

Upcoming

Well water safety workshop tonight

Tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Portsmouth Town Hall the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension (URI CE) and the RI Department of Health will conduct an educational workshop on private well water protection.

"Approximately 10-percent of Rhode Island residents depend on private wells for their drinking water. While the state regulates the regular testing of public drinking water sources, it is the private well owner's responsibility to make sure that their water is safe to drink" explains Alyson McCann, with the University of Rhode Island Home*A*Syst Program.

The Rhode Island Department of Health recommends that private well owners test their wells every year for contaminants such as total coliform bacteria, nitrate, and sodium. Tests are also recommended every three to five years, and every five to ten years for a series of other contaminants.

"We have found these workshops to be especially successful in terms of encouraging people to inspect and test their private wells. Ultimately, we hope that workshop participants will be able to use the information they receive in order to ensure that they and their families have healthy drinking water" McCann said.

Funded by the RI Department of Health Capacity Development Program, this free two-hour long workshop will include a presentation, informational hand-outs, and the chance to speak with well water experts about individual concerns and questions.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. call the URI cooperative extension 874-5398 for more information or to register.

Soapbox derby coming May 12

The 12th Annual All-American Newport Lions Soap Box Derby will take place on Saturday, May 12, at Easton's Beach in Newport. The rain date is Sunday, May 13.

Racing begins promptly at 9 a.m..

"Sponsors" of a Soap Box Derby car will give a youngster the chance to experience the thrill of racing a car in the Derby and the potential opportunity to represent Rhode Island in the National Soap Box Derby held in Akron, Ohio on Saturday, July 21, where the winning driver will be sent to compete.

The Derby is sponsored by the

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Newport Lions Club with the generous help and support from the Viking Riders and Rockwell Amusements. This year's Derby will be covered live by WCTK Radio. The Cardi Brothers and Cabot Cheese are also sponsors of the event.

For more information, call the Derby hotline at 848-5884.

Get tickets for chorus concerts

The Jamestown Community Chorus is in its final days of rehearsal for its participation in RISings II, at East Providence High School on Sunday, April 29, at 3 p.m. They are also working toward a great spring concert, called, "Going Home," at the Central Baptist Church.

Many of the singers will be in costume for "Going Home," as the songs and dances will reflect the heritage of the members of the chorus. The concert will be performed on Saturday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m.

The chorus will present its first annual Music Award to a Jamestown resident at one of the May concerts.

The May program not only includes a small ensemble, a quartet, a soloist, and ethnic dances, but the full chorus will perform songs from Hungary, Russia, Finland, Ireland, and Brazil.

General admission is \$11 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children. Tickets are available at Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown Hardware, the Secret Garden, from chorus members and at the door.

For more information, visit www.jamestownri.com/chorus.

Book group reads 'White Women'

The afternoon book discussion at the Jamestown library continues on Tuesday, May 8, with the book "One Thousand White Women: the Journals of May Dodd," by Jim Fergus.

The group meets at the library at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The June discussion will be held on Tuesday, June 12, and the book will be, "The Light That Failed," by Rudyard Kipling, The July discussion will meet on Tuesday, July 10, and the discussion will be on "The Devil In The White City: Murder, Magic & Madness And The Fair That Changed America," by Erik Larson.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280. This book may be obtained through the Jamestown library by placing holds on one of the many copies in the state available through the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN). Registration is not required. The meetings are free and open to the public and new members are encouraged to join.

Arts summer camp forming

Registration is currently taking place for Linden Place's annual Summer Arts Camp for Kids, a weekday summer camp focused on the arts, for children ages 6 to 14 with daily workshops in drama, music, art, and creative movement.

Each week of camp is centered around a different cultural theme. Week one is "Broadway Rocks!" a week focused around theatre, from costume making, to dance to composing songs to comedy sketches. Week two's theme, "Out of this World; A Launch Pad for the Arts" will explore the arts, music, and dance influenced by the universe around us. Campers collaborate for presentations to parents and friends each Friday at 1:30 p.m..

There are two one-week sessions, July 9 to 13 and July 23 to 27. Registration is \$140 per student per week and \$115 for each additional student from the same family. Space is limited and camp is filling up quickly, so secure your child's space today.

To be eligible, all children must be entering grade one or higher. To register by phone or to request a registration form, call 253-0390. You may also email your request to info@lindenplace.org.



Where in the World is the Press?
 Pete and Bette McGuirl took in some outrigger canoeing on a recent trip to Fiji and Samoa.

Upcoming sport events

Friday, April 27

- Lawn Avenue School Baseball, at Davisville, 3:15 p.m.
- NK Girls' Softball, at Portsmouth, 3:30 p.m.
- NK Boys' Baseball, at LaSalle, 3:45 p.m.
- NK Boys' Lacrosse, at Wheeler, 4:15 p.m.
- NK Girls' Lacrosse, East Greenwich, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

- NK Boys' Baseball, at Fitch, noon

Monday, April 30

- NK Boys' Tennis, Bishop Hendricken, 3:30 p.m.
- NK Boys' Lacrosse, Bishop Hendricken, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

- NK Boys' Track, Dual Meet - EWG, Prout, Narragansett, 3:30 p.m.
- NK Boys' Baseball, Woonsocket, 3:45 p.m.
- NK Girls' Softball, Cumberland, 3:45 p.m.
- NK Boys' Tennis, at South Kingstown, 3:30 p.m.
- NK Boys' Volleyball, at Chariho, 6:30 p.m.



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