

Granddaughter graduates

Charles and Karan Osenton and their daughter Jill Symons recently attended the college graduation of their granddaughter, Genevieve Carson. She graduated from the College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Carson is now employed at the University of New Mexico Hospital.

Art club features Hart's work

Jamestown artist Nancy Hart will be featured in a show with Sue Butler titled "Recent Paintings" at the Providence Art Club's Dodge House Gallery. The show will run through Feb. 23. The Providence Art Club is located at 11 Thomas St. in Providence. Call 331-1114 for more information or visit www.providenceartclub.org.

Jamestown at Moses Brown School honored for Spanish essay

Islander Grace Smith-Vidaurre, a senior at the Moses Brown School, has been recognized by the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese for her essay written in Spanish.

For the fifth year in a row, the teachers' association challenged students from public and private schools throughout the state who are enrolled in upper-level Spanish courses to write a well-developed essay in Spanish. Exemplary essays were then recognized in three categories of achievement: superior, excellent, and notable. Smith-Vidaurre's essay was judged superior.

Community chorus has applications available for first annual Music Award

The Jamestown Community Chorus is seeking applications from full-time Jamestown residents for its first annual Music Award.

Supported in part by a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, this award is intended to encourage interest in music among Jamestown residents. The award will support a project or activity up to a maximum of \$500. It can fund expenses associated with the musical development of the recipient, including such items as vocal or instrumental lessons or tuition for a music-related course or program, books, and materials. The award can also cover the cost of music, summer camp, undergraduate or graduate education, or an instrument.

Jamestown residents of high school age and over, including adults and seniors, are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available online at www.jamestownri.com/chorus and also at the Jamestown library. For more information, call Lynn Normand at 423-9656.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31. The award recipient will be notified by April 16. The Jamestown Community Chorus will present the award at its spring concert on May 5 or May 6.



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Caring quilt

Kerstin Barrett (left) shows off a quilt that she made recently for Payton Watson, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Kathy Brownell (right) mentored Kerstin on the quilt.

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Apartment

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the long-term leaching out of lead from the paint used at the facility. The town already had assumed responsibility for removal of any interior contamination so that it could use the building for affordable housing, Keiser said.

Councilman Michael Schnack spoke in favor of immediately signing the lease with the Coast Guard, but Council Vice President Julio DiGiando and Councilor Barbara Szeptowski urged caution.

Keiser had called for the lease signing, based on his and Park's review. However, after the council discussion, Keiser agreed to give the terms and impacts "further scrutiny."

Monday's talks also included a report that the town's long-term lease with the Coast Guard lapsed in 2004, and that the town and the Coast Guard have been negotiating for an updated lease. The lease is intended to be in effect until September. By that time, the Coast Guard expects to divest itself of the lighthouse, as one of about 300 lighthouses declared as surplus and being made available for public or private use. Keiser said he is planning a separate council workshop on that aspect of long-term operation of the property.

Long-range plans

The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association launched a plan a few years ago to gain management authority of the facility so that it could expand its museum.

That goal is newly recognized by the Coast Guard within the proposed lease under study.

The plan calls for the association's role in partnership with the state, which owns the state park surrounding the lighthouse, and with the town, if the town agrees, as planned, to assume ownership when the Coast Guard makes the property available.

The town has been preparing to follow through on the partnership, but Monday's discussion reflected some new concern about liabilities for the contamination.

Renewed protests

The talks also included a renewal of concerns expressed by Frank Meyer, a member of the Beavertail Advisory Committee. Meyer repeated that the committee has priority authority over use of the property. However, he noted, the committee decisions are generally ignored by the town, particularly in the matter of affordable housing. The advisory committee and the museum association believe that renting the property is not compatible with preservation of the lighthouse and the museum operation, which they see as the highest use of the property.

Meyer further maintained that a 1980 memo of understanding already commits the state to takeover the Coast Guard property and the memo pledges that the lighthouse association will have management

authority. He said the memo does not provide for affordable housing there; and that a recent ruling from the national Coast Guard offices says that affordable housing is not consistent with the lease agreement.

Among those affected by the dispute is Richard Shutt, current caretaker, with whom the town mediated a court-sanctioned eviction effective March 31. The town wanted to rotate the tenancy of the quarters, and a year ago chose Michael Turillo, his wife and their four children, to move into the keeper's house. However, Shutt's claim for continued residency has delayed the turnover. Keiser stressed that no move-in would be allowed until the lead paint problem is abated.

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LEGAL TIP

A "car for hire" exclusion in an insurance policy doesn't bar coverage for injuries that occurred when a policy holder used his personal car to deliver pizza, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled in reversing an appellate court.

While preparing to deliver pizzas one day, the insured put his car in reverse and struck a woman carrying her infant daughter. The woman sued, but the automobile insurer refused to cover the claim, citing a "cars for hire" exclusionary provision which stated: "We will not pay for bodily injury or property damage caused by anyone using a car covered under this part to carry people or property for a fee."

But the court held that the use of the insured's car to deliver pizza did not render his automobile a "car for hire" and did not trigger the exclusionary clause of his policy.

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