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Students organize event to honor late friend

Proceeds from Be Great for Nate Night will go to the Nathan Bruno Memorial Fund

By Derek Gomes
Staff writer

PORTSMOUTH – A group of Portsmouth High School students are helping organize an event to honor their friend Nathan Bruno, who died unexpectedly in February. He was 15. The Be Great for Nate Night will be held Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Schultzy's Snack Shack on Park Avenue in Island Park. There will be bracelets and hats for sale, raffle prizes, a DJ and bounce house.

Perhaps more than 200

people or more will attend the event, said Steven Peterson, who is the assistant general manager at Schultzy's, where Nathan worked. Peterson collaborated with Nathan's family and friends to do something to honor him. The proceeds raised will go toward the Nathan Bruno Memorial Fund, which aims to support local teens.

"We're expecting, hopefully, lots of people to come," Peterson said. "To help teens in some way."

He and six of Nathan's friends, who are all sophomores at Portsmouth High School, recently spoke with The Daily News at the restaurant about their efforts to host the event, and what Nathan means to

them.

"Nathan was goofball funny," said Connor Perry. "He made everyone laugh around him."

He could "make any situation laughable," added Tyree Evans. The friends met when they were fourth- or fifth-graders at Portsmouth Middle School. Some of them played on the same Little League team.

He was "one of a kind," said Eric Federico.

When Schultzy's hired Nathan a couple of summers ago, Peterson recalled that Eric was so excited that he didn't stop beaming all day. "I don't think Eric stopped smiling that entire time," he said.

Peterson, a Portsmouth High graduate who just graduated

from Salve Regina University, said he has hosted smaller events but nothing of this scale. He spoke with Nathan's father Rick to determine how to best honor Nathan.

With Nathan's birthday on June 19, they agreed that the end of that week was an appropriate time for something "positive."

There has been a strong show of support from the community, with about 30 raffle items donated as of early last week.

"I'm overwhelmed by the outpouring of support ... from Nathan's friends," said Rick Bruno. "Their heartfelt thoughts and actions show us all what it means to be a friend. We hope to share that support with others in need. I appreciate their

support and I'm sure Nathan does, too."

Vineyard Vines baseball caps with Nathan's initials stitched on the side and rubber bracelets that state "Be Great for Nate" will be available for purchase.

The friends said they will continue to honor Nathan's legacy, whether it's by making the event an annual one or hosting a cookout every year.

"It means a lot to everyone to come out and show their support," Eric said, "because Nathan was a huge part of all our lives."

For more information about the event, contact Peterson at steven@pbjamhouse.com

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Rogers High School freshmen, from left, Anna Murphy, Kayleigh Mosher, Myrsine McKeon, Michael Phelps and Jaden Petrie stand in front of the Museum of Newport Irish History, where they have Irish famine exhibits on display. [SEAN FLYNN PHOTOS/DAILY NEWS PHOTO]



Kayleigh Mosher and Jaden Petrie stand behind their project now on display at the Museum of Newport Irish History.

Family history

Projects on Irish history get personal for Rogers students

By Sean Flynn
Staff writer

NEWPORT – When Rogers High School students undertake projects on Irish history, many of them are learning about the history of their families.

Anna Murphy, Emily Murphy, Julia D'Amore and Michael Phelps completed a project together for their freshmen honors World History Class that is now on display at the Museum of Newport Irish History, 648 Thames St. The museum is open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

"I liked the course because I learned more about my Irish heritage," Anna Murphy said. "My dad, Todd Murphy, and my

mother, Meredith Moriarity, are both totally Irish."

"My grandmother, Dorothy O'Connell, told me how important it is to learn about Ireland," she said. "Both of her parents were from Ireland."

"I didn't know how devastating the famine in Ireland was until we did this project," Phelps said.

His mother, Grainne Phelps, comes from County Dublin and teaches math at Rogers High School.

One of the requirements of the World History course taught by Stephen Ferris is that they complete a project on the Irish famine.

