

LETTERS

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The girls' team finished second and the boys' team finished sixth at the state championships in November. Without the continued support of Ali's Run, these results would not be possible.

Keven O'Neil, Paul Tetreault, NKHS cross country coaches

Thanks also to those we left out

The Empty Bowls Committee, in its haste to say thank you, forgot the PTO, which each year gives the seed money to start this endeavor; the after school enrichment program, for subsidizing the ceramics classes; and most of all, Stephanie Pamula, the Lawn Avenue art teacher who gives her room, her talents and her sup-

port in order to make the bowls event successful each time. Without Mrs. Pamula, we would not have so many really good bowl makers at the middle school. Thanks to all, especially those we probably forgot again!

Julia Montminy, Liz Perez and Trish van Cleef

RI breaks recycling records

Proving once again that they care deeply about the environment, Rhode Islanders turned out by the thousands on RI Recycles Day on Nov. 17 to recycle their TVs, computers, hazardous waste, and to shred their personal documents. Approximately 4,000 cars trekked to the Central Landfill in Johnston, about twice as many as had been anticipated, causing unwanted delays. We at RI Resource Recovery

Corporation apologize to our customers for the longer-than-normal waits, and we are very thankful for their patience and good humor. Most people waited out the line, and we applaud them for doing so. It's proof positive that Rhode Islanders love recycling and will participate in free collections like ours to ensure that the state remains clean, safe and eco-friendly.

Despite the fact that RIRRC hosts computer and Eco-Depot collections twice a month, the corporation collected record amounts of special wastes on RI Recycles Day. We collected 70,000 pounds of hazardous waste, two and a half times what Eco-Depot normally receives. A good computer collection gathers approximately 8,000 pounds and on Nov. 17 residents recycled six times that amount, about 48,000 pounds.

Even though the shredding operations were temporarily suspended for two hours, residents were still able to shred over 10,000 pounds of their sensitive documents.

Clearly, Rhode Islanders want to participate in the free recycling activities we host, and RIRRC plans to offer more opportunities for residents to properly dispose special materials. Consumer participation in recycling benefits the state as a whole because it allows us to have greater disposal options, contributes to the recycling economy, and protects our greatest asset – our environment.

Michael Oconnell, RIRRC

Volunteers made campaign a success

Being elected to the office of Town Councilor was both an uplifting and humbling experience. The rush of finding out that had I won and the realization that I now had the responsibility of doing what is in my power to help Jamestown maintain its pristine beauty while moving forward.

To this end, I realize that I have many people to thank for their support during the campaign period. First, I want to express my gratitude to those individuals who cast their most precious vote for me. The implication of that is not wasted on me, and I will try to live up to your faith in my abilities.

The Democratic Committee and the past and present members of the Town Council who advised and supported me should also be thanked for their words of encouragement and support. I am especially grateful to Bill and Mary Kelly, Nick Robertson, Carol Nelson-Lee, Julio DiGiando, Deb Ruggero, Mary Meagher, and all others who worked so hard on the campaign.

Julie Andrews, and the group of phone callers that she organized the weeks before the election, spent hours calling friends on my behalf (and this while she and a number of them were in rehearsal for JCT's "Into the Woods.") I offer my heartfelt thanks to you all for extending

our bond of friendship into yet another realm.

To those who mailed and handed out letters in support of my campaign, I owe you all my deep gratitude.

Cathryn Jamieson and Phyllis Bedard were both wonderful and gracious in their endeavors on my behalf. I extend my gratitude to you both. Your support of me is very meaningful.

To all the candidates that ran, win or lose, I extend my congratulations! The process of electing people to operate and represent our community is an important part of who we are. Without your generosity and willingness to put yourself on the line, that process would cease to be effective.

My hope is that these next two years will be as exciting and fulfilling as my expectations and yours!

Michael G. White, Jamestown

Donations filled our closet

On behalf of St. Mark St. Vincent DePaul, I would like to thank those who helped replenish the shelves in our food closet, donated Thanksgiving turkey baskets and items to supplement those baskets. The Jamestown Rotary, Salvation Army, Jamestown school bus drivers and Cub Scouts donated turkey baskets. The children in Mrs. Green's, Mrs. Mitchell's, Mrs. MacIntyre's and Mrs. Ordway's kindergarten classes donated food items for the closet and also walked to McQuade's to purchase items with money they earned at home. These items were added to the turkey baskets.

A very special thank you to the coordinators of Empty Bowls; Trish Van Cleef, Julia Montminy and Liz Perez for their hard work and generosity.

The kindness of those who have helped made those less fortunate have a happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you and I hope you and your families have a blessed Christmas.

Millie Feeny, St. Mark St. Vincent dePaul

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