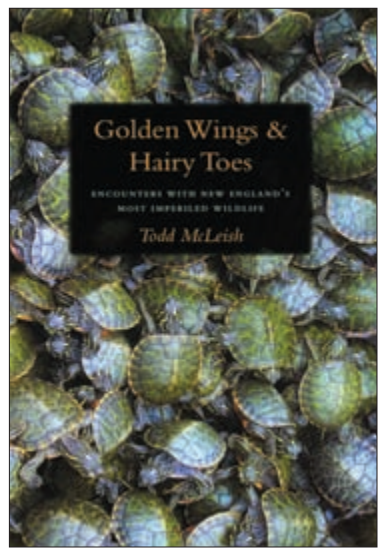




Dancing to the drum beat

Everyone got into the spirit last week at the Jamestown School when the Mali drummers and dancers came to visit. Students and yes, even the teachers, got up to dance. The West African cultural experience was truly moving.

Photo by Kate Petrie



Speaking of 'Golden Wings & Hairy Toes'

Rhode Island writer Todd McLeish will visit the Jamestown Philomenian Library this Saturday, Feb. 23, to talk about his new book "Golden Wings & Hairy Toes."

The nature talk begins at 1 p.m. and promises to be a lively session. Wildlife lovers and birders won't want to miss this hour-long presentation.

McLeish, 45, is a publicist and science writer at the University of Rhode Island.

"Golden Wings & Hairy Toes" is McLeish's first book. It was recently published by the University Press of New England. The book profiles 14 rare and endangered species found in New England. To research the book, McLeish went into the field with the biologists who are studying the mammals, birds, insects, plants and fish.

The book is a fascinating look at our fellow creatures and McLeish's experiences visiting their habitats. In one chapter he is attacked by mauling birds. The book's title comes from the name of one of the birds profiled in the book, the golden warbler, and the hairy toes found on the Indiana bat.

McLeish said the biologists welcomed him — not only for the extra set of helping hand, but also for the opportunity to shed some light on their research efforts.

McLeish has worked as a freelance nature and birding writer for magazines for some 20 years. He is currently at work on a followup book that will focus on the threatened marine life in New England. One chapter will focus on the Harlequin Ducks found at Beavertail in Jamestown, he said.

At the library on Saturday McLeish will share his experiences in the field. "I plan to talk about some of the endangered species that I've profiled and my encounters with them," McLeish said.

Of course, McLeish will have copies of his new book available for purchase and is ready to autograph them.

— Jeff McDonough



Todd McLeish

Harbor

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man de Angeli agreed to draft the letter with the commission's recommendations in order of priority.

The first consideration was the curbs and rails project at East Ferry. This was followed by the inspection and repair of the woodpile pier. Then, the installation of the new touch-and-go-dock addition to the woodpile pier, and finally the dredging and building of the boat ramp at Ft. Getty.

Fishing on the woodpile pier discussed

Commissioner Bowen said that he had heard erroneous complaints about the town's new regulations for fishing on the woodpile pier. "People are under the impression that fishing will only be allowed on the last 40-feet of the pier," Bowen said. "That is not true, and I think we should ask the Press to publish the rules."

Fishing is exclusive for the last 40-feet of the pier. Boats are not permitted to dock there. However, "that does not mean fishing

is not allowed on the remainder of the pier," Bowen said. "It most certainly is. Fishing is permitted in any space where a boat is not docked and in between docked boats as well."

In the areas where boats dock, however, boats have priority. Fishermen are not permitted to prevent boats from docking, nor are they allowed to cast across boats, Bowen said. Boaters have complained about fishermen boarding and casting lines from unattended boats and leaving garbage on boat decks as well. That will not be tolerated, Bowen said.

Police Chief Thomas Tighe promised additional patrols during the boating season to enforce rules regarding the use of the pier. "If fishermen and boaters are considerate of the rights of others, there is no reason why the pier can't be enjoyed by everyone," Bowen said.

New member and reinstatements

Chairman de Angeli welcomed Susan Little to the commission as the newest commissioner. Little represents riparian non-boaters. She has lived in Jamestown for just over a year and she believes her financial background can be helpful in budgetary areas.

de Angeli assigned Little to the budget and facilities sub-committees.

The commissioners voted unanimously to reinstate Michael de Angeli and Andrew Kallfelz as chairman and vice-chairman of the Harbor Management Commission respectively.

Agenda items

Harbor clerk Kim Devlin said that anyone wishing to submit agenda items must do so five days in advance of any meeting.

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It has been 1 year since Payton's bone marrow transplant and we are very thankful for this day.

We would like to thank everyone for all their love, prayers and support over the last sixteen months. We truly appreciate all the cards, gifts and contributions to Payton's medical fund and contributions to the Tomorrow Fund in Payton's honor.

Payton has recently returned to school. She is now a sixth grader at Wickford Middle School. She continues her bimonthly visits to the Jimmy Fund Clinic and the Tomorrow Fund Clinic and is still being weaned off her medication. We continue to pray for Payton's successful recovery.

Thank you all, Frank, Liz, Payton & Frankie Watson

Todd McLeish