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Augmented reality exhibit at The Elms is mix of past, present

By Laura Damon
Staff writer

NEWPORT – By pointing a device that resembles a smart phone at a target in The Elms, visitors can see statues and other objects that are not actually there.

The augmented reality exhibit at the mansion, "Gilded Age 2.0," is the first of its kind for the house museum. Visitors can use their audio tour player's screen to see digital objects that no longer exist, are too fragile to display or fantastical objects that never even existed, superimposed within the rooms.

Rhode Island School of Design students in Assistant Professor Thomas Thwaites's industrial design class created the displays for the exhibition.

Their assignment was to use

fine and decorative arts from the 19th century Gilded Age as inspiration for the creation of contemporary objects for a modern day Gilded Age. In other words, if the affluent folks who lived during the Gilded Age were alive today, what might they have in their mansions?

The students got creative in their ideas: One created a large chair for humans that resembles a climbing post for cats, and crafted an augmented reality image of a man sitting on the chair.

The Mahjong table in one of the rooms, which was a prized possession of Julia Berwind, the sister of Edward Julius Berwind who built The Elms, is enhanced with digital images of hands and vases. A display of Chinese food

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A worker for the Preservation Society of Newport County demonstrates an augmented reality exhibit recently at The Elms in Newport. [PETER SILVIA PHOTO]

Death Notices

DAVIS - Catherine A. Davis, 85, of Middletown, Rhode Island passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 17, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport. A Mass of Christian burial will be held today, June 18, 2018 at 10 a.m. in St Mary's Church, 12 William Street, Newport. Burial will follow at St. Columba Cemetery, 465 Brown's Lane, Middletown. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the American Parkinson Disease Association Rhode Island Chapter, 455 Toll Gate Road, Bldg. 2c, Warwick, RI 02886. For more information and online condolences, please visit www.oneillhayes.com

ALEXANDER - Lucina M. (Anderson) Alexander, 63, of Newport, RI, passed away, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in Newport Hospital. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated, Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Broadway at Mann Avenue, Newport. There will be a celebration of her life at 11:30 a.m. in The North End Steakhouse at Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport. The family requests that black be kept to a minimum, as Lucina loved her colors. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Newport Hospital Cancer Society. Additional info. available www.memorialfuneralhome.com

WITHERS - Leslie Anne Withers, age 60, passed away at Saint Joseph's hospital in Tampa, FL on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. A private memorial service is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dana-Farber Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or Alzheimer's Association Rhode Island Chapter, 245 Waterman Street, Suite 306, Providence, RI 02906.

MCCAULL- William Bertram McCaull, Jr., age 65 of Fernandina Beach, FL passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Quality Healthcare. There will be no local services at this time. Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com
Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

WAGNER - Jerald (Jerry) Foad Wagner, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Sunday, June 10, 2018 in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The date for a memorial service will be announced at a later date. You may sign Jerry's guestbook at www.beckmanwilliamson.com

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory Of



Beverly J. Craft
1951 - June 18th - 2018
Mom,

Today is your birthday in heaven above. We are sending you our birthday wishes, along with all our love. We miss you. Love, Your Husband, Children & Grandchildren

POLICE & FIRE

NEWPORT Littering charges

Maxwell J. Gibane, 19, of Barrington was arrested Sunday about 12:45 a.m. on charges of littering and breaking glass in a roadway. A city deputy zoning officer saw him throw a beer bottle from the rear passenger window of an SUV onto Grafton Street and alerted a police officer, police said. The officer stopped the vehicle and gave him a summons to appear in District Court, police said.

Car, motorcycle involved in crash on Broadway

Daily News staff

NEWPORT — A car and a motorcycle were involved in an accident that shut down Broadway for a short period of time Sunday evening.

Newport Police confirmed the accident — which occurred near the intersection of Broadway and Mumford Avenue — to The Daily News, but had no other information. At the scene, a member of the Newport Fire Department told The Daily News the driver of the motorcycle, a male, was transported to Rhode Island hospital. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, though he was responsive and talking at the scene.

