



The Prudence Wave

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Your New Ride: Herbert C. Bonner

By Nevaeh, PISF 7th Grader

Imagine: You're on your way home to Prudence after a long day off island. You've reached the ferry and what a sight! The new ferry, something you'd been hearing about for quite a while now, is docked in front of you! You walked towards a friend of yours and asked about the boat.

The ride seemed quicker, more comfortable, and much more enjoyable. Maybe for a second, you even felt as if it was 100x better than the other one.

Anyways, your friend told you some pretty neat information.

"The name of the boat is the Herbert C. Bonner. It got its name from a worker in the U.S. Rep, Herbert C. Bonner himself. Bonner has also got a bridge named after him. It runs between Hatteras and the Northern Outer Banks."

"But, why was it named after him?" You asked, raising your eyebrow slightly.

"The boat?" She chuckled. You nodded. "The bridge as well."

"Well, during his time in Congress, Representative Bonner chaired the committee on Election of President, Vice President a few other things, and the Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries.

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Intriguing Islander

By Clare, PISF 12th Grader

November's Intriguing Islander is someone who has been very prevalent in the last few months. He's lived on Prudence Island his whole life and is an alumnus of our own Prudence Island School. You may know him as the new captain of A&R Marine's ferry the Herbert C. Bonner. That's right, it's Ethan Rossi!

For our interview this month we're trying something different. We filmed the conversation to be put onto our new website. To check out the full interview go to www.prudenceislandschool.org and watch the video.

For anyone without internet access here's the transcript of the interview:

Ethan: I'm Ethan Rossi, I'm 24 years old, I'm from Prudence Island. I still live here; I live up the north end on a farm. I used to go to this school when I was a kid. Now I run the ferry.

Question: Explain your training to become a captain.

E: One of my early jobs I worked for a company called "Clean the Bay" and we went around Narragansett Bay picking up derelict boats and docks and I had to get trained on how to run a barge, so they sent me to class and I got my license. I've kept it since then. That was in 2008 I think.

Q: How long did it take to get the license?

E: Two weeks. It was a two week course. We just had to build hours and once I got my hours up, they signed my paperwork.

Q: How has it been so far being the captain of the Herbert C. Bonner?

E: It's going good. I like the boat a lot. We brought it up from North Carolina this summer and that was a journey. I've done a lot of work to it, put in a lot of hours and now she's in service and it's kind of nice. It's a lot more mellow than the past couple of months.

Q: What's your favorite spot on Prudence?

E: I like my airstrip on the farm. That's probably my favorite spot.

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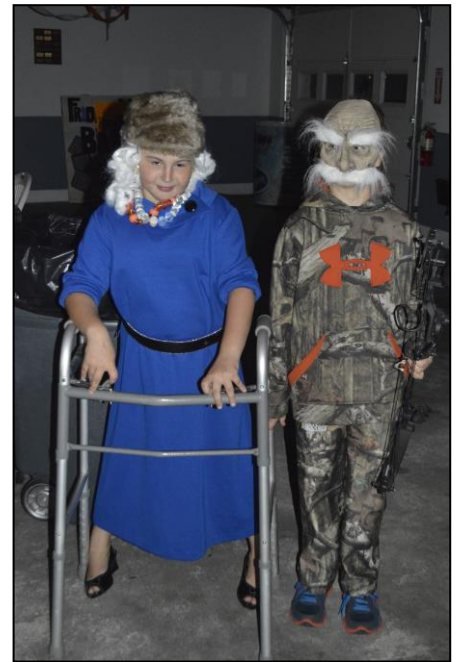


Pot Luck (Prudence Island Halloween Party)

By Gianna, PISF 3rd Grader

Do you know what time of the year it is? It's Halloween season, the best time of the month! If you want to know about a Halloween party going on at Prudence Island then good thing you contacted me or else I would not be able to help you. At the Halloween pot luck one of the games we played was bobbing for apples. I volunteered and I went three times. I won the first two but not the third one. When we played bobbing for apples, before Ethan and Michael left, Pat called them over to go against each other and Ethan won! Another game we played was musical chairs. That was very fun I guess. Also, we played pass the gourd. It was so fun, and it was like football. At the party you had to guess how many candies were in the jar.

