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New Castle Incumbents Make Push to Force Democratic Primary

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle's Republican-endorsed slate for town board is planning to strike back against their Democratic opponents by potentially forcing a primary in September.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein and council members Lisa Katz and Adam Brodsky confirmed this week that they hope to challenge Democratic candidate for supervisor Kristen Browde and running mates Gail Markels and Ivy Pool for the party's nomination because the challengers have misrepresented their political affiliation and record by trying to capitalize on sentiment against President Donald Trump in a town that is strongly Democratic.

Greenstein and Katz can collect the requisite number of signatures from Democratic New Castle residents to trigger a primary because they are registered Democrats. However, Brodsky is unaffiliated and would need

to have his Democratic candidacy approved by a majority of the party's 29 district leaders.

"Their whole campaign strategy seems to be 'We're the Democrats, they're the Republicans, vote for us,'" said Greenstein who is seeking a third term this fall. "A major motivation in primarying them is to remind voters there are Democrats on the other slate as well and not to be misled."

Greenstein pointed to the Democrats' website, which states "Turn New Castle Blue," as one example of injecting national politics into the race. Katz added that it's also clear to her that the Democrats are using that strategy to turn out their base.

"That's exactly what they're doing and they know full well none of us are Republicans," Katz said of their opponents' tactics. "I hand it to the Republicans for wanting to nominate the best candidates for the job."



New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein, left, and council members Lisa Katz and Adam Brodsky, who have been endorsed by the town's Republican Committee, are now making a bid for the Democratic nomination by threatening to force a primary in September.

Meanwhile, the town GOP has been willing to endorse their slate despite their lack of Republican credentials, she said.

Katz said she had also sought the Democratic nomination but was told she would have to back the Democrats' candidate for supervisor, something she

would not consider.

More than 400 valid signatures would have to be submitted by Greenstein and Katz to force the primary. They have not made a decision whether to press forward if Brodsky fails to gain the committee's approval.

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Second Republican to Primary for Mount Pleasant Town Board Seat

By Martin Wilbur and Neal Rentz

A member of the Mount Pleasant Zoning Board of Appeals plans to vie for the Republican nomination for the town board in a September primary against Councilwoman Laurie Smalley and Thomas Sialiano.

Joseph Soricelli announced last week that he will be joining Councilman Denis McCarthy in challenging the town Republican Committee's endorsed choices for town board because party leadership has become a "clique" and is stale, recycling many of the same people and ideas.

"It limits the ability of a qualified individual to even get into the pecking order," said Soricelli, a Valhalla financial adviser who has served on the ZBA for about four years.

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Mount Pleasant Zoning Board of Appeals member Joseph Soricelli intends to force a Republican primary for town board, joining incumbent Denis McCarthy in challenging the party's endorsed candidates Laurie Smalley and Thomas Sialiano.

Pleasantville Softball Teams Honor Lupo, Remember Star Athlete

By Anna Young

Three months after Pleasantville was rocked by the unexpected death of high school senior Quentin Lupo, longtime rival softball teams came together last week to honor the basketball star.

Standing on the pitcher's mound at Pleasantville's Parkway Field last Thursday evening, Jon Lieb, captain of the Moonlight Graham team and a neighbor of the Lupo family, described Lupo as a special person who was loved by so many throughout the community.

"When I think of Quentin, two words immediately come to mind – friendship and competition," Lieb said. "He was so kind and soft-spoken and fun to hang out with."

Lieb said Lupo played on the



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Members of the Moonlight Graham and Team Foley's softball squads of the Pleasantville Men's Softball League came together before their June 29 game to honor Quentin Lupo, the 18-year-old Pleasantville High School senior who took his life in April.

Moonlight Graham team during several of last season's games, helping them win their Pleasantville Men's Softball League

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Brodsky sent a letter to Democratic Committee co-chairs Jerry Curran and Karen LaPorta on June 26 asking for a waiver to run.

Curran said the committee will convene a meeting before the petitioning period ends to follow proper procedures and comply with its bylaws after receiving a formal request for a waiver. However, with some people out of town before the long holiday weekend and others going to be away throughout the week of July 4, he didn't know when that meeting may be scheduled.

He added that it is apparent that Greenstein, Katz and Brodsky are looking to eliminate any competition in their quest for re-election.

"I think he's desperate and seems threatened by the strong slate of candidates that we have," Curran said of Greenstein.

Browde said last Thursday although Greenstein has claimed he isn't a career politician, the move to try and force a primary is something that a career politician would do.

Furthermore, the supervisor has been

supportive of Republican state Sen. Terrence Murphy and County Executive Rob Astorino while distancing himself from Assemblyman David Buchwald, a Democrat, and even Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a town resident, Browde said.

"He has a legal right to do it, but he was elected as a Republican, he's endorsed Republicans, he endorses Republicans, he endorses extreme right-wing Republicans and says it's not appropriate to endorse Hillary Clinton," Browde said.

"I don't care what card you have in your pocket, who you stand with says everything about what you stand for, and we've seen who he stands with."

She disputed Greenstein's charge that they have little to run on. This week the Democrats plan to release a detailed platform. Traditional progressive issues such as clean air and water need to be advocated for on a local level, Browde insisted.

"You can't pretend what happens at Washington stops at our borders, and you have to be able to deliver these things as well as local issues," Browde

said. "When they lower our water standards, which my opponent calls mandate relief, do we want dirtier water, do we want chemicals in our water? No, we're going to do what's prudent."

While Pool stopped short of accusing their opponents of looking to eliminate opposition, she said it would have the same affect if they are successful in their primary push.

"It just doesn't seem like it is in the best interests of residents," Pool said. "Since (Team New Castle) is already on the ballot on (the) Republican line, seeking the Democratic party line as well means that they are trying to limit choice by blocking out the voices of the Republicans, independents, and other party members in our community."

Brodsky said during the last four years the board led by Greenstein has had a long list of accomplishments large and small, including those on issues that are often traditionally linked to Democrats. The board has supported sustainability-related issues such as a plastic bag ban, Westchester Power's Community Choice Aggregation program and



The New Castle Democratic slate of, left to right, Kristen Browde, Ivy Pool and Gail Markels, may face a primary challenge from their Republican-endorsed opponents.

single stream recycling. Furthermore, their slate was supportive of Clinton's presidential bid, he said.

"When push comes to shove, I don't think party politics has a place in local politics," Brodsky said.

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Q: How does breastfeeding benefit my baby?

A: There are many benefits, which continue as your baby develops. The World Health Organization (WHO) finds that babies who are exclusively breastfed have fewer ear infections, serious illnesses and allergies than those who were not breastfed or were partially breastfed. Moreover, the AAP reports a more than one-third drop in the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome among breastfed infants. Breastfed babies are also less likely to become obese adolescents or adults. Interestingly, the composition of breast milk changes over time to support baby's ongoing developmental needs.

Q: What are the benefits for mom?

A: The advantages for mothers are numerous. Breastfeeding women often find it easier to lose their pregnancy weight quickly. In addition, the WHO finds that women who breastfeed lower their risk of breast and ovarian cancers. Breastfeeding also decreases a woman's risk of developing both Type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis. There are also important psychological and emotional benefits: nursing offers peaceful downtime that can have a restorative and meditative effect on the busy mother of a newborn.

Q: How do I succeed at breastfeeding?

A: Some new mothers worry they "won't do it right." Others are concerned about painful, sore nipples or that their baby won't get enough milk. First-time mothers are often unsure how to continue breastfeeding once they're back to work. Preparation is the key to success. I advise every expecting mother and their partner to take a breastfeeding class in the last trimester of pregnancy. You'll feel empowered and gain confidence by learning what to expect during the first weeks with a newborn. You will be ready to experience this intimate act of love between mother and baby.

Mt. Pleasant Teachers' Contract Approved; Block Scheduling Intact

By Neal Rentz

Popular block scheduling will remain in place at Westlake High School for the next two years.

Settlement of a new two-year contract between the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association (MPTA) and the Mount Pleasant Board of Education was unanimously approved by the board on June 28, keeping the schedule intact for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Following last week's vote, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney said the only other significant change in the new contract was a \$1,000 payment for all MPTA members for 2017-18 and a 1 percent pay increase in 2018-19. The 217-member

union, comprised of teachers, teaching assistants and school nurses, had approved the pact in early June.

Guiney said she was "absolutely thrilled" that block scheduling will continue at the high school.

Block scheduling wasn't included in the just expired contract. District officials had noticed language in that contract limiting teaching time to a maximum of 126 minutes without a break. As a result, the district and the union agreed to provide additional pay and support to impacted teachers.

An addition to the old contract in the form of a side letter was drawn up and agreed to about two years ago. It expired along with the last contract on June 30.

Under block scheduling classes meet for a longer period of time, but students don't take every subject each school day. It has been popular because teachers can more easily delve into subject matter without the interruption of having a traditional classroom period end after about 40 minutes.

The union was praised last week by Board of Education President Christopher Pinchiaroli for its willingness to come to an agreement.

"The teachers put children first," he said.

MPTA President Virginia Campbell was out of town last week and could not be reached for comment.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney and Board of Education President Christopher Pinchiaroli at last week's board meeting where trustees unanimously voted to approve a new two-year contract with the teachers' union.

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championship over Team Foley's.

Team Foley's member Jack Bramswig, a former Pleasantville High School standout athlete and currently a member of the Indoor Football League's Green Bay Blizzard, said he played every game this year with Lupo's initials written on his cleats to remind him of Lupo's undying devotion to sports.

"It's a testament to the kind of guy Quentin was, who he was, what he

stood for and how hard he worked for everything he accomplished in his life," Bramswig said.

Lupo, a 6-foot-4 forward, was the second-leading scorer on the Panthers' varsity basketball team during this past season in his senior year, helping Pleasantville capture the Section 1, Class B title. He was awarded All-Section and All-Conference honors and was recognized by other coaches in Class B

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In the past couple of weeks, he has been collecting signatures in hopes of submitting his petition to the Board of Elections by next week's deadline to get on the ballot for the primary. He will need to submit a petition with a little more than 400 valid signatures to appear on the ballot.

Since failing to receive his party's nomination for re-election, McCarthy has been on the offensive, charging that the Republican Committee leadership dictated who the nominees would be and that his board colleagues are threatened by dissenting opinions.

Smalley is running for a second term while Sialiano, a former councilman who was replaced on the Republican ticket by McCarthy in 2013, hopes to return to the town board.

Soricelli said he plans to point out policy disagreements he has with the current board and party leadership, but vowed to refrain from negative attacks.

One of the key issues Soricelli hopes to address if elected is the lack of senior housing in Mount Pleasant. Despite large tracts of land and large-scale development projects being considered, including the North 60 and Baker Residential applications, there is little to no housing geared toward empty-nesters and retirees, he said.

"Why don't we try to retain the individuals who are trying to stay in the community who sometimes need the ability to downsize?" Soricelli said.

Soricelli, 59, said he initially considered a run for supervisor, but decided against a candidacy because he wouldn't have

the time to take on what is a full-time job. He was also asked by the Democratic Committee to consider accepting its endorsement, but quickly decided against the offer. He said he remains a strong supporter of County Executive Rob Astorino and thought the questions the Democrats asked about national political issues was inappropriate in a local race.

"I am a Republican, but I am an independent thinker," Soricelli said.

Last week, Smalley and Sialiano did not return messages for comment. Republican Committee Chairman Christopher McClure said any suggestion that town Republicans are disenchanted with the party is wildly inaccurate. Conversely, the committee has more district leader positions filled than at any time in recent history and "has never been more robust," he said.

At no time did Soricelli reach out to him to express an interest in running for office or anything related to politics, McClure said. He looks forward to supporting the Smalley and Sialiano candidacies.

"In the two years that I have been the party chairperson I have never been contacted by Mr. Soricelli seeking to get involved in town politics, or anything else for that matter," McClure said. "I am unable to comment on Mr. Soricelli's candidacy because, other than hearing his name in relation to the Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am not familiar with his qualifications."

McClure added that Soricelli is uninformed regarding senior housing in town. There is one senior project in the works and several others being proposed and it is an issue the current town board has been actively addressing.

McCarthy said that Soricelli's professional background and experience on the ZBA would be a benefit to the board. He said he welcomes someone who also would like to see fresh ideas.

"He really impresses me with his exceptional leadership and his management background and his fiduciary background," McCarthy said. "That would be an asset, I believe."

Soricelli said that while he doesn't agree with McCarthy on everything, he shares the opinion that the town board and the town Republican Committee are in need of change.

"I would like to see change, I will continue to advocate for senior housing, which I hopefully will be able to influence as a board member," he said.

It is likely that the winners of the primary would serve on the town board for the next four-year term. After one Democratic candidate quickly withdrew from the race shortly after his announcement to run, the party has not stepped forward with any other hopefuls.

Bet Torah Nursery School Opens Registration for Toddler Program

Registration is open for Kitah Katan, a program of separation, socialization, sharing and fun for toddlers, at Bet Torah in Mount Kisco. Classes will begin Sept. 12 and run through June 7, 2018.

Children 18 months and older (as of September) enjoy two mornings a week of music, art, story time, movement and indoor and outdoor play. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. A snack is provided.

