

ABOUT TOWN

Free tax help at library begins Monday

Free AARP Tax-Aide tax assistance and tax return preparation will be available every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning Monday, Feb. 8, through April 14 – with the exception of Feb. 15.

The service is available for low and moderate-income taxpayers of all ages, especially taxpayers ages 60 and older.

You do not have to be an AARP member or retiree to receive this service.

For more information, contact Dick Allphin at 423-2938.

Teen Center lock-in this Saturday

The Teen Center will host a three-on-three basketball tournament and lock-in to celebrate its second anniversary this Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The event will feature a mini-

hoop slam dunk contest, games, movies and more, along with prizes for the dunk contest and tournament winners.

Space is limited; admission for the lock-in and tournament is \$10 and you must be a member of the Teen Center to stay overnight. Admission for those playing in or watching the tournament only is \$5 for members or \$8 for non-members.

Referees, chaperones and refreshments are needed.

Call Debbie Tungett at 423-7261 or email dtungett@jamestownri.net for more information or to register.

Library to present shipping program

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Jamestown Library will present “Narragansett Bay Shipping: A View From the Shore with Rod Smith,” a talk and presentation of photographs.

For the last two years, Smith has documented the many ships that come up and down the bay with stunning photographs, which he then publishes at www.narragansettbayshipping.com. The site documents, in words and photos, the cruise liners, freighters, cargo ships, tugs and other ships that island residents can often see as they walk out at Beavertail or along Conanicus Avenue.

Daily arrival and departure times for ships on Narragansett Bay can also be viewed.

Rod Smith grew up on Hulls Cove in Jamestown, and has dedicated his website to his parents, Pat and Ned Smith. After a career in the IT field in Maryland, he moved back to Jamestown in 2006. His website grew out of his passion for the ships and the sea.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

JCT to offer acting classes

The Jamestown Community Theatre will offer “A Smorgas-

Jamestown Press seeks island love stories

Got a great love story? We want to hear it!

For a Valentine’s Day feature, the *Jamestown Press* is seeking great stories of unique marriage proposals, along with how-we-met stories, from island couples.

Stories can be funny, poignant, heart-warming or just plain odd.

If you’ve got a great story to tell about the love of your life, email news@jamestownpress.com no later than 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 8.

Please include telephone and email contact information. Photographs are also welcome.

bord of Acting,” a series of classes for ages 10 through adult.

Participants will work on audition techniques, scene study and character work, as well as how to be more comfortable on stage, articulation and voice projection.

Students will also learn to control their bodies as they work on dialogue development, simple plays, monologues, short scenes and improvisation. Students will come away with increased confidence on stage, as well as public speaking skills.

Those with experience on stage, as well as those who would like to get their feet wet, are welcome to sign up. A mature willingness to work, learn and to

collaborate with others is essential.

A fee of \$20 will be charged to cover materials; financial aid is available. JCT encourages parents, children and teens to take the class together.

The class runs for six Wednesday evenings, March 3 through April 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Jamestown Country Club. Instructors Mary Wright, Annie McIntyre and Mary Haite will use their varied experiences in the areas of stage, creative management, television and radio to work with students.

Call Mary Wright at 423-1586 or e-mail ms.wright@cox.net for more information or to sign up by Wednesday, Feb. 24.

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And while you are at it, investigate paying off high interest debt (credit card balances and the like) via a line-of-credit loan, secured by the equity in your home. The interest on that type of loan is deductible against your income, thereby providing a measure of tax reduction.

Of course, a great strategy in a recession is to eliminate debt as much as possible. Limit expenditures to necessities, and those items which have a long and sustained period of “payback”.

Those who have been prudent, and have accumulated savings, are now in a position to buy capital assets (real estate, home improvements, et cetera) on favorable terms.

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