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Changes Vowed for Mt. Pleasant's Residential Treatment Centers

By Neal Rentz

Threats of potentially closing two Mount Pleasant residential treatment facilities for youths and possible legal action were raised last week if measures fail to stop the rash of violent incidents at both sites.

More than 300 residents converged at a community forum at Mount Pleasant Town Hall last Monday demanding solutions to end the series of incidents that many in the crowd stated have been taking place for years at the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls High School campus on Linda Avenue and the Mount Pleasant Cottage School on Broadway in Pleasantville.

The meeting was arranged by Mark Soracino and the Coalition for a Safe Mount Pleasant prior to two separate incidents that resulted in the arrest of six Cedar Knolls residents on May 20 and 21.

"It's something we should stay focused

on as residents," Soracino said.

Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said he has been working with representatives of both facilities, Police Chief Paul Oliva and other law enforcement officials during the past year and with state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) and his staff for the past few months to seek improvements.

"Our focus has been from the beginning has always been the safety of the students, staff, residents of the facilities and the residents of the Town of Mount Pleasant," Fulgenzi said at last week's meeting. "These facilities have been part of an ongoing discussion for many years, and unfortunately, based on recent actions at the facilities, it appears we have run out of time for discussions. We have received a lot of lip service with very little constructive results."

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New Castle Officials Poised to Approve Plastic Bag Ban

By Martin Wilbur

The days of shoppers carrying out their merchandise in single-use plastic bags appear to be coming to an end in New Castle.

The town board is expected to approve the Reusable Bag Initiative tonight (Tuesday), a new law that would prohibit plastic bags from being used and distributed in stores throughout town.

Steven Wolk, chairman of the town's Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) which studied the issue for two years before making the recommendation, said while the measure will encourage reusable bags to protect the environment, it would also be good for business. He said that food stores, pharmacies and other establishments that currently use

hundreds if not thousands of bags a week, would save money by not having to buy the bags in bulk.

Quoting a state senator from California, a state that has seen about 120 municipalities approve variations of a similar law, Wolk said "a throwaway society is not sustainable."

Plastic bags are a major source of pollution, clogging drains, getting stuck in watercourses and harming fish and other aquatic life, the law's proponents have argued. Manufacturing and transporting the bags add to the carbon footprint.

"The Reusable Bag Initiative will benefit both residents and businesses for generations to come," Wolk said during last week's public hearing on the measure.

If New Castle passes the legislation it

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The Gang's All Here



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Bill and Hillary Clinton took a break from the campaign trail on Monday and joined Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the New Castle Town Board and other officials for the town's annual Memorial Day parade through downtown Chappaqua. For more photos from the parade and other area observances, see page 15.

Bedford Schools to Put Reduced Budget to June 21 Vote

By Arthur Cusano

The Bedford Central School District will present a second budget to voters on June 21 that falls below the tax cap after its original budget fell just short of the required 60 percent approval.

Board of Education members made the decision at a special three-hour meeting at Fox Lane Middle School last Wednesday night where interim Superintendent of Schools John Chambers and central administrators reviewed the few options the district had.

Officials could have put the same \$129.6 million budget that failed on May 17 up for a second vote, but instead decided to present a smaller spending plan after cutting an additional \$2.8 million - the least they could cut to



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Bedford Central School District officials will put a reduced budget up for a vote on June 21 after an attempt to override the tax cap failed two weeks ago.

get under the cap. They could have also adopted a contingency budget, forcing the district to sustain \$4.34 million in cuts. Trustees viewed that option as a worst case scenario.

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Q: What can cause excessive pain before, during, and after my period?

A: A potential cause is endometriosis. Endometrial cells released by the endometrium – the tissue that lines a woman's uterus – latch onto the ovaries, bowel, or elsewhere in the pelvis. The new tissue behaves the same as it does in the uterus: It thickens, breaks down, and bleeds with each menstrual cycle. This can irritate the surrounding tissue, leading to pain and excessive bleeding.

Q: How can I tell if I have endometriosis?

A: Symptoms can include painful periods; pain during intercourse; pain during bowel movements or urination, especially during your period; excessive bleeding and infertility. In fact, endometriosis is often first diagnosed when a woman is seeking infertility treatment. It can also be mistaken for other conditions that cause pelvic pain which is why it is important to tell your OB/GYN if you experience any of these symptoms.

You may get a pelvic exam to check for possible cysts or scarring. Ultrasound can also reveal the presence of cysts or scarring, but the only way to accurately diagnose endometriosis is with a procedure called

laparoscopy. A surgeon makes a tiny incision near the naval and inserts a small camera called a laparoscope to look for endometrial growths.

Q: Can endometriosis be treated?

A: Yes. Treatment starts with over-the-counter pain medications such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) or naproxen (Aleve). If that doesn't ease the pain, many women benefit from hormone treatment, such as birth control pills or other hormone-blocking drugs that help shrink the endometrial growths. If symptoms persist, surgery may offer a solution. A hysterectomy can give relief for women who are not planning to have children; for women hoping to preserve fertility, a more conservative surgical procedure called resection can target and remove endometrial growths. Don't assume that agonizing, lengthy periods are normal. Get yearly exams and be sure to discuss any symptoms you find bothersome.

Did you know?

Women who have a mother or sister with endometriosis are six times more likely to develop the condition.*

*National Institutes of Health

No Resolution for Lifetime Fitness Sunset Provision at Chap Crossing

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board gave no indication last week whether it will allow the 25,000-square-foot health and fitness requirement at Chappaqua Crossing to sunset if Lifetime Fitness were to eventually leave the development.

A public hearing opened last Tuesday night centering on the request from developer Summit/Greenfield on behalf of its would-be tenant to revise the Office Park Retail Overlay District at the former Reader's Digest property.

Lifetime Fitness wants to be able to vacate the yet-to-be-built development after three years if its facility isn't economically viable and sublease the 40,000-square-foot space. Otherwise, it will not sign the 20-year lease.

It would make a good faith effort to locate alternative health and fitness providers for at least six months, but if that attempt failed the company wants the latitude to sublease to other types of retail uses, said Felix Charney, Summit Development's president.

He also tried to dispel lingering doubts about Lifetime's motives for making the request, saying they are a successful national company.

"We're building in flexibility so I don't have to come back here and we don't have to figure this out again, Charney said. "These folks are not going to fail."

The developer is under pressure to begin construction to satisfy the demands of anchor tenant Whole Foods. Charney said he has a Jan. 2, 2017, deadline to get the 40,000-square-foot supermarket up and running otherwise that commitment could be in jeopardy.

He already had negotiated a revised Whole Foods deadline from Oct. 17, 2016, until right after New Year's.

"They said no more movement," Charney told the town board. "We need to open a store in 2017 and all the other tenants which signed the leases are also in that same place, and the financing has a closing date, which is attached to it."

The owners of two local health and fitness clubs appeared at the hearing, suggesting to officials that they found it suspicious that Lifetime Fitness is wavering on its commitment to Chappaqua.

Bill Beck of Club Fit in Briarcliff Manor and Jefferson Valley and Rick Beusman, president and owner of Saw Mill Club in Mount Kisco, said they were both interested in the site. They would be willing to take a 20-year lease at the space with no opt-out clause, but would not necessarily commit to 40,000 square feet of space.

Beck said it appears that 25,000 to 30,000 square feet would work best.

"It doesn't have to disappear today



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Summit Development President Felix Charney tries to convince the New Castle Town Board to provide Lifetime Fitness with its request to ease health and fitness restrictions at Chappaqua Crossing should that be necessary.

because one operator isn't interested, "Beck said. "You have local operators. I've been in business 40 years, we have two very successful clubs. We do a lot in your community already, and we'd be interested. I sent Felix an e-mail as well. We're interested in doing a deal if we can."

Later in the hearing, Beusman said that Lifetime, which has operated most of its facilities from about 125,000 to

200,000 square feet, is trying a new model of 40,000-square-foot clubs on an experimental basis since the move from a public to private company was completed.

Having grown up in Chappaqua and still in the area, he said Saw Mill Club would do what's right for the town.

"I can tell you we have the financing, we've been vetted, we've been doing plans, we could do this deal quickly and we can

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The town board passed local legislation in February that enables the town to levy fines "for improper supervision," Fulgenzi said. So far, there have been 12 violations, each carrying a potential \$250 fine. The violations are still being adjudicated in court, he said.

Fines were created to draw attention to "an ongoing dangerous situation" and were not meant to raise additional revenue, he said.

"The town will no longer stand by as people housed in these facilities are

continually subjected to life-threatening situations on and off the campuses," Fulgenzi said. "Our police and volunteer and ambulance services have been stretched thin and have been subjected to injury and life-threatening situations."

Oliva outlined the extent of police calls to both facilities. For the one-year period ending May 17, there were more than 1,500 police calls: 725 at the Cottage School and 827 at Cedar Knolls, he said.

If the schools fail to make improvements within the next two months, the town will ponder legal action, Fulgenzi said. He



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

More than 300 residents packed Mount Pleasant Town Hall last week to discuss violent incidents at the campuses of the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls High School and the Mount Pleasant Cottage School.

declined to specify what that might entail.

At last week's meeting, Matthew Slater, Murphy's chief of staff, read a letter the senator wrote to Sheila Poole, acting commissioner of the state Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), demanding that no new residents be placed at the two facilities. If appropriate measures aren't taken, Murphy said he would demand immediate closure of both centers.

"As a former employee of the Pleasantville Cottage School I know better than most the role these programs play in helping children who are confronting many, many challenges," Murphy stated.

"We have an obligation to those children, but the state also has the obligation to residents of communities like Mount Pleasant to ensure that their interests are also safeguarded."

Murphy said he recently pressed for an inspection of both facilities and for state officials to meet with local officials. Those requests were denied.

Soracino, who praised town officials' efforts, said one of the reasons he formed Coalition for a Safe Mount Pleasant was to raise awareness for state officials about the violent episodes that have occurred.

At the request of several residents, Slater said Murphy will request that state police patrol near the two facilities.

Some residents said they have seen students from both schools walking in their backyards or in the neighborhood. Soracino said if residents spot a youth wandering from campus or a sign of trouble they should call town police.

Councilman Denis McCarthy said violence associated with the two schools is not new. About a decade ago McCarthy and other local residents shared similar concerns with state officials but they have failed to rectify the situation.

"The system is broken," McCarthy said.

A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Town Hall.

New Uses Sought for Former Leisure Living Site in Mt. Kisco

A developer is seeking to add new uses for the three-story building at 179 E. Main Street in Mount Kisco that formerly housed outdoor furniture store Leisure Living.

Hudson Riley LLC unveiled its proposal during the May 24 planning board meeting and is seeking a change of use approval.

The board approved a proposal from Bedford resident Matthew Tynan to store his personal car collection on the third floor in June 2015, said Charles Martabano, an

attorney representing the applicant. Plans call for renovation of the building with retail use on the first floor and a physical training studio on the second floor. The use of the third floor would not change, he said.

Planning Board Chairman Joseph Cosentino said it was the best proposal before the planning board in 35 years.

Discussion on the proposal is slated to continue in June.