Limited spots are also available for families wishing to enroll their children in next year's regular nursery school program. For more information, call 914-666-7595 or visit www.bettorah.org.

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Ride-sharing Begins After County Reaches Late Compromise

By Martin Wilbur

Ride-sharing began last Thursday throughout Westchester after the Board of Legislators and County Executive Rob Astorino reached a compromise with operators Uber and Lyft to launch a voluntary criminal background check for drivers.

The first-of-its-kind program, named Thumbs Up, will allow drivers to be fingerprinted for a \$90 fee at the county's Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) offices in White Plains. Within 72 hours, the results will be returned and entered into a database, Astorino said.

A fingerprinted driver whose record turns up clean will be issued a "Thumbs Up" decal that can be displayed in the car window to show passengers that the vehicle operator has passed a criminal background check.

"On a personal level, I would feel more comfortable as a husband that my wife and my daughters, in this day and age, get into a car knowing that driver has been thoroughly vetted through fingerprinting, background checks," Astorino said during a Tuesday afternoon press conference to announce the program and that ridesharing would begin in Westchester at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday.

State legislators approved a law in the recently completed session to allow the ridesharing companies to operate throughout the state outside of New York City; however, the legislation fails to require the criminal background check for drivers. Recently, debate has simmered in Westchester and elsewhere about the appropriate levels of regulation and whether the county should opt out of ride-sharing unless criminal background checks are mandatory.

Astorino said that since New York City requires the check and borders the county, Westchester residents should have the same level of protection as passengers in the five boroughs. Currently, taxis in Westchester are regulated by each municipality, but for-hire car services and other livery operators must have their drivers fingerprinted.

Astorino said he and the Board of Legislators understand the public's demand for the highly popular ride-

sharing services. But hopes the companies will use the pool of approved applicants to hire drivers.

"Our goal was to find the right balance between safety and convenience," Astorino said. "Ride-sharing companies provide the public with an important transportation option. But if that convenient ride is not safe, it's not really an option at all."

Ride-sharing companies have been opposed to the fingerprinting and background check contending that their own vetting process along with the use of technology delivers at least the same level of protection.

"What's important for our company is to think about safety holistically," said Josh Gold, New York policy director for Uber. "It's not only about the background screening, it's about the technology after you get into the ride, before and after you get into the ride."

Gold said that through the Uber app the customer sees the car make and model, license plate and photo of the driver. The car can also be tracked through GPS so the customer is alerted to head outside only as the driver approaches the address.

Furthermore, the passenger rates the driver and vice versa, and that information is shared within 24 hours, he said.

The process of approving drivers also



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive Rob Astorino announced last week the start of ride-sharing as of June 29. As part of a compromise to bring the service to Westchester, a voluntary fingerprinting and background check program has been established.

sets up 21 disqualifiers for ride-sharing companies, Gold added.

"We're looking forward to providing affordable, reliable transportation options and we feel this is a good compromise that balances the needs of the legislature and the county executive with the requirements of state law," Gold said of the voluntary fingerprinting program.

At least initially, passengers will not have the option of requesting a driver who has passed the background check and has the decal. The companies are also hoping to avoid a cancellation fee if any passenger refuses to get into a car

that doesn't display the sticker, Gold said.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who attended Astorino's press conference, said he strongly supported the county executive's attempts to provide the public with extra protections while allowing ride-sharing to begin.

Despite his support, Kaplowitz bluntly criticized the state law and the ride-sharing companies that have objected to criminal background checks. He said it is "clear that their profit margin is more important to them than being a good corporate citizen."

"At the end of the day, individuals will be responsible for their own safety and security," Kaplowitz said. "This program helps but I wish there was more."

Astorino said contrary to some arguments, any opposition from the county regarding ride-sharing centered only on safety. He said he hoped the voluntary county program would spur discussion in Albany about a need to revise the state law.

Drivers can be fingerprinted at the county TLC office at 112 E. Post Rd. in White Plains. Within a month the county will announce other locations throughout Westchester. By August, drivers can use Morpho Trust, a state authorized fingerprinting service, to have the fingerprinting and background check done for \$102.

Legislative Task Force to Monitor Ride-sharing in County

By Martin Wilbur

The Board of Legislators' Democratic Caucus announced last Thursday that it has formed a legislative task force to monitor safety and economic concerns of ride-sharing during the next six months and recommend possible improvements.

In a statement that was sent out hours after ride-sharing legally began in Westchester and the day following a public hearing in White Plains, Majority Leader Catherine Borgia said the task force will explore public safety, economic, customer service and traffic congestion issues as the county has rolled out the popular ride-sharing service.

Ride-sharing operators Uber and Lyft began operating legally within Westchester at 12:01 a.m. on June 29.

Joseph Sgammato, spokesman for the caucus, said a key objective of the task force is to make suggestions to the full Board of Legislators and the county executive and push for revisions in the state law that was passed in April and signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"The economic portion of the task force is kind of bonding together

with legislation and to lobby for some changes to the state law," Sgammato said.

Two major issues that face Westchester now that legal ride-sharing has begun is passenger safety and how the county recoups what may be as much as \$1 million in lost revenue from fines levied against illegally operating ride-sharing services.

The state law does not require drivers for ride-sharing outfits to be fingerprinted and subjected to a criminal background check outside of New York City.

Representatives of Uber and Lyft said last week that they each have a vigorous vetting system for their drivers while their app posts the photo of every driver along with the vehicle's make, model and license plate.

Last Tuesday, County Executive Rob Astorino announced the start of a voluntary program called "Thumbs Up," where the county would issue a decal for Uber and Lyft drivers to place on their car's window if they have been fingerprinted and the results are clean.

Despite reservations among county officials, Astorino struck the compromise early last week with the

two companies in part because of a large public calling for ride-sharing to begin in Westchester.

There has not been clear consensus among county lawmakers.

"While I welcome ride-share apps in our communities, it will be on us as legislators to stay vigilant and work with Uber, Lyft and New York State for the best safety options and financial arrangements for ride-sharing in Westchester," said Legislator Ben Boykin (D-White Plains), chairman of the Board of Legislators' Committee on Public Safety & Social Services.

Meanwhile, Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) was highly critical last week of Uber and Lyft for not doing more to ease the safety concerns. The same was true for Legislator Virginia Perez (D-Yonkers).

"I am opposed to Westchester County's decision to allow ridesharing companies to operate in Westchester County under an inequitable set of laws that put our traditional taxi companies at a significant competitive disadvantage and even more disturbingly compromises the safety and security of the riding public," Perez said.

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Obituaries

Carmela Anna Massaroni

Carmela Anna Massaroni of Yonkers passed away on June 23.

She was 95.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Massaroni was predeceased by her husband, Patrick, in 1988; sisters Mildred, Laura and Mary; and brothers Sal, Anthony, Ralph, John, Paul and Peter. She is survived by her sons, Lawrence (Frances) and Richard (Doreen); grandchildren Lori (John Santella), John, Patrick (Sandra), Maureen, Meghan and Kathleen; great-grandchildren Adriana, Jenna and Daniella; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Massaroni was a parishioner and Rosary Altar Society member for more than 50 years at St. Bartholomew's Church in Yonkers.

The family received friends on June 27 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A mass of Christian burial



was celebrated on June 28 at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in White Plains. Entombment followed at Ferncliff Mausoleum.

Accounting Clerk at Pleasantville Company Pleas to Grand Larceny

A 46-year-old Ossining woman who worked for Prospero Equipment Corp. in Pleasantville pleaded guilty last week to second-degree grand larceny for charging more than \$250,000 on company credit cards without permission.

Erika Flores, of 62 Ferris Place, entered her plea on June 28 before Judge Larry Schwartz in Westchester County Court. She faces up to 15 years in state prison for the Class C felony.

Flores, who worked as an accounting clerk for Prospero for about 10 years, also falsified records to conceal her charges, according to the Westchester



Erika Flores pleaded guilty last week to charging about \$250,000 to company credit cards at Prosper Equipment Corp. in Pleasantville.

County district attorney's office.

The investigation conducted by the Mount Pleasant Police Department and the district attorney's office determined that Flores stole \$251,437.58 by using two company credit cards for personal expenses such as food, travel and clothing.

The defendant was arrested by the Mount Pleasant police on June 30, 2016. She will be sentenced on Sept. 27.

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Attorney Nicole Gamble of the Economics Crime Bureau prosecuted the case.

—Martin Wilbur

Mary Turnesa

Mary Turnesa of Elmsford died on June 29.

She was 103.

Turnesa was born on Feb. 9, 1914, to the late Dominick and Adeline (nee Ciocca) Marinucci in the Bronx. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Michael Turnesa, in 2000; her beloved grandson, Jimmy Turnesa; her brother, Ben; and sisters Helen and Madeline. She is survived by her loving children, Michael (Nadine Eiring) Turnesa of Rockville Centre, L.I., James (Lynn) Turnesa of Stuart, Fla., Maryellen Turnesa-DeFelice of Briarcliff Manor and Jean DeZalia of Austin, Texas; one brother, Dr. Edward

Elvira D'Arrigo

Elvira D'Arrigo of Valhalla and formerly of Pleasantville died on June 29.

She was 91.

D'Arrigo was born on June 5, 1926, to the late Ciro and Assunta (nee Albano) Goscione in Brooklyn. She was a retired supervisor in the mail center for Reader's Digest in Chappaqua. D'Arrigo was a member of the Mount Pleasant Seniors. She was affectionately known as Nana.

D'Arrigo was predeceased by her devoted husband, Dominick M. D'Arrigo, in 2013, and son-in-law, Anthony. She is survived by her loving daughters, Lorraine (David Lopez) Calebrese of Patterson, N.Y., Deborah Hoffer of Thornwood and Cheryl (Greto) D'Arrigo of Valhalla; her

Marinucci, of Georgia; her seven cherished grandchildren, Monica, Diana, Tawn, Michael, Marc, Nicole and Christopher; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation is at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Elmsford on Thursday, July 6 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Westchester Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Fund, 49 Knollwood Rd., Elmsford, N.Y. 10523 would be appreciated.

six cherished grandchildren, Candace Calebrese, Jason (Stephanie) Calebrese, Adam (Chief U.S. Navy) (Maria) Hoffer, Ashley Hoffer and Nicholas and Brianna Greto; and five great-grandchildren, Toni Anne and James Munoz, Olive and Harvey Jane Calebrese and Ariana Hoffer.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on July 2. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on July 3 followed by entombment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to either the American Cancer Society, RFL Patterson, 121 Executive Drive, New Windsor, N.Y. 12553 or the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Anna Marie DiFede

Anna Marie DiFede of Thornwood and formerly of West Harrison died on June 29.

She was 71.

DiFede was born on Feb. 2, 1946, to the late Luigi and Angelina (Rotella) Chiarella in Calabria, Italy. She was owner/operator of Ann's Hair Salon in West Harrison.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Charles DiFede, of Thornwood; her loving children, Denise DiFede, of Bedford, Charles DiFede of Yorktown Heights and Anthony DiFede of Stamford, Conn.; son-

in-law John Grasso; one brother, Jerry (Toni) Chiarella, of Peekskill; one sister, Stella (Edward) Stufano, of Peekskill; sister-in-law Joann (Tom) Forte of West Harrison; one cherished grandson, Jake DiFede; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

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No. Castle, Developer in New Spat Over Storage of Road Millings

By Martin Wilbur

The Armonk developer who has recently sued North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro charged last week that the town is illegally storing tons of road millings on municipal property, an accusation that officials have repeatedly refused.

Within the past two weeks, town board nemesis Michael Fareri has sent out town-wide e-mail blasts that included a letter he sent to Schiliro's offices alleging that North Castle has failed to initiate a formal environmental review and obtain the required state Department of Environmental (DEC) permits to store the material.

The town is storing the millings, derived from its aggressive road repaving program, at the Highway Department facility in downtown Armonk, a town-owned yard on Middle Patent Road and at Fountain Park in North White Plains. Officials are temporarily holding onto the millings in hopes that other municipalities in the area or private entities such as developers or corporations will take the free material for their own projects, said Town Administrator Joan Goldberg.

Thus far, the Town of Mount Pleasant has taken some of the millings, but no other municipality or private organization has done so, she said last week.

Fareri argued that the highway garage is in close proximity to the Byram Brook and the Middle Patent Road yard is adjacent to the Mianus River Gorge, posing an environmental threat to those watercourses. He also said that millings storage at the highway facility in Armonk

creates an eyesore and suppresses the value of nearby properties, including his own.

"It seems like everyone is putting their heads in the sand here," Fareri said. "I believe the supervisor has been negligent in this effort and the town Highway Department and the town administrator have been negligent."

As of last week, the town had accumulated between 40,000 and 50,000 tons of millings, Goldberg said. When crews repave, about one to two inches of asphalt are scraped off the top so the surface doesn't elevate, thereby preventing runoff and the potential flooding of properties and the roadway, she said.

Road work started in early May, and as of June 29, 7.45 miles of town road have been repaved this season, according to Highway General Foreman Jamie Norris. The town has planned to complete 10.84 miles of road work this year, and possibly as much as 15 miles if time and manpower allows, he said.

