Candlelight Vigil Marks September 11 Anniversary in Putnam

By Abby Luby

More than 200 people joined together to observe Putnam County’s memorial ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks of 2001.

Many came to the Putnam Heroes Memorial at the Spain Cornerstone Park in the heart of Carmel last Saturday to remember and mourn those who died 20 years ago from the attacks on the World Trade Center. The ceremony featured a candlelight vigil which started just after sunset under a clear sky and a bright waxing crescent moon. An illuminated, large American flag floated over the park held up by an extended ladder from the Carmel Fire Department.

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Saluting those that perished on September 11, 2001 at Putnam County’s memorial ceremony last Saturday marking the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks of 2001.

State Announces Land Acquisition in Putnam at Hudson Highlands Park

By Rick Pezzullo

New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid recently announced a property acquisition along Route 9D in Putnam County as part of plans to construct a relocated trailhead at Hudson Highlands State Park in Cold Spring.

“While this property, the former Chalet Ridge from the south other than the rock scramble. State Parks recently closed on a $1.71 million sale of the former catering site from the not-for-profit Open Space Institute. Planning will now include how best to create information kiosks and a trailhead to the nearby Brook Trail, as well as provide increased safety with added parking off busy Route 9D.

“OSI is proud to be working to make parks more welcoming for the public,” said Kim Elliman, president and CEO of the Open Space Institute. “The Chalet project, along with our extensive trail improvement and conservation efforts make the spectacular natural resources of this region safer and more accessible for hikers looking for a day-long challenge and families out for an afternoon stroll. We congratulate Commissioner Kulleseid and look forward to our continued partnership with New York

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Manhattan Man Killed in Crash on Taconic in PV

By Rick Pezzullo

A New York City man was killed last week in a one-car accident on the Taconic State Parkway in Putnam Valley.

According to State Police in Stormville, at approximately 9:34 a.m. on September 7, troopers were dispatched to the Taconic just south of Exit 31A for a report of a car off the roadway. An investigation determined a 1995 Toyota Tacoma, driven by Douglas W. Day, 55, of New York, NY was traveling south when the vehicle left the roadway for unknown reasons and struck a tree.

Day was pronounced dead at the scene by the Putnam County Coroner’s Office.

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State Parks.”

The property is also part of a state-designated scenic area that is a critical viewshed for numerous parks, Revolutionary War historic sites, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“Relocating this popular trailhead will not only improve access to this great natural attraction but will also drastically improve safety in the area,” said State Senator Sue Serino.

“The pandemic seems to have brought more hikers to our county than ever before, so providing better and safer access to the trails in Hudson Highlands State Park is incredibly important right now,” said Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

This is great news for our residents and for the many visitors who come here to see our region’s stunning views.”

Hudson Highlands State Park is one of the most-visited Parks in the Taconic Region, drawing more than 3.1 million visitors over the last decade. The park’s Breakneck Ridge trail is one of the most popular in the Hudson Valley and nation served by its own Metro-North Train Station.

Back to School in Style

The Putnam Sheriff’s Department’s Back to School Supply Drive for needy children was a huge success. The supplies were given by Sheriff Robert Langley to Janeen Cunningham, Executive Director of the Putnam County Youth Bureau.

Candlelight Vigil in Putnam

The keynote address was given by Detective Kirsten Jones, a retired New York Police Detective and World Trade Center responder. Jones said it was important to not only remember those that gave their lives at Ground Zero but those who suffered with illnesses from the toxic environment by working for days, weeks and months following the attacks while attempting to save people and after sitting through the rubble.

“There was no shortage of heroes on September 11th, that fateful day,” said Jones. “Men and women who risked their lives every day stepped further into the unknown and put their lives on the line against the most heinous of attacks.”

Community support and coming together was Jones’ passionate message. She recalled how the country was angry at the attackers on September 11th. “We were united as a country against a common foe. Entire communities rallied together to help one another.”

Jones acknowledged the deep schisms and differences. “Friendship before rivalry, unity before conflicts.”

Candlelight vigil ended with Sergeant Joe Baldanzo playing taps.