—Neal Rentz

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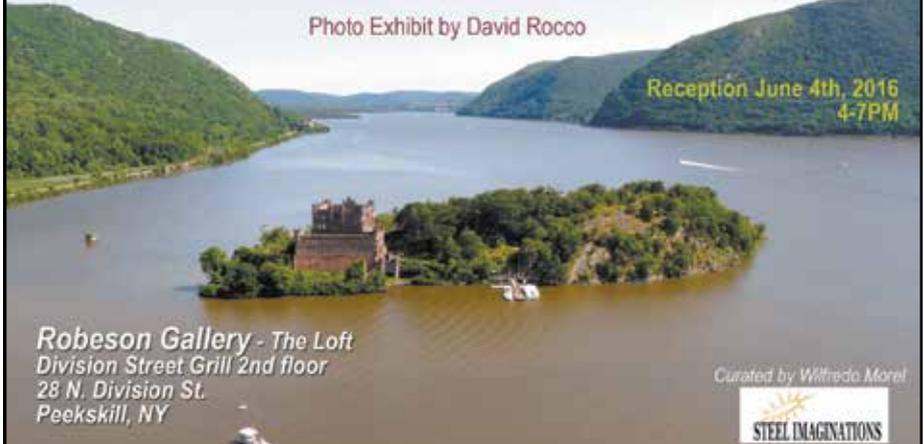
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Federal Judge: County Breached Affordable Housing Settlement

By Martin Wilbur

A federal district court judge determined last week that Westchester County breached the affordable housing settlement in part by failing to quell the Town of New Castle's ongoing opposition to the controversial Chappaqua Station project.

Judge Denise Cote concluded on May 24 that the county also came up short in its attempts to use all means necessary to advance construction of the required 750 units to satisfy the terms of the settlement. Building permits for all 750 units must be in place by the Dec. 31, 2016, deadline for Westchester to comply with the agreement.

By the county's own tally, Westchester had 649 units of approved financing and 588 building permits or certificates of occupancy at the close of 2015.

If the county is found to have breached the settlement it could be fined \$30,000 for the first month and \$60,000 for each ensuing month. However, the judge noted that she would reserve making a decision on the scope and timing of any relief.

In her written summary last week, the day following a Manhattan courtroom conference involving the interested parties, Cote stated that the county is in jeopardy of having the 28 units that would be built by developer Conifer Realty in Chappaqua not counted toward the 2016 totals.

Cote noted that on Dec. 29, New Castle

issued a site remediation permit, which does not qualify as a building permit, even though some town officials, including Building Inspector William Maskiell, had referred to it as a building permit.

"The goal of the settlement is to construct 750 affordable housing units where individuals and their families can eventually reside," one passage of Cote's correspondence read. "This goal cannot be satisfied by obtaining a site remediation permit and claiming that it is a building permit."

Cote is requiring Westchester officials meet with housing monitor James Johnson to provide updates on the development; discuss with town officials at least once a month the status of the building permit process; attend all public meetings related to the development; and update the court, monitor and government on July 5, Aug. 1 and Sept. 1 on its May 11 projections, including estimates of when the foundation and shell permits may be issued.

Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein said last week that the town was "very disappointed" with Cote's conclusion and is considering its legal options. Current board members, including Greenstein, have repeatedly offered remarks about how the project is wrong for the site.

"We think it's a terrible location for residential housing and we've exercised our right to say that," Greenstein said in a

May 27 statement. "Our building inspector and fire chief have also spoken about the safety issues that arose when you cram a large building onto a small site that is sandwiched between a parkway and railroad tracks. But the town has never hindered the developer from attempting to obtain the approvals that are required for the projects, as Judge Cote found."

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), whose district includes New Castle, said the county has agreed to Johnson's recent request to step up its marketing strategy relating to the settlement.

However, it remains to be seen how

County Executive Rob Astorino will handle the remaining outstanding issues, he said.

The Chappaqua Station project has generated some intense opposition since the application was introduced in 2010 from the public and also among town board members.

The Board of Legislators agreed to approve the financing for the project in late 2014, which enabled the county to meet the end-of-year benchmarks. However, with complicated variances and other issues, Conifer has yet to comply with a long list of conditions that would enable the town to issue a building permit.

Feeding the Hungry



On May 21, the Pleasantville Tennis Club held a Rally for Hunger, which saw six teams hit the court during the event. There were 325 pounds of fresh produce collected for Hillside Food Outreach. Each participant brought a bag of groceries that were donated to the pantry.

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would become the ninth municipality in New York State to enact a law regulating the use of plastic bags, joining Rye, Mamaroneck, Hastings-on-Hudson and Larchmont in Westchester. The law would go into effect on Jan. 1, following a seven-month public education campaign and transition period for businesses, Wolk said.

Under its provisions, stores would be able to use paper bags for customers to carry out merchandise but would charge patrons 10 cents for each bag used. Paper is also discouraged because it is detrimental to the environment as well, Wolk said.

There would be exemptions for plastic bags used for meat and produce, dry cleaners and newspapers. Bags for prescription drugs and greeting cards and decorative paper bags for gifts could remain in use with no charge.

At last week's hearing, a healthy turnout of town residents, including many local students, spoke in favor of the initiative. Horace Greeley High School senior Abby Furst, an SAB intern, said more than 400 plastic bags an hour are used in New Castle alone, according to a study done by the school's students a few years ago.

She said a bag is used for an average of 15 minutes but remains in landfills for centuries.

"I think you guys should think about my generation and people living in a world that might not have any resources if we continue using stuff that doesn't have a long lifespan," Furst said.

Another Greeley student, Jordan Schmolka, said in sixth grade she was fascinated after reading how San Francisco had passed a law banning plastic bags. Now she is "proud to call myself a New Castle resident and live in a town that joined San Francisco in pioneering really meaningful change in environmental responsibility by making the right, responsible choice."

However, there were several residents who spoke urging the town board to refrain from making the initiative mandatory.

One merchant, Chappaqua Village Market owner Vinny Milazzo, said while he wasn't against the law or what it was attempting to accomplish, it would create another obstacle.

Milazzo said he has about 300 customers a day, and at least 50 of those customers call to place orders for pickup. When that occurs, he uses a strong plastic bag that is reusable but would be outlawed under the new ordinance.

"I'm not complaining about it in a sense that I'm not going to try and comply, but I can only comply if it's reasonable and not at the expense of aggravating 300 customers a day," said Milazzo, a member of the Business Transition Subcommittee.

Wolk responded that one market in Arcata, Calif. where a similar law was passed overcame many of the challenges that Milazzo outlined by branding their own reusable bags.

Chappaqua resident John Ehrlich said the proposed law is an example of local government going too far, restricting the rights of consumers and retailers. The convenience that both customers and merchants are afforded would hurt business, he warned.

He also said that many residents use the plastic bags for various household purposes.

"You have a right to store bags," Ehrlich said. "Don't let them take it away. It's not an initiative, it's really a costly inconvenience."

Another resident, Judy McGrath, said the initiative is government overreach, dictating choices for residents. She recommended making the practice

voluntary accompanied with public education.

"I'm an adult, I know how to take care of my garbage," McGrath said. "I think it's something that maybe there should be a trial where people are asked to do this. But to pass a law and to charge 10 cents to treat people like they don't know how to do the right thing, I find insulting."

But SAB member Maxine Margo Rubin urged the town to immediately step up and pass the measure.

"I heard somebody say, 'When does it stop?'" she said. "When does it start, and it has to start here at a local level."

Supervisor Robert Greenstein wanted to vote on the law last week.

"I want to give these people a victory that they came here tonight for," he said.

While the other council members all said they supported the initiative, they wanted to give anyone who may not have had the chance to speak an opportunity to contact officials with written comments.

A special meeting will be convened tonight to vote on the law at 6:30 p.m. just prior to a presentation on the downtown Chappaqua streetscape.

Bedford Schools to Put Reduced Budget to June 21 Vote

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The second vote must take place June 21 at the district's five elementary schools, the same venues voting was held on May 17. That date is also the evening of the high school graduation, another concern for district officials. However, the date for the revote is state mandated and cannot be changed.

Several residents and district parents told the board during public discussion last week that they wanted to try a second vote on the same proposed budget given the narrow margin of defeat. The original budget received more than 58 percent support, just shy of the 60 percent required by the state for a tax cap override. But board members agreed the risk was far too great.

"I think contingency, \$4.3 million more in cuts from where we are today, is really rather unthinkable," said Trustee Suzanne Grant. "I think the place to stop is the tax levy cap. Rolling the dice for contingency, I have no appetite for that."

Should the second smaller budget fail on June 21, the contingency budget would be adopted automatically under state law. Board members will likely adopt the new budget at their meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) night, the deadline for finalizing a new plan.

Trustees heard a presentation by Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Andrew Patrick on where the additional cuts could come from. That list includes 10 certified and 12

classified positions across the district.

The biggest proposed cut would be at the elementary school libraries, where four library media specialists would be slated for removal, forcing one librarian to be shared by the five schools. A secondary science teacher and three custodians are also in jeopardy. An English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) position, a middle school literacy coach and an elementary school music instructor are on the list of possible cuts as well.

The failed budget, which called for 18 teachers to be cut districtwide, proposed a tax levy increase of 3.82 percent, nearly three times Bedford's ceiling of 1.32 percent for 2016-17.

When asked by a community member what kind of turnout could be expected, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services Mark Betz said the numbers are generally lower. In recent history, second votes have also been unsuccessful, he said.

"Typically, a second vote that doesn't involve candidates running for the board does produce a much smaller turnout," Betz said. "People are sometimes very interested in the board seats, sometimes just interested in the board seats and not the budget. The most recent data we have since the tax levy cap was put into place shows that attempts to override the budget a second time are not terribly successful. A large number of them will fail."

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Bareburger Nearing Approval to Move Into Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

A vote to have a burger chain restaurant move into the free-standing building on Mount Kisco's Main Street once occupied by Friendly's may be scheduled for as soon as next month.

Last week the village's planning board instructed staff to create a resolution for the project.

Bareburger, which specializes in organic and all-natural gourmet burgers, snacks and shakes, is seeking amended site plan approval to take over and begin operations at 441 E. Main St.

The main topic of debate at the May 24 meeting centered on the proposed outdoor seating. The applicant is asking for two outdoor tables totaling four seats in front of the restaurant on a patio in addition to nine tables and 18 chairs on the southern side of the building. While there was no debate last week about the tables on the south side, there was concern expressed that diners using the two tables in front could be exposed to a safety hazard.

Vigliotti said the tables' close proximity to East Main Street and the potential that a vehicle could lose control and end up on the sidewalk makes it difficult to allow.

Viktor Solarik, Bareburger's architect, said plantings would be placed between the pair of tables in front and the



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Viktor Solarik, an architect representing Bareburger, addressed the Mount Kisco Planning Board on May 24. The restaurant chain is seeking to move into the site of the former Friendly's restaurant on Main Street.

sidewalk.

Planning Board Chairman Joseph Cosentino said he had no objections to outdoor seating, but expressed concern about the two tables.

"I feel it's not safe," he said.

Board member John Bainlardi said he did not see a safety issue with the front tables. There are other restaurants in the village that have outdoor seating on East Main Street sidewalks.

Maryanne Johansson, the only resident

to speak at last week's public hearing, said she shared the board's concerns because there is significant traffic on East Main Street and the potential for a serious accident.

The board voted unanimously to close the hearing, but agreed to accept written comments for an additional 15 days. A vote on the amended site plan application could be scheduled for the board's next meeting on June 14.