Schiliro immediately dismissed the developer's accusations last week, stating that the town is not required to obtain a permit for temporary storage of the millings. Officials have been in contact with the DEC to make sure they are in compliance with all laws and regulations.

He also said that Fareri's correspondences are full of baseless assumptions and his opinions, not facts.

"We're not processing the material. We have full disclosure with the New York State (DEC)," Schiliro said. "We communicate with them frequently



A recent photo of the pile of road millings at the Town of North Castle's Highway Department garage.

and all the materials are being handled properly."

Calls and e-mails left with the DEC last Thursday and Friday to ask questions regarding regulations for the storage of millings and when North Castle would have to dispose of the millings were not returned.

Goldberg said the town does have a finite period of time to unload the millings but was uncertain what that timeline is. If takers aren't found, it would cost the town \$10 a ton to haul and another \$8 a ton for disposal, a potential cost of as much as \$900,000 that the town is hoping to avoid,

she said.

Schiliro said Fareri's protests about the millings have been repetitive over each of the past several years since the town began a more ambitious road repaving effort. In each case, the situation hasn't changed.

In the past five years, North Castle has repaved roughly 30 miles of road. If it can complete 15 miles this year, it would be nearly halfway done with the town's 93 miles of road, work that many residents have told officials they want to see done, Schiliro said.

"If anybody here or watching at home wants us to pave less, call my office," Schiliro said at the June 28 town board meeting. "I'd love to talk to you about it."

However, Fareri compared the millings storage to the bungled Westwood Organic Recycling episode about seven or eight years ago. A previous town board contracted with that company to accept leaves and other compostable material and have Westwood Organic process it at the Highway Department facility in Armonk. When residents, including Fareri, complained, the town was forced to find a way to exit its contract.

"This is not going to go away just like the Westwood situation went away," he said.

On June 12, Fareri filed a civil rights lawsuit against Schiliro in federal court in White Plains, accusing the supervisor of denying him the right to speak about his projects at a public meeting and prohibiting his access to town employees.

North Castle Hopes to Step Up Road Repaving Pace This Year

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials are looking for a way to pave as much as 15 miles of road before the end of this year if the Highway Department has enough manpower to complete the task.

During a June 28 town board work session, Highway General Foreman Jamie Norris said since this year's repaving started on May 3, his crews have completed 7.45 miles of road, a little less than three-quarters of the 10.84 miles of road originally planned to be done for 2017.

However, between numerous other jobs for the department to tackle and crews taking vacation during the summer, reaching 15 miles of road repaving may not be a realistic goal, he said. Among the other responsibilities facing the Highway Department are curb repairs, basin repair and cleaning, right-of-way cleanup, pothole repairs, pruning around street signs and crack sealing.

Crack sealing should have commenced in April, but with the accelerated paving schedule, that has been put off, Norris said. Furthermore, the town must

find room for the millings that have accumulated or remove what is being stored at the highway garage facility in Armonk and two other locations in town.

"I understand the roads are important, but the main this is we have to get rid of the millings, and then we have to do our work before the rest of the paving work gets done," Norris said.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro asked Norris to prioritize the list of jobs that must get done this year. With at least 20 men in the department, compared to four years ago when there were only about 14, there should be enough manpower to accomplish most tasks, he said.

"You know paving is a priority, so other things may fall lower down and not get done," Schiliro said. "But if there are things that have to get done and we can't get done and we need to get done, we need to know what that is and provide a solution."

Town Administrator Joan Goldberg added that making sure there is ample visibility at various intersections is also a top priority because of the potential

liability on the town's part.

Schiliro said he expects Norris to furnish the town board with a prioritized list of projects in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Capital Projects

In addition to road paving, Goldberg said other capital projects the town plans to get done this year are the

Hergenhan Recreation Center parking lot expansion; installation of the generator for the branch library and North White Plains Community Center on Clove Road; replacement of a culvert over Route 120; improvements to Old Route 22, which are expected to begin next week; and the improvements to Long Pond Dam.

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County Police/Mount Kisco

June 26: At 5:49 p.m., a West Street resident turned in a wallet she found at ShopRite. The owner was contacted and the wallet was returned by an officer.

June 28: A passenger-side window of a vehicle parked in the Bethel Baptist Church lot on Maple Avenue was smashed by an unknown vandal at 1:43 p.m. Nothing was taken from the car.

June 29: Employees at Tesla Motors on Kisco Ave. reported at 7:11 a.m. the theft of 16 wheels and tires from four vehicles. The thefts occurred sometime between 10 p.m. on June 28 and 6 a.m. this date. It appears that the thief or thieves cut a hole in a fence on the property to access the dealership and remove the tires.

June 29: An employee at a self-storage facility on Kensico Drive reported at 7:58 a.m. that seven tires were slashed on two vehicles parked at the facility overnight.

June 29: Employees at Mount Kisco Volvo/Land Rover reported at 8:15 a.m. that all four tires on nine vehicles were slashed overnight. It appears from security video that a man wearing a hooded sweatshirt entered the property at 4:36 a.m. and left at 4:45 a.m.

June 29: Report of a domestic dispute

at a Grove Street residence at 10:54 a.m. One of the parties involved in the dispute agreed to be taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

June 29: A resident found a cell phone on the sidewalk near the police precinct on Green Street at 10:48 p.m. and turned it in to police. The owner was contacted and arranged to pick it up.

June 30: Police responded to the Boys & Girls Club on East Main Street at 8:58 a.m. on a report that a vehicle has been left in the club's parking lot for an extended period of time.

June 30: A woman who works for a Mount Kisco company reported at 10:57 a.m. that she has been receiving unwanted phone calls at her job from an ex-boyfriend. She requested that a report be prepared to document her concern but declined assistance in seeking an order of protection at this time.

North Castle Police Department

June 23: A Pheasant Drive resident reported at 8:32 a.m. that there were multiple snakes under her deck. The animal control officer was dispatched and stated that the snakes have cleared

the scene.

June 23: Report of graffiti at a Chestnut Ridge Road residence at 3:14 p.m.

June 24: A Wrights Mill Road resident reported at 5:24 p.m. that her neighbor has been playing excessively loud music for a few hours and is audible from her residence. The responding officer stated that the matter was adjusted by the neighbor lowering the music.

June 25: At 6:10 p.m., a report of a suspicious vehicle occupied by two people in the empty lot on Virginia Road that is across the street from Byram Concrete. The responding officers subsequently placed the two parties under arrest for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

June 26: A Peppercorn Place resident reported at 2 p.m. that she received a suspicious e-mail stating "sounds good to me. I'll see you Monday at 7pm. Have a great trip." The subject line contained her home address and the resident stated she's nervous because she was away over the weekend and her husband is out of town. The complainant stated her husband located the sender of

the e-mail, who previously worked at Rye Country Day School. That party stated he did not send the e-mail and hasn't used that account for years. The complainant requested an officer swing by her house to make sure everything checks okay.

June 26: A driver was placed under arrest at 9:31 p.m. for unlawful possession of marijuana following a traffic stop on Banksville Road.

June 28: A DeCicco's employee reported at 7:29 a.m. that a delivery driver fell off the location's loading dock and is lying on the ground unconscious. The call was transferred to 60 Control for dispatch of Armonk Fire Department Ambulance and EMS. The responding officers reported that the subject will be transported to Westchester Medical Center with ALS on board.

June 28: An officer reported at 8:19 a.m. that a male party was lying on the grass in front of a Main Street location wearing no shirt. It appears the party was sunbathing. The responding officers stated that the subject checks okay and was advised to leave the property.

Pleasantville Softball Teams Honor Lupo, Remember Star Athlete

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throughout the state.

The softball teams met on June 29 for a regularly scheduled game, but beforehand presented last year's championship trophy to Lupo's younger brother Justin, who just completed his junior year. The trophy contained an inscribed plaque that read, "To Justin Lupo, In memory of Quentin Lupo. #30 always a champion. Trust the process."

Justin Lupo said he is grateful for the unexpected gift because it helps him to honor his late brother.

"It's a tangible object that I can keep in my house, and it's not just a memory but also something I can keep in my room to honor him," he said.

On Apr. 12, Quentin Lupo, 18, committed suicide, according to police. It appeared Lupo died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound while staying at his father's house in Greenburgh.

While no new details have emerged since Lupo's death, his mother, Lucy Diaz, said she still looks back to that day and wonders why her son did what he did.

"He didn't realize how many people loved him," Diaz said. "His brother misses him a lot, it's really hard for us. We miss him very much."

Diaz added how appreciative she has been for the outpouring of support the community has provided her family.

Along with Justin, who threw out the

first pitch with a few of his brother's closest friends, Pleasantville resident and photographer Chad Kraus threw out a second pitch in honor of his brother-in-law, Ruari O'Shea, who took his own life last November at the age of 30.

"I think a big part of Ruari's memory is that he was really loved by everyone. He had a bright, bright soul and the only thing brighter than that was his smile," Kraus said.

After the death of O'Shea, who also grew up in Pleasantville, Kraus said he was introduced to a community of people who had experienced similar devastation. He would like to see last week's ceremony help advance awareness on mental health issues.

"A lot of people don't want to talk about suicide and mental illness," Kraus said. "If we can break that stigma a little bit, more people would be more open to listening to each other and helping each other instead of having preconceived notions about one another."

Lieb is hopeful community members will continue to honor Lupo and provide family and friends with support while ensuring his spirit continues to live on.

"I would love to see us continue to make memories like this tonight that honor Quentin, who he was, how he treated others and how he was a champion in life," Lieb said.

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Coast Guard Puts Brakes on Hudson Anchorages

By Pat Casey

The U.S. Coast Guard announced last week it would suspend future rulemaking decisions on its proposal to put 10 additional commercial shipping anchorages with space for 43 vessels on the Hudson River stretching from Yonkers to Kingston.

The proposal was promoted by the commercial shipping industry, which claimed the anchorages would provide a safety element for barges navigating the river.

Vocal opponents said the measure would simply encourage growth of oil shipments along the Hudson, essentially turning it into a crude oil superhighway, ruin the environment and hurt economic measures taken by municipalities along the river to grow tourism on the scenic waterfront.

In April, a barge carrying 65,000 barrels of gasoline ran aground in the Hudson River, urging environmental groups to call upon the state legislature and Congress to enact bills that would halt the anchorages.

Going forward, according to Coast Guard Rear Admiral Steven Poulin, a ports and waterways safety assessment will be conducted to identify risks on the Hudson and mitigation measures.

Poulin asserted that the assessment would not be a substitute for the rulemaking process.

"The results of the (assessment) will help

us determine what the next steps might be after a more comprehensive assessment of risks," Poulin said. "Any subsequent rulemaking regarding maritime commerce on the Hudson River will continue to be conducted through a transparent process of public notice and comment."

In reaction, Riverkeeper Vice President of Advocacy John Lipscomb urged caution despite the favorable decision. He said the key word is suspension not termination of the proposal.

"After this information gathering, they may, in fact, reinstate the rulemaking and support the industry's request for anchorages. It's not clear," Lipscomb said. "From our perspective at Riverkeeper, we hope the public will not relax its vigilance one tiny bit."

Despite the uncertainty, response to the Coast Guard's move was positive.

Riverkeeper President Paul Gally said that 10,000 Hudson Valley residents and elected officials commenting on the organization's website let the Coast Guard know about the proposal's flaws.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said he was pleased the Coast Guard came to the conclusion. He had sent a letter to the federal Department of Homeland Security opposing the anchorages.

"This was a clear win for the people of Westchester County and all those who

enjoy the Hudson River," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "The federal government's plan to reindustrialize the Hudson River and create a giant parking lot along its banks for tankers was a terrible idea from the start. Although it never should have been proposed, we're grateful the Coast Guard listened to the public and made the right decision."

County Legislator John Testa (R-Peekskill), who spearheaded a resolution unanimously passed by the Board of Legislators to oppose the plan, said the Coast Guard's decision to withdraw its proposal "shows how a strong bipartisan effort on all levels of government can accomplish important goals for our citizens and the environment."

Boutique Cycling Facility a No-Go for Downtown Armonk

By Martin Wilbur

Representatives for a boutique cycling center proposed for downtown Armonk were told by the North Castle Town Board last week that it wouldn't consider the special use permit application because of traffic concerns.

SoulCycle had proposed 56 stationary bikes in about a 3,500-square-foot space that would have been constructed within Mariani Gardens on Bedford Road near Town Hall. However, officials were concerned that the repeated turnover for the 45-minute spin classes located within the Bedford Road Historic District could be a traffic nightmare and was not a prudent use of the space.

P. Daniel Hollis, the attorney representing the applicant, said after about a year and a large amount of resources spent on legal

fees and professional consultants, his client needed to know where the board stood on its application.

"I love the idea of SoulCycle in town," said Councilman Jose Berra. "I think it's something people really want and I would like for the nursery to succeed but the traffic is one of the big issues. We have quality of life in this town, it's a high-class problem in some ways, but I think it's a real problem and I just can't really see it moving ahead."

Traffic at Maple Avenue and Bedford Road, which can be troublesome during peak hours, was the chief worry for the board.

The application was returned to SoulCycle. It is free to amend the application and resubmit, said Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

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Editorial

Double Standard Favoring Ride-Sharing Companies is Worrisome

It's clear that the public at large enjoys ride-sharing companies, and Westchester and all of New York State outside of New York City has been an untapped market.