Putnam County lost eight men on September 11, 2001: Thomas Kuveikis of Carmel (ED.N.Y.), 45; Robert Minara of Carmel (ED.N.Y.), 54; Christopher J. Blackwell of Patterson (ED.N.Y.), 42; George Kain of Patterson (ED.N.Y.), 35, Daniel Harlan of Kent (ED.N.Y.), 41; Stephen Patrick Driscoll of Lake Carmel (N.Y.FD.); 38, George Paris of Lake Carmel (Cantor Fitzgerald), 33; and David Fodor of Garrison (Fiduciary Trust International), 38.
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 2,600 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 first.

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 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 walls and reflect 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 Filetto 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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County Pays Tribute to Late 9/11 Responders with New Memorial

By Martin Wilbur

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.”

A study published in 2019 that tracked World Trade Center responders found a sharply higher rate of cancer, particularly for prostate, thyroid and blood cancers. The illnesses can take years and sometimes decades to develop.

Members of police and fire departments and ambulance corps throughout the county helped illuminate the Eternal Light, which will shine over the memorial around the clock as a testament to the sacrifice exhibited by those who are honored.

McCauley said there is room for additional names and additional walls to be erected in the coming years. By next year’s September 11 ceremony, he expects the number of names to double, and it may even reach 100 as more families step forward after learning of the memorial and others succumb to illnesses.

In fact, 9/11 has taken more first responders since the attacks 20 years ago than the number of people who died on Sept. 11, 2001, McCauley said.

“This is the first year we had it and we’re still catching up,” he said.

Last Friday, the day before the 9/11 ceremony, family members of the 41 responders were invited to the memorial for a private unveiling.

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.
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 $8.5 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 Laakhuil 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 Butch & Dolly, three-month-old male and female at the new SPCA Westchester in Briarcliff.

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.”

The Humane Law Enforcement Unit has its own dedicated space in the new building, including rooms to care for seized animals. The new center can accommodate up to 250 rescue animals, offer rescue programs and services that are expected to expand.

Unlike any other shelter and rescue facility, animal spaces at the new facility look fun and comforting. Donating creative and playful designs for caters was Tony-Nominated Broadway set designers Broadway Burks. Imaginative spaces include the Old English Library with a faux fireplace and a real-life portrait framed cat bed, the Enchanted Forest with a beautiful swirling tree for the cats to perch on and climb. The Dog of the Day replicates a home-like setting for rescue pups and to prep the thousands of dogs for new permanent homes. A cozy lounge chair and TV dog bed is an ideal curl up spot. The Jazz Room welcomes volunteers and senior dogs where they can relax with music therapy and which also includes a piano.

The new Rescue Center includes 85 indoor dog habitats, 33 outdoor day pens for fresh air, six meet and greet “matchmaking” rooms for dogs and cats to spend time with potential adopters and multiple fenced in play yards for exercise and play groups. There is also a large multi-purpose room to host humane educational classes, workshops and indoor dog training. The new low-cost “Cody’s Clinic” is significantly larger and includes new, modernized equipment and an additional examination room and surgical suite.

Inspecting the new caters was Westchester resident Marie Alpert, who recalled her first cat she got at SPCA about 50 years ago. “They’ve created wonderful environments for cats and the center looks like it’s easy to maintain,” she said. “They were always a success and will be more of a success now.”
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 to an area on Grand St. between northbound and southbound she saw a vehicle driving dangerously close behind her. This continued for some time and when she moved over again the vehicle followed her. Officer assigned. Interior checks and the area was later closed until further notice.

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 the 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. between 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.

Sept. 4: 9:02 p.m. - Patrol responded to an area on Arrowcrest Dr. for a noise complaint after receiving approximately 36 phone calls regarding professional grade fireworks being set off at a commercial establishment. The fireworks are rattling house windows and scaring their animals. NYSP called and indicated they received close to 100 calls regarding the same.

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 okay.

Sept. 4: 11:16 a.m. – Caller from Fisher Lane believes his vehicle was tampered with when parked in a commuter lot. Caller states vehicle may have electrical, water and wheel damage. Doesn’t think damage is storm related.