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Obituaries

Maureen Corry

Maureen Corry, born in the Bronx, was one of Maureen and Patrick Roche's three children. She worked as an activities coordinator for a New Jersey nursing home before becoming a secretary with IBM.

She was 51.

She married James Corry in 1992 and they enjoyed a wonderful marriage of 23 years. She loved Cape Cod and animals.

Corry's career with IBM ended due to the debilitating diseases of Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM) and Tuberous Sclerosis.

Despite her medical condition, which required numerous hospitalizations, she was known by all for her beautiful smile, an engaging personality and positive attitude. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed by her husband, parents, brother, sister and nephews.

Visiting hours were on May 26 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on May 27 at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations, if desired, can be sent to the LAM Foundation, 4520 Cooper Rd., Suite 300, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. For more information, call 513-777-6889, e-mail info@thelamfoundation.org or visit <https://www.thelamfoundation.org>.

Patricia Grunenwald

Patricia Grunenwald, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, teacher, musician and a longtime resident of Pleasantville and Somers, passed away on May 25.

She was 88.

Grunenwald is survived by her two sons, three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Born April 3, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Grunenwald dedicated most of her life to raising and teaching children. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she

lovingly raised six children while devoting her evenings to classes. She earned two master's degrees in special education while fulfilling her dream of educating first- and second-graders for 30 years at Bedford Road School in Pleasantville.

Grunenwald's interests included music and travel. An accomplished musician and singer, she performed with the Cantata Singers Community Chorus and played recorder with classical concert groups. Thriving in retirement, Grunenwald traveled the world to exotic destinations from Russia to Machu Picchu. She

also remained an active member of the community by volunteering at Heritage Hills Library.

Her loving nature, humor, quick wit, masterful one-liners and laughter will forever remain in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, kindly send donations to the Pleasantville Community Scholarship Fund.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 1 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville, where her service will be held at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of visitation.

Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

May 18: A minor was arrested at 8:39 p.m. and charged with criminal mischief after a witness reported him smashing a car window on Broadway.

May 21: A 30-year old Pleasantville man was arrested at 6:16 a.m. and charged with criminal contempt, a misdemeanor, after violating an order of protection at a Roselle Avenue residence.

May 21: An Oak Hill Circle resident reported being victimized by a phone scam at about 11:30 a.m. The victim was contacted by someone pretending to be a Con Edison

representative, who stated that they had bills that needed to be paid immediately. The scammer instructed the victim to buy gift cards for an undisclosed amount and then give him the card numbers over the phone. The investigation is ongoing.

May 25: A 56-year-old Bronx man was arrested and charged with several felonies at a Washington Avenue bank at 10:12 a.m. The suspect attempted to gain access to an account belonging to a customer by using the victim's debit card. The defendant produced a forged driver's license for bank staff and failed to correctly answer privacy questions. The suspect was held on \$1,500 bond or \$750 cash bail at the county jail in Valhalla. The man was also found to be in possession of a credit card that had been opened in the victim's name.

North Castle Police Department

May 21: Report of suspicious subjects on the Swiss Re property on King Street at 8:19 a.m. Security reported discovering turkey hunters on the property and they have those individuals detained at the gate. Matter adjusted upon arrival of the responding officers. No further action warranted.

May 24: A distraught complainant contacted police at 5:57 p.m. to report that she was pulling out of Glendale

Avenue moments earlier and she had a negative interaction with a bicyclist. The complainant stated that she had difficulty seeing the roadway through bushes, didn't see the bicyclist and pulled out while he was near. The bicyclist then called her various expletives. He was dressed in a bright pink top, black pants and a helmet. The responding officers who were assigned could not locate the subject.

May 25: Report of an overturned vehicle on Route 22 at 10:56 a.m. The dispatching officer transferred the call to 60 Control, which dispatched an ambulance. The responding officer requested a tow truck and stated that the party has been transported to Westchester Medical Center.

May 25: A Gifford Lake Drive resident reported at 2:41 p.m. that she accidentally locked herself out of the house with a child inside. The responding officer requested fire department dispatch, but then reported that he was able to gain access to the home and assist the complainant. The fire department requested was canceled; matter adjusted.

May 25: Report that the traffic barriers are down at the Virginia Road grade crossing at 6:50 p.m. The MTA was notified and they have personnel headed to the scene. The situation was caused by a disabled train and corrected and the road was reopened.

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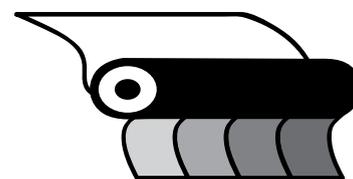
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Mental Health Advocates Return to Byram Hills to Run for Recovery

By Martin Wilbur

Dr. Robert Laitman knows firsthand the challenges that mental health issues can place on families. His son, Daniel, was diagnosed with schizophrenia as a teenager, and the time searching for the right medications so he could live a full life came was exhausting.

For the second consecutive year Laitman, his wife Ann and other family and community members have organized the Team Daniel Running for Recovery from Mental Illness, a 5K cross-country run and walk at Byram Hills High School scheduled for this Sunday morning.

“Everything starts with mental and physical health and they’re so tied in with each other,” said Laitman, who has run in numerous marathons and started organizing Team Daniel runs with family about five years ago on Long Island. “That’s one of our messages.”

The event is more than exercise for running enthusiasts on a spring morning. While it will feature a run through the cross-country course that the school uses as well as a walk and jog for novice participants around the Byram Hills track, there will be representatives from mental health organizations that will help families connect with critical resources and let them know things can get better.



Dr. Robert Laitman, far left, with four-time New York City and Boston Marathon winner Bill Rodgers, second left, will return to Byram Hills High School for the Team Daniel Running for Recovery from Mental Illness this Sunday to raise awareness for mental health issues.

Team Daniel has partnered with the Byram Hills Student Wellness Action Committee to coordinate the events and the run, Laitman said. The school and its outgoing principal Christopher Borsari have been a major supporter in raising awareness of mental health issues to the school community.

Ann Laitman said one in four people in the United States live with mental illness. Today, with increasing pressure placed on students to perform, children are more depressed and anxious than

ever. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 34.

Last year, the run drew more than 400 participants. This year, the Laitmans again attracted champion marathoner Bill Rodgers, who has been a major supporter of Team Daniel. State Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) will update the crowd on legislative initiatives being pursued in

Albany.

Representatives from NAMI Westchester, the Mental Health Association of Westchester, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation will be on hand.

Sheila Marquesano, founder of The Harris Project, named for her son who died from an overdose, will acquaint the public with the connections between mental health issues and addiction. Speaker Hakeem Rahim, who suffers

from bipolar disorder, will attend to relay his inspirational message.

After his son was diagnosed, Laitman, an internist, discovered that running regularly was a great way to keep the mind as well as the body in shape. Daniel is also expected to participate.

Today, Daniel, a Purchase College graduate, is doing well, pursuing his dream of being a standup comic, performing at clubs around Manhattan, his father said.

Laitman said meaningful recovery does happen rather than having patients stigmatized, perhaps irreparably.

Most of all, people who need help must be made aware they are not alone and there is hope.

“The recovery model is something that opened up the last few years,” Laitman said. “We believe people can have it all: live lives that are part of the community, have meaningful relationships, feeling good about themselves, developing self-esteem.”

There will also be music, food and a raffle on Sunday.

For those who want to participate, day-of-event registration starts at 8 a.m. with the run beginning shortly after 9 a.m. Online registration in advance can be completed by visiting www.active.com and entering Team Daniel or Byram Hills.

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New Administrators Mark Leadership Changes at Bedford Schools

By Arthur Cusano

A failed budget referendum and the recent board of education election results aren't the only topics of discussion within the Bedford Central School District.

The district will also see a major shakeup in its leadership positions when the new school year begins.

Trustees voted recently to appoint current Fox Lane High School Principal Joel Adelberg as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, replacing Andrew Patrick who is headed to the Scarsdale Central School District.

"For the past seven years, Dr. Adelberg has served with distinction as the principal of Fox Lane High School where he's won the respect and appreciation of students, staff and parents and proven his value to the Bedford Central School District in countless ways," said interim Superintendent John Chambers who will be succeeded by new superintendent Dr. Christopher Manno in July.

Adelberg was given a four-year probationary contract with a \$213,115 salary.

"I'm staying where I want to be in a district I really love and care about and I'll be close enough to the high school that I've nurtured all these years," Adelberg told board members and district administrators following the



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Fox Lane High School Principal Joel Adelberg will become the Bedford Central School District's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction next year, one of several administrator changes being made this summer.

announcement.

Adelberg, 58, an Armonk resident, said he hopes to hit the ground running in his new position.

"My whole career has been with the older kids at the high school level, so I don't know what the issues are yet but I know that I have a big learning curve,"

he said. "What I bring is enthusiasm and energy and excitement for the district, and knowledge of the district, but there's a lot I have to learn."

Part of that process is familiarizing himself with K-12 curriculum and its progression through the grades.

"That's the power of a position like this, you start to see the connections and you make sure the right transitions are in place, so that one program at one age and grade leads into the next," Adelberg said.

A process to pick his replacement is underway, Chambers said.

At the May 25 board meeting, Chambers said Manno was already involved in the district's decisions, including filling other roles. Manno is finishing his tenure as chief school administrator of the Burlington County Special Services School District/Burlington County Institute of Technology at the Burlington Township School District in southern New Jersey.

A search for a new assistant superintendent for business and administrative services is underway to replace Mark Betz, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

"We're making progress on being able to name an interim school business

official while a more lengthy search for an assistant superintendent for business operations continues," Chambers said.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Gina Healy will also be retiring at the end of the school year. Her position will be eliminated, at her recommendation, to save the district money, Chambers said. A director of human resources and development position will be created, with current Director of Professional Development Stacey Haynesworth expected to take over that position, he added.

Interim Fox Lane Middle School Principal Sue Ostrofsky will remain in her position next year after being moved from Mount Kisco Elementary School (MKES) to take over for the retiring AnneMarie Berardi. MKES Assistant Principal Kweon Stambaugh will take over for Ostrofsky as interim principal at that school.

Tom Briggs, the director of facilities, will also be leaving the district next month.

District skiing and lacrosse coach Chris Coughlin will replace the retiring Beth Staropoli as the district's athletic director. Staropoli will join the board of education on July 1 after defeating Michael Solomon for his seat in the May 17 election.

No Resolution for Lifetime Fitness Sunset Provision at Chap Crossing

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sign a lease," Beusman said.

However, Charney responded that his tight timetable would make it nearly impossible to make changes at this stage. Revisions to the site plan, parking, drainage and stormwater management would all have to be made, which would take months. It would also require a revision of Chappaqua Crossing's Planned Development Concept Plan.

"The time associated with that, assuming one quickly enters a lease with an alternate and that their financial condition is acceptable to my lenders, I have to do that first," Charney said. "I have to modify the site plan, all of which is many, many months and I have delivery dates with Whole Foods that I'm dealing with."

Furthermore, neither of the local clubs have the gross sales compared to Lifetime, an important factor that lenders take into consideration, he said.

Some board members grappled with the dilemma, saying they wanted Chappaqua Crossing to succeed but hesitant to quickly relinquish what was a key requirement to protect the downtown.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska said she wasn't comfortable with the prospect of Chappaqua Crossing with an increased number of smaller stores competing with the hamlets. Under the current zoning,

each business has to be at least 1,500 square feet.

