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The Prudence Wave

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School Movie By Marina, PISF 10th grader

CSI:PI is about two detectives trying to solve the sand point house case with the help of their friend Dr. Lilly. As the two detectives stumble upon clues to the explosion they get closer and closer to the criminal.

The making of CSI:PI was a blast. We started with writing down a few ideas and kind of winged it. There were written parts but whatever the actors did was useful somehow. We couldn't have done the movie without our cameos. They were a HUGE part of the movie, especially our criminal. We filmed from the fall of 2011 to the summer of 2012, that's a lot of filming for a short movie but it came out great!!



Marina and Ray all dressed up for the premier

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The Josie Avery Theater Camp was held July 30-Aug. 3 at Farnham Farm.

All the funds raised by the blueberry patch are given to the theater camp and that is why our group is called the Blueberry Patch Players.

There were 20 children who attended the camp. Miss Barbara helped us with the play. The play was about making movies and everybody did what they wanted to do. Each act was different in the play. Raya - I played a detective, a dancer and a good little girl. I danced in both dances. Ariane – I played a cowgirl, a dancer and a good little girl. I danced in both dances. Raya – You need to learn your lines and what you had to do next. We had to try out for the different parts.

The first day we started with a journal to get our imagination going. We played acting games every day. The Mrs. Marble Game you have to try not to laugh or smile on stage when people are trying to make you laugh. It was very hard. The Statue Game you have to pretend you are a statue and remain very still. We had hula hoop contests.

The second day we tried out for the parts in the play. The third and fourth day we practiced the play and on Friday we performed the play for our friends and family. There was a very big crowd. We didn't have stage fright.

It was really fun. We are all going to do it again next year!



Damsels in distress scene

Sea Glass

By Clare- Medford High School 10th grader

Sea glass. The very epitome of "one man's trash is another man's treasure". Careless litterbugs become facilitators of art and beauty. Old and decrepit bottles of who-knows-what are tossed, going with the flow until they are literally going with the flow of the ocean's current. There is a factor of mystery within these shards of glass. Where did they come from? Where have they been? Why have we as humans become so fascinated with glass on the beach while we nonchalantly dispose of that same glass that had not gone through the sea?

Firstly, how does that sharp edge become so smooth and frosty? Years and years of pounding and battering from the sea create a smooth finish. Other factors including fire can warp the glass into funky and twisting shapes. After all this time in the water, the glass becomes frosty and foggy. Having the glass constantly surrounded by water leads to the process of hydration. Soda and lime are released to the surface of the glass which results in that distinct sea glass texture. This can take decades and decades and is most effective in saltwater. As a wave guides it to the shore, collectors snatch up the prize to be made into anything from jewelry to just a glass full of glass (glass-ception).

Just as there are multiple colors of glass, there are an equal amount of these colors in sea glass form. This spectrum ranges from brown to blue with room for variations in between. The most common colors would be brown, kelly green, and white, as they are the most common for colors of beer, milk, other bottle types, dishes, or basically anything that has a possibility of ending up in the ocean. Sea foam green glass was probably a Coke bottle, and if you're lucky you may just find the signature "Coca-Cola" logo imprinted in one.

Some rare sea glass colors that you've probably never found before could be black, orange, yellow, red, grey, lavender, pink, blue, or multi-colored.

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The Olympic Tourch By Georgie age 12 and Ben age from Thame, England

The Olympic torch travelled around England being carried by 8,000 different torch bearers! My brother and I were able to see it and Ben was lucky enough to actually hold one of them! He travelled with his Mum to Oxford and met his Dad and they were with some more people ready to see the flame. Before it came he was able to hold one of the torches and he got his picture taken with one of the runners. Then the other bearer came and Ben got to see the torches "kiss". Kissing is when the flame is transferred from one torch to the other. He was very excited because he got free Coke and chocolate from the floats sponsoring the games. There are 8,000 torches and torchbearers! Each torch has 3 sides representing both the 3 main Olympic values and the fact that this is the third time London has hosted the games. The torch bearers after they have run can actually buy the torch and keep it if they want a momento. The torch went by my school and we all got 2 hours out of lessons so we were really happy it came by! The torch bearer that was collecting the flame had actually gone to my school 10 years previously so all the old teachers couldn't wait! I also got to watch the torches kiss.





<u> Ice Cream Social</u>

By Ariane, 4th grader from Winchester, MA and Raya, PISF 2nd grader

The Ice Cream Social was held on Saturday, August 15 at Farnham Farm. We had free ice cream, banana splits and cake to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Prudence Conservancy.

