Buchanan Deputy Mayor Relives the Tragic Day of 9/11

By Abby Luby

When Buchanan Deputy Mayor Richard Funchion recalled working at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, he conjured stark memories he will never forget.

Saturday was the 20th anniversary of 9/11 when 2,996 people lost their lives and another 25,000 were injured when four U.S. commercial airplanes were hijacked and carried out suicide attacks by crashing into the WTC, the Pentagon and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The attacks were orchestrated by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Funchion, a 9/11 survivor, shared some of his most stark and unforgettable images of that day with a large crowd gathered at the Tri-Municipal 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Croton Landing.

“There was an explosion and the whole area shook, the world turned white and the top of the tower went up in flames,” Funchion recalled.

As a U.S. Customs supervisor in a building near tower one, Funchion’s job was to get all his staffers safely out. When everyone had been evacuated, he looked up and saw tons of falling debris and heard a deafening explosion as the second plane hit the second tower.

“Of the many images that have stayed with me all these years was the thousands of women’s high heel shoes strewn all over,” Funchion said. “Women had no time to change into flat shoes and they couldn’t run in heels as they were making their way towards the river, one of the escape routes.”

Funchion told a stunned audience the horrific sight of people jumping off the second tower. “And the fire engines never stopped coming. The people who got out were panicked and were fleeing towards the river where water taxis became overloaded. Those at the river witnessed the second tower being struck by a plane.”

Suffering a painful and agonizing aftermath,

Memorial Wall Unveiled at Yorktown 9/11 Ceremony

By Rick Pezzullo

Several hundred residents gathered Saturday around the town’s 9/11 Memorial in Shrub Oak to mark the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

“Those images on television, the reports over the radio, the announcements over the school PA system seem like yesterday,” said Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater, who was a sophomore in high school when the hijacked planes destroyed the World Trade Center.

“For many, time has not healed the deep wounds. There is no amount of time that will heal those wounds. We say we will never forget, and we won’t. We here today are fulfilling our solemn promise of never forgetting,” he said.

Five Yorktown residents, Patrick Danahy, Simon Dedvukaj, Paul Fiori, Alan W. Friedlander and Barry McKeon, were killed in the attacks. Their names are engraved in the memorial that is located in front of John C. Hart Library.

“We cannot forget the misery of 20 years ago,” said Councilman Vishnu Patel. “We are stronger today than 20 years ago. Give something back to your community, if not today, then tomorrow.”

The highlight of Saturday’s ceremony was the unveiling of a 9/11 Memorial Wall that was designed by Christopher Rios, a local artist based in Westchester.

Slater pointed out the seven feet high, 14 feet long wall included five stars for the five residents who lost their lives.

“I do believe God’s hands are in everything we do,” Slater said.

A stirring rendition of the National Anthem was sung by Yorktown Police Officer Angel Garcia, while Nicole Scambia performed God Bless America.

Later in the day, Yorktown officials held a 9/11 illumination ceremony at Granite Knolls Park in Mohegen Lake.

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Artists Christopher Rios poses with his grandmother in front of the 9/11 Memorial Wall in Shrub Oak.

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Agudelo to Fight Alone for Seat as Running Mates Bow Out

By Rick Pezzullo

The number of candidates who will be actively campaigning for elected office in November shrank last week from 12 to 9 as three members of the Progress 4 Peekskill Party announced their intentions to bow out.

Although the Progress 4 Peekskill slate will still appear on the Working Families Party line on the November 2 ballot, only Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, who was shunned by Democratic district leaders in her bid for a second term, confirmed Friday she will not be going away quietly.

“Regardless of title or role, my loyalty will always be to the people of Peekskill, not to a political party,” Agudelo stated. “I look forward to continuing to campaign on the issues most pressing to the lives of Peekskill residents at every opportunity I’m given.”

Agudelo, along with mayoral hopeful Conor Greene and council candidates Amy Perlow and Amy Yele, were defeated in a Democratic primary in June by the Democratic-endorsed team of Vivian McKenzie, Dwight Douglas, Ramon Fernandez and Rob Scott, but recently they declined to endorse the victors.

“This summer, P4P approached Deputy Mayor McKenzie and the PDCC endorsed slate with the intention of making a good faith effort to find points of common ground. P4P was ready and willing to publicly endorse McKenzie for mayor, and Fernandez, Douglas, and Scott for council if they demonstrated willingness to adopt progressive positions on issues like affordable housing and sustainability - policies that impact the everyday lives of residents and are important to the Peekskill voters who’ve supported us,” the slate stated on Facebook.

“While we had hoped to be able to unify with the PDCC around our shared values, our willingness to find common ground and form a plan of action to move forward was not reciprocated. The PDCC-endorsed slate emphasized in an email dated August 27th that ‘the areas of mutual agreement do not include housing policy.’ Sustainability - namely, the appointment of a Sustainability Coordinator - was also excluded as an item up for discussion amongst our teams,” they continued.

“P4P believes all elected leaders must EARN the votes of their constituents and cannot in good faith endorse candidates who will not take seriously the issues most pressing to our community. As a result, we will not be endorsing the PDCC candidates at this time, and will continue to advocate for policies that we raised during the primary campaign.”

McKenzie, who is running for mayor to succeed Andre Rainey, publicly expressed her disappointment with the Progress 4 Peekskill team’s stance.

“My running mates and I are very disappointed that our primary opponents, who were resoundingly rejected by Democratic voters, have followed through on the threat they made when they launched their campaign to run a third party spoiler campaign,” McKenzie stated. “We’re especially disappointed that the two specific demands made by P4P in exchange for their potential endorsement were: 1) adopt their housing policy which would bar a family with two minimum wage incomes from qualifying for affordable housing, and 2) a guarantee that they would be able to determine ---with a back room deal--- the appointment of the vacant seat on the council that would emerge should I be elected mayor.”

“While we identified numerous areas of agreement where we would be happy to work with them, my running mates and I made it clear that we would not reverse the platform we ran on ---and that Democratic voters overwhelmingly supported--- nor would we participate in a back room deal for P4P to choose a new sustainable coordinator without public knowledge,” McKenzie continued.

“For the next two months, our focus will continue to be where it belongs: On beating the Republican slate and continuing the remarkable progress Peekskill has already made in the last four years of Democratic governance -- including on the issues such as our economy, securing historic investments in our downtown, increasing affordable housing, and protecting the environment.”

Greene and Perlow both stated on Facebook they were stepping away because they didn’t like their chances of winning in the general election on the Working Families Party line.

“I’m honored to have received the WFP endorsement and to have run with their support in the primary on a platform of housing, equitable growth and other progressive values. However, running a third party campaign that I’m highly unlikely to win is not the best path forward for myself or our city at this time,” Greene said.

“I am not asking for anyone’s vote, while I could certainly garner many by actively campaigning. I don’t believe a win is ultimately viable and I do not want Republicans to win any seats,” Perlow stated. “On the other hand, McKenzie, Fernandez, Douglas and Scott still must earn the votes of over 500 Democrats who supported the WFP-endorsed progressives in the primary and many more who have not yet made up their minds.”

Running on the Republican line is mayoral candidate Emiliano Perez, a downtown restaurant owner, and council hopefuls Leesther Brown, Ken Gillee and Bill Moran.

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Function was diagnosed with cancer from exposure to toxins in the air at Ground Zero. He was treated and has been cancer-free for four years. But he suffered from PTSD for years before he began treatment. “I waited too long to get help. But I thank my wife and family who got me through this,” he said.

The ceremony honoring the victims of 9/11 was held at the “Reaching Through the Shadow” Memorial at Croton Landing Park in Croton-on-Hudson and started with a procession led by Bagpiper Joe Brady, followed by the Color Guard lead by members of the Buchanan Engine Company, Continental Fire Department, Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department, Lake Mohagon Fire Department, Montrose Fire Department and Verplanck Fire Department.

The three municipalities who organized the afternoon ceremony were the Town of Cortlandt, and the villages of Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson. Ringing the remembrance bell was Angela Outhouse of the Buchanan Engine Company.