Where the dessert table was there was a talking head. For decorations there were hanging ghosts, which were silly. There were also all types of costumes. These are some of them: an old granny, old man hunter, pink butterfly, Annie, a skeleton, a witch, a vampire, and Frankenstein's wife. There was free food there. Some of them were cupcakes, meatballs, mini hotdogs with beans, and ziti. Thank you for reading my article about the potluck Halloween party. You should go next year!



Blood Moon

By Raya, PISF 4th Grader

Did you know that there were two blood moons this year? If you want to learn more keep reading! A blood moon occurs when a lunar eclipse happens. A lunar eclipse is when the sun, earth, and moon form a straight line! The moon looks red because some of the light from the sun reflects off the earth and onto the moon. When the next blood moon happens you won't need special gadgets to look at it, but a telescope might help! There's also something called a Hunter's moon, which is sometimes called a blood moon because sometimes it looks reddish when it rises and sets. This year there have been two blood moons, but they both happened already. They happened on April 14-15 and October 7-8. The blood moon that happened in October was best seen in Australia, Japan, and the west coast of North America. Next year there will be two more blood moons. They will happen on April 4th and September 28th. Luckily, we will get a front row seat for them, but some places in the world won't see a blood moon until 2018! I hope you get to see the blood moons next year!

Eddy's Pumpkins

By Aribella, PISF 2nd grader

Eddie grows pumpkins! This year he grew three pumpkins. The biggest was 1,640 pounds. It came in fifth at the Rhode Island weigh-off. His second biggest pumpkin was 1,621 pounds and came in second place at the Connecticut weigh-off.

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Q: What sports did you play?

E: I played football.

Q: What was your position?

E: I played fullback and middle linebacker. I like defense a lot more than offense but they were both good.

Q: What's it like living/growing up on a farm?

E: It's a lot of work. My mom liked to put us to work. There were tons of chores to do all the time and all winter long; feeding the cows, moving the cows, water, moving water around. So I got some good work ethic from that I guess.

Q: What jobs have you had?

E: I think my first job when I was really young was actually running the transfer station on the island. And then from there I went to work at a ski mountain. Then I worked for that company "Clean the Bay", which was running boats around the bay. Then I worked for "Bristol Marine" in Bristol moving, hauling, rigging boats. I became a crane operator and a drive lift operator for them for a few years. Then I started A&R Marine with a couple guys and we're on the boat now.

Q: What do you do when you're not driving the boat?

E: A lot of business end stuff, a lot of meetings, a lot of paperwork and just making sure everything's running smooth.

Q: What about for fun?

E: Not much [Ha ha]. Not much these days. I still get to hang out with the same group of people I've been for a while and catch up, so we go out sometimes and have fun.

Dear Readers,

For my next film project I will be in need of old home video footage from the 1960's and 70's on Prudence. Any footage you have had digitized and are willing to lend to me would be greatly appreciated! Please send to the school's email (theprudencewave@aol.com) or bring it to the school.

Thank you,

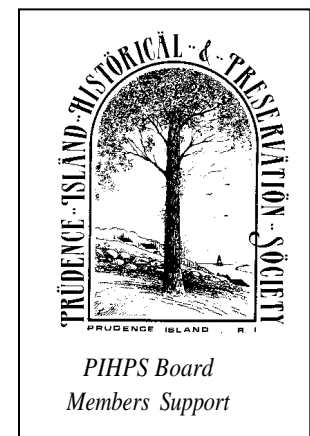
Clare, *PISF 12th Grader*



ENVY Gymnastics awards



Happy B-day Nevaeh!



Answer to last month's 'Where is this?'

Our beautiful garden gate at the PI Schoolhouse. Handcrafted by Owen Morris, who attended the Prudence Island School in the early 2000's, when it was still a public school.

The PISF Website

is now up and running! Visit us at

www.prudenceislandschool.org

Franklin Pierce College Visit

By Marina, PISF 12th Grader

On October 8th I went to Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH. Franklin Pierce is number one on my list of colleges, it's my favorite. It was a mini road trip with Ray and Diane - it was fun. We got up early Wednesday morning and took the first boat. Then we drove to NH, which took us about two and a half hours. When we got there we found our way to the admissions office, that's where we met Rachel. Rachel was my tour guide. She showed me all around the campus and told me all about it. It's a really nice campus. Everything is pretty close and easy to get to. It is also very beautiful up there, I liked it a lot!!! After the tour we sat with another woman (whose name I can't remember) who told us more about the school. Then that was it. We left and headed back to Bristol. It was a really nice trip, I'm glad I got to see Franklin Pierce in person.

