

NEWS BRIEFS

Vaccination clinic set for May 26

The Town of Deer Isle and the Healthy Island Project (HIP) will hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Thursday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon in the town hall, according to the town's website.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, everyone age 12 and up who is fully vaccinated should get one booster shot.

People who should get two boosts include: those 50 and older; people 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised; and people who got two shots of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (one primary and one boost). For more information, contact René Colson Hudson at 367-6332 or the Deer Isle Town Office at 348-2324.

American Legion to host Memorial Day remembrance service

The American Legion Rodney Stinson Post 102 announces that there will be a brief Memorial Day remembrance service at the Deer Isle Veterans Memorial, by the Mill Pond, on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. Rain or shine. The community is invited to solemnly observe this service to honor our war dead.

Healthy Island Project's annual Bike Rodeo returns May 28

Healthy Island Project will host the free 7th annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Island elementary school parking lot. Bring your bike and a helmet and get a bike safety check. No helmet? HIP will have them for free. No bike? There will be spares to try. Learn safe biking skills and ride the bicycle obstacle course.

Free T-shirts will be provided. Masks and social distancing are recommended. Adults must accompany kids and sign a waiver. The rain date is Sunday, May 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 367-6332 or email healthyislandproject@gmail.com.

The Bike Rodeo is cosponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Maine Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Program and the Maine Department of Transportation.

Project Launch receives \$10K grant to support apprenticeship program

DEER ISLE—The education-based nonprofit Project Launch was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation for its workforce development efforts, according to a press release. The grant will allow Project Launch to implement its apprenticeship program beginning in September.

The pilot program will match participating seniors at Deer Isle-Stonington High School with local businesses throughout Deer Isle and the Blue Hill Peninsula, allowing students to explore career interests as well as develop hands-on and workforce-readiness skills. Students will

earn class credit and have the opportunity to create a portfolio of mastered skills that can be shared with future employers.

Maine Community Foundation Senior Program Officer Leslie Goode said, "Students and future employers will benefit directly from this program to establish apprenticeships with local employers. The creative approach promises to provide economic benefits for the entire community over the long-term by building skills and a future workforce to meet priorities in the area."

Placements include construction, plumbing, hospitality, business management, culinary and creative

arts. Participating host sites will be announced later this summer. Local businesses interested in participating as hosts are encouraged to contact Project Launch Executive Director Kim Hutchinson at 460-7881 or projectlaunchdis@gmail.com.

Project Launch provides the ongoing support needed for a successful transition from high school to postsecondary degree, as well as workforce support for young adults. The program works in partnership with Deer Isle-Stonington High School and community members from Deer Isle and surrounding communities. To learn more, visit project-launchdis.com.

Evergreen Garden Club plant sale to benefit new endowment fund

THE ISLAND—The Evergreen Garden Club of Deer Isle and Stonington will hold its annual Plant Sale outdoors behind the old Deer Isle elementary school (across from the Congregational Church on Rte. 15) Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to noon, with a rain date of Sunday, May 22, according to a news release.

Most of the proceeds of the sale in the past have gone to maintaining the 23-1/2-acre Mariners Memorial Park in Deer Isle, which is owned and maintained by the club and open to the public. This year, the proceeds from the raffle portion of the sale will go directly to the new Evergreen Endowment Fund.

Master Gardener Volunteers Bob and Linda Allen have started and "seeded" the Evergreen Endowment Fund through the Maine Community Foundation. The fund is meant to help pay for the annual maintenance costs of insurance, mowing and road maintenance in the park. It is hoped that the fund will free up other monies for the club to do more within the community, beyond the bounds of the park.

At the plant sale, Master Gardeners and experienced EGC members will be on hand to answer gardening questions. Plants available include perennials, herbs, vegetable and flower seedlings, fruit trees and rhubarb plants, with many being native to Maine, which have been lovingly nurtured by the members of the club. It is the same weekend as the Island Heritage Trust's popular birding event, "Wings, Waves and Woods Festival," a great time to explore Deer Isle!

Those who haven't visited the park lately are encouraged to take a drive down the Morey Farm Road, just off Sunshine Road, to catch the sight of hundreds of daffodils in bloom.

Anyone who would like to donate to the fund can do so by sending a check to Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605, and referencing Evergreen Fund.

Donations can also be processed

online at the Maine Community Foundation website: mainecf.org. Remember to specify the Evergreen Fund.

CULTURE WARS: Relations between conservative and progressive Americans have become toxic, fueled mainly by conservatives. Conservatives don't want anything about race, gender or sexuality taught in the schools. Florida is even rejecting some math books that officials have said strayed into "prohibited topics." Some would include Islam among the forbidden topics. Tennessee has passed a law allowing localities to have partisan school board elections; this would exacerbate the school wars. The governor of Texas wants the authority to bar undocumented children from the schools; for this he needs the US Supreme Court to overturn a 1982 decision. He also wants the right for states to enforce US immigration laws, overturning another Supreme Court decision (2012). The governor of Florida wants to end tenure at public universities in that state. There are even conservatives who want to end public education in the US and fund education through vouchers to private schools. People need to wake up to the agendas being pursued by aggressive conservatives who now believe they have the upper hand. (Source: *The New York Times*, 4/19, 25 and 5/6/22) —ISLAND PEACE AND JUSTICE
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At the Island Community Center

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T-shirts, door prizes, and fitness center tours