That is why as of 12:01 a.m. last Thursday, anyone in the county was able to legally hire a driver on demand through Uber and Lyft.

However, the refusal by the companies to have their prospective drivers submit to a criminal background check and fingerprinting should make anyone take a long pause before reserving a ride.

At best, it's a glaring double standard compared to what personnel for the more conventional livery services in the county are subjected to, and at worst could place customers at peril.

Last week County Executive Rob Astorino and Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz rightfully expressed concern with the problematic state law that left the counties with little recourse if they wanted to enhance safety for their citizens. They were also justified in voicing disdain that state lawmakers and Gov. Andrew Cuomo would allow state residents to not have the full benefit and protection of what residents and riders in New York City

receive – a driver who has passed a criminal background check.

"Ride-sharing companies provide the public with an important transportation option. But if that convenient ride is not safe, it's not really an option at all," Astorino said.

Dealt a bad hand, Astorino and enough county legislators came together to at least wrangle a compromise from Uber and Lyft to set up a voluntary fingerprinting and background check. The program, called Thumbs Up, would provide a decal for drivers to display in their car window after they are checked and cleared. The county is hopeful that the companies will use the database to help them find drivers.

The county's effort is commendable, but it falls short because Uber and Lyft can say they will consider using the list and operate using their own standards.

While it's nice to see that representatives from Uber, Lyft and other ride-sharing outfits are supremely confident in their ability to vet drivers who want to work for them and how their cutting-edge technology can assist in enhancing safety for customers, it's incredibly smug of them to think they can do better than law enforcement.

Furthermore, a passenger should ask themselves before using the service, why wouldn't a driver without a criminal record not want to be fingerprinted, other than to save the \$90 fee? If a prospective driver has a criminal record, why would they go through the check when they could possibly slip through without it?

During last week's press conference in White Plains to announce that ride-sharing would begin last week, the Uber and Lyft representatives also sidestepped the question on whether they will eventually allow customers to decline a ride from a driver with no Thumbs Up decal without a cancellation fee.

A rush to get something passed in Albany certainly provided a law with serious flaws so people clamoring for the service could make use of it. Hopefully, next session state legislators and the governor can get it right.

After all, an increasing number of occupations today require the job seeker to be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check conducted, including the county executive. Why should the standard be any lower to get into a stranger's car?

Letter to the Editor

Shared Services Won't Help New York Return to Leading Status

The editorial, "Shared Services Initiative Nothing More Than a Band Aid" (June 20-26), takes some of its cues from the page 3 story ("Astorino, Local Governments Work on Shared Services Plan"). In both, what is neglected is the desperate need for New York State to reinvent government funding and taxation. Ideas and concepts that won't address the real problems facing the state will only bring on greater problems in the near future and New York is not going to come out well.

Simply sharing services, but not constructing different ways to pay for them if we don't explore ways to change the state's tax structures and investments in the future, will ensure that we will become less competitive nationally and internationally. By continuing with smoke and mirrors, we hold off the reckoning, but we can be sure it is coming.

Nobody likes being taxed; many realize that schools eat up the lion's share of property taxes. Sharing services just puts off big increases for months, years or even decades, but with no new ideas that is all it is. We must find new ways to pay for healthcare, new ways to invest and pay for education and develop new

strategies to develop the industries of tomorrow, which includes a 21st century infrastructure and energy supply, along with housing and extraordinary transportation.

Doing those things, making it our version of landing a man on the moon, would change New York's trajectory and keep us from being stagnant in our efforts to simply maintain the status quo.

People also have to begin to understand that those who are doing well are the ones benefitting the most from the system and they need to pay for the system that sustains them. Pound Ridge Supervisor Richard Lyman doesn't understand that at all. His suggestion that mass transit fares be increased, paid for by the riders alone, is a surefire way to end any development and kill home prices in his neck of the woods. If people stopped commuting, if talented people couldn't reverse commute, northern Westchester would become a ghost town. How many house cleaners, workers and others come north via mass transit? How many Pound Ridge residents work in New York City and take the train? Without affordable travel, which we need and no longer have, the numbers of people who use and need that service

will eventually find something else and those who benefit from those services will pay far more in costs than they do now in the MTA tax.

Shared services can work, at least a little bit, if we have our priorities right. How do we cut costs in healthcare, transportation and other infrastructure? How do we move to the future, not simply reinvent the past? How do we stop protecting what we have and start building what we need for tomorrow's economy? By investing in those shared services, we continue moving forward, by sharing lawnmowers or senior centers we simply slow the slide into decline.

Astorino looks at this as a way to say he is right about holding the lid on taxes. He is wrong. This is about finding the best possible ways to fund the future. He, as a government official, is looking at yesterday hoping it will bring him to tomorrow by borrowing. That is not an investment. We all need to be smarter and shared services is, as the editor suggests, a band-aid, but not a strategy to return New York to its Empire State status.

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Airport Parking Garage Receives Zoning Text Amendment for Permit

By Martin Wilbur

Additional proposed parking at Westchester County Airport inched forward last week when the North Castle Town Board agreed to a zoning text amendment to include a parking structure as a special permit use in an industrial zone.

The application, Park Place at Westchester County Airport, proposes an automated facility for 850 vehicles at 11 New King St. Currently, it's the site of a commercial building that is in the IND-AA zoning district.

The vote came two weeks after an extended public hearing that explained the project to the town board. Not only would the garage be a green project that would mitigate stormwater runoff, but the automated facility would make starting of cars unnecessary until the traveler returns

from their trip.

With automated parking, a traveler would pull their car into a container that would be moved to different locations within the garage, eliminating the need for attendants to move vehicles.

Last week, the only issue of contention before the vote centered on a letter from an attorney, Albert Pirro, who contended that there was an increase of more than 25 in impervious coverage, in violation of a New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulation.

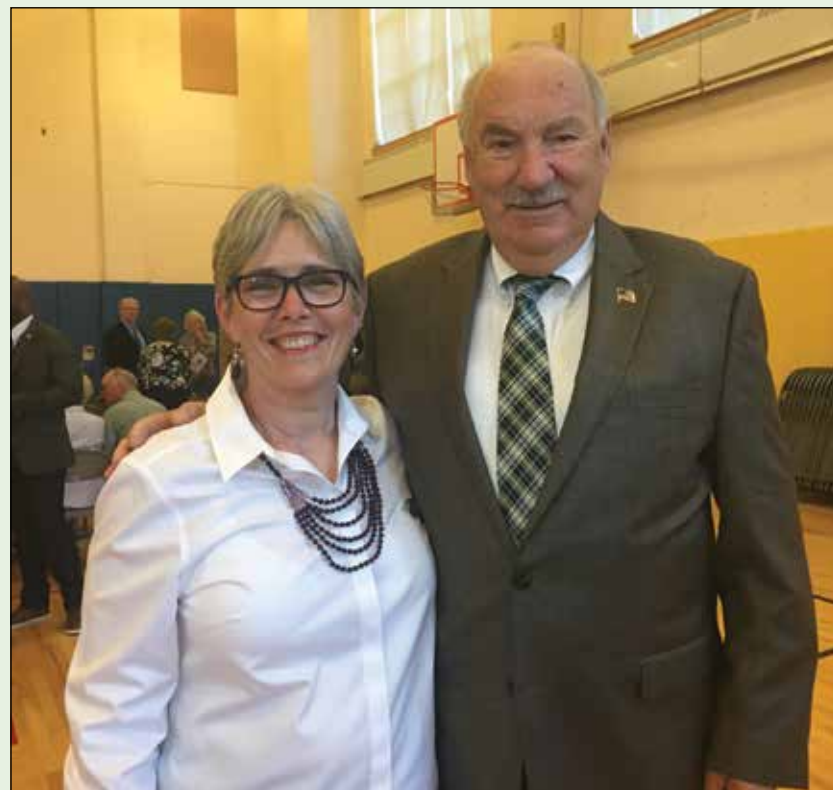
Attorney William Null, representing applicant 11 New King Street LLC, said that the actual increase in impervious surface is 24.98 percent, within the DEP's regulation. Even if the agency rounded up that figure to the closest whole number, it would still comply with its regulations because it would not exceed 25 percent, Null said.

Director of Planning Adam Kaufman said there was no need for the town board to delay voting on the text amendment because of that issue. The DEP will interpret its own regulation if the issue persists, he said.

The applicant will still need to be granted the special use permit from the town board as well as obtain site plan approval from the planning board.



A Distinct Honor



Barbara Cutri, left, director of operations at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco, was a recipient of state Sen. Terrence Murphy's annual Woman of Distinction Award during a June 27 ceremony at Mount Kisco Elementary School. Cutri was nominated by village Mayor Michael Cindrich, right, for outstanding volunteer work with many organizations in Mount Kisco and for her devotion to the Boys & Girls Club. She was one of 14 women honored throughout the Senate district.

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Mount Kisco Planners Accept Senior Housing Memos Despite Review Halt

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Planning Board accepted correspondences last week from two entities regarding the senior housing proposal for Kisco Avenue even though review of the controversial project has been halted.

A June 2 letter from Andrea Oncioiu, a New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) associate project manager, stated she met with representatives of HFZ Capital in April to discuss the sequencing of construction should the project be approved. The DEP is seeking to have the developer "minimize disturbance, provide adequate dewatering and stabilize the exposed areas as each task is completed," according to Oncioiu's letter.

On May 31, the village's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) stated it is "very concerned about potential environmental impacts" of the project.

Board Chairman Doug Hertz said he and his colleagues aren't currently reviewing the proposed 129-unit senior independent living complex because "the village does not have a signed contract," he said. The planning board has "no formal application before us," Hertz mentioned.

He added that the board accepted the two memos should review of the project resume at some point.

Environmental concerns raised by the CAC includes potential negative effects on steep slopes that could trigger a flood threat, impacts to the ecosystem and harming the area's scenic vistas that could lower nearby property values.

The two letters were written days

before Robert Mishkin, a development partner for the project, filed a notice of claim in federal court in White Plains on June 5, threatening a possible \$50 million lawsuit against several village officials and boards.

In March, the village board voted unanimously to offer HFZ Capital with an option to purchase 17.7 acres of village-owned land at 270 Kisco Ave. for \$4.1 million.

But the project has been in limbo

following outcries from some residents concerned that the project would be harmful to the hillside referred to as Kisco Mountain.

The village board has been split on the issue. Mayor Michael Cindrich said he supported the project while Trustee Peter Grunthal has expressed opposition to the proposal. Trustees Anthony Markus, Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer said last month they were still undecided.



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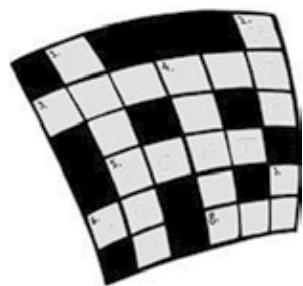
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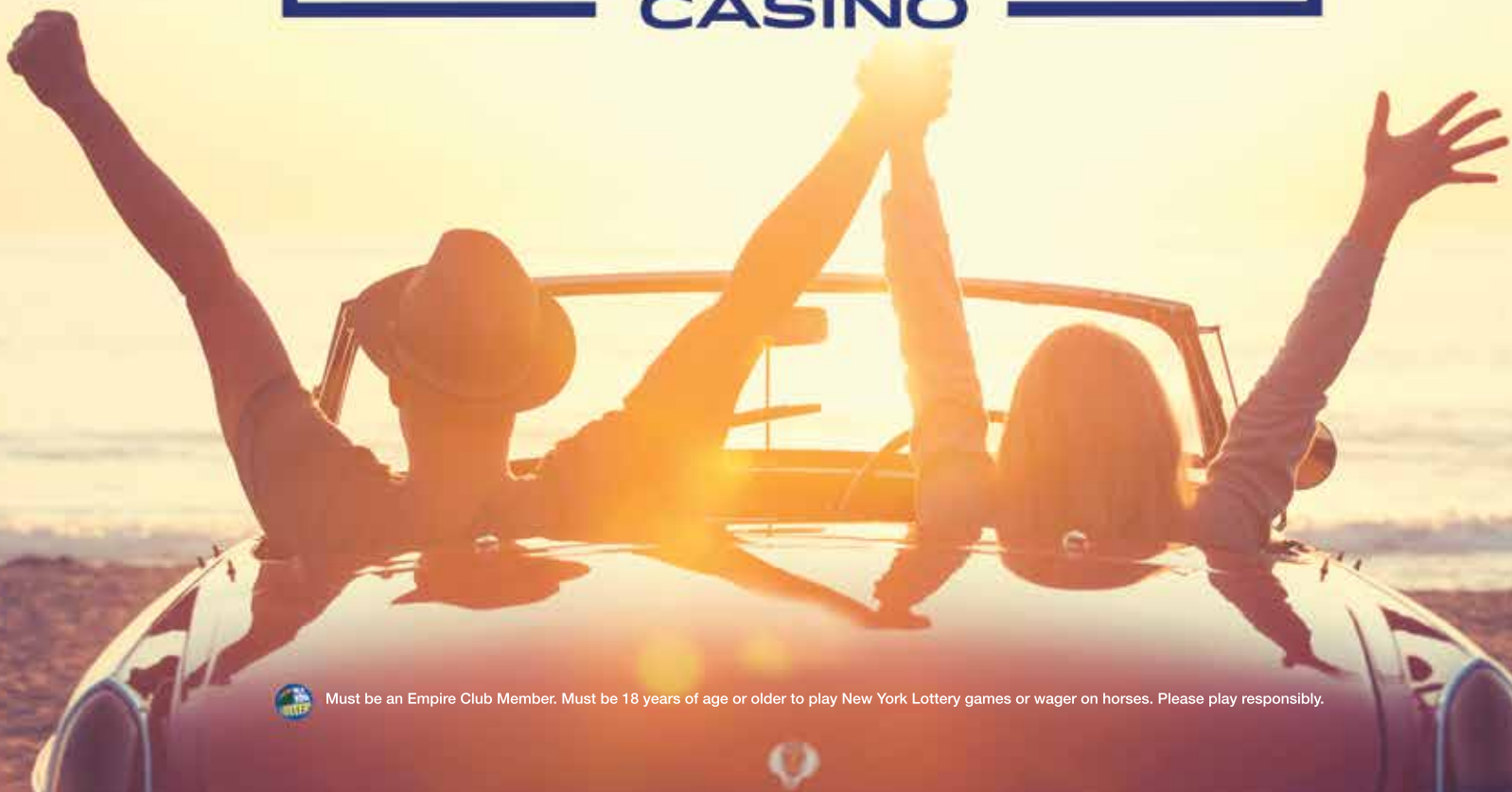
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There's Something for Everybody at 13th Annual P'ville Music Fest

By Anna Young

While many look forward to July for backyard barbecues and fireworks, Pleasantville waits in anticipation for the village's annual music festival.