Julianna's Joke of the Month



Q: Which side of a turkey has the most feathers?

A: The outside!

*Made by the Bay
Jewelry*

Made with island sea glass



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Maurina Biology with Liz

By Marina, PISF 12th Grader

This year for science I am taking marine biology. This is not just any marine bio course though; it is the coolest marine bio class ever!!! I am taking it with Maureen and Liz from NBNERR. It was really extra super awesome of them to do this class with me. It's my favorite class this year. I meet with Maureen and Liz once a week at the south end where we do our class. They always have something fun planned for class. One class, we went to the marsh and talked about everything that lives there, by the end of that class I had a hand full of mummichogs. Then another class, Liz and I collected plankton and looked at it under a microscope - that was pretty cool! I look forward to seeing what they have planned for our future classes.

Norman Bird Sanctuary

By Julianna, PISF 10th Grader

A few weeks back, on an off island Friday, the school went on an educational and fascinating field trip. The Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown is a place of nature and loads of culture. The beautiful woodlands in the area have lots to offer - especially to the Native American tribes that had originally resided there. We school kids spent the day walking in the footsteps of the Wampanoag tribe, learning their ways.

Our guides Matt and Rachel brought us on an amazing adventure. Our first stop was the sanctuary's garden, where we gained a bit of knowledge as to what the Wampanoag's gardened and what tools they used to do so. The tribe was very resourceful, using large clam shells tied to the ends of sticks with leather rope as gardening tools.

After our lesson in the garden we took off down one of the sanctuary's many trails into the woods. Here we learned about how the Wampanoag's hunted, and how they put the natural resources to their advantage. For example, I had no idea that you could use milkweed for diapers. It's apparently very absorbent.

Perhaps one of the most interesting parts of the tour was our silent trek down the boardwalk. The objective of the activity was to stay as quiet as possible in order to hear all that was going on around us. Without all of our chatter, we could hear the birds singing, as well as the leaves crisply crunching underneath the soles of our shoes.

All in all it was a wonderful experience, and I would love to go back for more as soon as possible!



The College of the Atlantic

By Clare, PISF Senior

Over Columbus Day weekend my mom and I made our way up to Bar Harbor, Maine to visit the College of the Atlantic's open house. The college is my number one choice school and before any decisions are made you have to visit and see if you click with the campus. My weekend started out with a bang on Saturday when I took the SAT's. Ah, yes, the SAT's. I remember the days when I had to deal with that dreadful test. Well, those days are over, and I'm never going to look at another SAT question of the day again!

After that six hour jamboree I went home to Medford. Bright and too early Sunday morning we began the six hour voyage up to the northern shores of Maine. I drove all the way up (and half way back) and my back still hasn't forgiven me for it. The open house didn't start until Monday so we had the day to explore Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park which is a quarter mile up the road from the college. We drove up to the top of Mt. Cadillac to enjoy the view. Did you know the peak of Mt. Cadillac is where you can watch the first sunset in the United States? Being the eastern-most point in the country has those perks. We also made our way over to Sand Beach to dip our feet into the frigid ocean. If you've never been to Acadia you're truly missing out on one of the country's most beautiful areas, especially during the fall. For once I was all right being a leaf peeper.

Monday we went to the college for a day of immersion into the COA lifestyle. We began with a tour of the campus. Although small, the campus makes up for it in the absolute beauty of everything on it. It's right on the banks of Frenchman Bay, so I felt right at home. In fact it was surprisingly similar to Prudence not only in scenery but in the small, close-knit community as well. We then attended a class on marine mammal biology.

Did I mention how small COA is? There are about 300-350 students enrolled and the average class size is a mere 12. I find it hilarious when people tell me how small that is and ask if I'd be all right with that. I have to remind them that I'm currently enrolled in a school with seven students and a usual student-teacher ratio of 1:1. I had my interview with the dean of admissions who was fascinated with Prudence Island and our school, as most people are when you tell them about it. Later we went on a tour of

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The College of the Atlantic (cont.)

the bay and its many islands on the college's small research vessel. My mom saw her first three bald eagles, surprisingly after me. One of the students on the boat with us said "it's hard to believe they were ever endangered when you live up here".