The driver of the car, a female, declined transport to the hospital.

The fire department special hazards unit poured absorbent on the street — in the southbound lane — after the crash.



A motorcycle involved in an accident on Broadway early Sunday evening is towed away. [JANINE WEISMAN/DAILY NEWS PHOTO]

LOCAL BRIEFS

NEWPORT Newport Shipyard to host Charter Yacht Show

The 2018 Newport Charter Yacht Show will be held at Newport Shipyard, 1 Washington St., today through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. each day.

While access to the yachts and certain events are limited to professionals, the ships will be visible in the harbor, and the public is invited to walk along the waterfront to check them out.

For more information about the show, visit newportshipyard.com.

MIDDLETOWN 'Alice in Wonderland' auditions begin today

Auditions are being held for the summer production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Newport Children's Theatre studio, 1341 West Main Road, today and Tuesday from 4-6 p.m.

Anyone age 8-18 is welcome to audition.

Children selected will rehearse three times a week leading up to the show, which is scheduled to run from Aug. 6 through Aug.

For more information or to register for an audition slot, visit newportchildrenstheatre.com or email newportchildrenstheatre@yahoo.com.

NEWPORT MLK Center to hold annual meeting, awards

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will host Keeper of the Dream, its annual meeting and awards night, at the center, 20 Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland Blvd., today from 6-8:30 p.m.

The Keeper of the Dream award will be given to the Bazarsky Family Foundation.

The Keeper of the Dream Community Partner is the Middletown Rotary Club. The Volunteers of the Year are Stephen and Zulekha Ludwig.

The event is free and open to the public, but

advance registration is requested.

For more information or to register, visit mlkccenter.org or call 846-4828.

NEWPORT Democratic group schedules forum on gun safety

The Newport Democratic City Committee will host a public forum on gun safety in the auditorium of the Claiborne Pell Elementary School, 35 Dexter St., today at 6:30 p.m.

Short presentations will be given by members of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, the Newport Police Department and the Newport School Committee.

The forum will then open up to questions from audience members. The forum is free to attend and no registration is required.

JAMESTOWN Jamestown Farmers Market opens at community center

The Jamestown Farmers Market has returned for its 2018 summer season, although it has now moved to the Jamestown Community Center, 41 Conanicus Ave.

The first market of the season was held on June 11, and markets will be held Mondays from 4-7 p.m., rain or shine, through Sept. 3.

Each week will feature a selection of fresh food grown, made or produced locally, including meat, eggs, seasonal fruits and vegetables, cheeses and baked goods.

There will also be work from local artisans, including paintings, ceramics, jewelry and organic skin care products.

The market is an open community event, with children and dogs welcome.

Local live musicians will perform and freshly prepared food is available.

For more information, visit "Jamestown Farmer's Market" on Facebook

or contact market manager Alexandra Kent, 359-1040.

NEWPORT Clagett Regatta, U.S. Para Sailing Championships start Tuesday

Check-in for the C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta starts Tuesday, with welcome remarks on Wednesday and racing running through Sunday.

The annual regatta is dedicated to the memory of Tom Clagett, who was a strong, tough and driven person that was dedicated to the values of Corinthian sailing and sportsmanship.

Registration and check-in for the event will be at the Sail Newport Regatta Tent at Fort Adams on Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. Clinics for competitors will be held Wednesday and Thursday, with races scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The awards presentation will be on Sunday after racing concludes and a coaches' debriefing is scheduled for 4 p.m.

For more information about the events and a full schedule, visit clagettregatta.org.

NEWPORT 'Josiah' film, discussion to be held at CCRI

The Newport Middle Passage Port Marker Project will host an airing of "Josiah" in the auditorium of the Community College of Rhode Island, 1 John H. Chafee Boulevard, on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

"Josiah" is about Josiah Henson, whose life was the inspiration for "Uncle Tom's Cabin." A discussion will follow the film.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit newportmiddlepassage.org.

