

**About Town**

**Learn about hagfish tonight at the library**

As part of the young adult program series, the Jamestown library will present a program called "Hagfish: The Most Disgusting Fish in the Sea" by Dr.

Bob Kenney, a marine scientist at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography, tonight — Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

Hagfish are close to the bottom on the marine-animal beauty scale. Their feeding habits are simply not to be believed, or even talked about in polite society, and they are the world champions of slime production. In fact, in translation the Latin name of this local species is "gluey slime."

So why would anyone care about hagfish? Hagfish can be made into very fine leather, and have been the basis of valuable fisheries in several places around the world. Their slime is fiber-reinforced, and the microscopic fibers are about as strong as spider silk, which has a much more complex structure, or even Kevlar — the material in a bulletproof vest.

This free program is for students in grades 6 and higher. Light refreshments will be served, and adults are welcome.

**Researcher shares secrets of the osprey Friday evening**

Rob Bierregaard, professor of biology at the University of North

Carolina at Charlotte, will give an illustrated talk on the osprey Conanicus and the details of his winter migration at the library on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m.

The talk "Voyage of Conanicus" will include how he was tracked, where he spent the winter, and how other ospreys make similar voyages.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

**Toe-tappin' music at library on Sunday**

The Friends of the Jamestown Library will sponsor a concert by Boarding House Reach on Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Jamestown library.

Boarding House Reach performs lively Irish tunes and features Jack Wright and A.O. Gutierrez of Jamestown, and Jay Gilbert of Providence. The program is free and open to the public and is appropriate for people of all ages.


The group is performing as part of the Friends of the Jamestown Library's annual music series. The next program in the series will feature the Jamestown School Jazz Band on April 9 from 2 to 3 p.m.

**Fund-raiser for cancer victim this Sunday night**

Longtime Jamestown resident Nancy Williams Maloney, a member of the North Kingstown High School class of 1975, needs the help of her neighbors and friends. Maloney's cancer, which was in remission, has returned and she began a round of treatment this week.

Nancy's family and friends are holding a fund-raiser on Sunday, April 2, to help with medical costs. A spaghetti dinner, with seatings from 5 to 8 p.m. will be held at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club, 138 Narragansett Ave. in Jamestown. There will be pasta with traditional meat sauce and a vegetarian meatless version as well. The price is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available in advance at Baker's Pharmacy or they can be purchased at the door.

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**Jamestown Community Band concert next week**

The Jamestown Community Band's spring concert will be given Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in the Holy Ghost Hall.

The concert will include a mixture of concert marches and New Orleans-style jazz pieces. The band will introduce their new conductor, Katherine O'Neill.

Admission is free and the doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

**Last chance to buy Girl Scout cookies**

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 865 will hold a cookie sale at Baker's Pharmacy and at McQuade's Marketplace on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cookies will also be available after mass at St. Mark Church this weekend.

All varieties will be available at \$3.50 per box. This will be the island's last chance to stock up on Girl Scout cookies until next year.

A portion of the proceeds will go directly to the troop to fund educational activities.

**Newport Animal Hospital is pleased to welcome Mirka N. Ondris, DVM, to its staff.**

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