In a special appearance by Westchester County Executive George Latimer, he acknowledged “That tragic day 20 years ago changed our lives forever. He pulled out a cell phone and re-imagined passengers on the deadly planes calling their loved ones for the last time. ‘You’d be saying you were sorry you couldn’t see your kids grow up or you wouldn’t be at your daughter’s wedding or your grandson’s high school graduation. They had only two minutes to live and they were conscious of it. We can’t let this fade,” Latimer said.

Supervisor Linda Puglisi introduced officials and dignitaries including Buchanan Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker and Croton-on-Hudson Mayor Brian Pugh. Others attending were Assemblywoman Sandra Galef (D -95), New York State Senator Pete Harckham (D-40) and Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith (D-1). Most praised first responders who, without hesitation, gave their lives to save others. All thanked current first responders who dealt with the COVID-19 at the height of the outbreak last year.

Puglisi also recognized those in the audience who lost loved ones on 9/11 and thanked all first responders. “We wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for your passion and compassion,” she said.

In his final comment on his harrowing experience on 9/11, Funchion said, “When I watch the events of 9/11 I cry like a baby. Talking about it is a catharsis. I went through a lot but I’m here. To me, it means you have a sliver of hope that comes through in a time of tragedy.”
Active COVID Cases, Hospitalizations Still Down in Westchester

By Bailey Hosfelt

Active COVID-19 cases in Westchester County are down by about 400 from where they were in the previous two weeks, but it is still too soon to determine whether this reduction from the summer surge is a trend. During the past week, active cases in Westchester fell from 2,602 to 2,380. This continues a decrease in active cases, which were at 2,797 two weeks ago.

Although the Delta variant has made its presence known in Westchester with greater communicability of the disease and, in some cases, reinfection for those who previously had COVID-19 or breakthrough cases of people who are vaccinated, Westchester County Executive George Latimer said Monday the high level of vaccination has helped the situation in the region.

“We have noticed, and very favorably so, that the amount of hospitalizations and the number of fatalities have been much, much less during this reignition due to the Delta variant, primarily because of the level of vaccination here in Westchester County,” Latimer said.

So far, 638,779 Westchester residents have completed the vaccination series, meaning two shots of Pfizer or Moderna or one shot of Johnson & Johnson, Latimer said, and 700,012 individuals have had at least the first shot of the vaccination.

Latimer said around 20 to 25 percent of Westchester County’s 1.4 million population are under the age of 12, making them ineligible for the vaccine at this time.

“We’re pleased to note that well over 85 percent of our adult population 18 years of age and older have been vaccinated,” Latimer said.

That number exceeds neighboring counties in New York and significantly exceeds national numbers, which are lagging under 50 percent in some jurisdictions.

“We are confident that we are more resistant to the disease here in Westchester County, at least from a residential standpoint, because of those vaccination totals,” Latimer said.

Latimer also noted that the county is seeing more vaccinations now than earlier in the summer, a positive indication that more residents are choosing to protect themselves against the Delta variant.

Despite a decrease in active cases, there are still hospitalizations in Westchester.

Currently, the county has 106 people who were hospitalized for COVID-19 over the past week. That number has come up from its low in June when hospitalizations were around the single digits.

Fatalities have also grown slightly during the past week. In the past week, seven Westchester residents have died from COVID-19, following six fatalities the week before. This is an increase from previous weeks where the county had no fatalities.

Latimer said that, with a hospital room inventory of 2,600 to 2,700 beds, Westchester County is nowhere near saturating the capacity of its health system.

“The health figure that matters in all of this is the number of fatalities,” Latimer said. “The lower we can keep the fatalities, that is the indication of success.”

Despite a decrease in active COVID-19 cases, Latimer said it is too soon to indicate a trend. The county has seen a flattening of numbers over the past few weeks. However, Latimer said the county wants to see a trend of four to seven weeks soon to indicate a trend.

With students back in classrooms and a resurgence of cooler weather ahead, Latimer said, these will both be factors that could impact COVID-19 cases throughout Westchester.

“If the numbers continue to drop, we will view that as a very positive sign,” Latimer said.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins encouraged residents who have not yet been vaccinated and are eligible to get their shot.

“Ninety percent of the people that are either in the hospital or unfortunately passing away are unvaccinated,” Jenkins said.

Westchester is continuing to hold walk-in and pop-up vaccination clinics throughout the county and is ready to help administer vaccinations to the under 12 population, as well as booster shots, as soon as they are each authorized by the federal government.
Grant Theater Formally Dedicated at Fox Lane Middle School

By Abby Luby

The newly renovated theater at the Fox Lane Middle School was dedicated last week to Suzanne Grant, a former six-year Bedford Central School Board trustee and a passionate community volunteer who died prematurely in 2019. She was also the co-proprietor of PORCH Home + Gifts, a retail store in Mount Kisco.

Last Thursday night the second-floor theater at the middle school honored Grant with a ceremonial ribbon cutting followed by live performances. At the ribbon cutting was Grant’s husband, David Grant and his two children Dylan, 22, and Samantha, 25, both alumni of Fox Lane High School. Dylan is a graduate of Tufts and Samantha is a teacher in New York City.

David Grant, said his wife was a supporter of the performing arts. “The School Board named the theater in honor of Suzanne’s passing,” he said. “This theater is the ‘front door of the school district,’ an important space for kids, teachers and the community.”

The 200-seat theater has been fully upgraded from a dated, brick walled space with old risers to a formal auditorium replete with theater-style retractable seats on a motorized platform to allow for flexible floor space and seating, new acoustic-enhancing sound panels, a completely refurbished floor and a new grand piano.

About 100 people attended the dedication which was also broadcast on the district’s website. Grant, who is President of The Suzanne Grant Foundation, told the audience, “We wanted to remind everyone that walked into this space that Suzanne lived her life representing certain values — caring, inclusion, kindness, integrity, honesty and grace. It’s our hope that these values bounce off of these seats, ricochet off of these new floors and into the soul of everyone that walks into this room.”

Matt Vanacoro, Coordinator of the Performing Arts for the school district, took the role of MC and accompanied many of the performers on piano. The 21 performers played a variety of rock, jazz and classical music and were students, student alumni, current and former music teachers. Among the performers were the high school’s string quartet, elementary school music teacher and clarinetist Bryan Filletto playing jazz and a vocal trio with alumni Samantha Grant, Casey Crowell and Linsey Ruzza who sang the last song they performed in the district as students.

Bedford Central School Board President John Boucher thanked the audience for making the event happen. “One of the first families we met when we moved here was the Grant family. You couldn’t buy better neighbors.” Boucher shared his story of how Suzanne convinced him to run for the board of education. “Suzanne inspired me to give a little bit back.”

In his address BCSD Superintendent Joel Adelberg said, “I just can’t tell you how touched I am to be here. I look around this room and see so many faces of so many community members who represent to me the heart, the soul, the passion, the potential and power of the Bedford Central School District. There would be nobody who would bring together this group more than Suzanne.”

Grant explained that the space was remodeled to be used by all ages. “This space is important to every kid taking part in science fairs, read-a-thons, art shows, concerts, guest speaker presentations, student meetings, enrichment seminars. Also, it’s great that students and teachers from five different elementary schools can use this theater.”

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Westchester County unveiled its 9/11 First Responders Memorial on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks to honor those who have died from illnesses related to their recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

After three years of planning, the newest memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, two gray stones headlined with the words courage, honor, humility and sacrifice, was introduced. It is located in the shadow of the county’s 9/11 memorial The Rising at Kensico Dam Plaza.

There are 41 names of Westchester residents that comprise the first set of responders who have died from illnesses linked to their worked cleaning up the debris at the World Trade Center site from Sept. 11, 2001, until the task was completed on May 30, 2002.

Matthew McCauley, a retired New York City police officer and co-chair of the Memorial Committee with NYPD Sgt. Peter Woods, said they wanted a memorial that was simple, understated and represented the first responders who not only gave their lives 20 years ago, but who risked their lives in the aftermath of the attacks. Woods died earlier this year and is the first name listed on the memorial.

"When Peter and I worked together, he always said the same thing and we had the same conversations—we have to get this right," McCauley said during the county’s annual 9/11 ceremony. "It’s about the families and we may be up there someday. It wasn’t about Peter; it’s not about me. It’s about the families.”