Since its inception in 2005, the Pleasantville Music Festival has generated excitement and pride for many of the village's 7,200 residents. This Saturday an array of local, regional and renowned musicians headlined by Blues Traveler will perform on the three stages over nine hours at Parkway Field.

"It's a great event, it's become bigger every year since it began," said Executive Director Bruce Figler. "Pleasantville residents mark their summer calendars for this day."

"I'm primed to hear that John Propper harmonica, as Blues Traveler plays the closing set," Mayor Peter Scherer said about the Grammy Award-winning band.

Along with Blues Traveler, Living Colour, Suzanne Vega, Hollis Brown, Caleb Flood and the Culture and Riiza, a Bedford-based group that was one of the festival's Battle of the Bands winners will perform on the Main Stage.

"Every year it's different but we try to

provide for all different tastes of music and we go out of our way to do that," Figler added.

Battle of the Bands winners Mary Hood and For Lack of a Term will also open the festival on the Chill Tent Stage and Party Stage, respectively. The competition was held in the spring to identify emerging local talent and give them an opportunity to perform.

Those who attend this year's festival can look for some minor changes. There will be a larger shade tent and more vendors, especially with food being a prominent aspect of the festival. The Vendor Village will feature Abas Falafel, Ben & Jerry's, Break Bread Not Hearts, Everything About Crepes, The Great American BBQ Co., Linekins Kettle Corn, Little Drunken Chef, Mura Street Food, Pizza a Legna, Red Barn Bakery, Rita's Ice, Sundance Deli and Tania's Kitchen.

The Captain Lawrence Beer Garden will also be on hand with food from George's Souvlaki and Walter's Hot Dogs Food Truck.

Funtime Amusements will provide rides, amusements and face painting for

younger festivalgoers in the Kid Zone.

Figler said he's hoping for cooperation from Mother Nature.

"At the end of the day it's going to be the weather," he said. "If we get great weather it'll be an amazing day of music."

In order to promote the village's sustainability efforts, waste collection stations will be located around the festival grounds. Each tent will have separate bins for recyclables, composting and trash. Music fans are also encouraged to bring reusable cups, as volunteers will provide ice-cold drinking water.

"This event is a great day of music, visibility for Pleasantville's diverse arts community, a good day for our vendors and partners all wrapped into a family-friendly good time," Scherer added. "It's one of those days when this small town delivers a big-time event."

Gates will open at 11 a.m. with music getting underway at noon and lasting until 9 p.m. Tickets are available in advance through Friday at the Pleasantville Recreation Center at 48 Marble Ave. adjacent to the field or at www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com. The



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Country/Folk Band to Play P'ville Music Fest for the First Time

By Anna Young

Growing up in Suffern surrounded by a family of visual artists, Jon Pousette-Dart knew early on that his passion was to make music.

"My sister would play records and I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Dart. "When I was in sixth grade when The Beatles hit, I knew that I was wasting my time continuing on with other things because I loved music so much."

Pousette-Dart Band first hit the scene in the early 1970s as a soft rock group after a talent scout discovered its namesake playing clubs throughout New England. Working with artists like The Byrds, The Eagles, James Taylor, Journey and Billy Joel, the group found fame, quickly becoming one of the busiest tour groups playing arenas across the United States. They also released five studio albums, two of which made the Billboard album chart.

"I have been active for a very long time," said Pousette-Dart, a singer, songwriter and guitarist.

On Saturday, the Pousette-Dart Band will be headlining the Pleasantville Music Festival's Chill Tent.

While the original group disbanded when the disco era emerged, Pousette-Dart said he continued to write and produce music, eventually recording his first solo album in the '90s after moving from New York City to Nashville.

He was happy to be recording again, especially after losing inspiration during the 1980s, which he called a troubling time for content.

"Nashville has always been a song-driven town, so there's a level of craft that people really respect and revere," said Pousette-Dart, who has included country rock and folk into its repertoire. "That has been the thing that has kept me going all along because people really pay attention to a song and take it seriously."

After releasing five solo albums, including his most recent in 2015, Pousette-Dart returned north where he's been playing music rooms, pubs, clubs and other intimate venues so he can be close to his audience and appease his fan base.

"When you play smaller rooms you can feel the people with you," Pousette-Dart said. "I like doing all forms of performing,



The Pousette-Dart Band, led by Jon Pousette-Dart, second from right, will be one of the 18 bands and performers at this Saturday's Pleasantville Music Festival.

It's always fun no matter what the setting is because you organically go into it and enjoy it because you never know what's going to happen."

During Saturday's festival, Pousette-Dart will appear with his band featuring newest member Malcom Gold on bass and harmony vocals, Jim Chapdelaine on

guitar and vocals and original drummer Eric Parker.

He said he's excited to showcase his music to a new audience and appear at the festival for the first time.

"The band is a lot of fun and there's a lot of material for sure," Pousette-Dart said. "It should be a blast."



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Young Hudson Valley Performer Cherishes First Festival

By Anna Young

Mary Hood has been spending a lot of time practicing her music in front of family the last few weeks.

Hood hasn't just been entertaining them for her own enjoyment or their listening pleasure, but is preparing for the biggest gig of her young musical career – part of the 18-band lineup at this Saturday's Pleasantville Music Festival.

The 21-year-old singer/songwriter, who was one of three winners of the festival's Battle of the Bands to earn an appearance, is shy and quiet by nature, but when it comes to music it's all about writing good material and performing well.

"When I'm playing my songs I'm totally focused on what I'm doing," Hood said. "I never want to make it about anything but the music. I'm not looking to be famous, I just want to write really good songs and get better."

Hood, who was raised in a music-loving family, was a sophomore at Monroe-Woodbury High School when she started writing music. Soon after, she learned the guitar and began recording voice memos on her phone whenever she was inspired.

"My friends were shocked that I wrote songs, they had no idea," Hood said.

Hood briefly attended Belmont University in Nashville where not only did she continue her songwriting, but she immersed herself in Music City's culture, including performances at the famed Bluebird Café.

But she returned home to save on tuition and enrolled in Rockland Community College, where she graduated last month.

"Nashville was very focused on country music and I'm not a country artist, so I felt being back in New York was better for me," Hood said.

While recording at Loft Recording Studios in Bronxville, Hood was convinced by her producer to sign up for the Pleasantville Music Festival's Battle of the Bands earlier this year in hopes of winning a chance to perform at this year's 13th annual event and earn the most exposure she's ever had. The competition is open to musicians and musical groups 26 years old and under from throughout the Hudson Valley, New York City, Fairfield County, Conn. and northern New Jersey.



Mary Hood, an Orange County native, was one of the Pleasantville Music Festival's Battle of the Bands winners, which earned her a spot in this year's lineup.

Hood recalled how intimidated she was by her competition and the concert-like setting while performing for the judges.

"The people that I was playing with were so good and I was amazed I was able

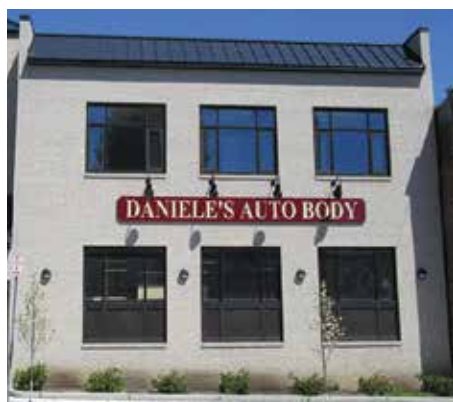
to make it through," she said. "I felt like I didn't belong, but luckily I was able to hold it together and focus on performing."

Surprised by her win, Hood, who will open the Chill Tent Stage at this Saturday's festival at noon, said performing at the festival will be a good learning experience. She is also excited to be playing on the same program as heralded musicians such as Suzanne Vega and Living Colour. Hood hopes her appearance will expose her to a larger fan base and that her music will be heard by fellow performers.

Hood has also been working on completing her first album for a release later this summer and practicing her material in front of her family to help her become more comfortable with the set she's going to perform this weekend.

As Saturday approaches, Hood said she will likely feel the nervousness and excitement, but will also live out one of her dreams.

"It's really cool to be playing a festival and to have my name on the poster," Hood said. "That was so cool."



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Shovel Ready String Band Ready to Dish Unique Sound on Saturday

By Anna Young

While Westchester folk group Shovel Ready String Band is no stranger to Pleasantville, performing the Pleasantville Music Festival will undoubtedly be the biggest event they've ever played.

Group members Jim Ballentine (bass), Karen Goodman (guitar, banjo and autoharp), Ted Kuhn (fiddle), Charlotte Elizabeth Falk (concertina), Dan Herman (guitar and banjo) and Michael Dwyer (mandolin) have traveled throughout the Hudson Valley performing their unique up-tempo country and bluegrass instrumental sound since 2012.

With the exception of Dwyer, the band's newest member, Goodman said the group started playing together long before they decided to take their music public, paying homage to the longstanding folk tradition to come together and jam.

The Shovel Ready String Band decided to move its jam sessions from the front stoop to the stage five years ago. They appeared in local venues, experimenting with their sound and learning how to interact with the audience, Goodman said.



The local Shovel Ready String Band will play in front of their largest audience when they appear at this weekend's Pleasantville Music Festival.

"It's not a formal concert setting so you can experiment with music, try new songs and interact with the audience in a casual way," she said. "The more we played professionally, the more we improved. It's like having rehearsal time but in a professional setting, so it's a lot of fun."

While the band members have become familiar with playing intimate gigs at cafes, private parties, clubs and farmers markets, Goodman said the band is more in demand now than ever before and isn't nervous about appearing before what promises to be their largest audience at

the Chill Tent Stage on Saturday.

"We've played so much in public now that we're comfortable with each other and the idea of it," Goodman said. "It's not the kind of music you get nervous about playing."

With Goodman praising the band's talented musicians and songwriters for making their music more upbeat and providing more variety in their sound, she said the Shovel Ready String Band is eager to share their music with a larger audience.

"I'm so proud of my bandmates, they have all been writing songs and they're really great songs," Goodman said. "Lyrics are very important to us and we like songs that are very musically fun. We've poured our hearts into it so it'll be fun to put that music out there."

Goodman said attendees can also expect to hear the band perform some covers, but in their own way.

"Music is one of those things that makes your life rich and so much fun," she said. "It's really self-sustaining because we love it."



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Ethel Eurie and Tyrone Johnson Church Deacons, Mt. Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

On June 11, Ethel Eurie achieved a milestone that had never been attained before in the nearly 80 years since Mount Kisco's Bethel Baptist Church was founded.

When Eurie was ordained as a deacon with fellow Mount Kisco resident Tyrone Johnson, she became the first woman to hold that position in the congregation's history.

For Eurie and Johnson, longtime parishioners at the Maple Avenue church, the honor of being entrusted in a position of importance and responsibility is a humbling experience.

"I think about it and feel I have to thank God because God brought me a long ways," said Eurie, 68, a retired nursing assistant at Northern Westchester Hospital and cosmetologist. "It's amazing. When you believe and put trust in him, if he's got something for you to do, you're going to do it."

Johnson, a Fox Lane High School graduate, has been attending the church since he was a young child, having also been enrolled in Bethel Baptist's Sunday

School. A premature baby who had a collapsed lung at birth, he is convinced he wouldn't have survived without help from above.

"It's unbelievable where God has brought me from, and I've got to give all the honor and glory to him because if it weren't for him I wouldn't be here today," Johnson said.

