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Tiverton youth given state recognition



Tiverton Little League President Claudia Linhares and Baseball Director Ken DeCosta congratulated Zachary Guillette the day of his award.

Zach Guillette, 12, has wanted to play baseball ever since he can remember, and fully plans to play professionally. His focus

on the sport was rewarded on August 23 when he received a citation from the state at the Town Farm Recreation Field. The award recognized his exemplary playing.

The Citation reads: "The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Secretary of State Matthew A. Brown, extends Greetings and Congratulations to Zachary Guillette, Tiverton Little League, in Recogni-

tion of Extraordinary Sportsmanship and Team Spirit."

You can understand why he would receive this award when you talk with him. "I like to get up and hit when my team needs me; that's when I come through," he said matter-of-factly. Although he is currently a pitcher and short-stop, he aspires to be a center fielder. "It's the lead outfielder," he explained. "That's where you catch fly balls."

Zach is going into the seventh grade at the Tiverton Middle School. Next to gym class, his favorite subject is math, especially divi-

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**"Knot Sorry,"
Oil by Sachiko Morgan**

Town Hall art exhibit showcases local scenery

Mrs. Sachiko Morgan, a native of Tokyo, Japan, is an artist who says that painting is like "breathing" to her, an "oxygen-giving activity of my life." Town Hall is the latest venue to show her varied landscapes. She has exhibited

at many local galleries and museums, including Portsmouth Abbey, the Newport Art Museum, the Virginia Lynch Gallery in Tiverton, and the Happy White Gallery in Barrington.

Morgan paints outdoors in Tiverton, Little

Compton and Westport with her artist friends, according to the Town Hall profile of her. She is quoted as saying: "Getting to know this beautiful part of the country and spending time with like-minded people

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Zach is a good role model

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sion and multiplication. His mother Lori noted that he is an honor roll student. "He knows school work is number one. We've never had the issue where his grades went down to the point where it was an ultimatum. His grades are first and foremost."

Both Zach's father Henry and his mother are avid baseball devotees. "Henry is extremely involved in Little League teams," Lori said. "He has been involved in Zach's progress since the day he hit his first baseball off the "T." We are all lovers of baseball, and we don't push Zach. He just absolutely loves baseball."

Beginning at five years of age to play baseball in the "T-Ball" Little League, Zach guessed he has played some 30-40 games, including all-stars and playoffs. He has been on the all-star team since he was seven. A measure of the youngster is his pragmatic advice to those who may



Zach shows off his recent award for good sportsmanship and team spirit.

falter sometimes in the game: "Just go on to the next play," he advised.

That's not bad advice for playing the game of life, either.

Editorially Speaking....

"Tiverton's Good News" is a newsletter for and about the residents of Tiverton.

We invite you to participate in this newsletter by providing good news of interest that will enhance the lives of those who read it. Photographs—digital or prints—are welcome, and can be sent to the addresses below. The editor will also consider taking a picture of a special event. Newsletter hours of operation are:

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We look forward to this venture with anticipation. We want to particularly point out the great help extended to the town by **Paul Terceiro**, who voluntarily maintains the town's web site and who has graciously agreed to add this newsletter each month so residents can download it (see page 4).

Copy deadline next month: Sept. 25th!



The 9 and 10-Year-Old Rhode Island All-Stars, who won the state championship, proudly pose for a picture. The champion baseball team members are (left to right):

Melanie William; Emilee Sando; Jillian Cayer; Kadie Mercier; Brooks Queern; Lauren Poirier; Sarah Greene; Samantha Kulpa; Ashley Moniz, Samantha William, and Amy Graves.

Back row (Left to right) : Asst. Coach, Ernie William; Head Coach Ed Greene, and Asst. Coach Tracy Graves.

The Town Council gave the team citations, as well as a proclamation from Governor Donald Carcieri.

Congratulations to the 9 and 10-Year-Old Rhode Island District 2 Champions!!