Many of the names on the memorial were firefighters, not just for the FDNY, but from paid and volunteer departments across Westchester, as well as New York City police officers and several Westchester officers. Also on the list are two construction workers.

County Executive George Latimer, who announced the plans for the memorial at the county’s 9/11 ceremonies in 2018, said the firefighters and police officers who raced into the burning towers that would collapse shortly after they were struck by two of the hijacked airplanes was extraordinary. But the same must be said of those who worked at Ground Zero in the months following the attacks.

"There are other men and women, who after that incident, responded to their duty and did it voluntarily day and night on that pile," Latimer said. "The exposed themselves to chemicals that they did not know was in it. In fairness, they weren’t told. They’d come home at night to their spouses and their families having done their job as Americans and putting their life in jeopardy."

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The wife and children of NYPD Sgt. Peter Woods gaze at the new memorial containing the names of 41 9/11 responders who have died after working at Ground Zero. More names are expected to be added in the years ahead.

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A New Home for Westchester’s Rescued Animals in Briarcliff

By Abby Luby

For countless Westchester residents who remember the old, 1950s crumbling structures of the SPCA Westchester in Briarcliff, the new, brightly lit facility will thrill and delight.

The impressive 27,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Animal Rescue Center held an official opening Sunday, September 12 to an invitation-only crowd, replete with speakers, tours, and a meet and greet with resident dogs and cats.

Building the facility was realized with the help of a hefty $6.3 million grant from the New York State Agriculture and Markets through the Companion Animal Capital Fund. The total cost was $8.5 million.

“What we thought would be an uphill undertaking became a groundswell of support thanks in large part to all of you here today, our long-time supporters who helped us achieve this monumental goal,” SPCA Westchester Executive Director Shannon Laukhuf told some 50 attendees on Sunday. “We are so grateful to you all for sharing our vision and for caring so deeply for the homeless animal population that pass through our doors.”

The SPCA has been on the same site since 1883 and has always been recognized as a highly acclaimed five-star animal rescue and care center. Plans to construct a new center began three years ago but groundbreaking was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction finally started in Sept. 2020.

Invited to the opening were Sean Morgan and his husband Mike Troup, who currently own two rescue dogs. Morgan grew up in Briarcliff and his wife is from Cortlandt and sponsored a new area in the center in the name of his deceased mother.

“My mom adopted several cats and dogs from here,” he said. “This newer facility is definitely a step up and an important place to help homeless animals.”

Westchester SPCA board chair Deborah Klugman thanked many in the audience who donated to the new center and shared a heartfelt story: just days before the opening a scratching noise was heard from an unmarked box under the tent set up for the opening. When Klugman and trainer Lisa Ricker opened the box, they discovered an old, blind and deaf pup who had been abandoned.

“The quick happy ending is that this sweet old gentleman is currently resting in our clinic and will ultimately live out his days in the comfort and care of a foster home,” she said.

The more serious issue of animal abuse and neglect was addressed by Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah. Rocah, who was at the opening with one of her two sons, Rocah said her office works to enforce the Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) Unit of SPCA Westchester to protect the animals from cruelty and neglect.

“Animals are the most vulnerable victims and they solely depend on us,” said Rocah. “The SPCA Humane Law Enforcement works with my office, and they have done incredible work.”

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Police Blotter

Croton-on-Hudson Police Department

Aug. 30: 1:02 p.m. - Patrol responded to the area of Grand St. for a report of a suspicious package left on a resident’s property. The property, which was not a danger, was recovered and held for safekeeping.

Aug. 31: 7:35 a.m. - Patrol responded to an area on Route 9 South for a report of a vehicle driving erratically (tailgating). The caller stated when she moved over the operator of the vehicle threw a water bottle at their car. The bottle did not hit her and the vehicle went right at the split to an area on Route 9 South for a report of a noise complaint after receiving approximately 36 phone calls regarding professional grade fireworks being set off at a commercial establishment. The fireworks are rattling night and day and think someone is trying to enter his residence. Officer assigned. Interior checked. No suspicious activity.

Sept. 1: 10:30 p.m. - Patrol and Croton FD responded to an area on Dailey Drive for a report of water coming into their residence due to a drain being blocked by debris. The scene was handled by Croton FD.

Sept. 2: 8:23 a.m. - Patrols responded to an area of Quaker Bridge Rd. (Black Rock Park) for a report of heavy flooding condition. Patrol confirmed the condition and the area was later closed until further notice by the Village of Croton management.

Sept. 2: 5:11 p.m. - Patrol was notified by a Croton resident of a continued harassment situation in an area on Grand St. No juveniles. There were no reported injuries. Youth Officer to be notified.

Sept. 4: 1:49 p.m. - Patrol was notified from a Croton resident that they received a phone call from someone stating they were from Con Edison and that they were coming over to the house in 30 minutes to shut the power off unless they paid them now. The unknown party had requested a credit card and had also tried to get the resident to give over other account information. After realizing it was a scam they called Con Edison and the account was in order. Presently they have had no financial loss.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 3: 2:12 a.m. – Caller from Oregon Road in Armonk reports he passed out and lost consciousness. Caller is unsure of what other events may have transpired. Call transferred to 60 Control.

Sept. 3: 9:03 a.m. – Caller reports his 80-year-old mother has fallen and is complaining of pain to her ribs and head. Injury party transferred to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Sept. 4: 10:57 a.m. – Suspicious incident reported on North Broadway in North White Plains. Caller reports his window is open and thinks someone tried to enter his residence. Officer assigned. Interior checks close to 100 calls regarding the same.

Costly Crash

Instead of going into the bank drive-through at a plaza on Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley, an elderly woman crashed into the side of the building last Thursday, causing enough damage to force the evacuation of everyone inside while the building was checked for structural damages. The driver escaped serious injuries but was transported by ambulance for evaluation.

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Emily Thompson Smith

Emily Thompson Smith, an award-winning journalist and resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died August 27. She was 72. Dedicated to environmental issues and solutions, her coverage of the interplay of science, technology policy and the environment helped shape public consciousness and global interdependency. She was the first journalist to author a newsmagazine cover story on sustainable development prior to the first United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 while serving as science editor of BusinessWeek, now Bloomberg BusinessWeek, where she spent 15 years. She started as a correspondent, then served as Boston Bureau Chief and finally as Science and Environment Editor in New York. She wrote numerous cover stories, was the inaugural recipient in 1993 of Whitman Basso Award for environmental coverage, conferred by the Overseas Press Club, the highest honor for international magazine coverage. She was part of a team that received two coveted National Magazine Awards in the 1990s as well as winning an award for exemplary coverage by the National Education Association in 1983. She was also lead author of some 20 cover stories in her time at the magazine.

After leaving BusinessWeek she co-wrote and edited The Business of Sustainable Forestry, Strategies for an Industry in Transition, published by Island Press as part of a project of the MacArthur Foundation. She also worked as a management consultant both for international business enterprises and for nonprofits. Interested in environmental philanthropy, she served on the board of directors of the Jesse Smith Noyes Foundation in New York for several years and was a judge for the Scripps environmental journalism awards and annual awards of the Overseas Press Club of which she was a member.

An avid amateur equestrian she practiced competitive dressage and owned several dressage horses over 30 years. She pursued a lifelong interest in art and collected American antiques, Chinese, Japanese and Inuit art having majored in art history as an undergraduate.

She was married to Dr. Everette E. Dennis, an attorney, professor and media researcher at Columbia, Fordham, Oregon, Minnesota and Northwestern universities. They met at the University of Minnesota in the 1970s and were married in 1988 in New York at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

She is survived by her husband, a sister, Rebecca Smith of Queens, N.Y. and 10 nieces and nephews.

Susan Manzella

Susan G. Manzella, a resident of Cortlandt, died September 8. She was 68.

She was born in the Bronx on June 26, 1953 to Salvatore and Marion Ruggiero. She married Robert Manzella on August 4, 1974.

