

## SUN RISE SCOOPS

by MERI R. KENNEDY

### Ice for the entire family

The Johnston Education Foundation will sponsor a family skating event from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at the Smithfield Municipal Skating Rink, Pleasant View Drive, in Smithfield. The event will be open to all Johnston school students and their families. Admission is \$6 and skate rentals will be available for \$5. The JEF funds a variety of educationally

related activities through the year and also offers scholarships to high school seniors. Proceeds from their recent raffle will be used to purchase new choir risers for Johnston High School.

### 250th kickoff

Join the Johnston Historical Society as it celebrates Johnston's 250th Celebration Kick-Off from 2 through 4 p.m. on March 15 at the Johnston Senior Center. There will be presentations, treats, a birthday cake, a Johnston quiz and the winners of a Johnston history essay contest will be announced.

### The Loved Dead

Meet Jim Dyer at the Mohr Library on March 16 as he presents his book, "The Loved Dead and Other Tales," at 6:30 p.m. Dyer is the grandson and editor of his grandfather's (C. M. Eddy Jr.) collection of writing. C. M. Eddy Jr. was an author best known for his horror and supernatural short stories. Born in 1896, he died in 1967, living most of his life in Providence. During his early years he was a friend and confidant of both H. P. Lovecraft and Harry Houdini.

### FM Global remains on top

### of charitable giving

United Way of Rhode Island has announced that Johnston-based FM Global has raised more than \$1 million in combined employee and corporate giving during its recent campaign. FM Global is Rhode Island's largest private company, one of the world's largest business property insurers and continues to be the United Way's top corporate donor. During the past five years, FM Global has raised more than \$4 million via support from employees, retirees, the company and special events. FM Global is unique in that for every \$1 an employee donates, the company matches it with \$2.

### A happy 80th!

If you happen to see Councilman Ernie Pitochelli in your travels on Sunday – maybe while attending the town's 250th birthday party at the Johnston Senior Center – be sure to wish him a happy 80th birthday.

### Making The Grade

Congratulations to Robert Sherman of Johnston, who has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine at Farmington.

### Did You Know?

Ah ... the luck of the Irish! St. Patrick's Day is next week, but did you know that according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves ever found on a clover is 14! Legend says each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second is for faith, the third is for love and the fourth is for luck. It has



been estimated there are about 10,000 regular three-leaf clovers for every lucky four-leaf clover.

*If you would like to submit any items of interest, please e-mail Meri R. Kennedy directly at Sun-RiseScoops@aol.com. You may also address your items to Sun Rise Scoops, c/o Beacon Communications, 1944 Warwick Ave., Warwick, RI 02889. Photos are also welcome.*

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