NEWPORT Hops, homebrewing talk slated at library

Portsmouth beekeeper, organic grower and horticultural writer Sanne

Kure-Jensen will deliver a presentation, "Growing Hops and Homebrewing," at the Newport Public Library, 300 Spring St., on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Enthusiasts will learn about cultivating, harvesting and drying hops, and the many uses for hops besides flavoring beer.

This workshop will cover required brewing equipment, ingredients, sanitation and tips for success. Audiences will also learn how to bottle and the best way to pour a brew.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is request. For more information, visit newportlibraryri.org or call 847-8720, ext. 208.

NEWPORT Working Cities collaborative plans community dinner

The Newport Working Cities Collaborative, based within the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, is hosting a second community dinner at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Dinner will start at 5 p.m., followed by a community discussion and breaking out into smaller groups at 5:30 p.m. The event is scheduled to end at 7 p.m.

The first dinner in May had 68 participants. Admission is free, and babysitting will be provided at the event. For more information, visit bgcnewport.org/working-cities or "Newport Working Cities" on Facebook.

NEWPORT Mini-golf, 'Caddyshack' are coming to Jane Pickens Theater

Mini-golfing will be available before the classic comedy film "Caddyshack" at the Jane Pickens Theater and Event Center, 49 Touro St., on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

"Caddyshack" is the

coming-of-age story about a teenager trying to win a golf tournament, but also the power struggle between a local judge, a developer and a business tycoon. Patrons are welcome to mini-golf until 7:30 p.m., when the movie will be aired.

Tickets cost \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit janepickens.com.

PORTSMOUTH Conservation District, USDA to provide tour of Cloverbud Ranch

The Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will host a public tour of the Cloverbud Ranch Co-op on Jepson Lane on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The tours offer an opportunity to meet livestock producers who are working to conserve their land.

Members of the public and interested farmers can meet with officials from the USDA and Rhode Island Conservation Districts to learn about voluntary conservation programs for your land.

The tour is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Farm tours are rain or shine, and involve walking on uneven terrain.

For more information, or to register, visit easternconservation.org or call 934-0842.

JAMESTOWN One Night Only combines film, dance, photography

One Night Only, a collaboration between local artists and friends, will be held at the Jamestown Arts Center, 18 Valley St., on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The event will feature film displays, a live dance performance and photography for sale.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance or at the door.

For more information about the show or to purchase tickets, visit jamestownartcenter.org.

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"It introduces the freshmen to the kind of research and work they will have to do as juniors when they prepare projects for National History Day," Ferris said.

"They're totally visual," he said about the exhibits. "You look at them, read them and learn about the famine."

There are about 40 students in the two honors World History classes, but Ferris has chosen five projects for display in the museum this month.

This is the third year that students have done projects about the Irish famine, but the second year the students have displayed their work at the museum.

Kayleigh Mosher completed a project with Jaden Petrie and Emelie Kroger.

"History is my favorite subject," Mosher said.

"We've had world history units before, but never with in-depth research like we did this year."

"I read a book about Irish history in the eighth grade, but I've learned a lot more with this project," Petrie said.

Peyton Gardner and Amanda Scott completed solo exhibits now on display.

They highlighted key time periods as the famine and its consequences developed during the years 1845

to 1852. The first report of the potato blight appeared in August 1845, which was serious.

But when the blight reappeared in August 1845, three-quarters of the crops were lost and the rate of emigration from the country escalated.

During those famine years, about 1 million people died and another 1 million more emigrated from Ireland, causing the island's population to drop by around 25 percent — with

some estimates going as high as 30 percent, the students found out during their research

Myrsine McKeon, Peyton Fitzgerald and Emma Patterson also completed a joint project exploring this massive loss of life.

"I could not believe how many people died from starvation as a result of the famine," McKeon said. "There was just so much suffering."

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