Senior Pastor Rev. Malcolm Hudson Jr. worked extensively with both congregants for about nine months to prepare them for their new role. The training included intensive study of scripture, how to help with baptisms and addressing any issues that the church's congregants may have. While they can't make a decision on behalf of the church, as officers they have the authority to sign documents, if needed.

Another responsibility is participating in the Lord's Supper, typically the first Sunday of each month, where the deacons deliver food to the homebound, Eurie said.

Hudson said being a deacon requires more than attending services and serving the congregation while in church. The deacons are required to serve the



entire community and to look after fellow congregants who might be facing difficulties and need someone to talk to.

"They have to be the ones to make sure that when they don't see somebody, that they contact them to find out if they're alright," Hudson said.

Johnson, 33, who works as an inventory assistant at the Food Bank for Westchester, said he will always be grateful to the church members who checked up on him after he abruptly stopped coming to church for a couple of years in his early twenties. He said he was on the cusp of falling in with the wrong crowd and received some much-needed direction.

Now that he is older and wiser, he's making sure he's there for anyone in the church who needs him.

"I like to help anybody who is in need," said Johnson, who has one daughter. "I'm

willing to help, and you never know when somebody is in need. It might be your turn, you might switch places and go to them for help."

For Eurie, born and raised in Charleston, S.C., she grew up in the Methodist denomination. When she relocated to Mount Kisco at about 21 years old to live with an uncle, Eurie didn't feel comfortable at a local Methodist church, in large part because there had been turnover of clergy.

Since her uncle's house was across the street from Bethel Baptist, she decided to give it a try. She's been coming to the church regularly now for more than 30 years. She raised three sons who are all grown.

Hudson said while Eurie is the first woman deacon at Beth Baptist, it's been an increasingly common trend at other churches.

Eurie said as the first woman to ascend to the role she understands her unique place in the congregation but there is always more work that can be done.

In her new role, Eurie said she hopes to concentrate more on feeding the hungry in the congregation and the community.

"I think it's an awesome thing that happened, being the first woman as a deacon in this church and I thank God that I was the first woman," Eurie said. "When I look at the position that I'm in, I can do more because before I was a deaconess, now I'm a deacon. I can do more to help within the church and the community. It's an honor."

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The Pros and Cons of One-Story Vs. Two-Story Living

By Bill Primavera

It's been almost three years since I gave up two-story living in a colonial single-family house for a one-floor luxury condo. The most noticeable difference during that time is that I've gained weight.

For most of my life I've lived a two-story existence, having to climb stairs any number of times during the day as a matter of course. The exception was for brief periods when I lived in New York City in an apartment building on one level, 14 stories up, but of course, with an elevator.

Another rental experience on one level, thankfully short, was a five-floor walk-up that was a challenge for visitors who first had to catch their breath before we could embark on any kind of civil discourse.

Other than that, I subscribed to the credo that one of my first customers laid down: to show him only two-story houses where he didn't eat and sleep on the same floor.

For much of the history of single-family homes in America, the preferred style was the simple one-story, ranch-style home, progressing from there to the Cape Cod with two bedrooms and a



By Bill Primavera

bath nestled nicely in the raised roof line of the structure.

But, as families increased in size and we became a wealthier nation, first the split, with half the house rising to two stories, then the colonial, became the preferred style for most of us. One-level ranch houses have remained a good choice for starter homes as well as a preferred choice for seniors who prefer a no-steps option.

Just recently I ran across a checklist online of pros and cons of one- and two-story options. For one-story dwellers, the advantages are:

1. The Lazy Factor. If you're into fitness, two stories is a benefit; but most of us consider it a hassle to go up and down stairs.
2. The Noise Factor. Most homes don't have noise proofing from above.
3. The Mobility Issue. At some point, many, if not most of us, will not be able to navigate stairs.
4. Renovation Flexibility. Load-bearing walls make knocking down walls a problem. With ranches, it's easier to create open areas.
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9. Child safety is an issue with stairs in a two-story house.
10. Easier escape in case of fire.
11. Easier to clean, in terms of not having to lug vacuums up and down stairs.
12. Laundry. No issue of having the laundry delivered up or down one or two flights of stairs.
13. Cheaper to heat. Surprisingly, a one-story home is less expensive to heat and cool.

Advantages of two-story homes are:

1. More Square Footage With Smaller Footprint. In other words, it's cost-effective.
2. Get a View. Sometimes a lot makes it beneficial to put bedrooms on the lower level and have the living area on top for a better view, especially on a sloping lot.
3. Balcony potential. If you like the idea of a balcony off your master bedroom.
4. Separation Between Bedrooms and

Living Space. Probably the biggest reason most people claim.

5. Easier to accommodate on most lots that might not be wide enough or big enough for a large rancher while leaving enough outdoor space.
6. The Aesthetics of Stairs. Many homeowners desire a grander foyer effect.
7. Cheaper to Build. Given the roof and foundation are expensive components of a house to build, a two-story house containing the same square footage as a ranch will generally cost less per square foot.

The obvious conclusion to be drawn here is that while the list of advantages for a ranch-style home may be longer, the two-story house would appear more desirable simply because a second story is more cost effective to build, not to mention a built-in aerobics program at the same time.

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Business of the Week

Armonk Wines & Spirits, Armonk

By Colette Connolly

Shopping at Armonk Wines & Spirits is more than just perusing shelves for the perfect Chablis or Chardonnay.

Free tastings are the norm at this recently re-opened liquor store, which stocks a wide variety of everyday wines as well as more select varieties for special occasions. Couple that with a host of new and undiscovered wines and liquors and patrons are provided with a different wine store experience.

Store manager Nancy Oster Rosner said her family, the new owners, has created a welcoming and friendly environment that emphasizes educating the customer about the large assortment of selections in the store.

To help in the decision-making process, a winetasting machine gives the customer the option of trying four different types of wine.

The 1,500-square-foot store in the heart of downtown Armonk also houses a temperature-controlled vault containing sought-after wines.

It carries a “huge selection” of vodkas and bourbons, with many of them hand selected by the owners, Rosner said.

“If we don’t already have what customers are looking for in stock, we are happy to special order it,” she said.

Rosner, whose grandfather opened his first liquor store in lower Manhattan after emigrating from Eastern Europe, has created a system that keeps an accounting of every customer’s previous purchases. When they return to the store to make another purchase, that information is readily available.

“It’s nice because we are able to look at the customer list and very often suggest new wines based on their tastes,” Rosner said.

Showcasing different wines at specific times of year is a frequent occurrence at Armonk Wines & Spirits. Rosner said they try to offer selections that are appropriate for the season. For example, during the summer months, Rosner puts the focus on Rosés; in winter, she’ll shift to heavier varieties.



Nancy Oster Rosner, manager of Armonk Wines & Spirits, which opened earlier this year.

Rosner said the store has a chiller that can make any bottle of wine cold in two minutes.

She is constantly introducing new and undiscovered wines and liquors that she feels her customers might like.

“It is our job to filter through countless wines and spirits to recommend only the finest bottles at reasonable prices,” she said.

There are plenty of specials at Armonk Wines & Spirits, which also hosts small private parties.

Currently, the store maintains a special “3 for \$33” section, where customers can mix and match any three bottles of wine for that price. Rosner is happy to recommend others, too, including reasonably-priced summer wines, all for \$15 and under: Bieler Pere Fils Rosé; Domaine de Triennes Rosé; Morgan Cotes du Crow’s (a red wine); Mount Riley Sauvignon Blanc; and the sparkling wine Gruet Brut.

Armonk Wines & Spirits is located at 383 Main St. in Armonk. It is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information on the store’s frequent specials, check out its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/armonkwine/>, or visit www.armonkwine.com. For more information, call 914-273-3315.

If a customer can’t locate a particular bottle of wine or liquor they are searching for, Rosner said she is willing to track it down for them.

“We’re really about the full experience,” she said.

There’s also no need to worry about buying bottles that aren’t cold enough for that last-minute get-together.

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A Female Generation Assumes the Reins – 632 Years in the Making



By Nick Antonaccio

There has been a sea change in gender roles in winery management over the past 25 five years. The role of women as head winemakers has been slowly expanding. Most importantly, the perception of women as qualified wine professionals has finally been advancing to a reality.

In my opinion, the country that has fostered the advancement of women in prominent roles in the worldwide wine industry, including those in the most esteemed position – winemaker – is the United States.

One reason for this change is the rise of highly qualified female professionals. But another important element is the relatively young wine industry in our country, and the concomitant lack of generational succession. Today, women winemakers have risen to head 10 percent of California wineries.

In my opinion, the wine regions that have least fostered the advancement of women is Western Europe. The wine culture of family wineries in Western Europe is steeped in a tradition of male inheritance and female discrimination. There are wineries that have been owned

and operated by the same family for centuries. The mantle of winemaker has been passed down to the first-born male in each successive generation.

Culture and tradition are difficult to change. Until recently.

A woman will assume the helm of one of the most famous, and one of the oldest, Italian family-run wine businesses. Albiera Antinori, 50, one of three daughters of Piero Antinori, the 26th generation of Antinoris, has finally broken through the glass ceiling of Western European winemakers – and business leaders. She will become the chief executive officer this month.

How significant is this achievement? Perhaps a bit of the history of this winery is in order.

In 1385, Giovanni de Piero Antinori began a small family wine business in Tuscany. Today, the 26th generation descendant, Marchese Piero Antinori, leads the business. Piero's influence is legendary. He has successfully expanded beyond the ancestral power base of Tuscany into nearly all of the principal wine regions in Italy as well as Chile, Hungary, Malta, Hungary, California and Washington State.

But even the Marchese's prowess and

insights could not prepare him for the two threats that arose during his tenure – each of which could have meant the demise of the 632-year-old family business.

In 1966, Piero's father retired, turning over the reins to him, leaving 27-year-old Piero to manage the complex operation by himself. The young and inexperienced Piero was overwhelmed. In 1983, seeking a guiding hand, he sold a minority interest in the family business. Alas, this was not the solution and the business began to suffer.

Further compounding Piero's problem was the influence of an Italian tradition: the role of women in business.

From the first family patriarch to Marchese Piero, every successive generation of leaders was a male. Women simply were not considered for leadership roles. Piero was the proud father of three girls – and no boys. Strongly influenced by Italian tradition, he faced a dilemma.

The family business was on the brink of breaking its six-century legacy of family ownership.

Piero continued to operate under corporate influence for eight untenable, stressful years. In 1991, he made two difficult decisions: buy back full control

of the family business and accept his daughters into the business.

But his three young daughters had never expressed an interest in being part of the family business.

As 21st century women, they were pursuing other interests. Piero would not and could not dictate his daughters' career choices, but he hoped that the example he set and the long heritage of the family business would influence them.

Fast forward to 2010: the daughters had a change of heart and immersed themselves in the family business. When the family announced the succession in leadership last week, it seemed like the natural changing of the guard.

Upon her appointment, Albiera told Wine Enthusiast magazine, "It is important that these decisions are made with the eyes of a generation before and maybe perhaps with the eyes of a future generation also. There has to be respect for the generation after as well as respect for the ones before."

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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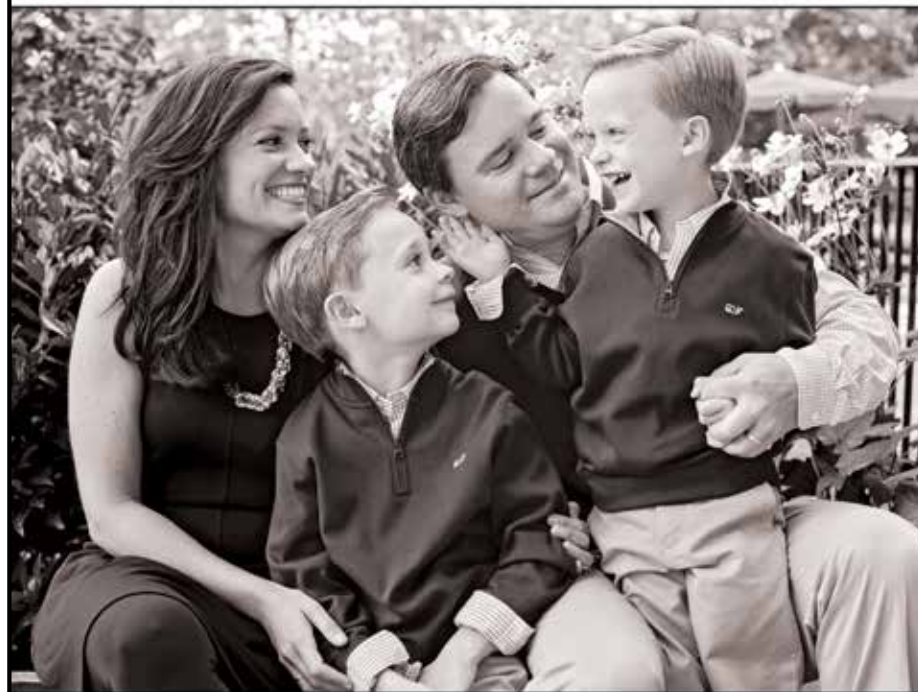
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There Are Clear Benefits to Tidying Your Quarters

By Joanne Witmyer

Have you ever entered your kitchen with the goal of cooking a nutritious meal, only to be overwhelmed by the clutter?

