

About Town

Film premier at library tonight

Independent filmmaker Jay Craven will be at the Jamestown library tonight, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. to introduce his film, "Disappearances," in its Rhode Island premiere.

Based on the award-winning novel by Howard Frank Mosher, the film is a spellbinding tale of high-stakes whiskey smuggling, a family's mysterious past, and a young boy's rite of passage. The film stars Kris Kristofferson, Genevieve Bujold, and 15-year-old Charlie McDermott in a performance that has garnered much praise.

On Friday, Aug. 24, Craven will conduct a screen-writing workshop for teens from 9:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. also at the library.

These free programs are funded by the Friends of Jamestown Library. For more information, visit the library at 26 North Main Rd. or call 423-7280.

Orientation day for new families

The Jamestown schools will hold an Orientation Day for new families on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

For families new to the schools, meet at the Melrose Avenue Multi-purpose Room at 4 p.m.

All incoming kindergarten families should meet in the Melrose Avenue Multi-purpose Room at 5 p.m. and all incoming pre-school families will meet in the Melrose Avenue music room at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 423-7020.

School starts next week

The first day of school for students attending North Kingstown High School is Wednesday, Aug. 29, with the opening bell scheduled to ring at 7:25 a.m.

In Jamestown, classes for students in grades 1 to 8 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 8:10 a.m. Students in kindergarten and pre-K will have an orientation on Sept. 5 and will begin classes the following day, Sept. 6.

All orientations will be on Sept. 5. Kindergarten students will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pre-K students who attend Tuesday and Thursday sessions will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Pre-K students who attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and those who attend afternoon sessions will meet from noon to 1 p.m. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Town, RITBA, come to terms on bridge land sale

By Donna K. Drago

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser met Tuesday afternoon with representatives of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to hammer out final details of the agreement to purchase a piece of land the authority owns to put up a highway barn.

Keiser said yesterday he had a "gentlemen's agreement," with David Darlington, chairman of RITBA, and that Town Solicitor Peter Ruggiero is currently drawing up a final document to be signed by both parties.

Among the points agreed to on Tuesday are the sale price of \$97,500, which has not changed. A cap not to exceed \$25,000 for any future legal or engineering fees was agreed to, Keiser said, adding that the town will receive invoices for any work and pay the actual costs up to the cap amount.

As far as the look of the building is concerned, Keiser said that RITBA asked to see samples of materials proposed to be used in the construction of the barn, and they will be given cedar shingles and both asphalt and metal roofing materials to look at.

"We have a general agreement on the look of the building," Keiser said.

The town has agreed to exempt both RITBA and the state's Department of Transportation from any liability for damage to the highway barn while those agencies are doing work on the bridge. Debris falling on the roof during snowplowing is one example of the type of damage that could occur, Keiser

said. But, any third party contractors, hired by RITBA, to perform work on the bridge, would have to carry insurance to protect the town highway facility, Keiser said.

Finally, RITBA has agreed to assume liability for any work on environmental remediation, such as the removal of lead paint from nearby soils, Keiser said.

The town administrator said he would give a full report of the agreement at the Aug. 27 meeting of the town council.

Town workers change course on highway barn site

Rhode Island Local 69, the Jamestown Public Works Union called a special meeting on Aug. 21 for the purpose of revisiting the highway barn site selection position.

Previously the union supported Lot 47 for the site of the highway barn. After further discussion and consideration of additional information about the alternatives, the union has decided the following:

1. A highway facility is desperately needed as soon as possible.
2. The union body has no position as to what site is ultimately selected.
3. What site is selected is up to the voters.

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