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New Assisted Living Plan Submitted for Pleasantville Site

By Anna Young

Sunrise Senior Living presented the Pleasantville Village Board with a formal application last week for a 79-unit assisted living facility at the United Methodist Church site.

Sunrise, which is seeking a zoning code amendment, is looking to construct the building into the property's elevation, making the three-story structure appear to be a half-story shorter in front and one-and-a-half stories in back.

"We think this is a fantastic opportunity amongst the resources that we use that screams there's a significant under supply of available units to care for the elderly here," said Sunrise Senior Vice President Jerry Laing during the board's Apr. 24 meeting.

The proposed structure, which in the plans has been shifted closer to Bedford Road away from the Maple Hill properties,

is expected to accommodate 90 residents. The site will contain 40 parking spots, including two handicapped accessible spaces. The proposed building will also be surrounded by a variety of small trees, shrubs and groundcovers for a residential appearance.

For more than a year, Sunrise representatives, supported by Bedford Road Partners, have appeared several times seeking feedback to create a project that addresses the concerns of the neighbors and the village.

Laing added that Sunrise has also spent a significant amount of time speaking with the community, which has offered ideas and criticisms.

"We've finally come before you with the actual application where we've put our best foot forward," Laing said. "We do want the board to understand that this is

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Court of Appeals Finds County Violated Housing Settlement

By Martin Wilbur

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld a lower court's ruling last Friday that Westchester County violated terms of the 2009 affordable housing settlement.

The bluntly worded seven-page decision concluded that the county has been "engaging in total obstructionism" because it has failed on numerous occasions to submit an Analysis of Impediments (AI) that is acceptable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the courts.

Under the terms of the agreement, Westchester was to have submitted an acceptable AI adequately analyzing the impediments that municipal zoning laws present to fair housing choice within 120

days from the time the agreement was reached in August 2009.

The court also threw out the county's arguments that HUD's refusal to accept nine AIs submitted by the county is unreasonable and, therefore, it should no longer be required to submit one.

Last week's decision stated that the county's assertions were without merit and the court warned it to comply with the terms of the agreement.

"The County would be well-advised to stop making excuses and to complete its obligations under the Consent Decree with diligence and dispatch," the ruling stated.

Friday's development came four months after County Executive Rob Astorino proclaimed that Westchester had complied with the terms of the agreement by having

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Music Man



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Pleasantville Music Festival Executive Director Bruce Figler announces the lineup for this year's event that will be headlined by Blues Traveler. For the full lineup for the 13th annual festival, scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at Parkway Field, see page 13.

Proposed Compromise May Breathe New Life into Miller House

By Martin Wilbur

The possibility of a compromise between Westchester County and the Town of North Castle could finally result in the long-delayed rehabilitation and preservation of the Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains.

After years of bickering, an intermunicipal agreement is being discussed that would require the county to pay for the desperately needed renovation of the 279-year-old house on Virginia Road and transfer ownership to the town.

If that would occur, the Friends of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters, a nonprofit group formed in 2011, would be responsible for raising money to pay for ongoing operation of the house and



A photo of the deteriorating Miller House/Washington's Headquarters house taken in December 2015.

various programs, said Linda Fernberg, president of the Friends.

"We feel we can meet the challenge to support the house and we will endeavor to do that if it comes to that," Fernberg said.

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Mt. Kisco to Host Rally This Weekend in Support of Immigrants

By Martin Wilbur

A march and rally to back area immigrants has been scheduled for this Sunday in Mount Kisco after there has been a grassroots effort among local residents, houses of worship and various organizations to support them.

Participants in the Mt. Kisco March & Rally in Support of Our Immigrant Neighbors will gather in the parking lot behind the Bow-Tie Cinemas movie theater on East Main Street at 2:30 p.m., march through the village's downtown and finish with a rally in the courtyard between village hall and the library.

Immigrants have been invited to speak during the program to share their stories and call attention to the contributions they make to their communities, said Carola Bracco, executive director of the Mount Kisco-based Neighbors Link, one of the organizations supporting and participating in the event.

Bracco said the idea to publicly support immigrants was started by a group of about 50 to 60 people in the area. Some are affiliated with area churches and synagogues in and around the village as President Donald Trump's controversial stance on immigration policies has ignited increasingly heated debate.

"A large number of community members that had been reaching out to us along with many houses of worship have been reaching

out to us over the last few months about getting more involved and also sending a signal to the immigrant community that the whole community is supportive of all their contributions to our economy, to our culture and to our community," Bracco said.

Rabbi Aaron Brusso of Bet Torah, a Mount Kisco synagogue, said in his discussions with area clergy many of them and their congregants have become increasingly concerned about the tone and substance of the discussion surrounding immigrants.

"We are at an uncertain time regarding immigration and we are determined to play a part in reshaping that discussion," Brusso said. "We want to be focused on human beings and treating them with respect and dignity."

Mount Kisco is one of the communities in Westchester with a heavy immigrant population. It is estimated that nearly 40 percent of the village's residents were born outside the United States. A 2014 Migration Policy Institute study concluded there were about 61,000 undocumented immigrants in Westchester.

While much of the impetus behind Sunday's rally originated from local residents and congregations, Bracco said as more people learn about Sunday's rally, interest has also been coming from throughout the county.

"There's been a lot of interest, a lot of

phone calls from people inquiring about it and very excited to participate," she said.

It also has come at a time when fear among the immigrant population has been on the upswing, Bracco said. Since the start of the year, Neighbors Link has needed to step up key services to assist their clients, she said. Two immigration attorneys have been retained through Pace Law School Community Practice Program to be able to advise local families.

There has also been an increase in participation for many of Neighbors Links' other programs such as English classes and Know Your Rights sessions.

Other participating local organizations and religious institutions for Sunday's rally

include Bedford Presbyterian Church; Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester; Temple Shaaray Tefila; Mount Kisco Child Care Center; Fountain of Eternal Life Church; Methodist Church of Mount Kisco; Mount Kisco Presbyterian Church; St. Francis Church; Antioch Baptist Church; Northern Westchester Hospital/Northwell Health; Curtis Instruments; Katonah Presbyterian Church; and the Upper Westchester Muslim Society.

Sunday's event will be held rain or shine. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Mt-Kisco-March-Rally-in-Support-of-our-Immigrant-Neighbors-796007683908438/>.

Green Thinking

From left, Mount Kisco Elementary School students Jason Fiorino, Miko Drouot, Julia Bagley, Emily Vasquez and first-place winner Isabel Sultana were honored Saturday as the winners of this year's Arbor Day poster competition. Not pictured is Kate Loughney, also a finalist and prize winner. They were joined by Mount Kisco Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus, back left, environmentalist Ruth Moy and Tree Preservation Board Chairman James Gmelin. Twenty-five students contributed art and poetry.



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built or having building permits in place for 790 units of new affordable housing by the end of 2016, 40 more than had been required. He also mentioned that about 100 additional units are also in the pipeline.

Ned McCormack, the communications director for the county, said Friday in a statement that the administration was "surprised" by the court's comments as Westchester has complied with the unit count and has been working with U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote and the new housing monitor to wrap up the settlement.

"Since Judge Cote's opinions last summer, the county has worked with the new monitor and consultant approved by the monitor to complete its two remaining obligations – the 'One Community' educational campaign and the Analysis of Impediments," McCormack's statement read. "Given that the One Community campaign is already under way and the monitor-approved consultant, VHB, has found no evidence of exclusionary zoning based on race, we are confident the remaining requirements can be met and the settlement concluded in a timely manner."

Recently, VHB, prepared a 10th AI for

the county but that also was rejected by HUD. The Court of Appeals decision did not address the latest rejection.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said the ruling amounted to a "judicial smack down" of the county and its arguments.

Although the court also found that the county violated the settlement because it failed to quell community opposition to Conifer Realty's controversial 28-unit affordable housing project in downtown Chappaqua, Kaplowitz said the AI is the central issue and must be addressed by Astorino or Westchester risks severe fines and penalties potentially totaling millions of dollars.

Also, HUD or the courts could potentially force the county to build additional units if it is fails to comply, he said.

Westchester lost close to \$25 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from 2011 to 2014, money that had been withheld for lack of compliance.

"The worst is not even the money that's been lost, the worst case is the money that could be potentially lost in the future," Kaplowitz said.

He said he believes Astorino may be hoping that he can eventually convince HUD Secretary Ben Carson or even President Donald Trump to be more sympathetic to the county's plight.

"That's a gamble, and unfortunately, that gamble is with great stakes being played with taxpayer money," Kaplowitz said.

On Monday, the seven-member Democratic Caucus on the Board of Legislators called for a Committee of the Whole meeting with the new housing monitor to find a solution. Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said for years the caucus has called for a countywide housing needs assessment.

"To save taxpayers from thousands of dollars in fines, we have no choice but to explore all actions we can take due to the County Executive's total obstructionism – which were the Court's words, not mine," Borgia said.

Kaplowitz, whose district includes the Town of New Castle, said he was not concerned about the court's finding regarding the Conifer project in Chappaqua because it is on track to be built. There were delays because approvals were needed from the state Board of Review and the MTA and a site remediation plan to clean up the land was required.

New Castle town officials have consistently voiced their opposition to the project, arguing that the location on Hunts Place is poor for housing because it's between the Metro-North tracks and the Saw Mill Parkway.

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an effort that was not made purely to just do what Sunrise wanted, but in a way that accommodates as many people as possible."

Sunrise must obtain a zoning code change from the village board to add a new floating overlay district before it pursues site plan approval from the planning commission.

In 2014, the controversial vote to rezone the church's property for the 87-unit Benchmark Senior Living project was supported by three of five village board members, but failed because a valid petition submitted by neighboring property owners required a four-vote supermajority. Mayor

Peter Scherer and Trustee Steven Lord opposed the rezone.

A similar petition is expected to be submitted to the village as well.

"You are not Benchmark and this ought to be presented on its own," Mayor Peter Scherer said before questioning Sunrise on the financial responsibility of the retaining wall on Bedford Road if the facility is built.

Laing informed officials that the village would not have financial responsibility for the wall.

Scherer commended Sunrise on a thorough presentation, and said the board needs time to analyze the application.

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Through previous fundraising efforts, the Friends have a little more than \$40,000 already set aside. There has been a small amount of additional funds that have been pledged through its website and a GoFundMe page with potential donors lined up from as far away as Chicago and California who will contribute on the condition that an acceptable restoration be completed, Fernberg said.

A rough estimate projects about a \$34,000 annual operating expense. Fernberg said once the house is renovated it will be easier to attract donors interested in preserving a site with a direct connection to George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

The Miller House, built by Elijah Miller's father, John, in 1738, was used by Washington during the Battle of White Plains in October 1776. It also is in close proximity to Miller Hill Park, where the patriots repelled the British to stop them on their advance northward from Long Island. Elijah Miller and his two sons died that year fighting the war, but his wife, Ann, lived in the house until her death in 1819, and their daughter lived there until 1838, Fernberg said.

It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, the state register in 1980 and on the county inventory of historic places in 1988. Westchester County has owned the property since 1917, allowing visitors for many years, but during the past 20 years it has fallen into disrepair. A blue tarp has covered the roof for several years to protect the house from further damage.

Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro said despite many details that still need to be ironed out, including limiting the financial exposure for the town and the Friends, restoring and preserving an important piece of local and American history is essential.

"We need to get this done, we need to get the Miller House restored, and if there's a middle ground where because of state law the property can't transfer to the volunteer group and they would take it on, we may have to be the vessel that holds it," Schiliro said.

The possible solution marks the first notable chance of progress in several years. In 2010, the Board of Legislators voted to place \$1.2 million toward the project, which included moving the structure to Kensico Dam Plaza. County Executive

Rob Astorino vetoed the expenditure, and despite the board overriding the veto, the project was never done.

There was also an unsuccessful attempt a couple of years later to restore the house and move it to Fountain Park.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said last week it was a fair proposal and that an architectural firm is currently working on plans to restore the house to a preservationist's standard with an improved drainage system.

There would be \$1.3 million through a bond and \$700,000 is available through the 2017 capital budget, she said. The county is also pursuing state grants.

Cunzio stressed that while the proposal is promising all parties must agree to terms.