There were so many toppings to put on the ice cream it was crazy. There were sprinkles, Oreos, crushed peanut butter cups, chocolate sauce, caramel, M & Ms, Reece's, Health Bar Crunch, whipped cream and cherries.

There was a silent auction. An Alison Newsome sculpture, some books and a giant kite were some of the items in the auction.

We think there were at least 100 people who came, maybe more!

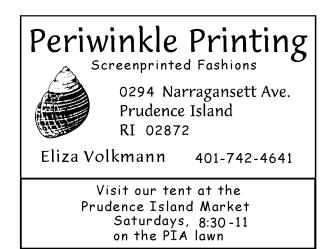
We looked at the memorial bricks in the gazebo and the bricks that honored past board members.

There were a few rain sprinkles, but the rest of the day was very nice.

We hope they do it again next year!



Seeing this quirky and beautiful movie was quite a different experience than the typical movie theater visit. My mom, sister and I walked into the theater to find three other groups of people: an elderly couple, a family, and a younger couple. Then there was us, and I feel like we were that annoyingly loud group at the movies. But we couldn't help it, we were watching a film where Prudence Island is in practically every other scene! We would whisper (rather loudly in excitement) every time an image that was familiar to us popped up on screen. Since this was frequently, we got a few glares from the elderly couple in front of us. The movie starts out with a man who is apparently the expert of this fictitious island explaining how quaint and secluded the island is. The funniest part is he's basically explaining a modern-day Prudence, even though this movie is based in the early sixties! We squealed as the ferry pulled into homestead in front of us as the man narrated that you can only get to this island by ferry. Overall, not only is this movie a big game of "find the scenes with Prudence in it", but it's also a genuinely excellent movie. Being a Wes Anderson film, it is a tad bit strange and awkward at points, but it's a sort of artful strange and awkward. It was the type of movie that you can analyze and find themes in, but still really enjoy. Two thumbs up, four stars, "delightfully witty", and whatever else they would advertise it as.







Music has a power to bring people together. People old, young, local, foreign, happy, sad, grumpy, and everyone in between understand the language of a good tune and a solid beat. Featuring styles and exotic instruments from other countries and cultures, as well as many songs in different languages, Penny Jar band played an eclectic set at the union church on Saturday the fourth of August. In their sound, people felt the movement and emotion in not only the playing, but the players themselves. It was a beautiful thing to see a group of people so in tune with each other and so in tune with the people around them. Bounding from old Irish ditties to French love songs and then wailing ballads, Penny Jar stole many hearts, including this writer's, and even made Jen cry. We hope they return soon to bring us together again.

<u>Sea Glass</u> (cont. from page 3)

If you've found one of those colors, consider yourself lucky! Black sea glass may be the remains of a rum bottle from pirates, and multi-colored could be marbles or scraps from factory production. Vibrant colors may be a vase or dish that was used as decoration. Many of the rarer colors may have been clear glass that changed color over time due to reactions from the sun. Vaseline glass has small amounts of uranium that give it the ability to glow when in the presence of ultraviolet light. The rarer the color, the more interesting its story is.

Whether you casually collect or are a sea glass fanatic, sea glass has become the highlight of beachcombers everywhere. Scanning the shore for a glimpse of color and picking it out of a patch of dull rocks is certainly a treat. As society progresses and we've realized that littering is not something that we want done, sea glass levels have decreased. I don't want to say to *keep* littering so we'll still have sea glass, but I'm sure there will still be people out there that'll take care of that. It's strange to think that searching for sea glass is actually a form of litter pick up. So all I have to say about that is keep on building your sea glass collection, because it's a win for everyone.

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The Prudence Wave

Dear Raya!

Every month we will continue to do a Dear Raya Advice Column, where islanders submit anonymous questions and Raya will give her best second grade advice. Please submit your questions to the Dear Raya box inside of the Prudence Variety Store or E-mail them to ThePrudenceWave@aol.com.

Dear Raya,

What's your favorite activity to do at The Fireman's Fair?

Síncerely,

Joe Shmoe

Dear Joe,

I haven't been to The Fireman's fair in soooo long, I can barely remember it. But, I think maybe my favorite part is the auction because there are so many cool things to get.

Love,

Raya

Dear Raya,

What do you want to be when you grow up?

From,

AIR

Dear AIR.

I want to be an herbalist because my mom is an herbalist. I like to make herb stuff because you work with so many different plants!

Love,

Raya

Where is this??



Where is this????

We will give you the answer in the September edition of The Prudence Wave!

Last month's 'Where is This?' :

This is the kissing tree located on the Bob Clachrie trail.

PISF Wish list

<u>**VOLENTEER TO CLEAN</u> <u>THE SCHOOL **</u>

(The kids do an amazing job with all of their chores, but we need an adult to deep clean once a week.)