Susan spent 25 years working as a kindergarten aide in the Yorktown School District where she put her creative talents to use. She was an amazing hostess and loved entertaining at her home. Susan was truly the life of the party. She enjoyed cooking, decorating, and shopping. Out of all of her hobbies, spending time with her six grandchildren was her favorite thing to do. Susan, always thinking of others, put her family and friends first in all aspects of her life.

She is survived by her husband Robert, her mother Marion Ruggiero, son Jason Manzella (Jaime), daughter Melissa Berkowitz (Michael), son Rob Manzella (Natalie DiCola), sister Patricia Passannanti, brothers Anthony Ruggiero, Sal Ruggiero and Rob Ruggiero. She is also survived by six grandchildren Julia, Jason, Chloe, Emma, Matteo and Nico.

Frances Devine

Frances Mary Devine, beloved daughter and sister, died unexpectedly at home in Pleasantville. She was 48.

She was born November 25, 1972 to Frances (Conklin) Devine and Richard W. Devine Jr. in Yonkers. A lifelong resident of Pleasantville, she attended local schools and graduated from Pleasantville High School. When “Franny” was a little girl, she was the varsity cheerleader’s mascot and cheered for her big brother’s football games. A swimmer from an early age she really was our “water baby.” Like her father and brothers, she was a fan of local high school sports and all things Notre Dame.

Fran was a licensed beautician and worked for many years in the Pleasantville-Thornwood area. Her sweet and loving disposition will be missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her grandparents Mabel (Carlson) and Richard W. Devine Sr., Frances (Hazard) and James W. Conklin, father Richard W. Devine Jr., brother Donald AJ Mills, aunts Mary Devine, and Phyllis Devine Mooney, and uncles James and Steven Devine.

She is survived by her mother Frances Borges (WV), brothers Richard W. Devine II (NY), James B. Mills (Cathy) NY, and Robert T. Mills Sr. (Sue) CT, aunt Susan Palmieri (CT), and uncle Dr. Terrance Devine (Molly) PA, nieces Kelly and Olivia Mills, and Lauren Mills and nephew Robert T. Mills Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held September 25 at the Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial in Kensico Cemetery will follow.
By Bailey Hosfelt

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Throughout the story, Jack must not only learn how to use his special powers but also understand his symbiotic relationship with Ava — all while Wolfe is in high pursuit and ex-S.O.A.S. member and criminal, Liam Scarr, attempts to break the bond between Colson and Ava.

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Obituary

Dominic Terzigni

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Letters to the Editor

Youth Programs and Events Alive and Well in Cortlandt

In September, our children go back to school. The relaxing days of summer are now behind us; going to the town pool, taking family vacations, playing sports, summer concerts, barbecues, neighborhood parties, fireworks on July 4th and all the other great times.

However, the education of our children is very important and we are fortunate to have excellent School Districts in our community.

The Town kicks off the Fall months with our annual Cortlandt Family Fun Day (this year on September 18, raindate September 19) with fireworks. Then we go into our October events, a 5K Run for all ages, and several Halloween parties including a Dog Parade. Yes, they are also dressed in festive costumes. Lots of fun!

I was a part in creating our first Youth Center in a small house leased to the town off Albany Post Road many years ago. When we outgrew this space then the Town Board and I agreed to build a new Youth Center off Memorial Drive, near the New York State Police headquarters. It opened September 2009 and has been a great and safe environment for many young people throughout the years. The Director and staff are all highly qualified to supervise our children. We also have a drop in center called the C.U.E. with a pool table, games, TV, etc. near the movie theater at the Cortlandt Town Center. Also, well supervised.

The Town Recreation Department has dedicated individuals who run our many youth programs; basketball, lacrosse, softball, soon pickleball, assist with football and many other programs.

Of course, we are very proud of our town pool campus with all of its amenities and our summer camps are always a big hit. For the very young children we have a network of playgrounds and other activities for their enjoyment.

Over the years, I have enjoyed handing out the trophies for all our sports teams to the boys and girls. Each child receives a trophy. Special thanks to our volunteer coaches who make these programs memorable.

Another very special part of being Supervisor is when young people come into the Town Hall to meet with me to learn about our local government. It could be Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop or classrooms from the various schools. Sometimes it is just one student doing a report interviewing me. All of these are wonderful. They always have great questions and suggestions, I may add. I tell them when they grow up perhaps they will be Supervisor, the Governor or even the President. I also tell them they can become whatever they want to and that whatever is in their future I know they will be great!

Therefore, in summary, as a parent, a grandmother, and as a former Pre-School Director, I love working with and meeting our Cortlandt youth. They are the best!

Linda D. Puglisi
Cortlandt Supervisor

Biden Did as He Promised in Afghanistan

Re: Guest Column “Learning the Hard Lessons of Vietnam Once Again in Afghanistan” (8/31-9/6, 2021)

General Donald B. Smith’s alarmist column about our leaving Afghanistan is awash with wildly displaced anger. The General blames our loss on politics, but he himself sees the war through a political lens, complaining about a “weak President” and moral leadership being hampered by “progressive notions of political correctness.”

He argues that we stay in Afghanistan forever, spending trillions upon trillions of tax dollars, and continuing to endanger the lives of American soldiers and Afghan civilians. The Taliban was never a danger to the US; Osama Bin Laden was, and we killed him a decade ago. Terrorists can strike from anywhere; remaining in Afghanistan guaranteed nothing. The US currently has over 800 military bases in more than 70 countries. They certainly didn’t prevent 9/11, so let’s stop believing that sprinkling American soldiers throughout the world is the answer to our security.

Americans are fed up with never ending wars without any stated definitions of success. Any honest analysis of what went wrong must acknowledge that military leadership has served as an active partner, planner, and propagator of all of them. The 18th century view of war–massive armies meeting on a battlefield with rules of engagement–has little bearing in the modern world. Relying on this antiquated model, the US has failed to win every major war since World War II. When will we learn?

Chaos at the end of the Afghanistan war was inevitable, so much so that Bush, Obama, and Trump all avoided it. Biden did what he promised in his campaign and why so many of us voted for him. Biden will be remembered as a hero for cutting the cord and removing us from this boondoggle.

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FAMILY FUN DAY

- Combat Veteran exemptions will be about $50,000 a year.
- PILOT payment would be about $50,000 a year.
- Non-Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from $803 to $1,060, or 30% of the assessment, whichever is less.
- Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from $1,204 to $1,590, or 15% of the assessment, not to exceed an exemption amount of $1,060.
- Disabled Veterans amounts will increase from $4,014 to $5,200. The exemption amount is calculated at 50% of the disability rating not to exceed $5,200.

Corrections

In last week’s Sept. 7-13 edition, an article headlined “Gate of Heaven Solar Farm Rejected by Mt. Pleasant Planning Board” incorrectly stated that the PILOT payment (in lieu of taxes) to the town of Mt. Pleasant would be about $40,000 a year for the duration of the lease, 25 years. The PILOT payment would be about $50,000 a year for 25 years.

Also, in last week’s Sept. 7-13 edition, an article headlined, “Catholic Archdiocese Installing Rooftop Solar Array on Closed Briarcliff School,” incorrectly states that ConEd is the developer of the solar system at St. Theresa. Ecology is the developer of the solar system at St. Theresa. Also, the article incorrectly stated that ConEd is the developer of the storage battery at St. Augustine in Ossining. The battery developer is Borego. We regret the errors.

The Yorktown Town Board recently approved an expanded property tax benefit for military veterans.

The amendment to the local Alternative Veterans Exemption and Cold War Veterans Exemption affects the following maximum property exemptions:
- Non-Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from $1,204 to $1,590, or 15% of the assessment, whichever is less.
- Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from $803 to $1,060, or the lesser of 10% of the assessment, not to exceed an exemption amount of $1,060.
- Disabled Veterans amounts will increase from $4,014 to $5,200. The exemption amount is calculated at 50% of the disability rating not to exceed $5,200.

These changes apply to all existing veterans exemptions beginning with the 2022 Assessment Roll for 2023 taxes. “The Town Board recognizes our veterans’ sacrifices and service. This increase in the tax benefit is our community’s way of expressing gratitude to those who protected our freedoms,” said Supervisor Matt Slater.