"I am very committed to this project and very excited to see it moving forward," Cunzio said. "It is long overdue."

John Diaconis, a member of the Friends of Miller House's board of directors, said formal discussions will likely start with the county next month. Repairs would probably not begin until well into next year, Diaconis said.

Any transfer of property between two governments would require the approval of the state legislature, he added.

Local history lovers and those involved on the town's Elijah Miller House

Committee, the Friends and the group Daughters of Liberty's Legacy (DOLL) expressed renewed hope a solution may be on the horizon.

DOLL President Cynthia Kauffman said there could be a wide variety of programs at the grounds, including tours, programs for schoolchildren and events to commemorate holidays such as Presidents Day and July 4.

"It's very important to see something in the place that it was and to touch it and to hear the stories," Kauffman said.

"I can assure you Washington's Headquarters, if the county does what it says it's going to do, Washington's Headquarters will be alive again and as one of the people who used to go there on Sundays and give tours to people, I can't wait to do that again," added Richard Nardi, a board of directors member for the Friends.

Fernberg said local residents can contribute by becoming a Friends member for \$5. On its website, www.friendsofmillerhouse.org, pledges and donations can be made.

"It's something we should be proud of and something we should be happy to own or have in our town," Fernberg said. "I think we can all make this work if we all work together."

Aidan Glendon contributed to this article.

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New Castle Reviews Regulations for Raising Chickens in Town

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials are grappling with how much the required minimum setback from a property line should be for residents who want to maintain a chicken coop on their land.

During the past month, officials have been exploring other towns' local statutes regulating the maintenance of chickens as they consider whether to revise New Castle's existing law. Currently, the town requires a property owner to have at least 10 acres for a chicken coop on a parcel; however, there have been repeated requests from residents to ease restrictions, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

It is also likely that there is an undetermined number of illegal coops, especially as the practice of residents raising chickens to supply their own eggs has become more commonplace, he said.

Research by town board members and Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis uncovered that other municipalities in Westchester have setbacks that range from 25 feet in Somers to as much as 100 feet in Mount Pleasant and Cortlandt. There are also varying requirements for minimum acreage and other conditions, such as the number of chickens per parcel or acre. However, none of the other towns reviewed have land requirements as large as 10 acres.

Greenstein said he doesn't want to make the setbacks so big that property

owners with an acre of land won't be able to raise chickens. Neither he nor other town supervisors he has spoken with have received complaints about chickens, he said.

"There's not that much flat land in New Castle. A lot of people may have the setbacks but don't have a good flat piece of property to do it," Greenstein said.

During their research, officials determined that the Town of Rosendale, Ulster County, has the "gold standard" among local laws they reviewed. Chickens there are only for personal use and only female birds may be kept. Quantity limitations in Rosendale are six chickens for less than a half-acre; eight chickens for a half to one acre; 12 for those on one to three acres; and 18 on parcels with greater than three acres.

Furthermore, coops or duck houses may not be kept in front or side yards, must be at least 50 feet from a neighboring residence, building, pool, deck or patio and at least 15 feet from the property line.

On Apr. 20, the town's Conservation Board and Environmental Review board sent a joint letter to the town board calling on more research regarding environmental impacts and residential conflicts. Aside from setbacks, issues that must be analyzed more closely include waste management practices, runoff, predators, quantity limitations, mitigating noise and odor and whether there should be standards for the size of the chicken coop.

The two environmental-related boards and the town board already agree that only hens should be kept and no roosters.

"It is the Boards' recommendation that each of the items noted above be further researched prior to any proposed changes to the current zoning regarding chickens, including, consulting with Cornell Cooperative Extension, an agency with extensive experience working with agricultural and farming practices," the joint letter read.

Councilwoman Lisa Katz agreed that there are many factors that need to be considered.

"There's a lot to consider before we say

anyone on any size parcel of land can have chickens," Katz said.

But town resident Yoni Falkson urged the town board to be as lenient with the regulations as possible since there is little evidence of chicken complaints in New Castle or other towns in Westchester.

"I would just err on the side of more flexibility and less space in these sorts of things because it doesn't seem like a key issue," Falkson said.

This week, the town board has invited its environmental consultant Stephen Coleman and Building Inspector Rich Polcari to discuss the matter at its Tuesday evening work session.

New Castle to Hold Three More Comprehensive Plan Hearings

The New Castle Town Board has scheduled three additional public hearings for this month to encourage comment from citizens on the town's proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Last week it was announced that hearings will take place during the regularly scheduled town board meetings on Tuesday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 23 that are tentatively set to start at 7:45 p.m. Additionally, there will be a morning hearing on Wednesday, May 17 starting at 9 a.m. All hearings are expected to take place at Town Hall.

There have already been two public

hearings on the document the past two weeks.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan can be found on the town's website at www.mynewcastle.org, then click on Projects of Note on the top tool bar.

Written comments can be submitted at any time to mycompplan@mynewcastle.org. All written comments are tentatively due by noon on Friday, May 26. For any questions, call the Planning Department at 238-4724 or e-mail mycompplan@mynewcastle.org.

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Apr. 21: Following a traffic stop on Route 22 at 5:11 p.m., two subjects were arrested and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

Police Searching for Robbers of Thornwood Verizon Store

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant police are searching for two men who stole cell phones from the Verizon store in the Rose Hill Shopping Center in Thornwood last Wednesday morning.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva said at about 10:30 a.m. the Verizon store at 660 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood was robbed.

"One African American male entered the store wearing a lime green reflective vest over his clothing and an orange construction hard hat," Oliva said. "This subject displayed and threatened the store manager with a handgun. The manager was ordered to the back of the store and a second African American male entered the

Apr. 22: A tenant at a Emmalon Avenue residence reported at 1:43 p.m. that his landlord is having work done to the house and the contractors are causing noise and damage to his apartment. The responding officer reported the scene checked okay. The tenant and contractor were provided with information on town noise statutes and instructed to contact the building department with any further inquiries.

Apr. 23: Report of a verbal dispute at 11:55 a.m. between a Rustling Road

store wheeling a large blue suitcase into the store."

The robbers took an unknown number of cell phones from a safe in the rear of the store, according to Oliva.

Oliva said the subjects fled in a dark-colored four-door sedan, possibly a Toyota, he said.

An investigation of the scene commenced. Tarrytown detectives were also notified and responded to the scene because there was a similar robbery of a Verizon store in their jurisdiction in March, Oliva said. The matter remains under investigation.

Mount Pleasant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney said the police department contacted the school district shortly after officers arrived at the crime

resident and a former health aide who was fired. Two officers were dispatched to the scene.

Apr. 24: Report of a possible fraudulent phone call at 2:11 p.m. The complainant stated that he received a call from an unknown party saying that his mother was involved in an accident with a drug dealer and will not be released until he pays a ransom. The responding officer went to check on the party involved on North Broadway and reported that no one

scene. As a precaution, the district implemented a temporary lock-out at Columbus Elementary School, Westlake Middle School and Westlake High School, she said.

Guiney sent an e-mail blast to residents to district residents. Students and staff were not permitted to the buildings and no visitors were allowed to enter.

"At no time was there an immediate threat to students or staff at either Columbus or Westlake," Guiney stated.

The lock-out ended at about 1 p.m., she said.

The Mount Pleasant Police Department has asked anyone with information or who may have witnessed the crime to call 914-769-1941.

was home. A subsequent check revealed that the party is fine.

Apr. 25: A Kingdom Ridge Road resident reported at 4:13 p.m. a past larceny from her vehicle. The complainant stated that someone took some change and a pair of headphones from the vehicle the previous evening. She also reported that she has video footage of a party in her driveway around the time of the incident.

Apr. 25: Report of a grand larceny at Equinox gym on Business Park Drive at 7:55 p.m. The caller stated that he had his watch stolen from his locker.

Apr. 25: An E-911 caller reported at 9:31 p.m. that someone was apparently assaulting her husband on Bedford Road. The caller stated that a male party backed into her residence and got into a dispute with her husband.

Pleasantville Police Department

Apr. 22: Report of criminal mischief after three cars were found spray painted on Stanley Avenue at 6:54 a.m. There were no suspects and the case is under investigation.

Apr. 25: An 18-year-old White Plains man was arrested on Marble Avenue at 2:06 p.m. for possession of marijuana following an initiative stop. The suspect was released pending a court date.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Train Time. The quiz words this week come from the book "Train" by Tom Zoellner. In this entertaining book, Zoellner travels the globe to explore the elegance of railroads and impact of railway technology that transformed the world. Perhaps you will find a few words to get your vocabulary on the right track. All aboard for the 5:02 word quiz.

- chuff (v.)**
A) to take on coal B) move with a puffing sound C) skip a station
- ersatz (adj.)**
A) not genuine B) bursting forth C) wandering
- imbue (v.)**
A) to drench B) surround tightly C) inspire thoroughly
- pulchritude (n.)**
A) great physical beauty B) a great amount C) great power
- foamer (n.)**
A) a new employee B) an old steam engine C) an enthusiast
- eldritch (adj.)**
A) old-fashion B) unearthly C) optional
- coruscating (v.)**
A) to restrict closely B) wear away C) sparkle and glitter
- legerdemain (n.)**
A) sleight of hand B) a book of accounts C) a right of way

- ANSWERS:**
1. B. (of a steam engine) to move with a regular sharp puffing sound
 2. A. Not genuine; fake
 3. C. To inspire or influence thoroughly; pervade
 4. A. Great physical beauty and appeal
 5. C. A (possibly obsessive) enthusiast
 6. B. Strange or unearthly
 7. C. To give forth flashes of light; sparkle and glitter
 8. A. Sleight of hand; deceitful cleverness; trickery

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

No. Castle Ready to Pass Bond Resolution to Fund Road Repairs

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board is expected to press ahead next week with a resolution that would authorize borrowing about \$4 million to accelerate road repaving despite continued reservations by Town Administrator Joan Goldberg.

Board members said despite having a healthy fund balance of about \$6.4 million, there is a list of other capital projects they want completed and don't want to deplete the town's reserves. Furthermore, improving the condition of North Castle's roads is a top priority.

"We need to get the roads done. We need to get them done sooner than later, and I think the most amount of miles we can do the better," said Councilman Barry Reiter. "I think the cost of the interest, it makes a lot of sense."

However, Goldberg, who voiced her dissent when the board met during an Apr. 19 work session to discuss the issue with the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, said she believes the town can improve its Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from its current level of 70 to the committee's target of 76 within two years through the operating budget and fund balance.

In the last two years, the town has spent about \$1.75 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, on roads. Most of last year's total was to pave the roads in Windmill

Farm.

This year the board set aside \$1.15 million in the operating budget, and Goldberg said she was planning to take about \$1 million from fund balance.

With the Hergenhan Recreation Center parking expansion, work at the North White Plains Community Center and library and several other capital projects on the horizon, Goldberg recommended borrowing for longer term projects rather than roads that typically last 12 to 15 years.

She said by adding debt it also limits the town's flexibility. Interest and principal payments will be about \$400,000 a year on

\$4 million.

"It makes more sense to bond a building because you can throw it long and achieve that interest savings over a longer period of time if you lock in a lower interest rate," she said.

Also, there is a limit to the number of miles that can be done each year. Goldberg said the town had scheduled 7.44 miles this year, and with its current manpower in the highway department would only be able to do 10 to 12 miles.

The town must also spend the money within 18 months once the bonds are issued.

Goldberg suggested board members pass a bond resolution to give themselves the option of borrowing.

Board members countered that they wanted to hold on to the strong fund balance while hoping to do step up the paving as much as possible.

"People are on the roads every single day and we have to accelerate the process as quickly as we can," said Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

The board is likely to vote on the bond resolution at its next meeting on May 10.

Fantastic Finish

The Pleasantville Middle School's Science Olympiad placed 12th overall in the state competition last month in Syracuse. Among the five Lower Hudson Valley teams, the Pleasantville team finished highest. The state team consisted of eighth-graders Ian Cotter, Abhaya Ravikumar and Ethan Spanierman; seventh-graders Grant Becker, Alexandra Connelly, Amina Fayaz, Michael Gordon, Abigail Lee, Peter Pueyo, Jordon Rosen, Anushka Sundar and Lily Vidra; and sixth-graders Richik Acharya, Miyako Cornelius, Sebastian Hernandez, Nikian Sauthoff and Emma Wein.



