkable," she says. "The support group helped me in so many ways. I don't know where I would be in my grief process if it wasn't for my Tuesday Night family."

Michelle joined the group in May of 2021, and by that same summer she reached out to Pam Rickard, the Director of Active Engagement at the Herren Project, and asked how she could get actively involved to help other people, originally expressing interest in running the Falmouth Road Race and the Boston Marathon.

Michelle participated in dance and played basketball, but she was never a runner. This was something she turned to clear her head, having no idea it would quickly turn into her way to grieve, finding a way to be at peace with everything.

"He'd be laughing if he knew I was doing this for him" Michelle says. "A marathon may have been a bit of an overreach goal in 2022. I really didn't know what I was getting into, and everyone thought I was crazy, but I wanted to do it and I was committed to trying."

Michelle ended up running the Falmouth Road Race in 2021, and remembers looking over at Pam saying,



"My dream one day is to run the Boston Marathon." A few months later, she was accepted to the Herren Project Boston Marathon team. Only a few months later, she toed the starting line at the 2022 Boston Marathon representing Team Herren Project while wearing Jason's name proudly on her back, crossing the finish line in his memory. This is no small achievement, and it took a lot of hard work and dedication, but it was all worth it in the end.

Michelle sees a distinct correlation between long distance running with the challenge of recovery. There are many people she runs with who are in recovery and turn to running as a healthy hobby, even an obsession.

"Though it's a physical challenge, it's very much a mental challenge as well" Michelle says, "because

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when you're running a marathon, no matter what mile of the race you're at, you remind yourself of your why and you just keep going. Jason was my 'why' in 2022 and continues to be each and every day"

For those in recovery, Michelle understands that running is more than just something they enjoy doing. Being outside in the fresh air clears your mind and allows you to focus on taking the next step, whether in a marathon or in recovery.

"These runners not only need something to keep them busy, it also helps them live a healthy lifestyle," Michelle says.

Though she missed last year's marathon due to injury, she is healthy and will be back this year to run the 2024 race. She aspires to continue running in memory of Jason.

For Michelle, her time with Herren Project has been even more enlightening for her than she had ever anticipated when she first joined the Grief Support Group in 2021.

"More and more people are suffering every day and substance abuse needs to be talked about more. People need to know help is available. I plan to continue to raise awareness and raise funds to give back to the organization that has given me so much. I will be running in memory of those who lost this battle, the family and friends who support their loved one's battle, those who are grieving, and most importantly, for Jason who I miss more and more every day."

Besides running, Michelle is one of the ambassadors with the Herren Project and she is part of the Team 24 when it comes to fundraising.



To that end, you can help Michelle achieve her goals of remembering Jason and supporting Herren Project by donating today. You can find out more about the Project and Michelle's fundraising goal for this year's Boston Marathon by visiting her page at: givengain.com/project/michelle-raising-funds-for-herren-project-66530



Smithfield's Couple-Friendly Cigar Lounge

by: Paul Lonardo

When some people think of a cigar bar, they may picture a smoke-filled room filled with older men puffing away on smelly cigars and sipping scotch or bourbon, but today's cigar lounges are much more sophisticated and diverse. They are also a lot cleaner and more sanitary, with air that is continually ventilated and purified. Alcohol has expanded to include wine and spirits of every variety and specialty cocktails. At Cedar Spill in Smithfield, you will get all of that and more, including a kitchen serving up a wide range of appetizers and snacks to provide a pleasant and memorable experience for women as well as men.

"I wanted to create an upscale cigar lounge for everyone" owner Scott McCabe says. "A place where someone can bring their wife or girlfriend after dinner and have her not feel like she's sitting in an oversized ashtray in an all-men's club."

Cedar Spill is large enough to accommodate several dozen people, but small enough to retain a cozy charm with comfortable chairs to relax in around individual tables, a large community table, and or the main bar.

"The biggest thing for me was



creating a nice place where people can go when they either want to get together with some friends or to meet new people. That's what the cigar community is all about. You'll have a guy in a three-piece suit talking with someone in work boots about cigars and bonding, and they next thing you know they're meeting here every week."

McCabe's aim is to have customers who visit come back frequently, and to do that he knows he must provide a good product and a friendly and welcoming environment.

"We try to do something different by making it better than what you can get at other lounges," McCabe says. "Exceeding people's expectations is what I really want to do."

Behind the bar, Cedar Spill serves a wide range alcohol for all tastes, including high end bourbon, scotches, and tequilas.

"There's something for everybody," McCabe says. "And if you don't know exactly what they want, we can try some different things until you find something that is right for you."

In their walk-in humidor there is an extensive selection of cigars. There are lockers for rent to individuals as well as larger ones for corporate clients

who want to preserve and store their own cigars. All brands are available for retail sale, so you can take your cigars to go if you prefer.

"It's a very boutique line of cigars that we carry, from different vendors from all over the world," says McCabe. "We have all the fan favorites, but also a lot of boutique cigars that I want to introduce to people."

The kitchen also offers an eclectic menu, everything from nachos to hanging bacon, from pizza to charcuterie boards. If all this is still not enough to pique your interest, and you need more to convince you to visit Cedar Spill, keep in mind that you will not be able to site the air quality as a concern because the lounge is equipped with a double unit racing ventilation system that filters from one unit to another and circulates it back and forth so that you're always breathing the cleanest air possible.

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"It sounds cliché, but when it comes right down to it, we're building a family here with our customers," McCabe says. "I know pretty much everyone's name who comes in."

McCabe has always been passionate about hospitality. He grew up in Wisconsin where his parents operated a resort, a restaurant, and spa. He came out here for school in the 1990s, attending Johnson and Wales University, and he's been here ever since.

"I've always been an avid cigar smoker," McCabe says. "For me, like many others, it's a way of life. When Stephen (Kiley), my business partner and I decided to start a business, I felt that Smithfield was the perfect place to open a cigar lounge, one with charm and elegance so that the residents who want to smoke don't have to go to Providence or anywhere else."

It was December 2022 when construction began on the lounge's interior, and last June when Cedar Spill opened its doors to the public for the first time. It has been just over six months now and McCabe couldn't be happier about the way things are going.

"The town of Smithfield is great," McCabe says. "They've been very supportive all along. True advocates. It's just what you want in a town-merchant relationship."

McCabe has assembled a knowledgeable staff that he couldn't be prouder to have representing Cedar Spill.

"We are constantly praised for our service," McCabe says. "That's such a huge attribute, to my manager and my entire staff because this is a place people come to re-lax. After a long day at work, sometimes you want to get away from it all for a little while, and I want people to come here, have this be their home away from home where they don't have to worry about anything."

If any of this sounds good to you, give Cedar Spill a visit. There's ample parking in the front of the building as well as the side and out back.

You can reserve a table ahead of time on their website: cedarspill.com. You can also contact them by email scott@cedarspill.com or phone: 401.618.5078. Cedar Spill is open Sunday through Wednesday 11:00 AM to midnight and Thursday through Saturday 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM.



Photos by Mark Carrier

Man Rescued During Heavy Flooding



by: Joe Siegel

Jose Peralta Monzon and Thomas McGee don't wear capes or possess superpowers but on December 18, they sprang into action to rescue a stranded motorist.

A whopping 4.72 inches of rain fell in Smithfield, causing widespread flooding throughout the town. There were also fierce winds over 50 mph from a weather system that impacted the entire region Monday into Tuesday.

Monzon and McGee work for Veolia, the company which operates the Smithfield Wastewater Treatment Facility. The men noticed a vehicle stuck on an access road that had been washed out by the raging Woonasquatucket River. Upon initial inspection they believed the car was abandoned, but then saw the vehicle's 79-year-old driver clinging to a rock and struggling in waist-deep water.