The best part in my opinion was the food. There's a farm on campus from which they get most of their produce. They have a strict policy for obtaining food. If not from the farm it's local or fair-trade and organic. It tasted as good as it felt eating it! Later that evening after a lecture on financial aid I got to meet with the faculty and other students in their awesome museum. The museum is full of animals all taxidermied by the students. They did an amazing job making them all look so life-like by putting them in action attacking animals or getting ready to fly away. I met the president as well, who goes by Darren. Actually, the whole faculty is on a first name basis with the students. That's good because I'll have an easy transition from here where calling Linda "Mrs. Mosher" is laughable.

Our visit to the College of the Atlantic was fantastic, further kindling my love for the school. In fact I fell in love with it so much that I've decided to apply early decision, meaning I can't apply to any other college. This may sound crazy to you but it's one of things that when you know, you know. I'm choosing to trust my gut on this monumental decision in my life, and I'm absolutely positive I'm making the right decision.

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Bonner supported the Cape Hatteras National Seashore program as well as Roosevelt and Kennedy's federal programs." She explained in detail. And then, your friend told you about how old the boat was, where it was built, and where it ran to and from.

"The boat was completed in 1970, making it 44 years old this year. Built in North Carolina, the boat ran from Hatteras to Orcacoke Island."

By now, you were nodding your head slowly, and wanted to know more. *Just a bit.* Your friend simply chuckled and began to tell you some more info.

"The boat itself is 112' by 40'. It can hold 25 regular vehicles, and before, it was almost replaced by a boat that would and could hold 50 cars. The boat began carrying cars and people on Friday, October 10th in 2014. AKA, today."

And just as you'd gone to ask your friend for more information, she put her hand out and made the halt sign. "We're here," she chuckled and grabbed her pulley-cart. "And that's all that I know."

Journal of the Month

The topic was Thanksgiving and what you like most about it. These were our responses.

Aribella:

I like that Mimi, my sister, and my friend comes. I love the food. My favorite is mashed potatoes and gravy.

Gianna:

I like Thanksgiving because it's fun putting the vegetables in the turkey and my dad helps me take the neck out, then we cook it. Another reason is because we have family and friends come over to join us to eat. I also like Thanksgiving because when the turkey is ready my mom helps us pick out the food we want on our plates and for dessert my mom makes three types of pie. Thanksgiving is also fun for me because Neveah and I go to the Dollar Tree and buy construction paper. Then, we trace our hands with colored pencils, cut them out and hang them on the wall. Finally, on another piece of paper we write Happy Thanksgiving.

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Raya:

Thanksgiving is always fun at our house! There's always people at our house. Friends and family are always there. Pepere [her grandfather Ray] always makes his special meat stuffing. It's really, really good! Last year at Thanksgiving was really fun! Our friends Max, Ami, and Mariel came out! That was awesome! Thanksgiving is always so fun and so awesome.

Marina:

Thanksgiving is a nice holiday. I enjoy it a lot. We usually celebrate this holiday at my uncle's house. Everyone meets up there kind of early, so we can hang out and help and stuff and then we eat a ton of food. I must say besides getting to spend time with the family, my favorite part about Thanksgiving is my aunt's cheesecake. She either makes strawberry cheesecake or these little cheesecake bites. And they are absolutely amazing, but seeing the fam is nice too. We stay pretty late. It's fun.

Lindsay:

My favorite part of Thanksgiving is spending all day eating delicious food and watching football with my family. I love all the Thanksgiving food, but my favorites are mashed potatoes and gravy and string bean casserole. The day after Thanksgiving my sister and I shop til' we drop, Black Friday style. The food, football, and shopping are all amazing, but the best part of all is spending quality time with those that I love most!

Linda:

I'm not that crazy about all of the Thanksgiving food. I'm not a fan of squash. However, I do like that there are always lots of desserts. On Thanksgiving Day I have a little of every dessert then for the rest of the weekend I can stick to the ones I like best. I really like that on Thanksgiving family and friends just come and hang out sometimes for three or four days!

Nevaeh:

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my family. Without my family who and where would I be? Swaggie! My dog Swags is a really good cuddler. I love his soft fur and such. Music is my getaway and I need that sometimes. I love Thanksgiving because I get creative. Last Thanksgiving I covered the kitchen walls with family photos and captions, and had us make turkey handprints. My favorite part is cooking and I love cooking the mashed potatoes - last year was colorful because I found food dye.