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Obituaries

Lawrence Lenihan

Lawrence David Lenihan, Sr. a loving husband, wonderful father and the best grandfather, died peacefully at his Chappaqua home on Apr. 30 with his wife of 55 years, Kathleen, by his side.

He was 87.

Lenihan is also survived by his sons, Lawrence and Douglas, and his grandchildren, Kiegan, William, Silas, Douglas and Kelley.

Born in New York City on Dec. 15, 1929, he was raised in the Bronx where he attended Cardinal Hayes High School. He graduated from Fordham University and Columbia Law School.

After earning his law degree, he served two years in the U.S. Army.

When he returned from military service, Lenihan joined the law firm of Arthur, Dry and Dole as an attorney where he would remain through the firm's merger into Uniroyal in 1985.

Lenihan's career as a public servant began in 1974 when he became New

Castle deputy town attorney. In 1976, he was nominated to be New Castle town judge, serving out the remainder of a vacant term. In the subsequent election, he earned his nickname "Landslide Lenihan" by defeating his opponent by 27 votes. It was a position he would hold for the next 30 years.

In 2003, he announced he would be running for the last time. In recognition of his service, then-Sen. Hillary Clinton performed the swearing-in ceremony with President Bill Clinton in attendance.

Lenihan was a lifelong sports fan with undying loyalty to the Mets and Giants and deep hatred for anything Yankees

and Jets. He was passionate about classical music and his grandchildren. He was a man of incredible warmth, love, humor, honesty and integrity and we will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the New Castle Police Benevolent Association, the Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps or the Millwood Fire Department.



Richard Winston

Richard C. Winston of Thornwood died on Apr. 25.

He was 95.

Winston was born on Nov. 1, 1921, to the late Luis and Florence (nee Watson) Winston in Queens. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II where he was a POW in Germany. He was owner-operator of See-Lect Industrial Equipment Co. in Hawthorne and was an avid pilot and golfer.

Winston was predeceased by his devoted wife, Dorothy Winston, in 2001, and by his beloved son, Gary Winston, in 1993.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Gail (James) Felice, of Ridgefield, Conn., Barbara (Stanley) Eckstein of Rye and Debra Van Duyne of Mamaroneck; one sister, Margaret Cole, of Hobe Sound, Fla.; seven cherished grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on May 1, where funeral services were held today (Tuesday) at 10:30 a.m. Interment followed at Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye.

In lieu of flowers, donations to www.WoundedWarriorProject.org would be appreciated.

Marlene Colabatistto

Marlene J. Colabatistto of Thornwood died on Apr. 25.

She was 79.

Colabatistto was born on July 3, 1937, to Vincent and Stella (nee Ptraskiewchz) Piccini in Yonkers. She was a former co-owner/operator of Elite Floors, Inc. in Yonkers with her husband, Gennaro Colabatistto.

She is survived by her mother, Stella Piccini, of Ossining; her devoted husband, Gennaro Colabatistto, of Thornwood; her loving sons, Gennaro

(Connie) Colabatistto, of Great Falls, Va. and Raymond (Michelle) Colabatistto of Valhalla; two brothers, Ralph (Ann) Piccini of Connecticut and Vincent (Maureen) Piccini of Yonkers; one sister, Christine Piccini, of Ossining; and her five cherished grandchildren, Nicholas, Eva, Juliana, Gennaro and Sophia Colabatistto.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Apr. 27. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Apr. 28 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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Chappaqua Students Expand Scientific Horizons at STEM Fest

By Anna Young

It was a beautiful afternoon outside on Saturday but inside Robert E. Bell Middle School in Chappaqua about 330 students were having fun at the district's third annual STEM Fest.

The students were scattered throughout the school having voluntarily registered for the event. They displayed their projects that covered astronomy, psychology, environmental science, biology, chemistry, computer science and human anatomy.

Lori Morton, chair of the Chappaqua PTA STEM Committee, said the event is an opportunity for students in every grade to choose projects that excite them and help them develop their creativity and discovery.

"The kids are so passionate about their projects, they're so into it and they really just can't wait to show people what they've done and explain to them the science behind it," Morton said. "I'm always so impressed by the level of sophistication



Horace Greeley High School junior John Amundsen and his drone at the Chappaqua School District's third annual STEM Fest last Saturday at Robert E. Bell Middle School.

from even the littlest kids."

She added that the increasingly popular event challenges students to think about science in a sophisticated way where they learn the skills to



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Alexis Oh and Cecelia Clearwaters, second-graders at Chappaqua's Douglas Grafflin Elementary School, with their gummy bears project at last Saturday's STEM Fest.

Chappaqua Selects New Schools Superintendent to Lead District

By Anna Young

An Orange County educator will become the next superintendent in the Chappaqua School District.

The Chappaqua Board of Education is expected to appoint Dr. Christine Ackerman to the district's top post at its meeting on Wednesday, May 3 following a nationwide search.

Ackerman, currently superintendent of schools for the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District in Orange County, where she has served since 2014, will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Lyn McKay on Oct. 31. She will replace Interim Superintendent Dr. Daniel McCann who has served in that role since early December.

In a letter posted last Tuesday on the district's website from the board of education, her appointment will become effective following the meeting, pending a site visit. Ackerman will begin in Chappaqua this summer.

"The board of education was impressed with the substantive experiences that Dr. Ackerman has had and with the way those experiences align with our longstanding District beliefs and goals," Board President Alyson Gardner said in the board's message to the community. "Her commitment to students, the breadth and depth of her understanding of curriculum and her strong management skills stood out to the entire Board."

Ackerman previously served as principal of Millbrook High School before her appointment as the assistant superintendent for curriculum.



Dr. Christine Ackerman will become the next Chappaqua superintendent of schools this summer.

Last week she declined to make any comments regarding the district or her appointment, saying she was still very involved with issues at Greenwood Lake but would answer questions in about a month.

The announcement of Ackerman's arrival in Chappaqua is the next step for the district since McKay's departure.

McKay resigned following intense public pressure stemming from revelations regarding Christopher Schraufnagel, the former Horace Greeley High School drama teacher, who pleaded guilty last summer to having inappropriate contact with students between 2011 and 2015.

research topics, organize a presentation and explain it to others.

"It's always great and it's amazing for me to see, just the knowledge of science within the community," parent Matt Christensen said. "It's really breathtaking."

Devisi Goel, a sixth-grader at Seven Bridges Middle School, created an Alzheimer's clinical trial program through the use of artificial intelligence. Goel said she was inspired to know more about the disease after her grandfather was diagnosed.

Goel, who has participated in STEM Fest all three years, said the project gave her a chance to learn more about the disease, clinical trials and how to program.

"I really like science and it's fun; I want to become a doctor," she said.

Alexis Oh and Cecelia Clearwaters, second-graders at Douglas Grafflin Elementary, worked together to see what happens to gummy bears when they are exposed to vinegar, milk, water, juice, baking soda and salt.

"At first, we were thinking to do something with particles, but then we changed it to gummy bears because it's more fun and they're yummy," Clearwaters said. "Science is fun. We



Seven Bridges Middle School sixth-grader Devisi Goel created a clinical trial to help people with Alzheimer's by using artificial intelligence for her STEM Fest project.

learned how osmosis is responsible for shrinking things with water."

In addition to the students' projects, various companies hosted activities as students explored animal behavior, robotics, chemistry experiments and computer programs.

"This event teaches (the students) that there's more to life than what they just see in front of them," parent Jason Clearwaters said. "It expands their minds and creates a vision for the future."


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Letters to the Editor

Bedford Board Candidate's Experience Would Serve District Well

My name is Marie Scanlan and I am running for the Bedford Central School District Board of Education this spring. I have lived in Bedford for 17 years, with my husband and three daughters. My children have attended district schools. I am the product of public school education, earned a B.S. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Northwestern; my work experience includes financial consulting and brand management.

For 15 years, I have been an active volunteer for many community organizations, including Northern Westchester Hospital, the Junior League and Bedford Village Chowder and Marching Club. However, my biggest commitment has been to our schools. After serving as co-president of Bedford

Village's PTA, I co-founded and served as chair of the foundation for Bedford Central Schools, a nonprofit that has funded school projects for five years.

For nearly a decade, the district has cut staff and programs to balance the budget. While the 2017-18 adopted budget requires no cuts to stay under the tax cap, Bedford Central faces a challenging future with increasing obligations and a flat revenue base. Additionally, contract negotiations with the Bedford Teachers Association are at an impasse. This environment calls for new perspectives, innovative ideas and thoughtful leadership.

Strong schools require conscientious attention to curriculum and professional development to meet students' diverse needs. This is even more important in

a financially constrained environment. The district has talented staff and extraordinary students; it needs trustees to be fiscally savvy, creative and engaged managers to rebuild excellence for our students. I will ask questions, listen to parents and community members, apply management skills and critical thinking, and most of all, bring a passion for excellence in education to the task.

My running mate, Bill Canavan, possesses skills that complement my own. I ask for your support to elect us to the board of education this spring. Marie Scanlan and Bill Canavan – the choice for Excellence and Accountability in Bedford Central.

Marie Scanlan
Bedford

Chappaqua Board of Education is in Need of Change in Perspective

The Chappaqua Central School District's school board election is on Tuesday, May 16. There are two seats available.

I am thankful that this is a contested election with only one incumbent along with five candidates seeking to make a change to the current board.

Change is indeed in order. The current school board has broken trust

with the community and this is a great opportunity for the district to fill the seats with two new voices with fresh perspectives.

I urge all concerned parents and stakeholders to consider voting for Sanford "Sandy" Benardo on election day. Sandy is a former teacher and a practicing lawyer with his own business working for and on behalf of families.

His intelligence, thoughtfulness as well as his experience working as a teacher is exactly what the Chappaqua Board of Education needs.

Sandy is my first choice of all of the candidates that can enact the changes our district needs.

Gary Murphy
Chappaqua

Mt. Kisco Must Think Hard About Allowing Kisco Mountain Project

Mount Kisco is at a crossroads: Will the town move forward with sustainable development or will it sacrifice long-term environmental health and wealth for short-term financial gain?

The proposed development of a large assisted living facility on the environmentally fragile steep slopes on Kisco Mountain could be the tipping point on this issue.

Members of the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), residents and distinguished environmentalists have opposed development on this precious public land in the past for good reason. The project would strip the last large undeveloped area in Mount Kisco of over 2,000 trees and would disrupt 15 acres of pristine mountainside, causing a greatly increased risk of flooding in an area that has already experienced several disastrous floods. Independent experts have also questioned the proposed development's impact on traffic, fire,

water and sewerage – the town's "carrying capacity."

A similar, previous proposal sought to control floods and landslides with a complex of high retaining walls, large retention areas and zigzag driveways on very steep slopes – tactics that the Department of Environmental Protection has so far refused to certify as safe.

The threat of a lawsuit from the new prospective developer made headline news in the Apr. 25 issue of this newspaper. However, according to the village attorney, claims that the village would be liable if the proposal is delayed or denied in accordance with village law are completely baseless.

This precious land, which gave the town its name, belongs to the town and its people – and we are entitled to a public hearing on this new proposal.

John Rhodes
Mount Kisco

Better Context Needed in State of the County Recap Story

In your front page story, "Astorino Promises No New Taxes" (Apr. 25-May 1), you do the community a disservice. Since his election, county services have declined, pressure on local municipalities has increased and the county's debt continues to rise. Mr. Astorino's tax pledge has been far more important to him than a demonstration of leadership.

An important local paper, such as yours, must put stories in context so the public has the information it needs to assess a situation and make intelligent decisions based on the entirety of the data at hand.

Mr. Astorino has tried to convince us of one thing, but we don't live in an alternative universe, we live in this one.

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Blues Traveler Headlines July 8 P'ville Music Festival Lineup

By Anna Young

Cheers went up Sunday night at Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville as the lineup for the 13th annual Pleasantville Music Festival was announced, headlined by the Grammy Award-winning band Blues Traveler.

Festival Executive Director Bruce Figler made the announcement of the 18 confirmed performers for the July 8 festival at Parkway Field between sets performed by Talay, the festival's 2015 Battle of the Bands winner.