Gazebo renovation in progress



The Gazebo as we remember it



The Gazebo "in progress"

Although it looks a bit like the end result of a bad storm right now, the town's gazebo is slated to become a viable landmark once more.

The renovation is being funded by donations, and a recent fundraiser by Sakonnet Bay Manor residents brought in close to \$7,000 to continue the work.

The Gazebo Restoration Committee welcomes any and all contributions. To make a contribution, contact committee chairmen Dave Saurette or Greg Jones.

New Police Chief begins job

On September 8, the town of Tiverton welcomes its new police chief, Thomas Blakey, formerly a lieutenant in the Swansea Police Department. He is eager to begin his duties, and said he wants to meet individually with every officer and employee at the police station.

Chief Blakey officially took office on August 22 at a small swearing-in at Town Hall in the Clerk's office, but looks forward to having a larger ceremonial that would include family, friends, the town council and the administrator.

"I'm excited, and looking forward to the challenges and to working with the council and other town officials, as well as interacting with the different agencies in town like the Department of Public Works, the School Department, and agencies dealing with both the young and the old," he said.



had matching cheerleader outfits with letters."

Chief Blakey said that one of the boys in the league had grown up to become an officer who now was on patrol for the Swansea Police Department. "He's the department school resource officer in the school. Young people interest me," he said, adding that he also definitely wants "to take an interest in the older people who might be more vulnerable."

Knowing that there will be inevitable comparisons between him and former Chief George Arruda, who became Swansea's police chief earlier

"I was one of the founders of the Swansea Athletic League," he said. "I organized a full-contact league with 120 boys and 60 girls, all insured with full gear. The girls all

this year, he noted that "George and I have been friends for 20 years. We have similar ways of thinking; we finish each other's sentences. I'm sure we have differences, too. I will, for

"I will, for example, have my own goals and way of doing things."

Chief Thomas Blakey

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Currently living in Swansea with his wife Catherine, the chief will be looking for a house in Tiverton. He has three grown children—a son Thomas, 32, and two daughters, Jennifer, 30, and Jessica 24.

He said that the entire family supported his decision to come to the Tiverton Community: "They are all very happy and supportive. Policemen need that kind of a family."

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**FROM THE DESK OF
JIM TOWERS,
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**



Personally, I am extremely proud and pleased to be part of this new Town Council endeavor to disseminate "Good News" to the citizens of Tiverton. As we all know, so often we are inundated with less than positive and less than "GOOD" reports. To think that our town council is attempting to help offset this with a new effort is commendable.

The Tiverton Economic Development Commission has just announced that it has been awarded a \$25,000 legislative grant to assess the Tiverton business climate and future business needs. This project is designed to help our community to plan for the future.

In the frame of "planning for the future," the town council is currently working on a five-year capital plan. The council is currently seeking input from each town department and all boards and commissions as it relates to their needs in the not distant future. The concept is not new to Tiverton, but the effort is revitalized and moving forward.

The Interceptor Sewer line between the Tiverton Industrial Park and the Fall River Wastewater Facility on Bay Street is nearing completion. The line is currently functional and servicing part of the town. The project, a vision of the Wastewater Management Commission back to 1978, is now a reality. Connections in the north end are sure to follow. On an immediate note, the town is working on the extension of wastewater service to the area of Hilton Street and Main Road.

My office welcomes input from citizens of Tiverton not only for input into our new "Tiverton's Good News" publication, but also for the efficient governing of town.

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seems like heaven to me. I am truly thankful for this experience."

She is a member of the Portsmouth Art Guild, the Westport Art Group, and the Watercolor Society of Rhode Island. The exhibit will run through October. An Artist's Reception will be held at Town Hall on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 2-4 p.m.

Right, an oil by Sachiko Morgan titled "House on the Rock."



About the Tiverton Arts Council....

A town-appointed committee of five, the group has just created a non-profit organization—"Friends of the Arts"—in Tiverton. Its goal is to raise funds to support town events. More next month.

REMINDER!

Trash Pickup the week of Oct. 13 will be one day later because of the Columbus Day holiday.