"For me, there is this potential for 52 stores, which might actually happen, and shift the balance of what was so carefully crafted over two years," Makowska said.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein countered that such a worst case scenario is unlikely. He said it would make sense for Lifetime Fitness to receive its sunset provision to guard against further delays and ensure Whole Foods opens. With Lifetime's 40,000 square feet there are as many as 10 fewer stores to compete with than what the town expected.

"This whole project was built around Whole Foods and now we're probably in jeopardy of losing them," Greenstein said.

He also was suspicious of the two local operators' motives considering that Lifetime Fitness is a successful enterprise.

Attorney John Marwell, representing Summit/Greenfield, said if Lifetime Fitness was only able to a portion of its space for health and fitness, the difference between that square footage and 25,000 square feet is what would sunset, not the entire space.

The board adjourned the public hearing until June 14, but will discuss the issue again at its June 7 work session. Written comments from the public are being accepted until next Tuesday.

Big Green Examiner Machine Continues to Roll

The Examiner green team of the Triple-A Minor League division in Mount Kisco Little League maintained its undefeated season last week, winning a close battle on Thursday night at Fox Park. The Big Green Machine pulled out a 13-12 win over Oelker-Cox & Sinatra Funeral Home, the navy blue crew, to expand the team's record to a perfect 10-0 with just two regular season games remaining on the schedule. The team returns to action after a Memorial Day break on Thursday, June 2 against the royal blue clad Edward Jones squad at 6 p.m. at Fox Park.

Alex Montano-Miller, pictured here in a May 19 game against Edward Jones, was complimented by Head Coach Scott Spolansky for his "catlike reflexes and solid arm to the cutoff man" in Thursday's win against Oelker-Cox, when Montano-Miller helped patrol left field for Examiner green.



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Editorial

Latest Tax Cap Absurdity Will Take Toll on Bedford Schools

When is a clear victory a loss? One of the few instances is in the increasingly strange world of New York State's tax cap.

Five years after the highly anticipated legislation was signed into law on the heels of a debilitating recession, it was thought to be a long overdue check on spendthrift local governments, counties and school districts.

Of course, state lawmakers and Gov. Andrew Cuomo liked the cap so much that they didn't impose it on themselves.

Be that as it may, in the Bedford School District, the tax cap promises to wreak more havoc than any out-of-control administrator or rogue trustee.

Longstanding budget problems forced

school officials to propose cutting 18 positions and offer a budget that was nearly three times over the cap. Conventional wisdom dictated that the budget would fail spectacularly.

Indeed the three board of education incumbents who were up for re-election and each carrying some degree of culpability for the fiscal mess were booted from their seats. But somewhat surprisingly, 58.8 percent of the voters who turned out on May 17 voted in favor of the budget, a virtual landslide in any other vote.

As it turned out, a solid majority seemingly rationalized that they needed to get rid of the adults responsible for the district's problems but they weren't going

to do it on the backs of the kids.

The only problem is that the state requires that a school budget which exceeds the cap can only pass with 60 percent approval. So in effect, no district can realistically exceed the cap and pass a budget.

The longer the cap remains intact the more absurd it becomes. The lack of mandate relief and three years of artificially shrinking cost-of-living increases have conspired to put the squeeze on school districts.

So last week Bedford school officials went back to the drawing board and cut \$2.8 million that gets next year's spending just under the cap to get a budget passed –after it already had its budget passed.

Guest Column

Investment in Biotech Can Reap Rewards – Personally and Monetarily

We've heard about the risks associated with investing in biotechnology. The investments can be volatile; many startups may go bankrupt; the lag time of the research and development phase can be a decade or more; trials of new drugs or products can fail; obtaining regulatory approval can be arduous; the introduction of a new product to market can be costly and protracted.

But there are upsides, too, that span beyond the potential profits associated with a successful product: an investment into a biotechnology company can mean that one day, you not only could generate a return on your investment, but can contribute to the development and success of a product with the potential to save a life.

Biotechnology, or biotech, companies are those that use technology to develop new products through biological processes. Some products are for healthcare: think disease-fighting drugs or medical devices. Some safeguard the environment, like biodegradable plastics. Some produce food or augment agriculture. Take hybrids, for instance. One California genetics company has crossed the plum and the cherry for a juicier, sweeter new fruit.

Biotech companies have great potential for profit, especially as technology advances at a rapid-fire rate and science continues to yield startlingly new and innovative products.

For me, I am drawn to investments



By Peter Chieco

in the biotech sector for their potential impact on the human condition. We have all been impacted directly or indirectly by a disease in our lives. My family and I are no different. One of my children suffers from Cooley's anemia, an inherited blood disorder characterized by the inability to produce normal red blood cells. It is caused by a variant gene that affects an individual's production of hemoglobin (the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen). Patients with Cooley's anemia are severely anemic.

My child receives regular blood transfusions, usually every two weeks. These frequent transfusions raise her hemoglobin to near normal levels, but repeated lifelong transfusions can be deadly, as they lead to iron overload, which can cause multi-organ failure.

The excess iron must be removed by chelating agents. The gold standard drug, though, is difficult to administer: it must be attached over eight to 12 hours via a subcutaneous injection pump and a needle in the stomach.

As devastating a condition as it is now, Cooley's anemia patients are far better off than a few decades ago, when the disease meant death in early childhood.

The advancements in technology for transfusions, the chelating agents, the bone marrow transplants came from the realm of biotechnology.

Even more exciting for the Cooley's anemia community, which spans the globe, is the future: right now, scientists are on the brink of breakthroughs in cell and gene research that could potentially lead to a cure. And a cure for Cooley's could signify a cure for other, equally catastrophic related conditions, such as sickle cell.

Right now, the Cooley's Anemia Foundation (of which I am a former national president and a current chapter president) is helping to fund research in globin gene regulation, fetal hemoglobin production, stem cell research, bone marrow transplantation, iron chelation and iron overload, endocrine and cardiac disorders in thalassemia and transfusion therapy and its complications.

Breakthroughs in any of these areas could greatly improve the lives of Cooley's sufferers, my child included. And all of this research falls under the general category of biotech.

Investors should discuss the sector with their financial advisers and consider it as part of a well-diversified portfolio. As with any other investment, of course, there are

inherent risks involved. One way to mitigate risk is for investors to consider investment options that help diversify his or her holdings in the sector.

Just imagine the rewards.

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Kristina Doerr
Girl Scout/Student, Pleasantville

By Arthur Cusano

Pleasantville High School senior Kristina Doerr has been involved with the Girl Scouts since she began as a Brownie in second grade.

"There were several different troops growing up in Pleasantville, and now being a senior in high school, there are still three troops that are full of older Girl Scouts," she said. "Coming up through the ranks, those troops have always remained close."

Doerr is on the verge of completing her Gold Award for Pleasantville Troop 2061, the highest recognition in Girl Scouts.

Her project, "Forever Friends," is benefitting the SPCA in Briarcliff Manor. It involves three phases: collecting new and/or gently used stuffed animals; holding an adoption fundraiser at Bedford Road School; and donating the proceeds in the form of cat and dog food to the SPCA. The effort

has allowed her to connect with young school children in addition to raising food for the shelter, she said.

A June date for the stuffed animal adoption at the school will be announced soon, she said.

Doerr credited her mother with giving her the idea of having kids help animals in need even though they may not be able to adopt any for themselves.

"They may want to adopt animals from the shelter ... but they may have allergies in their families or they might not be able to adopt an animal," she said. "But by giving them the thought of helping while still receiving something, they'll be more motivated to bring in food."

Doerr said she plans to speak with younger Girl Scouts to increase their awareness of shelter pets. The senior scout said she is in the final stages of collecting the stuffed animals and has placed donation bins at the school and



another at the firehouse.

"I'm going to go through the stuffed animals and clean them and sort them out based on the sizes," she said.

The cost of adoption will be one, two or three cans of pet food. All of the canned pet food will then be delivered to the SPCA. Doerr herself has pets that

were rescued from shelters, including two dogs and a cat her family adopted from the Briarcliff SPCA.

"The amount of food they bring in will determine the size of the animal they get, so the kids leave with a stuffed animal and an adoption certificate signed by me," she said.

Doerr also volunteers with the Thornwood Fire Department and is working as a lifeguard this summer. She will head to Sacred Heart University where she plans to study nursing.

She said Girl Scouts has been a great experience for her throughout her school years, helping her to make many friends.

"I'll miss the community of the Girl Scouts," Doerr said. "We've done a lot of projects and fundraisers together. You get a real closeness in Girl Scouts, especially in Pleasantville."

As in most troops, Doerr said the annual Girl Scout Cookie drive was always popular, with fellow scouts competing for prizes. The top sellers, which shouldn't surprise anyone, were Somoas and Thin Mints, she said.

Doerr was happy to share some of her insider cookie knowledge.

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Muscoot Farm, Downtown Event Venues for Chappaqua Artist

By Martin Wilbur

This is quite a week for Chappaqua artist Cindy Sacks.

In a span of three days, Sacks, a painter who works in mainly watercolors and oils, will be among roughly 15 artists featured at a month-long exhibit that she organized at Muscoot Farm in Somers.

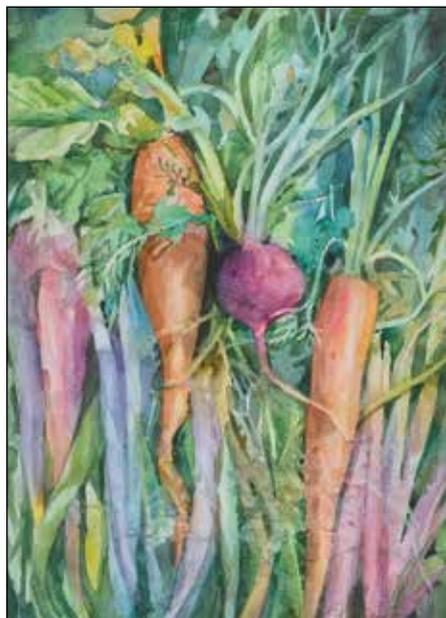
She will also be one of more than 30 artists at this Thursday evening's Art Around Town in downtown Chappaqua from 5 to 8:30 p.m., a show by the Northern Westchester Artists Guild's

At both venues, Sacks and her fellow artists will display and sell their works but also get to be with their colleagues and exchange ideas.

"Artists work in solitude and you just want to talk to your fellow artists and say, 'What are you doing? What are you showing? What blogs are you reading? What have you learned lately?'" she said.

Starting on Saturday and continuing each weekend in June, Sacks will be among those featured in Art at the Farm, which will be held within the old Hopkins House, Muscoot's main house. This Sunday, June 5 is the opening reception from 12 to 4 p.m. in the house's gallery. It also coincides with the farmers market there, which is well-attended, she said.

Sacks, a former president of the Northern Westchester Artists Guild, said Muscoot Farm, and the Hopkins House in particular, is an excellent venue where the



Painter Cindy Sacks, who uses watercolors and oils, has organized an exhibit at Muscoot Farm in Somers that begins this weekend. She will also be one of the featured artists at the second annual Art Around Town on Thursday evening in Chappaqua.



using a variety of media, will be paired with a different merchant. Sacks' work can be found at Whispering Pines on South Greeley Avenue.

Visitors can stop by the main tent on King Street near Desires by Mikolay to find maps of the layout and the full roster of artists.

