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### Coming together to give thanks

The annual second-grade Thanksgiving Pageant was performed to appreciative parents at the Melrose Avenue School Tuesday morning. Participating in the production are, bottom from left, Ian Andres, Evelina Pinto, and Amanda Bonnot. At rear are, Heidi Sakovits, Jackson Hawkins, and Ben Carlisle. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

## Fire department gets \$71,000 federal grant

By Sam Bari

In an effort to help improve Jamestown's emergency response capabilities, U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.) has announced that the Department of Homeland Security is awarding the Jamestown Fire Department \$71,255 in federal funds for training, equipment, and modifications to its fire station and facilities.

The federal funding comes from the fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, which Reed supported.

"This grant is evidence of the tremendous work that the Jamestown Fire Department is doing to serve the community. This money will help them continue their im-

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## Neighbors ask to limit traffic on narrow Carr Lane

By Dotti Farrington

"Carr Lane is a car lane, not a truck lane," Councilman William Kelly said at the Nov. 13 Town Council meeting, after Alena Caldarone of East Shore Road asked for relief for herself and Carr Lane residents, as well as truckers and others who need to cross the island.

She said she spoke for many residents and also represented the growing concerns of East Passage homeowners, whose

curvy, country family development is increasingly invaded by large diesel trucks looking for shortcuts. The councilors agreed that there are no shortcuts.

Caldarone asked for extension of Eldred Avenue from its Route-138-created stump near East Shore Road to its original through-street connection with North Main Road.

The councilors readily agreed

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## Humane society continues effort to block deer hunting at Beavertail

By Dotti Farrington

Further court action was pending early this week in Newport Superior Court on action sought by the Humane Society of Jamestown to curtail deer hunting here. Last week, the court denied a temporary restraining order the humane society asked to block the first-ever bow-hunting season for deer at Beavertail State Park that opened Nov. 13.

This week the court was scheduled to detail its decision on deer hunting at the state park. The humane society was also working on a follow-up effort to block the town from opening any municipal land for deer hunts in the future.

The Town Council early this month authorized the deer hunting season at Beavertail State Park, on the island's southern tip, after years of wavering under heavily divided citizen opinion on deer hunting in general and this year's focus on opening the park to deer hunters. The councilors also assigned town staff to prepare data aimed at opening public land, primarily 53 acres at the North Pond reservoir for deer hunting, as well as some acreage along North Main Road between America Way and the town's transfer station.

The push for culling the island's deer herd came from the state Department of Environmental Management, which contends that the excessive deer population is endangering other forms of wildlife and the deer themselves. The push was supported by residents whose properties are being damaged by deer; and by people affected by Lyme disease, which is spread by the deer ticks that are carried by deer.

The Humane Society has argued that hunting is cruel, and that other methods should be tried to cull the herd and to curtail the spread of Lyme disease. Some opponents say deer should not be killed because they carry ticks that cause disease. Others argue that the island's deer herd is not so large as to be a danger to itself.

The Humane Society of Jamestown has teamed with the Defenders of Animals in Providence to plan a voter initiative that would ban deer hunting on town-owned land.

The initiative can be forced by 10 percent, or 459, of the town's 4,594 registered voters to petition the council, according to the town's Home Rule Charter. The council would have 30 days to

adopt an ordinance or up to a year to schedule balloting by voters on an ordinance.

In regard to hunting deer with bow and arrow, the DEM said that orange jackets or vests are not required by archers or others at Beavertail park during the hunting season. However, the DEM suggests that hikers within the hunting area wear orange clothing as a precaution.

### Hunting specifics

Hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

Deer hunting at Beavertail State Park is with bow and arrow only. No firearms are permitted. The season is underway and will continue through Jan. 31. Hunting is allowed on weekdays only through Dec. 31, and then seven days a week during January.

A maximum of 10 hunters per day can hunt in the park. Each hunter can take a maximum of three deer at Beavertail, and they can apply for shotgun and muzzle-loader permits that allow them to take six additional deer elsewhere on the island.

### Other hunting here

Most other deer hunting is on the

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### A turkin? A pump-key?

Library assistant Diane Wright brought a pumpkin turkey, constructed by her father Albert Lawrence, to the library this week. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten