

The Jamestown Community Theatre has a huge hit going at the community center. Director Mary Wright reflected on the play's first weekend:

"Opening night of our production of 'Willy Wonka' was a huge success! We played to a sold-out audience, and with both veteran and new JCT actors and crew, we felt proud of all the hard work we had done over the last two months in order to present this show. With a backstage, at times, full of Oompa Loompas, it was amazing how everybody understood the importance of keeping quiet and still, while fellow actors performed on stage only steps away and crew members moved set pieces into place, maneuvering them adeptly around the seated actors. We were there to help one another, to be patient and to await our moments in the limelight.

"First of all, we have an interesting make-up of people in this play. Out of a cast and crew of 50 people, we have 10 families who have at least two members in the cast and crew, some with three members and some with the entire family involved. We have a father and son who actually play father and son in the play, and our cast is comprised of people from 7 to 81 years of age, with a 6-year-old in a cameo role.

"Children and adults, once again, have been working together towards a common goal - the play. But in between, the lessons everybody has been learning about community spirit, being a team player and forming inter-generational bonds is what JCT is all about. All of us felt passion on opening night, and as far as I am concerned, that is what all of us will carry forward into our everyday lives.

"Please forgive the following mundane expression, the laughter and applause we received last weekend was the icing on the cake resulting from a process that began weeks ago."

"Willy Wonka" completes its run this weekend, with performances tomorrow and Saturday night at 7:30 and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at Baker's Pharmacy, The Secret Garden, Conanicut Marine Store and Cathryn Jamieson Salon. Watch for the Golden Ticket hidden inside your Wonka intermission candy.

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We asked, "What on this coming Thanksgiving holiday are you thankful for?"

Alyson Yeomans: Going to college.

Marlene Murphy: My health and family.

Kim Froberg: A healthy family.

Bob Horan: My health.

Sherri Messinger: My family.

Meghan Rice: My family and my job.

Chris Beye: That I have a job.

Bonnie Jamison: I'm thankful



**The Walrus Says**

By Jim Munro

for my health.

Marian Gaviola: My friends and family.

Joey G.: Having such great friends and living on Jamestown.

Chris Crawford: The surroundings in my life, and knowing that I'm going to have a Thanksgiving. There are many others not as fortunate.

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Kudos to Jamestowners who contributed some 1,700 pounds of food to the annual Scouting for Food drive. Boy Scout Troop 1 Scoutmaster Jim Archibald said, "Thanks to all, next year, we go for a ton." All donations are stored at the St. Mark food pantry and are distributed to needy islanders.

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Welcome Risbee to the island. She is a 2-month-old Lab mix adopted by Michelle Pages from the Potter League for Animals in Middletown. Michelle said that her 3 1/2-year-old daughter, Cadence, chose the name "Risbee" and Michelle thinks it might have come from a children's book. The dog came up from North Carolina, where she had been rescued with her siblings and placed in a foster home. She then went on to the Potter League. She originally weighed only 10 pounds, but is now at 23 pounds and has been taking dog training classes at the Potter League. Risbee shares the

house with Mina, a 9-year-old female cat. Asked how they're getting along, Michelle replied, "They're OK, Mina is more welcoming now than before. We love Risbee a lot, she's extremely friendly and we're happy we got her."

WOOF!

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Tomorrow is the deadline for ordering your Thanksgiving pie from island eighth-grade students who are raising funds for their class trip to Washington. The pies are baked by the students and their parents, and flavors are pumpkin, pecan, apple crumb and traditional apple. They cost only \$7 and will be ready for pick-up Nov. 24 or 25. Arrangements can be made for delivery. To place an order, call Varsha Patel at 569-9981 or e-mail Maryann Toppa at carrtoppa@cox.net.

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If our representatives in Washington vote a large tax increase for their constituents, is that taxation without representation?

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Anyone remember the "Rat Patrol?"

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These lyrics you'll hear at the Jamestown Community Chorus' 60th anniversary concert next month: "Don't you love farce, my fault I fear." What is the song?

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A Snapple cap moment: The largest fish is the whale shark - It can be over 50 feet long and weigh two tons.

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Be true!

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**Island cutie**

A baby Highland cow takes time out for a good back scratch during a recent sunny day at Beaverhead Farm.

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