When Sacks isn't painting or selling her art, she teaches in her hometown and at the Katonah Art Center. In addition, several years ago Sacks created a weekly artists gathering that she calls Creative Coffee Break, where the participants talk shop.

The group has been meeting the first Friday of each month, first at the café at the old Borders bookstore in Mount Kisco. Today, they get together at Chappaqua station, the restaurant that opened last year at the train station downtown.

For Sacks, who paints a wide variety of subjects, including landscapes and portraits, there are no shortage of ideas for her.

"I don't have time to paint all the ideas," she said. "They come from everywhere, some are from imagination. Many are from things I've photographed."

art is enhanced by the surroundings.

She said all of the work that is displayed has to somehow be connected to farm life. Each artist will have room to display only a few works at a time but can bring additional pieces with them.

"There'll be various price points. There'll be a range," Sacks said. "I personally like to do that and the artists will be supportive of

that, too. Not everyone can go

out and buy affordable art, so that means if a large oil is going to be about \$1,200, there'll be smaller pieces...where you can walk away with something for \$40, \$50."

Thursday evening will be the second time Chappaqua has hosted the Art Around Town, reprising last year's successful event. Each one of the artists,

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The threat of heavy rain couldn't keep the crowds away from the annual Memorial Day parade in New Castle, one of the only towns to take the chance and go through with their outdoor plans, or from the ceremonies in neighboring communities that were moved indoors. Regardless of the venue, veterans, their families and residents marked the holiday with special remembrances of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation and those that served in the military throughout the generations and were fortunate to return home.



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How Homeowners Feel About (or Fear) Maintenance Needs

A survey just released by ServiceMaster reported that a whopping 92 percent of homeowners feel unprepared to address home maintenance needs.

How could that be, I wondered? With all the DIY resources we have on television and online, and especially if we're young homeowners, surely we feel more fortified than that with the maintenance tasks at hand in owning a home. If we're not handy ourselves, what about Angie's List and HomeAdvisor for professional help?

But ServiceMaster – the company that includes such well-recognized brands as American Home Shield, Merry Maids and Terminix - has released its findings with some confidence, surprising as they may seem.

Conducted among nearly 2,000 adult homeowners and prospective homeowners, the survey indicates that 58 percent of respondents feel unprepared to address home maintenance needs and 54 percent say they are not very knowledgeable about them.

The survey found that there has been an average of four calls for home maintenance service among homeowners over five years, spending an average of \$2,202. It further shows that 83 percent say it would be useful to have one resource to help with multiple



By Bill Primavera

home maintenance needs.

As for the most onerous tasks, homeowners feel least prepared to tackle HVAC maintenance and structural repair due to weather damage.

Also, 41 percent of homeowners and prospective homeowners say they wouldn't know who to call if they had a home maintenance need in the next three months.

When buying a home, most people think first about the financial responsibility and don't always calculate the time, labor and expense that home maintenance requires.

It can be overwhelming to think about all the tasks involved in a year. While much of it can be done on one's own, which I did when I was younger, it gets to the point where it's more practical in later years to have the pros come in and do it.

I can understand the prospect of going into panic mode as a first-time home buyer. How well I remember my first day when there was a thunderous rainstorm and the roof leaked. My first call was to a roofer and a new roof was my first major expense. That was before the Internet and I had to rely on the Yellow Pages and neighbors' recommendations.

I first learned of the ServiceMaster survey from a blurb in USA Today with the title "It Takes a Village to Maintain a Home." I

reflected on all of the maintenance providers I've collected and relied upon through the years, and those that I've written about and recommended to readers of this column who have called in.

Below is a list of suppliers I find that I've recommended most frequently.

Flooring: Absolute Flooring of Yorktown, 914-245-0225, www.absoluteflooring.com, 1735 Front St., Yorktown Heights. When it came time to replace my kitchen floor, owners Mary and son Bryan Fellbusch treated me like family and gave me the best installation job imaginable. Diane Darby in the showroom is terrific for info.

Cabinetry and Woodworking: Woodtronics, 914-962-5205. Jan Efraim's cabinetry work is magnificent.

Contractor: Franzoso Contracting, 914-271-4572. Whether for windows, siding, roofing or the big contracting jobs, Franzoso is the home improvement source of distinction.

Electrician: P&K Electric, 914-962-3581. Pete and Ken take good care of me in my offices and at my home. There's 24-hour emergency service, too.

Fencing: Campanella Fencing, 845-628-2200, www.campanellafencing.com. Tony Campanella is the consummate fencer.

Insurance: Albert J. Chapman Agency, Inc., 914-962-5778, www.albertjchapman.com. Bob Chapman is a second generation insurer and the most attentive provider I've

ever encountered.

Landscaping/Lawn Maintenance: Martino Landscape Contractors, Inc., 914-962-0757. The Martino family got to know my property and, true to their slogan, take care of it as if it was their own.

Landscaper/Snow Removal: Fitz's Landscaping, John Fitzpatrick, 914-618-1549, www.fitz-landscape.com. For total landscaping design and lawn maintenance needs.

Mold Remediation: Oxygen Sanitizing Systems, 877-224-3080, www.newindoorair.com. When my office library was attacked by mold, owner Valerie Maziarz brought this wonderful service to my rescue.

Painter: Joe Pascarelli, 914-330-3889. "Fireman Joe" not only paints inside and out, but can tell you about fire safety and check your smoke detectors.

Plumber: Goldberg Plumbing & Heating, 914-962-3498, www.goldbergplumbing.com. Dave Goldberg may say he's retired, but he still responds when there is an emergency. His son-in-law Doug Marr is "The Plumbing Guru" now.

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P'ville SEPTA Recognizes Students, Community With End-of-Year Awards

By Martin Wilbur

Academic expectations for students and their families are often sky high in Westchester, and having a child that needs special services in school can be a daunting and lonely experience for parents.

In 2007, when the Pleasantville Special Education PTA (SEPTA) was launched, the intention was to assist parents wade through the maze of options and requirements to get them and their children the services they need.

"We needed to have a collective voice," said SEPTA co-founder Tara Klein. "Parents needed to know they weren't alone, but at the same time we knew there were so many resources in the community that would enrich the lives of children with special needs beyond the school walls."

Last week, the Pleasantville SEPTA honored this year's students, parents, educators and community partners with its year-end awards, recognizing the people who selflessly made a difference as the organization enters its 10th year.

Outgoing SEPTA President Dominick Balletta said in 2007, the concept of a SEPTA was still pretty new. But year after the school community and the rose

"It is great to see that the support for the students, support for the teachers, for all of the projects is deep is wide-ranging," he said. "That is truly amazing to see."



Pleasantville Middle School students Miranda Miller and Grant Becker were among nine students honored last week by the Pleasantville Special Education PTA. Miller and Becker served as peer mentors for special education students.

At its annual awards event at Lucy's Lounge on May 25, SEPTA honored nine middle school and high school students. There was also recognition for middle school teacher Rita Curtin for educational partner, J.A. Henckels, the cutlery firm that opened its new headquarters in the village last year, as community partner, and Mary Costello-Lazare as the parent partner.

Curtin spoke how she gravitated to working with special needs student after watching her mother, also a teacher, work at the first school for autistic children in New York City more than 30 years ago. She said she was humbled by the award.

"I feel so lucky to work with your children and to partner with you," Curtin said. "It's a privilege and I truly, truly mean that. It's a privilege for me."

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Local Organization Helping Foster Kids Transition From System

By Neal Rentz

Tanya Cooper, Shenandoah Chefalo, Brandy Tulo-Lang Sacapanio and Donna Maddox are successful adults but they were each forced to overcome more than the usual challenges children face while growing up.

The four women were foster children, and their experiences helped shape who they are as adults and why it is so important for them to advocate for youngsters who face similar predicaments today.

They took part in the sixth annual Robert Cooper Memorial Scholarship awards ceremony held by Foster Kids Unite last Thursday afternoon at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

Cooper, an actress and standup comedienne, was born in Brooklyn but she and her siblings were sent to foster homes because of their mother's neglect. When she was five years old, Cooper, a Fox Lane High School graduate, and her brother Robert were adopted by a Bedford Hills family.

Cooper said learning how to negotiate with other children in her foster family was "a great tool." She loved to watch

Johnny Carson and Carol Burnett, and their shows helped inspire her to try comedy.

The nonprofit organization, co-founded by Cooper, helps foster children and those who haven't been paired with families to navigate the foster care system. Last week's program was called "The Reality of Aging Out: Helping Youth in Foster Care Transition to Independence."

Foster Kids Unite raises money mainly through donations, fundraisers, sales and auctions to pay for holiday gift boxes for foster children and finance the scholarships that assist young men and women who are attending college and have aged out of the foster care system.

Cooper said the organization also stays in contact with former foster children after they reach 21 to help mentor and assist them as they embark on their adult lives.

Last week, it provided \$500 scholarships to Julius Osagiede and Daquan Tucker. The scholarships are in memory of Cooper's brother who died of heart disease at 41 years old.

All current and former foster children



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Tanya Cooper, president and co-founder of Foster Kids Unite, took part in the organization's sixth annual scholarship awards ceremony last Thursday at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

have a story of perseverance to tell. Chefalo, an attorney, was at first reluctant to write her autobiography but a persistent friend strongly recommended that she try. She is now the author of

"Garbage Bag Suitcase," which tells her story of overcoming a desolate childhood.

Thanks to strong grades and the efforts of one of her high school teachers Chefalo was able to receive a scholarship to Michigan State University.

Sacapanio, a child welfare specialist, said that about 15 years ago she started a group foster care home in Illinois where she lives. The eight-bedroom house is a short-term care facility for youths before being placed with families.

Donna Maddox is owner of DeClutter Buddy, a home organizing business that she launched. Maddox has her own children as well as foster children that she has adopted.

During the program, the Citizen of Change Award from Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich was presented to Stephanie Spiegel, a volunteer at the JCCA Residential Treatment Center in Pleasantville.

Currently, there are about 400,000 youths in foster care in the United States and some 23,000 youngsters age out of the system each year, according to Foster Kids Unite.

Spring Break in Iceland: Lessons Abound From the Glacier

By Lisa duBusc Miller

I spent my 47th birthday feeling insignificant in Iceland. As we walked on glaciers, stood inside rift valleys created by continental tectonic plate shifts and watched geysers blow three stories high, we were reminded that the Earth is still very much in charge.

Eyjafjallajökull volcano caused a two-week halt to air traffic in 2010 when it erupted. If an eruption were to occur like the one in 1875, air traffic and satellite communications would come to a halt for over a year, according to our guide. Iceland's unpredictability, both below and above ground clearly matters.

Our trip was inspired by our son, a junior at King School in Stamford, Conn., who was accepted to attend the Global Student Leaders Summit on the Science of Sustainable Energy in Iceland over his spring break.

While our son worked feverishly at the summit, debating the best long-term sustainable energy solutions for the planet, we gave our two teenage girls virtually the same itinerary, but without the Icelandic Presidential-presiding and the standing-room-only debates at the Hilton.

We started the trip off by easing jetlag in the Blue Lagoon, where we floated in the naturally fed 102-degree milky blue water and marveled at its geological magnificence. The high silica and salt content made

our skin silky smooth and our attitudes improved, so much so that we sprung around like hidden elves (huldufolk) among the spongy and moist moss-covered lava rocks.