“I am thankful to our veterans for their efforts and this is a small gesture we are making to express our gratitude,” said Councilman Tom Diana.

The legal title to the residential property must be in the name of the veteran, a spouse, or an un-remarried surviving spouse.

“Our veterans have protected our most cherished freedoms, and for that I thank them by supporting this increased benefit,” said Councilman Ed Lachterman.

Yorktown’s increased benefit does not apply to school district or special district taxes.

“I appreciate the work our veterans have done to protect our country and I support this benefit,” said Councilman Vishnu Patel.

“The liberty we enjoy daily is a direct result of the sacrifices our veterans have made. That’s an enormous debt that we all must repay with gestures like these,” said Councilwoman Alice Roker.

For Veterans who currently have the Veterans exemption, there is no action needed.

New owners looking to apply for the Veterans exemption may contact the Town of Yorktown Assessors office at 914-962-5722 x 227.
Wallauer’s Celebrates 100 Years of Serving Westchester

By Erin Maher

Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties have remained colorful and vibrant over the last century, thanks in part to Wallauer Paint and Decorating Centers. Founded in 1921, the fourth-generation family-owned business specializing in paint, hardware and design, is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

In 1921, paint salesman Clarence Rudolph Wallauer, known as “Wally” to friends and customers, opened his own paint store after years of selling for other manufacturers. The company was called C.R. Wallauer & Co. Wallauer opened his first store in White Plains, becoming the local Benjamin Moore Paint Dealer.

Throughout the years, the Wallauer brand continued to expand, with members of the Wallauer family at the helm, who have kept the community and customers coming back year after year. In 2016, after being led by Wallauer’s grandson for 34 years, Robert Duncan Jr., Duncan’s daughters, Donna and Debbie, took over the business from their father.

“It’s always the people and the family dynamic,” said Ed Klein, Wallauer Chief Operating Officer, on Wallauer’s longevity.

Wallauer’s has become one of Benjamin Moores’ Top 10 retailers in North America and now carries more than 5,000 paint colors, including interior and exterior paints and stains, washable finishes. Customers can take advantage of the in-store paint matching to help ensure that they find that perfect color. Besides paint, Wallauer has increased its offerings and features specialty products from Ace Hardware, window treatments from Hunter Douglas, designer fabrics and wall coverings, area rugs and design services.

From the walls to the windows, Wallauer’s has plenty for customers. Every Wallauer’s store features the latest window dressings from Hunter Douglas, including motorized blinds and shades. Customers can also choose designer fabric from hundreds of brands, including Robert Allen, Kravet and Fabricut. Wallauer’s also carries wallpaper from top designers and have in-store designers to help customers plan their perfect home vision. Can’t make it to the store? In 2020, Wallauer’s rolled out an e-commerce component to the Wallauer website to assist with curbside orders for customers.

Homeowners aren’t the only customers at Wallauer’s. Wallauer’s also supports both home and commercial contractors with estimates, job specs and submittals. In addition, Wallauer’s has a designated sales representative for contractors that will visit job sites to assist with job estimates, specs, and preparing color drawdowns. “We really are a destination for a homeowner or a contractor to go to that can provide unique services that can’t be provided anywhere else,” said Klein.

Wallauer’s has 15 locations across Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, with its headquarters in White Plains. In Westchester, Wallauer’s stores are located in White Plains, Bedford, Ardsley, Mokena Lake, Ossining, Pelham, Port Chester, Scarsdale, Yonkers, New Rochelle and Yorktown Heights.

For more information or to shop Wallauer’s online, visit www.wallauer.com or call (914) 948-4000.
9/11 REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT THE WESTCHESTER AREA

Ossining Supervisor Dana Levenberg at ceremony.

Illumination ceremony at Granite Knolls in Yorktown.

Residents at memorial in Mt. Kisco.

Firefighters at Riverfront Green in Peekskill.

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Sunday, September 19
Service begins at 9:30 AM
Bring a blanket and lawn chairs for coffee after the service!
Grades Pre-K to 6 register for Sunday School.
Enjoy our playground and explore our labyrinth walk!

Upcoming Events
Blessing of the Backpacks
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of the Animals
Pumpkin Patch & Annual Auction Dinner
Midnight Run, Food Pantry, and other Outreach Events
Visiting Groups, Youth Events
Christmas Pageant ... and more!

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Elect April Daly
Carmel Town Council

The County took away the Lake Mahopac Sherriff’s Patrol and our Board said nothing.

What did the Town Board’s silence cost us?
- a new boat
- major repairs to the existing boat
- increased operation & maintenance costs
- increased storage costs
- increased overtime

I will fight for the people of Carmel to bring back more sales tax dollars from the County - 25% is not enough!

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Fest Magic Show Sponsor

Mount Kisco Dental Group

Friday Night DJ Dance Party

WHAT'S IN WESTCHESTER SELFIE STATION

7:30-10:30pm: Outdoor High Energy DJ Dance Party w Jimmy Dee Entertainment

Saturday Night Swagger Live

6-11pm: Saturday Night Swagger Live w Live Music sponsored by McGrath Realty Inc

6pm - Marissa Detlor
8pm - Ultimate Classic Rock Band Superhero

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 17, 2021 (5pm-11pm)
5pm: Opening Ceremonies with Mayor Gina Picinich
5-11pm: Full Blown Carnival Fun with Rides & Amusements
Eats & Ale Food Truck & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
Parked & Cookin’ all Weekend: Mt. Kisco Seafood, Exit 4 Food Hall
Beer Garden featuring Captain Lawrence Brews & Leonard Park Wines,
Crafty Cue BBQ & Fry Truck, Mobile Pie Pizza, Horsemans’s Deli &
Comida Latina, Mac’s Meatballs, The Waffle Box, Sweet Treats,
plus carnival favorites.
5-7pm: WHUD 100.7 Street Team Live! Sponsored by Fidelis Care NY
6-9pm: What’s in Westchester Selfie Station w/ guest appearances by local
Influencers & Bloggers
7:30-10:30pm: Outdoor High Energy DJ Dance Party w Jimmy Dee Entertainment
sponsored by D’Errico Jewelry on the Captain Lawrence Stage

Saturday, September 18, 2021 (11am-11pm)
11am-11pm: Full Blown Carnival Fun with Rides & Amusements
Eats & Ale Food & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
11am-6pm: Fest Street Fair w Sidewalk Sales & Pop-Up Ally near Food Court
11am-3pm: Antique Cars on So. Moger Ave., Appearances by the Fidelisaurus
12pm-1pm: Magic Show in Promenade sponsored by Mount Kisco Dental Group
1pm-4pm: Westchester County Police Department, Mt. Kisco Volunteer Fire Dept.
& Mt. Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps
12pm: Indie Afternoon w Live Music on the Captain Lawrence Stage
12pm - Kevin Kane with Jim Fetherston
1pm - Devah Fontana
2pm - Jay Hitt & Lisa Lipkin
3pm-5pm: Amor Radio sponsored by Fidelis Care NY
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Sunday, September 19 (12:00pm-8:00pm) Note: Kisco Run 5K in morning
12pm-8pm: Full Blown Carnival Fun with Rides & Amusements
Eats & Ale Food & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
12pm-4pm: Fest Street Fair w Sidewalk Sales & Pop-Up Ally near Food Court
12pm-4pm: Acoustic Brunch sponsored by On The Mend Medical Supplies
12pm - Jay Hitt
1pm - Bedford Community Church Worship Collective
2pm - Sarah Wise / 3pm- Mark Wolf

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Students in Greenburgh Help Small Businesses Recover from COVID

By Bailey Hosfelt

When the pandemic first hit and businesses were shuttered, high school students in the Greenburgh area began to notice that the lockdown hit local businesses especially hard. Some of their favorite coffee shops, bakeries and grocery stores were either closed or on the brink of closing.

“I wanted to do something to prevent others from losing their favorite local businesses,” said Gerald Wang, a rising senior at Edgemont High School.

Then a news posting came from Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, seeking creative, hard-working and goal-oriented high school students to help small businesses in the area with post-pandemic recovery.