Blues Traveler is best known for their hits "Hook" and "Run-Around," which earned them a Grammy Award for best rock vocal performance by a duo or group in 1995.

The Main Stage will also feature Grammy winners Living Colour, Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega, Queens-based rock band Hollis Brown and Hastings-on-Hudson pop artist Caleb Flood.

"What I try to do is get something for everyone or as close to everyone that I can," Figler said. "I always try to make sure that everyone who comes to this festival is going to see someone on that bill that excites them."

The Chill Tent will feature New York-based pop-rock band Ghost Millionaires, Carmel singer-songwriter

Hailey Knox, Hudson Valley bluegrass group Shovel Ready String Band and English singer-songwriter James Maddock. Boston-based rock band Pousette-Dart Band will serve as the tent's headliner.

The Party Stage will include folk-rock band The Alpaca Gnomes, Nashville's Arc & Stones, Connecticut rock band Circadian Rhythm, rock band Stellar Young and Ripe, a Massachusetts pop-funk group.

In addition, the three winning groups that will emerge from the festival's ongoing Battle of the Bands will open the festival at noon on the three stages. The competition, which features local musicians 26 and under, will also award scholarships to the winning musicians to attend Lagond Music School's summer program in Elmsford.

"This festival is for people who don't want to put up with the difficulties of other festivals," Figler added. "You're not stuck in traffic for hours or surrounded by a bunch of drunk people, you don't have to give up an entire weekend or travel far, it's a family friendly event."

Tickets cost \$45 for adults and \$30 for students (12 to 21 years old) and seniors (65 and up) through July 1. From July 2-7, tickets for adults will increase to \$50. Prices will rise to \$60 for adults



Crowds will return on Saturday, July 8 to Parkway Field for the 13th annual Pleasantville Music Festival that will feature Blues Traveler, one of 18 bands that will perform throughout the day.

on the day of the festival and \$35 for seniors and students. Children under 12 years old are free.

Tickets can be purchased online through Ticketmaster and at the Pleasantville Recreation Center, located at 48 Marble Ave. next to Parkway Field,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. All ticket sales at the recreation center may be made in cash or check only.

For more information, including how to volunteer for the event, visit www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com.

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Pleasantville Adopts \$15.6M Village Budget for 2017-18

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville Village Board unanimously adopted a \$15.6 million general fund budget for 2017-18 last Monday that will see taxes increase 0.58 percent and complies with the tax cap.

Trustees said the budget is fiscally responsible and will move the village toward exciting opportunities, citing the updated Master Plan.

"We went through the budget line by line with department heads and

changed a little here and there, but not very much," Mayor Peter Scherer said during the Apr. 24 meeting, "It's a tight well-rounded budget and one that delivers a lot of value."

The budget contains a \$10,576,446 tax levy, an increase of \$165,730, but is \$6,682 under the cap. There will be a projected surplus of \$3,455,840.

Next year's budget anticipates about \$4.7 million in other revenues and calls for the use of \$350,000 in fund balance.

With improvements being made within the village, \$500,000 has been set aside for capital expenses for equipment upgrades, as well as \$150,000 that will be used for road resurfacing. Another \$50,000 will pay for sidewalk

restoration.

The village is also looking to complete road improvements on Tompkins Avenue, Vermilyea Street, Cooley Street, Manville Road and Washington Avenue.

The new fiscal year begins on June 1.

Bareburger Set to Open Later This Month in Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

The wait is almost over for burger fans in Mount Kisco.

Mayor Michael Cindrich said a Bareburger representative recently informed him the eatery is scheduled to open in mid-May. The final step before its debut in the village is to obtain approvals for exterior signs.

Bareburger will be located in the free-standing building at 441 E. Main St. that previously housed a Friendly's restaurant.

The chain describes itself as specializing in organic and all-natural gourmet burgers, snacks and shakes.

Starbucks Drive-Through Referral Needed

A referral from the Mount Kisco Planning Board will be needed before the village board will consider allowing a Starbucks drive-through on North Bedford Road, Cindrich said.

Urban Edge Properties is looking to

replace the Applebee's restaurant at the location with a Starbucks that would include a drive-through once the lease expires. The site would also house a fast-casual restaurant, the identity of which has not been announced by Urban Edge.

The company's Vice President for Development and Construction Aanen Olsen said previously that Applebee's does not want to renew its lease after nearly 20 years at the site. Olsen declined to say when Applebee's lease expires, although it remains in operation.

Mount Kisco's zoning currently does not allow for drive-through service except for banks. The one exception is the Burger King at 230 N. Bedford Rd., which has its drive-through facility because it's been grandfathered in.

Brad Schulz, an attorney representing Urban Edge Properties, said a zoning amendment is needed before his client could proceed with the Starbucks project.

Mt. Kisco Senior Housing Project Pulled From Agenda

Discussion of the proposal to construct 129 senior housing units on Kisco Avenue was pulled from last Tuesday's Mount Kisco Planning Board agenda a week after the developer threatened a \$50 million lawsuit against the village.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Hertz said the item was removed from discussion because Manhattan-based HFZ Capital does not have a signed contract with the village board to buy the 17.7 acres where the project would be built. Therefore, the applicant did not have standing.

"As soon as they have concluded

the agreement with the village and assumed the role of contract vendee for the property they will be welcomed back," Hertz said.

Although the village board unanimously agreed to the sale on Mar. 13 for just over \$4 million, it has not yet signed the contract. The partners for HFZ Capital threatened litigation after the Apr. 17 board meeting and project opponents requested village trustees schedule a public hearing.

The trustees were scheduled to discuss the project at their meeting on Monday night.

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Young Techies Face Off in Mobile App Development Bowl

By Anna Young

After spending the last two months creating mobile apps, hundreds of high school and college students gathered last Friday for the third annual #WestchesterSmart Mobile App Development Bowl at Pace University.

Since February, more than 400 students from over 40 high schools and colleges throughout Westchester, Rockland, New York City, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts have been challenged with developing an app that will improve the lives of people over 65 years old.

"You have what it takes, we want you to get your start here, we want you to develop, showcase and be rewarded for what you do," said County Executive Rob Astorino, who handed out the awards to the winners during the Apr. 28 ceremony. "Your hard work and determination speaks volumes about you and your schools.

During the competition, each team was given the opportunity to present its app to the more than 60 judges in attendance. Judges recognized the top three teams in the creativity, usability and functionality categories and selected a grand prize winner that achieved the top scores in those categories.

Stephen O'Leary, director of telecommunications at New York Presbyterian, a judge for the second year,

said he was interested in finding an app that is practical, creative, innovative and technically capable for the typical senior.

"There's a lot of great ideas for stuff that's not on the market," O'Leary said. "I'm surprised every time I come here because some of the ideas are unique and refreshing."

Many students who competed said they were inspired to create an app based on their grandparents' needs.

"It's definitely clear the elderly population is much more susceptible to isolation and loneliness," said Peter Solimine, a Mamaroneck High School senior. "Our (team members) grandparents gave us a lot of feedback."

The competition's grand prize winner was team KanjiStick from Parsons School of Design. Team members Kokoro Naruke, Chihara Hori and Han Yam Guo won the \$1,000 top prize and LeEco Les S3 Unlocked Smartphones.

The trio created an app called On Time, which connects users with their health insurance company and pharmacy to help remind them when to take their medications.

Arton Mirakaj and George Samuels from Pace University were the recipients of the YouTube Social Award, a new award that honors a team that creates a video as an additional showcase for their mobile app. The duo won a visit to Google



ANNA YOUNG PHOTOS

YouTube Social Award-winning team members Arton Mirakaj and George Samuels from Pace University with County Executive Rob Astorino and Dr. Jonathan Hill, dean of the Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace.

and a tour of the YouTube studios in New York City.

Dr. Jean Coppola, an associate professor at the Seidenberg School who helped create the Mobile App Development Bowl, was the recipient of the College Coach of the Year Award, an award based on student nominations given to a coach who exhibits outstanding leadership, passion and commitment to students and STEM academics in their community.

During the event, Coppola commented on how impressed she is every year with each participant and the hard work they display.

"I'm blown away, I just want to cry,"



The grand prize-winning team KanjiStick from the Parsons School of Design receive their awards from County Executive Rob Astorino, Stephen O'Leary, second from right, director of telecommunications at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and Dr. Jonathan Hill, far right, dean of the Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace, at the #WestchesterSmart Mobile App Development Bowl last week.

Coppola said.

Dr. Jonathan Hill, dean of the Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace University, said he was inspired by each participant after seeing the passion, intensity and technical skill they put into their projects.

"We're doing this to raise awareness and needs to serve a certain population, and the way young people have risen to the challenge is truly impressive," Hill said.

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Chappaqua Resale Store to Hold Spring Specials This Month

Fantastic Finds, an upscale resale shop in Chappaqua, will be holding specials and sales for the month of May.

On Thursday, May 11, all spring items are on sale for 20 percent off. There will also be free refreshments and hours will be extended to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additionally, throughout the entire month, all special occasion attire is on sale for 20 percent off.

Fantastic Finds boasts a wide inventory of new and gently used items in pristine condition. Shoppers can find great prices for high-quality merchandise such as men's and women's clothing; jewelry; accessories such as scarves and handbags; household items such as small or accent furniture; housewares; artwork; small appliances; china; home décor; and musical instruments. Please note no electronics, computers, DVDs or CDs are accepted.

All proceeds from sales at the shop benefit Support Connection, a Yorktown Heights-based nonprofit organization which provides free, year-round breast and ovarian cancer support services. The store is staffed with volunteers who handle sales and inventory and accept donations.

Fantastic Finds is located at 400 King St. in Chappaqua. Regular store hours are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Fantastic Finds at 914-238-9200 or Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or visit www.supportconnection.org/fantastic-finds.

in Teatown's sustainably constructed parking lot opposite the nature center.

The event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at Teatown, located at 1600 Spring Valley Rd. in Ossining. The program is free and open to the public.

The show will feature EV models such as the Tesla Model S, the Chevy Bolt, the Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt and more.

"With this local EV car show, we hope to educate car owners on how EVs can help them reduce their climate and environmental impacts, while saving

them money in the process," said Lindsay Audin, chair of Croton-on-Hudson's Sustainability Committee. "We also hope to develop support for efforts to purchase EV municipal vehicles as the existing units are replaced."

The event comes at a significant time in the development of EV technology, as New York State just added a \$2,000 incentive to the federal \$7,500 tax credit for an EV, bringing down the net price within reach of many looking to buy a new car.

"We are thrilled to partner with

the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's Sustainability Committee to host the electric car show at Teatown," said Dr. Amy Karpati, director of science and programs at Teatown. "Integrating energy efficiency and other sustainability initiatives into our everyday lives is a critical part of the environmental conservation equation. We are excited to expand Teatown's programming to incorporate this theme and to serve as a thoughtful convener of conversations about sustainability in the community."

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Litter Affects Neighborhoods and Whole Towns

Litter. Littering. Litterbug.

They would be almost cute sounding words were it not for their meaning and the deleterious effect can have on our communities, neighborhoods and individual properties.

I regret that I was unable to participate in my town's annual clean-up on Earth Day because of a bad back. What's more regrettable is that any of us must compensate for others' disregard for our environment.

The issue of litter and its relation to the real estate business became abundantly

clear to me on one occasion when I was driving to a house showing on a rather busy street. The young couple I was accompanying told me to cancel the appointment even before seeing the property. I thought the reason may have been that they preferred a quieter street. But that was not the issue.

"I can't live on a street where people just let litter lie there like that," the wife said. "Does the whole town have so little respect for the environment?"

I don't know how extensive the research is, but Keep America Beautiful, an organization dedicated to stop littering and recycling, tells us that houses for



By Bill Primavera

sale in littered neighborhoods usually don't get the best prices, and littered towns have less chance of attracting new businesses, residents and tourists.

Because I owned a property for many years that was surrounded on three sides by roads, two of which were relatively busy, I believe that I am somewhat of an expert on road litter.

What people discard from their cars or as pedestrians shows something about how they live. While the major offending throw-away in the

'70s was cigarette butts, I find that today it is mostly cups from slush machines, plastic containers for bottled water and beer cans.

I think there must be a lot of overweight litterbugs out there because most of the packaging materials I pick up are either from McDonald's or Burger King.