Sept. 4: 10:55 p.m. – Caller reports his neighbor was creating a disturbance outside the residence and when he asked him to be quiet he became irate and yelled at him.

Yorktown Police Department

Sept 8: 5 p.m. – Errol Forde III, 26, of Peekskill, was charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone on Route 202 near Elizabeth Road and operating a vehicle with suspended driving privileges.

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.

RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO
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 engineer, 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 the 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 always thinking of others, 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.

Frans 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 Floor Funeral Home in Pleasantville at 11 am with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial in Kensico Cemetery will follow.

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Somers High School Grad Self-Publishes Sci-Fi Fantasy Novel

By Bailey Hosfelt

During the pandemic, Michael Nyikos, a Somers Senior High School graduate and current junior at Union College in Schenectady, wrote and self-published a sci-fi fantasy novel, The Colson Legend: Ice Queen.

The story, which is written from the perspective of multiple characters, primarily revolves around a lackadaisical teenager Jack Colson who finds a mystical artifact. The artifact, an ice gem that has a living consciousness inside of it known as Ava the Ice Queen, gains powers and becomes a criminal, Liam Scarr, attempts to break the bond between Colson and Ava.

The Colson Legend: Ice Queen was released in late August, but Nyikos began the process 16 months ago in April 2020. “During COVID, I was watching a lot more movies at the time, and I wanted to see if I was able to write a movie [of my own],” Nyikos said, noting that his original idea for The Colson Legend: Ice Queen was built for a screenplay. “I decided to make it into a book instead so it could get dispersed to more people,” Nyikos said. “Screenplays are harder to get people to read since it’s supposed to be on the screen.” Nyikos didn’t have a specific inspiration for his book, but rather he just started writing The Colson Legend: Ice Queen and built the ideas as he went along.

Nyikos worked with an independent publishing house, Rowland Publishing, which is based out of Tallahassee, and collaborator with fellow Somers Senior High School graduate and illustrator Lainey Rothschild for the book’s cover art.

Nyikos said the most difficult part of the self-publishing process was making revisions after his first draft was completed. “Going back and making changes to the book as good as it could be was definitely the hardest part because it took a while and a lot of thought,” Nyikos said. But when the book was published, Nyikos said, it was all worth it. Right now, The Colson Legend: Ice Queen is available for purchase on Amazon, but Nyikos is in the process of getting it into physical big-box bookstores like Barnes and Noble, as well as local, smaller bookstores in the Somers area. He hopes that it will be available in physical stores later this fall.

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Obituary

Dominic Terzigni

Dominic (Gene) P. Terzigni died Aug. 30 at the age of 86 from natural causes at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. He was born Aug. 20, 1935, near Florence, Italy to Antonio and Vincenza Terzigni. He immigrated to the United States with his family when he was very young and lived most of his years in Mount Kisco where he worked at the Town of New Castle and the Mount Kisco Country Club. He also lived in North Carolina and South Carolina working at many golf courses. Gene served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea. Golf and NASCAR were his two passions. Dominic (Gene) is survived by his brother, Americo (Mickey), and sister-in-law Joan of Whispering Pines, N.C, and many nieces and nephews. Especially helpful to Gene were his niece, Rose Blaney, and her husband, Phil, and close friends Eric and Eva Wittse.
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.

If 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.

Chandak Ghosh
Chappaqua
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 lessor of 10% of the assessment, not to exceed an exemption amount of $1,060.
- Disabled Veterans amounts will exceed an exemption amount of $1,060.
- Veterans Exemption affects the following 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’m 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.

Corrections

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.

**SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS**
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 Moore’s 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.

“Wallauer’s has a designated sales representative for 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 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, Mohegan 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.

The Church of St Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church
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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 Group: Youth Events
- Christmas Pageant...and more!

The Revend Canon Alan Dennis - Rector
914-230-8751 Office: parish-office@smc.org

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Carmel Town Council
The County took away the Lake Mahopac Sherriff’s Patrol and our Board said nothing.
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- increased storage costs
- increased overtime

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- Parked & Cookin'all Weekend: Mt. Kisco Seafood, Exit 4 Food Hall
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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 where students would work closely with local businesses and learn directly from Silicon Valley executives and industry experts.

