

**About town**

## Bone marrow donors sought for Payton Watson

A bone marrow drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, on her 10th birthday, to benefit Payton Watson, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Payton is a grade 5 student at Hamilton Elementary School in North Kingstown, and she is the daughter of Sgt. Frank Watson of the Jamestown Police Department and Liz (Goode) Watson, longtime residents of Jamestown.

The drive will be held at North Kingstown High School from 11

### Holiday decorating contest underway

The Quononoquott Garden Club will judge the annual Holiday Decorating Contest during the week of Dec. 4.

The contest is open to all village businesses and will be judged based on the best use of natural materials in a holiday theme.

Judging will be done both day and evening to allow for lighted displays.

For more information, call Betty Ann Taylor at 423-0120.

a.m. to 3 p.m.

To be a marrow donor, one must be between 18 and 60 years old and in generally good health. A swab of cheek cells will be taken, and the donor should be willing to help anyone they might match. Testing is free.

For more information on being a marrow donor, call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 800-283-8385, ext. 548.

## Medicare Part D talk tomorrow

On Friday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. the Jamestown Seniors Citizens Association will sponsor a seminar on Medicare Plan D, featuring the changes for the upcoming year beginning Jan. 1, 2007.

Nancy Tortolani and staff from the University of Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Department will be on hand to explain it all with their national award-winning kick-off PowerPoint presentation.

Arrangements can also be

The IBPO Local 305 of the Jamestown Police Department has established a medical fund to assist Payton and her family with their needs. They ask that members of the law enforcement community as well as the general public contribute to the "Payton Watson Medical Fund," at IBPO. Local 305 c/o Payton Watson Medical Fund, 250 Conanicus Ave., Jamestown RI 02835.

made for individual enrollment at a second, as yet unscheduled, meeting.

The program is designed to help new retirees understand Medicare Plan D, how to enroll, and explain the new changes and fees for those who are already enrolled. Seniors are urged to come and hear this award-winning presentation, which will provide answers to their many questions. Call 423-1026 for more information.

## Girls' basketball clinic to be taught by former pro

Native Rhode Islander, Christina Batastini, a former Stanford University and professional basketball player, will be in Jamestown on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to run a free basketball clinic for all Jamestown girls in grades 4 through 8.

The Providence Journal named Christina one of the most influential sports figures in Rhode Island's last 100 years. She was also recently inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. In her four years from 1996 to 2000, the nationally ranked Stanford Cardinal won three Pacific-10 Championships and played in the 1997 NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati, Ohio. Following her collegiate career, Batastini played professionally overseas.

In her first year back in the United States, Batastini was an assistant coach for the Brown University women's basketball team and helped lead the team to the best start in Brown women's basketball history. She is the current head coach of Lincoln School's varsity basketball program and is the head instructor of the Batastini School of Basketball.

Clinic registration forms are at the Community Center, or contact Mary Heath at 423-3333 or heath.mary@verizon.net.

## Internet safety forum offered

North Kingstown's Prevention Task Force, Working Together for Wellness, and CODAC Behavioral Healthcare will present a very special evening for the North Kingstown community and Jamestown families.

This event is the first in a series of programs CODAC's Community Empowerment Grant will bring to North Kingstown over the next year to help identify issues that affect our community and to create strategies for engaging adults in the pre-

vention process.

The session will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Given by expert Dr. Lawrence Filipelli, the program will deal with how to cope in the vast new world of cyberspace safely and responsibly.

Adults and students from grade 5 and up are invited to attend the presentation on keeping families and children safe.

Meet at the North Kingstown High School cafeteria, 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown.

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