The frustrating thing is that only twice did I actually see someone discard litter from a car. I suspect most litterers must check first to make sure that nobody is looking or they rid themselves of the refuse of their gustatory sprees in the dead of night when most of us are fast asleep.

Keep America Beautiful also tells us that 75 percent of Americans admit to littering within the past five years. (I'm in the 25 percent of those who never litter, and I'm sure you are too.)

We are also told that most litter offenders are males 18 to 34 years old who eat in fast food restaurants at least twice a week, go out for entertainment at least once a week and drive more than 50 miles a day. So, while we may never catch them, we know a little more about them.

To help individuals, most towns have a clean-up day at least once a year, usually around Earth Day. When I checked with Kim Angliss-Gage, who's in charge of refuse and recycling in my hometown of Yorktown, I learned that our town picked up more than 10 tons of roadside litter last season.

While most towns have codes that classify littering as illegal and impose fines for businesses or individuals, do you know anyone who has ever been fined for littering?

The two times that I caught litterers in the act proved quite interesting.

The first time, I saw a young man at a stoplight throw out a large soda cup, still filled with ice. I pulled alongside the offender, rolled down my window and, perhaps venting years of frustration in not catching anybody in the act, I shouted, "Pig!" His equally gruff response to me is

unprintable for a family newspaper.

But just recently, I had a better experience as a litter vigilante. Again, I saw a young man in front of me toss out a wrapper of some kind from his car window, and again I was able to pull alongside the car. With the kind of moderation that comes with the years, this time I said, "You know, it would be really nice if you didn't throw your trash on the road." This young man, obviously embarrassed, said sheepishly, "I'm sorry, sir," and got out of his car to retrieve it.

From what I've observed along the roads, I was thinking that littering has lessened somewhat in the past decade, but Angliss-Gage assures me that it's as prevalent as ever.

"It's just that we have more knights in orange vests who help us out in picking up litter throughout the year," she said.

I know that I always did this around my property and am thankful for all the others who do the same.

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Anthony Viceroy, Medical Group CEO, Pleasantville

By Martin Wilbur

Anthony Viceroy has known for nearly five years what a good place WESTMED Medical Group is to work.

That's when Viceroy arrived at WESTMED to become its chief financial officer.

Since late 2015, he has been the CEO of the Purchase-based multispecialty medical group, overseeing about 450 medical providers in almost every type of specialty along with a roster of administrators and support staff at 14 locations throughout Westchester and Fairfield counties.

Now plenty of others know that WESTMED is an outstanding workplace. Last month it was named among the 30 best health care employers to work for in the United States by Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work, an organization that rates companies on its commitment to employees. It was on a list with nationally recognized providers such as St. Jude's Research Hospital, the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic.

Viceroy said he's not surprised because

WESTMED, in its 21st year, had a top-flight medical team and staff in place since before he came aboard. But the distinction is a high honor. Strong employee satisfaction translates into patient satisfaction, he said.

"On one hand, it's Fortune and it's national recognition, it's exciting and it's humbling at the same time, but I still think that it shows a lot of consistency and focus around service excellence, and if you take care of your employees, you help take care of your patients," Viceroy said. "That's the business that we're in. It wasn't a stretch but it was humbling nonetheless."

Viceroy, 48, a 19-year Pleasantville resident, came to WESTMED in August 2012 after 10 years at Omnicom, a global marketing and corporate communications firm. Before that Viceroy spent four years at a Danish biopharmaceutical company working his way up to become treasurer of North American operations.

A CPA, Viceroy started his career with what is considered the Big 4 public accounting firms.

But the rapidly evolving world of health

care, which is about one-sixth of the national economy, keeps him and everyone on their toes. Viceroy came to WESTMED at a time when changes in the delivery of health care had begun, undergoing major changes that continue today and promise to do so into the future.

"The nice thing about health care is that you don't have one day that's ever boring," Viceroy said. "It evolves and transforms by the minute. I think you look at it in a clear-vision way where the most important relationship is the one between the patient and the provider. That's where trust is gained, that's where the relationship is, that's where the care comes from, and then you look to see how do you support beyond that relationship."

Viceroy, the father of a 25-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter, grew up in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx. He studied accounting at Iona College before earning his MBA in global business management and corporate finance at Fordham.

He said after years of traveling abroad for his job, the 20-minute commute from his Pleasantville home agrees with him. He enjoys spending free time relaxing with family and watching sports.



For the future, WESTMED is likely to continue to grow, but any growth has to be strategically effective, Viceroy said. Its Westchester locations, all of which provide most services and specialties, are in White Plains, Rye, Yonkers, Purchase, Scarsdale and New Rochelle. Two years ago, the group expanded into Connecticut and has a growing presence in Greenwich, Darien and Stamford.

"So, we like growth like any organization does, but we're very mindful of strategic growth and not just growing for the sake of saying look how many flags I have across the country, Viceroy said.

Despite making his first career foray into the health care industry, the principles of maintaining a strong organization requires asking many questions, learning and surrounding oneself with a strong staff. He credits former Medical Director Dr. Barney Newman and founding president Dr. Simeon Schwartz, who will be retiring in about two months, as having provided the medical group with a strong foundation.

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A Great Day to Play a Ball Game in Chappaqua



ERIN MAHER PHOTOS

More than 250 pint-sized baseball players lined up on South Greeley Avenue in Chappaqua last Saturday for the New Castle Little League's annual parade and Opening Day ceremonies. A fire truck led players from more than 20 Little League teams to the gazebo at the town's field and Assemblyman David Buchwald presented Little League President Alex Goldstein with a certificate from the state legislature. After the parade, the little sluggers, who are in grades K-4, enjoyed skill games, a bouncy castle and fresh popcorn and cotton candy.



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Business of the Week

Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe Pleasantville

By Colette Connolly

What started out as a job washing dishes in a Bronx bakery has turned into a career and now small business ownership for 27-year-old Kemar Newell.

Newell is the proprietor of the recently opened Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe. He's a highly-motivated entrepreneur who has yearned to be a bakery owner since he was 17.

"It's something that never left my mind," he said, recalling the 15-hour days he worked while helping his mother provide for him and the family.

Newell was able to learn a variety of baking techniques simply by watching, but he felt that more professional training would help him achieve his goal. In 2015, he enrolled in the Toronto-based Bonnie Gordon College of Confectionary Arts, where he spent an intense six weeks studying baking, pastry arts, cake design and confections.

There were other schools that Newell

considered, but he chose the Canadian college for its emphasis on proper technique and ability to hone students' creativity, he said.

Returning to New York, Newell worked at a Long Island bakery while also baking and selling cakes on the side.

"I saved every penny I could," said Newell, who had a five-year plan to buy his dream bakery.

Newell, who commutes from the Bronx, said buying the business formerly known as Sinapi's Bakery on Wheeler Avenue, is the culmination of his hard work and dedication. He found through a Google search that Sinapi's was for sale and pursued the opportunity.

"It was just what I wanted," Newell said.

Before he officially opened Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe, Newell erected a new pink and brown-striped awning at the front of the store, installed two new display cases and gave the place a fresh coat of paint.



COLETTE CONNOLLY PHOTO
Kemar Newell, the baker and owner of Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe on Wheeler Avenue in the village.

wedding cakes (up to five tiers), but also takes orders for other occasions. He also designs character birthday cakes.

Other cakes freshly baked by Newell and an assistant include a variety of delicious cheesecakes, cookies n' cream, double chocolate, vanilla cakes with either lemon or chocolate filling and red velvet cakes.

Freshly baked chocolate chip, oatmeal, red velvet and M&M-flavored cookies are also available, as are pastries, cupcakes, a variety of pies and a mouth-watering apple strudel.

Knowing that he has been "blessed by an amazing opportunity," Newell said he wants to make every customer feel welcome and provide them the highest level of service.

"I want them to know that this is a friendly bakery and that I truly love my job," he said.

Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe is located at 57 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday and Monday.

To see the delicious items that are baked daily, visit <https://pleasantvillebaker.wixsite.com/bakery>. Customers will soon be able to order online and avail themselves of the bakery's delivery service.

A 10 percent discount will be offered to customers who bring this article with them to the bakery. To place a special order, call 914-773-2014.

Newell puts in long hours, to be sure. He is at the store by 3:30 a.m. baking cakes, pastries and other sweet treats. The bakery opens at 7 a.m. to attract some of the early morning commuters, many of them passing by on their way to catch a train.

Customers can order cakes for any occasion at Pleasantville Bakery & Cafe. Newell is adept at baking and decorating

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Parents in Drive to Raise Funds for School Playground

By Anna Young

A hazardous playground has forced the West Patent Elementary School Association (WPESA) to raise funds to provide children with a safer space to play.

With the Bedford Central School District recovering from financial struggles, parents and students gathered last Friday afternoon for a fundraiser to replace the battered playground located on the school's grounds.

Therese Herrero, a WPESA board member, said the wooden playground with a slide and monkey bars is partially blocked off with caution tape.

"The playground is very old and in poor condition," Herrero said. "Parts are roped off to not use and the wood is splintering."

Parents are concerned for the safety of their children, especially with youngsters from community soccer and lacrosse teams using nearby fields and children from surrounding community using the recreation area.

Cara Provost, a parent and second-grade teacher at West Patent, said the playground is in unsafe condition, particularly in springtime when bees burrow in the wood.

"The priority is for children to play in an environment that's safe and fun," she



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The deteriorating playground equipment at West Patent Elementary School. Parents have been planning efforts to raise \$60,000 to buy and install new equipment.

said.

Parent Ken Diorio added that the importance of investing in the community is to make sure children are safe.

"Our children play on this playground half of the year. If we aren't investing in our community, then what will we invest

in?" Diorio said. "You want a lasting token for the community. Families come and go but this money is important for the West Patent community."

With a \$60,000 fundraising goal, Herrero said parents also plan to help construct a renovated playground. It will include new swings, slides, physical

strengthening equipment and other products. A design has not been decided on and the equipment is subject to change.

Friday's fundraiser, which offered face painting, food and a gaga court, brought in about \$2,000. WPESA raised roughly \$8,000 prior to the event.

"Kids have already gotten hurt on the playground," WPESA President Lowell Moustakas said.

Moustakas said he hopes more families will step forward to donate money. More fundraisers are anticipated in the upcoming months.

"The district, unfortunately, doesn't have enough money to pay for it so we're trying to do it ourselves," Moustakas said. "So, I'm hoping we get a lot of support."

The elementary school will provide dumpsters when the current equipment is removed.

To donate via Paypal, e-mail WPESAdonation@gmail.com. Checks are also accepted and should be made out to WPESA, with "Playground" in the memo section, and sent to Jane Lash, WPESA treasurer, 80 West Patent Rd, Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507. All donations will go directly toward the Playground Fund and are tax deductible.

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Preventing, Identifying and Rehabilitating Tennis Injuries

By Dr. Brian Dombal

Tennis season is in full swing. As with any sport, tennis players at all levels can experience aches, pains and injuries when competing.

Two-thirds of tennis injuries are a result of overuse and the rest are due to a traumatic injury or acute event. Overuse injuries most often affect the shoulders, wrists and elbows.

Understanding the most common tennis injuries, learning stretches and tips to help prevent injuries and knowing when to see a doctor are immensely important in keeping tennis players on the court this season.

Elbow Pain: One of the most common ailments that tennis players experience. Lateral epicondylitis, more commonly known as Tennis Elbow, is tendonitis caused by inflammation of the tendons on the outer bony prominence of the elbow. Tendonitis in the inside of your elbow is called Golfer's Elbow. Both injuries are usually caused by the repeated strain and overuse of the forearm muscles through repetitive flexing, rotating, gripping and swinging.

To avoid elbow pain and injury, it



By Dr. Brian J. Dombal, DPT

is important to stretch and strengthen your forearms and wrists. Stretch your forearm by pulling your hand back and then pushing it forward slowly several times. Another good stretch is rotating your wrist in circular motions several times in both directions. Light weight training can also help strengthen your forearm muscles. Additionally, it is always a good idea to get properly sized for a tennis racket and possibly work with a tennis pro to ensure proper technique.

