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Working on the farm

Eliza Chase anchors down hay bales at Hodgkiss Farm to keep them from blowing away in case of inclement weather.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Village Hearth Café plan wins council okay

By Sam Bari

The Town Council unanimously approved the application by Andrea Cognese and Doriana Carella, owners of the Village Hearth Bakery, to change their home into a 36-seat café.

Cognese and Carella were not present at the Aug. 18 Town Council meeting to hear the long awaited decision. Both the Planning Commission and the zoning board had approved the plans for the home conversion into a café. The only consideration by the council members was the issue of possible excessive water use.

Councilwoman Barbara Szepa-

towski and Public Works Director Steve Goslee agreed that it would be a good idea to put a cap on their water use and check it in six months.

Town Council President Julio DiGiando said, "I am in favor of granting their request."

Councilman Robert Sutton said, "We always have to keep in mind that the reservoir is a concern and that we have limited resources. However, this is a business like any other restaurant and I think they should be given an opportunity to prosper."

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Conservationists weigh in on wind

By Michaela Kennedy

The Conservation Commission listed environmental concerns to be considered for the wind power feasibility study now underway and sustainable energy consultants gathered information from board members and talked about goals of the study at the Aug. 12 meeting.

Conservation Commissioner Cathy Roheim updated the board on the progress made by the Jamestown Wind Energy Committee. Three sites, Taylor Point, Fort Getty, and Beavertail, are the

decided focal points of the study, she reported. Environmental impact and species protection were two major interests of the commission as stakeholders in the project. The two panels are scheduled for a joint meeting on Sept. 9.

Consultants from Applied Technology Management asked for environmentally sensitive data for the three areas. Daniel Mendelsohn asked if there were any "show stoppers," concerns that could halt

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Troop I promotes two to Eagle Scout

By Sam Bari

Charles A. Matley III and John C. Chase, both 18, recently received an honor awarded to only 5 percent of the Boy Scouts of America. They were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor held Saturday, Aug. 9, at Ft. Getty. The two Jamestown scouts are members of Troop 1, led by Scoutmaster Dave Volpe.

Matley and Chase graduated from North Kingstown High School in June and both plan on pursuing college careers. Matley has been accepted at URI where he will major in business and Chase will attend Northeastern University where he will study engineering. He has yet to decide whether he'll study electrical or mechanical, "but it will be engineering of some kind," he said.

For his Eagle Scout project, Matley constructed a physics lab apparatus for testing the coefficient

of friction. He got the idea from his physics teacher, Mr. Powell, at North Kingstown High School. He said that Powell gave him plans for the apparatus that was needed for instructional purposes in the physics lab. Matley worked every weekend on the project for two months before it was completed.

Chase built a sun-powered desalination machine for the Rose Island Lighthouse and Museum. He talked to Charlotte Johnson at the lighthouse and she told him that they needed displays. "She gave me rough plans for the display, but I improved them and made an actual working model," Chase said. He worked on the project for three months, starting in October and finishing in December.

Chase said that the building of the project was not the most difficult part of the process in obtaining



Drew Matley, left, and John Chase both recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank possible in the Boy Scouts.

Photo by Sam Bari

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