Monzon and McGee worked together to wade into the current and rescue

the motorist. Upon reaching the man, they brought him to safety, and then brought him into the facility to warm him up, providing blankets, warm clothes, and coffee. A family member was contacted, who came immediately to pick up the driver. The vehicle remained on the road until flood water subsided.

"I knew we had to get him out of there because it was cold water and we didn't know how long he was there for," Monzon recalled. "Jose grabbed him and put him in (our) truck."

Monzon and McGee's colleagues were impressed by their valor.

"We weren't surprised by how they reacted, and we weren't surprised that they would do something like that," said Andy Hoglund, the Senior Vice President and Director of Digital Strategies for Veolia North America.

Hoglund noted how intense the floodwaters were on that day and

the tremendous risk the men took in saving the motorist.

"If he had let go, he very easily could've been washed away. Without (Monzon and McGee) there, who knows where he would've ended up."

Monzon said the man was "really thankful" for being saved from the water.

"I was happy everything worked out," said McGee.

Monzon and McGee don't consider themselves heroes, but the experience was something they will never forget.

"Instincts took over and I'm happy everything worked out," Monzon said.

McGee noted, "We were at the right place at the right time and hopefully anyone else would have done the same."

Tranquility: Ghost Stories

by: Gabrielle Finch

"Now a sophomore agent, Danny Malloy realizes a new threat is emerging when he's tasked with transferring two mysterious Twins." -IMDb

2022 Smithfield High School graduate, Alexander Geil, just released his second movie, *Tranquility: Ghost Stories*. Although it was originally planned as a prequel, after many revisions and changes, Ghost Stories turned out to be the sequel to his original film, *Tranquility: An Independent Film*, which was released in 2021. I was able to chat with Alex about his movie and plans for his future in film making. Our conversation gave me a new appreciation for the film industry. From just an idea on paper to the final product, it takes a lot of hard work, creativity, and passion. All qualities that Alex possesses, which definitely shows.

Alex is currently a film student at Rhode Island College, projected to graduate in 2026. He began his

"career" back when he was only 12 years old. At that time of course, he was simply having fun. He never thought that his love for shooting videos would turn into two successful flicks only a short eight years later. Right after his first movie was released, he began to craft this one. He said that throughout the three year process, it felt like the creative ideas kept flowing, and he acted on it. While the movie is predominantly filmed in Smithfield, he was excited to have the opportunity to travel to other states, such as New Hampshire, for shots.

Alex wanted to extend a special thank you to his friends who helped his vision come alive. Keith Beck, Katherine and Rebecca Vinson, Anabel Moda, Roupén Bastajian, Emma Rose, Amaya Eitapence, and Devin Miller. All are talented actors and actresses, some including fellow Smithfield High School graduates! He also wanted to thank Carrie King for her musical contribution to the movie. Carrie is also a Smithfield High School alumnus, and a talented singer and songwriter.

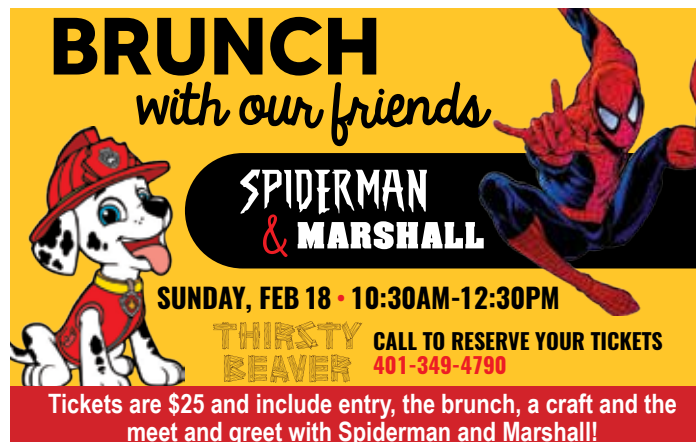
She was able to provide an original song for the movie soundtrack. Alex said that without all their hard work, *Tranquility: Ghost Stories* wouldn't have been possible.

Finally, I asked Alex about the future of the Tranquility films. He told me that he wasn't sure. He would love to continue exploring the missions of Danny Malloy (played by Keith Beck), but is open to the next great adventure, whatever that may be. Unfortunately, the original premiere watch party was postponed, but the Town of Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department plans to reschedule for the near future. They hope to offer a question and answer session with some of the cast and crew at the showing as well. Keep your eyes peeled for updates from the department via their Facebook page.

In the meantime, you can stream both of Alex's movies on Amazon Prime and support a talented movie director. Congratulations and good luck Alex, we can't wait to see what you do next!



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



Diagnosing Leaks - The Last Resort!

Attempting to figure out where a leak is coming from can often be the ultimate exercise in frustration.

Sometimes you believe you have found the source and corrected the problem only to hear the dreaded "drip ... drip ... drip ..." at some point after.

Totally NOT fun!

What convolutes things even further is that sometimes the leak comes from multiple sources, some easier to diagnose than others.

So, what is one to do?

Some people consider opening the wall or ceiling as an attempt to fix the problem from the inside out. There is absolutely something to be said for doing this from the very beginning to get to the root of the problem as fast as possible, and many times this approach is quite necessary. The challenge that I have with this tactic is that the solution to the leak could be quite simple if you are experienced enough to know what to look for.

My preference is to save ripping into ceiling and wall areas until all other more "kinder/gentler" avenues are exhausted.



I also believe that sometimes you simply do not have a choice and it absolutely makes sense to begin opening things up to explore from the inside right from the very start of the leak discovery process.

This type of situation occurs about 20% of the time.

80% of the time if you methodically work to analyze component by component of where the leak most sensibly can be coming from, then you should be able to figure out how to neutralize the leaking without causing a bunch of collateral damage.

For times, however, when the mystery cannot be solved, strategically opening things up from the inside out and paying VERY close attention to any paths that the moisture may have created over time is an approach that is not only the obvious next step, but also what I tend to view as the last resort for an accurate diagnosis and subsequent correction.

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!

Tassoni, Tikoian, and Costantino Call on State and Federal Agencies to Resolve Flooding Problems From Woonasquatucket River

"We can't continue living like this," said Smithfield town council member John J. Tassoni, Jr., calling on state and federal agencies to address flooding and overflow from the Woonasquatucket River that runs through nine districts of Smithfield, including in the Esmond section of the town, caused by the recent intense windstorms and heavy rainfalls in the area.

The three elected officials are asking state agencies, as well as the Army Corp. of Engineers, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to work with the state's

Departmental of Environmental Management (DEM) to conduct a thorough review of the Woonasquatucket River that has caused road closures, fallen trees, and structural damage to nearby homes and businesses in the town.

Tassoni said that the first step in the plan should be to dredge the river, to allow for more unobscured water to flow in a safer direction away from the outer edges of the river. Additionally, he said that the river itself needs to be widened, and the riverbanks built up to catch more overflow.

"We need action now," said Tassoni. "The health and safety of our residents is at stake. Flooded basements and parking lots seem to be commonplace these days and flood insurance premiums have risen to the point of being unaffordable. It is unacceptable." Tassoni said he is confident that the experts can develop a viable solution and enact the safety measures in a timely manner to help residents be safer during these extreme weather events.

State Senator David P. Tikoian and Representative Gregory Costantino joined Tassoni's call for a multiagency review of the Woonasquatucket River, requesting solutions to mitigate the recent and all too common flooding issues, which stem from its overflow.

