

Upcoming

Knights of Columbus plan pasta dinner

The St. Mark Church Knights of Columbus will be holding their Fall Primo Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu for the evening will be pasta, meatballs, sausage and peppers, salad, Italian bread and butter, coffee and dessert. All are guaranteed to be the best this side of

Federal Hill. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, children 10 and under, \$5. There will be no charge for children under 5 years of age. Also available is a family ticket for \$20, which will allow two adults and three children under 10 years old to attend. Tickets can be purchased after each weekend Mass at St.

Mark Church, from any Knight, or by contacting Dave Nardolillo at 423-2413.

The same evening at 7 p.m., the final drawing of the 10/10 Club will be held. Those ticket holders not attending the pasta dinner are welcome to join the group for coffee and dessert.

Powell shares Amazon adventure at library

The Friends of the Jamestown Library present "Amazon Adventure" with Chris Powell on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. as part of the Friend's series on travel.

Join Chris Powell for an exciting trip on the motor yacht Tucano into the heart of Amazonas. From the capitol city, Manaus, travel more than two hundred miles up the Rio Negro into the Rio Branco. The trip will visit native people along the river and experience the Amazon's vast diversity of plants and animals.

Viewers will see a kapok tree over 50-feet in diameter to tarantula spiders the size of a hand; from the colorful Bird of Paradise flowers and toucans to howler

monkeys with their eerie tree-top howl, and pink dolphins and fish for piranha. Returning down river, there is the "Marriage of the Waters," where the Amazon's milky white waters meets the Rio Negro's clear black waters. Finally, visit the port city of Manaus, where there will be a tour of the fish market and beautifully re-

stored Teatro Amazonas Opera House.

Don't miss this exciting slide presentation and travelogue with Powell and company into the heart of the Amazon.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

Tailgate for Coach Toppa

A tailgate party will be held in tribute to Coach John Toppa on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Newport Yachting Center.

Sponsored by People's Credit Union, the event will benefit the Rhode Island Alzheimer's Association.

Toppa was a longtime coach at Roger's High School in Newport.

Tickets are \$50 each and available at Cappy's, Yesterday's, La-Forge Casino Terrace or at the

high school office.

Tickets include choice of rib-eye steak or half a chicken, Caesar salad, baked potato and corn on the cob. Music will be by DJ Neal Dwyer. Parking is free at the site.

For more information, contact mpalmer@duke.edu or coachtoppa@cox.net.

Special room rates are available at The Quality Inn & Suites, 847-5330 and the Comfort Inn at 619-2800.

URI hosts coastal cities forum

Coastal cities nationwide share challenges from withstanding hurricanes and providing public shoreline access to growing economically while balancing recreational, residential, commercial and industrial demands on the waterfront.

How Rhode Island cities—particularly Pawtucket, East Providence and Newport—can learn from the successes and failures of other cities along the U.S. coast will

be the focus of "Creating Vibrant Waterfronts in Rhode Island," the Sixth Annual Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium, which will take place Oct. 19 and 20 at Corless Auditorium at the University of Rhode Island (URI) Graduate School of Oceanography in Narragansett. For the symposium agenda, registration information or directions, visit <http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/ccd/07symposium> or call 874-6224.



'Peter and the Wolf' at Prout

For the first time in recent memory, a full classical music presentation of "Peter and The Wolf" will be staged in South County for the entertainment of both children and adults.

Newport Virtuosi, the newly formed classical chamber group headed by Slava Timokhin, will present the 1936 Sergei Prokofiev composition in its entirety on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 4 p.m. in the Prout School auditorium, at 4640 Tower Hill Rd. in Wakefield.

Also on the program will be a dance interpretation of another revered classical composition, "Sorcerer's Apprentice," directed by Prout School Performing Arts and dance instructor Olga Timokhin.

"Peter and the Wolf" was written and scored by Prokofiev after his return to the Soviet Union from Europe. It is a children's story for the ages, scored for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horns, timpani, triangle, tambourine, cymbals, castanets, drums, and strings, and spoken by a narrator accompanied by the orchestra.

"Sorcerer's Apprentice" was written as a symphonic poem in 1897 by Paul Dukas, who was inspired by a ballad of the same name by German writer Goethe 100 years earlier. It tells the story of an old sorcerer who leaves his young apprentice with tasks to perform in the workshop. The novice quickly misuses his master's magical capabilities, and chaos ensues, ending only when the sorcerer returns to quell the disturbance. The Prout School team will use the medium of dance to interpret this fascinating work.

For more information about these performances or Newport Virtuosi, call 212-0509 or email Timokhin at timokhin@verizon.net.

Children's music classes set

Ready, Set, Play with Cindy is starting another season of Kindermusik with the Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department. She will be presenting ABC Music and Me, a new program offered by Kindermusik International. The sessions are designed for youngsters, ages 2 to 4, for 40-minute classes on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., starting Oct. 1, at the Wellspring Studio, 32 Pemberton Ave.

A new theme will be featured each month and families may sign up month to month. "Animals A-Dancing" will be the theme for October. Focus for the children will be on varied voice sounds and body movements. The home kit provides a Family Activity Guide and CD, which are based on activities in the classroom. The materials include suggestions for family activities to continue the lessons.

The cost is \$50 a month for four sessions; this includes \$15 for materials and \$35 for tuition. Children may be left at the studio with Cindy Olsen, Kindermusik educator. Parents or caregivers are not required to attend. For details, call Olsen at 608-2022.

Sanctuary hosting fun fair

The 33rd Annual Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair will take place this weekend, Sept. 29 and 30, on a 300-acre wildlife refuge just north of Newport.

Widely known for its seven miles of hiking trails through diverse habitats and breathtaking ocean views atop ridges, the Norman Bird Sanctuary is also famous among festival lovers for its Harvest Fair. It is the place to experience the best assortment of delicious food, handmade arts and crafts, fun activities, games for the entire family, and wonderful entertainment. For more than a generation, the Harvest Fair has been a cherished family tradition on Aquidneck Island. Originally conceived as a harvest season community celebration, it is one of the largest and longest running events of its kind in Newport County.

The fair runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The entrance is at 583 Third Beach Rd. in Middletown.

The Norman Bird Sanctuary has a 57-year history of providing wild spaces for people and wildlife as well as outstanding education programs for children and families.

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LEGAL TIP

Police and firefighters injured in the line of duty may sue the owners of the property where they were hurt, the New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled.

The plaintiff was a police officer who was injured when he was called to quell an altercation at the defendants' bar. One or more of the patrons attacked him, resulting in head and neck injuries.

The officer sued, alleging that defendants were negligent in failing to provide adequate security, as required by a municipal ordinance.

The defendants moved to dismiss, arguing that the suit was barred by the "firefighters' rule," a common-law doctrine that bars a first responder from recovering damages from a property owner for injuries sustained while confronting an emergency on the owner's premises.

But the court held that the state statute allows first responders injured in the line of duty to seek damages from property owners.

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