Shoulder Pain: Another common complaint of players as a result of playing a lot of tennis. The shoulder is the most flexible joint in the body and has the potential for hundreds of different positions. The rotator cuff helps position and stabilize the shoulder properly in the shoulder socket, and when it is weak or tired, there is an increased risk of irritation and inflammation, which will result in pain with overhead motions like serving.

Stretching and strengthening are very important in preventing shoulder pain. Great shoulder stretches include shoulder rolls, neck rolls, cross-body arm

stretches, cow-face poses and standing wall stretches. Ways to strengthen your rotator cuff include shoulder raises to the side, shoulder circles, internal/external rotation with resistance and crosses with light weights. Massage and trigger point release also helps break up any tightness in the shoulder.

Stress Fractures: Commonly the result of increasing training too quickly. When your muscles tire, more stress is placed on the bone. When this happens, the breaking down of the bone overtakes the rebuilding, leading to weakness in an area of the bone that is under high stress. Stress fractures are preventable with proper strength and endurance training prior to playing a lot of tennis. Standing flat-footed on an incline is a great stretch for shins and calf muscles. Appropriate footwear is also important to preventing stress fractures.

Muscle Strains: Happens most frequently as a result of quick, sudden moves. To lessen the risk of muscle strains, you should do a good warm-up followed by proper stretching. The warm-up could include a slow jog, elliptical or riding a bike at low intensity.

Proper stretching should be slow and deliberate and should cover all of the major muscle groups that you will be using while playing.

Playing tennis at any level can injure muscles, bones, tendons, ligaments and nerves.

It is important for tennis players to be informed and educated on how best to identify, prevent and rehabilitate any pains or injuries. Changing a few habits (stretching before playing tennis), adding a few strengthening activities (simple daily exercises and light weight lifting), making slight adjustments to your swing and serve to

improve biomechanics and technique and seeking treatment as issues arise (massage, physical therapy and trigger point release

therapy) will all make a difference in preventing injuries and keeping tennis players on the court.

Dr. Brian Dombal is a physical therapist at ProClinix Sports Physical Therapy & Chiropractic in Armonk. He can be reached at 914-202-0700. For more information, visit www.ProClinix.com.

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Mamma Mia! Dazzles on Westchester Broadway Theatre Stage

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

With a winning musical score by the Swedish pop group ABBA, the latest production at the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) keeps its promise of once again providing outstanding entertainment.

The success of ABBA from 1974 to 1982 has been well-documented in music annals. They were known for being one of the first non-English speaking groups to top the charts in English speaking countries. Sales of ABBA music is nearing 500 million and their music is still popular today as seen by the success of "Mamma Mia!"

Inspired by the storytelling magic of ABBA's songs, from "Dancing Queen" and "S.O.S." to "Money, Money, Money" and "Take a Chance on Me," "Mamma Mia!" is a celebration of mothers and daughters, old friends and new family.

The current production, following the production's epic 14-year run on Broadway, is on stage at WBT through June 25.

The story line is simple, yet easily lends itself to the group's music, nicely woven in throughout the play. Donna Sheridan is an independent, single mother who is about to see her spirited 20-year-old daughter Sophie, who she has raised alone on an idyllic Greek island, get married. For Sophie's wedding, Donna has invited her two best girlfriends she used to sing with to celebrate the occasion.

But Sophie has secretly invited guests of her own, three men from Donna's past, in the hopes that one of them will be the father she's never known. How did she locate these men and learn their names? Sophie discovered her mother's romantic involvements after reading her diary, and then took matters into her own hands to bring the three men to Greece to attend her wedding.

Each man thought Donna had invited them and went back to Greece because of their love or friendship they had with her 21 years earlier. Over 24 chaotic hours, new love blooms and old romances are rekindled on this lush island full of possibilities.

Once again, WBT has done an outstanding and creative job with stage scenery. Facades of white stucco homes flank each side of the stage, complete with cobalt blue shutters and hanging floral baskets. Even the feel of the glimmering sea water is artistically projected on the stage's backdrop adding to the ambiance of the locale.

WBT's intimate setting provides the audience a terrific view of the stage and to be close to the more than 20-member cast.

"Mamma Mia!" is one of the most successful musicals of all time, the eighth longest-running show in Broadway history. The West End production is now in its 18th year. To date, the show, based on the book

by Catherine Johnson, has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide in 50 productions in 16 different languages.

The music and lyrics are by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, with some songs by Stig Anderson. The play is directed and choreographed by Mark Martino, with musical direction by Eric Alford. Martino hits the mark with the outstanding choreography, highlighting the dance talent and acrobatic abilities of the cast. Costumes sparkled and the 1970s theme and happy music of that time period took center stage.

As has been the trend during the last few WBT productions, the music and story line easily lend itself to a mini concert. With ABBA's lively music, the audience readily clapped, sang along and some even stood up and danced by their table for the lively encore.

Don't miss a chance to see this fantastic, upbeat and fun musical presentation. Without a doubt, it will be one of WBT's top productions.

For tickets and reservations, call 914-592-2222 or visit www.BroadwayTheatre.com.

For group reservations of 20 or more, call 914-592-2225. Ticket prices for the dinner and show range from \$56 to \$84, plus tax, depending on the performance chosen. Beverage service and gratuities are not included. Discounts are available



"Mamma Mia!" is on stage at Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford through June 25.

for children, students and senior citizens at selected performances. Also check the website for special offers.

Matinees for "Mamma Mia!" are shown Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the show is at 1 p.m. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. with the show at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinees are at noon for lunch with the show at 1:30 p.m. Sunday evenings dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING - REVIEW OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE The Westchester County Board of Legislators, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law shall hold a public hearing to consider the review of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1, the proposed modifications as recommended by the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) and described

in a report adopted by the AFPB, and any other proposed modifications submitted in writing to the Board during the comment period. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2017 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. Please contact the Board of Legislators at (914) 995-2800 if you require special arrangements for access to the public hearing. The Westchester County Agricultural District consists of a total of 7,504 acres of land within the following municipalities (listed in order of the amount of farmland in each): Town of North Salem (3,770 acres), Town of Bedford (1,001 acres), Town of Somers (980 acres), Town of Yorktown (648 acres), Town of Mount Pleasant (384 acres), Town of Cortlandt (353 acres), Village of Sleepy Hollow (222 acres), Town of Lewisboro (146 acres). Modifications to the agricultural district proposed by the AFPB consist of the addition of County-owned agriculturally related parcels of land and additional parcels of land as described in the AFPB report. Copies of the AFPB report, a list and map of farms proposed to be included in the district and modifications proposed by the public are available on the County website at www.westchestergov.com and at the Department of Planning, Room 432 of the Michaelian Office Building, located at **148 Martine Avenue in White Plains and the Office of the County Clerk. For more information, visit the County website or contact David Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, at (914) 995-2089 or dsk2@westchestergov.com.**

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"Where Family Matters Most"

Jacob Burns Remembers Oscar-Winning Director Demme

By Neal Rentz

Academy Award-winning director Jonathan Demme, who was actively involved with and a key contributor to the Jacob Burns Film Center through much of its first 15 years, was fondly remembered last week.

Demme, who died on Apr. 26 from esophageal cancer at 73, served for nine years on its board of directors and hosted ongoing series at the Pleasantville film center. A tribute to the filmmaker was held in June 2014.

A Long Island native, Demme would often visit the Burns, traveling from his Nyack home during its early days and often viewed it as a force for social change, said Marketing Manager and Digital Media Specialist Lori Zakalik.

"He was just a big part of the organization," Zakalik said.

Demme conducted the ongoing Rarely Seen Cinema series for many years, which featured films from around the world. He also devised the idea of showing westerns, and could often be seen hosting Saddle Up Saturdays with Jonathan Demme.

Founding Director of Programming Brian Ackerman praised Demme in a statement last Wednesday shortly after news of the filmmaker's death broke. He called Demme "one of the great directors of our time - innovative and daring, inventive and honest, creating films in all forms and

genres: narratives, documentaries, music films, experimental shorts, and beyond."

Although Demme was a filmmaker of international stature, having captured the Academy Award for best director for "The Silence of the Lambs" in 1991, and two years later directing Denzel Washington and Tom Hanks in "Philadelphia," where Hanks won best actor, Ackerman said he always treated staff and the audience warmly while displaying constant spirit and energy.

He was also a mentor to students, hosted innumerable public screenings with filmmakers, writers and actors and was a teacher and friend. Ackerman said Demme believed in "the transcendent power of sharing" and was always the same regardless of the situation.

"He had that rarest of all gifts, the gift of inclusion, of letting us all feel like we belonged, of letting us all feel important in some precious, intangible, essential way," Ackerman said. "He was larger than life, while insisting all the while, in every word and gesture, that we were made of the same stuff."

"The Silence of the Lambs" also earned four other major Academy Awards, including best picture, best actor (Anthony Hopkins), best actress (Jodie Foster) and best adapted screenplay, won by Ted Tally.

"Philadelphia" was one of the first mainstream studio films to deal with the AIDS epidemic.



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Jonathan Demme, flanked by Meryl Streep and Jodie Foster, at a tribute to him at the Jacob Burns Film Center in 2014. The Academy Award-winning director died last week at 73.

His other signature works were the 1980 release "Melvin and Howard," which featured Mary Steenburgen, who won best supporting actress for the role, and "Something Wild," the 1986 film starring Melanie Griffith, Jeff Daniels and Ray Liotta.

Demme also made several documentaries during his 46-year career, including the concert films "Stop Making Sense," the 1984 movie featuring The Talking Heads, and the 2016 film "Justin Timberlake + The Tennessee Kids."

Another acclaimed documentary he directed was the 1992 release "Cousin

Bobby," about his late cousin Robert Castle, who was an Episcopal minister in Harlem.

Demme worked in television as well. An episode of the Fox network series "Shots Fired" that he directed was broadcast last Wednesday night.

"In every conversation about Jonathan, there inevitably comes a moment when someone says: 'Y'know, I never met anyone like him,'" Ackerman stated. "We, at the Burns and everywhere, will miss him."

Demme is survived by his wife, Joanne Howard, and three children, according to www.legacy.com.

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Different Choices for Vibrant Recipes for Spring

By Joanne Witmyer

After a winter of roasted root vegetables, we crave a fresh, different way to enjoy seasonal vegetables. Here are two different twists on the usual approaches to these early appearances in our local gardens:



By Joanne Witmyer

Asparagus Salad (6 servings)

Ingredients

- Juice from freshly squeezed lemon (medium size) and zest
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 pound of raw asparagus
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup finely chopped shallots (optional)

Instructions

In a large bowl, whisk together lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper. Trim bottoms of asparagus. Cut asparagus tips off spears and add to mixture in the bowl. Cut asparagus spears into diagonal slivers, adding to bowl.

Add mint, parsley, lemon zest and (if desired) shallots, and toss salad until combined. Serve

immediately or allow the flavors to blend for a few hours.

Wild Ramp Pesto (Makes 3/4 cup)

Ingredients

1. 2 tablespoons olive oil
2. 3 bunches of ramps – root ends trimmed, stalks and leaves cut in 1/4th slices
3. 1/4 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
4. 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

5. 2 tablespoons pine nuts
6. 1/3 cup finely grated Reggiano Parmesan (optional)
7. 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
8. 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

Instructions

Heat a large heavy-bottomed frying pan over medium-high heat and add the olive oil. Add the ramps. Stir well and sauté

for 2 to 3 minutes until the ramps are wilted and have turned a shade darker, stirring from time to time.

Transfer to a bowl and let cool to room temperature. Place the sautéed ramps in the bowl of a food processor. Add the lemon zest, lemon juice, pine nuts, Parmesan, salt and olive oil and process for about 1 to 2 minutes until the mixture forms a creamy paste, scraping the sides of

the bowl once or twice. Transfer to a container. Use right away, refrigerate for up to three days or freeze for up



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to one month.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FREEDOM CAPITAL ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/16, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of

process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **405 Tarrytown Road #1437, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of 1352 COMMERCE AVENUE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/16, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **1027 Washington Avenue Pelham Manor, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF WK RISK MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/2017. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in CT on 7/11/2016. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 925 Westchester Ave., Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10604. CT address of LLC: 190 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Certificate of LLC filed with Secy. of State of CT located at: **30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: providing assistance to insurance brokers and agents.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

NAME: Mitch's Fishes, LLC Articles of Organization were filed With the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/16. Office location : Westchester County. SSNY has been designated As agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to : **The LLC, 22 Baltic Place Apt 2D , Croton On Hudson, NY 10520 (the LLC's principal business Location) Purpose : any lawful purpose**

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Kykuit, the hilltop estate that served as home to four generations of Rockefellers, opens to visitors on May 4. The season lasts through Sunday, Nov. 12.