Tikoian said, "This is not just a life safety issue for the public, the disastrous effects of this flooding have major ramifications on the local economy and on taxpayers' homes often causing them thousands and thousands of dollars in repairs and remediation. I spent the majority of this past weekend responding to calls from constituents, witnessing first-hand the devastation and loss they have suffered from the recent flooding, they need our help, and they need it now."



A flooded Waterman Avenue closed due to overflow from Woonasquatucket River.



Will Love Keep Us Together?

By Diane L. Marolla, LICSW, CFRC

As a psychotherapist, I often work with individuals, couples, and families where there is ongoing conflict. If love is so wonderful, then why do people struggle with getting along and being satisfied with their relationships? The answer is not a simple one, and you will find volumes of books and articles on the topic of relationships. Is it possible to have long and satisfying relationships? The answer is yes.

If you are struggling with a relationship and want to evaluate the relationship, here are some simple guidelines that will help you:

♥ I compare relationships to chocolate chip cookies. Making chocolate chip cookies is easy, however, if you are missing one ingredient, your batch of cookies won't be good, and you end up throwing them out. The same is true for your relationships. If you are missing one core ingredient in your relationship, you are going to have conflict and dissatisfaction in your relationship. Ultimately, these seven ingredients need to be consistently **part of all your relationships**:

1. Mutual respect
2. Trust
3. A solid friendship
4. Compassion
5. Good communication
6. Forgiveness
7. Vulnerability

♥ Relationships come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. With that said, you need to know yourself completely and honestly. If, for

example, you are the type of person who has never been able to have honest relationships, then it is important to understand why. Perhaps having a monogamous relationship will not work for you. Perhaps you are questioning your sexuality. Whatever the reason, therapy is a good place to discuss why you struggle with being honest in your relationships.

♥ If you decide to have a committed relationship with someone, intimacy is a key ingredient. Typically, intimacy is the first thing to "go" when a relationship is struggling. Simply stated, we can't be intimate with someone if we don't like them anymore. If someone is not feeling valued in a relationship, then it will be difficult for them to be intimate. If communication is poor between a couple, then intimacy will be difficult. Typically, we are attracted to other people by verbal communication, and how someone treats us. Ultimately, there are many reasons why someone is struggling with being intimate. There may be a history of trauma. There may be depression. There may be an undiagnosed medical reason. If your committed relationship once had intimacy and now it doesn't, therapy is a safe place to talk with a trained professional as to why.

♥ Relationships thrive when you spend "real time" with someone. This means setting aside time where you are not distracted. This means not being on your

smart phone, gaming, or watching tv. One of the biggest issues I see as a source of conflict for people is electronic devices. People of all ages are spending unhealthy amounts of time on electronic devices. Another source of conflict is putting everything ahead of one's relationship and putting their partners last. Balancing work, children, and other demands of life are difficult. Talking with a trained professional can help you achieve balance in your life so that you can have meaningful and satisfying relationships.

♥ Remember, if there is conflict in your relationship, you must be honest with yourself as to your part in the relationship failing. When we are in a committed relationship that is failing, we often want to blame the other person. Before you jump into another committed relationship, know yourself, what you can live with, and what you can't. For example, if you are dating someone, and you don't like their family, know that your partner's family isn't going to go away. Also know that you cannot change another person, you can only change yourself and how you react to something.

♥ Any type of addiction (alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography etc.) in simple terms will kill your relationship. If you are

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in a committed relationship, and others have repeatedly told you that you have a problem, then you probably do. Seeking help from a therapist to talk honestly and openly about your addiction and what can help you will be a necessary ingredient in trying to save the relationship. Sadly, most people wait too late to get help, and their partners emotionally check out years before the decision to file for divorce is made.

- ♥ Your happiness should never be dependent on being with someone else. Ultimately, we must have a healthy relationship with ourselves before we have one with another person. A healthy relationship with ourselves means that we have self-confidence, and self-esteem. It means that we have purpose every day. It means that we take care of ourselves physically and mentally. Also, you should be healthy financially as well. I see too many relationships where one partner is financially dependent on the other.
- ♥ Verbal, emotional, and/or physical abuse in a relationship is non-negotiable. Controlling behaviors are all non-negotiable. These types of abuses only get worse. The only solution is to leave the relationship.
- ♥ As a therapist, I often get questions on how to meet other people. Ultimately, you being out in the world with healthy interests will help you meet other people. If for example, you love to hike, there are hiking clubs. Ultimately, to find your forever best friend in life, focus on what you love to do, and getting out there and doing it. Once you make a connection with someone, take your time in getting to know them.



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Love Story: Courtney Formica and DJ Telman

DJ and Courtney met at Providence College where they both majored in French. Courtney had a crush on DJ during Sophomore year, but the two never really spoke aside from a few group study sessions for their French exams.

First semester of Junior year, Courtney studied abroad in Paris, France, and DJ studied abroad in Amman, Jordan. They returned to the US during winter break, spending a few weeks at home. It was one night during this break that DJ was playing Xbox with his friends and decided to send Courtney a text to “see how her time in France was.” Courtney was more than surprised to see DJ’s name pop up on her phone outside the French class group chat, but happily so. The two spent the rest of their break texting nonstop and learned they had a lot in common, including their love of mint chocolate chip ice cream.

When they returned to PC for the beginning of the new semester, the two went out to dinner with friends and then decided to hang out with just the two of them after dinner and watch a movie. In classic college dating fashion, they watched a scary movie - the perfect excuse for cuddling - and had a very sweet first kiss at the end of the night.

After college, DJ, and Courtney both continued to live in Providence. When Covid hit, they moved in together and made the most of quarantining by playing games, taking long walks through the city, and discovering a love of cooking.

In 2021, DJ moved to Ann Arbor, MI to pursue a Masters in Arabic at the University of Michigan. Two years of long distance weren’t easy, but DJ and Courtney’s relationship came out stronger than ever.



In July 2023, the couple went to Block Island, RI to visit Courtney’s parents. On July 3, 2023, DJ proposed at the Southeast Lighthouse, taking Courtney completely by surprise. She didn’t have to think twice about the answer.

Courtney and DJ still live in Providence together. They are planning their Bristol, RI wedding for September 2024 and can’t wait to celebrate their love with their family and friends!

Photo by: Mark Carrier

Love Story: Deana and Brian Mills

Brian and I met at Lasalle in 1992, we were both freshmen. We were also each other's first boyfriend/girlfriend! Our first date consisted of going to the movie theater to see *The Bodyguard*. We were young and still trying to figure out who we were. Later that year we broke up but remained the best of friends. He continued to come to family events and made it a point to come over every Christmas.

In 1995, Brian's mom lost her battle with breast cancer, months before we graduated high school. After graduation, I went away to New York for college, and he stayed in RI. We lost contact with one another but managed to reconnect in December 2010. I was teaching in Miami, Florida and he was self-employed in Providence, RI.

What started with a friend request on Facebook in December 2010, evolved into a long-distance relationship. I spent the summer of 2011 in RI and returned to FL, expecting. In November, I moved back home to RI, he proposed to me in February, and we celebrated the birth of our daughter in April 2012. Our son was born in November 2013, and we were married on July 11, 2014. We will be celebrating our 10-year anniversary this year and plan to take our vows at St. Philip Church.

In September 2016 we heard the devastating news that I had breast cancer – 21 years after his mom lost her battle. I began chemotherapy in October 2016 and had a bilateral mastectomy and total hysterectomy in the spring of 2017. I can officially say that I am disease free!

