

Letters

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of Jamestown, its summer population, property taxes, and the fact that Jamestown's real estate market actually grew 4 percent this year, can we not afford to honor our children with a wonderful education? Our future depends on an educated, creative and moral population. We have no idea what that future holds, but for now we can think globally by acting locally.

Elizabeth Congdon-Pinto
Jamestown

Lew Kitts was a Mother's Day hero

I would very much like to acknowledge the wonderful deed carried out by a wonderful islander. He saved my Mother's Day! My son plays baseball on the Jamestown school team and in the Babe Ruth League in Newport and mistakenly left both uniforms in his locker at school. He made this realization a mere 30 minutes before game time on Mother's Day and the game was being played at Cardine's Field in Newport.

I scrambled to call friends who might know Lew Kitts' cell number, as I knew he would have keys to get in the school and hoped beyond hope he was somewhere on the island and available to help us out of our fix.

Sure enough he was and he dropped everything to save the day. My son retrieved his uniform and went on to play in the game, while his proud mom sat in the stands cheering him on making it a lovely Mother's Day after all.

Thank you, Lew Kitts!

Susan Lutes
Jamestown

Please don't feed the fox and her pups

Recently, a fox and her eight pups have moved in to the culvert in front of our house on Bay View Drive. It has become a popular destination in Jamestown.

We don't mind that everyone stops by to take a picture or two but

we have had several people throwing food to her and the pups. We have two children and are concerned that she will become accustomed to receiving handouts, potentially leading to her or the pups biting one of our children or one of us.

We are asking that everyone refrain from feeding her and the pups. The mother fox is hurt and has been all winter, but she can still hunt for food. We have witnessed it.

Thank you.

Christy Podunajec
Jamestown

Sutton, Kelly views are inflammatory

I would like to address the concerns of Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sutton regarding the school. I took offense to the statement we are a magnet for special education students. The whole town should be proud of that.

It is true some people have moved here because of the program, however, houses get bought, taxes get paid just like everyone else. Most parents are willing to get the best education for their children regardless of their ability. What is wrong with that? I also know of many parents with typical children who have moved here because of the schools, yet that does not seem to be a problem for some members of the Town Council.

Regarding the appointment of two principals, I can tell you that Mrs. Almanzor and Mrs. Melucci work extremely hard every day. They are there very early in morning addressing parent, student, and staff issues and also very late into the day attending meetings, overseeing after-school programs plus addressing all the mandates required by the state. They do not

have the luxury of starting with a cup of coffee at one of our restaurants enjoying the day. I would like to invite both of you to come in and spend some time following them around, I guarantee you will be exhausted.

In closing, I hope we can keep a healthy relationship between town and school. Our school committee and administration, as far as I can see, do not question your budget decisions. Please let them do their job and know that they consider it very important to be fiscally responsible. Please do not turn this into "us vs. them."

Karen Rafanelli
Jamestown

Sailors thank islanders for donations

The members of the North Kingstown Sailing Team would like to thank the following Jamestown community members for their generous donations to the Nautical Yard Sale: Betsy Gooding, Rick Lavoie, Conanicut Marine Services, Andrew and Julie Kallfelz, Tina McIntyre, Sheila Nixon, Gerry Bay, Brian Dutra and the many anonymous donors. We'd also like to thank our parents for their time and effort.

The sale was a big success, raising over \$2,000 for the team. This money will be put toward new sails, equipment, or boat repairs for the upcoming season. Two thousand dollars could buy four brand new sets of sails that can be used next year.

To all who contributed, we hope to see you on the thank you list next year, too. Keep an eye out for unused items until then.

Dylan Vogel and Casey Brown
NKHS Sailing team

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