The 14 chosen students were divided into two groups and paired with a local business that needed support. Students would come up with innovative solutions to support small business owners whose stores had been substantially disrupted by COVID-19.

Gerald Wang, Michael Roehrl, a rising senior at Edgemont High School; Rachel Vardi, a rising junior at Edgemont High School; Parker Press, a rising senior at Edgemont High School; Amber Carr, a rising senior at Dwight-Englewood High School; Ilan Luciano, a rising freshman at Pelham Memorial High School; and Arush Mishra, a rising junior at Middlesex County Academy for STEM formed one group and were paired with Golden Krust, a Caribbean restaurant in White Plains.

Charmaine Golding, the owner of 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 and their branch in Scarsdale Village. 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 have 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, hoth-stewed chicken, curry chicken, roti, soups, 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 ethnic 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.”

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Ossining Ferry Pier is located on Westerly Road opposite the Metro North Station.
Directions by car: GPS to 4100 Southerly Pointe, Haverstraw, NY and follow signs to parking.
INFO: haverstrawriverwidearts.org/taste-haverstraw
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.

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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, just as with E-ZPass tags. Cashless tolling 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 to reduce congestion and reduce emissions from Idling 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-zpass.ny.gov. A list of E-ZPass dealers can be obtained by calling 1-888-4E-ZPASNY, at 1759 or 1761 in New York state, or by visiting www.e-zpassny.com. The New York State Bridge Authority recommends all motorists to have an E-ZPass tag.

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

**COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP**

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHANNA MULARADELIS; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

“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.

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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.

Going further back, when I was a little boy, somehow got disconnected and didn’t ring for a couple of years. 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. I can only imagine the effect this must have on the staff members there who have to listen to it all day, every day.

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. Well, maybe not so faithfully. 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. 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 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.

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.
The grand opening of a third Macelleria Italian Steakhouse brings prime dining to Byram, Conn.

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

The first Macelleria (butcher shop, when translated) opened two years ago in Pelham and the group maintains a second in Armonk. The prestigious Michelin Restaurant Guide 2021 has recognized Macelleria as a “bib gourmand” establishment, one of only a handful in the suburban New York-area.

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, zuppa 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: 203-331-7650 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 beers and wines are listed on the blackboard daily.

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Macelleria Italian Steakhouse Debuts Third Location

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Greca Mediterranean on its Way!

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

By Brian Kluepfel

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

Greca 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.greacamed.com.

MPI Coming to Thornwood

Co-owner Steve Puri 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 tavern menu. They are currently awaiting proper licensing. More on this as it develops.


Ben’s Kosher Deli Closing

The news came as a sad surprise to Jewish deli mavens 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.

Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He can be reached at 914-235-6391 or mgtreactions@optonline.net.

Edwin Way Teale: A Man for All Seasons With Thoughts for Friends on The Gulf Coast

By Brian Kluepfel

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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 Teale, 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 Birdwatching 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.

For The Birds

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) not genuine  B) massive  C) extremely successful

3. brushoff (n.)
   A) to perform badly  B) remove  C) evade detection

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

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

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

7. off-season (n.)
   A) an abrupt dismissal  B) a brief encounter  C) a quick refresher

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

ANSWERS:
4. C. extremely successful  2. B. not genuine  6. B. detailed instructions
8. C. a slipper  5. B. to perform badly  3. C. evade detection

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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 takes a divergent path from traditional aging methods. This base wine is subjected to a secondary fermentation, in which the resulting carbon dioxide is captured in the bottle rather than dissolved into the air. Voila, the signature bubbles of sparkling wine. Depending on the method used in this secondary fermentation, the intensity and volume of the bubbles vary.

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) The most complex and highly regarded is Méthode Champenoise. After the initial fermentation, yeast is added to each bottle of still wine and stored (racked) for several months, which in such tight 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).

   b) 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 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 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 light, delicate and very affordable ($12 to $20).

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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 franciacorta, lambrusco, brachetto and moscato.

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   d) Which grapes constitute sparkling wine? 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, their commensurate high quality, make individual recommendations unnecessary. Start experimenting. You won’t be disappointed.

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