Our love story is truly one of a kind. We have a connection that goes beyond the ordinary, a partnership where understanding is intuitive, and love feels effortless. We share an extraordinary bond that enriches every aspect of our journey together. Brian and I have our very own fairytale story that ends with "and they lived happily ever after." I hope you enjoyed it!





Inside The Brown Bag

by: Peg Brown

The Lipstick War

As you prepare for your Valentine's Day activities, you might think about putting aside your normally minimalist beauty routine and decide to add a little color to your look. Full disclosure: I was never good with makeup. Even though my mother set a perfect example by never leaving the house without her nose powdered and her favorite new shade on her lips, I did not inherit those skills. I'll admit I did go through a phase in college where I experimented with eye shadow and eyeliner, but when it came to lipstick, I chose, for decades, a bland shade of pink. I was so makeup challenged that one of my foundation's board members came up to me at a special event and whispered in my ear, "You'd be attractive if you just added some makeup!" True story.

It is estimated that lipstick was first used over 5,000 years ago by the inhabitants of the Indus Valley, and historians have documented that Cleopatra crushed bugs to create a red color on her lips. The Chinese made lipsticks from beeswax, and Aboriginal girls in Australia painted their mouths during puberty rites.

Queen Elizabeth popularized the pale face and bright red lips look in the 16th century. However, throughout most of the 19th century, the use of cosmetics in Great Britain was considered unacceptable for respectable women and confined to actors and prostitutes. Most lipstick used before the French invented a commercial form in 1884 were products made at home, often using

toxic elements such as lead. Wearing makeup became more acceptable in Great Britain and America in the early 20th century, and the twist tube which made its debut in the 1920s made its application much easier.

Parents today are more open to their adolescents wearing makeup, but in the 1920's the controversy over its acceptability made it to the Supreme Court of the United States. Colloquially dubbed the "lipstick war," the very public debate about lipstick's acceptability began in 1921 when an Arkansas teen, Pearl Pugsley, was sent home from school for wearing lipstick and powder.

Her parents hired a lawyer who claimed that the young woman's civil rights had been violated. Pearl herself stated, "I'm going to fight this case to the finish in an effort to uphold women's rights to use all reasonable means to look their best at all times." Definitely a woman before her time! Pearl ultimately lost the case as the Supreme Court "had other and more important functions to perform than that of hearing the complaints of disaffected pupils in the public schools."

The "war" didn't end with Pearl. After the passage of the 18th amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor, the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), declared, "Let's go after the lipstick and the rouge, and those other beautifying instruments. There is no room for smeared lips in America." Lipstick was equivalent to rum, and "women who use lipstick

are not the sort we can educate." However, just as the 18th amendment was later repealed, the WCTU was not able to stem the tide of American women spending "an estimated \$750 million on rouge, lipsticks, powder, and perfume" led by the "flappers" of the 1920s.

The flappers wore lipstick to declare their independence in addition to jettisoning their corsets. Most sported a "Cupid's Bow" inspired by the actress Clara Bow. However, even though there had been progress in the acceptability of lipstick, respectable women were permitted to apply lipstick in public during lunch, but never at dinner.

Even though actresses such as Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor continued to popularize the use of lipstick, the stigma attached to the use of cosmetics persisted well into the 1950s.

Over the past six decades, lipstick trends have included lavender and white shades (during the 1960s), iridescent blue and lime green in the 1970s, black lipstick in the late 1970s and well into the 1990s, so-called mood lipstick of the 1980s, and semi-matte, brown tones, and pearl shades in the late 1990s well into the 21st century.

We've grown and, in some ways, come full circle to those crimson lips of ancient cultures. Just ask Taylor Swift whose signature red lips have emulated across the globe.



Ask Our Attorney

Terrance N. Turner, Esq.



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A Handshake ... and A Gentleman's Agreement

Contracts aren't worth the paper they're written on, or so a lot of people think. There may, in fact, be a lot of truth to this belief. We frequently hear of contracts (also known as collective bargaining agreements) between employers and employee unions that are the subject of heated dispute. State governments, municipal governments (cities and towns), and some private employers have long standing contracts with their employees. We wouldn't often hear about the ones with private employers unless we had some sort of personal direct involvement. However, it's the collective bargaining agreements with government employee unions that are more likely to hit the press and get media attention, especially when there are disputes about them.

In our "intensely regulated," to coin a phrase, American collective bargaining agreements are subject to a myriad of local, state, and federal laws. These include administrative rules handed down by administrative government agencies and statutory laws enacted by legislative bodies. Also, case decisions handed down by the courts directly affect these contractual agreements.



To say that contracts aren't worth the paper they're written on is, of course, a bit of an overstatement. Certainly, anyone accused of not keeping up his end of the bargain runs the risk of being hauled into court by the other party to the contract. The plaintiff (the person filing the case) will base his lawsuit on the "theory of liability," as I call it, of simple breach of contract. The plaintiff must prove by a preponderance (a majority) of the evidence that there was in fact a contract which the defendant has broken in one way or another.

If the judge or jury are convinced that the plaintiff has proven his case, the plaintiff will usually ask for money (damages) to adequately compensate him for the financial loss he has suffered from the defendant. I like to use \$100 as a concept because it's a nice round figure we can all relate to. If the plaintiff's economic loss from the defendant's breach is \$100, then that's what he'll be awarded by the

court. If he's lucky, he may get his nominal costs (filing fees and the like) awarded to him as well. Contrary to popular belief, however, the plaintiff is not likely to be awarded his attorney's fees (the exceptions to this are the subject of an upcoming article here in the Smithfield Times). This is known as the American Rule.

"Show me the money" has become part of our everyday language these days. You could say it's applicable to the successful plaintiff who now wants his money from the defendant. However, there are occasions when no amount of money is really going to adequately compensate the plaintiff for his loss. In such a case, the plaintiff may ask the court to award him not money but some sort of court order. This is known in the legal system as an equitable remedy, just a fancy way of saying court order.

So where do we get the idea that contracts aren't worth the paper they're written on? Primarily from the world of entertainment (radio, television, music, movies, concerts, theater) and professional sports, the topic of our next article.



A View From the Cheap Seats

Hail To the Victors, But With One Caveat

by: Dan Pieroni

The University of Michigan won their first college football championship since 1997 on January 8, 2024.

On the surface, it was the culmination of a long-term objective designed to bring a university with a rich football tradition and strong academic reputation back into the apex of college football.

It began with the hiring of coach Jim Harbaugh in 2015. Harbaugh began his football odyssey as a quarterback at the very same university. In 1986, he graduated as Michigan's all-time leader in passing yards.

He then went on to have a solid career as an NFL quarterback for 15 years, before becoming a head coach at the University of San Diego and then Stanford.

In 2011, Harbaugh was lured away from Stanford to the bright lights of the NFL as head coach of the nearby San Francisco 49ers. His 49ers tenure could be viewed as a success. He led the team to an NFC Championship in 2012, but over his final two years, he began to have philosophical differences with team management. This led to his departure from the team in 2014, partly because of the chance to obtain his dream job.

In hiring Harbaugh, Michigan knew what he was. Harbaugh's reputation was one of a proven winner, albeit one with a mercurial personality and an arrogant demeanor that suggested he wasn't above ruffling a few feathers to gain a competitive advantage or rankle his superiors. But the university's desire to return the football team to national prominence and the added public relations boost of bringing a prodigal son back home proved to be a risk worth taking.

Early on, Harbaugh came as advertised. He won plenty of games, recruited many star players, and restored a competitive fire to the football team that had been sorely lacking in years past. However, Harbaugh could not overcome the hurdle he was most frequently judged against, his inability to beat Michigan's hated rival, Ohio State.

