

Deer

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Rembijas, a wildlife committee member representing the hunters, estimated that probably a third more were taken by hunters that were not reported or by using mainland tags.

Gibson said that the island herd numbered approximately 350 to 400 deer, meaning an average population of 35 to 40 per square mile. She said the herd needed to be culled to 20 per square mile to be manageable and 10 per square mile would be ideal.

Because the herd is comprised of a ratio of 86 females to 14 males when the ratio should be 60 to 50, according to the Holtera report initiated by the Jamestown Humane Society last year, diminishing the herd by only 100 deer is even more troubling. With the female population being as high as it is, they will reproduce in even greater numbers and the population will more than likely increase than decrease unless measures are taken to reduce the herd.

Linda DiMauro, president of the Humane Society of Jamestown continued to encourage contraception, saying that all methods should be considered. However, according to Gibson and Savastano, the costs are prohibitive and not practical or immediately effective. Savastano, who is not a hunter, said that according to research it would take 10 years to cull the herd using current methods. According to DiMauro, con-

traception would cost approximately \$1,000 per animal.

When Lt. William Donovan, the wildlife committee liaison representing the police department, asked if deer were edible after receiving an injection for contraception, Gibson said, "No." Once the deer receives an injection, the meat is tainted and not fit for human consumption, she said.

Nancy Crawford, a wildlife committee member representing the humane society and a strong opponent of hunting, said that approximately 25 hunters lived on the island, and she did not think it was right that the lives of 6,000 residents should be put in jeopardy for the enjoyment of 25 people.

Donald Forrest, a longtime Jamestown resident and advocate of hunting, said that he did not want his taxes to pay for contraception. He encouraged the council to open hunting on town land. "Take safety precautions in hunting areas — wear orange during hunting season," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, Crawford cited the hunting accident that recently occurred concerning Vice President Dick Cheney as an example of why we should not encourage hunting on the island. "Just because Cheney made a mistake, don't make everyone on the island pay for it," Forrest said. He also mentioned that a local game warden was a good idea.

Town Councilor Barbara Szeplatowski, who is also the owner of Paws & Claws pet center, and an active animal rights advocate, drafted a proposal for state Senator Teresa Paiva Weed

(D-Jamestown, Newport) and Representative Bruce Long (R-Jamestown, Middletown) to take to the state legislature. The proposal suggested the use of sharpshooters escorted by Jamestown police officers to cull the herd by "night-jacking" to ensure that the maximum number of deer are killed in the shortest amount of time. Szeplatowski is opposed to hunters not living on the island to come here to hunt.

Gibson said that it was important for island residents who had eligible plots of land to open them for hunters, if culling the herd by hunting is going to be successful. She noted that landowners had every right to dictate the hunt on their own terms. They could designate bow and arrow only if they so desired, as well as the number of hunters who could participate at any given time. The landowners could also demand that hunters give notice in advance, stating when they were going to hunt and for how long.

Islander receives volunteer award

Washington Trust presented awards to 17 of its employees in recognition of their community service and company spirit during the bank's recent Employee Fest at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

Of the 15 Washington Trust employees that were presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award, which is given to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over a 12-month period, Jamestown resident, Cathleen A. Studley, vice president and North Kingstown branch manager, received an award.

ADD expert to give talk at school 'awareness day'

The fourth annual Education Awareness Day will take place this Saturday, March 11, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The featured speaker, Dr. Ned Hallowell, is a nationally-recognized expert on the topic of attention deficit disorder and has written several books on the topic. He is a former member of the staff at Harvard Medical School and the founder of the Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health in Sudbury, Mass.

School Superintendent Kathy Sipala said that Hallowell's expertise is not just about children.

"ADD doesn't go away when someone turns 21," Sipala said, noting that Hallowell will address the problems associated with adult ADD in his second workshop, called "Delivered from Distraction," which is based on his best-selling book.

Hallowell has also made appearances on television shows like "60 minutes," "Oprah," "20/20," and "Good Morning America."

Sipala said she hoped the audience would include grandparents of children with ADD, partners of adults with ADD, and educators from around the area, as well as anyone with an interest in the topic. Hallowell's talk is co-sponsored by the Jamestown School Department, the PTO, and the Jamestown Education Foundation.

"It's unbelievable" that Hallowell, who spoke to an audience at Brown University just last weekend, is coming to Jamestown "for a talk that's free," Sipala said.

She hoped that many people would take advantage of the chance to see him, she added.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and refreshments. Superintendent Kathy Sipala will give her opening remarks at 8:45 a.m., and she will be followed at 9 a.m. by Hallowell's first address, which is based on his children's book "A Walk in the Rain with a Brain" that deals with how each brain finds its own way to learn.

The psychiatrist will give an additional talk at 10:30 a.m. called "Delivered From Distraction," which will focus on what it is like to have ADD, including how it impacts learning, produces anxiety, and in adults, affects relationships.

A question and answer period will be held from 11:30 to noon.

Casting call for movie

Starstruck? Ready for a new and exciting career?

Walt Disney Studios and Spyglass Entertainment will hold an open casting call for background performers in the upcoming film "Underdog," which will be partially filmed in Rhode Island.

Anyone interested should show up on Saturday, March 11, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Atrium, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence.

LDI Casting requests that everyone bring a recent photo that they do not need to have returned. For more information, visit www.ldicasting.com.

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LEGAL TIP

The Tennessee Supreme Court has recently allowed a convenience store to be sued for selling an obviously intoxicated driver gasoline.

An intoxicated driver went into a convenience store to buy beer and was refused as he was believed by the clerk to be intoxicated. He then put three dollars on the counter to buy gas. He staggered outside and the clerk activated the pump.

He drove away and a few miles later he seriously injured people in another vehicle as he hit them head-on. An investigation revealed if he wasn't sold the gas he would have run out of gas at least one mile before the accident scene.

The Tennessee Supreme Court allowed the case of the people in the other vehicle to go forward.

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