Julianna:

What I like best about Thanksgiving is seeing my friends and family. This is true especially because by the time Thanksgiving rolls around, I haven't seen any of my family since August (which is when we have a huge joint birthday party for our summer birthdays). Sure, the food is great (and stuffing is a personal favorite of mine), but nothing beats spending a whole day surrounded by the familiar faces of the people I love. On the other hand, however...*pie*.

Clare:

By far the best part of Thanksgiving is the food. As you may know, I'm a food enthusiast. I pride myself on the amount of food I can consume in one sitting. Every Thanksgiving I eagerly await the buffet of food. It's usually hosted at my house, so I have to torturously watch all day long as my mom and others prepare the feast. It's also nice having a pastry chef sister with a chef boyfriend around. Over the years I have been perfecting the art of seeing how much I can eat. I've had several methods. One was skip breakfast entirely to save room. Then my mom told me the best way to eat the most is to do just the opposite: have a good breakfast and expand your stomach. She would know, being a GI nurse. Either way I get to eat all of the deliciousness of the day and leftovers for days to come.

Dressing Your Turkey

By Julianna, PISF 9th Grader

Instead of dressing your turkey with spices and seasonings this thanksgiving, switch up your regular routine and give your dinner a makeover they'll be *thankful* for.

As this is probably a first time deal for most readers, we'll start with a very simple step by step guide to achieving turkey socialite status. Keep in mind that these methods will work with any turkey; big or small, brined or not, free-range or otherwise.

Step One: Pick out a turkey

While you can find style deals, this is the one item you should splurge on. Remember that good posture is important. Choose a turkey with confidence!

Step Two: Thaw the turkey

Sometimes cool is *too* cool. Give your bird an attitude adjustment.

Step Three: Empty your turkey's cavity

Take that thing to the dentist. A pearly white smile is sure to win over your dinner guests!

Step Four: Rinse the turkey under running water

Give your turkey a soothing shower to calm its nerves before show time.

Step Five: Stuff your turkey

If it's hungry you should feed it.

Step 6: Pre-heat your oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

Your turkey needs to look *smokin'*.

Step 7: Season your turkey if desired

The spice of life is spontaneity.

Step 8: Roast

Give your turkey a few good burns. A few rounds of family friendly celebrity roasting never hurt anybody.

Step 9: Rest your turkey

You want a pretty bird? Let the poor thing have some beauty sleep.

And finally

Step 10: Dress your turkey

Dress your turkey up in your favorite fashion pieces

Ask yourself, is this task too daunting? You may want to stop *cold turkey*. Not everyone is cut out for Bird Couture.



Health class



Planting tulips



Science class



A chorus of recorders



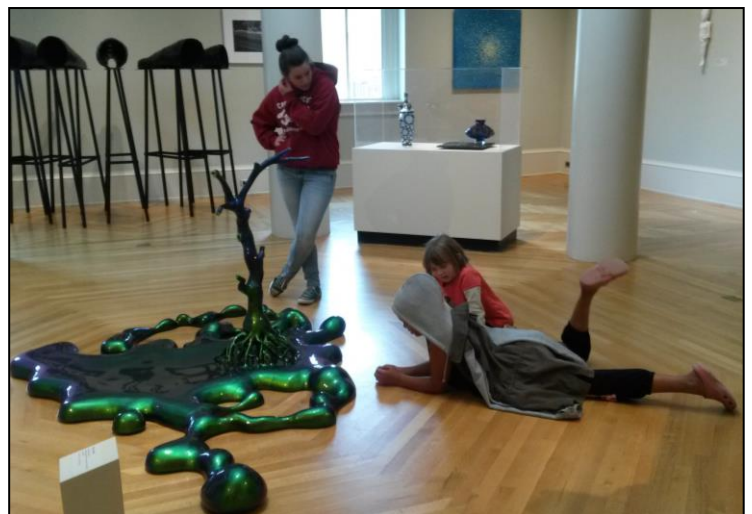
Big field trip to Newport Art Museum
& Norman Bird Sanctuary



Julianna posing like a statue



Gianna photo-bombing



Contemplating the art



Enjoying the new couch



The ferry is the best for intense discussions



Nature walk with Ginny



Stitch-n-Chat at Farnham Farm