As for the ruffling of feathers, there was plenty of that too. Per Nicole Auerbach of *USA Today*, after the 2016 Ohio State Michigan game, a visibly upset Harbaugh told a roomful of reporters that he was "bitterly disappointed with the officiating" during the game. The Big Ten Conference did not take Harbaugh's criticism lightly and fined him \$10,000 over his remarks. The losing streak against Ohio State would reach six before Harbaugh finally beat them in 2021. In addition, Harbaugh continually entertained offers to coach in the NFL and openly expressed his support for anti-abortion legislation and his distaste for police brutality to reputable publications such as the *New York Times*.

The bottom line, Harbaugh could certainly coach and was worth the trouble he sometimes caused, but he was continually dogged by the fact he couldn't win the games that mattered until January 8th.

That night, propelled by the dynamic power running of Donovan Edwards and Blake Corum and a stingy defense, Michigan trounced the University of Washington 34-13. However, this does not come without a cloud of controversy.

Harbaugh's reputation for gaining an edge by whatever means necessary has manifested itself in an ongoing investigation of alleged cheating by the

NCAA. Michigan is accused of hiring staffers to video the hand signals used by upcoming opponents during games that did directly involve Michigan throughout the season. While the stealing of signs to determine which play the opponent will run is not necessarily illegal, the videoing of such signals is a clear violation of NCAA rules.

A Detroit Free Press report on January 8 said that an outside firm provided computerized data that contained the hand signals and was allegedly accessed by Michigan to the NCAA.

Harbaugh has continually denied any involvement with the videoing of signals, but the Big Ten still suspended him for three games this season for violating the conference's sportsmanship policy.

The direct result of the alleged sign stealing films was that Michigan won a national championship, but questions will linger how much the team benefit from the signs, and if Coach Harbaugh knew that the videotaping was going on.

College football is no longer a game of purity our fathers and grandfathers knew. Players are being paid for their likeness, openly transferring schools to chase championships, and participating in a web full of gamesmanship that is never ending amongst coaches and athletic directors.

I suspect the investigation into Michigan's improprieties is far from over and may result in the vacating of a national title.

But at least for now, Jim Harbaugh and his team can be called the one thing they've always wanted to be referred to – Champions.

50-years Ago – February 1974

by Jim Ignasher

Sergeant Alonzo Thurber of Harris Rd. was serving overseas in the U. S. Air Force.

Dennis Bouchard was appointed Administrative Clerk to the Town Council. Mr. Bouchard had served in the Air Force for seven years, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Daniel Lariviere of Old County Road was serving in Taiwan.

Airman First Class Ronald A. Dione of Greenville completed basic training in Texas.

Staff Sergeant Fred A. Stephens of Esmond was serving in the Air Force at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

Lynette D. Blackmore, a member of the Smithfield Civil Air Patrol Composite squadron, was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and appointed the Aerospace Education Officer, and Assistant Communications Officer.

On February 9th the "Snow Ball Dance" was held at St. Michael's Church in Georgiaville. The price of a ticket included a buffet dinner, cash bar, a live orchestra, and dancing until 1 a.m.

February 1974 was a month of change for the Smithfield Police Department. Since the retirement of Chief Arthur Gould a few months earlier, John Moy of the State Police had been serving as Acting Chief while the Town council sought a replacement. The Council decided upon 25-year veteran Providence Police Captain Vincent J. O'Connell, Jr., to fill the post.

Chief O'Connell was sworn in on February 12th, and eight veteran

officers of the department were promoted. Arthur Williams, Neil Tubman, Raymond Trombley, and Joseph Parenteau were elevated to Sergeant. Prescott Williams, Saverio Serapiglia, and Robert Lachapelle were promoted to Lieutenant, and James McVey was promoted to Deputy Chief.

On February 12, the Greenville Homemakers club held their monthly meeting at the Greenville Baptist Church. The speaker was Mark Wheeler, branch manager for the Centerdale Industrial National Bank, who lectured on financial aspects and home management.

On February 13, the Apple Blossom Garden Club held their monthly meeting at the Greenville Baptist Church. There Mrs. Doris Dexter and Mrs. Raymond Shirley spoke of birds and birdhouses. The hostesses were Mrs. F. Monroe Allen and Mrs. Earl Greany.

The executive committee of the Historical Society of Smithfield created a board of trustees to oversee the acquisition and restoration of the Smith-Appleby House and property.

Two weeks later on February 25th the Historical Society formally took possession of the property. Those at the deed signing included John F. Emin, Jr., F. Monroe Allen, Ruth Lebeck, Kathleen Connor, George Esten and Peter Randall.

Boy Scout Troop 4 of Greenville held their annual "Parents Night".

A resolution calling for sidewalks to be installed along Austin Avenue was introduced by F. Monroe Allen. The

numerous homes constructed in the area over recent years had spurred and increase in traffic volume and it was argued that they were necessary for safety reasons. History has shown that the sidewalks were installed.

The Smithfield High School girl's basketball team won the Northern Division Championship for the third year in a row by defeating Lincoln High School 61-42. Players included; Pat Nangle, Joanne Drummond, Susan Reposa, Marge Smith, Donna Andreason, Paula Williams, Roberta Smith, Carolyn Catuogno, Julie MacDonald, Roslyn Heckey, Marlene Dunn, Terry Perro, Kathy Nangle, Donna Croft, and Nancy Thayer. The team was coached by Cindy Meal.

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Let's Create Something!

by: Lisa Gentile

Valentines Decor

Supplies:

- Wooden Letters
- Paint & Paint Brush
- Hot Glue & Glue Gun
- Embellishments (Flowers, bow)

Instructions:

Paint the letters.

Glue letters together.

Glue the embellishments on top of words (shown embellishments flowers).

Add a bow or any other embellishments to this project.

A very simple and easy craft.

Happy Crafting!



SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



Tim Jones
Cartoonist



Tales from the Beyond

The Carriage Inn, North Kingstown, RI

by: Thomas D'Agostino

www.tomdagostino.com

The Carriage Inn, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, was founded in 1760 as an inn and tavern stop known as Old Acres. After many changes of ownership and renovations, it became Hoof, Fin & Feathers. In 2008, the restaurant's owner brought in Ghost Hunters of Sci-Fi fame to investigate the strange goings-on inside the historic structure. There were several ghosts that allegedly called the place home. In 2014, the establishment changed hands and was renamed Carriage Inn. In 2017, Roy Ring took ownership. Though some renovations were necessary, he was adamant about keeping the building as close as possible to the original inn, when travelers visited in the 18th and 19th centuries. An upper balcony displays carriages and wagons from a long-gone era and can be seen as one pulls into the inn's parking lot. Inside, the old fireplaces and other accoutrements transport guests back in time to where life was simple and much slower. There is also a walled-up door that was once the main entrance to that room, showing yet another almost lost vestige of its former life. It is, at present, a cozy, family-friendly establishment boasting fine dining, an extensive menu, daily specials, and an atmosphere that is laid back and unpretentious with historic and rustic charm.



Since taking the helm, Roy and his staff have worked to make the Carriage Inn a special place to visit for a drink, a meal, or a special event. They have also experienced a lot of paranormal phenomena that seem to have stayed on through the centuries.

An area near the entrance shows signs of a catastrophic fire that took place in 1957. The stone wall is charred black, and despite many attempts, Ring could not rid the blocks of the stain. He related a story of one of the ghosts, a little boy who is heard crying because his father was killed in the fire. Not only did people hear the phantom sobbing, but Roy took a photo of the wall and caught a misty figure standing in front of it. The visage of a little girl with burn scars is also seen in the lower rooms near the fireplace. She may have been burned in the great fireplace that still occupies that room.

