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Fright inspired Jamestown officer

By Sam Bari

Sgt. Keith Woodbine, 47, has been with the Jamestown Police Department for nearly 18 years. He is a Rhode Island native who has lived in Warwick all his life.

"I thought about the military when I was younger, but it didn't appeal to me as much as being a policeman. I love my job; it's really all I ever wanted to do," Woodbine said.

The son of an IBM engineer, Woodbine has five siblings. "I have a twin sister who is two minutes older than me, but we're the middle two. We have an older brother and sister and a younger

brother and sister. Growing up in a big family was great."

He speaks of his formative years fondly as he reminisces about summers spent searching for the best Rhode Island surf and winters on ski slopes throughout New England. He also played football at Bishop Hendricken, where he graduated from high school. After graduation, Woodbine attended Rhode Island College where he majored in sociology and psychology.

Woodbine remembers the day he made the decision to become a police officer. He says he will nev-

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Improvements considered for East Ferry structure

By Sam Bari

The Harbor Management Commission Facilities Committee held a special meeting of all stakeholders last Thursday to discuss the improvement projects at the East Ferry marina.

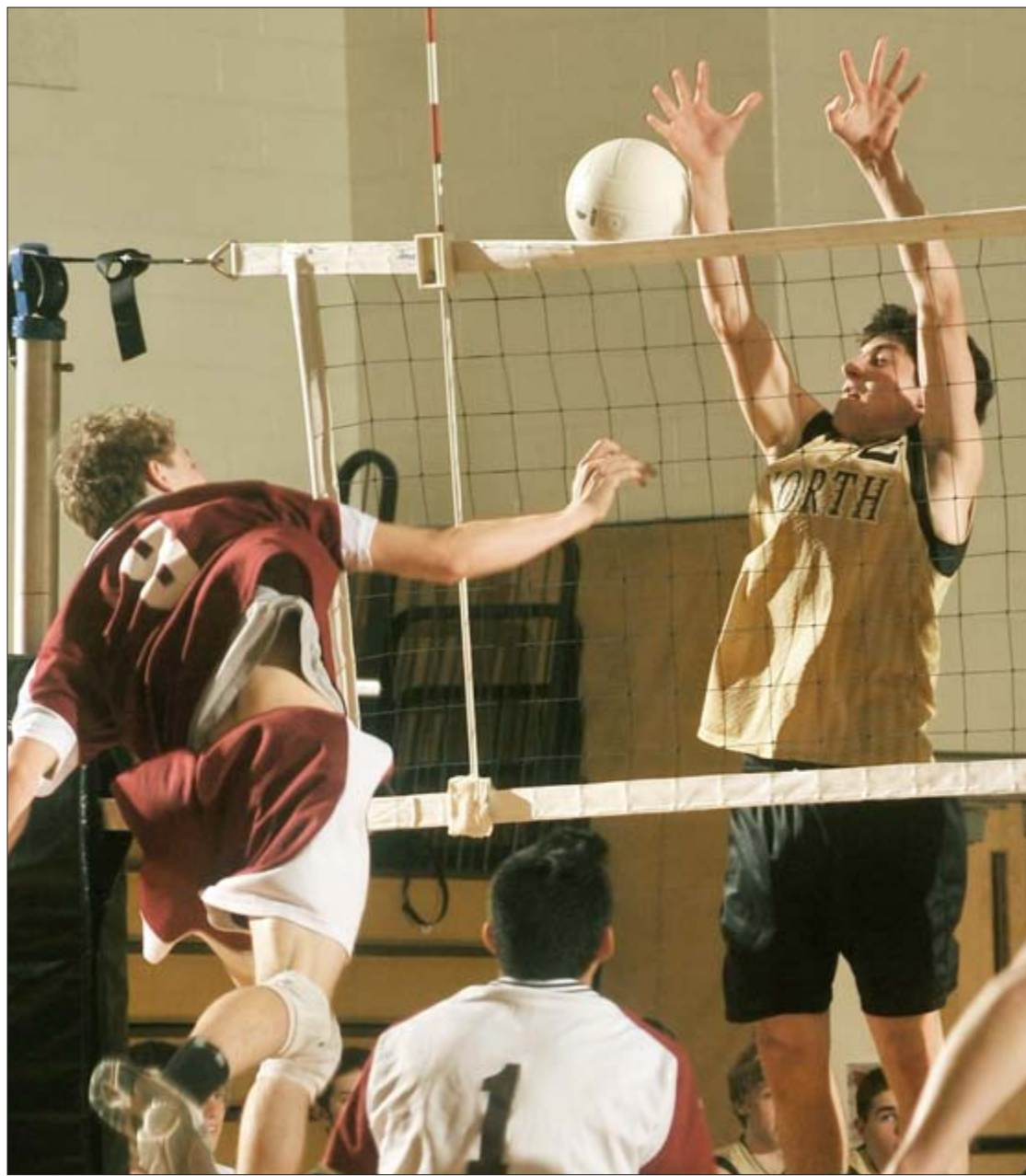
Attending the meeting were the facilities committee, a representative from the RT Engineering Group, Town Council liaison Julio DiGiando, and William Munger, the town marina leaseholder.

Steve Otten, project engineer from the RT Engineering Group

of Providence contracted to engineer the East Ferry projects, presented a draft of the proposed improvements to the steel pier.

The plans included new railings extending 60-feet from shore, new conduits, and electric lines and equipment, as well as aluminum ladders and cleats. Munger suggested blocks to protect the ladders from possible damage, as well as additional cleats. The committee agreed and discussed a few other minor adjustments to

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Net block

Jon-Michael Degidio, of Jamestown, blocks a shot during Friday's North Kingstown High School boys' volleyball 3-1 win over East Greenwich.

Photo by David Zapatta



Evan Kirby, left, and Bill Walsh loaded their bags with trash at Potter Cove on Saturday. They were among the 60 volunteers who participated in the Conservation Commission's Earth Day Shoreline cleanup.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Earth Day brings out the island volunteers

By Erin Brennan

Last Saturday the Jamestown Conservation Commission sponsored an island clean up in honor of Earth Day.

Volunteers met at the Community Center and proceeded to several different areas of the island such as Mackerel Cove, Potters Cove, Fort Getty and Heads Beach, where 1.8 tons of garbage and other debris were collected. Last year, there was significantly more garbage, about 2.08 tons.

The Conservation Commission has been sponsoring the project in accordance with national Earth Day celebrations. Chris Powell heads the group and is very concerned about the preservation of the island for future years to come, but is satisfied by the number of citizens who want to help the cause. "We had the same number of volunteers as last year," he said, "and we put in the same number of hours."

The decline in the amount of trash collected, he said, is not from lack of volunteer effort, but rather the effort of islanders to keep clean all year. "It seems that people are becoming more aware of the environment and their surroundings," Powell said.

Sarah Baines, who worked to pick up garbage washed up on Potter Cove, says that it is important to keep the island clean. "If we can't keep our own small part clean, how can we keep it up with the rest of the world?" she said.

It was Baines' first time helping out with the island clean up, but she says it is especially important to work on the beaches and coasts of the island. "I noticed just the other day that some of the beaches were absolutely filthy," she said.

It seems that the island becomes more littered as the years

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