The next day was March 20, my birthday, and it was a 17-hour day spent with Karri, our Icelandic guide from IcelandGoTours, a sweetheart and a lifelong mountain climber. He took us by fat-tired Landcruiser along the entire southern coast, where we oohed and aahed at every turn. We made it as far as Glacier Lagoon (Jökulsárlón). The raw beauty and high winds of this glacier-fed lake full of seals and icebergs literally blew us away.

This was an extremely aggressive day but certainly a memorable one. Karri brought us to Svinafellsjökull glacier. While we were admiring it, he said to check out his Facebook page to see the dramatic change in the glacier since Christmas. I was shocked. After spending the afternoon with my new glacier and friend, this felt personal. I felt more protective than when I'd just heard of "glacier receding" in the past.

Karri had tried for two consecutive long nights to help us find the Northern Lights. Bless his heart. We left without having seen them. But those long hours of staring into the dark skies with hope and wonder put us in our place and connected us in powerful ways to the earth and to our kids.

Our final day, we went out on a total

high: ascending by Nordourflug helicopter allowing an aerial view of Iceland's largest waterfall, then touching gently down on Lanjokull Glacier. We wandered around it feeling somewhere between astronauts and angels.

We arrived back in Reykjavik to ascend the hallmark tower of Hallgrímskirkja church. Gazing out at all the colorful houses and sunny snow-capped peaks, it felt like we were inside a fairy tale or a snow globe. Either way, we did not want to leave it, in spite of the omnipresent sulfur smells and fickle wet weather.

When we did leave, I realized how full of clean water, fresh fish and pure air we'd become. But just to be safe, I brought a can back with me, appropriately entitled "Fresh Icelandic air." If only it was that easy to carry Iceland's ingenuity and sensibility back home to New York. But the trip had proved to be an awakening, as Iceland created such geological and climate awareness in us all.

I boarded the plane with a few final thoughts on this primal, almost prehistoric, nation that's come a long way from its Viking past to its feminist present. With free healthcare, free education, almost no crime, high life expectancy, low barriers to entry, a high literacy rate and very low taxes, Iceland has ample appeal. Add on to that, a robust outdoor lifestyle, adorable Icelandic horses to ride, whales to watch, mountains to climb, plus the serenity and health



Sitting by a glacier in Iceland.

benefits of year-round outdoor bathing, and it certainly makes a lot of sense to live here.

And someday, I just might. But for now, I'm vowing to return, if only to chase down those elusive Northern Lights.

Lisa duBusc Miller lived in London, Thailand and Vietnam before working on Wall Street for several years, where she was a published sovereign credit analyst. She has traveled the world and has written about her adventures for various publications. Miller lives in Rye with her family, which includes three teenagers and two dogs.

Longtime Burns Supporter to Hold Benefit Concert at Theater

By Neal Rentz

Jazz guitarist and singer-songwriter John Pizzarelli has had many encores over the past eight years at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

Pizzarelli performed at the inaugural Jazz Sessions series in 2008, and has appeared numerous times since while being a dedicated supporter of the theater.

"He has been such a presence here at the Burns," said Director of Development Judy Exton.

Pizzarelli will help the film center celebrate its 15th anniversary on Thursday, June 16, when he performs in the concert "Encore: The Best of John Pizzarelli," which will benefit the Burns' film, education and outreach programs. That will be followed by an anniversary party in the Jane Peck Gallery with Pizzarelli.

Pizzarelli, who is also a band leader and songwriter, has recorded with music superstars James Taylor, Rosemary Clooney, George Shearing and others. He recorded "Midnight McCartney," an album of solo cover songs from the former Beatle, at the film center's Media Arts Lab.

Pizzarelli has performed on several occasions at the Burns, but that is only part of the New York City resident's roles, Exton said. He is a musician in residence and has often worked with students at the lab.



LYNDA SHENKMAN CURTIS PHOTO

The fundraising performance "Encore: The Best of John Pizzarelli" will be held on June 16 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

"He's helped to bring other jazz musicians here," Exton said. "He wants to help us whenever he can."

Tickets are \$100 for Jacob Burns members and \$125 for non-members, all of which is tax deductible, except for \$20.

For more information visit, www.burnsfilmcenter.org or e-mail mtepe@burnsfilmcenter.org.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

A Whitman Sampler. American poet and essayist Walt Whitman was born on May 31, 1819, on Long Island. Whitman's best known work "Leaves of Grass" is a classic of American poetry. His free verse poems celebrated all of life including subjects that were considered taboo at the time. See if you'll be celebrating after you do this week's quiz based on a sample of words from the poems of Whitman.

- tarry (v.)**
A) to make ragged B) delay C) stain
- souse (v.)**
A) to obtain B) talk back C) drench
- limpid (adj.)**
A) agile B) weary C) clear
- audacity (adj.)**
A) willing to take risks B) marked by grandeur C) giving hope
- abase (v.)**
A) to put an end to B) lower in esteem C) make shorter
- yawp (n.)**
A) an urgent longing B) a sudden pull C) loud speech
- apropos (adj.)**
A) fitting and to the point B) lacking wings C) nearly correct
- esculent (adj.)**
A) free flowing B) edible C) glowing

ANSWERS:

1. B. To delay or be tardy in acting or doing
2. C. To plunge in liquid; to drench; saturate
3. C. Clear or transparent
4. A. Willing to take bold risks
5. B. To lower in rank, office, prestige, or esteem
6. C. Loud, rough speech; a raucous noise
7. A. Fitting and to the point; appropriate; pertinent; relevant
8. B. Edible

Business of the Week

Orfino's Restaurant Briarcliff Manor

By Martin Wilbur

Dine at Orfino's Restaurant in Briarcliff Manor and you won't only get great Italian food but you might make new friends while you're there.

When owners Linda and Michael Orfino took over the family-owned establishment from Michael's parents, they forged a new identity in the local dining scene.

Originally opened in 1982 as a breakfast and lunch place, the couple changed the focus to lunch and dinner. The 100-seat restaurant, which they moved into from across the street on Pleasantville Road about three and a half years ago, has a cozy rustic charm.

What hasn't changed is the emphasis on friendly service.

"What I wanted was to bring the feeling of my small place into the larger place," Linda Orfino said. "I wanted to have that homey feeling where you walk in and feel comfortable and feel at home, which is important. By the time you're here a second time you're family."

Service is one essential ingredient for a successful restaurant, but you also have to have delicious food to make the grade.

The couple credits their 30-year-old son Michael Jr., who joined the business five years ago and is now the head chef, with making Orfino's a top-notch restaurant. His father praises his talents.

"Probably one of the best cooks I've ever had," the elder Orfino said.

The restaurant features all the old tried and true Italian favorites – chicken, veal and eggplant parmigiana as well as an array of pasta and sauces. But Orfino's experiments with new dishes that reflect the public's changing tastes and emphasis on eating more healthfully.

One of the more popular newer dishes is sole with white bean, a pan seared filet of sole sautéed with cannoli beans, garlic, lemon and white wine.

Another favorite is the tagliatelle Bolognese, a delicious mix of pork, beef and veal sautéed with celery, onions, garlic, plum tomato and a touch of cream.

The menu changes seasonally, taking advantage of the freshest produce and ingredients while temporarily putting away heavier entrees for the summer like the osso bucco, Linda said.

However, even if something isn't on the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Orfino's Restaurant now boasts a third-generation. From left, head chef Michael Orfino Jr. and his parents, owners Linda and Michael.

menu patrons are encouraged to ask.

"If we have the ingredients we'll make it," Linda said. "You come in here, you want your own dish, we'll make it."

Wednesday is pasta night, where there's a choice of 20 different pastas, with a salad. There's also a three-course prix-fixe dinner for \$29.95, which includes an appetizer, entrée and dessert.

Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. where Orfino's is transformed into a traditional American sandwich shop, with a wide selection of panninis, wraps, sandwiches, burgers and salads.

About four months ago, Orfino's introduced a personal size wood-fired grilled pizza, with an assortment of toppings.

"That's why we have a little bit of

everything," Michael said. "You want them to come back. You don't want them going across the street because we don't have pizza."

The restaurant has a full bar and a cappuccino machine, one of the first in the area to be able to serve that favorite Italian drink when Michael and his mother opened.

Then there are the mouth-watering desserts. Cannolis, Italian cheesecake, spumoni, tiramisu and the gelatos and sorbets are available. Two of Linda's favorites are the Nutella calzone (Nutella and banana in a warm pastry rolled in cinnamon with vanilla ice cream) and the Coppa Pistachio (custard gelato swirled with chocolate and pistachio gelato topped with praline pistachios).

Orfino's does on- and off-site catering for all special occasions.

For Linda, who holds master's degrees in accounting and social work, there's no place else she'd rather be working.

"I love what I'm doing," she said. "I can't explain it. There's nothing better to me than on a Saturday night, everything is done and I hear people at the table laughing and chatting."

Orfino's Restaurant is located at 1120 Pleasantville Rd. in Briarcliff Manor. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 10 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted. For more information, call 914-941-7353 or visit www.orphinosrestaurant.com.

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Wednesday, June 1

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. 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 (except May 30) at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

Vitality Health and Wellness Day. A day of activities focusing on the physical, social and spiritual aspects of good health. Learn healthy eating tips from Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's clinical nutrition manager and experience an interactive cooking demonstration with Phelps' executive chef. Also, enjoy line dancing as a form of exercise and feed your soul with a session on spirituality before enjoying a light lunch accompanied by music. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

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.

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning by playing group games. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

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.mountkiscoliberalry.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.amyj@gmail.com.

"Empty Nest, Fulfilling Life: An Event Series." In the final event of this three-part series, Melanie Barnum, an author, life coach, psychic medium and hypnotist, will discuss those having trouble adjusting to the empty nest. The presentation will help identify the benefits of empty nesting and what this new cycle in life can mean. Barnum will present tips to help open up to the endless possibilities available and thrive in your personal greatness. Laurel Ridge Townhomes, 400 Oakridge Commons, South Salem. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 914-533-7520 or visit www.laurelridgetownhomes.com.

Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group. Northern Westchester Hospital at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

"Syncopation." This "wildly ambitious jazz chronicle" out of 1942 Hollywood has been lovingly restored by the Cohen Film Collection. Daring for its time and brimming with music, it follows the migration of jazz north along the Mississippi River through the fortunes of New Orleans musicians, both black and white. Screening with short films "A Bundle of Blues" with Duke Ellington and "Symphony in Black: A Rhapsody of Negro Life" with Billie Holiday. Part of the "Jazz Sessions: Greats on Camera" series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, June 2

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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Speech-Language Screening for Preschool Children. Concerned about your child's speech and language 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.

League of Women Voters Luncheon. Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, will speak at the annual meeting and luncheon of the League of Women Voters of Westchester. Waldman will discuss his latest book, "The Fight to Vote," a history of the long struggle to win voting rights and political equality for all citizens. All welcome. Scarsdale Woman's Club, 37 Drake Rd., Scarsdale. 12:30 p.m. \$40. Reservations required. Info: Contact Kitt Rosenthal at 914-723-5126 or e-mail kittrosenthal@gmail.com. Reservations: Make check out to LWVW and mail to Kitt Rosenthal, 61 Birchall Drive, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583.