Other strange phenomena include shadows passing through the rooms, a drawer that refused to open until it was good and ready, a lock on a basement door that began swinging on its own, and female voices heard upstairs. Female bartenders have been shoved, slapped on the backside, grabbed by the shoulder and turned around. They also had their hair pulled in front of staff and patrons. Ring said he had witnessed their hair raise and get tugged, causing the bartender's neck to jerk backward. He surmised that men did not like women tending the bar back in the day.

There is also a ghost of a woman who wanders dressed in clothing from the 18th or early 19th century. A man dressed in a black suit is also seen carrying a book. Perhaps the book was a ledger or guest book from when the place was an inn for overnight guests. There are also rumors that the inn was once a brothel, and some of the ghosts may be from that era in the building's history. Another child also haunts the inn, pleading for someone to play with him. Cold spots that suddenly come and go, and disembodied footsteps are common occurrences at the Carriage Inn. The spirits of the inn are not harmful in any way; they go about their business as they did when they were of mortal frame.

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Dining With the Dead 1031 is hosting interactive paranormal investigations and dinners at the Carriage Inn throughout 2024. Guests get a wonderful buffet dinner, and the event includes door prizes and a presentation of the inn and its haunts. The guests then break into smaller separate groups, where each group, in turn, investigates the haunted areas of the inn using the equipment that is provided in each room. Guests are encouraged to use their equipment or phones to record the investigation. All evidence from video to audio is then gone over and sent to the guests via email. Visit www.diningwiththedead1031.com for more information.

Other events, including Psychic Nights and Comedy Shows, are held throughout the year. The Carriage Inn is also available for private parties and catering. 1065 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown, RI. 401.294.0466.



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Mini Heart-Shaped Naan Pizzas

from allrecipes.com

Ingredients:

- 8 mini naan flatbreads
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, or more to taste
- 40 slices pepperoni, or more to taste



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with foil for easy cleanup.

Use a 4 to 4 1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut each flatbread into a heart shape. Place flatbreads on the prepared baking sheet, evenly spread the pizza sauce on each, and sprinkle with mozzarella.

Cut each slice of pepperoni into a heart shape using a mini heart-shaped cookie cutter, if desired, and place on top of mozzarella.

Move the baking sheet to the oven and cook until cheese is melted and crust is golden brown, 9 to 11 minutes. Serve hot.

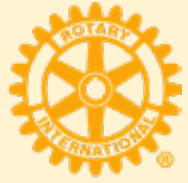
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Smithfield Rotary Club



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Rotarians are People of Action! The Smithfield Rotary Club invites you to learn more about the projects we are working on that make a real impact on the Smithfield community and beyond.

Join us for a meeting!

We meet the first three Wednesdays of each month 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Fisher Student Center, Bryant University, Suite 2C

Upcoming meetings: February 7, 14, 21

Guest Speaker Wednesday, February 21: Melissa Chaput, Smithfield Recycling Dept.

Interested in attending? Want to learn more about membership? Contact us at
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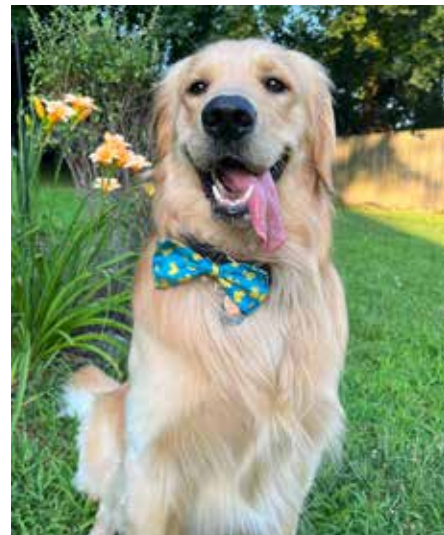
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PETS OF THE MONTH



This is Belle. She is a Chocolate Lab mix we adopted through Animal Rescue of New England. She is a high energy pup and loves racing through puddles like she did in this photo when she was 5 months old.



This is Koda. He is a 2-year-old Golden Retriever. He loves to cuddle, run outside, give as many kisses as he can, and eat lots of snacks!

Meet Nellie Hogan, our 10-month-old mini



Bernedoodle! Nelz loves her toys, her big goldendoodle brother Logan, family, walks, eating grass, wood chips, sticks, and basically anything that she can put in her mouth! Deerfield Park is one of her favorite places to visit people and pups ... she's a social one! We love her dearly.



Theodore "Ted" is a lab mix. A prolific chewer and speed racer who loves to be extra friendly and watch out for his family.

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.



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:



TRISH: Say hello to Trish. This golden eyed beauty will melt your heart with just one glance. This lovely girl has tan fur with black tiger stripes accented by a snow-white bib and paws. Trish came to the cat center with her two kittens who are also available for adoption. Trish is a little over a year old and may seem a bit shy at first, but don't let that fool you! This lady is all love. Once Trish becomes comfortable, she's incredibly friendly and sociable. Trish will lean into your hand to receive pets and roll on her side to show you her belly. Trish charms everyone she meets, and she is ready to settle into a home to call her very own.

PRINCESS GREENIE: All hail the princess! Princess Greenie is a stunning girl. Princess Greenie is considered a dilute tortoiseshell, and her soft fur is mostly grey with scattered spots of buff orange throughout her body. She is estimated to be about four and a half years old. Princess Greenie gave birth to a litter of three beautiful kittens who have all since found their forever homes ... yet here she is at our cat center...still waiting for her happily-ever-after to finally come true. Princess Greenie enjoys the company of her people friends on her terms. She is quiet, affectionate, and sweet. Although she prefers not to be handled, Princess Greenie certainly does enjoy being pet and shown love. This lovely lady would appreciate a cat tower by the window or a hidey hut to feel safe while she admires you from



afar. Princess Greenie would thrive in a quiet home with no children and would be best as the only cat since there is no room for another kitty to share her throne!



SNAGGLE PUSS: Meet the one and only Snaggle Puss. This gorgeous gal has a calico pattern with tri-colored black, orange, and white fur. Snaggle Puss came to the cat center in rough shape. She was very underweight and had teeth that bothered her that needed extracting. After her examination, the vet staff determined she's 10-years-old. However, this girl acts and plays like kitties half her age! You will often find her batting her mice toys around or hanging tough with her kitty friends. Snaggle is well known at the cat center as always having her tongue slightly out which adds to her charm. This sweet and still very spunky lady is looking for a fresh start and a forever home to live out her golden years in style and comfort!

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Jewelry and Handbag Fundraiser

Friday, February 9 – Sunday, February 11

Friends of the Library Early-Bird Hours

Friday 2/9: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Open to All

Saturday 2/10: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday 2/11: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Children's Events

Free Play Fridays: February 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

American Girl Book Club: Tuesday, February 13 4:15
Grades 3-5

Valentine Make it Take Craft: Wednesday, February 14

Magic Tree House Book Club: Thursday, February 15
4:15 Grades 2-3

Sensory Storytime: Saturday, February 24 12:00 -1:00 pm

Valentine's Day Guessing Game February 5-10

Bryant University Tutoring Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00 pm

The Eclipse is Coming! with Francine Jackson, Staff Astronomer, Brown University

Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 pm

Art Class for Kids Wednesday February 21 at 11:00 am
Children ages 5-10

Teen Events

Random Notes of Kindness Project

Join us in spreading kindness via library books! Stop by the YA section throughout February and write out some kind (and anonymous) messages for fellow readers. The messages will be shared via social media and distributed in random YA books at the library.