- garden gate builder
- Hand soap
- Bird Seed
- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper
- A new printer



<u>English Schooling</u> By Georgie age 12 from Thame England

School in England is not like school over here. We don't have grades, kindergarten, middle school, high school, we start at age 5 and we learn French! A lot of French! There are 3 types of schools everyone has to go to- pre-school (kindergarten) ages 2 ½ to 4, primary ages 4 to 11 and secondary ages 11 to 16. Sixth form is an additional two years of school you can go to if you want to go to university. You can also go to a private school if you want special education as you have to pay to go there and any age can go. There are also grammar schools which you have to pass an exam to get into it, the exam is hard and you have to do tutoring for at least 2 years before you take the exam. I should know I took it and luckily I passed!

Every school teaches French because we are so near France. It is compulsory at the school I go to because it is a language collage we get the opportunity to also learn: African, Japanese, Latin, Chinese Spanish, German, Italian, actually most languages you can learn.

Also we are split into groups one class from each year (grade) into house groups and we compete against each other in different events such as dance, drama, swimming....

So that's school in England for you!

School Movie (cont. from page1)

On Thursday, August 16th was the big movie premier at Farnham Farm. The show was sold out. There were tons of people and everyone dressed fancy. Even me! Ray and I wore matching bow ties and those were some fancy bow ties. But the showings were great. We also had two more showings the following day on the 17th. Those also had a lot of people, maybe a few less than the red carpet event but it was still a lot of people. There were tons of laughs. We are all glad that everyone liked it. Thank you everyone for your donations. The money raised will be a big help for our school this coming year.



Full house at the movie premier



Some of the stars of the film



Blueberry Patch

By Aribella, PISF Kindergartener

One really hot summer day, we went blueberry picking at Farnham Farm. We went through a gate; the walls and ceiling were wires to keep birds out. Two butterflies were flying around inside. We picked lots of blueberries (7 pints)!!! They were as big as grapes! It was really hot and really fun.



Ham and Bean Supper By Marina, PISF 10th grader

On Saturday July 28_ was the Ham and Bean dinner at the PIA sponsored by the Homestead Plat Improvement Association. It is the oldest fundraiser on Prudence. It started back in the 1920's! This was my first time going to it. But I did not go to eat ham or beans; I went to help my good friend Joe Bains sell tickets at the 3 for a dollar raffle. There were people everywhere and so many people bought tickets for the raffle. We sold almost a whole roll of tickets and that's only for the table we were at. That's a lot and it takes a lot of work to rip them. Hundreds of tickets were sold that day but only one was pulled from each cup. Some people won more than once and some people didn't win at all but hopefully they were happy they tried. I have to say for my first time going I enjoyed it. I got to hang out with Joe so it was pretty cool.

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Sept. Island Events

- Bingo-Friday nights 8:15 @PIA
- Island Market- PIA lawn, Saturdays 8:30-11am
- Yoga- Sundays 4pm @ Farnham Farm
- Stitch & Chat- Monday, Thursday & Saturday 10-12 @ HBC
- Movie- Monday 1pm @ HBC
- Potluck Movie Night 7pm at HBC on Sept 1
- International Dining (Vietnam) 6pm at the HBC on Sept 15



White Water Rafting in Maine By Alex, Bristol, RI 9th grader

My name is Alex Brassard and I live here on the island in the summer. During the other seasons, though, I live in Bristol, RI, where I am a Girl Scout. Girl Scouts offers many fun experiences and trips for Scouts and their families, and the most recent one I went on with my family was a white water rafting trip in Maine.

The name white water rafting is pretty explanatory, but I will break it down for you anyways. My first, most important point is that this is not an amusement park ride! This is a real river and you really have to work! It was really physically and mentally tiring! But anyhow, we (meaning me and about 40 other RI Girl Scouts and their family members) signed up with a rafting company that provides the life jackets, helmets, oars, guides, and of course the eight-person rafts to go down the Kennebec River. They gave an hour long lecture about safety in the boat: how to row correctly, how to wear your life jacket and helmet, what all the commands are and what they meant, how to not smack people with your oar, and most importantly, how to not fall out of the boat! That was what I was worried about at first. They kept reminding us that there were many big rocks in the river and seaweed that could pull you below the surface and I was a bit skeptical that this was going to work. But I got in the boat anyways.

