

## Teen Center gets \$50,000 Grant

The Jamestown Teen Center will have a permanent home at the Jamestown Community Center due to a \$50,000 Youth Opportunity grant from the Newport County Fund of The Rhode Island Foundation.

A variety of programs and activities for teens, including outreach efforts designed to increase attendance, will be available at the center. Plans for a youth newsletter and website offering detailed information about upcoming activities and programs will allow a greater number of teens to access information. The center will collaborate with Studio1011, the designers who created the Newport County Youth Connect website, to devise its own site and newsletter.

The Youth Opportunities Grants program is a joint funding initiative of The Rhode Island Foundation and the Newport County Fund, with each contributing up to \$150,000 for three years. The most recent awards, which represent the final year of the initiative, totaled \$294,000. An additional \$15,000 was set aside for technical assistance to the grantees as they continue their programs.

The Rhode Island Foundation is one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, founded in 1916 and now having assets exceeding a half-billion dollars.

## School board's Kaiser commended

The Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) recently recognized Catherine Kaiser, chairwoman of the Jamestown School Committee, for participating in the association's professional development program. Kaiser will now receive recognition by the Rhode Island Board of Regents for completing the required professional development hours through RIASC's Leadership Development Academy.

Kaiser has served on the Jamestown School Committee since 2001. She is currently the chairwoman of that committee and is also a member of the RIASC's Executive Committee. She was

the 2004 recipient of the Howard Kay Award, given annually to an outstanding school committee member.

RIASC commended Kaiser for her commitment to ongoing professional development and for her dedication to her governance role and the Jamestown public school students.

In 2004 the RIASC was instrumental in passing a law calling for a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. After a year of planning and a national survey of school committee training, the Leadership Development Academy was formed. Upon completion

of 15 hours of approved training in a two-year period, school committee members receive special recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Regents. RIASC has held a number of professional development sessions.

Session topics have included Collective Bargaining, Roles and Responsibilities, Ethics, Open Meetings, Community Engagement and Media Relations.

The Rhode Island Association of School Committees is a nonprofit association dedicated to training and improving the effectiveness of Rhode Island school committee members in meeting their role and responsibilities to students, parents, administrators, and taxpayers, while playing a leading role in shaping and advocating public education policy at the state and national levels.

## Kempe honored by food magazine

Yankee Food Service has named Amy Kempe, formerly of Jamestown, a "Woman of Influence in the Northeast." The magazine chose 10 women who have made a significant impact in the hospitality and tourism industry and who "play a significant role in the success of their company and dedication to their philanthropic and civic work."

As vice president and team leader for Regan Communications Group, Kempe heads up the Providence office. Kempe specializes in strategic planning and corporate positioning, crisis communications, corporate communications, event management and planning,

community relations and media relations. Prior to joining Regan, Kempe worked for GTECH Corporation, where she managed media relations.

Kempe grew up in Jamestown and currently resides in Newport.



Amy Kempe

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### For the record

In a photo that ran on page 4 of last week's edition of the Press, a volunteer taking the Red Cross emergency shelter certification class was not identified. The volunteer is Nancy Ventrone.



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President Theodore Roosevelt attempted to eliminate the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. coinage. Congress thwarted his efforts.

A Rhode Island court has held that a regularly mowed grass line lacked the definition and permanence sufficient to establish an adverse possession claim.

Wife: "The two best things I cook are meatloaf and apple dumplings."  
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