Magic: The Gathering (Grades 6-12)

Monday, February 5, 6:00-8:00 pm

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

Thursday, February 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Monday, February 12, 6:00-7:00 pm

Teen Take & Make: DIY Friendship Bracelet Kit

Kits available on Tuesday, February 13

Cozy Craft (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, February 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Craft Studio (Grades 6-12)

Tuesday, February 20, 3:00-4:00 pm

Safe Sitter (Grades 6-8)

Thursday, February 22, 9:00 am-2:15 pm

The Middles: Pokémon Night (Grades 4-6)

Monday, February 26, 6:00-7:00 pm

YA Graphic Novel Club (Grades 6-12)

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00-7:00 pm

Teen Sensory Friendly Craft (Ages 11-17)

Thursday, February 29, 3:00-4:00 pm

Virtual Community Service Hours (Grades 6-12)

Adult Events

Mystery Book Club Tuesday, February 6 at 1:30 pm

Virtual Book Chat Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

Coffee & Books Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 am

Picnic Table Reads Book Club

Thursday, February 15 at 1:00 pm

Monday Matinee Monday, February 12 at 2:00 pm

Home Sweet Home Book Club

Monday, February 26 at 6:30 pm

Knitting Mavens Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Do You Think You Have a Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor?

Monday, February 26 at 6:00 pm

Tools for Healthy Living – 6-week Course

Info Session: Wednesday, February 28 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Course: Wednesday, March 6 – April 10 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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January 2 - February 29



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Children's Programming:

Tiny-Tots Story Time (children 18 months to 3 years old)
- Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Time (children ages 3 to 5 years old) -
Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Bookworms Book Group – Thursday, February 1st @
4:30 p.m.

Playdough Fun - Saturday, February 3rd @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Specials: February 3rd @ 10:30 a.m. –
Playdough Fun; and February 17th @ 10:30 a.m. –
Family Story Time.

"Books Are Fun!" Book Group – Thursday, February 8th
@ 4:30 p.m.

Smithfield Special Ed Story Time – Saturday, February
10th at 10:00 a.m.

Yoga for Kids – Monday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Middle School Book Group – Wednesday, February 14th
@ 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Countdown – Thursday, February 15th
from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Snapology Scientists: Earthquake Challenge – Tuesday,
February 20th @ 1:00 p.m.

BINGO and Hot Chocolate – Wednesday, February 21st @
1:00 p.m.

Pancakes and Pajamas Story Time – Thursday, February
22nd from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Club -Monday, February 26th from 4:00
p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Young Adult Programming:

Pinch Pottery – Monday, February 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Study and Snack – Tuesday, February 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Crafty Cards – Wednesday, February 7th at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club – Tuesday, February 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Doodle Day – Tuesday, February 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Creative Writing Workshop: Wednesday, February 28th
@ 5:00 p.m.

Adult Programming:

Drop-in Tech Help – Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
except Monday, February 19th.

Virtual Game Night – Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Extra Silent Auction Items – At front desk thru February 10.

Card Club – Thursday, February 1st @ 5:30 p.m.

**Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Heat Transfer
Vinyl** – Friday, February 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Laser Craft – Saturday, February 3rd or Saturday,
February 17th at 12:00 p.m.

Matinee Movie – Wednesday, February 7th at 1:00

3Doodler: Learning How to Draw in 3D! –

Wednesday, February 7th at 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Basic Vinyl –
Thursday, February 8th @ 5:00 p.m.

Meet Our Laser Machine – Friday, February 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Jewelry Making Open Studio – Saturday, February 10th
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adult Craft – Monday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Learn in the Makerspace – Canva – Monday, February
12th from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

3-D Print Studio – Monday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Bloxels Arcade – Tuesday, February 13th @ 4:00 p.m.

Discover Maker Cart – Wednesday, February 14th, 21st,
and 28th at 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Cricut Maker 3: Infusible Ink –
Thursday, February 15th @ 5:00 p.m.

Scrapbooking – Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Tabletop Game Night – Thursday, February 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cricut Club – Saturday, February 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Coded Robots Roll – Tuesday, February 20th at 3:30 p.m.

Tri-County Mobile Health Unit – Tuesday, February 20th
from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Book Club – Thursday, February 22nd @
6:00 p.m.

Cozy Game Day = Saturday, February 24th from 10:30 –
2:30 p.m.

Enhancing Storytelling with Chat GPT – Monday,
February 26th at 3:30 p.m.

Fantasy Book Club – The Serpent and the Wings of Night
– Monday, February 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

**3D Printing Design: 3D Printing; Creating 3D Models
with Tinkercad** – Monday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.

BINGO – Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m.

LEGO Brick Films – Lights ... Camera ... Action! – Tuesday,
February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Craft – Tiny Bookshelves – Tuesday, February 27th at
6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Friends of the Library Events:

Houseplant Swap & Mini Book Sale – "Chase Those
Winter Blues Away" and join us on Saturday, February
24th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an indoor houseplant
swap. Just bring a healthy (pest free) indoor plant or
cutting to trade for FREE. For your winter reading pleasure
there will also be a "Mini" Book Sale going on at the same
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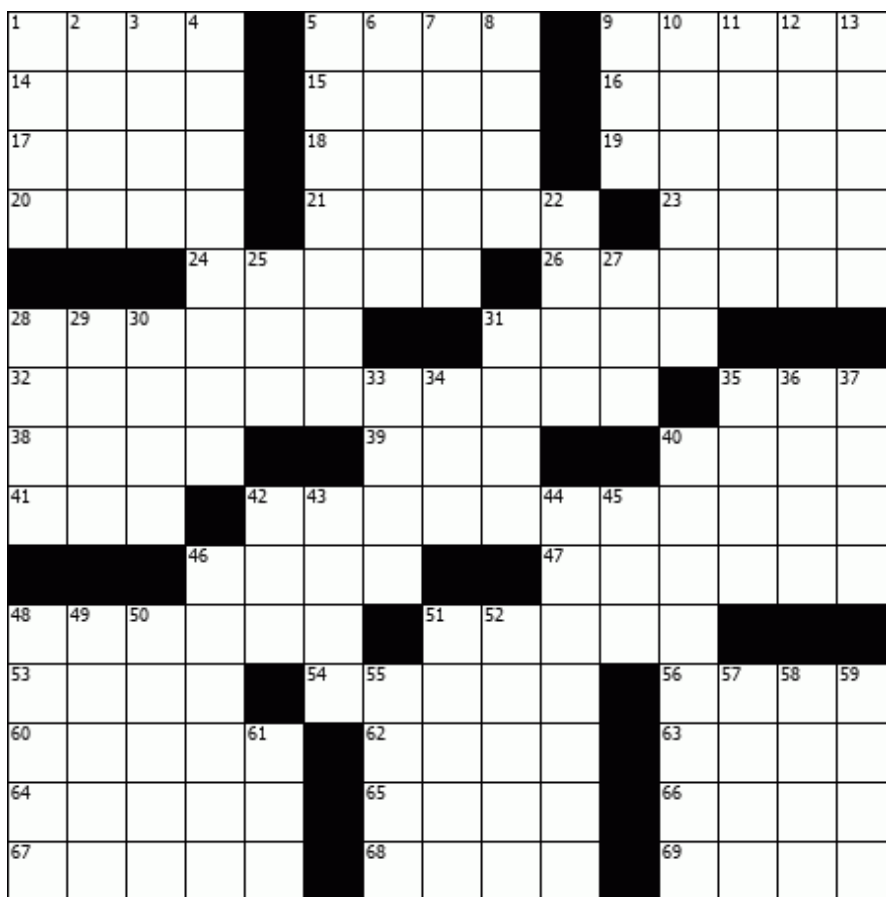
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for Catherine Lynn at the Circulation desk. The next FOL
meeting will be held on February 10th @ 1:00 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Wish
5. Crush
9. Sheriff's group
14. Throat-clearing sound
15. Choir member
16. Go inside
17. ____ Marie Presley
18. Pack away
19. Use a loom
20. Diving bird
21. Monte ____
23. Guinness of "Star Wars"
24. Warning signal
26. Give in
28. Building cement
31. Rowing needs
32. Impossible to part
35. Kindled
38. Races the engine
39. GI's hangout
40. A la ____
41. Psychic letters
42. Admirable
46. Defensive trench
47. Girls
48. Vocation
51. Marsh plants
53. Bullring cries
54. Andes animal
56. On a voyage
60. Explosion
62. Stench
63. Maize
64. Marathon runner
65. ____ of passage
66. Rampage
67. Restless
68. Performer
69. Other

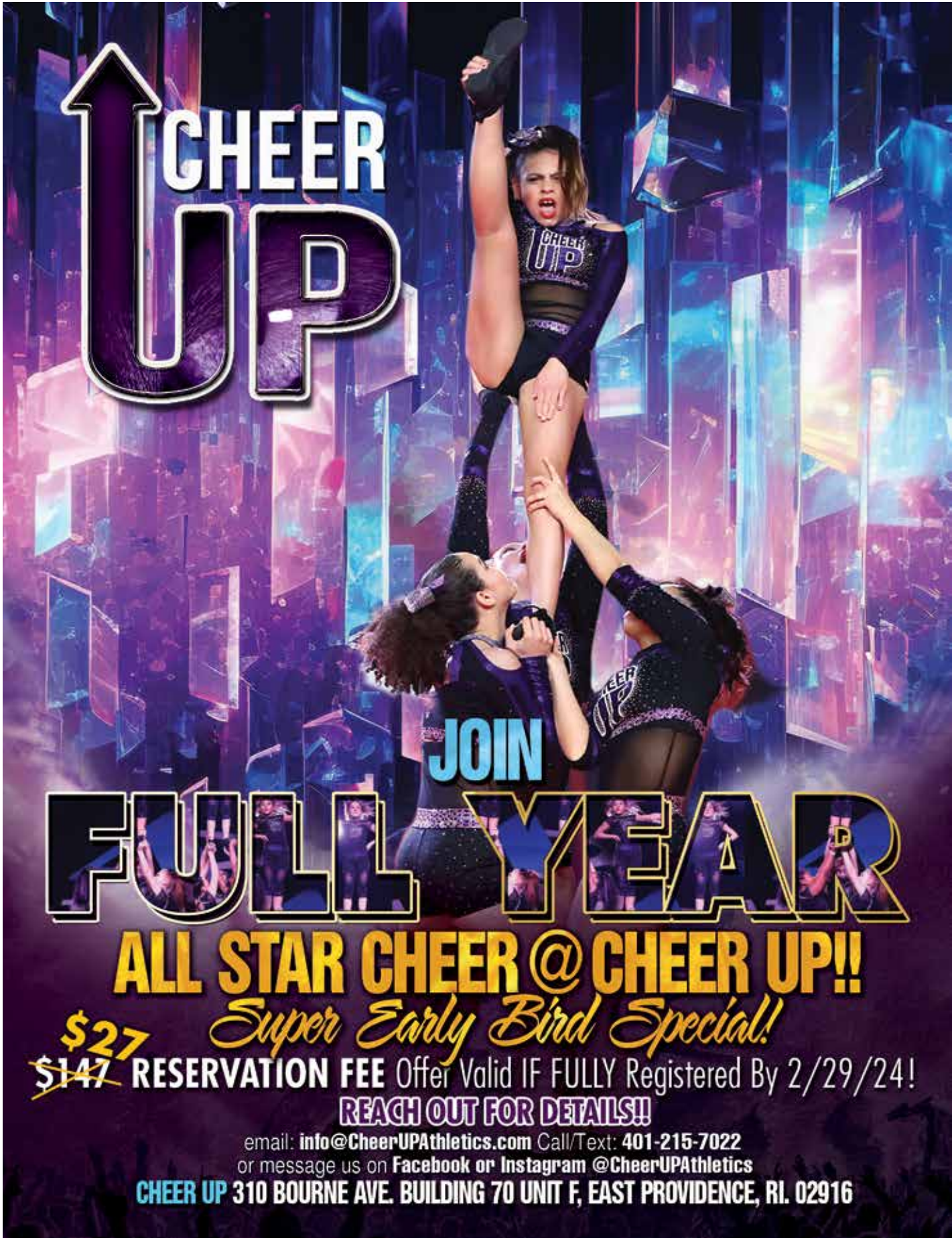


Down

1. Corridor
2. Toledo's state
3. Mexican coin
4. Radiates
5. Eyelash makeup
6. Communion table
7. Hurricane
8. Coyote's cry
9. Sunday bench
10. Shaquille and Ryan
11. Like old bread
12. Lucky number
13. Put up
22. By mouth
25. Baby's seat
27. Before, to Keats
28. Deep mud
29. Wallet stuffers
30. Invitation inits.
31. Woodwind
33. Brown shade
34. Poisonous snake
35. Tosses
36. Unemployed
37. Ball holders
40. "The Texas Chainsaw ____"
42. ____ versus Wade
43. Certain nobleman
44. More transparent
45. Tiny amount
46. Untidy conditions
48. Venomous snake
49. Poe's middle name
50. Respond (to)
51. CB ____
52. Ham it up
55. "____ of the Flies"
57. Dirt
58. Greek Cupid
59. Opening bet
61. Make an attempt



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Beverly C. (Ottinger) Connor

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Beverly C. (Ottinger) Connor, 93, of Glocester, Rhode Island passed away Sunday, January 7, 2024 surrounded by her family's love. She was married to the late Richard Connor for 64 years and was the daughter of the late Chester and Mary (Clare) Ottinger.

Beverly graduated from Roger Williams General Hospital's School of Nursing where she spent more than 40 years working as a registered nurse. Prior to that she was a district nurse for the town of Smithfield. In retirement, Beverly and Richard enjoyed traveling, and their home on Waterman Lake where the family often gathered.

She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Thomas Church, and enjoyed being actively involved in church activities for many years. She was also a hockey mom, and teammates' parents became devoted friends.

She leaves behind her children, Sandra Connor (late David Perluck), Cynthia Priddy (late Gary), Bethany Coyne (Joseph), Clare Fortin (Dennis), and R. John Connor (Raylene Worthington). She loved us all dearly and especially her grandchildren Jessica and Jack (Brianna) Despres, Benjamin and Lucia Perluck, Andrew (Erica) and Christopher Fortin, Sam (Jessica) and Harrison Coyne, and William and Henry Connor, and her three great grandchildren Liam, Zofia, and Maeve.

Calling hours were Friday, January 12, 2024 from 9-10a.m. in the TUCKER-QUINN Funeral Chapel, 643 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 11a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1 Smith Ave., Greenville, RI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church or Harmony Hospice RI, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886 will be appreciated.

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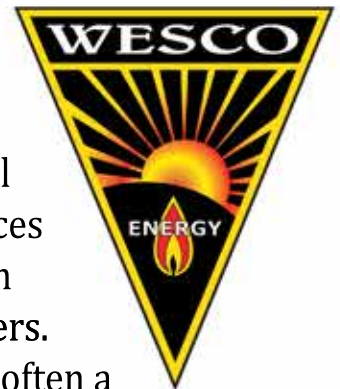


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