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.mountkiscoliberalry.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.mountkiscoliberalry.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.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

The Armonk Chamber of Commerce's First Thursday. Come to Armonk for

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Annual Strawberry Festival Set for This Saturday in Chappaqua

It was 78 years ago, on June 3, 1938, that the inaugural Strawberry Festival was held on the grounds of the Church of St. Mary's the Virgin in Chappaqua. Miss Carol Comfort advertised the event by driving a horse and cart with several "noisy juveniles" through town.

Admission was 10 cents that year and it was "an elaborate and colorful event attended by over 600 people," according to an article published on May 30, 1963, in the North Westchester Times New Castle Tribune, written by St. Mary's longtime parishioner Ralph Heilman.

Since 1938, the Strawberry Festival has been held every year. Difficulties such as "Bond Pledge Drives, sugar rationing and old rubber collections" in 1942, according to the Tribune, did not deter the organizers or festival-goers. Jolly food and fun were great themes enjoyed by community members.

Throughout the years, the festival has gone through many changes. Gone are the days of advertising the event with children shouting from a horse-drawn cart. Now we let the community know about the festival through online event calendars, Facebook posts and e-mails. The initial food offerings of hot dogs, strawberries and ice cream have expanded to include hamburgers at the BBQ tent and smoothies at the indoor strawberry café. Pony rides for the children have



The 79th annual Strawberry Festival at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin this Saturday will feature an array of fun activities for every age, and plenty of delicious food that, of course, includes the strawberry.

gone, replaced by bouncy castles, the alien can smash and many more games for the children.

Despite changes over the years, the strawberry festival remains the same at its core. It is an event that celebrates community and the arrival of summer. There is something for everyone: craft booths, attic treasure sales, games and food, especially the famous strawberry shortcakes from Susan Lawrence paired with fresh strawberries. While the prize table might be a huge attraction for

the children after they play the games, the bake sale table gets both adults and children to linger. Pies, cookies and strawberries dipped in chocolate have all been offered in the past.

Musical acts are another highlight of the day. This year's lineup includes a cappella groups from Horace Greeley High School, the Enchords and the Quaker Notes, and blues band Al Frankel and The Blues Dog Band. If you are lucky, you could be a raffle ticket winner with prizes such as his and hers

Vivo Garmin watches, a bracelet and gift certificate from Desires by Mikolay, a gift certificate from Le Jardin Du Roi, a wine basket from Chappaqua Wine & Spirits Company or a massage or acupuncture session with Jamie DiMauro.

The 79th annual Strawberry Festival will be held this Saturday, June 4 on the great lawn of the Church of St. Mary's, located at 191 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m., so come on by and be a part of a Chappaqua tradition.

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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 as-

sistance 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

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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 application 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 not 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 Dell'olio, District Clerk**

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.**

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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.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPARKLICIOUS MOUNT KISCO, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: Robert McGuinness, 28 Main Street Redding CT 06896, Principal business address 333 N. Bedford Rd. Mount Kisco, NY 10549. **Purpose: any lawful act.**

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUSIC LECTURES LLC
FIRST:The name of the Limited Liability Company is MUSIC LECTURES LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")
SECOND:The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2016. **THIRD:**The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Westchester. **FOURTH:**The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. **FIFTH:**The Company is organized for all lawful pur-

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The Restaurant Examiner

New Menu Debuts at Elmsford Indian Restaurant RaaSa

By Jerry Eimbinder

Priya Kapoor Salian and her husband Ashok Salian, owners of RaaSa in Elmsford, are celebrating the first anniversary of their Indian fine dining eatery. They are also introducing new dishes and dining concepts.

Appearing for the first time on the dinner menu are a bevy of contemporary dishes created by Executive Chef Peter Beck and the co-owners – along with a greater abundance of vegetarian dishes.

New sauces and side dishes are offered as well and include a delicious medium-spicy sauce called Chettinad (its ingredients include crushed black pepper), which is available with many dishes, and Tandoor-baked mint bread.

In addition, several special dishes will be offered Friday through Sunday to supplement the appetizers and entrées on the regular dinner menu. These specials change weekly. For the upcoming weekend they will include:

1. Chat Pathi Carne, an entrée (\$22). Pork ribs braised in ginger and garlic, blended with Cajun and Indian spices and served with lemon rice.

2. Paneer and vegetable spring roll, an appetizer (\$11). A mélange of vegetables and Hung yogurt cheese sautéed with spices, wrapped with a crispy pastry.

3. Chettinad Calamari Sukka, an appetizer (\$13). Squid rings sautéed with curry leaves, mustard seeds, ginger and

garlic, served on top of a rice pancake.

Lunchtime menu offerings

Every day at lunchtime, customers can order items à la carte or choose a special lunch deal that includes unlimited trips to a self-serve station plus a wait-staff-served entrée. The cost for the lunch special begins at \$13 and depends on the entrée ordered.

The unlimited, self-serve station offers chicken wings, soup, a choice of two salads, condiments and other items that change daily such as eggplant fritters, various patties (such as spinach, coconut, corn and beet) and desserts. The soup selection changes daily as well. Typical choices are vegetable (always available), broccoli, cauliflower and sweet corn.

Salad selections include a house salad (greens, carrot, tomato, bell pepper and radish) and a rotating salad such as roast eggplant, chickpea, cabbage or kidney bean.

At lunchtime customers can order items on the dinner menu but they are not eligible to take trips to the self-serve station.

Take-out boxes are available at lunchtime ranging from \$11 to \$13 and include a main course, rice, naan, lentil and dessert.

Dinner menu highlights

Three vegetarian appetizers make their first appearance on the dinner menu: crispy eggplant topped with tamarind



Chat Pathi Carne, a pork ribs special entrée served with lemon rice at RaaSa.

chutney and tomatoes and garnished with rice flakes (\$9); Hung yogurt cheese infused with onions, ginger and coriander pepper (\$10); and ground yam infused with ginger, garlic, spices and chickpea flour and served with lotus chips (\$10). A new non-vegetarian dinner appetizer is strips of lamb (\$10).

New seafood entrées are salmon marinated in crushed black pepper and ginger (\$23) and Tandoori jumbo shrimp (\$24).

New vegetarian entrées, each priced at \$16, include Subz Saag, which is a combination of cauliflower, okra, eggplant and mushroom simmered in onion sauce, Tomatari Mushroom, Bikaneri Paneer, Lucknow Dum Aloo, which is potatoes stuffed with chopped vegetables and topped with tomato fenugreek sauce, and Tofu Jalfrezi with onions and bell peppers in a tangy and spicy sauce.

New non-vegetarian dinner entrées include Murgh Aam, which is chicken cooked in a green herb and mango sauce (\$18), Lamb Chettinad (\$19) and Nawabi Biryani – a medley of lamb, chicken and shrimp (\$21).

Our recommendations

Not sure what to order? Jalfrezi



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RAASA

Jalfrezi Jhingha, an entrée featuring jumbo shrimp in a spicy sauce at RaaSa in Elmsford.

Jhingha is a great dish, an entrée that features jumbo shrimp in a spicy sauce. It is definitely a palate pleaser.

Amazing dishes we consider especially delicious are Jodhpuri Tikki (a vegetarian appetizer), Subz Saag (a vegetarian entrée), two Chettinad dishes (Calamari Sukka and Lamb Chettinad) and Chat Pathi Carne (a pork ribs special entrée served with lemon rice).

RaaSa is open for lunch seven days a week from 12 to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Catering and delivery services are available.

The restaurant is located at 145 E. Main St. in Elmsford. For more information, call 914-347-7890 or visit www.raasany.com. There is a parking lot and free street parking is available.

Wine & Food Festival to Feature 200 Top Wines, 60 Restaurants

Food and wine lovers will find more to love this year at Westchester Magazine's sixth annual Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting Village, which will feature even more fine wines and restaurants than in the past.

The Grand Tasting Village is also home to the New York-Presbyterian Celebrity Chef Demo Tent where Food Network stars, NBC TODAY Show personalities and local chefs come together to cook up their signature dishes on Saturday, June 11 at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Another exciting new feature will be the Party Line Connoisseurs Tent, where limited tickets will be sold to exclusive tastings of the finest world class wines and top restaurants. The Wine & Food Festival is one of the Hudson Valley's most popular and prestigious festivals north of New York City.

More than 200 wines and spirits and nearly 50 restaurants will offer up signature bites to the 2,000 festival goers. The Party Line Connoisseurs Tent will provide a lounge-like atmosphere

with select chefs providing savory and sweet dishes, higher-end wines as well as multiple seating areas. Restaurants located in the tent include Benjamin Steakhouse, Eastchester Fish Gourmet, Jean-Jacques, Serafina and Sherry B Dessert Studio.

Wine expert Kevin Zraly will be stationed in the tent pouring wine throughout the day.

"The wines offered in the Party Line Connoisseurs Tent are some of my absolute favorites," Zraly said. "Understanding that everyone's palates are different, I put together an eclectic mix of wines that are a bit more special and exclusive."

Knife expert and chef Bernard Janssen of Zwilling J.A. Henckels in Pleasantville will show off his knife skills at the first demonstration of the day. Janssen manages the cooking workshops, master classes and corporate events for the company.

Visit www.westchestermagazine.com/winefood for complete details on ticket sales.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria to Host Pizza and Beer Fest

By Jerry Eimbinder

Specially priced pizza and beer pairings will be offered to customers at the Yonkers' location of Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana from June 6-17 in a program co-hosted with the Yonkers Brewing Co.

Customers visiting on June 8 or June 15 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. will also be eligible to win prizes such as a pizza party for six, a tour of the Yonkers Brewing Co., which is located in a historic former trolley barn, and Frank Pepe Pizzeria souvenir items such as t-shirts and caps.

Available deals include a small pizza with two toppings and a pint of beer (\$13.99) or a bottle of beer (\$15.99) or a large pizza with two toppings and a pitcher of beer (\$29.99). All toppings are available for the offer except clam and shrimp. The beverages to be served will include Yonkers Shower Time Pale Ale and Yonkers IPA.

The Yonkers location of Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana is at 1955 Central Park Ave. It is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 914-961-8284.

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music featuring the classic rock band Lawless, fun activities, food and drink, raffles and lots of sales and offers from merchants. Main Street and downtown Armonk. 5 to 9 p.m. Info: Visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org.

“Cole Sings Cole.” A delightful evening of Cole Porter songs. Will Friedwald presents one of his famous “Clip Joint” shows, a mix of filmed and televised performances showing the adaptation of the Cole Porter songbook by jazz artists from Ella Fitzgerald to Chet Baker. Featuring a live performance by Alexis Cole and her trio. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

“How to Bury a Saint.” A summer comedy with some serious family business, set in Mahopac. This inter-generational story explores the gravity of family traditions and how finding your way home takes more than a map: You may need sharp objects and a shot of Anisette. Written by Janie Maffei and directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. Adults: \$38. Seniors: \$35. Students: \$15. Also June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and June 5, 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Friday, June 3

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.amyj@gmail.com.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys’ State. First Friday of every month. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

“The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” The Armonk Players presents one of the world’s most frequently produced plays, which has been translated into several dozen languages. Featured are all 37 of Shakespeare’s plays, meant to be performed in 97 minutes by three actors. Fast-paced, witty and physical, it’s full of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike. Fun for the entire family. Whippoorwill Hall at North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. Adults: \$20. Students (18 and under): \$10. Also June 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and June 5 at 4 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.armonkplayers.org.

