

Obituaries

Muriel E. Pratt, 92

Muriel E. (Bedal) Pratt, 92, formerly of Jamestown died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at the Scandinavian Home in Cranston.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she was a daughter of the late Eugene and Vera (Yetter) Bedal.

Mrs. Pratt was a medical social worker at Roger Williams Medical Center before retiring.

She leaves two daughters, Dr. Karen (Stokes) Melucci of Jamestown and Rondelle (Stokes) Ruggiero of North Scituate; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Edwin Kelly and Delmar Bedal.

Her funeral service was held Aug. 18 at the Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home, in North Kingstown. Burial was in Cedar Cemetery, Jamestown.

Philip Wharton memorial Aug. 31

A memorial celebration for Philip Wharton will be held Friday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m. at the Wharton's home, 615 Wakefield St., West Warwick.

Philip Wharton died suddenly on April 18 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

He is survived by his parents, Leverett and Valerie Wharton; his sister, Mary Wharton of West Warwick; his grandmother, Mary Reynolds of Newport; his grandmother, Emmy Wharton of Stonington, Conn.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Whiteface Mountain c/o the Philip Wharton Memorial Ski Foundation Fund, State Route 86, Wilmington, NY 12997.

Fire and EMS Runs

Fire runs

6:26 p.m., Aug. 13, Marine 1, Engine 3 were dispatched to Seaside Drive for an overturned boat call.

6:29 p.m., Aug. 13, Car 3 and Engine 3 were sent to North Main Road for a power line down call.

11:10 p.m., Aug. 13, Ladder 1, Car 2, Engines 1, 2 and 3 went to East Shore Road for a false alarm.

1:47 p.m., Aug. 15, Marine 1 EMS 1, Car 3, and Special Services 1 were sent to Seaside Drive for a search call.

2:47 p.m., Aug. 15, Car 1, Ladder 1, Truck 1, Car 2 and 3, Engines 1 and 2 answered a boat fire call on Swinburne Street.

7 p.m., Aug. 16, All units responded to a drill at the station on Narragansett Avenue.

11:01 p.m., Aug. 16, Ladder 1, Truck 1, Engines 1 and 2 answered a smoke scare on Pemberton Avenue

5:52 a.m., Aug. 17, Car 3 and Engine 2 answered a false alarm on Southwest Avenue

8:38 a.m., Aug. 18, EMS 1, Car 3 and Engine 21 went to a carbon monoxide incident on Clinton Avenue

EMS runs

2:35 p.m., Aug. 12, EMS 1 was sent to Union Street for a fire alarm standby.

2:59 a.m., Aug. 12, EMS 1 was dispatched to Blueberry Lane for a medical emergency. The patient refused transport.

1:40 p.m., Aug. 15, EMS 1 went to a boating accident north

of the Jamestown Bridge. The call was cancelled en route.

11:02 p.m., Aug. 16, EMS 1 answered a fire alarm on Pemberton Avenue.

8:55 a.m., Aug. 17, EMS 1 was dispatched to Southwest Avenue for a fire standby.

1:09 p.m., Aug. 17, EMS 1 went to West Reach for a medical assistance call at an automobile accident. A patient was driven to Newport Hospital.

9 a.m., Aug. 20, EMS 1 was dispatched to North Kingstown for a mutual aid call that was cancelled en route.

11:44 a.m., Aug. 20, EMS 1 was sent to North Kingstown for a mutual aid call and transported a patient to South County Hospital.

2:45 p.m., Aug. 20, EMS 1 was sent to the fire station for a medical emergency and drove a patient to Newport Hospital.

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Births

Roach

A son, Nolan Robert Roach, was born July 26, 2007, at South County Hospital to Lynn (Manning) and Robert N. Roach, III of Jamestown.

Police Log

Drunk driving charged

•Patrick Byrne, 19, of 20 Fairview St., was charged Aug. 16 with first offense drunk driving after police witnessed Byrne run a stop sign at the corner of Narragansett Avenue and North Main Road. Byrne then ran off the roadway, police said.

Byrne was arraigned by a Justice of the Peace and a pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Aug. 31 at Newport District Court, police said.

•John Yeomans, 51, of 20 Cole St., was charged Aug. 15 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to take a Breathalyzer test after being stopped on West Street for erratic operation of his vehicle.

Yeomans was arraigned by a Justice of the Peace and a pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Aug. 24 at Newport District Court, police said.

Marijuana possession charge

Raymond P. Jorgensen, 49, of West Warwick was charged Aug. 20 with driving with a suspended license and possession of marijuana. Jorgensen was stopped at Mackerel Cove after police saw him exit Beavertail State Park after closing time.

He is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Aug. 31 at Newport District Court, police said.

State denies dredging plan for Weaver's Cove LNG site

By Dotti Farrington

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) last week rejected the proposal of Weaver's Cove and Hess to dredge Mount Hope Bay to enable its tankers to reach its proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Fall River, Mass.

It is the third major block in recent months to the terminal plans, with the U.S. Coast Guard and the state of Massachusetts putting holds on the LNG plans pending final decisions.

Weaver's Cove officials said they expect to appeal the DEM action and had already filed a court action claiming that the DEM had not acted quickly enough on its plans. They said the terminal's approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) supersedes state objections. Opponents said the FERC approval is conditioned on several circumstances, some under the control of the states of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Weaver's Cove officials also said they are proceeding with goals to start construction before 2009, and start operations by 2012. The DEM said the LNG applicants failed to provide sufficient and timely information, including details on water quality monitoring, the amount of sediment to be released into the marine life habitat and that their plans significantly changed early this year. Weaver's Cove said it would use smaller LNG tankers after Massachusetts refused to remove the bridge that prohibits the massive vessels originally planned. DEM also cited the lack of Weaver's Cove response to

Coast Guard concerns and request for more information.

The dredging proposals call for removing 230,000 cubic yards of sediment from the state's portion of the existing federal navigation channel in Mount Hope Bay. The bulk of the area to be dredged, to make the channel deeper, lies within Massachusetts for a total of 2.6 million cubic yards to be removed from 191 underwater acres.

Long term and wide opposition to the LNG plans was fueled earlier this year by a new study that projects an LNG tanker disaster, by accident or by terror, could burn people up to one mile away, or an estimated 64,000 residents along the tankers' water route that includes the shores and inland areas of Jamestown.

The DEM said the LNG applicants did not submit a valid and definitive proposal that upheld anti-degradation standards of RI water quality regulations. The DEM said Weaver's Cove sources continued to submit new data long after the public comment process ended last year.

The Coast Guard said in May the waterway may not be suitable for the type and frequency of LNG marine traffic contained in its smaller tanker proposal. Then the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection suspended its review of the LNG project because of the questions about the bay being suitable for LNG marine traffic. A final Coast Guard decision is expected in about a month.

At least four court actions opposing the LNG terminal also are pending.

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