Wang and more than 100 other students in the region applied to be part of the Post Pandemic Task Force, a three-month pilot project run by the Zuckerberg Institute of Community and Education in the region applied to be part of the Post Pandemic Task Force, a three-month pilot project run by the Zuckerberg Institute for Education and Community Development.

The 14 chosen students were divided into two groups and paired with a local business that needed support. Students would come together as a group run by the Zuckerberg Institute Pandemic Task Force, a three-month pilot project run by the Zuckerberg Institute for Education and Community Development.

In 2019, the bank, which sold Golden Krust in White Plains, has had the business since 2005. Golding was balancing running the restaurant while also working full-time in information security and information technology for an Italian bank.

In 2019, the bank Golding worked for closed its international branches, and she decided to focus solely on her business. Shortly after, the pandemic hit.

Before the pandemic, Golding’s restaurant was not on third-party delivery apps like Uber Eats, DoorDash, Grubhub or Seamless. But during the pandemic when take-out was the primary means for restaurants to make ends meet, Golding realized she had to use the services.

Golding said there was a 20 percent increase in sales from third-party vendors alone.

“When you don’t have the foot traffic, it does help for the bottom line,” Golding said.

Golding also wanted to beef up Golden Krust’s advertising to make more people know about the restaurant.

“We serve a niche, which is Caribbean cuisine, specifically more Jamaican-based, and [Golden Krust] has been there for years, but it wasn’t known,” Golding said.

When a student from the Post Pandemic Task Force reached out, Golding saw an opportunity to expand Golden Krust’s reach and increase patronage.

“When one of the kids in this program came to me, I was glad because I know young people have familiarity with social media and they can guide me to get even more exposure there,” Golding said.

Students from the Task Force came up with various ideas to help support Golden Krust.

“Some idea we have are going to food festivals or events where we can hand out samples and spread the message of what Golden Krust is and where it is,” Roehrl said.

Roehrl said they also plan on using Nextdoor and expanding Golden Krust’s Instagram page. They’ve also been making flyers to hang up in highly trafficked areas like Scarsdale Village.

The group also wants to partner with school clubs and other programs to help get the word out about Golden Krust and its food. Golden Krust serves traditional Caribbean dishes like braised oxtail, Jamaican patties, curried goat, stewed chicken, curry chicken, roti, and jin, breakfast, fresh juices and more. “For the food festivals, I think the finger food like the jerk chicken, the wings, the patties, those things will attract people to come and try and see the other stuff we have,” Golding said.

Golding hopes participating in local food festivals will increase Golden Krust’s visibility and broaden its clientele. Currently, the Task Force is scouting events for the spring.

“I’m trying to get [Golden Krust] into mainstream America,” Golding said. “My clients tend to be more Caribbean because they know [the food].”

“Anyone can tell you if you go to a restaurant and ethic people are there, that means it’s good because they know what’s good,” Golding said.

In addition to giving high schoolers the opportunity to help support local businesses, the Post Pandemic Task Force also helped participants gain invaluable skills such as time management, effective communication in a business setting and marketing fundamentals.

“Even though the primary goal of our program was to help Golden Krust, we also went over a lot of self-improvement lessons that really stuck with us after the program ended,” Mishra said.

In addition to the Task Force’s weekly class on Zoom, the students also participated in town halls where business leaders from a variety of sectors shared their experience and expertise.

“We informed them about our progress, and they provided some hands-on feedback right in the moment,” Mishra said. “That was another really cool aspect of the program.”

Although the program, which ran from June through August, has wrapped up, the group will still continue to work with Golden Krust, offering their support and ideas.

“On a larger scale, we’ve recognized that much of a community’s diversity is not only affected by the diversity of its people but also its diversity in businesses,” Wang said.

“Our local businesses make our towns and communities unique.”
Yorktown Grange Fair winners

Produce

Lego

Flowers

Photography
Adult Computer Enhanced
1st Prize: Erika Losario, Scarsdale. 2nd Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mahopac Lake. 3rd Prize: Laura Hanlon, Katonah.
Adult Body of Water
1st Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Elizabeth Sokol, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Ken Belker, Mahopac Lake. Youth 16 Year Old
1st Prize: Jennies Children, West Harrison. 2nd Prize: Mitch Molina, West Harrison. 3rd Prize: Ismarlin Jimenez, West Harrison.
Youth Portrait
1st Prize: Veronica Lynch, Mahopac Lake. 3rd Prize: Claire Malecki, Youth II 3rd Prize: Owen Lena. Best of Show: Lanna Hirai.

Livestock
Adult Parade
1st Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mahopac Lake. 2nd Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. Youth/Adult Horses
1st Prize: Erika Losario, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Erika Losario, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Eva Carey, Yorktown Heights.
Adult Past Present Grange
1st Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Namirre Sasso, Croton.
Adult Pares
1st Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mahopac Lake. 2nd Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. Youth/Adult Horses
1st Prize: Erika Losario, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Eva Carey, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Henry Krassner, Katonah.
Adult Portrait
1st Prize: Christian Schienle, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Samantha Sorano, Fishkill. 3rd Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mahopac Lake.
Adult Still Life
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Restored Sculptures Return Home to Downtown White Plains

Two old friends familiar to residents and business people in downtown White Plains have returned to their old home at the City Square complex, thanks to Ginsburg Development Companies.

Two sculptures – First Case and Contact – by the late renowned sculptor J. Seward Johnson have been restored by the Seward Johnson Atelier and returned to 50 Main Street and One Martine Avenue.

Created out of bronze, First Case, which is located at the entrance to 50 Main Street office building, depicts a lawyer examining his papers in last-minute preparation for a court case. The other sculpture Contact, which depicts a couple embracing, is located at the entrance of One Martine Avenue luxury rental tower. The two sculptures have been restored to their original condition when they first arrived over 30 years ago.

“We are delighted to bring home to White Plains and Westchester County these two world-class sculptures which we had restored to their original condition. They now share space with our most recent sculpture at City Square – Fragments of Something Bigger,” said Martin Ginsburg, Principal of Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), the owner of City Square. “This is another example of our ongoing commitment to bring outstanding public art to our properties for everyone to enjoy,” he added.

GDC recently installed at the entrance to 50 Main Street the nearly 18-foot-tall “Fragments of Something Bigger” sculpture which is made of highly polished stainless steel and displayed on a pedestal. The sculpture is the work of Bulgarian sculptor Georgi Minchev, who was selected through a competitive open call process managed by ArtsWestchester.

Located at the gateway to downtown White Plains, 50 Main Street is a key component of GDC’s transformation of the former Westchester Financial Center into City Square, a new mixed-use center. In addition to the modernization of 50 Main Street, the project includes the transformation of the 1 Martine Avenue office building into 188 luxury rental apartments, new restaurant and retail space along Main Street and the creation of City Square Park, a private open space on the roof deck of the 1,000-space parking garage that connects all buildings and features fountains, waterfalls, walking paths, a putting green and outdoor dining on a one acre beautifully landscaped space.

“Contact” by the late renowned sculptor J. Seward Johnson depicts a couple embracing, is located at the entrance of One Martine Avenue luxury rental tower.

Job Fair Scheduled in Yorktown September 22

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Yorktown are joining forces to hold a Job Fair on Wednesday September 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albert A Capellini Community Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street in Yorktown. The job fair is being organized to give local businesses and job seekers an opportunity to meet with each other and try to help fill the needs for employment in our community.

“In today’s environment, it is essential that businesses and job seekers have an opportunity to meet and converse with each other. Too much of the hiring process is done online and this takes the “personal” touch out of it and eliminates the opportunity to really connect” said Councilman and Chamber Board member, Ed Lachterman.

“We are looking to have that part of the mix put back into the process.”

The job fair will be set up in the gym of the Albert A Capellini Center, also known as the old 6th grade school. There will be areas set up for businesses to conduct onsite interviews as well.

“The Chamber is committed to ensuring that our business community succeeds. Recognizing the huge impact labor shortages have had on our local economy I am pleased to be able to connect both job seekers and businesses in such a productive manner,” said Chamber of Commerce President Sergio Esposito.

