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P'ville Teachers Union Contract Talks Reach Stalemate With District

By Martin Wilbur

More than 50 members of the Pleasantville teachers union marched through the village's downtown last Wednesday afternoon to stress to the community that they have been working under an expired contract since last year.

The Teachers Association of Pleasantville (TAP) started its walk at the Mount Pleasant Public Library on Bedford Road, proceeded to Memorial Plaza, Washington Avenue and Wheeler Avenue before returning to the library during the 45-minute effort. Union members, dressed in black t-shirts with green lettering, hope the public display of unity will help jumpstart contract negotiations, which have reached an impasse, and make the public aware of their plight.

TAP President Lorraine Kearney said salaries for many Pleasantville teachers haven't increased since 2011. Although educators with up to 15 years experience

continue to receive pay raises through step increases under the state's Triborough Amendment, which continues the terms of an expired agreement, veteran teachers' salaries have lagged, she said.

"So even though people are getting their steps, the salary schedule itself has been stagnant for all these years," Kearney said. "So what we're looking for is a percentage increase to the salary schedule."

The roughly 220-member union represents teacher assistants, librarians, guidance counselors and school psychologists in addition to teachers at Pleasantville's three schools. The previous contract expired June 30, 2015.

While Kearney wouldn't disclose specific numbers, she said the union is seeking "a very small percentage" increase. She also intimated that issues related to healthcare coverage are also being disputed.

She said union members understand

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Lawmakers Press for State to Force DOT Rail Crossings Study

By Arthur Cusano

Two state legislators renewed their call last Friday for the state Senate to require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study grade crossings throughout New York in hopes of avoiding future tragedies.

State Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville) were joined by Edgemont resident Alan Brody, whose wife Ellen was killed when her SUV was struck by a train at the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla on Feb. 3, 2015.

"We've had so many different types of situations that it's time to bring in some experts to take a look at the problem," Abinanti said at the same crossing where last year's accident occurred.

Five Metro-North passengers were also killed in the incident, which drew national



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Edgemont resident Alan Brody joined state Sen. David Carlucci and Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti last Friday at Commerce Street in Valhalla to urge the DOT to study state railroad crossings. Brody's wife Ellen and five passengers were killed when a Metro-North train hit her SUV at the crossing.

attention. Brody has since filed a wrongful death suit in state Supreme Court against

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MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The Teachers Association of Pleasantville took to the streets of downtown last Wednesday to bring attention to the public that they have been working this school year with an expired contract.

Former Mount Pleasant School Superintendent Whearty Dies

By Neal Rentz

Valhalla resident John Whearty, a former Mount Pleasant School District superintendent of schools and an educator in the district for 34 years, died on May 12. He was 82.

Whearty was born on Apr. 17, 1934, in Glen Cove, N.Y. to the late James and Gertrude Whearty.

He began his career in Mount Pleasant in 1962 when he was appointed the first principal of Westlake High School, which opened that fall. He later became superintendent and retired from the district in 1996.

Current Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney said everyone with the district was saddened to learn of Whearty's passing. He was an avid supporter of the arts, theater and athletics while he served,



John Whearty

she said.

"He was instrumental in hiring many of the fine faculty who dedicated many years of

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The Pain Of An Ankle Sprain

What it is and how to treat it...

Q: Did I simply twist my ankle, or is it a sprain?

A: Confusion over what constitutes a sprained ankle is common. A sprain is defined as a stretched or torn ligament – the tough, fibrous tissue that connects one bone to another and supports your joints. By far the most common type of sprain is in the ankle. Ankle sprains happen when the foot twists, rolls or turns in a manner that causes the ligaments to stretch beyond their normal length. While the intensity varies, pain, bruising, swelling, and inflammation are common to all sprains.

Q: If my ankle is swollen and tender, what should I do?

A: Be sure to practice RICE immediately: Rest, Ice, Compress and Elevate. Sit or lie down, put your ankle up on some pillows, wrap it with an ace bandage, and ice it for 20 to 30 minutes several times a day.

If you can't put weight on the joint, you should see a doctor immediately. After the ankle is evaluated and other injuries such as fractures or tendon damage are ruled out, and depending on the severity of the sprain, you may be able to start rehabilitating your ankle.

Q: What can I expect from rehab?

A: With a severe sprain, I often put a boot on the patient for two weeks or so and start physical therapy to strengthen the ankle as soon as possible. One exercise patients can try is writing the alphabet in the air with their big toe. Another is standing on one foot with your eyes closed. The goal is to work up to a minute. This improves your balance and strengthens the muscles that stabilize your joint.

Following through on rehab is key. The single highest risk factor for ankle sprain is having a history of sprain. Completing an appropriate rehabilitation program and utilizing at least short-term bracing will decrease future risk of an ankle sprain.

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New Castle Weighs Financial Analysis for Wallace Auditorium

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle will likely draw up a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find a company that would provide the municipality a business analysis for the Wallace Auditorium at Chappaqua Crossing.

Councilwoman Lisa Katz, the town board liaison to the New Castle Arts and Culture Committee, last week strongly recommended to her board colleagues to put out an RFP so officials can get a more accurate picture about the expenses and potential revenues associated with operating the auditorium.

She said while the committee has drawn up a facility rental agreement and has explored outfits that could rent the auditorium, as volunteers they lack the time and expertise to complete a financial analysis.

The town has until Sept. 1 to decide whether it wants to take ownership of the roughly 400-seat theater from Chappaqua Crossing owner and developer Summit/Greenfield for \$1. It is currently renting the facility from Summit/Greenfield for \$1 a month.

"Barring some unforeseen circumstances I can't see not taking this over but I do think for good government we should at least see what we're getting ourselves into," Katz said.

"I also think that branding our town as the arts center of northern Westchester



New Castle Councilwoman Lisa Katz recommended to the town board last week that it goes out for a Request for Proposal to a company that can analyze the financial impacts of operating the Wallace Auditorium, above, at Chappaqua Crossing.

could be invaluable, and it could bring in not just people to the auditorium, but then they eat in our restaurants," she added. "Maybe they shop in our town, and it's not just the Wallace Auditorium."

Katz mentioned that she had reached out to the Village of Irvington, which runs the municipally-operated Irvington Town Hall Theater. She said while the facility doesn't turn a profit for the village, regularly attracting visitors to the community outweighs any costs.

Furthermore, New Castle will likely have to make improvements to the theater, such as getting new equipment or making upgrades to the sound and acoustics.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska

applauded Katz's suggestion and also urged the remainder of the board to consider funding the analysis.

"I definitely think this is the right, responsible, good government, smart thing to do," Makowska said.

Councilman Adam Brodsky said while he would probably support spending money on an RFP, he cautioned that any analysis would be an educated guess.

Although the improvements and operation of the theater may not be inexpensive, the cost of building or acquiring a comparable facility would run in the millions, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein. He said if the town doesn't step up to take over the auditorium and no other

entity cares to, the theater could be lost.

"The fact that this could be torn down is a travesty," Greenstein said.

Katz said the facility rental agreement is expected to be posted on the town's website. If groups are interested in renting the auditorium, they can e-mail bookwallace@mynewcastle.org.

This Sunday the Chappaqua Orchestra will be performing its season-ending concert at the Wallace Auditorium.

The town can also explore obtaining sponsorships and running fundraising campaigns to help defray the costs of operation, Katz said.



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the fiscal pressures facing school districts, including Pleasantville, as a result of the tax cap. However, Kearney, a 15-year Pleasantville High School biology teacher, said the district found the money to give administrators raises of about 1.9 percent.

The union isn't asking for anything

more than what the district can afford, Kearney maintained.

"The feeling is everybody at the top is getting raises and there's nothing left for the teachers," she said.

Last week Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter and Board of Education President Shane McGaffey said they value the efforts and contributions made

by the district's dedicated faculty.

But Fox-Alter said the mandated costs of paying for the step increases and maintaining health care costs, about \$300,000 this year in Pleasantville, is above the cap and unsustainable long term.

The district received one-time assistance this spring when the state did away with the remainder of the Gap Elimination Adjustment, a decrease in contributions to the teachers' pension and a favorable growth factor, she said.

"This is a conversation about the math," Fox-Alter said. "So if you have costs that are mandated via Triborough that exceed the amount with the cap, mathematically how does that work moving forward?"

McGaffey said that between 60 and 65 percent of the district's teachers are currently on step, which is in line with most Westchester districts. Although teachers who are off step receive no increase, the pay hikes this year averaged more than 2 percent per teacher, which is higher than the administrators' increases, he said.

McGaffey said there is a finite amount of money the district can offer and the board of education will not present a budget that exceeds the tax cap because it would need at least 60 percent approval from the public.

"We have a cap and we can't exceed that cap," McGaffey said. "We don't believe it would be possible to pass a budget that's above the cap. We believe we're offering what this community can afford."

The union has also been rankled because of the unresponsiveness by district officials to their proposals, Kearney said. There have been between 10 and 15 different proposals submitted to the district but all have been ignored or rejected, she said.

Kearney said in recent contracts when the economy was poor, the union agreed to step freezes and deferrals, she said.

"We've made a lot of concessions and we're tired of carrying the burden," said Kearney

However, McGaffey said there have been relatively few bargaining sessions during the school year. He hopes both sides can soon meet and work out a new agreement.

"We really want to sit down and have this conversation and work this out, and we want to work with the teachers because they're important to us, and we would hope they will come to the table and sit down and do everything possible to try and resolve this, not just for us but for the community, the sake of the students and also for themselves," McGaffey said.

All-Day Community Blood Drive in Pleasantville May 24

Pleasantville High School and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps are teaming up to sponsor an all-day blood drive on Tuesday, May 24 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the school located at 60 Romer Ave. Whole blood and red cell units will be collected from qualifying candidates. Blood donors from all towns are welcome.

Because of the possibility of Zika infection, anyone returning from travel to the Caribbean, Mexico, Central or South America is being deferred from donating for 28 days. While this policy is critical for public safety, it has caused a significant decline in blood donations.

For those who contributed whole blood or red cells at the Nov. 2 blood drive or at the Jan. 16 drive at Emmanuel Luther Church is eligible to donate.

For questions regarding eligibility, including travel, medications or last donation, call 800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 914-747-2408 or sign up online at <https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/PublicScheduler/GroupLanding.aspx?GroupCode=15031>.

Donors can also register online at www.nybloodcenter.org. Although it is helpful to let the organizers know in advance that you plan to come, walk-ins are always accepted.

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Revised North Castle Ethics Code Nearly Ready for Vote

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials are prepared to approve a revised Code of Ethics after several changes were made last week to the proposed document during a public hearing before the town board.

Discussion at the May 11 hearing, which included dialogue between the town board and the Ethics Task Force, centered largely on regulating referrals to the Board of Ethics and when the town board should be made aware when a complaint has been submitted that doesn't involve its members.

The latest revisions have been added to other changes that have been incorporated in the document since the hearing opened last October. Task force members have been charged with updating the code that would make it similar with some other municipalities.

"What we have now is what we feel is the best product for the town," said Ethics Task Force co-chairman David Simons.

The town board did not set a date for when it will vote on the final proposal. Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the latest changes would be included in the proposed code and reviewed again. A vote would take place at an upcoming town board meeting.

Last week the town board and task force

spent about two hours clarifying language. One stipulation would require only one town board member to refer a complaint to the Board of Ethics to recommend investigating a fellow council member. Meanwhile, two board members would be required to refer a complaint naming any other municipal official, employee or member of a volunteer board.

An individual citizen may submit a complaint to the Board of Ethics but would need to have it accompanied by a sworn statement. The Board of Ethics may also refer a matter to itself by a majority vote of its five members.

Questions first were addressed regarding the number of town board members needed to refer one of their own to the ethics boards. Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said she was concerned requiring only one council member could lead to frivolous claims. A board majority had no objections to that point.

Concerns also arose about whether the Board of Ethics should be able to make a self-referral. Resident Neal Baumann said despite the intention of having staggered five-year terms, where another ethics board member's term would expire each year, the board could get stacked if one political faction is in office for an

extended period of time.

"There's no question in my mind that it's possible that could happen, and a referral to that board can really severely damage someone's reputation, especially if it was uncalled for," Baumann said.

Co-chairman John Diaconis said there are checks and balances in place, and a majority decision helps to achieve that goal.

"Basing it on a majority vote is a legitimate check on any concern that there's going to be a renegade ethics board member," Diaconis said.

DiGiacinto said she was uncomfortable with the ethics board initiating action. She said she was particularly concerned when a complaint would occur against a town employee.

"I feel very strongly that the ethics board, to me, loses its objectivity if you have the ability to make the referral," DiGiacinto said. "You are making the referral and then you are going to be the judge and jury."

Task force member Rick Alimonti said the ethics board appointment process, staggered terms and majority needed to refer to the town board builds in layers of protection.

"I really can't think of a more thoughtful and constructive process that we have put

together," he said.

If a single ethics board member files a complaint, he or she would have to recuse themselves from the proceeding. In that event, an alternate would fill in for the recused member.

A supermajority ethics board vote would be needed to determine whether a violation has occurred.

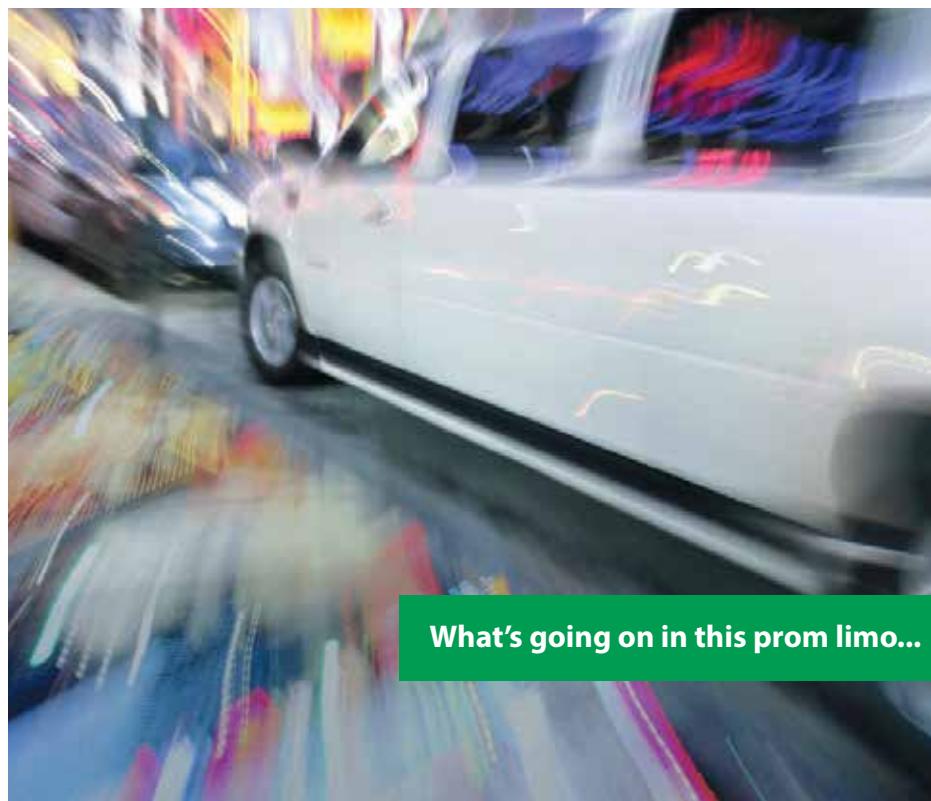
The town board also eliminated fines associated with ethics violations. Town Attorney Roland Baroni said he never heard of fines levied by a town board, an action usually confined to the courts.

Officials also agreed that the town attorney would be notified of referrals to the ethics board even if they don't rise to the level of an investigation. He could inform the town board.

Schiliro, who was the target of what turned out to be a frivolous claim more than three years ago, complimented the task force for its work. But he acknowledged the difficulty of stopping someone bent on causing havoc by going public with ethics accusations.

"It doesn't prevent anyone from coming up to the microphone (at meetings), asking 20 times in 20 weeks, asking us to refer somebody to the ethics board," he said.

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Bedford Elementary BikeRun Draws its Biggest Crowd Ever

It was an unusually cold and blustery morning on Sunday, but that couldn't put a chill in the sixth annual Bedford Central School District Elementary BikeRun at the Fox Lane campus.

About 400 elementary school students in grades K-5 brought their bikes and helmets and running shoes to ride laps around the campus parking lot, then run, jog or walk around the athletic field

Event organizer Jen Magee said having an activity to make children active was one motivation behind the event, which drew an estimated 1,000 people including participants, parents, siblings and community members. It also is a way to have children from all five of the district's elementary schools interact.

"The primary objective is health and wellness," said event organizer Jen

Magee. "That's part of what we talked about, but then we do the Future Fox theme. These kids will be together in the middle school very soon. This was an opportunity for them to meet and get them all together."

The older the child the longer the distances. The youngest children in grades K-1 biked .8 miles and ran one-quarter mile on the track; grades 2-3 rode 1.2 miles and ran a half-mile and grades 4-5 rode two miles and ran one mile.

Magee said while the event isn't a fundraiser — the registration fee is a modest \$12 per child — organizers were able to donate net proceeds of about \$10,000 from the first five years to the district.

—Martin Wilbur



ALYSON STONE PHOTO

Some of the roughly 400 students who participated in Sunday morning's sixth annual Bedford Central School District Elementary BikeRun.

Lawmakers Press for State to Force DOT Rail Crossings Study

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the state, MTA, Metro-North and the Town of Mount Pleasant claiming safety hazards had not been properly addressed.

On Apr. 27 a car was struck at the Green Lane grade crossing in Bedford just after the vehicle's occupants managed to escape.

"The public has to stay on top of this, or nothing will change" Brody said.

Carlucci's and Abinanti's bill instructs the DOT to conduct a study of the more than 5,300 railroad crossings statewide to assess where safety improvements could be made. They are calling for the cooperation of the MTA and commercial railroad companies.

Many of the current railroad crossings were designed for less populated areas and have antiquated safety features that are inadequate for modern cars and higher traffic volumes, Abinanti explained.

The bill was already passed in the Assembly and now awaits a vote in the Senate. Carlucci said he hopes it will soon be approved.

"We no longer live in rural America,"

Abinanti said. "You see here at noon a steady stream of traffic going across. If you come back here at 5 p.m. you'll see bumper-to-bumper traffic. You have a problem on the Bronx River Parkway where the cars back up onto the railroad tracks."

"We need to know which rail crossings are the most deadly, which rail crossings are the most dangerous, which ones have to be completely eliminated and which just need minor signage or maybe some new technology with positive rail controls," Carlucci said. "We need to have a complete inventory so we can spend our resources and the taxpayer's money in the most effective and efficient ways to save people's lives."

The Federal Railroad Administration recently informed the states that funding is available for safety-related rail crossing improvements, Carlucci said. He said creating inventory of what needed to be done in New York was the first step in obtaining funds for various projects.

However, Carlucci said complaints about crossings from the public or elected

officials, no matter how legitimate they may seem, carry little weight with the state. A DOT study would have much more influence, he said.

The two lawmakers said they believed the DOT could fund such a study. It could also get additional funding from the governor's office.

Brody said a small sign indicating a sharp turn at the Commerce Street crossing is an example of a needed improvement.

"The DOT gave the MTA \$160,000 to put a warning sign over there, but they never did it," Brody said. "Instead, they took a small amount of money and changed the light bulbs so they'll never have to change them again. They're LED, but nobody asked them for LED, they asked for a warning sign."

Brody said he also didn't understand why the speed limit on the Taconic State Parkway, which runs parallel to the rail tracks, was 40 miles per hour but the railroad speed limit is 60 miles per hour and runs through a well-traveled area. He said easy solutions using modern

technology could be implemented if the MTA wanted to do so.

"This is like a neighbor who has a rickety staircase, and when you ask them why they don't fix it (because) I almost killed myself, they say 'Why should I, I'm used to it,'" Brody said.

Last week New Castle Supervisor Rob Greenstein said state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) is sponsoring a bill requiring the MTA and DOT to conduct joint inspections of traffic signals at interconnected grade crossings every two years. New Castle officials have voiced concern over the safety of the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua.

"Anything we can do to increase railroad safety crossing is a very good thing," Greenstein said. "The cooperation with the federal government is also very encouraging. That cooperation will certainly be needed as we work to eliminate on-grade railroad (crossings)."

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

Former Mount Pleasant School Superintendent Whearty Dies

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service to the students of Mount Pleasant," Guiney said. "As a community member, parent and grandparent in the district, as well as the superintendent, he formed many warm and caring relationships with students and their families."

Guiney said she spent extensive time talking with Whearty. His perspective and input was valuable to a fellow superintendent, especially here in Mount Pleasant, she said.

Board of Education President Eric Schulze said he and Whearty had a good relationship, with many conversations regarding the district, its history and where it was headed.

"He was very passionate about the community and how the school district

has evolved over the years," Schulze said. "He was still involved, serving on a few of our committees in recent years. He always provided great insight and knowledge from past experiences."

Whearty was also remembered fondly by Trustee Theresa Fowler, a longtime school bus driver for the district.

"Mr. Whearty was well-respected in the community," Fowler said. "He played a significant role in the Rotary, which awarded selected seniors in Westlake High School for their academics and service to the community."

Whearty was a strong supporter of the arts, and the district named the high school auditorium after him, Fowler noted. She said Whearty continued to attend board

meetings and award ceremonies.

"Mr. Whearty will always be remembered as a man committed to the school district now and then. That is his legacy," Fowler said.

In addition to Rotary, Whearty was involved with the Mount Pleasant Community Theater and various professional organizations. He was also a parishioner at Valhalla United Methodist Church.

Schulze said he talked extensively with Whearty about the theater program and how it provides the students with a great learning environment.

"Reflecting on (his) career in the district, I would say that John's legacy is a deep and heartfelt commitment to education and to

the children and families who are served through our public schools. He will surely be missed," Guiney said.

He is survived by his wife, Joan (nee White) Whearty; his loving daughters Noel Whearty of Valhalla and Merry (Jon) Thomas of Hawthorne; two cherished grandchildren, Justin and Nichole Thomas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his beloved son, John Whearty Jr., in 1994, and his brothers Robert and James Whearty.

A funeral service was held last Saturday at Valhalla United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Whearty's name may be sent to the Valhalla United Methodist Church, 200 Columbus Ave., Valhalla, N.Y. 10595.

Mt. Pleasant Town Board Approves Revised Filming Ordinance

By Neal Rentz

Responding to residents' complaints, the Mount Pleasant Town Board unanimously approved last Tuesday revised legislation to regulate commercial filming in town.

The new law now sets a schedule of rates for filming by commercial entities, such as movie production companies. Officials recognized that such activity may create "hardship, inconvenience, danger and discomfort" to the public.

Fees will be charged to those entities and will require a license from the

town clerk. Advertising agencies will be charged \$1,000 for filming on private property and \$2,500 on public property. The charge for filming a movie, television program or video on public or private property will cost \$5,000. Filming on town-owned property will require additional fees to be determined by the town board. The board could also consider waivers.

The revised law does not charge photographers, tourists or residents for personal use; nonprofit organizations for a public purpose; students for

educational purposes; and credentialed members of the news media.

No charge is levied when filming is limited to indoor locations; when the size of the cast and crew is limited to less than five people; when filming is limited to between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and involves no potential noise, traffic or light impacts.

At the start of the public hearing last month, several residents complained that the language in the originally proposed law would put restrictions on private citizens recording weddings or other personal events.

Before the close of the hearing and vote last week, two speakers addressed the board. Shannon Wong, chapter director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, thanked officials for making revisions, but the changes did not go far enough. There is concern that the revised legislation failed to sufficiently protect "freedom of expression," Wong said.

Councilman Denis McCarthy said the legislation was aimed at regulating for-profit filming.

The board made its best effort to change the law after hearing the criticisms, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi added.

Resident John Edwards, an opponent of the original legislation last month



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Shannon Wong, chapter director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, addressed the Mount Pleasant Town Board about its new filming ordinance, which was unanimously approved last week.

because it did not specifically exclude filming for personal use, said last week he supported the revised law and thanked the board for the changes.

Previously, there had been no ordinance on the books in Mount Pleasant overseeing filming in town.

Apartments for Seniors Proposed in Mount Pleasant

A proposal for an eight-unit apartment building for seniors was unveiled at last week's Mount Pleasant Town Board meeting.

The project is being proposed by John Gisondi, president and general partner of Gisondi Properties Ltd., for 6 Liberty St. in Hawthorne. He told the town board most of his property is in the Commercial Neighborhood Residential zone, but 25 feet is an R-10 residential zone and must be rezoned for the project

to proceed.

Each apartment would be less than 1,000 square feet and have one bedroom and one bathroom, Gisondi noted. The apartment building would have 20 parking spaces.

The town board voted unanimously to forward the rezoning request to the planning board for its recommendation. The authority to rezone would be up to the town board.

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New Castle Approves New Gedney Park Playground

By Arthur Cusano

Parents and children who enjoy Gedney Park in Millwood will soon have a new playground set to look forward to and other park improvements to follow in the coming months.

The New Castle Town Board recently approved a contract with Pat Corsetti, Inc. of Mamaroneck for \$126,991 for a playground set, in addition to \$9,000 for fencing and \$7,000 for tree removal services. The town hopes to have the new playground in place by early summer.

The move followed recent discussion by the board whether to install a more natural style playground that uses wood and other organic materials.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Suzanne Lodge told board members that a representative of a playground installing company told her the natural playground would cost twice as much as the standard playground proposed last month.

"The more natural you go, the more money it costs," Lodge said.

The all-natural pieces are also heavier, increasing the installation cost. The playground company is also approaching its busiest season, said Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Snyder.



The location in Millwood's Gedney Park where the just approved new equipment will be installed by summer.

Councilman Adam Brodsky said demolition of the Gedney Park playground in March left the town in an awkward position. He didn't want to rush the project at the expense of creating a high quality project with more landscaping.

"It's my understanding that the Parks and Rec Department took it upon themselves for a scheduling issue, or whatever the case may be, to rip down

the existing playground even though it was still functional," Brodsky said.

He said the original plan was to replace the playground behind Town Hall but for reasons that are unclear, the town board at the time decided to leave that playground intact and allocate funds to Gedney Park.

"I need an affirmation that we're not just going to approve a playground, but ultimately we're going to have a whole

playscape in the area, if that's the correct term, that involves a playground, but we also have this wonderful natural setting and we should take advantage of it," Brodsky said.

Lodge said the project had been given careful consideration, and waiting another eight months would not yield substantially different results.

"If we had a year to sit around and talk about playgrounds...this is still what they sell for playgrounds for kids, and the kids still love it," she said.

There is another smaller playground on the other side of the park, she added.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein proposed purchasing a playground immediately and putting out a contract for landscaping work at a later date. Meanwhile, there could be other activities at the park, he said.

"Maybe every weekend we have a different activity there, maybe a bounce house or something else, so we can turn lemons into lemonade," he said.

Greenstein proposed reaching out to area businesses to sponsor events at the park.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Subpoenas Issued in No. Castle Check Fraud; Suspect Eyed

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle police have identified a suspect in the ongoing investigation into a series of fraudulent checks that were cashed at an Armonk bank last year against the town's accounts.

Chief Peter Simonsen announced last week that the police department has been collaborating with bank fraud investigators and the Westchester County district attorney's office to examine the theft of just over \$11,000 using counterfeit checks at the Wells Fargo branch on Main Street.

Simonsen said at last Wednesday's town board meeting that the police inquiry has led to several subpoenas being issued to study surveillance video. He said it is common for there to be subsequent subpoenas, which could be a lengthy process.

As of last week there have been no arrests made in connection with the case.

Simonsen assured the public that no town checks were used and there is no indication that any North Castle employees are involved.

"There are no checks missing from the Town of North Castle payroll accounts or any other accounts," Simonsen said. "There are no checks missing from any Town of North Castle accounts. These

were fraudulent checks, counterfeit checks. The checks in question are obvious forgeries of poor quality when matched against genuine town checks."

The chief said at this time there will be no other information disseminated publicly as the investigation continues.

Seven checks were cashed in a 10-day space from Nov. 30 to Dec. 9, resulting in an overdraft of \$11,057.50. The town's finance department contacted the police after they learned of the thefts, Simonsen said.

Town Administrator Joan Goldberg said soon after, the town recovered 1,272.22. Wells Fargo has informed the town in writing that it will reimburse North Castle for the remaining \$9,786.28, but that money has not been paid yet, Goldberg said.

Timothy Doyle, a CPA from The Bonadio Group, the firm who conducts North Castle's financial audits, said the counterfeit checks used in the theft only had one signature on it. The bank was supposed to require two signatures but the phony checks were cashed anyway, Doyle said.

He mentioned that it was the town's internal controls that functioned properly to identify the overdraft.

"The town controls worked to find that," Doyle said.

Goldberg said in February that the bank should also have caught the fraud because the seven phony checks were cashed in a 10-day span. North Castle's checks are issued only 26 days a year.

Simonsen expressed confidence that law enforcement authorities will find

the culprit, saying that he has "the utmost confidence" in the detective assigned to the case.

"I am optimistic that we will have a positive outcome as best we can in the respect that the town was victimized in this instance," he said.

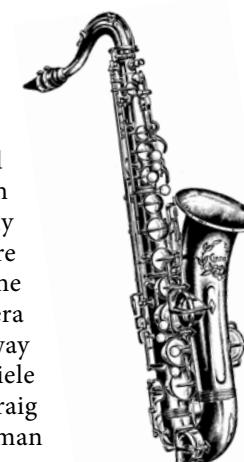
Small Town Theatre Company's Summer Concerts Return

The Small Town Theatre Company will again be holding its concert series on four Saturday evenings this July and August in Armonk's Wampus Brook Park.

The series begins with The Swingaroos, a blues and swing band, on July 9, followed by jazz and soul with Charlie Lagond on July 23. On Aug. 6, there will be opera with the New Rochelle Opera followed by Broadway classics featuring Daniele Hager, Juan Ibarra, Craig Schulman, Lisa Spielman

and Eric Thomas Johnson on Aug. 20.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Wampus Brook Park, located on Maple Avenue in Armonk. Beascakes Bakery will be serving free coffee and pastries during intermission. In the event of inclement weather, alternate locations and updates will be posted on the current season page at www.SmallTownTheatre.com where additional information about the programs and performers are contained.



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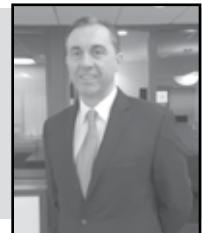
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Obituary

Angelo Iorio

Angelo Iorio of Thornwood passed away peacefully on May 14.

He was 92.

Iorio was born in Morrone del Sannio, Italy, on Nov. 2, 1923. His beloved wife Assunta passed away last year. They would have been married 58 years on May 18.

He is survived by his children, Linda (Edward) Scoca and Louis (Dr. Reinemarie Williammann) Iorio; his grandchildren, Noelle (Dr. Ronald) Gomez, Dr. Deanna

Scoca and August, Justin and Avery Iorio; his sister and husband in Italy, Antoinetta and Michele Amoruso; and many nieces and nephews.

Iorio was a resolute individual with a relentless drive to achieve and serve. He left home at 16 years old to apprentice as a tailor in a distant town, then was called up to serve in the Italian Army in World War II at 18. Ever modest about his achievements, he succeeded in returning to his home from behind German lines after the Italians signed an armistice with the Allies. Less than 30 days later, Iorio

joined the British Eighth Army and served until 1946. He immigrated to New York in 1954 where he advanced from being a tailor to becoming a patternmaker and later assistant designer in women's fashions. He worked in Manhattan's garment district for nearly 40 years. His greatest happiness was making clothing for his beloved grandchildren.

A devoted husband and father, Iorio was a gentle person who always took time to offer wise counsel to his family. After his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed spending winters at Point East in Florida

for 20 years. He greatly cherished time with his relatives and friends, especially at Sunday dinners. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on May 16. A funeral Mass was held today (Tuesday) at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Jean MacIlvane

Jean M. MacIlvane of Hawthorne died on May 15.

She was 79.

MacIlvane was born on Oct. 1, 1936, to the late Thomas and Lillian Hannon in the Bronx. She was a retired teacher's aide with Hawthorne Cedar Knolls School in Hawthorne.

MacIlvane was predeceased by her devoted husband, Lester W. MacIlvane, in 1993, and by her son, Scott, in 2007. She is survived by her loving son, Mark, of Hawthorne; her four cherished grandchildren, Nicole, Jennifer, Kristen and Riley; and her brother, Thomas (Skip) (Patricia) Hannon, of Bradenton, Fla.

Visitation will be at Hawthorne Funeral Home on May 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne on May 19 at 12:30 p.m. Entombment to follow.

Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

May 8: A 19-year-old Yonkers man was arrested at 1:45 a.m. and charged with disorderly conduct, a violation, outside Michael's Tavern on Bedford Road after police responded to a report of a large crowd.

May 8: An 18-year-old Thornwood man was charged at 1:12 a.m. with indecent exposure, a violation, on Bedford Road.

May 11: A resident reported a suspicious man was looking into windows and knocking on doors in his neighborhood of Grove Street at about

6 p.m. The man was later found to be working for the New York Public Interest Research Group and was allowed to work in the area.

North Castle Police Department

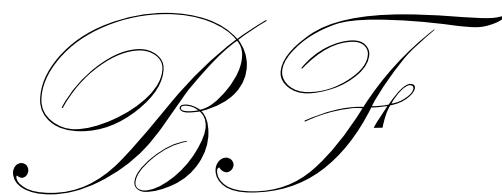
May 6: Multiple callers and the Greenwich Police Department reported a vehicle leaving the scene of an accident on Round Hill Road at 1:23 a.m. A car collided with a telephone pole and the driver left the scene.

May 6: A subject was arrested at 4:27 p.m. on Sterling Road South for driving with a revoked license following a traffic

stop. The subject was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

May 8: Report of peddling on North Broadway at 12:48 p.m. A caller stated that a couple with two children are soliciting money from passing motorists at the entrance to the Stop & Shop parking lot. The responding officer reported that the parties are leaving the area.

May 10: An anonymous caller reported at 6:45 p.m. seeing a family begging for money on North Broadway near the Stop & Shop.



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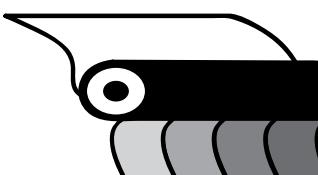
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Murphy Named to State Task Force to Combat Heroin, Opioids

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) was recently named by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to a statewide heroin task force charged with ending the heroin and opioid crisis in New York.

Murphy already serves as a co-chairman of the New York State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, a body he has served on since his time as a Yorktown councilman.

The new statewide task force, comprised of a broad coalition of experts in healthcare, drug policy, advocacy, education and parents and New Yorkers in recovery. It will build on the state's previous efforts and use their expertise and experience to develop a comprehensive action plan to combat the state's opioid epidemic. Members of the task force will hold public listening sessions across New York to inform their recommendations.

"Heroin and prescription drug abuse has claimed far too many lives in New York and across the country," Murphy said. "It's time we put a stop to this epidemic and prevent more needless tragedies from occurring. Launching this task force is the right move, and I look forward to joining Gov. Cuomo's efforts to fight dangerous opioid abuse in New York State."

Opioid addiction is a national epidemic that continues to plague families in communities across New York – and the state has been taking aggressive

action to tackle this crisis head on," Cuomo said. "The Heroin Task Force will take these efforts to the next level with a comprehensive action plan developed by a diverse coalition of experts."

In March, new regulations took effect that require all prescriptions to be transmitted electronically from the prescriber directly to the pharmacy. The measure is part of New York's comprehensive I-STOP law, first implemented in 2012, designed to curb prescription drug abuse across the state.

Through I-STOP, New York requires prescribers to consult the Prescription Monitoring Program Registry when writing prescriptions for Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances. The registry provides practitioners with direct, secure access to view dispensed controlled substance prescription histories for patients in real time.

The data is further used to identify potential sources of prescription drug diversion or abuse, including prescription fraud. In April, the state began sharing Prescription Monitoring Program data with New Jersey to further prevent the stockpiling and resale of dangerous controlled substances.

As of 2015, I-STOP has led to a 90 percent decrease in the number of "doctor shoppers" or patients who visit multiple prescribers and pharmacies to obtain



State Sen. Terrence Murphy

controlled substances within a three-month time period.

As overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in New York, the state has also led an aggressive effort to make naloxone available without a prescription at approved pharmacies. In March, the state Department of Health, in collaboration with the Harm Reduction Coalition, issued standing medical orders to the more than 750 independent pharmacies outside New York City, allowing these pharmacists to dispense naloxone without a prescription.

The action built on the state's agreement with CVS and Walgreens/Duane Reade in

January, enabling more than 900 of these pharmacies to make naloxone available without a prescription statewide.

To date, New York has trained thousands of first responders and community members to recognize and respond to overdoses. Since 2006, the state's community overdose prevention and naloxone distribution program has enrolled more than 225 registered programs, which have trained more than 112,000 individuals. As a result, more than 3,500 overdose reversals have been documented, with over 1,500 lives saved in 2015 alone.

"I am honored to be a part of this important work and commend Governor Cuomo for leading the way in combatting this epidemic," said Susan Salomone, executive director of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard and a parent who lost her son to opioid use. "As a parent who has been impacted by addiction, it is my hope that the task force will provide New Yorkers with a roadmap to overcome substance abuse and help those in recovery lead long, healthy and happy lives."

Over the past decade, admissions for heroin and prescription opioid-abuse treatment in New York have increased 40 percent. Five percent of students in grades 7-12 have reported using a prescription pain reliever for nonmedical purposes.

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Annual Colon Cancer Walk to Step Off Sunday in Purchase

By Lizzie Gellman

About 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with colon cancer each year and 50,000 will lose their battle against the nation's second leading cancer killer.

This public health issue has not yet gained the recognition it should, but there are those working to raise awareness for this preventable but often fatal disease.

Chappaqua resident and surgeon Dr. Thomas Weber founded the Colon Cancer Challenge Foundation (CCCF) nearly 15 years ago after growing increasingly frustrated with the lack of education for colon and rectal cancer in the metropolitan area and nationwide.

Although colorectal cancer is preventable with timely screening, when Weber founded the CCCF barely 30 percent of Americans were being screened, he said. Since then, the CCCF has been one of a variety of organizations that has been educating the public about the disease, helping to increase screening rates and raise money to support research.

Today, the national screening rate is about 60 percent and close to 70 percent in New York City, said Weber, a 17-year Chappaqua resident.

"Awareness has improved but we need to help folks take the 'action step' and get screened," he said.

As part of that mission, one of the

CCCF's biggest events is scheduled for this Sunday, May 22. The Manhattanville Colon Cancer Challenge, a remembrance and prevention walk, will take place at Manhattanville College in Purchase from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's walk marks the 13th year of the event, and it remains one of the nation's oldest and largest efforts focused on the disease.

Weber said despite progress made over the last decade and a reduced incident rate for those diagnosed with colorectal cancer over the age of 50, there is a new disturbing trend: an increasing number of adults under 50 are being diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. Most times they are diagnosed at a very late stage and their prognosis for survival is grim.

Cindy Borassi, executive director of the CCCF said there has "absolutely not," been enough attention paid to colorectal cancer. About 4.7 percent of men and 4.4 percent of women have a lifetime risk of colorectal cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

There are many steps men and women can take to give themselves the best chance of avoiding and detecting colon cancer, Weber said. The American Cancer Society recommends a healthy diet low in animal fat and rich in fruit and vegetables, maintaining a healthy weight (with a Body Mass Index under 25), avoiding smoking



Colon Cancer Challenge Foundation walks take place throughout New York during the year, including this Sunday at Manhattanville College in Purchase.

and excessive alcohol use and getting regular exercise.

Perhaps most important is knowing your family history and getting regular screenings starting at age 50 – or earlier if a person's parent or sibling had been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Weber stressed that it is critical for the public to be aware of the warning signs.

"Blood in the stool, changes in character of the stool, as well as persistent abdominal or rectal area discomfort should be investigated by your doctor right away," he said. "Don't wait."

About 5,000 people participate in the CCCF's Westchester walk and New York City events. A larger challenge event is scheduled for Oct. 1 on Randall's Island.

For more information on how to detect symptoms and prevent colorectal cancer, visit <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/colonandrectumcancer/moreinformation/colonandrectumcancerearlydetection/colorectal-cancer-early-detection-acr-recommendations>.

To register for Sunday's Colon Cancer Challenge Foundation walk, visit <http://events.coloncancerchallenge.org>.

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Editorial

Tax Cap Makes Public Education Funding Unsustainable Long Term

When members of the Teachers Association of Pleasantville took to the streets last Wednesday after school to protest their lack of a new contract, it's easy to assign blame depending on individual perspective.

The issue here isn't whose side you're on in a battle that pits six-figure administrators against the teachers, who themselves have a fair share in their ranks in the lower six-figure category.

Five years into the tax cap era, there is virtually no self-determination remaining for school districts, no judgment required to make a decision about what is fair compensation for teachers or any other employees.

Meanwhile, school systems are left to fight over the loose change that falls on

the floor as healthcare costs and pension obligations, which are not factored into the Consumer Price Index, must still be paid.

The tax cap, which was billed as a way to get a handle on out-of-control property tax bills, has morphed into something far more sinister. Early on the carrot used for its support was the false promise that if New York got a cap, there would be meaningful mandate relief.

We've known for a while that was a ruse. When a district like Pleasantville's modest contractual obligations puts them over the tax cap without adding a single program or teacher, the system is failing everyone.

In the few years between the onslaught

of the Great Recession and the tax cap, there were few districts that dared to have anything more than bare bones budgets.

Several more budget cycles with artificially low CPI rates will leave districts even more desperate. Then eventually there will be fewer people choosing to teach with greater advancement available in other fields. Who knows what is beyond that? District mergers wouldn't be out of the question.

The tax cap was once a good idea. All it's good for now is the promise that it will negatively change the public education system, but without significantly lowering property taxes.

Letters to the Editor

Bedford School Board Candidate Says it's Time for a Change

I would like to introduce myself to the Bedford Central School District community. My name is Pam Harney and I am seeking election to the Board of Education on May 17. I believe it is time for a new voice to be heard and a new perspective to be brought to the district. I humbly request your support to be that voice.

I first moved to Pound Ridge from Manhattan when I was six, spending summers at the Pound Ridge Day Camp and visiting with my dad on weekends. It was a place of joy and peace for me. Eventually I moved here fulltime, attending Fox Lane Middle School and Fox Lane High School. Pound Ridge and Bedford Central schools never left my heart, and when it was time for my husband, Paul, and I to buy our first home, I knew I wanted to come back home. We have four wonderful children, all of whom have attended Bedford Central schools since kindergarten and are now attending the middle school and high school.

I am deeply committed to this

community, serving on the executive board of the Pound Ridge Elementary School PTA (2009-13); compiling and publishing the school's handbook and directory (2005-12); co-chairing the Fifth Grade Activities Committee (2011); and volunteering my time at school events. I am currently on the executive committee of SEPTO. I served on the district's Space and Enrollment Committee, the Space and Technology Committee and the Care and Character Committee. I am also an active volunteer for Fox Lane Youth Lacrosse.

Having four children in our district has provided me with valuable experience in various areas of our district. I know our 504 and CSE process and have been working tirelessly to improve our special education department. I also have gifted children and understand the challenges of keeping those students interested and engaged. All four of my kids participate in modified sports and I have a high school athlete as well.

A great deal of angst currently exists in Bedford Central. In all my years here

never has the fear, uncertainty and doubt run so deep. Residents were surprised by the massive deficit, which has led to large budget cuts and threats to the quality of education. As a result, many in our community feel disconnect between the school board and the community.

My goal will be to bridge that gap. Placing blame and finger pointing won't accomplish anything; only smart and effective leadership will. Our community wants assurances that their school district is on solid footing, and that they made a wise decision to raise their families here. I firmly believe we have. I will work to restore your confidence in Bedford Central, and despite the challenges before us, I believe our best years lie ahead of us. We are one school district with one goal: To provide an excellent education for all students. I promise to deliver new leadership for real and sustainable change, for a brighter future for Bedford Central.

Pam Harney
Pound Ridge

Senior Housing Options Are Critically Needed in Mount Pleasant

Simply put, creating housing options for our senior citizen population in Mount Pleasant is both desirable and necessary. At last week's Mount Pleasant Town Board Meeting, a local developer proposed constructing a small complex of eight units (four each on two levels) that are all ADA compliant. The town board has made it clear that we need to promote options for our senior residents to downsize if they so choose.

As a result of this apparent need, the board has encouraged all recent

developers to consider this in their plans. And at the present time, one developer seems very interested in pursuing the idea of small, two-bedroom apartment rentals for senior citizens. This is certainly a step in the right direction and hopefully a growing trend to fully respond to those seniors who wish to downsize while staying in the town they helped make a wonderful place.

The town board is committed to promoting this cause in addition to

creating accessible housing options for millennials and those young adults trying to start their careers and life after college. More on both initiatives will be available in the coming months as we continue to unveil our downtown revitalization plans.

Nicholas P. DiPaolo
Councilman, Town of Mount Pleasant

Guest Column

Time for State, Federal Governments to Step Up Childcare Support

By Jose Perez-Vivaldo

High cost of childcare is an obstacle to employment among low-income families, affecting those living at or below 200 percent of poverty with young children.

Childcare subsidies are intended to support both parental employment and child development by reducing the cost of childcare and making high quality childcare accessible to low-income families.

High quality childcare promotes child development by providing children the opportunity to learn and advance skills essential for success in academia and life. Research has shown that low-income families who receive childcare subsidies have higher rates of employment than similar families who do not receive subsidies, according to a 2013 report "Child Care Subsidies Critical for Low-Income Families Amid Rising Child Care Expenses" by Kristin Smith. Parental employment is one of the most important factors in reducing the risk of child

poverty. With recent pressures to cut state budgets and federal stimulus money gone, childcare subsidies have decreased. A government subsidy that aids payment for childcare is essential.

Childcare subsidies are a mix of federal and state funds that reimburses child care providers on behalf of families. It is critical to low-income households. These subsidies have been eroded by inflation, growing demand and recently by reduction in state budgets.

"States have dropped their investment in child care substantially," said Linda Saterfield, vice chair of the National Association of State Child Care Administrators. "We're being expected to do more with less."

Eligibility for the subsidies are more stringent and co-payments from families have been raised to cover increasing demand. Only one in seven families eligible for government childcare subsidies in 2014 received them, stated Sheila Zedlewski in her article "Family Economic

Resources in the Post-Reform Era," published in the online periodical www.thefutureofchildren.org. The long waiting list for subsidies indicate unmet needs.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant is the primary source of federal funding for childcare subsidies for low-income working families. States contribute matching funds and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) maintenance-of-effort. Some states use the TANF block grant funds to deliver childcare assistance. However, programs are being cut as Congress seeks deficit reduction. States are trying to balance their budgets; some view cuts in services for families as a necessary step.

Policies in the United States create strong incentives for parents to work and provide additional income support among low-income households, but are less effective in ensuring that children whose parents work have access to an appropriate and stimulating early care environment. The supply of subsidized childcare in New

York City has decreased. Working parents with low-income wages struggle to pay for shelter and food. Childcare is a problem; it costs more in New York than any other state except Massachusetts, wrote Thomas Hilliard in his 2011 article "Subsidizing Care, Supporting Work."

Families with young children and employed mothers rely on informal, low direct-cost care supplied by relatives.

"However, over half of these families purchase childcare, and for those without access to subsidized care, childcare costs can be a sizable financial burden," wrote David Blau in his article "The Economics of Child Care" for the Russell Sage Foundation. Low-income families spend an average of 18 percent of their income on child care, compared to 7 percent for non-poor families, Blau said.

Childcare impacts the development of children. Children in low-income families score worse on a wide range of indicators. Economically secure children are healthier and perform better in school, they are less likely to commit crime and more likely to graduate from high school and college.

There is a strong consensus that high quality early childcare, whether by parents or others, enhances children's cognitive and social development. Proponents argue that high quality care should not damage the family budget.

However, high quality childcare is unaffordable for low-income families without government assistance, especially in New York State. A family of four at the poverty level, has estimated childcare costs of \$10,847 annually, according to Hilliard's article.

Confronting the financial realities facing low-income working parents, policymakers created work supports and childcare subsidies. However, fewer than 7 percent of low-income working families receive these supports.

Therefore, it is time to expand federal and state childcare funding.

Jose Perez-Vivaldo is a White Plains resident.

Letters to the Editor

No Conservative Can Vote for Donald Trump for President

In the former Soviet Union they were called "useful idiots." Today they're known as Donald Trump supporters. It's amusing to hear them declare Trump will solve all this country's problems as if it were an absolute. If we've learned anything about public officials it's that they rarely keep their promises. Anyone who thinks Trump is different because he's never been a politician, I give you failed governors Schwarzenegger and Ventura.

Every Republican presidential nominee after Reagan has declared himself a conservative, but had no record to back it. George Bush spent like a liberal. John McCain was the most liberal Republican voter in the Senate. Romney passed socialized health care in Massachusetts. For seven election cycles conservatives have been lied to. We've been holding our noses voting for non-conservatives for 26 years. We are Charlie Brown who lets Lucy keep

pulling the football out from under us.

Donald Trump said he can win the general election without the conservative vote. While the moderate Republican presidential nominees of the past have deceived conservatives to get their vote, Trump is actually telling conservatives to go to hell.

I submit that anyone voting for Trump who calls themselves a conservative is for the seventh time betraying their values of smaller government. We've also seen self-proclaimed conservatives like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Mike Savage, Ann Coulter, Laura Ingraham, Newt Gingrich, FOX News, The Drudge Report, Breitbart News, OANN and Newsmax TV betray their alleged conservative values by refusing to support Sen. Ted Cruz.

Senator Cruz was the only real conservative with a record that reflects his commitment to conservatism and

constitutional principles. He was the only conservative candidate to have the courage to fight the Republican establishment from within the system, not just make bombastic promises at rallies filled with star struck sycophants.

Then there's Trump's disgusting campaign devoid of substance that engaged in lies, insults and character assassination. Many of us believe our president should have at least some admirable qualities. Donald Trump has none.

I've been a registered Republican voter my entire life. I refuse to hold my nose yet again and vote for Trump in November. I'll be voting for a third party candidate. Hopefully more will do the same, and with any luck it will stick a fork in a dying Republican party.

Gerken, Grant Provide Bedford Board of Ed With a Steady Hand

I am writing to urge voters to re-elect Jennifer Gerken and Suzanne Grant for the Bedford Central School District (BCSD) Board of Education.

Since Ms. Gerken and Ms. Grant were first elected to the board in 2010, BCSD has kept tax levy increases down—under 2 percent annually, compared to an average annual increase of nearly 6 percent in the six years prior. Because Ms. Gerken and Ms. Grant share a deep interest in how our schools function, they have been able to approach expenditure reduction with care and precision. Without sacrificing

BCSD's rich educational environment, they have worked tirelessly to uphold their fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers – finding efficiencies that allow the district to preserve programs and conducting productive contract negotiations that will lead to sustainable savings.

The 2016-17 school year will bring the departure of the interim superintendent and all three assistant superintendents. In such a time of transition, the board experience and institutional knowledge that Ms. Gerken and Ms. Grant possess are invaluable. Over the years, they

have proven themselves thoughtful and respectful, listening to the opinions of all board members and striving to come to consensus on major issues despite differences of opinion. The stability they provide is crucial to our district's progress.

I will be casting my vote for Jennifer Gerken and Suzanne Grant at my local elementary school, and I strongly encourage you to as well.

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W'chester Resident's Book Recalls Special Friendship With Mantle

By Martin Wilbur

Think of your childhood idol and what a thrill it would be if you could become friends with that person.

That's what happened to Tom Molito.

Like millions of other baby boomers, Molito worshipped Mickey Mantle while growing up in Yonkers. He even acknowledges that he was probably more of a Mantle fan than a Yankee fan.

It was as an adult that Molito's boyhood dream came true. In the 1980s, Molito, who had been a marketing executive for several Fortune 500 companies, was the founder of Cabin Fever Entertainment. His company, which has been mainly involved in the music industry, had been selected to produce a television show called "The 500 Home Run Club." Mantle at the time was one of only 12 players in Major League Baseball history to reach that coveted milestone.

"I pushed for him to be the host for no other reason than I wanted to meet him," Molito said. "We hit it off because by that time I was on the board of the Country Music Association, so we had a connection with country music. I avoided talking about baseball (with him) because everyone was like 'Mickey, you were the greatest.' So we hit it off."

For the last decade of Mantle's life, Molito was good friends with the baseball icon and Hall of Famer. Now



Pound Ridge resident Tom Molito has written a new book on baseball legend Mickey Mantle. Molito became friends with Mantle in the 1980s.

he has written a book, "Mickey Mantle: Inside and Outside the Lines," published by Black Rose Writing, which weaves stories of his interactions, baseball tales for fans and his remembrances from his childhood days.

"We would have given our right arm to meet Mickey Mantle (growing up)," said Molito, a Pound Ridge resident.

"So I really wrote the book because I was one of those baby boomers and I became friends with him."

While he worked with and befriended Mantle, Molito would write notes to himself on an index card about each day he spent with him and kept it for his records. He didn't know it at the time but those notes would become the basis for Molito's book. However, it took Molito five years to find a publisher who would agree to print another book on Mantle. More than 40 have been published.

During the 1950s and 1960s, there was no athlete that was more beloved in the United States. Now more than 20 years after his death, Molito said the Mick's memorabilia remains in greater demand and has higher value than any sports figure.

Mantle's incredible feats on the field despite some serious injuries throughout his career, his blonde hair and blue eyes, his alcoholism and redemptive qualities near the end of his life continue to captivate the public, even for those who didn't see him play.

Molito believes that Mantle entering rehab and delivering his message about how he was the wrong type of role model while he was dying, endeared him to another generation.

"I think it was a vulnerability," Molito explained of Mantle's unwavering

appeal. "He probably had the most physical skills of any player who ever entered the Major Leagues. He could hit the ball the furthest and he could run the fastest, and he did all of this almost on one leg."

Molito saw how some of the most powerful men in the world would act like little children when meeting Mantle. He said Mantle had trouble understanding how people could fawn over someone who was "just a ballplayer."

It was also important for Mantle to be a good teammate not only to the players he was close with, but rookies and players who didn't last long, Molito said. His monument at Yankee Stadium has the engraved phrase "a great teammate."

"I got to see him as a person and I like what I saw," Molito said. "He was humble, he was extremely humble and he was very simple but worldly. He wasn't educated, he came from nowhere, but when you have Eisenhower, Trump and the Tisches falling all over you, you learn a little about human nature and people."

"Mickey Mantle: Inside and Outside the Lines" is available on Amazon.com and will be carried at The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville, Little Joe's Books in Katonah and other area bookstores.

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In a Major Political Year, Equal Time for Red and Blue

Recently when I wrote a column dedicated to decorating in red, I received a comment from a reader asking whether my personal devotion to the color was politically motivated. Honestly, the thought never entered my mind; however, I thought that it was certainly a creative association.

When it was suggested by that same reader that I should give equal and unbiased time to the color blue, I thought it only fair, considering that some surveys have identified blue as America's favorite color, and at the same time, the latest polls show that a greater number of Americans identify with the political party that has adopted blue as its color.

Interestingly enough, red and blue have not distinguished the two major political parties for as long as we might expect. It wasn't until the epic 2000 Bush-Gore race that color coded maps were standardized to identify Republicans with red and Democrats with blue.

Psychologically, color is credited with influencing our moods, eating habits, sleeping routines, even our romantic inclinations. The colors we choose in



By Bill Primavera

decorating can have a major impact on day-to-day living.

I had never thought about a strong color themed décor early in our married life, my wife and I met Myrna and Harry, another young couple who lived in the same apartment complex as we. Myrna was an art teacher and her favorite color was blue. In her own artwork, she painted in oil, and every painting was a study in various shades of the color. All of the walls in her apartment were stark white and all of her upholstery and window treatments, while simple, were blue.

It all made a definite statement, but was definitely not for me. I was deeply entrenched in warm colors in my early years, as was my wife, and our surroundings reflected it. From creamy off-whites and yellows for the walls to rich reds and browns for the decor.

But according to a survey by House Beautiful, we're in the minority. In the magazine's Color Report, 29 percent of 4,000 respondents nationwide chose blue as their overall favorite color. A close second, at 21 percent, was green (my second least favorite color) while red and purple lagged behind, tied at

8 percent (again, weirdo me would choose these as favorite colors).

Giving blue its due for those who love it, it's all around us in nature from the sky to the water. Known for its peaceful quality, blue is a favored color for bedrooms. Studies have shown that it actually slows down the metabolism, so it would make sense that it could help induce sleep. Blue is also very useful as the principle decorating color in a business setting, particularly meeting rooms designated for negotiation and keeping "cool" heads.

Blue also conveys a certain royalty or being set apart (blue bloods), as well as authority or confidence (as in "Big Blue"). Blue can be associated with isolation, which might explain why someone feeling lonely could be said to have "the blues." In the final analysis, it all depends on how we relate to blue individually.

The "power" suit for men has always been a navy blue, while women have adopted red to convey the same message of authority. As for the man's tie, red will always – ahem – trump blue in claiming the adjective "power."

When it comes time to decorating, blue actually offers more variety and latitude than red. A little red goes a long way and can easily be overdone and overwhelm a room's occupants with too heavy a hand.

In my "red" column I related the story about my disastrous first decorating job as a teenager when I painted my bedroom blood red (make that dried blood red). When the house was put on the market, the first prospects walked into that room and uttered, "Wow!" It would be difficult to overdo with blue no matter how extensively used. I once decorated a family room with a wildly busy paisley wallpaper trimmed with a bright blue woodwork and got away with it.

Having just transitioned from a living room that was predominantly pink and red to one that is primarily blue, I suppose it might be a change of life thing. My pace is a little calmer, a little more peaceful and my surroundings are falling in line.

But wait a minute. Here I am, preferring red but choosing blue to decorate. Is it to keep people guessing about my political leanings?

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Rand Manasse, Solar Energy Installer COO Chappaqua

By Martin Wilbur

Rand Manasse had a successful career on Wall Street, helping a wide variety of companies develop and reach their potential.

That was a satisfying career, especially financially, yet Manasse yearned to do something more.

Manasse, who holds an MBA in finance and is an electrical engineer, had become intrigued by solar energy, in part through his acquaintance with Eric Messer, a home builder who later co-founded Sunrise Solar Solutions in Briarcliff Manor in 2009, and through his own efforts for Cleantech Open.

Cleantech Open is a nonprofit organization that runs a competition for young entrepreneurs looking to launch startup businesses in the clean energy and technology fields. Manasse volunteers as a mentor each summer.

Six months ago Messer and Sunrise Solar Solutions' other co-founder, Doug Hertz, asked Manasse to join their company as its chief operating officer. For someone in his "young sixties" it was an exciting

opportunity to be involved in an industry that was on the verge of exploding, not to mention being able to scrap his daily commute to Manhattan and work minutes from his Chappaqua home.

"I was working with companies in the solar space for many years and I wanted to give back, but also knowing that I wanted something good for the world, something out of the financial space," Manasse said. "I wanted to help the world, the earth, and maybe eventually I would make some money when these companies, this industry grew up."

Sunrise Solar Solutions is certainly growing up fast, and with Manasses's help figures to continue on that upward trajectory. Manasse said Messer and Hertz hired him to help manage the company, and he also works with potential residential customers.

Over time, consumers are growing more familiar with various aspects of solar power, not just the social and environmental benefits but the economic benefits as well, he said.

States and the federal government

are increasing their incentives for installation. Manasse said in New York the tax credits offered will cover about 70 percent of the roughly \$30,000 installation cost. A customer's electric bill would be about 30 percent lower during the financing period, which lasts about 15 years. After that there will be no electric bill.

For those who want to pay for the system outright for installation, they will pay nothing on their electric bill from the start. A typical solar panel system can last about 30 years.

"So the benefits are becoming where people are aware of it and the benefits are becoming stronger for them, where people say maybe this is something we should look into," Manasse said.

The roof of a house or building must be exposed to the sky and face east, west or south. If a roof can be seen on a Google earth image than it's a candidate for solar panels. Manasse, who just installed panels on his roof, said he was fortunate that his property has plenty of trees but his roof isn't shaded.

In Westchester, the majority of homes don't receive sufficient light, he said.

"We want to be good to the environment,



that's what we're all about, so we're not looking to kill trees," Manasse said. "That's the last thing I want to do. So we're looking to maybe trim the trees, expose the house so it can generate electricity."

Manasse grew up in East Meadow, L.I. He went to the University of New Hampshire where he graduated with an electrical engineering degree. He went on to earn his MBA at NYU's Stern School of Business.

He has two grown children, who he and his wife raised in the Chappaqua home they moved into 27 years ago.

Being able to work close to home has afforded Manasse the opportunity for more volunteer pursuits. He's now on the board of the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce and Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester. He is also being considered for the New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board.

Manasse sees solar power continuing to gain popularity as more people learn of its benefits and society looks to move away from fossil fuels.

His career change has Manasse looking forward to going to work each day.

"It really allows me to do something I feel good about," he said. "Every morning I feel good about where I'm going and I'm giving back to the Earth."



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Dance camps are a great way to allow your child to experience the environment and culture of a dance studio while keeping active during the hot summer months. They will be introduced to different dance styles

and techniques as well as varying approaches to teaching.

A dance camp is usually divided by age groups and many times have a theme. Popular themes for younger children are "Princess Camp," "Beach Party," "Rock Star," "Born in the USA" and "Frozen." Your child should expect a daily routine that includes a warmup/stretch activity, games, crafts, snack time and story time along with learning a dance choreographed to music that goes along with the week's theme.

Older campers will focus more on dance technique and the week will be more dance intensive. Campers will watch videos and presentations on iconic choreographers and learn dance history. Some studios hire guest teachers who bring a master level class to the camp. Older dancers may be lucky enough to go on a day trip to a museum, ballet or Broadway show.

Parents should visit a dance studio prior to registering for a summer camp. Most facilities are air conditioned, which keeps the children cool. Make sure the studio is safe and securely monitored during camp hours. Parents should give any pertinent health information to the director, including dietary restrictions



or allergies.

Parents should ask around or check out the studio's website or Facebook page to read recent reviews of the business. You want your child to have fun but also get great exposure to dance and fitness. Every camp is different, so ask what sets a studio apart? You also want to make sure the group size is manageable and that there is an adequate staff-to-camper ratio. Safety first should be the priority.

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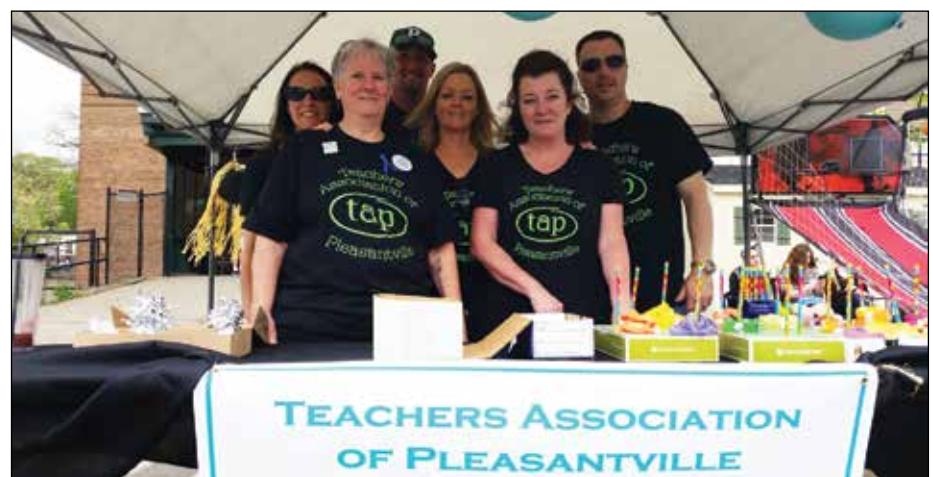


Pleasantville's Day of Fun in the Sun



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTOS

Pleasantville residents celebrated their village last Saturday with a day filled with games, food and music and a chance to mingle with friends and neighbors at the annual Pleasantville Day celebration at Memorial Plaza. The daylong event also attracted numerous area vendors and organizations to the village with booths and activities. This was the second year of the new and improved Pleasantville Day where the village stressed free fun for everyone. The weather also cooperated with comfortable temperatures and dry conditions. Next Saturday, the main portion of the Pleasantville Farmers Market's outdoor season will refill Memorial Plaza with a full complement of more than 40 vendors along with music and kids' activities.



Happenings

Tuesday, May 17

Ronan Tynan in Concert. Introduced to international audiences as a member of the Irish Tenors, Tynan became known for his unique voice and irresistible appeal. His album, "Ronan," with the heartfelt song "Passing Through" honoring his mother who suffers from Alzheimer's, was the eighth best-selling classical album of 2005. He's also known for his performances of "God Bless America" at Yankee Stadium during the seventh-inning stretch. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$84 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 (plus tax). Info and tickets: Visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Alexander Technique for Parkinson's Class. Learn to release tension and rediscover balance of mind and body in this five-week class. The class will help participants boost activities of daily living, relieve pain and strain, develop better balance, gain greater range of movement, move freely, attain better posture and deepen breathing. Meets Tuesdays through June 14. Bradhurst Community Center, 63 Bradhurst Ave., Thornwood. 4 to 5 p.m. Mount Pleasant residents: \$125. Non-residents: \$150. Info and registration: Contact the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department at 914-742-2310.

Meet the Doctors: "Helping Children and Their Families Manage Asthma." Presented by The Children's Environmental Health Center of the Hudson Valley. Dr. Amy Ansehl and Dr. Agnes Banquet, both from the health center, will present this program. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, May 18

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi at 303-929-7203 or e-mail julie@eurobella.net or just drop in.

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at

10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45 minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement and euphoria of drumming. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix, you'll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscles and strengthening coordination and balance. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. RSVP required. Info and registration: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

New Mommy Meet-Up. A great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For babies up to eight months old and their moms. Romperee Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School and Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 24. Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Senior Benefits Information Center. Counselors offer older adults one-on-one counseling covering a broad range of topics including Medicare health and prescription plans, food stamps, HEAP, EPIC, weatherization, minor home repair and tax relief programs. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Thursday, May 19

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Knitting at the Library. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscobibliary.org.

Zumba Toning With Amy. Sculpt and tone muscle groups while dancing and shaking toning sticks to the sassy sizzling rhythms of the Zumba. Toning sticks provided. PFX Fitness, 10 Castleton Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: \$12. Every Wednesday. Info: E-mail olin.amy@gmail.com.

"Tastes of Judaism." Whether you are Jewish by birth, choice or association, this class at will help you grow your personal knowledge and discover your roots. Led by Rabbi David Greenberg, topics will include "Judaism, what I Never Learned," "When My Child Asks About God" and "Judaism/Christianity/Islam: Similarities and Differences." All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford Corners. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-3133.

The AndersonPonty Band. Music icons Jon Anderson and Jean-Luc Ponty have combined their musical talents to form this new supergroup. Anderson, YES's original singer/songwriter for 35 years, has had a successful solo career, which includes working with such notable music artists as Vangelis, Kitaro and Milton Nascimento. Ponty, an international violin superstar, is a pioneer and undisputed master of his instrument in the jazz and rock arena. Together these two music legends have formed a musical synergy that is unparalleled. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Mount Kisco. 8 p.m. \$48 to \$88. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Thursday, May 19

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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development? Schedule a speech-language screening with an experienced pediatric speech-language pathologist. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Suite 303, 777 N. Broadway. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Appointments required. Info and appointments: 914-366-3010.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscobibliary.org.

Storytime Playgroup. Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscobibliary.org.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscobibliary.org.

Lightscape. From the creators of The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, this is an otherworldly experience of awe-inspiring illumination and all-original sculpture. Includes Luna Moths, a 40-foot-long centipede and a pulsating River of Light. For all ages. Van Cortlandt Manor, 525 S. Riverside Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. First entry at 8:30 p.m. Adults: \$20 (\$25 on Saturdays). Children (3-17): \$16 (\$20 on Saturdays). Add \$2 when tickets are

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Students' Scientific Ingenuity on Display at Chappaqua STEM Fest

By Martin Wilbur

Enticing students to give up free time on a weekend for school-related work could be a tough sell.

But that wasn't a problem at last Saturday's Chappaqua STEM Fest when more than 350 youngsters voluntarily registered for the second annual event.

Students in every grade level in the district displayed their projects covering environmental science, chemistry, computer science and biology. The projects were everywhere – in the hallways, the gymnasium and the auditorium.

Andrea Meyer, co-chair of the Chappaqua PTA STEM Committee who organized STEM Fest, said it was gratifying to see most of the projects created were from independent work that wasn't tied to any in-class assignment.

She said many of the students are introduced to devising experiments that can one day make a difference not only in their lives but for others as well.

"If you can learn to write a computer program that could do anything, that can help people who are sick, to help solve a particular problem, these kids are starting to see that you can actually change the world with hard skills," said Meyer, who noted that participation was up by about 150 students from last year.

Horace Greeley High School freshman Aidan Leitch built a robot that was powered by air pressure rather than electricity because if the contraption were used to remove hazardous material,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Seven Bridges Middle School students Henry LaPage, left, and William Hollister, two of the more than 350 students who participated in last Saturday's Chappaqua STEM Fest with their project "How to Build a Hovercraft."

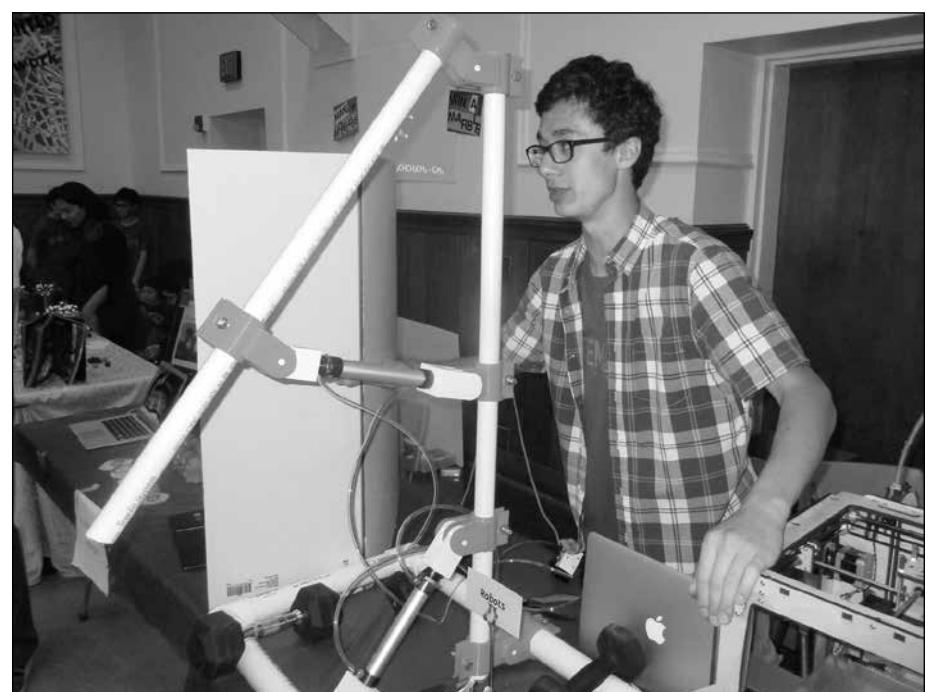
Right: Aidan Leitch with his robotics project at the Chappaqua STEM Fest last Saturday at Robert E. Bell Middle School.

for example, there would be no chance of it igniting a dangerous spark.

Leitch said he had been part of the inaugural STEM Fest last year and has enjoyed not only building and creating but interacting with like-minded peers.

"I always liked to build stuff when I was young," Leitch said. "I loved to build with Legos and I guess that kind of evolved."

Rena Hollister, a fourth-grader at Westorchard Elementary School, worked on a composting project where she placed worms in one receptacle and saw how the food scraps and other materials disappeared faster than the container



without worms.

She said she learned about composting with her Girl Scout troop and decided to explore the subject more. It was also fun for her to work with worms.

"I thought composting would be a good project because Girl Scouts are all about making the world a better place," Hollister said.

Parent Poonam Arora, who had a second-grader participate in the STEM Fest, said as a college professor and research scientist it is great to see the students from the youngest grades be introduced to science and learn through

a hands-on approach. As a result, the critical thinking skills will become second nature to many students who participated, she said.

"You never forget how to ride a bike, so even if you don't do this every day, it's in the toolbox," Arora said. "They'll know how to use the tools when they need it."

In addition to the students' projects, various companies ran hands-on activities with students exploring robotics displays, chemistry experiments, flight simulators, computer programs and solar panel technology.

Westlake Junior Captures International Science Competition Award

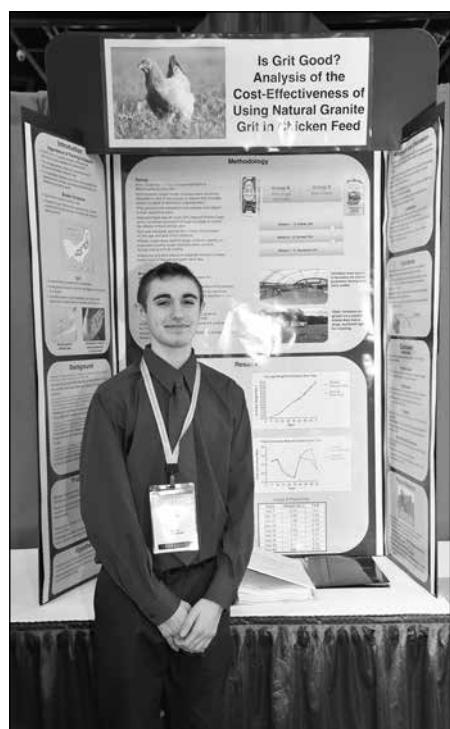
By Neal Rentz

It has been a whirlwind few months for Westlake High School junior Ryan Stasolla.

Stasolla, in his second year of the school's science research program, won a bronze medal at the International Sustainable World (Energy, Engineering & Environment) Project Olympiad for his project, which determined using granite grit in chicken feed was cost effective. Stasolla entered and received his award in the Environment: Health and Disease Prevention category at the Olympiad, which took place Apr. 27 to May 1 in Houston.

"I was very surprised and grateful," Stasolla said. "I wasn't expecting it."

His strong showing in the competition,



Westlake High School junior Ryan Stasolla took home a bronze medal at the recent International Sustainable World (Energy, Engineering & Environment) Project Olympiad in Houston.

which attracted 564 young science researchers from around the world, followed his first-place finish at the Westchester Science & Engineering Fair at Sleepy Hollow High School in March. Winning the Westchester competition qualified Stasolla for his all-expenses paid trip to Houston provided by Entergy.

Stasolla said he had a chance to socialize with students from about 60 countries and exchanged pins given to students in many instances by their schools that represented their homes. Stasolla returned with pins from South Africa, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Malaysia, among others.

"It was awesome to get to know so many different people from so many different places and learn about their cultures," he said.

If his recent success was not enough, Stasolla has another reason to celebrate. The results of his research were published in the March/April edition of the American Pastured Poultry Producers

Association magazine Grit. The magazine published a shortened version of his study.

Stasolla conducted his research at Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. He was assisted by mentor Craig Haney, director of the Growing Farmers Initiative at Stone Barns.

Stasolla said he is undecided if he will continue his research on the granite grit project as a senior or work on another project next year. Stasolla's love of science has him setting his sights on possibly becoming a surgeon.

"The reason why I might switch my project is because I may want to conduct a project more focused in the medicine and health field because that mirrors the career I want in the future," he said.

Westlake's science research program was introduced in 2012 and currently has 12 students. It is a three-year college-level course that begins in a student's sophomore year.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted on April 13, 2016, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be

held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition: **BOND PROPOSITION RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a District-wide capital improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a "Capital Bond Proposal," dated March 30, 2016, prepared by the District with the assistance of Kaeyer, Garment & Davidson, Architects, P.C. (the "Proposal"), available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk and on the District's website, consisting of the construction of alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, and the Chappaqua Public Library; including construction of additions and interior reconstruction and reconfiguration space to create global and STEAM learning centers and new public library space; upgraded science, auditorium and other educational space; building code, ADA, roof, door, window, ceiling, floor, security, lavatory, locker, heating, ventilation and airconditioning improvements; playground and athletic field improvements including installation of synthetic turf fields and field lighting; and curb, sidewalk, paving, masonry and other building exterior improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Proposal may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form: **BOND PROPOSITION YES NO RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, in the County of Westchester, New York

(the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to District buildings and sites, including the Chappaqua Public Library, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$42,500,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, up to June 9, 2016, five (5) days prior to the Special District Meeting. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 o'clock A.M. and 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) beginning June 9, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during school business hours from the School District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed ap-

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P'ville Tennis Club Holds Rally for Hunger This Saturday

By Arthur Cusano

The Pleasantville Tennis Club will be opening its doors for a special fundraising event on Saturday to help raise money and food for Westchester's hungry residents.

The Rally For Hunger will be held at the club at 57 Willow St. from 2 to 6 p.m. The cost to participate is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members and a bag of fresh produce to donate to the Hillside Food Outreach Program.

"Our focus is tennis is healthy, tennis is a lifestyle sport, so we are specifically asking for fresh produce," said club board member Marielise Watts. "They don't really get a lot of fresh produce."

The event will be in World Team Tennis format, a more casual, faster-paced game that is played by professional tennis teams.

"World Team Tennis is something that the pros play where it's mixed gender," Watts explained. "There is a minimum of four team members and up to 10 people on each team. You play gender doubles then gender singles then mixed doubles. But it's no-add scoring in a shorter format. The fun thing is that if you're playing singles and you get tired, one of your teammates can jump in and sub for you."

Members of the St. John's Episcopal Church Community Garden will attend the event to inform residents how they can help fight hunger in the area. The garden grows food for Hillside and also collects produce from the weekly Pleasantville Farmers Market. The garden has raised 15,000 pounds of fresh produce to date.

Community Garden founder Devon

Juros said he was happy to have a chance to work with the tennis club. The main reason he started the community garden project is because there is so much hunger in Westchester.

"Twenty percent of Westchester, which is about 200,000 people, are affected by hunger," Juros said. "So it's really important that we get them this food because they can't get fresh vegetables because they are so expensive and (it) goes bad so quickly."

Those looking to take part can sign up at www.pleasantvilletennisclub.com. For more information, e-mail inquiries to info@pleasantvilletennisclub.com.

Tennis Club Turns 100 This Summer

The club is also celebrating its century mark this year, something members learned only recently after stumbling across old files. They will hold a special anniversary party June 16.

"It's always said on our brochures we were founded in 1928. But it turns out 1928 is when we moved to our current location," Watts said. "Folklore has it that the original location was over near the high school, but when they built the high school they moved us down to our current location."

The club currently has about 110 memberships, including family memberships, and around 150 members overall.

"Membership is growing," Watts said. "We have 25 new members this year already with more on the way. We have a new pro, Brad Breakstone, who was the head pro over at Whippoorwill the last couple of years and we were lucky enough to get him."

In addition to the various teams and



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Marielise Watts of the Pleasantville Tennis Club and Devon Juros, creator of the Pleasantville Community Garden, will be among the village residents holding a Rally For Hunger at the club on Saturday.

programs already in place, the club has started a new program with the Pleasantville Dad's Club on Friday afternoons that has proven to be wildly successful.

"Within two weeks they had to shut down registration; we have 65 kids playing," she said.

The club is seasonal, and is open April through October. Six full-sized courts and a more kid friendly regulation 10-and-under court was funded partly through the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

"When the kids use compression balls and smaller racquets it gives them

a feeling of success," Watts said. "They can rally because the balls move slower and gives them more time to react. The seniors actually enjoy playing on it because you don't have to run as much."

While tennis has seen a decline in popularity in the United States in recent years, the USTA is looking to introduce the sport to more young people through various programs. Tennis is perfect for families and people of all ages, Watts said.

"If you can get kids on the court and they have fun and learn to love tennis, that's how you're going to create tennis players," she said. "It's a lifelong sport."

The Saturday Everyone Looks Forward to in Chappaqua

By Kathryn Nicolai

For the second consecutive year, downtown Chappaqua will be abuzz with activity every third Saturday of the month.

Starting this weekend and continuing through October, the third Saturday will see four separate events taking place downtown simultaneously: the Chappaqua Flea, Art Under the Bridge, Chappaqua's weekly farmers market and the Take It or Leave It shed.

The Chappaqua Flea, a curated outdoor market, will appear at the train station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the designated Saturdays. Founder and organizer Ilana Arazie called Chappaqua's third Saturdays a "robust community event," integrating the flea's vendors with art and fresh produce and food from the farmers market.

The flea will feature a diverse collection of new and old vendors selected based

on customer feedback from last year, Arazie's first in Chappaqua. She said this year's vendors will be selling home goods, antiques and mid-century modern furniture, vintage clothing from the 1970s and 1980s, beaded and stone jewelry, crafts for kids, vintage comics and posters, all-natural handmade soaps and lotions and collectibles from Asia and Africa.

In addition to the carefully selected vendors, the Chappaqua Flea has planned numerous themes for its monthly appearance. Father's Day will be honored on June 18 with prizes and giveaways; summertime will be celebrated on July 16; Aug. 20 will be centered around pets and the slogan "Dog Days of Summer." On Sept. 17, the market will have a back-to-school theme and on Oct. 15, the last flea of the season, it will be Fall Festival.

The Northern Westchester Artists Guild is also returning, where local

fine artists, painters, printmakers, ceramicists, photographers, fiber artists, sculptors and jewelry designers will be featured in Art Under the Bridge. The exhibit will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will also be located near the train station under colorful tents.

There will be about half a dozen local artists, including Peg Sackler, a member of the Northern Westchester Artists Guild, displaying their work on easels and grids. Sackler described the monthly Art Under the Bridge "by the community for the community," an effort to bring art to the heart of downtown.

The Chappaqua Flea and Art Under the Bridge will take place alongside the Chappaqua's Farmers Market, which operates outdoors every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Next to the market in the train station's parking lot, visitors can find the popular Take It or Leave It shed from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The

shop accepts donations of gently used goods including appliances, furniture, equipment and tools to display for visitors to take free of charge.

The Take It or Leave It shed is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who promote recycling and reuse in an effort to a variety of economic and environmental benefits for all of New Castle residents.

Town Administrator Jill Shapiro said the New Castle Police Department, is working to allow pedestrian traffic to proceed safely and efficiently this year with a few minor changes. The Art Under the Bridge will be adjacent to the Chappaqua Flea under colorful tents in contrast to last year's location under the Route 120 bridge.

In another effort to ease congestion, all pedestrians attending third Saturdays on Allen Place must exit Lower King Street to Washington Avenue.

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plication must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Monday, June 13, 2016. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) until the day of the Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. **BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** Dated: April 13, 2016 Therese Dellolio, District Clerk

THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CLEARSTONE WEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to **45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford NY 10573**. Purpose is: to operate a financial advisory service and wealth management service and to do all lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be organized.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with

SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, **1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC ,LLC. ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARENA CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC. Art. Of Org. led with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Joseph J Arena, PO Box 353, White Plains, NY 10605** Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARUSO & CARUSO, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

THIS A LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, "LLC" BELLA GLO BEAUTY SPA LLC. Article of organization filed with State Secretary of New York, SSNY on November 19th 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon who process

against it may be serve. SSNY shall mail all process to: **570 North Avenue, suite B, New Rochelle, NY 10801**. Propose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228**. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STONEY STREET DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/3/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004**. Purpose: any lawful acts.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SHRUB OAK INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004**. Purpose: any lawful acts.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 3151 STONEY STREET, LLC. Arts of Org filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/2/16. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **c/o General Counsel, 80 Broad Street, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10004**. Purpose: any lawful acts.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT THE TRIAL COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SUFFOLK DIVISION. DOCKET NUMBER: 15W1337 Mercedes Astoria Navarro , Plaintiff (s) Hector A Collazo , Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s): A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), Mercedes Astoria Navarro seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity. You are required to serve upon Mercedes Astoria Navarro - or attorney for plaintiff(s) Panagiotis A Konstantilakis - whose address is 111 Everett Ave, Ste ID, Chelsea, MA 02150 - Phone #617-884-4300 your answer on or before 21st...Day of July if you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston. Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 3 day of March, 2016.

swer on or before the 21st day of July, 2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 5th day of May, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Treasurer of the Village of Pleasantville has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Payments will be accepted in the Finance Department on the Third Floor of Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as follows: Taxes and other assessments, if any, become due and payable June 1, 2016, but may be paid in two installments without penalty. The first installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2016 to and including July 1, 2016. The second installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2016 to and including December 31, 2016. To all first installment taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2016, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of July, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. To all second installment taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2016, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of January, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. On or before February 1, 2017 a delinquent list will be published. Mary Schwartz Village Treasurer Dated: May 17, 2016

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT THE TRIAL COURT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION SUFFOLK Division. DOCKET NUMBER: 15W1337

Mercedes Astoria Navarro , Plaintiff (s) Hector A Collazo , Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s): A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), Mercedes Astoria Navarro seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity.

You are required to serve upon Mercedes Astoria Navarro - or attorney for plaintiff(s) Panagiotis A Konstantilakis - whose address is 111 Everett Ave, Ste ID, Chelsea, MA 02150 - Phone #617-884-4300 your answer on or before 21st...Day of July if you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston. Witness, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 3 day of March, 2016.

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Tasting & Class Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 7 2-5	OUR <u>BIG CALIFORNIA</u> <u>TASTING EVENT</u>
SATURDAY, MAY 14 4-5:30	CLASS (CALL TO REGISTER) WINES OF FRANCE
SATURDAY, MAY 21 2-5	ROSÉ TASTING EVENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 18 2-5	TASTE SPAIN EVENT

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purchased on site or over the phone. Children (under 3) and Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. Also May 20-22 and 26-30. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Friday, May 20

Social Media: Don't Be Left Behind! Learn about best practices, what's in and what's out and winning strategies. Presented by Robin Colner, academic director of Fordham University's Digital and Social Media Professional Certificate Program and founder and CEO of DigiStar Media. Sponsored by the Northern Westchester Business Network. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Presentation from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-261-2511 or visit www.NWBN-events.com.

Giant Tag Sale. Used and antique furniture, collectibles, jewelry, appliances, housewares, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, sports equipment, good used clothing and accessories, bed and bath, decorative art and more. All proceeds will benefit Hudson Chorale, the area's largest nonprofit community chorus. 107 Bedford Rd (corner of Manville Road and Route 117), Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Early Bird from 8 to 9 a.m.: \$10. Also May 21. To donate, tax-deductible items, call 914-769-9309.

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amy@gmail.com.

Friday Night Film Series: "The Lunchbox." A mistaken delivery by the Dabbawalas (lunchbox service) of Mumbai leads to a relationship between Saajan, a lonely widower close to retirement, and Ila, an unhappy housewife, as they start exchanging notes through the daily lunchbox. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Refreshments at 7:20 p.m. Screening at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-723-3186.

Mandy Patinkin in Concert. This Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning performer and Broadway's master song man returns to Tarrytown. He tours extensively, appearing in front of sold-out audiences across the United States, Canada, London and Australia, performing songs from writers including Stephen Sondheim, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Randy Newman, Adam Guettel and Harry Chapin, among others. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$58 to \$108. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

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Grand Funk Railroad. Joining founding members Don Brewer and Mel Schacher is singer Marx Carl, a rock veteran from 38 Special. Lead guitarist Bruce Kulick is best known for his 12 years with KISS and also has credits with Michael Bolton, Meatloaf and Billy Squire. Keyboardist Tim "Dr. Tim" has credits including stints with Bob Seger. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$60, \$64 and \$74. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 ext. 2 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com. Tickets also available at the box office.

"Gaslight Tango." Axial Theatre's spring 2016 mainstage production. A professional production of seven one-act plays by metro area playwrights. The original works encompass a vibrant mix of genres, ranging from all-out farce to quirky comedy to full-tilt drama. All deal with the common theme of identities in crisis. St. John's Episcopal Church Community House, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$25. Seniors and students: \$20. Matinees: \$15 (all tickets). Also May 21 and 22 at 3 p.m. and May 21 at 8 p.m. Info: 914-286-7680, visit www.AxialTheatre.org. Axial Theatre's Facebook page or e-mail axialtheatre@gmail.org. Tickets: Visit AxialGaslightTango.BrownPaperTickets.com.

Saturday, May 21

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time. The market kicks off another summer of great programs this week with Marco the Magician, rootsy vocal trio The Horned Angels opens the new season's music series and lead sponsor Phelps Hospital will be visiting at the Culinary Tent. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Bringing locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station. Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Discover Pinkster! Featuring dancing, drumming, African folktales and cooking demonstrations. Other performance highlights include storytelling by April Armstrong and African Colonial dance by Judith Samuel and the Children of Dahomey. Historic food demonstrations are presented by Pam Nyambi, and food writer and culinary historian Michael W. Twitty. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N.

Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$14. Seniors: \$12. Children (3-17): \$8. Children (under 3): Free. Add \$2 to ticket price if purchased on site. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or www.hudsonvalley.org.

Adult Coloring. If you're an adult looking for a relaxing, fresh and new activity that will help bring stress relief to your busy life, try this new coloring class. Drop in anytime. Materials provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscobibliary.org.

Japanese Calligraphy Workshop. Japanese calligraphy and Ikebana flower arrangements are on display now through June 2, 2016, in the Mt. Pleasant Library's gallery space (350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville). Master calligrapher Yoshiko Katsumi will conduct this workshop coinciding with the ongoing exhibit taking place through June 2. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Greyhound Rescue and Rehab Meet and Greet Adoption Day. Thornwood Town Center, 10-18 Broadway, Thornwood. 12 to 3 p.m. Info: Visit www.petlanddiscounts.com.

Asian Heritage Festival. Includes live performances of the music and dance of many Asian countries, including China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. There will be Asian arts, cultural exhibits, ethnic foods and health screenings. Activities for kids include learning the art of Chinese paper cutting, Origami, balloon sculpture and face painting. Rain or shine. Bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

Nature Scavenger Hunt. Have fun as you search for items in nature, then claim a prize. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Forest Magic. Celebrate the magic of the forest as we scout the woods for fairies, trolls and gnomes. Hear some mythical lore and build fairy and troll houses. Costumes encouraged. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5 per person. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Faith, Food and Friends. A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.emanuelelc.org.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Michael Mwenso & Friends. With a hat tipped to New York's musical renaissance, Chappaqua Station welcomes local and international musicians to the historic train station. Think intimate lounge setting, warm bourbon glow, farm fresh cuisine and an inclusive spirit of Westchester's vibrant culture. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. 7 to 10 p.m. \$10 per person for table reservation. First come, first served at bar with no cover charge. Every Saturday (except May 28). Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit www.chappaquastation.com.

Classic Albums Live Performs Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon." A live re-creation of one of the greatest pop/rock albums ever made. Classic Albums Live brings together some of the country's finest musicians to recreate live on stage the exact sounds of the greatest albums of the 1960s and '70s. Musicians are chosen according to their sound and their fit into a particular niche. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, May 22

Yoga for Beginners. A perfect way to refresh your body and mind. Move, stretch, breathe and renew. All bodies and minds are welcome in this class. Expect Natural, 774 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills. 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$15 per class. Every Sunday. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Marta at 914-242-4685.

Car Show. Join the Panas Parent Club to help raise funds for the senior scholarship program and mini-grant program for Walter Panas High School projects. Spectators welcome. Walter Panas High School, 300 Croton Ave., Cortlandt Manor. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration for cars: \$15. Info (including on how to register a vehicle): Contact Cathy Johansen at 845-270-2515 or e-mail ppc@lakelandschools.org.

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The Restaurant Examiner

French Cooking Demos Offered at La Panetière in Rye

By Jerry Eimbind

How to prepare Atlantic halibut will be covered in a demonstration of French cooking techniques to be held at Jacques Loupiac's La Panetière in Rye this Thursday.

Attendees will be guided step by step in the use of a citrus-herb persillade, snow peas, yellow wax beans fricassee and a basil-pesto sauce to create the halibut meal.

The demonstration will be followed by a three-course luncheon with the halibut as the main course. The cost for participating in this event is \$40 per person plus beverages, tax and gratuities.

The usual luncheon menu will be available to customers who aren't participating in the demonstration. This menu includes a large selection of seafood dishes such as Maine lobster medallions and grilled Dover sole along with roasted quail and a rack of lamb noisettes.

The lesson, which starts at 11:30 a.m., is the latest demonstration in an ongoing cooking series.

La Panetière will also host a prix-fixe wine tasting event, including dinner, on May 24, with winemaker Alain Serveau



La Panetière in Rye will be offering a French cooking technique demonstration.

of Domaines Albert Bichot Burgundy Wines serving as guest speaker. A 7 p.m. reception will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$140 per person. Look for the posting of the menu at www.lapanetiere.com.

Loupiac comes from a long line of bakers who made a living selling pastries in the south of France.

La Panetière is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner is served seven days a week. The restaurant, which opened in 1986, is housed in a charming, cottage-style building located at 530 Milton Rd. in Rye.

For reservations, call 914-967-8140 or visit www.lapanetiere.com.

Larchmont's Plates Offers Sunday Bottomless Barbecue

By Jerry Eimbind

On Bottomless BBQ Sundays, the smoker at Plates works overtime, cooking brisket for 12 hours, pulled pork for 10 hours and St. Louis ribs for eight hours.

The combination is served with a variety of accompaniments such as cole slaw, baked beans and a biscuit for \$28 per person, plus tax and tip. Extra portions of any desired combination are refilled free. A children's barbecue plate is available at \$10 (refills are not included). There is an additional charge for beverages.

Bottomless BBQ Sunday service is available inside and on the patio from 5 to 9 p.m. in addition to the restaurant's regular dinner menu.

An eight-hour, smoked pastrami sandwich has been added to Plates' menu along with the newly introduced New Orleans specialty – shrimp Po'Boy.

Barbecue lovers can also order Bottomless BBQ on Thursdays for \$28 (or a single BBQ serving at \$20) during a live music summertime program with food service starting at 5 p.m. The regular menu is also available.

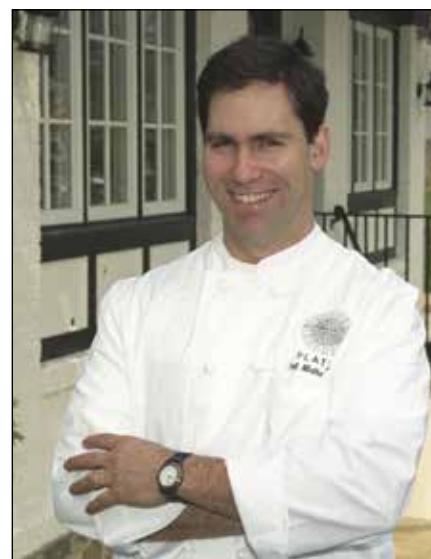
The live music attraction scheduled

for May 19 is The Mighty Fergusons, a local band with vocalists/guitarists Dennis Bolger and Matt Urbania, James Kirkpatrick on drums, vocalist Todd Nocera on keys and bassist Jorge Delrio. The music starts at 6 p.m.

Brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday and includes bottomless BBQ at \$28 (a single serving is \$20), smoked brisket with scrambled eggs, tortilla and barbecue beans (\$14) and a smoked pulled pork sandwich (\$10).

Also offered at brunch are fried chicken atop waffles (\$16), burgers (\$14 and up) and a \$10 prix-fixe kid's menu. The Bloody Mary and Bloody Mariachi are priced at \$6 each. A 25 percent discount is offered for bottled wine during brunch.

Chef/owner Matthew Karp is a graduate of the Cordon Bleu School in Paris. In 2004, he and his wife Wendy bought a century-old historic structure not far from the Metro-North train station in Larchmont. Originally built as a rest house for New Haven railroad engineers and conductors, the building had been converted to a speakeasy during Prohibition. It then became a restaurant named Carl's on the Park in 1950.

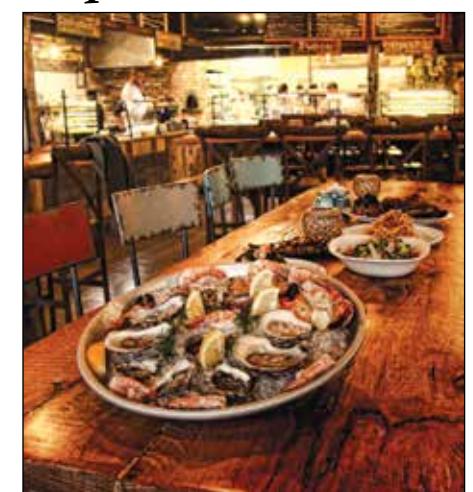


Matthew Karp, the chef and owner at Plates in Larchmont.

Plates is named for Karp's vast collection of dishes, accumulated during his travels, which decorate the walls of the restaurant.

Plates is located at 121 Myrtle Blvd. in Larchmont. For more information, call 914-834-1244 or visit www.platesonthepark.com.

Mount Kisco's Exit 4 Food Hall to Expand Services



Exit 4 Food Hall in Mount Kisco featuring nine independently-owned food stations with a wide variety of offerings. The establishment, which opened in February, is adding delivery, catering services and take-out options.

By Jerry Eimbind

Exit 4 Food Hall created a stir when it opened in February with nine independently-owned stations co-existing under one roof. Now it is preparing to add new functionality for delivery, catering services and take-out options.

"Delivery and catering from food halls is rare and complex and, therefore, Exit 4 is rolling out delivery in two phases," said Jeff Friedlaender, a partner at Exit 4 Food Hall. "Phase one will include delivery to businesses and catered events and Phase two will add delivery to local residents."

"Imagine being able to have pizza, sushi, barbecue, seafood, pasta, sandwiches and salads delivered from the same location," he said.

Participating in the two-phase program are Charcuterie 153, offering platters of smoked and cured meats and savory cheeses; Rawsome Seafood Bar (operated by Joe DiMauro of Mount Kisco Seafood) serving oysters, shrimp and seafood small plates; Inno Sushi by James, a sushi bar with fresh grab-and-go and dine-in items; Rotiss-A-Q, featuring rotisserie-cooked meats, including chicken, pork and beef dishes, prepared by John Cioffi, the former owner of A&S Marketplace; Piacci Pasta Bar, offering chef specialties made with fresh homemade pasta and sauces; Fuoco Wood-Fired Pizza (fuoco is Italian for fire); Dirty Roots by Myong, a Korean/Asian twist on healthy salads and juices and paninis featuring local chef Myong Feiner; and X4 on Tap, offering local craft beer, wine, coffee and a late-night small plates menu.

Exit 4 is located at 153 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-241-1200 or visit www.exit4foodhall.com.

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Across America," makes a presentation using images, film and firsthand accounts about a young mountain lion who left his home in the Black Hills of South Dakota in 2009 and set out on a cross-country journey that covered two years and more than 2,000 miles across America, passing within 30 miles of Manhattan before ending tragically on a Connecticut parkway. Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8448 or visit www.westmorelandsanctuary.org.

"Passport Around the World." The Steffi Nossen School of Dance's spring production presents this ballet that will take the audience on an international tour with dances celebrating iconic international and American attractions from the pyramids of Egypt to the Eiffel Tower and the Hollywood sign. It has been set to a score composed by Cary Brown, the school's musical director. The afternoon's first show will feature students in the Monday Chappaqua modern classes with White the White Plains Wednesday modern and Tuesday ballet classes. White Plains High School, 550 North St., White Plains. 1 and 3:30 p.m. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Children: \$5. Info and tickets: 914-328-1900 or visit www.steffinossen.org or www.steffinossen.eventbrite.com. Tickets

are also available at the door the day of the show.

Monday, May 23

Knitting Group. Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Young Explorers Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$9 per child. Non-member: \$12 per child. Every Monday (except May 30). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Zumba Class. Open to all. Drop-ins welcome; no membership needed. PFX, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$10 a class. Every Monday (except May 30). Info: Contact Amy Olin at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

The Sixties Show. A theatrical multimedia experience with narrations and news clips from the 1960s interspersed

between hits of the era. The band performs in mod costumes playing and using '60s musician gear. The band features former members of The Boston Pops and Billy Joel's and Elton John's bands, and of current legendary multiplatinum pop superstars The Smithereens. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$84 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Tuesday, May 24

Migration Madness. Join naturalist Tait Johansson in search of spring warblers and other newly arrived songbirds. Breeders here include Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Indigo Bunting. New and experienced birders are welcome. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7 to 9 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Jeanne Pollock at 914-519-7801 or e-mail jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org.

All-Day Community Blood Drive. Pleasantville High School and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps are teaming up to sponsor this drive. Whole blood and red cells units will be collected from qualifying candidates. Blood donors from all towns are welcome. Pleasantville High School, 60 Romer Ave.,

Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Walk-ins accepted. Appointments suggested. Info and appointments: 914-747-2408, visit www.nybloodcenter.org or e-mail angela.usobiaga@verizon.net.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Bravo Amici. A mix of handsome tenors and stunning divas perform an uplifting, moving collection of well-known classical and contemporary arias. Combining the essential elements of pop, Broadway, the West End and opera with classical overtones, Bravo Amici is the pinnacle of the much-loved "classical crossover" musical genre. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Matinee: Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Show at 1:30 p.m. Evening performance: Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. Lunch: \$64 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Dinner: \$84 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

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Italian Regulators Offer Guidelines on Wine Labels



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns I've been focusing on wine labels. For many consumers this is their introduction to a particular bottle of wine. Their one-minute speed date, if you will, to judge the inner qualities

and intrinsic appeal based solely on a first impression.

As in the dating ritual, the introduction to a wine through its label provides a modicum of information, often with confusing signals, and rarely any meaningful insights into a wine's character, history or DNA.

Wine labels as vehicles for speed dating can be useful tools in making a decision to proceed with, or retreat from, a particular wine. But labels vary wildly in the data they contain and the emotional profile they convey.

And each label, just as each speed dating prospect, is a product of its environment. The culture and personality of each country is evident on a wine label.

American labels are bold and in your face, on occasion a bit provocative. This is where I was born and this is my DNA, do you have a problem with that?

French labels are a bit more demure. This

'each label, just as each speed dating prospect, is a product of its environment.'

is where I was born, I expect you to know my background and DNA. My reputation precedes me.

Italian labels are more self-asserting. This is where I'm from and here are my references of how wonderful I am. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an amazing experience.

I've been reporting on wine label speed dating in the United States and France. This week I turn to self-assertive Italy.

Italian regulators go one step further to inform consumers than their counterparts in other wine nations. They have devised a system of grading all wines produced across the vast landscape of Italian wines. Consumers have a standard against which they can measure the qualities of a wine based on an acronym designated on a wine label.

The 2,000 grape varieties, grown in 20 geographic regions, are categorized into four distinct classifications. Rated in ascending order, these classifications are intended to create uniformity in the production of wines and to provide the

wine consumer with a broad, generalized means to evaluate wines.

1. VdT (Vino da Tavola): Translates to Table Wine. These are wines produced in the countryside, or in bulk, which do not strive to meet any basic regulations. This category encompasses the vast majority of Italian wines.

2. IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica): Translates to Typical Geographical Indication. It denotes that the wine is from a specific area of Italy, but may not fit into the traditional grape heritage of a region or vineyard area. The emergence of Super Tuscans contributed to the creation of this classification in 1992. For consumers it generally means a higher quality wine. There are hundreds of wines in this category.

3. DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata): Translates to Controlled Origin Denomination. This is typically the sweet spot for Italian wines. The requirements include the specific areas in which the wines may originate; specific grape varietals; minimum/maximum alcohol levels; maximum yields in grapes per vine per hectare; basic sensory and maturation characteristics; and required minimum periods of aging. There are about 300 DOCs, an excellent guideline for quality

and consistency.

4. DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata E Garantita): Note the last word. This translates to Guarantee. Don't misconstrue this label. This is not an assurance from the Italian regulators that you will enjoy this wine or that its quality is above reproach. What is guaranteed? The wine inside the bottle has received additional testing and a higher level of scrutiny than all other wines. These expand on the DOC definition and include requirements for lower vineyard yields; in-depth chemical analyses of a wine's physical composition; and sampling of each producer's wines by expert tasters to determine if they meet specified sensory standards. There are only 57 DOCGs.

The regulators act as surrogate Italian mothers. He's a good boy. You can take my word for it.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

A Winning Spell. To get you ready for the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which will be shown on ESPN next week, the quiz is made up of some of the winning words from previous Bees. You do have one advantage over the 285 participants that will take part in the Bee next week. You don't have to spell them.

1. **albumen** (1928) n.
A) the white of an egg B) an avenging deity C) a blank book
2. **smaragdine** (1961) adj.
A) self-servingly earnest B) of limited duration C) relating to emeralds
3. **cambist** (1977) n.
A) an expert in foreign exchange B) a tobacco seller C) a tea drinker
4. **elucubrate** (1980) V.
A) to explain clearly B) produce by intensive effort C) purify by fire
5. **viviseptulture** (1996) n.
A) an abusive outburst B) the act of burying alive C) a transparent enclosure
6. **prospicience** (2002) n.
A) knowing in advance B) a positive attitude C) good fortune
7. **pocourante** (2003) n.
A) a small chance of success B) waterlogged soil C) a careless person
8. **cymotrichous** (2011) adj.
A) relating to the skin B) having wavy hair C) resembling a flower

- ANSWERS:
1. A. The white of an egg
 2. C. Of or relating to emeralds
 3. A. A dealer or expert in foreign exchange
 4. B. To produce (especially literary work) by long and intensive effort
 5. B. Having wavy hair
 6. A. Seemg ahead, knowing in advance, foresee-
 7. C. A careless or indifferent person
 8. B. Seeing ahead, knowing in advance, foresee-

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