You see spice jars in disarray on the counter, utensils overflowing from multiple containers and recipe cards mixed in with mail covering the table. The idea of cleaning up feels overwhelming and stressful. Backing out of the kitchen, you decide to order take-out.

A less messy home helps enhance wellness by allowing for clearer thoughts and a calmer mind. This can reduce stress, support creativity



By Joanne Witmyer

and improve sleep. Tidying even can strengthen social bonds; people feel more comfortable inviting friends and family to visit without being embarrassed by all the clutter.

Matt Baier is a professional organizer who helped streamline and declutter my family's home office. He is the

owner of Matt Baier Organizing, based in Stamford, Conn. I had an interesting conversation with him recently, discussing our experiences with what drives a person to make changes in their lives.

In times of transitions, there

are strong parallels between why individuals decide to take action and seek help in becoming more organized and enhancing their well-being.

"Organizing is not necessarily about sorting our stuff, it's about sorting priorities," Baier said. "Everyone has different priorities that are always changing."

Baier's approach to decluttering customizes strategies to meet a client's needs. He provides practical tools to help maintain the organizing system and avoid rebound.

I recognize that I feel more like spending time in a room that has a minimalist vibe. I like knowing that items are generally stored in a place I would expect them to be, so I can find them more easily. There is always going to be some clutter. That is to

be expected in our lives. But if we can aim to minimize messy and disorganized closets, tables and surface areas in our homes, we will definitely notice the benefits.

I invite you to send me a photo of a room you feel would benefit from being less cluttered. How would it improve your mood and reduce stress if that room was tidier? I look forward to hearing from you.

Joanne Witmyer is the founder of Indigo Health and Wellness based in Briarcliff Manor. She teaches group classes, offers consulting to companies and helps individuals achieve their wellness goals, particularly during times of change and transition. You can reach Joanne at 914-208-1022 or at Joanne@IndigoHW.com.

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Wednesday, July 5

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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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Art Series: James McNeil Whistler. This American-born Gilded Age painter saw music and painting as inextricably linked. Responsible for changing the way the world looked at art for its own intrinsic value, his portraits and images are revered the world over. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

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Chappaqua Concert Series: Don DuPont Big Band. Come celebrate the Big Band era. The first of five outdoor concerts

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Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Bridge for Beginners With Joel Goren. Classes for beginners who want to learn the basics of bridge. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. Free. Also July 13 and 20. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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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.mountkiscoliberal.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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

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Communities Take Advantage of Summer With Outdoor Concert Series

By Martin Wilbur

When you think of summer, that could mean vacation, trips to the beach, barbecues and maybe getting off from work a little earlier on Fridays.

In recent years, the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer also offers residents the chance to head to a local park in the evening with a picnic basket and lawn chair, maybe run into neighbors and friends and take in a free summer concert.

Starting this week, communities locally and throughout the county will have the 2017 edition of their summer concert series in full swing, offering live music featuring a variety of musical genres that entertain music lovers or those looking to spend a pleasant evening outdoors with some high-quality performances.

On Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., the New Castle Recreation & Parks Department and the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce will team up to present the first of five concerts on consecutive Wednesday evenings at Recreation Park in Chappaqua with music from the Big Band era featuring the Don DuPont Big Band.



The Swingeroos, a blues and swing group, will kick off the Small Town Theatre Company's summer concert series in Armonk this Saturday night. It is one of a growing number of free outdoor summer concert series throughout the area and Westchester.

The following evening, the Mount Kisco Recreation Department will feature Bill & The Showmen, a rhythm and blues group, to kick off a three-concert series at Leonard Park.

On Saturday evening at Wampus Brook Park at 8 p.m., the Armonk-based Small Town Theatre Company will once again

bring back its concert series featuring four different programs on alternating weeks. This week, the Swingeroos will kick off that series with an evening of blues and swing.

"If you have been to it you know how wonderful they are," North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro said of the Small Town Theatre Company's series. "If you haven't been to one, it's one of the nicest things in town. It's absolutely wonderful."

Throw in concerts in many of the Hudson River towns from Peekskill down to Yonkers, plus White Plains' Neighborhood Nights throughout that city four nights a week in July, and there's likely a concert somewhere for anyone's tastes. While having the local concerts is great for community spirit and quality of life, it also has provided towns with a way to bring more foot traffic to their downtowns and perhaps help merchants.

The New Castle concerts will continue each Wednesday through Aug. 2. In the ensuing weeks, audiences will be treated to the group FDR Drive playing Motown and R&B on July 12; Country Fresh, a country music group, will perform on

July 19; Tramps Like Us, a Springsteen tribute band will play on July 26; and The Chappaqua Orchestra will close out the series.

This year's concerts in Mount Kisco will be followed on July 13 with a musical tribute to The Beatles from Soul King. The series will conclude on July 20 with a performance by Jordelli. In the event of rain, any postponed concert will be rescheduled for Aug. 3.

All concerts in New Castle and Mount Kisco begin at 7 p.m.

"The concert series is going to be exciting," Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich said.

The remaining Small Town Theatre Company concerts will feature jazz and soul with saxophonist Charlie Lagond on July 22; a show of classic Broadway tunes on Aug. 5; and the New Rochelle Opera on Aug. 19. All shows start at 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.SmallTownTheatre.com.

For more information on the Mount Kisco series, contact the Mount Kisco Recreation Department at 914-666-3059. In New Castle, call 914-238-3909.

Neal Rentz contributed to this article.

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3 to 4 p.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. \$25. (Proceeds benefit the Food Bank for Westchester.) Also July 13, 20 and 27. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit foodbankforwestchester.org/events/gardening101.

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.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.org.

Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series: Rocky Middleton Sextet. The first of eight Thursday night jazz concerts. Presented by New York-Presbyterian. 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. (Concert is canceled by 3 p.m. in the event of rain.) Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Village of Mount Kisco Summer Concert Series: Billy & The Showmen. Leonard Park, Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Rain date: Aug. 3. Info: Visit www.mountkisco.org.

Friday, July 7

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.

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.

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.

Temple Open House/Barbecue. A membership barbecue that is open to everyone. Helpful for prospective members who are considering participating in the Temple's High Holy Day services and religious school in the coming year. Features a Tot Shabbat appropriate for young children and their families, followed by hot dogs and hamburgers as the rabbis and staff will be available to answer questions. The evening ends with an outdoor Shabbat service and an Oneg. Dress casual. Rain or shine. Temple Shaaray Tefila, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford Corners. 6 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 4. Info: 914-666-3133 or visit www.shaaraytefila.org.

Jazz at Pierson Park Concert Series: Andrew Halchak Quartet. The first of eight Friday night jazz concerts. Presented by New York-Presbyterian. Pierson Park, West Main Street, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. (Concert will be moved to the senior center in the park in the event of rain.) Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Friday Night Cinema: "Anonymous." What if your most famous plays weren't written by a simple playwright but were rather cloak and dagger political intrigue unfolding right on stage in front of everyone? What if all you had to do was keep your eyes open to garner the most important espionage info of your age? That's just one of the premises behind this film set in Shakespeare's England. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill 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.

Saturday, July 8

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest year-round farmers market in Westchester and the one voted Best of Westchester from 2014 to 2017. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time every This week, Westmoreland is the kids' event from 9:30 to 11 a.m., folksy

singer/songwriter Lisa Jane Lipkin will be performing as part of the music series from 10 to noon. The health and sustainability program will feature Nutrition Bits and Bites: The Beautiful Beet from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday through Nov. 18. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. 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.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also July 15, 22 and 29. 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.mountkisco.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.

Live Music at Chappaqua Station: Pito Castillo Salsa Dancing Night With Latin Caravan. 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 7 to 8:30 p.m. for \$10 per person for table reservation. Second seating 9 to 10 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.

Comedy Night. Six popular comics for a night of great dining and outrageous fun. Must be 18 years old and up. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:45 p.m. Show at 8:30 p.m. \$84 per person (plus tax). Show

only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Magically Hysterical. Master illusionist Elliot Zimet and award-winning comedian Judy Gold bring a brand new evening of magic and laughter to audiences. Zimet's fresh approach to his material is unparalleled in the world of magic and illusion. His appearance captivated the audiences of America's Got Talent and led him to the semifinals, providing audiences with mind-blowing magic featuring a unique blend of heart-pumping illusions, exotic birds, mentalism, humor, audience interaction and today's hottest music. Gold tours the world as one of today's leading comedians. She has written and starred in two critically acclaimed Off Broadway shows and has had a standup special on HBO and Comedy Central. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$25 and \$35. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

The Swingeroos. The Small Town Theatre Company presents the first of in its series of outdoor summer concerts with this blues and swing group. The New York City and Westchester-based group entertain with their original 1930 and '40s-inspired tunes as well as forgotten goodies by world-famous bandleaders Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw. Members include Kimberly Hawkey, Assaf Gleizner, Dan Glaude and Nat Ranson. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic basket. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.SmallTownTheatre.com.

Sunday, July 9

Polish Heritage Festival. Music and dance, arts and crafts and food vendors. Bring blankets and folding chairs. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free admission and parking. Info: 914-231-4033.

Bringing Butterflies to Your Yard. Learn how to make your own backyard a gathering place for native butterflies and how you can use even a small yard to support these beautiful creatures through their various lifecycle stages and migrations. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets. Joined on stage by his band, the Space Cadets, Kubart performs songs celebrating real-life family moments and milestones. Together, Kubart and the Space Cadets put on a highly interactive and musically rich show that always speaks to kids at the top of their intelligence. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 1 and 4

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From Romper Room, to Economic Boom, to Social Doom?

By Richard Cirulli

I would be remiss if I failed to make reference to a TV show that contributed to the nurturing of Baby Boomer ethos.

"Romper Room" debuted in 1953 and ran until 1994. While the show outlived Baby Boomer adolescence, it was an extension of their teenage years, as selfies and Instagram are to today's adolescents.

Contemporary society may now view this show as too hokey and unsophisticated for today's children. But it might be interesting to take a refresher course in Romper Room 101 for the sake of reminding us what we have lost since its demise.

Each show opened with a pledge of allegiance, then proceeded for the next 30 or 60 minutes with games, exercises, songs, and most important, moral lessons and manners. The program went so far as to offer the most politically incorrect act (by today's standards) of offering up a prayer of thanks.

In essence, the show helped inculcate in the minds of children how to be polite, to teach deportment and offer praise to something greater than one's self. These values and virtues were reinforced with the "Mr. Do Bee" and "Mr. Don't Bee" characters. By today's standards the show would be derided as dated and overly simple.

A second look might refute this claim in light of the decline in America's civility and morals. A lesson to be learned is that politeness, deportment

and civility are not apps that can be downloaded into our hearts and souls.

The '60s can be described in retrospect, as the revolutionary force of youth confronting what was believed to be a repressive and intolerant society. In hindsight, this poses quite a paradox when viewed in light of today's world of zero political tolerance.

Today's world is far less tolerant and more repressive to those who offer a dissenting opinion. For example, a female college student of unrepachable background was recently denied her place at graduation because a snooping security guard found a steak knife in her car. The knife had fallen from a box when she assisted a friend in moving. Yet, even with her plausible explanation, she was denied her day under the college's zero tolerance program. Her request for open justice was denied, and no students nor the media came to her aid.

In today's world, we no longer have the wisdom and courage to judge and be judged on what is true versus false, and what is right versus wrong. Rather, social judgment is based on the politically correct menu of the day. Today, political correctness at times trumps facts and reason, seeking solutions via agenda, fiat always in fear of a political discourse.

We now approach our moral arguments like tainted-sophists who seek a decision based on who presents the best manipulated argument, not on

the facts of what is right versus wrong.

How did we arrive at this destination? Possibly, the following observation may hold some food for thought. During the 1950s economic boom, "Romper Room" was competing with a transforming society.

By the '50s, illiteracy reached a low of 3.2 percent. By 1956, for the first time in history, America had more white-collar workers than blue-collar workers. By 1957, the service sector took over manufacturing as the lead component of the economy. Median family income doubled from 1950 to 1960. The country's population grew from 132 million in 1940 to 172 million by 1960, and the nation's GNP grew from \$285 billion in 1950 to \$500 billion in 1960.

By the mid-1950s, a teenager's allowance averaged \$10 to \$15 dollars a week, more than an adult weekly income in the 1930s. This generous allowance along with part-time job incomes made teenagers an economic force that Wall Street was more than eager to exploit. By the decade's end, America's growth accelerated the demand to build bomb shelters.

By the end of the 1950s into the early '60s, more Americans graduated from high school, and for the first time, college graduates outpaced farmers. In essence, America's youth were spending less time with adults with their worldly experience and wisdom, and were now guided by their adolescent peers. Wisdom was outsourced to "Romper

Room" and the likes of "Father Knows Best."

In distress, by the '60s the counterculture went underground in the hope of rising like a phoenix from the ashes of a fallen humanity. The counterculture consisted of self-proclaimed freaks, hippies and artists, all in conflict with the rat race and opposed to middle class values.

Today, America's super rich, still living with the anxiety of nuclear fear, have also gone underground to build multimillion dollar security bunkers, many constructed in former missile silos. The late Roger Ailes, and it is rumored Bill Gates, have built their own security shelters.

