

Upcoming

Schroder talks about Hessians

Author and historian Walter Schroder will give a talk on his latest book, "The Hessian Occupation of Newport and Rhode Island 1776-1779," on Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at the North Kingstown Free Library.

In his talk, Schroder will provide insight into the Hessian troops who formed a significant part of the British-led occupying force in Rhode Island during the American Revolution. Schroder has written five books reflecting his interest in Rhode Island's military history. The first was "Defenses of Narragansett Bay in World War II," now in its ninth printing. He has lectured extensively and has appeared on NBC 10 Timelines and public television.

Drivers needed for soap box derby

The 11th annual All American Newport Lions Soap Box Derby will take place on Saturday, May 13, Memorial Boulevard, Newport, beginning at 9 a.m.

"Sponsors" of a soap box derby car will give a youngster the chance to experience the thrill of racing a car in the All American Soap Box Derby and the potential opportunity to represent Rhode Island in an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Soap Box Derby held in Akron, Ohio, on Saturday, July 22.

The deadline for applications to drive in the Derby is April 10, 2006! Please call the Derby hotline below for further information regarding the application!

There are three classes of race cars: Stock Division, car and driver totalling 200 pounds; Super Stock Division, car and driver totalling 230 pounds; and the new Masters' Division, car and driver totalling 255 pounds.

Boys and Girls between the ages of 9 and 16 are invited to participate. They can call and sign up for the clinic and learn how to build and race a car in the derby. The only clinic date this year is Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. at the Newport Boys' & Girls' Club.

The derby is sponsored by the Newport Lions Club with the generous help from the Viking Riders. Winners will receive an expense paid trip to race in the Nationals in Akron, Ohio.

For more information and to sign up for the upcoming clinic, contact Dave Dittmann, director of the Newport Lions Club Soap Box Derby at 848-5884 or e-mail him at ddittmann@cox.net.

Library Friends to visit Mark Twain's home

The Friends of the Jamestown Library are sponsoring a trip to the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, March 18.

The cost of \$40 per person includes admission to the house, the adjoining museum, the bus ride, and box lunch. Sign-ups, including box lunch choices and payments, can be made at the library until March 13. The group will depart from the Jamestown Golf Course Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. and return to Jamestown at approximately 4:30 p.m. Contact Sara Bobola at 423-2191 for more information or call the library at 423-7280.

Upcoming spaghetti supper to help with cost to battle cancer

A fund-raiser will be held April 2 to help longtime Jamestown resident Nancy Williams Maloney, who is suffering from a recurring bout of cancer.

Maloney, the daughter of Bert and Marie Williams, grew up in Jamestown with her 11 siblings. Maloney's family and friends are holding the spaghetti dinner fund-raiser to help with growing medical costs.

The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club, 138 Narragansett Ave. There will be pasta with traditional meat sauce and a vegetarian meatless version available as well. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Advance tickets are available at Baker's Pharmacy, and tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be many great raffle prizes and a silent auction. All prizes will be awarded after 8 p.m. Winners not in attendance will be notified by phone. Auction prizes are still needed. Call Linda O'Connell at 423-0751 or Theresa Botelho at 683-3108. Send donations to the Nancy Williams Maloney Fund, c/o 51 Southwest Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835.

Learn gardening secrets to discourage deer in your yard at the library

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will host "Spring into your Garden" on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the library.

This program, presented by Holly Howard from the Secret Garden in Jamestown, will address problems of deer in the garden and good plant choices to discourage them.

Howard will bring some of this year's newest plants for the garden and will give door prizes to attendees.

Anyone who is tired of winter and wants a spring pick-me-up should attend. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 423-7280.

Movie from China rescheduled to April 6

Due to snow on March 2, the Friends of the Jamestown Library have rescheduled their final film in their 2006 Foreign Film Series. The new date for showing "Not One Less" is Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

"Not One Less" is not only about the poor in China's remote rural areas, but could be dedicated to them; we sense that Zhang Yimou, the director of such sophisticated films as 'Raise the Red Lantern' and 'Shanghai Triad,' is returning here to memories of the years from 1968 to 1978, when he worked as a rural laborer under the Cultural Revolution. His story is simple, unadorned, direct. Only the margins are complicated." From a review by Roger Ebert.

In Chinese with English subtitles and rated G, the film's running time is 100 minutes.

The movie is free and open to the public.

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