So we get to the beginning of the river and we are off! However, we had a hard time getting very far at first. The tricks are to row in sync with your fellow boat-mates and listen to the guide's commands. Once we had that down we really started moving! The river started out slow and calm but soon we came to our first rapids. These waves were as big as storm waves out in Narragansett Bay, and I was in a dinky little rubber raft! We got splashed and sprayed and knocked about but we all made it through. After that first rapid, I wasn't as freaked out about falling into the water anymore because I realized it wasn't very hard to stay in the boat. We did a couple more rapids and that was it for those. The rest of the river was calm and we got to swim in the water! It turns out that you really just need to keep your feet up and you will be safe. You are in a life jacket, anyways. So I floated down that river for a while and came back in when the trip was done. In all, we were on the river for four hours! Time flies when you're having fun.

At the end, we all hauled our big raft up to the truck that would take it back to the company's lodge. I felt exhausted, but the good kind of exhausted you get when you have worked hard. I also felt proud of myself for conquering the rapids and my fear of falling in. The lecture at the beginning was scarier than the actual rafting! Why should I have been scared, anyways? I am so used to swimming and the water in the bay that rafting on the river was a breeze! Now my family and I want to plan another white water rafting trip! We're not sure yet, but conquering the Colorado River is on our list!

The Sustainable Fishing Contest

By Ben age 9 from Thame, England

Sunday the nineteenth of August was the date the Sustainable Fishing Contest at the T-Warf. There were at least 100 people fishing. The sun was shining, but there were a few clouds in the sky stopping it from being too hot. This reporter was annoyed at how badly he did, he caught four mussels and one fish (at the very last minute, literally). Humphh! Here is some info about the contest:

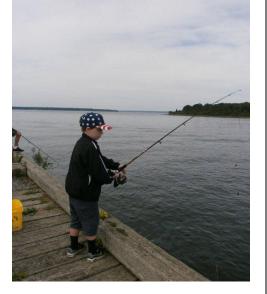
- bait used- squid, skipjacks, quahogs, eels, clams
- strangest things caught-mussels (by this reporter), blow fish, spider crabs
- smallest fish 2 1/4 inch
- strangest thing lost then found underwater: expensive sunglasses

Here are the names of the people that won trophies as announced by Cheryl Tavares:

Matt Plutzner: Most Dedicated Oldest fisherman: Al Hibbard Youngest fisherman: Logan Our Largest Fish and Fluke Master: Nick Drifmeyer (19 3/4 inch) Skipjack Master and The Most Caught: Brandon Santos (69 skipjacks caught) Scup Master: Jenna Smith



Contest Winners



Ben Fishing



John Allen's family first came to Prudence Island in 1928. His great grandfather bought the house in Prudence Park that is now owned by the Child family. His mother grew up spending summers on the island until 1936. Then John's mother's family stayed with friends on the island. In 1975, John and his wife Audrey convinced Dudley Williams to sell them "The Church of the Holy Ghost".

He recalled it being a little spooky the first night they slept in the church, but now it is like any other house. The church is on the corner of Broadway and Atlantic Avenue and has a two story tower. John and Audrey converted the church to their house by adding bedrooms in the tower and the area where the pews were. They also built in a kitchen in an alcove in the nave.



There are trapdoors and ladders to get to the tower bedrooms. John's mom and dad used to sleep at the top of the tower. One night John's dad got up to go downstairs. He went downstairs but did not close the trapdoor. His wife was woken and decided to go downstairs as well, but did not realize that her husband had left the trap door open. So she fell through the trap door to the floor and never slept in the tower again! Now John and Audrey's grandchildren sleep in the tower, but only if they are old enough to climb up and down the ladder by themselves and remember to close the trap door!

John was born in Franklin, Massachusetts and lived there until he went to college at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After that he came to live in Scituate, which is about 65 miles from Prudence. He was one of 6 children: there were 4 boys and 2 girls in the family. He an Audrey have 3 daughters (Heather who takes care of horses and Gretchen and Meredith, who are both police officers). In addition, they have 3 sons-in- law (Tim, Eric and Robbie) and 10 grandchildren (5 girls and 5 boys)--all of whom love Prudence. As the family grew they bought another house in Prudence Park, which everyone calls "Connie's", because Connie Williams used to own it. He and Audrey have a retired show horse called Stewart and two sheep, 8 chickens, 2 cats and one boxer called Phoebe. Sadly their other retired show horse called Kenny just died last week.

John worked as a Detective Lieutenant for the State Police for 37 years and retired in 2007. When he started with the state police he had to stay in the barracks for two days and nights, then he stayed two days at home before going back to the barracks. The sports that he played were basketball, baseball, football, swimming and he also enjoys fishing, hiking and fixing old houses. If you drive by the church, you might see him up on a ladder reshingling. John has passed on his love of fishing to his grandchildren, including Nicholas, who just won the prize for the biggest fish and Logan who won the award as the Youngest Fisherman at the Sustainable Fishing Competition!



