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Body found in Reservoir Circle home

By Donna K. Drago

The state medical examiner's office is conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of death of a man from Reservoir Circle who was found dead Tuesday morning in his home.

Jamestown Police Chief Thomas Tighe said he could not release the name of the man who he described as being "in his 60s" until the next of kin was notified.

Tighe said the police received a call from a friend of the man Tuesday morning asking if they would do a "well-being check," because the friend had been calling and had not been able to get in contact with the Reservoir Circle man, the chief said.

"The man lived alone and was found alone," the police chief said. He would not say if there was any sign of foul play, "until the M.E. has

a chance to do their thing."

Jamestown police called in the Rhode Island State Police to assist in the investigation "because any time a body is found dead we must conduct an investigation, and get a ruling from the medical examiner's office," Tighe said.

According to the town tax rolls, the modest raised ranch house, at 96 Reservoir Circle, has been owned since 1981 by Daniel Donahue.

Beavertail deer hunt will continue despite opponents' objections

By Dotti Farrington

Opponents tried to stop the first controlled bow hunting season for deer at Beavertail State Park that started Monday, but their application to Newport Superior Court in Newport for an injunction was denied last Friday, Nov. 11.

The hunt is underway as scheduled. On Nov. 6, Town Councilors voted 4-0, with one member absent, to "support" the state Department of Environmental Management's proposal to allow deer hunting with bow and arrow at the state park from Monday, Nov. 13 through Jan. 31, 2007.

The vote adopted the boundaries as detailed by the DEM, and provided for its fish and wildlife division to provide additional signs within the park. Hunting is allowed on weekdays only through

Dec. 31, and then seven days a week during January.

Residents have been split for years about hunting on the island. Some agree that the herd needs to be culled for many reasons, including because of the connection between deer and the deer ticks that infect people with Lyme disease. Others are opposed to any deer hunting, calling it cruelty to animals and unneeded because there are other ways to curtail the growth of the island's deer population.

Boundaries

The northern hunting limits at Beavertail park are: on the west side of Beavertail Road from Pole 92 west to the Narragansett Bay; and on the east side of the road, from the pole with the DEM marker by the small path, north of the

speed limit sign to the bay.

The southern boundaries are: on the west side of the road at the northern edge of Parking Lot 2, west to the bay; and then, north of the path around to the northern edge of Parking Lot 4.

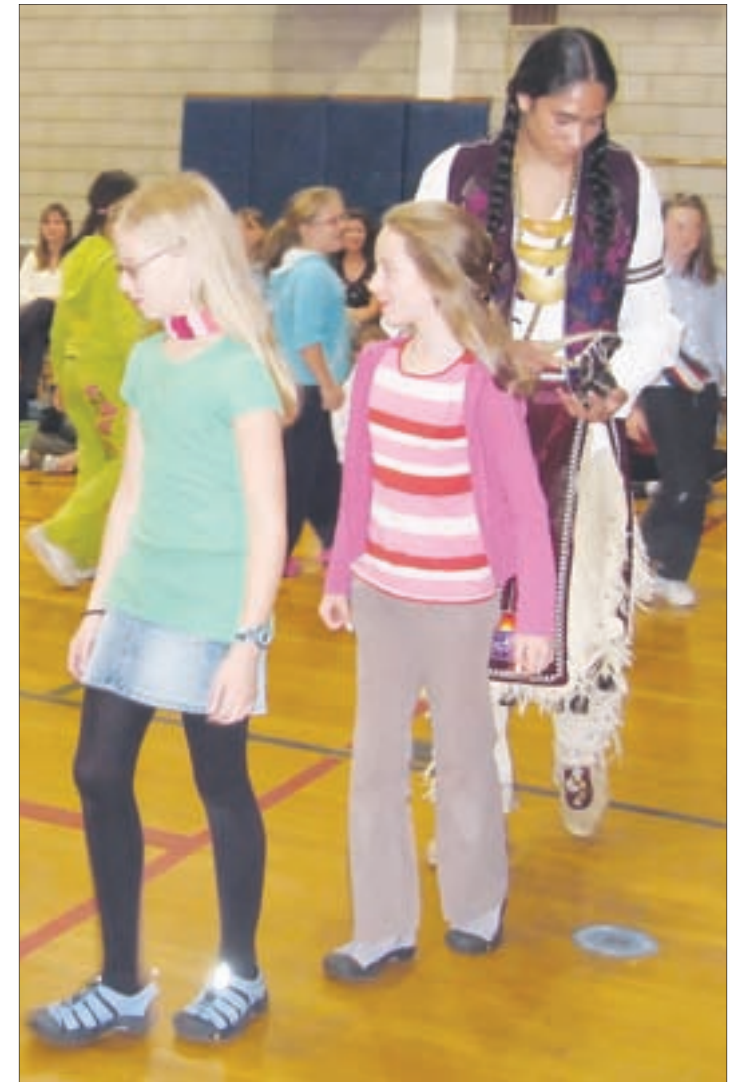
A safety zone has been established around the residence and antenna tower; and climbing of any park tower is prohibited.

Regulations

In the Beavertail bow hunting area, no hunting of anything other than deer is permitted. All regulations for general deer hunting apply. No firearms are allowed on the property at any time.

Construction or use of permanent tree stands is banned. Use of nails, spikes, bolts or devices that

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In step with the tribe

Members of the Narragansett Indian Tribe visited Melrose Avenue School Tuesday to teach students some native dance steps. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten



Tribute to fallen heroes

This bagpiper participated in the annual Veterans Day ceremonies, held by the American Legion and the VFW. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Bridge demo this morning

The state Department of Transportation's next underwater demolition for the old Jamestown Bridge is today, Nov. 16, at approximately 10 a.m. The bridge demolition had been postponed a week due to delays in preparing pier segments for the blast.

The DOT expects that there will be one more underwater detonation after this one. The date of the final blast will be announced as soon as possible, but the DOT anticipates that demolition to take place during the last week of November. These two blasts will conclude the underwater demolition phase, one of the last elements of the \$19.5 million project.

The detonation will be similar

to nine previous underwater demolition events in August, September, October and November. Traffic impacts on the Jamestown-Verrazzano Bridge will be kept to a minimum during the demolition time frame. Just before the detonations, state Police will execute a "rolling block" by moving very slowly in all lanes of travel to momentarily clear traffic from the bridge.

This approach should avoid the need to conduct a 30-minute closure of the bridge, as was originally planned for the underwater detonations. Adverse weather conditions or safety concerns could cause a delay in the detonation.

Next week's newspaper deadlines

Thursday, Nov. 23 is Thanksgiving. Here are the Jamestown Press deadlines for next week's newspaper, which will be published one day early on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Display Advertising: 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17
Classified Advertising: Noon Monday, Nov. 20.
News Items: Noon, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Jamestown Press office at 42 Narragansett Ave. will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23. Have a great holiday!