

About town

Panel meeting about 350th bash

The committee charged with organizing Jamestown's 350th anniversary celebration will meet next week. Three hundred-fifty years ago the colonists purchased Conanicut Island from the Narragansett Indians. A major island-wide celebration is being planned this summer to commemorate the historic event.

Organizers hope there will be a number of community happenings staged from Aug. 11 through Aug. 19. Already on the schedule is the Chamber of Commerce's Night at the Light, which will be held at Foxhill Farm on Aug. 11 to raise money for the restoration of the Dutch Island Lighthouse.

On Aug. 18, intrepid sailors will take to the water at East Ferry for the Jamestown Yacht Club's annual Fools' Rules Regatta, which will observe its 30th anniversary this year.

The 350th committee is asking all of the island's community and civic organizations to stage their own events during the celebration week. Some ideas include a parade, fireworks, a family picnic and kite-flying day, and a possible dedication of the new Town Hall. Other suggestions include a garden tour or flower show, a sailing regatta, an art exhibit, and music

concerts. The Jamestown Press plans to publish a commemorative program detailing the week's events.

All ideas are welcome. All island organizations are invited to send representatives to the next meeting of the 350th anniversary committee at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. The group will meet at the Jamestown library.

Mark Twain to visit the library

Richard Clark will perform "And now...Mark Twain!" a delightful look at the life and work of America's foremost humorist. This one-person play is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Twain a legend in his time. The performance will be on Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at the Jamestown library and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

For more information about the program, call the library at 423-7280.

New books at the library this week

"Natural Born Charmer" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips – romance between a football hero and a strong-willed girl on the rebound.

"Death of a Maid" by M.C. Beaton – the latest Hamish Macbeth mystery, a gossip housecleaner is bludgeoned with her own pail.

"Pistol: the Life of Pete Maravich" by Mark Kriegel — a sad, compelling story about a basketball legend.

"The Grave Tattoo" by Val McDermid — set in England's Lake District, could the body in the bog be Fletcher Christian?

"It's All Too Much: an Easy Plan for Living a Richer Life with Less Stuff" by Peter Walsh. He is the professional organizer from TLC's hit "Clean Sweep."

Learn about diabetes prevention at library

On Wednesday, March 14, at 1 p.m., the Friends of the Jamestown Library will present "An Holistic Approach to Diabetes Prevention."

Nutritionist Mary Proietta, a registered dietician and a certified diabetes educator, will be the guest speaker. She will focus on the important role of life style in preventing this debilitating disease. There will be time for discussion as well as questions and answers. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.



Snow project

Liam Gamon and Tim Fay were pleased that there was plenty of snow last week to build the season's first snowman. Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Visit the post office

Thursday, March 15, will be USPS.com Day at the Jamestown Post Office.

There will be handouts and informational brochures available to help islanders understand how the post office Website works.

Small business owners will be able to learn how "click-n-ship,

carrier pick-up, and netpost," all designed to save users time and money.

Those interested in learning more about these programs and innovations are welcome to visit the post office during normal hours on March 15. Check the lobby for brochures. Anyone with further questions is invited to knock on the postmaster's door.

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