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Kykuit's modern and classical art collection, architecture and expansive gardens are consistently rated the top cultural attraction in the lower Hudson Valley and draw tens of thousands of visitors annually.

A recent New York Times piece notes, "Kykuit's numbers indicate the magnitude of what there is to see: a six-story stone manor, 40 rooms, 20 bedrooms, almost 40 fountains, over 100 works of modern art in the galleries, more than 70 pieces of modern sculpture outdoors and a sprawling coach barn with numerous horse-drawn carriages and family automobiles."

Visitors to Kykuit learn the story of the Rockefellers, beginning with John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil, whose business acumen made him the richest man in America in his day. He later became the country's first significant philanthropist. By his death in 1937, he had given away more than half his fortune through various philanthropic programs.

Visitors can choose from four tours: Classic, Grand, Timesaver and Landmark.

The Classic, ideal for first-time visitors, is a shorter experience than the comprehensive three-hour Grand. Besides the mansion, both of these tours include time in Kykuit's art galleries, gardens and Coach Barn, with its collection of horse-drawn carriages, vintage automobiles and equestrian equipment. The 90-minute Timesaver is ideal for those on tighter schedules, while Landmark maximizes time in the gardens.

Tours of Kykuit are available Thursday through Sunday from May to September and Nov. 1-12. In October, tours operate daily except Tuesdays. Tours also take place on Memorial Day, July 3 and 4 and Labor Day.

Visitors can buy tickets online in advance, choosing the exact tour, time and date they want to visit. Tickets are on sale at www.hudsonvalley.org. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$40. (Tickets are \$15 to \$30 for Historic Hudson Valley or National Trust members.)

Historic Hudson Valley recommends advanced ticket buying, particularly for weekend tours, which fill up quickly. Tickets may be purchased by calling 914-366-6900 (with a \$4 per ticket service charge) or at the Kykuit Visitor Center. All tours start at the Kykuit Visitor Center at Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9) in Sleepy Hollow, two miles

north of the Tappan Zee Bridge. Doors open at 9 a.m.

Kykuit, a historic site of the National Trust, is operated and maintained by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as a center for its philanthropic programs. Historic Hudson Valley operates the public visitation program.

Tours begin this week of Kykuit, the hilltop estate that served as home to four generations of the Rockefeller family.



STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 54009/2016

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-FRE2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE2, Plaintiff, v. JANICE E. KOHN, LESLIE S. KOHN, TUTHILL FINANCE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF BRIARCLIFF COMMONS CONDOMINIUM, JANE DOE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of Honorable David F. Everett, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 13th day of April, 2017, at Westchester, New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 98.10-1-70./0102 f/k/a 4-1-1.2

The Unit known as Number 1-2 (hereinafter called the "Unit") in the Buildings known as Briarcliff Commons Condominium, in the Village of Briarcliff Manor, County of Westchester, State of New York, designated and described as Unit Number 1-2 in the Declaration establishing Briarcliff Commons Condominium (hereinafter called the "Property"), made by the Grantor under the Condominium Act of the State of New York, (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), which Declaration is dated May 16, 1986 and recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Westchester County (Division of Land Records), New York on the 22nd day of May 1986, in Liber 8443 of Land Records, at Page 203, and which Unit is also designated as Section 4, Plate 22, Block 1, Lot 1-2 on the Floor Plans of the Buildings as certified by Gemnola and McWilliams, architects, on the 7th day of May, 1986 and filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Westchester County (Division of Land Re-

cords), on the 22nd day of May, 1986, as Map Number 22337. The land on which the Building containing the Unit is located (and on which the other buildings forming a part of Briarcliff Commons Condominium are located) is described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Village of Briarcliff Manor, Town of Ossining, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a monument at the northeasterly corner of the herein described premises and the northerly corner of the property now or formerly of the Village of Briarcliff Manor and on the southerly boundary line of property known as Briarcliff-Peekskill Parkway at Westchester County Parkway Monument Number 22;

RUNNING THENCE along property now or formerly of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, South 1 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds East 189.60 feet;

THENCE still along property now or formerly of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, South 63 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west 327.56 feet to property now or formerly of Keator;

RUNNING THENCE partly along land now or formerly of Keator and others on a course, North 34 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds West 546.16 feet; and North 32 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds West 128 feet;

THENCE RUNNING along the northerly boundary line of land now or formerly of G. Pacchiana the following courses and distances:

South 15 degrees 34 minutes 50 seconds West 23.05 feet;

South 81 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West 131.72 feet;

THENCE RUNNING along North State Road as presently widened the following courses and distances:

On a curve to the right having a radius of 131.72 feet and a length of 16.39 feet;

North 37 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds East 12 feet;

North 58 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East 59.24 feet;

North 28 degrees 52 minutes 34 seconds East 28.28 feet;

North 2 degrees 37 minutes 43 seconds East 23.02 feet;

North 19 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East 55.01 feet to the southwesterly side of lands of Briarcliff Peekskill Parkway, (Route 9-A);

THENCE RUNNING along the southwesterly side of lands of Briarcliff Peekskill Parkway (Route 9-A) the following courses and distances: On a curve to the right having a radius of 319.60 feet and a length of 142.40 feet; South 62 degrees 38 minutes 40 seconds East 650 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises being designated as Section 4, Plate 22, Block 1, Lot 1-2 on the Tax Map of the Town of Ossining.

TOGETHER with an undivided 3.09 percent interest in the common elements of the Property described in said Declaration (hereinafter called, the "Common Elements").

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 12 Colby Lane, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

**WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP
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700 Crossroads Building
2 State Street
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Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, May 2

Drop-in Tech Help. Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Avoid the 10 Greatest Gaffes in Estate and Retirement Planning. Whether you are in the early stages of planning your retirement or already retired, this program will provide valuable information. Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Also, May 9, 16, 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

How to Get Accepted Into Your Top Choice Colleges. Discover a unique approach to help your child stand out from the competition and get accepted into their top-choice colleges. Come and learn how students develop and implement meaningful and noteworthy plans of action to get noticed by college admissions officers and to do well by doing good. Parents and high school students welcome. Saw Mill Club East, 333 N. Bedford Rd., Suite 219, Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-977-3705 or e-mail ron@standoutforcollege.com.

Wednesday, May 3

Katonah Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale. A nearly week-long sale of items including clothing for all ages, linen, furniture, electronics, knick-knacks, jewelry, fine china, toys and games and much more. All proceeds go to charities; donations and purchases are tax deductible. Katonah Presbyterian Church, 31 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Also May 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and

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

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

Mommy Meet-up. Whether you just gave birth to your first or fourth child, join us and enjoy time to meet and chat with other new moms in the Rompere Indoor Playground. This is not a structured class, but rather an opportunity to hang out with your new baby. We also invite guest speakers to come and share their expertise about various topics that interest parents of new babies. World Cup Schools, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 21. Info: 914-238-9267.

Adult Coloring Club. It's a relaxing, analog stress-reducer that can give you a sense of accomplishment. Coloring also provides a creative outlet to people who may not be trained artists. The library provides colored pencils and intricate mandala patterns, just bring your creativity. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

Storytime. For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library,

100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.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, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increase focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also May 10, 17, 24 and 31. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also May 10, 17, 24 and 31. Info: 914-273-3887.

Mind Games. Fun exercises and tips for seniors to help stimulate the mind. Phelps Hospital boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Tech Help. Tech help is available and will be provided by local high school students. Drop in with your tablet, smartphone or laptop. A librarian will also be available to assist with more technical questions. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Wednesdays through June 14. Info: 914-769-0548 or 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.

AAUW-Westchester's Meeting. The monthly meeting will feature author Dede Emerson, who will speak about her autobiography, "And for My Next Act: From Bebop to the UN and Beyond." It tells the story about her transition from a jazz pianist to a United Nations executive. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. 6 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.westchester-ny.aauw.net.

Dancers in Residency. This vibrant

and powerful dance performance is part of the student-in-residency project, a new addition to the Neuberger Museum of Art's educational programming. Original choreography by Purchase College Dance Conservatory seniors Emily Kessler, Erin Landers and Spencer Weidie will be specific to the current exhibitions by Leandro Erlich and Fred Wilson on view at the museum. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

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.

Art Series: Smithsonian Complex. Take a look at the history behind the Smithsonian Complex and the many facilities it encompasses with a special focus on the Freer Gallery of Art and the Sachler Gallery, which holds the Freer's American collection. Also explore the Peacock Room and the painting by James Whistler called the "Princess From the Land of Porcelain." Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Bedford Chamber Concert Series. This concert is a special tribute to Rev. Terence Elsberry of St. Matthew's Church in Bedford, who is retiring in June. Since the initiation of the concert series 16 years ago by Music Director Anthony Newman, Rev. Elsberry has supported the series. This final gala features the premier of Newman's rendition of Psalm 27, which he composed to celebrate Elsberry's years of service to the church. The third segment of Handel's Messiah, with its uplifting focus on the Resurrection, will also be performed. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Fellowship Room at St. Matthew's Church, 382 Cantitoe St. (Route 22), Bedford. 8 p.m. \$45. Info *continued on page 32*

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Happenings

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and tickets: 914-522-5150 or visit www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org.

Thursday, May 4

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.

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

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

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.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.

Storytelling in the Family. Why we do it and why it is important. International storyteller Ruediger Guhl will share his experiences and some stories. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Also May 11, 18 and 25. Info: 914-273-3887.

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.mountkisco.library.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.mountkisco.library.org.

North Castle's Big Read Final Event. Greek snacks, music and book discussion. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Pop Up Beauty Bar & Glam Party. Guests will enjoy being pampered with mini facials, manicures, pedicures and massages, blow-outs and hair extensions, teeth whitening, threading, eyelash extensions and more. All guests will receive a complementary service of their choosing and have the opportunity to do some great pre-Mother's Day shopping. Also includes beverages, light appetizers and dessert station. Saw Mill Club, 77 Kensico Drive, Mount Kisco. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$35 in advance. \$40 at the door. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.popupbeautybar2017.eventbrite.com.

Author Talk. Pamela Hull, who raised her family in New Rochelle, will share her personal journey of loss, strength and choice to live her best life, in midlife, which resulted in her book "Say Yes! Flying Solo After Sixty." Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Lucinda Williams in Concert. This Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter returns, touring behind her new album "Ghosts of Highway 20." The show will also include special guest Erika Wennerstrom of The Heartless Bastards. Tarrytown Music, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48 to \$88. Also May 5. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Friday, May 5

Zumba. Low-impact Zumba with Amy. A great dance fitness workout for those who like to sweat, sizzle and tone while moving to the beat of exhilarating rhythms with a low impact/high intensity approach. A perfect class for those who need to protect vulnerable body parts such as knees, shoulders and back. Try a free trial class. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162.

Play Days at Jay. Pack a picnic and spend the afternoon at John Jay Homestead. Explore the six discovery centers and help volunteers collect eggs from the chicken coop. Education staff will lead a short hands-on activity. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Fridays through Oct. 27. Info: 914-232-8119 or visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Evening Howl for Pups of All Ages.

Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why May is a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves. Weather-appropriate treats will be served. Please bring flashlights. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 6 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children: \$13. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Opening Reception and Meet the Artists for Abstract Expressions. The abstract artwork of Dion Hitchings, Susanne Peck and Carlos Uribe will be on exhibit showcasing the work of three artists whose approach to abstraction varies in style and inspiration. Anderson Chase Gallery at Katonah Art Center, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through May 26. Info: 914-232-4843 or visit www.AndersonChaseGallery.com.