Lightsapes. 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 purchased on site or over the phone. Children (under 3) and Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. Also June 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Saturday, June 4

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. This week, Susan Kane returns for the music series performance, I Lug NY hosts a Lego-themed kids event and market sponsor Kiwi Country Day Camp visits to highlight their camp and programs. There’s also special visitor Harper Keehn Knife Sharpening. 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.

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.mountkisco.library.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 (except June 12). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Family Saturdays @ the Lab. Learn

about green screening, explore an augmented reality sandbox and make your own claymation stop-motion film! Jacob Burns Film Center educators will be on hand to guide visitors through an experience like no other. Jacob Burns Film Center’s Media Arts Lab, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Meets the first Saturday of each month. Info: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Summer Family Festival. Come for the Neuberger Museum of Art’s annual open house-style afternoon of multimedia fun. Artists will guide visitors as they experiment with block printing, torn paper collage, hand-painted and constructed kites, collaborative clay sculpture and more. Drop-in activities are designed for children of all ages. Food available for purchase. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

National Trails Day. Celebrate National Trails Day by taking an easy stroll along our woodland trails. A naturalist will lead the hike and will share fun facts about the history and ecology of our unique forested oasis along Central Avenue. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Traditional Blues: Folk Art Event. A new Traditional Blues Folk Art event with an all-ages hands-on workshop instrument making workshop led by teaching artist Christopher Faroe and live blues performance by the Piedmont Bluz acoustic duo, which is dedicated to the preservation of Country Blues in the Piedmont style. This husband-and-wife team’s mission is to help keep the rural, east coast tradition alive by educating audiences about this unique aspect of African-American culture through musical entertainment. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

“Continuums and Connections” Opening Reception. A solo show by Elan Lewis, an award-winning artist whose work has been represented by several galleries in the tri-state area and collections in the United States and Europe. This show highlights his personal and artistic journey over the past two years. His pastel works are often noted for their unique and imaginative style and technique, conveying a sense of movement, often portrayed in vivid colors. Lewis has since branched out to mixed media and collage, using colored paper to work on form, color and composition, simultaneously creating pieces that are whimsical and delightful. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June

18. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

New Jazz Vespers Service. This contemplative, spirit-filled service will feature jazz music led by bassist and composer Ike Sturm and worship and reflections led by Pastor Debbie Bronkema. All welcome. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0458 or visit www.pvillepresby.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.emanuelc.org.

“Space and Time” Opening Reception. A duo exhibition featuring whimsical functional works by Barbara Rittenberg fellow Chris Pickett and abstract sculpture Max Seinfeld, made at Clay Art Center during their year-long residencies. Clay Art Center, 40 Beech St., Port Chester. 6 to 8 p.m. A gallery talk is scheduled for 7 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through July 15. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 914-937-2047 or visit www.clayartcenter.org.

“Inventions of Nature” Opening Reception. An exhibit featuring large-scale wood-cut prints by Eve Stockton. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through July 9. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-834-8077.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Igmarr Thomas Trio. 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. Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit www.chappaquastation.com.

Pleasantville Summerscreen Under the Stars: “E.T. The Extra Terrestrial.” Bring a blanket, chair and a picnic dinner and settle in for a family night at the movies. Presented by the Pleasantville Masonic Lodge. In case of rain, the event will be moved indoors. Bedford Road School, 289 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/234339366957998/>

Sunday, June 5

Yoga for Beginners. A perfect way to refresh your body and mind. Move,

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Living Vicariously Through the Cellar of a Wealthy Collector



By Nick Antonaccio

We read with envy the numerous accounts of rare, high-end wines sold in the marketplace. Collectors enter into bidding frenzies to acquire wines from highly rated wineries and

highly rated vintages.

However, for most of us 99 percenters, after we read of these wines changing hands amongst a few rich collectors, we never hear of them again until the next sale.

How many of you have enjoyed these wines?

When was the last time a friend offered you a Mouton Rothschild wine from the French region of Bordeaux? Even the most recent vintage sells for hundreds of dollars.

When was the last time you purchased an acclaimed wine from a well-regarded vintage when you dined at a fine restaurant? High-end collectors' cellars contain wines that are 50, 60, even 70 years old.

Here's the rub: The investors in high-end wines seek out trophy wines for bragging rights, not imbibing rights. Rarely are bottles of older vintages of

'...investors in high-end wines seek out trophy wines for bragging rights, not imbibing rights.'

highly regarded wines ever opened for the sheer pleasure and enjoyment such wines afford. Rather, they sit in an expensive temperature-controlled underground cellar, simply on display as trophies.

There is a consensus amongst those in the wine trade that the rarer the wine, the less likely it will ever be consumed. It will merely make the rounds of auction houses, garnering escalating prices with each passage of ownership.

So it was with great interest that I followed a highly anticipated auction held last weekend. William Koch, of the famous industrial and philanthropic Koch family, sold a portion of his famous cellar holdings at a Sotheby's auction. Koch has been collecting wines for decades, amassing one of the largest collections of trophy wines in the world.

The details of the auction are mind-boggling: 20,000 bottles were sold, garnering a record-setting \$20 million.

Koch's collection is highly concentrated on the rarest and most expensive French wines. The highest price, among many record-setting lots for sale, was for 10 bottles of 1945 Château Mouton Rothschild, a highly prized Bordeaux. It

fetches a record \$343,000. That equates to an astounding \$34,300 per bottle, \$6,700 per glass and \$1,340 per ounce.

I noticed several ironies surrounding Koch, his cellar and the auction. He has unlimited financial resources to satiate his interest in collecting wines. And satiating his palate, he has done.

But now he finds that he has perhaps collected more wines than he can logically expect to appreciate – or enjoy. He decided it was time to circulate the wines to other collectors, and realize a significant return on investment.

The irony is at 76 years old he has come to realize he will not live long enough to consume a fraction of the remaining 23,000 bottles in his collection. Worse, for a number of these wines, he may outlive their drinkability. He claims to own a long lineage of the most famous French wines, from 150 years of Château Lafite Rothschild production and 100 years of Château Latour.

Sotheby's has validated and certified the authenticity of all the wines sold at

an auction. This is critically important to any potential buyer. But perhaps more so for Koch's inventory. He has been the victim of several major frauds, in which he relied on others to authenticate rare wines he purchased at auctions, only to discover a number of years later that the wines were counterfeit.

The irony: Sotheby's is certifying Koch's wines at auction in the face of this sordid history of frauds. Potential buyers were being asked to place trust in Sotheby's opinion, not knowing if any counterfeit wines were hidden in the auction lots.

The sale of a portion of Koch's stellar cellar brings out my envy and frustration of observing this world-class game from the sidelines. So much great wine to behold; so few people to enjoy it.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

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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.

"Bikes vs Cars." A screening of this documentary followed by an on-stage conversation and community reception. The discussion will feature Veronica Vanterpool, executive director of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, Dan Welsh, co-chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee of Sustainable Westchester and Laura Rossi, executive director of Westchester Community Foundation. The screening is part of the ongoing film series "Community Matters: Local Issues, Discussion, Action, sponsored by Westchester Community Foundation. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Albanian Heritage Day. Celebrate the rich culture and traditions of Albania through music, dance, food and activities for all ages. Entertainment will include

dancing and live music by Gezim Nika, Valbona Peraj and Dritan Papa with the "Kastrioti" Band, plus surprise performances. There will also be sports activities, including soccer, volleyball and a chess tournament. Albanian foods and beverages will be available for sale. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free. Be advised that because of Bicycle Sunday, access to the park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is via Route 22 only. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit parks.westchestergov.com.

Portuguese-American Heritage Day. Live music and dancing, ethnic food, family activities and vendors. Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale. 12 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914) 864-PARK or visit westchestergov.com/parks.

The Korean War: Not Forgotten. Presented by military historian John O'Loughlin. Briarcliff Manor Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 2 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Karen Smith at 914-941-4393 or e-mail mail@briarcliffhistory.org. or Shelley Glick at 914-941-7072 or e-mail sglick@wlsmail.org.

What's the Buzz With Honeybees? Learn why honeybees are critical players in our lives and in the global economy. Includes a tasting of local

honey. 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.

Hungrytown. This root music duo has been touring internationally for more than 10 years. Having recently returned from a 42-date, 14-state U.S. tour, Hungrytown will be performing in support of their third album, "Further West," which made the top 10 on the American Folk DJ charts for two months last summer and at least 14 "Best of 2015" lists. Hungrytown's music has been featured in several television programs, including "The Daily Show" and "Portlandia." North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Argentine Tango Dances. Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Refreshments served. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 3 to 6 p.m. \$12. Also the third Saturday of each month from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$12. Info: 914-725-3023 or 914-484-5101 or e-mail sampelayo@optonline.net.

Farm to Table Fundraiser. Samplings of delicious dishes crafted by artisan food pros accompanied by fine wines from area wineries. Celebrate local products

and global sustainability initiatives. Entertainment, education and a delight for the palate -- all in support of the Greenburgh Nature Center. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 4 to 7 p.m. Members: \$100. Non-members: \$150. Children (2-11): \$25. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. Tickets: Visit <http://goo.gl/4NTJnR>.

Monday, June 6

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. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Armonk Lion's 42nd Fol-De-Rol Festival and Crafts in the Park



Wampus Brook Park
41 Wampus Avenue, Armonk, NY 10504
Thursday, June 9 6pm-10pm
Friday, June 10 6pm-10pm
Saturday, June 11 10am-10pm
Sunday, June 12 11am- 5pm

*Performances by
Jersey Disc Devils
and
Robinson
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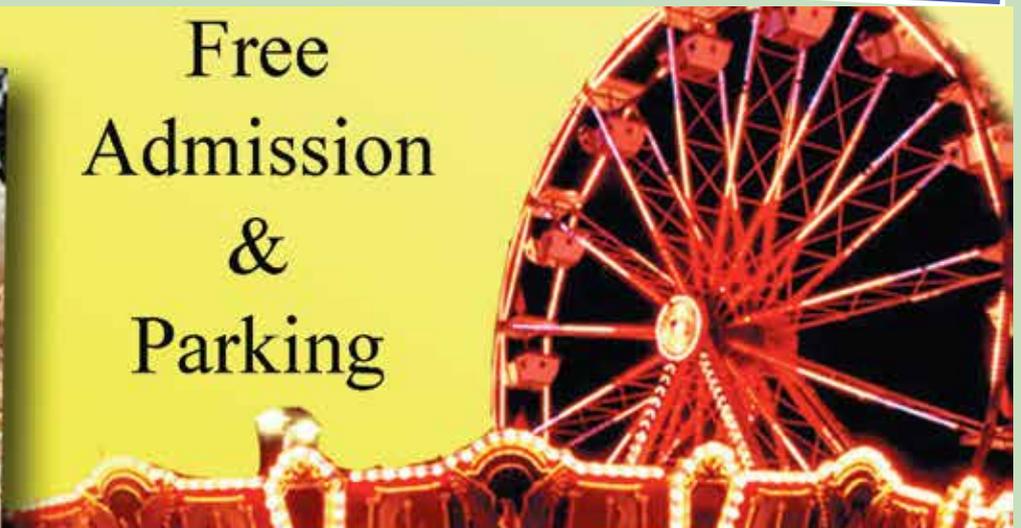
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with Food
Beer & Wine
in the Park
Over 60 Vendors
Rides!*

Acrobatic Dog Show

Raffle Prizes
&
A Special Auction:
Tickets to the Broadway Show
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