



**Scholarship winners**

Jon-Michael Digidio, left, and Kelly Wooley, with Richard Sullivan, were the recipients of the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association scholarships. The students had to write an essay and complete an application to compete for the scholarship.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Barbara Szeptowski, a long time supporter of the Jamestown Teen Center. According to Tungett, when Szeptowski learned that the director's position would soon become vacant she immediately thought of her. Tungett said she "took Barbara's advice and applied for the position." She was hired to begin on June 13.

Tungett is coming on board at an exciting time for the teen center, according to both Minto and Tungett. They agreed that the upcoming year promises to be full of great new activities and programs for Jamestown youth. One of the top priorities they have identified for the upcoming year is to increase communication with teens through the development of a Teen Center Web site and newsletter. Tungett said she plans to involve the teens in this process and would like them to participate in the design and distribution of the newsletter.

Other plans for the year, she said, include the "Speakers and Sundaes Program," which will showcase topics relevant to teens, a fall tutoring program, and a program to assist teens with finding and securing volunteer and employment opportunities. Finally, as part of the grant agreement, Tungett said, she will be working with Minto and Recreation Director Bill Piva to develop a community guidebook that will aid in creating similar facilities in other communities.

The teen center is now open with regular drop-in hours. Summer open hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. School year open hours will be Monday through Thursday 2:30 to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 2:30 to 6 p.m.



Lory Marsocci, left, and Victor Lambert keep the beach at Mackerel Cove safe. Marsocci was hired last week to fill a vacant position and Lambert was hired at the beginning of the season.

Photo by Sam Bari

**Teen Center**

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As director, Tungett planned teen activities, participated in programs such as peer mediation, the Student's Against Domestic Abuse Program, and the Youth Pride Program. She also developed a program of Ladies' Nights and Fellows' Nights, at the high school, wherein students were encouraged to discuss such topics as dating, eating disorders, academics, and other teen-related concerns. Tungett left the position when the grant that funded the program expired.

She then accepted a position with a teen emergency center in Portsmouth. This center served as a transitional facility for teenaged

girls from the ages of 12 to 17. In this position, Tungett supervised and provided support to young women in difficult circumstances. Residents included runaways, children removed from their homes and awaiting safe placements, and children involved in the criminal justice system.

Although she enjoyed working with the children at the center, the combination of difficult working conditions and long hours eventually became too much for her and she returned to a position she had held previously as a customer service representative with the U-Haul Company, she said.

While working at this position, Tungett came in contact with a lot of local community members including Town Council member

**Lifeguards**

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swim team and she also swims for the Rams Swimming Club, a local competitive team. She comes to Mackerel Cove with two years experience as a lifeguard at the Greenwich Club in East Greenwich.

This fall she will attend Radford University in Virginia where she plans to study interior design. "I'll also be on their Division 1 swim team," Marsocci said. "That should be exciting."

Marsocci has been a competitive swimmer for two years. She said that Liz Beisel, the Rhode Island swimmer who recently qualified for the U. S. Olympic team

was her inspiration. "I know her. She was always so disciplined and such a nice person. It's good to see someone with that much talent, who is so humble," Marsocci said. "Without a doubt, she has been my greatest inspiration."

When she isn't studying, swimming, or putting in time as a lifeguard, Marsocci likes to spend her leisure hours painting.

She said that her friend, lifeguard Victor Lambert, recommended her when the position opened up at Mackerel Cove.

**Madeleine (Maddy) Suits**

Maddy Suits, 17, is a senior at the Prout School. She was born in Westerly, but she has lived in Mount Hope with her family all her life. When she graduates she plans on going to a yet-to-be-selected university to study pharmacy. Suits is a competitive swimmer with the Dolphins, a Westerly swim team.

"I know it's a bit of a commute from Mt. Hope to Jamestown, but it's worth it," Suits said. "I always wanted to be a lifeguard. I like to help people and my friends are lifeguards. Since I love the beach so much, I decided to take the test and get a certificate. I couldn't ask for a better job."

**Victor Lambert**

Victor Lambert, 17, is a senior at NK where he is a competitive swimmer on the swim team. He also competes as a swimmer with the Rams.

Lambert was hired in April of this year as a staff lifeguard at Mackerel Cove. He was not one of the replacement guards. After he got his lifeguard certificate, he applied at the recreation department for an interview for a lifeguard position. According to Recreation Director Bill Piva, Lambert was chosen over quite a few applicants.

Lambert is a Jamestown native and said that he is interested in "studying engineering of some kind" after he graduates from high school and enters college.

**Cook-Smith win tennis event**

The ladies doubles tennis class held an Independence Day round robin tournament.

Winners were the team of Pat Cook and Janet Smith.

Laura Theisen and Maureen McGuirl were the runners up.

The ten-week tennis program is run by Kathy Brownell for the Jamestown Recreation Department.

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