Why the paranoia? Will America be the victim of a foreign nuclear attack? Robert H. Dugger, a venture capitalist quoted in The New Yorker, said "Anyone who's in this community knows people who are worried that America is heading toward something like the Russian Revolution."

Let's hope they take recordings of "Romper Room" with them underground to watch before they exit their bunkers. Maybe next time around they will spread wisdom and civility, not just money.

Dr. Richard Cirulli is a retired professor and business consultant, writer, columnist and innocent bystander at large. He looks forward to your comments at profcirulli@optonline.net.

Free Rabies Clinic This Saturday in Briarcliff Manor

Westchester County residents can bring their dogs, cats and ferrets in for free rabies vaccinations on Saturday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SPCA of Westchester, located at 590 N. State Rd. in Briarcliff Manor. Call 914-941-2896 ext. 10 to schedule a required appointment.

Cats and ferrets must be in carriers and dogs must be on a leash. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. No examinations will be given and all pets must be supervised by an adult.

"Vaccinating your pet against rabies will protect your pet and your family in case your pet has contact with a rabid or potentially rabid animal," said Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler.

Under state law, dogs and cats must receive their first rabies vaccine no later than four months after birth. A second rabies shot must be given within one year of the first vaccine, with additional booster shots given every one or three years after that, depending on the vaccine used. Owners who fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep the vaccinations up to date may be fined up to \$2,000.

Rabies is a fatal disease that is spread through the bite or saliva of infected animals. Those animals most commonly infected are raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. However, domestic animals such as cats and dogs are also at risk because they can easily contract rabies from wild or

stray animals.

A pet that is up to date with its rabies vaccinations would only need to get a booster within five days of exposure to a known or suspected rabid animal. Animals not up to date with rabies vaccinations would need to be quarantined or potentially euthanized following contact with a rabid or a suspected rabid animal.

A change in an animal's behavior is often the first sign of rabies. A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame. It may lose fear of people, become docile or it may become particularly excited and irritable. Staggering, spitting and frothing at the mouth are sometimes noted in infected animals. Adults

should discourage children from touching unfamiliar animals and to immediately tell an adult if they have been bitten or scratched by an animal.

All animal bites or contact with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Health Department at 914-813-5000. After hours, callers should follow instructions in the recorded message for reporting public health emergencies 24 hours a day.

To learn more about rabies and how to prevent it, visit www.westchestergov.com/health, like the Health Department on Facebook at [facebook.com/wchealthdept](https://www.facebook.com/wchealthdept) or follow on Twitter at @wchealthdept.

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p.m. \$23. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

A Touch of Sinatra. A musical show about the life and music of Frank Sinatra. 'Ol Blue Eyes rose to fame singing big band numbers. In the 1940s and '50s, he had a dazzling array of hit songs and albums and went on to appear in dozens of films, winning an Oscar for "From Here to Eternity" and left behind a massive catalog of work. Performed by Donnie Farraro, the most authentic-sounding Frank Sinatra and lookalike in the music industry today. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"What's New at Rockefeller Preserve?"

Join Preserve Manager Susan Antenen for this 30-minute talk that provides the public with an understanding of what the preserve is doing to keep the landscape as enjoyable today as it was for the Rockefellers 100 years ago. She describes upcoming changes, trail improvement projects and new land stewardship practices. The public can ask questions about the preserve's ecology, management and history. Rockefeller Preserve Gallery, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-631-1470 or visit www.nysparks.com.

Author Talk and Book Signing. Historic Hudson Valley welcomes author Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar to discuss her book "Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge." Dunbar tells the powerful story of Judge, who at 22 years old risked everything for her freedom – and became the subject of a massive manhunt led by the President of the United States. Much has been written about the Founding Father's relationship with slavery, but Dunbar's book is unique in its perspective and tells the story from the point of view of the enslaved. Moderated by Dr. Jacqueline Simmons, lecturer at Teachers College, Columbia University. Philipsburg Manor Visitors Center, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 4 p.m. Free. Guests may buy the book in the museum shop. Info: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Randy Newman in Concert. With songs that run the gamut from heartbreaking to satirical and a host of unforgettable film scores, Newman has used his many talents to create musical masterpieces widely recognized by generations of audiences. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$58 to \$138. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Monday, July 10

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route

117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacambell@masternetworks.net. or just drop in.

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

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

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

Medicare 101. Learn about original Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare supplement plans and Medicare Advantage plans (HMOs and PPOs). Presented by James Farnham, an MBA and licensed MS agent. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887.

Jazz at Henry Gourdine Park Concert Series: Gerry Malkin Quartet. The first of four Monday night jazz concerts. Presented by New York-Presbyterian. Henry Gourdine Park at the Riverfront, Ossining. 6:30 p.m. Free. (Concert will be moved to the Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining in the event of

rain.) Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Belly Dancing. Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit www.josiedance.com.

Telephone Support Group for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer. This Support Connection group offers the opportunity to share information and experiences with women across the country who are living with breast cancer. Share information and experiences. Confidentially discuss concerns and gain support from others who understand from the comfort of home. Open to women nationwide living with recurrent, advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer. 8 p.m. Free. First Monday of each month. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, July 11

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

Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco library.org.

Better Breathers Club/Pulmonary Fibrosis Support. A monthly interactive support group for people with breathing disorders or pulmonary fibrosis. Participants who use oxygen may switch to the hospital's supply during the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Phelps, the American Lung Association and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Phelps Hospital's Walkway Conference Room (G Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3712.

Diabetes Educational Program. Learn what diabetes is, what medications are available, how to prevent and manage complications, blood sugar targets, what foods to eat, how to count carbs and much more in this two-session program. A physician referral and attendance at both classes is required. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 4 p.m. There may be a charge for this class, depending on insurance coverage. Second

session: July 20. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-2270.

Building Club. Do you like building with LEGOs? Children are invited to build and create anything they choose. For children five to 10 years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Also July 18. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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.mountkisco library.org.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Also July 18 and 25. Info: 914-273-3887.

Wednesday, July 12

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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.

Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers. Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.



Jon Smith belted a homer and a double in Rockland's 6-5 win over the Cuban National Team.



Dylan Tice of the Boulders hits a fly ball to right field in the sixth inning of the 6-5 win over the Cuban National Team.



Cuban National Team first baseman Yordani Samon chases a foul pop in last Thursday's game.

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Boulders Win a Game Full of International Flair

Joe Maloney and Jon Smith belted back-to-back home runs in a four-run first inning that carried the host Rockland Boulders to a 6-5 victory over the Cuban National Team last Thursday evening at Palisades Credit Union Park.

C.J. Riefenhauser, the former Mahopac High School star, pitched the first five innings to collect his fourth win in five decisions this season as the Boulders captured the rubber contest in their three-game series against the Cubans.

The loss to the Boulders brought a controversial end to the Cuban National Team's month-long tour of the CanAm League. Cuba, just 5-16 on its trip, wound up forfeiting the game with two outs in the ninth inning after the reversal of a safe call at second base set off a wild exchange with the livid Cuban coaching staff sending the umpiring crew fleeing from the playing field.

Rockland, with a league-best 30-10 record after the win, found itself trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the first after a run-scoring single by Denis Laza. But Dylan Tice reached on a one-out walk, then moved to second on a single by Cody Regis. Maloney followed with his league-leading 15th homer and then the lefty-hitting Smith added another long ball.

In the second inning, Aaron Wilson led off with a double, driving Cuban

starter Alain Sanchez out of the game. Matt Fortin greeted relief pitcher Yariel Rodriguez with an RBI single, increasing the Boulders' lead to 5-1. After the Cubans scored twice in the sixth, Rockland answered with its final run in the seventh as Smith smacked a two-out double to left and scored on a double by Mike Montville.

The Cuban National Team added two runs in the eighth inning, closing to within 6-5 and setting the stage for the wild finish still to come. In the ninth, Yoelkis Cespedes, the half-brother of the New York Met slugger, reached on a one-out single. He was ruled safe at second base on a fielder's choice play, but the umpires conferred and wound up changing the call due to interference.

That sent an entire contingent of Cuban coaches onto the field in a rage. The game ended with the umpires being chased into the stands down the right-field line, but soon the two teams put the bizarre ending behind them and shook hands in the infield.

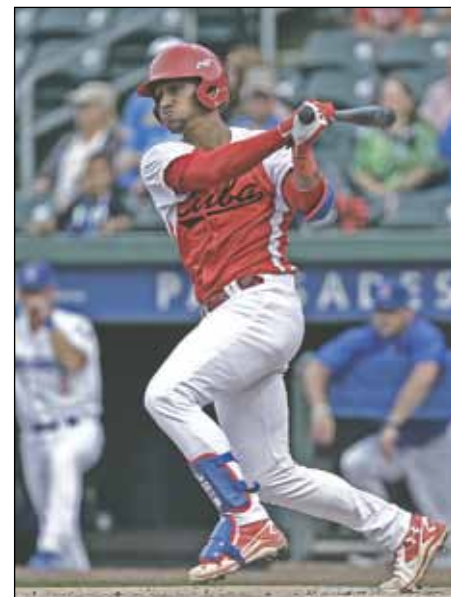
The Boulders, who began their season with seven straight wins, play six consecutive home games starting on Tuesday, July 11. The first three are against the Quebec Capitales and the final three are against the New Jersey Jackals.



The Boulders' C.J. Riefenhauser pitches in last Thursday's game at Palisades Credit Union Park.



The Boulders' Joe Maloney blasted his league-leading 15th home run in last Thursday's 6-5 win over Cuba.



Victor Mesa of the Cuban National Team hits a first-inning single in last week's game against the Boulders.



Aaron Wilson rounds third base during the Rockland Boulders' home game last Thursday.



Yariel Rodriguez pitches in relief for the Cuban National Team during Thursday's 6-5 loss to the host Rockland Boulders.



Emily Resnik waits her turn as she competes in the shot put.

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Grayson Kaminer competes in the 3200 at the Westchester County Championships.



Luke Yaroscak tries to dodge his way to the cage in a game at Pleasantville.



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Bobcat shortstop Skylar Sanders tries to turn a double play against visiting Nanuet.



Matt Grotta fires a shot at the cage in the Bobcats' home win over Ardsley.



Matt Nichols runs the bases during a Bobcat home game.



Infielder Jackson Pinsky awaits a late throw at second base midway through the regular season.



Maggie Croke pitches in the Bobcats' final game of the season.



Sam Mayers heads toward the finish line in the 100 at the Class B championship meet.



Golf standout Ally Steffen drives the ball at the sectional championships en route to qualifying for the state tourney.



The Bobcats' Arjun Goyal hits a forehand return during a singles match at the sectional championships.



Kallie Hoffman goes on the attack in the Bobcats' playoff game vs. Hendrick Hudson.

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RENEGADES BASEBALL



The Renegades' Emilio Gustave runs to third base in Sunday's 8-2 loss to the Aberdeen IronBirds.



Hudson Valley second baseman Vidal Brujan gets a force out at second base in the eighth inning as Aberdeen's Luke Ringhofer slides into the bag.



Bill Pujols takes a big swing in the third inning of Sunday's game vs. Aberdeen.



The Renegades' Matt Eureste hits a pop fly to third base to end the fourth inning in Sunday's game, won by visiting Aberdeen.



Resly Linares of the Hudson Valley Renegades fires a pitch to the plate in Sunday afternoon's home game vs. Aberdeen.



Jean Ramirez of the Renegades pops out to short in the seventh inning of Sunday's game at Dutchess Stadium.

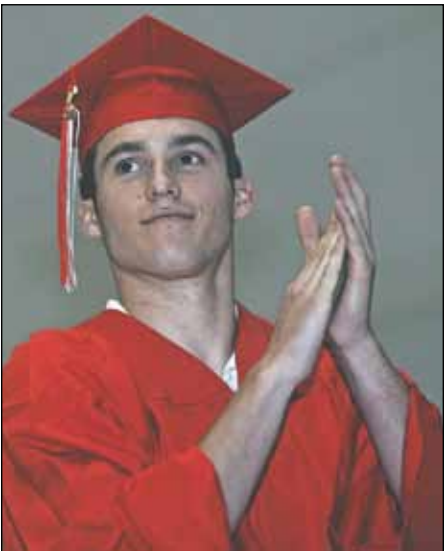
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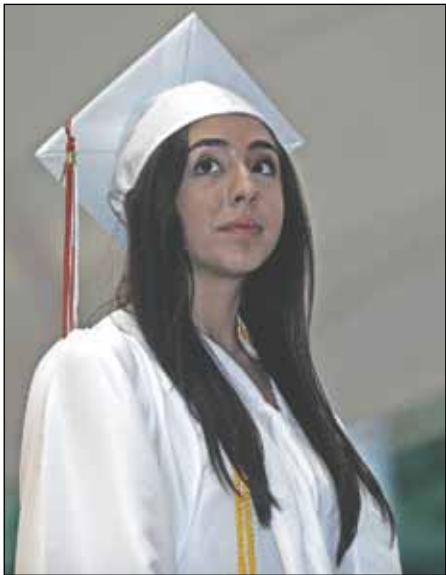
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