The Job Fair is open to any business that would like to attend, and applications can be found at the Chamber website: YorktownChamber.org. For those seeking employment, there is no registration necessary. Expected business in attendance are The Shrub Oak International School, The Jefferson Valley Mall, Welcome Wagon, Ability Beyond, Optimum Business, Artis Senior Living of Somers, Elements Massage of White Plains, SPARC, TJ Maxx and various Labor Trade Unions including Operating Engineers - Local 130.

For more information go to www.yorktownchamber.org, or call the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce at 914-245-4599.
Bear Mountain Bridge to Implement Cashless Tolling

The New York State Bridge Authority has announced that cashless tolling will be implemented at the Bear Mountain Bridge in early October. Motorists will experience non-stop travel under gantries with state-of-the-art sensors and cameras that read E-ZPass tags and take license plate images at a gantry. Vehicles not equipped with E-ZPass tags will be automatically charged and vehicles without E-ZPass tags will have their license plate image captured and a toll bill mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle via Tolls by Mail NY.

The exact date of implementation will be announced in the near future. Information about the cashless tolling project can be found on the Bridge Authority’s website and social media pages.

“The Bear Mountain Bridge has been a treasured icon of the Hudson Valley since it opened in 1924,” said New York State Bridge Authority Executive Director Maureen A. Coleman. “Bringing this 21st century technology to the bridge will help reduce congestion and improve the riding at this transportation anchor of the beautiful Hudson Highlands area.”

Cashless tolling has been in use on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge since July 7, 2021. After the implementation is complete at Bear Mountain, the Bridge Authority will bring the new system to the Rip Van Winkle, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Mid-Hudson Bridges in the months ahead. The conversion to cashless tolling is expected to be fully complete across all Authority bridges by March 2022.

All drivers without an E-ZPass tag are strongly encouraged to obtain one to take advantage of savings and convenience. Tags can be ordered at www.e-zpassny.com. Drivers are strongly advised to place at least five orders to avoid possible delays across the State. NY E-ZPass users pay discounted toll rates at Bridge Authority facilities and on other toll roads within the E-ZPass network.

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Plaintiff,

vs.

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"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of up to a maximum principal amount of $696,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 19, 2016, in Liber 6555 at Page 274, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 6 EAST BELVEDERE STREET, COLD SPRING, NY 10516.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

PUTNAM County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: June 9th, 2021

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As I sat down to write a piece about doorbells, I realized that it’s been so long since we’ve had visitors to our home in Trump Park – because of the pandemic – that I had forgotten what our doorbell sounded like. I got up and opened my door to check only to discover that I don’t have a doorbell at all: I have a knocker! How quaint, I thought.

My wife and I as newlyweds had just moved into our first small apartment in a high-rise building and, on our first day of residence, while still unpacking, we heard a bouncy kind of ping sound and realized somehow got disconnected and didn’t ring for a couple of years.

I remember a period where the doorbell was invented by Joseph Henry, an American scientist who was the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. It was a simple device, much like the wired doorbells we see today, where an outside button is pushed and electrical current flows to an inside transformer which activates a noise signal. In the beginning, this noise was an annoying buzz, but the sound was enhanced in the 1920s to bells or a chime.

In my former home, built in the early 18th century, the doorbell featured an annoying buzz sound, much like an insect zapper. Yet, I was convinced that the same device has been working faithfully since the 1920s. Well, maybe not so faithfully.

I remember a period where the doorbell somehow got disconnected and didn’t ring for a couple of years.

Visitors would call us on our cells saying they were waiting for us in the driveway. While the basic function of a doorbell has always been as an important signaling device, there are times when you just don’t want to hear it. For instance, I remember a visit to my local Subway where I was seated near the door trying to enjoy my meatball sandwich and, every time a customer walked through the door, there was an annoying and loud sound that all but stopped my heartbeat. I can only imagine the effect this must have on the staff members there who have to listen to it all day, every day.

From the first mechanical systems, it seems that inventors have spent a lot of time and effort devising new ways to alert people of visitors, from the first use of chimes to iTunes ringtones. Today the major choice in doorbells is whether to buy a wired or wireless version, and there seems to be a debate about which is better. While wired doorbell systems are still the preferred choice, wireless has caught the imagination of younger buyers who prefer living in a wire-free world.

Wireless doorbells are cheaper than wired, but more involved to install. Wireless can be up and running literally in minutes. Aesthetically, wired doorbells are more appealing, with many designs, shapes and materials from which to choose, while wireless models are more utilitarian in design. Wireless wins out on portability in that its receiver, whether battery operated or plug-in, can be moved around the house at will.

Sound quality and the range of tunes are clearly better on the wired models, while wireless can have flaky performance if there is outside interference.

With the advent of iTunes, sounds announcing visitors are limitless, much like telephone ringtones. I imagine what would best represent my personality in a customized sound.

How about, “The Gang’s All Here?” Or maybe on a bad day, it might be the first four chords of Beethoven’s Fifth.

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Macelleria Italian Steakhouse Debut Third Location

The grand opening of a third Macelleria Italian Steakhouse brings prime dining to Byram, Conn.

Hospitality veteran and proprietor Tony LaLa has completed a beautiful renovation to the 200-seat multilevel premises, highlighted by polished wooden floors, stone fireplaces and contemporary artworks.

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Tony, who had spent years at popular Nino’s in Manhattan, will tend to the daily operation along with his brothers. The free-standing house previously operated as Char.

Begin a great meal at Macelleria with their fresh made jumbo crab cake appetizer served with an herbed mustard sauce, or a perky arugula salad, with arugula, navel orange segments, fennel, goat cheese and lemon vinaigrette.

As a main course, a beautifully marbled rib-eye steak is a tender hit served with a flavorful brandy peppercorn sauce on the side. Crave seafood? Go for the big diver scallops served with asparagus, mushrooms, leeks and a touch of truffle butter. You might want to try the addictive home fries and garlic spinach as sides. Both entrees are large enough to share. For dessert, try their most extraordinary house made tiramisu.

Additional specialties to look for are steak tartare, slabs of Canadian bacon, spaghetti carbonara, pappardelle with short rib ragu, zuppas di pesce, even a classic burger. Carnivores should consider the lamb chops, veal chop, New York strip steak, porterhouse or tomahawk steak for two. There is a choice of sauces.

Macelleria Italian Steakhouse is located at 2 S. Water St. in Byram, Conn. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Reservations suggested. Info: 203-331-7630 or visit www.macelleriagreenwich.com. Macelleria Italian Steakhouse is also located at 111 Bedford Rd. in Armonk. Info: 914-219-5728 or visit www.macelleriaarmonk.com.

Diners Return to Emma’s Ale House

Made a return visit for early dinner at Emma’s after its closure due to the pandemic. Casey Egan, founder and owner of Emma’s Ale House on Gedney Way, recently reopened the restaurant for dinner Wednesday through Sunday starting at 4 p.m. Plans are to expand hours in coming weeks, according to longtime manager Catherine DeLuca.

Since its opening more than a dozen years ago, I have always considered Emma’s one of the best gastropubs in the county. From the start, Egan elevated his kitchen and cuisine, while keeping the ambiance casual and friendly.

After we sat down in the tavern room, we were served complementary house-made soft pretzels with a tangy mustard. For mains courses, there’s the Guinness battered fish and chips, served with tartar sauce, cole slaw and fries. I had my eyes on their burger selection and ordered a big salmon burger with spinach, tomato, onion, slices of avocado and a good chipotle ranch mayo. Portions were ample and we shared.

For dessert, there was the fresh creamy molten chocolate cake served with a scoop of homemade ice cream. A very filling and satisfying meal. A good selection of brews and wines are listed on the blackboard daily. Emma’s Ale House is located at 68 Gedney Way in White Plains. Open Wednesday through
Edwin Way Teale: A Man for All Seasons With Thoughts for Friends on The Gulf Coast

By Brian Kluepfel

In 2018, while researching a book about Connecticut, I stumbled upon the life of author Edwin Way Teale, who lived in the state’s “Quiet Corner.” Teale’s four-part book series on the seasons, written between 1951 and 1965, netted him a Pulitzer Prize. I found a summation of these tomes at the local library: The American Seasons condenses Teale’s observations into a pithy 400+ pages.