Friday Night Cinema: "Hunt for the Wilderpeople." This New Zealand adventure comedy-drama film by one of our favorite Kiwi directors, Taika Waititi. Starring Sam Neill as a cranky but good-hearted widower who is responsible for a foster son after a series of unfortunate events, the film is at a fish-out-of-water story, a screwball comedy and a manhunt film. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

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. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Friday Night Film Series: "About Elly." A group of middle class friends travel from Tehran to spend the weekend at the seaside. Elly is the teacher of Sepideh's daughter and has been invited by Sepideh in order to introduce her to their recently divorced friend now living in Germany. Elly says that she has to return to Tehran because her mother has been admitted to the hospital for heart surgery, but Sepideh asks her to stay. The children are playing in the sea and Elly is asked to watch them. Out of the blue, Sepideh's daughter calls to some men playing volleyball to rescue one of the children from the water. After rescuing the little boy, they seek out Elly, questioning whether she has drowned or returned to Tehran. The fourth of a six-film series. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Doors open

at 7:10 p.m. Refreshments at 7:20 p.m. Screenings at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10 (60 and older). Info and tickets: 914-723-3186.

"Urinetown the Musical." A terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides that he's had enough and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Also May 6 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's HB Artist Recital Series: Jenny Hayden. This soprano performs a program of German lieder, French chansons and operatic arias. Included on the program are works by Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Claude Debussy, several selections from Francis Poulenc's song cycle "La Courte Paille" and excerpts from Gian Carlo Menotti's comic opera "The Telephone." Greenville Community Church, 270 Ardsley Rd., Scarsdale. 8 p.m. \$18. Seniors (65 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org. Tickets are also available at the door.

"The Hound of the Baskervilles." The most celebrated Sherlock Holmes story gets a gloriously funny makeover in this cheeky spoof. Adapted by Steven Canny and John Nicholson and directed by Mark Shanahan. Presented by Hudson Stage Company. Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors and students: \$35. Also May 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and May 7 and 13 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.hudsonstage.com or www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2842938

Saturday, May 6

Bird Walk. Join avid birder Mike Bochnik from Hudson River Audubon Society in search for all the birds that live around the lake. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The largest year-round farmers market in Westchester and voted Best of Westchester in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by readers of Westchester Magazine. There are 56 vendors, many of whom you won't find anywhere else, and seven nearby parking lots located in the heart of downtown Pleasantville. This week, the Pleasantville Garden Club visits, highlighting the Rose Project and the upcoming May 13 plant sale. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial

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Mt. Kisco Seafood Recognized for 40 Years of Serving Community

By Neal Rentz

As a young man, Joe DiMauro took a weekend job at Mt. Kisco Seafood in 1977, assisting original owner Brock Callen at the store.

DiMauro has been there ever since.

On Apr. 21, DiMauro, the owner of one of Mount Kisco's anchor businesses, celebrated its 40th anniversary with a ceremony that saw him honored by local dignitaries.

"I was always intrigued by the sea, and while working in the fish store, I became enamored with the fish business," DiMauro said.

It also makes sense that DiMauro has remained loyal to the village. A Mount Kisco native, he played on Fox Lane High School's first boys' lacrosse team and met his future wife, Joni, at the school. They married in 1975.

But it was in 1979, that DiMauro realized his dream of owning his own business when Callen sold Mt. Kisco Seafood to him.

"I always wanted my business to be a place like 'Cheers,' where everybody knows your name," he said.

In 2004, DiMauro moved Mt. Kisco Seafood to its current location at 477 Lexington Ave. The new store was expanded to include fresh meats and vegetables and a catering kitchen. It sells many locally produced items, such as

vegetables, cheese, honey, eggs, bread and milk. Fish is purchased daily from the Fulton Fish Market.

Over the years, DiMauro has donated to a wide assortment of charities and causes, including assistance for battered women, children with terminal illnesses, food pantries and the arts.

But it was his experience watching family members and friends suffer from breast cancer that had the most impact. It resulted in DiMauro's "personal vendetta" against the disease, and he has vowed to do whatever he can to help find a cure.

As a participant in seven Avon Walks for Breast Cancer, each in a different city, DiMauro and his team of friends and family have walked the equivalent of more than 10 marathons, raising well over \$100,000 to support breast cancer research and prevention education.

He has also donated time, money and products at local fundraising events to support Making Headway, Food Bank for Westchester, Mount Kisco Child Care Center, the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester and Riverkeeper.

He recently returned from a three-week trip to Tanzania with his wife where he taught English, health and business skills to teens in a detention facility.

It was "a life-altering experience," DiMauro said.



MOUNT KISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTO

Joe and Joni DiMauro, center, owners of Mt. Kisco Seafood, are flanked by Michael Jefferson, who delivered a proclamation to the DiMauros on behalf of state Sen. Terrence Murphy, and County Legislator Francis Corcoran.

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Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday through Nov. 18 (except May 20). Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Garden Workday. Organic gardening benefits people and our planet, so join in to cultivate the teaching garden. Supplies will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

I Love My Park Day. A day of service at the 62-acre John Jay Homestead. Help preserve and protect its cultural landscape while tackling invasive removal and spring clean-up projects. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration recommended. Info and registration: 914-232-8119 or visit www.johnjayhomestead.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.

Skin Screenings. The Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care and Montefiore's Division of Dermatology is sponsoring total body skin exams in honor of Melanoma Awareness Month. Montefiore dermatologists will provide the screenings for adults and children. Montefiore Medical Specialists of Westchester, 495 Central Park Ave., Scarsdale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Appointments encouraged. Info and appointments. 914-721-2940.

Fall Prevention: A Matter of Balance. Many seniors have a fear of falling and restrict their activities. This eight-session program emphasizes practical strategies to reduce this fear and increase activity levels by improving strength, balance and flexibility. Phelps Hospital, C Level classroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Social Security and the New Retirement Reality. An educational workshop for people 60 to 70 years old and retirees. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist. Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-793-5055 or visit www.eastchesterlibrary.org.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat

or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also May 20 and 27. Info: 914-273-3887.

Meditation Workshop. Michael Cardillo will help you reach peace and a clear vision in meeting your life's goals. An AA member, he will share his knowledge and meditation techniques. Open to all. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberaly.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role of wolves in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are searching for prey preparing for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also May 28. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Around the World With Lou Del Bianco. An exciting multicultural program that combines storytelling, theater and music. Del Bianco invites children onstage to help him act out stories that reflect the African, South and North American, Asian and European cultures. Children discover that everyone has a song to sing or a story to tell no matter where they come from. For children Pre-K through second grade. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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

Wildflower Walk. Join master gardener Mary Harrington to identify and learn about the wildflowers that inhabit the reserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

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.

"Bag It." The Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council, the Bedford and Mount Kisco Reusable Bag Initiative, and Bedford2020 are hosting a screening of this award-winning environmental documentary. The film follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he tries to make sense of the dependence on plastic bags. Although his quest starts out small, he soon learns that the problem extends past landfills to oceans, rivers and ultimately human health. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041.

Italian Conversation for Kids. Sara Machiavelli, a Bologna, Italy native, will teach children about her country and native language. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberaly.org.

Ukrainian Spring Traditions. Welcome spring with a concert of Ukrainian village-style polyphony featuring the Ukrainian Village Voices. Then watch a demonstration of pysanky (Ukrainian egg decorating). Decorate your own wooden egg in a hands-on workshop. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why April is a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the high desert of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador Wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also May 21, 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. and May 29 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Bach Festival. The opening of a two-day music festival featuring the exquisite works of J.S. Bach. Proclaimed by Felix Mendelssohn as "the greatest music in the world," audiences will have the opportunity to hear compositions written for a variety of instruments and choirs, under the direction of Dr. Sandor Szabo. Followed by a reception. The Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville. 3 p.m. Free. Also May 7. Info: 914-337-6776 or e-mail sszabo@reformedchurch.org.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: Return to Mozart. The nation's

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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. Info: Visit www.emanuelc.org.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Kimberly Hawkey and The Swingeros. 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. First seating 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$10 per person. Second seating 9 to 10:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. First come, first served at bar with no cover charge. Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit www.chappaquastation.com.

An Evening With Roger McGuinn. As the founder of The Byrds, McGuinn is firmly established as an indisputable industry icon. From his signature 12-string Rickenbacker sound, to his instantly recognizable vocals on hits like "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Eight Miles High" and "Mr. Tambourine Man," McGuinn didn't just make music, he made history. That feeling continues today as he delivers the gift of an evening with a master that is intimate and spellbinding. He guides the audience along a journey of story and song, populated by the "old friends" they expect to hear, as well as some new acquaintances from the folk music that McGuinn passionately embraces. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.com.

"Hamlet." The National Players present Shakespeare's most powerful and influential tragedy, and it ranks as the Bard's most popular play. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$22. Seniors and students: \$20. Children (under 13): \$16. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Memorable Wine Stories Recalled Over 500 Grapevine Columns



By Nick Antonaccio

Life can present us with opportunities at unanticipated moments and under unanticipated circumstances. So it is that I came to write the “You Heard it Through the Grapevine” column for the

Examiner group of newspapers.

A chance conversation with publisher Adam Stone at a gathering in the summer of 2007 gave rise to my column in his start-up weekly newspaper. From its initial edition of 2,000 copies, the Examiner Media group has grown to a chain of four editions, with a combined circulation of 25,000 copies and about 70,000 readers each week.

This week’s column is a milestone for me: it marks my 500th column.

Many thanks for your support and the support of Stone and Martin Wilbur (editor-in-chief) for these rewarding years. I hope you have enjoyed

reading these columns as much as I have enjoyed creating them. It has truly been a labor of love, as I draw my inspiration from each of you.

*You Heard It
Through the
Grapevine*

‘I draw my inspiration from each of you.’

Consumed with nostalgia and fond memories of the past nine-plus years, I thought I would mark this occasion with a brief retrospective of my body of work to date. Thanks to reader support, I have been inspired to write columns on numerous topics that I hope provide a modicum of insight and/or education as you walk the virtual vineyard trails of the wine world.

1. From Wine 101 Through a Ph.D. Dissertation Defense. In addition to the science of winemaking – terroir, biodynamics, wine glass size and shape and the health benefits of polyphenols – I have also spent a considerable effort on the “art of wine.” From lessons on food and wine pairings, to the proper way to smell and taste wines, to nuanced guidance on honing one’s appreciation of the nectar of the gods, I hope you have gained a more sophisticated palate.

In addition, I’d like to believe that you are drinking new and different wines since you have been reading this column. Numerous columns have presented alternatives to the tried and true, including wines produced from grapes you may never have heard of before perusing this column. A glass

of Albarino anyone? Hopefully the overly complex world of wine has been somewhat demystified for you.

2. Virtual Tours. Oh, the places we’ve been! From our backyard in the Hudson Valley and Long Island to an exhaustive 13-part series in Spain, with side trips to France, Italy, Austria, South Africa, Chile, California, Oregon and Washington. Each trip was presented as a travelogue, tooling around the countryside in a supercharged Ford Mustang or wearing out shoe leather along vineyard trails – always with the intent of capturing the essence of the locale.

3. The Provocative and the Scandalous. The French provided vast amounts of fodder for the darker side of wine. Do you remember French rabbits that feasted on grapevines, wiping out wines to pair with hare stew? Or billionaire Bill Koch being duped into spending millions on counterfeit French wines from prestigious auction houses? Koch’s purchase of counterfeit wines also created fodder to report on convicted independent counterfeiter to the stars, Rudy Kurniawa, and a documentary following his nefarious exploits.

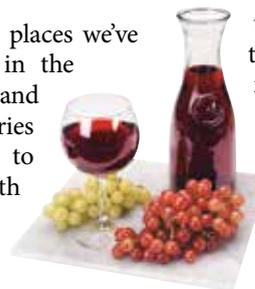
4. Not-your-typical Wine Pairings.

These were fun columns. Pairing wine with Oscar-nominated best pictures, Super Bowls, the Tour de France, soccer World Cup teams and major music genres.

5. Emerging Trends. From the global to the hyperlocal, each trend was accompanied by wine recommendations from the many wine shops to which I am eternally indebted for matching bottles to concepts. Beginning with the impact of the Great Recession (higher quality wines at lower prices), then moving on to the world class offerings of today’s value-priced wines from nearly every wine-producing region (including all 50 American states).

I look forward to enlightening and entertaining readers in my travels on the local roads and establishments, responding to the greeting “Aren’t you the wine guy?” as I happily pen future columns.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. 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.



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