

ABOUT TOWN

Good food now at the 'Gansett

The new kitchen is now open at the Narragansett Café just in time for the Memorial Day weekend celebration.

Cook Mike Cannon has created a pub menu that includes made-to-order burgers, deli sandwiches, soups and chili, as well as an array of appetizers.

The kitchen will be open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and will be officially launched on Memorial Day weekend with special celebration fare.

Annual art meeting to feature sculptor

The Conanicut Island Art Association announced that Howard Newman, a world-renowned sculptor and artist, will speak at its annual dinner meeting tonight, May 22, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Portuguese American Club (PAC) at 138 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown.

Non-members who wish to attend, or members who have not received an invitation, should call Karen Krider at 423-3833. The

cost is \$30 per person, and will include appetizers, a choice of delicious entrees, and desserts. The PAC's cash bar will be open.

Blood drive this Sunday

There will be a blood drive and bone marrow registration drive on Sunday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holy Ghost Hall on Narragansett Avenue.

The drive is sponsored by the Arnold Zweir Post 22 of the American Legion, the Jamestown Fire Department and Memorial Post 9447 of the VFW.

The blood drive is in memory of Barbara Dickinson.

Blood donors should be between 18 and 60 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health.

For more information on donating blood, visit the Rhode Island Blood Center Web site at www.ribc.org or call 800 283- 8385.

Medical Fund to hold annual plant sale

The Jamestown Medical Fund will hold a plant sale at East Ferry on Monday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flats of annuals, potted plants and hanging bags will be sold filled with healthy, vibrant blooms. As a convenience, the volunteers will hold plants purchased that morning until after the parade for easy pick-up.

The Medical Fund was created to help those in the community "bridge the gap" when medical expenses vital to their continued health exceed their ability to pay. The focus is to assist Jamestown

residents in need, cover medical expenses their insurance or personal resources cannot meet.

Applications for funding are available at Jamestown Family Practice, Baker's Pharmacy or by writing to the JMF, PO Box 236, Jamestown, RI 02835.

Teen Center open after Memorial Day parade

The Jamestown Teen Center will hold special open hours on Monday, May 26, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Immediately following the parade, the center will be open to the public for refreshments and to check out the new space.

All teens, families and supporters of the Teen Center are welcome to come by and join the fun. For more information, contact Melissa at 423-7261 or e-mail jamestownteens@yahoo.com.

Library will be closed on Monday

The Jamestown Library will be closed in honor of Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

The library will open during regular hours on both Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday hours will formally end on June 8. Summer Saturday hours, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will begin on Saturday, June 21.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280 or visit the Web site at www.jamestownri.com/library.

FACTS OF LIFE CONTINUED

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Last week we described the five principal commodities traded in the world economy, and the rapidly increasing demand for these important components of life. That escalating demand is leading, of course, to the rapid rise in prices for everything produced from these commodities.

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Missing from the list of commodities is, however, the most precious of all: potable water. Because it is not bought and sold the way other commodities (grain, meat, oil, coal, and steel) are, it sometimes escapes the attention of analysts attempting to help us plan for the future.

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Advancing technology will likely provide practical substitutes for or enhanced production of the five basic commodities traded in our world markets. But that seems unlikely when it comes to that most basic requirement of life: drinkable water.

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Knowledgeable observers predict that hardship and strife shall, with increasing intensity and regularity, accompany the quest for water.

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We will need wisdom and creativity to deal with this reality. In the meantime, serious conservation of water is both prudent now, and excellent training for the future.

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Schock Gallery artists host opening Friday

The Schock Gallery invites islanders to an art opening this Friday, May 23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The exhibit is called "Exotic Exposure" and features new works from the artists' travels to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Schock Gallery is a collaborative of Cynthia Blair, Barbara Hutchinson, Kate Petrie, Pat Tuff and David Schock. The gallery overlooks East Ferry at 47 Conanicus Ave. in Jamestown.

Farm needs volunteers for growing season

This Saturday the Jamestown Community Farm begins its eighth year of operations.

The farm, located on the corner of Eldred Avenue and East Shore Road, grows fresh vegetables for the people in the state who do not get enough to eat. In the seven growing seasons since its creation, the Community Farm has grown in excess of 85,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and has delivered this produce to food kitchens and shelters in Providence, Charlestown, Newport and Peace Dale. Additionally, several hundred pounds were delivered to the Jamestown Senior Meal Site and Pemberton Apartments.

Annually, approximately 150 individuals, from 3 to 75 years old, volunteer some of their time to plant, weed, cultivate and harvest the vegetables.

For eight years, Peter and Jean Ceppi have donated the use of the land for the farm. In addition, others donate tractors, tools, and equipment. For those interested, volunteer days are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. All are welcome and all labor is much appreciated.

Like the other farms in Jamestown, the Community Farm is committed to farming that is environmentally sensitive and that builds the soil. No commercial pesticides or herbicides are used to control bugs and weeds, and irrigation is done by the rain. Compost is created from residential leaves delivered to the farm by commercial landscapers. The farm is making this compost available to the public at a cost of \$20 a cubic yard.

The Jamestown Community Farm is proving to be a learning experience for everyone involved. It is a continuous and dynamic experience that puts demands on minds and backs, but most of the time, seems like fun. For information about volunteering, contact Bob or Lynda Sutton at 423-0910 or e-mail lsutton@aol.com

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