Teale’s prose is from another time; another century, you might say. He traveled thousands of miles across the entire United States, and observed America’s wild landscapes with wit and wonder (let it be said immediately that he couldn’t have done it without his wife, Nellie, who was with him every step, and highway mile, of the way).

Of course, anyone named Teale is going to write about birds, eh? So I found a chapter dedicated to his visit with legendary Texas birder Connie Hagar, in Rockport—then and now, a birders’ dream destination. Edwin and Nellie visited Rockport more than once on their criss-crossing of America. There is now a corner of Rockport where she lived most of her life named in her honor: Connie Hagar Wildlife Sanctuary, in Aransas, San Antonio Bay, Texas.

Completely self-taught, Connie Hagar knew the few square miles she patrolled religiously better than the back of her hand. Abandoning a high-society life in Corsicana, Texas, the blossoming pianist instead became fascinated with birdsong, discovered its plenitude on the Gulf shores, and never left. She circumnavigated a four-by-seven-mile patch for decades; by the time she met the Teales, she had driven the same route 20,000 times, and more than 100,000 miles (for fifteen of those years, her faithful bird dog, Patch, was a quiet and helpful companion).

Credit to Teale for bringing Hagar’s landscape to life: “each day we saw the same vermillion flycatcher perched on a duck blind before a large live oak, standing out against its dark background like a glowing coal on a green hearth.” Or this: “with the white pelicans wheeling stately battleships and the white egrets darting about like small destroyers, they reaped an abundant harvest.”

Teale’s chapter concludes with a quote from Connie Hagar, in reply to his statement that Rockport certainly had enough birds.

“Are there ever enough birds?” she replied.

Brian Kluepfel is an author of 20+ Lonely Planet travel books covering the Americas, and a contributing author to Birderwatching Magazine. This article originally appeared in his brianbirdwatching blog. As tropical storm season wreaks havoc on the Gulf Coast so beloved by Teale and Connie Hagar, we send our thoughts and prayers to the residents of that region.

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Grecia Mediterranean on its Way!

Constantine (Dino) Kolitsas and his team are opening Grecia Mediterranean Kitchen + Bar on Main Street in White Plains later this month. It is at the same multilevel site that previously housed Mediterranean. Grecia has another restaurant in New Milford, Conn.

Look for upscale Greek and Mediterranean specialties – a variety of mezze, spiced head of cauliflower, spanakopita, falafel, moussaka, grilled fish, lamb chops, chicken santorini and fresh salads.

Grecia Mediterranean, will be located at 189 Main St. in White Plains. Lunch and dinner will be served seven days. Info: 914-448-8800 or visit www.grecamed.com.

MPI Coming to Thornwood

Co-proprietor Steve Pali of bustling Morris Park Inn in the Bronx has taken a space in the Rose Hill Shopping Center in Thornwood. It had previously operated as Skratch. If the Bronx restaurant is any indicator, there will be a full dinner menu. They are currently awaiting proper licensing. More on this as it develops.

MPI Thornwood will be located at 652 Columbus Ave.in Thornwood. Info: Visit www.morrisparkinnthornwood.com For a look into Morris Park Inn in the Bronx, call 718-239-4109 or visit www.morrisparkinn.com.

Ben’s Kosher Deli Closing

The news came as a sad surprise to Jewish deli maven in Westchester, but Ben Dragoon of Ben’s Kosher Delicatessen on Central Park Avenue announced the company has closed the Scarsdale location. The restaurant, which had been operating since 2015, officially closed on Aug. 23, but remained open to service orders for Rosh Hashanah last week.

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THERE’S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Fall Kick “Off” September brings the official beginning of fall along with the start of the football season. To mark these autumnal events, the words in the quiz this week all contain “off.” This quiz should not be too off-putting, and you may find some words to add to your vocabulary this football season and throughout the off-season.

1. scoff (v.)
A) to express derision B) shuffle one’s feet C) search about

2. offhand (adj.)
A) authorized B) informal C) disconcerting

3. brushoff (n.)
A) an abrupt dismissal B) a brief encounter C) a quick refresher

4. boffo (adj.)
A) not genuine B) massive C) extremely successful

5. doff (v)
A) to perform badly B) remove C) evade detection

6. coffers (n.)
A) vital parts B) detailed instructions C) financial resources

7. offal (n.)
A) an attack B) waste material C) the near future

8. pantoffle (n.)
A) a utopian community B) a map maker C) a slipper

ANSWERS:

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The Basics for Understanding Sparkling Wine

Last week we explored sparkling wines as natural food-pairing accompaniments. Having (hopefully) piqued your curiosity, it is now time to explore the numerous facets of sparkling wine in the form of a primer.

1) What makes sparkling wines unique? It is carbon dioxide, created after the initial fermentation process. Once the standard fermentation process of converting the sugars in grapes to alcohol (with yeast as the catalyst), is concluded, the resulting still wine is subjected to a large pressurized vat of still wine for secondary fermentation. The resulting carbon dioxide is captured in the bottle or vat, rather than dissipated as a result of the fermentation process. These wines tend to be the most expensive ($30 to $300 per bottle).

The second method is Charmat. Rather than create a secondary fermentation in the bottle, yeast (and perhaps sugar) is added to a large pressurized vat of still wine for the secondary fermentation. The resulting sparkling wine is bottled under pressure. These wines tend to be light, delicate and very affordable ($12 to $20). The Italians use this method for producing their single varietal Prosecco wines. These wines tend to be bright, earthy style. Chenin Blanc grapes are typically utilized in the Loire Valley and South Africa.

The third method is for Méthode Champenoise. After the initial fermentation, yeast is added to each bottle of still wine and stored (racked) for several months, which in such tightly controlled quarters produces a highly concentrated effervescence. A single bottle may contain up to fifty million bubbles under pressure, creating the frenzy of froth when poured into a glass. Certain producers may blend up to six vintages, from up to sixty batches of wines, in varying proportions for a particular bottling (hence the term “NV,” non-vintage, displayed on many labels). These wines tend to be the most expensive ($30 to $300 per bottle).

In Spain, Cava (“Cellar”) has become very popular in the last ten years. Made in the Méthode Champenoise, they tend to have the best traits of a Sparkler, incorporating balanced effervescence, crispness and seductive flavors. It has become my favorite go-to summer wine, typically priced under $20.

2) What methods are utilized in secondary fermentation? Amongst the multiple methods in practice today, there are three primary methods employed, depending on the tradition of the wine region, the winemaker’s prerogative or cost considerations.

A more concentrated bubbly production (think soft drinks production). These Prosecco, a lighter style, redolent of flowers, citrus or stone fruits. Spain’s Cava is typically comprised of three indigenous white grapes: Xarel-lo, Macabeo and Parellada, which create a bright, earthy style. Chenin Blanc grapes are typically utilized in the Loire Valley and South Africa.

3) What names are assigned to sparkling wines? The specific terms tend to follow geography. Sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France are the only sparklers permitted to bear the designation “Champagne” on labels. Other French sparklers are typically referred to as “Cremant.” The designation used in the United States is “sparkling wine.” In Italy, Prosecco is the most widely produced style. A more concentrated bubbly style is spumante, while a less bubbly style is frizzante. Other Italian bubbly wines are Franciacorta, Lambrusco, Brachetto and Moscato.

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4) Which grapes constitute sparkling wines? Terroir typically influences the grapes grown. The most utilized grapes are Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. As blends, these produce a well-balanced, highly structured wine. Although terroir and winemakers’ preferences determine the aroma and flavor profile, many Champagnes exude overtones of vanilla, citrus and a bright, bracing mouth feel. In Italy, Glera, a white grape, is widely grown and produces Prosecco, a lighter style, redolent of flowers, citrus or stone fruits. Spain’s Cava is typically comprised of three indigenous white grapes: Xarel-lo, Macabeo and Parellada, which create a bright, earthy style. Chenin Blanc grapes are typically utilized in the Loire Valley and South Africa.

While I usually conclude with recommendations from valued local wine shops, the plethora of sparkling wines adorning wine shelves today, and their commensurate high quality, make individual recommendations unnecessary. Start experimenting. You won’t be disappointed.

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