

Hawthorne Street Named in Honor of Fallen 9/11 Firefighter

By Neal Rentz

Michael Lyons, a New York City and Hawthorne volunteer firefighter who perished at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, was honored with more than just words on the eve of the 16th anniversary of his death.

The street in front of the Hawthorne firehouse at Home Street and Elwood Avenue was officially named Michael J. Lyons Plaza on Sunday evening. The unveiling of the street sign followed a ceremony, which included members of the Hawthorne, Valhalla, Thornwood and Pleasantville volunteer fire departments, to remember 9/11.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the town board agreed to rename the street at the request of Hawthorne firefighter Carlo Valenti.

"As a small token of appreciation, the residents of the Town of Mount Pleasant

will forever remember Michael from Squad 41, New York Fire Department, by adding his name to the street of his home firehouse," Fulgenzi said.

The new street sign is located in front of "the place where his fellow firefighters refused to forget him," Fulgenzi said. Lyons' family "will always be in our thoughts and prayers," he said.

Lyons, 32 at the time of his death, earned a degree in engineering from Manhattan College in 1994 before becoming a firefighter. He joined the FDNY in 1995, serving for five years at Engine Company 44 before going to Squad 41 in the Bronx.

He enjoyed playing darts and taught his fellow firefighters how to gamble, said Ed Kennedy, a former New York City firefighter who worked with Lyons.

To earn additional income, Lyons assembled bicycles at Toys "R" Us and

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A Solemn Remembrance



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Members of the Mount Kisco Fire Department stand at attention to honor those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, during the annual ceremony on Monday evening at the memorial monument in the village's downtown.

Pleasantville Vape Shop Owner: 'We're Being Picked On'

By Anna Young

The co-owner of the recently opened vape shop in Pleasantville said last week criticism regarding the presence of his business in the village's downtown is unwarranted.

Mike DiFazio, who opened The Glass Room with his brother three weeks ago, said the community is attacking the integrity of his business and is largely unaware of how his store operates.

Since it became known earlier this summer that The Glass Room would move into 69 Wheeler Ave., concerned local officials and residents have been collaborating to raise awareness regarding the negative effects of vaping. A push has also been made to bolster regulations addressing the sale of e-cigarettes and vaping chemicals to prevent use by minors.



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Mike DiFazio, co-owner of The Glass Room in Pleasantville, said this is the first time he has opened a vape shop in a community that has caused controversy.

"We I.D. everybody that walks into our store. We follow the law; kids under 18 can't come in here," said DiFazio, who also

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Local Immigrants, Advocates Uneasy After Move to Rescind DACA

By Martin Wilbur

Like millions of families over the generations, Jennifer Bravo Fajardo's parents left their native Ecuador in search of a better life in the United States.

Bravo Fajardo was eight months old when she and her family came to Westchester, settling in Ossining.

But because Bravo Fajardo, now 18, isn't a citizen, she is one of the estimated 800,000 people between the ages of 15 and 30 throughout the United States that could be deported if she can't renew her Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) permit, which expires in May 2019. The chances of that happening significantly increased after President Donald Trump rescinded the program last week.



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Some in the crowd who turned out Saturday in Ossining to rally in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

"I don't have a fear of leaving, but I wouldn't want to go," said Bravo Fajardo, who graduated from Ossining High

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worked other odd jobs, Kennedy said.

"Mike was a character," Kennedy said. "He was a lovable person."

During Sunday evening's ceremony, Fulgenzi praised the continuing efforts of first responders.

"It's hard to comprehend a fireman or a police officer or emergency personnel knowing the dangers facing them to enter a building in flames for the sole purpose of helping those in need, to save lives," he said. "It's bravery beyond comprehension."

Lyons, one of the 343 New York City firefighters killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11, was also remembered fondly by Mount Pleasant resident and retired FDNY lieutenant Tom Sialiano. Sialiano's home firehouse was 10 blocks from the World Trade Center.

"I learned a lot. I learned about teamwork. I learned it's worth it to help people, it's worth it to put your life on the line," he said. "And that's what Michael Lyons did on that day. And every firefighter didn't care who was in that building. They went in there with total disregard for themselves to save lives. It was one of the greatest rescue operations in the history of the City of New York. We saved thousands and thousands of people."

"We're never going to forget Michael



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The street in front of the Hawthorne fire house at the corner of Home Street and Elwood Avenue was named Michael J. Lyons Plaza to honor the New York City and Hawthorne firefighter who perished at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Lyons," Sialiano added. "He was a hero. He was a patriot. He was a wonderful person."

Following the ceremony, one of Lyons' daughters, Caitlyn, choked up while describing how she felt about having the street named after her late father. His youngest daughter, Mary Michael, was born after 9/11.

Caitlyn thanked Valenti for coming up with the idea to honor her dad and propose it to the town.

"It's really nice," she said.

New Family Musical Delivers a Friend-Strong Punch

The Friend Strong Musical "It's Easy!" makes its debut this Saturday, Sept. 16 for a 10-show run through Oct. 8 at the Irvington Town Hall Theater in Irvington.

This new family musical produced by See The Wish/Onstage is about the power of friendship, what to do about bullying, and how, in every moment, the choices we make can change the future and the lives of others.

Targeted children in grades 4-8, the show takes place during one day in the life of sixth-grade classmates at Goodwin Middle School where bullies make life miserable, bystanders stay quiet and victims are many. A frequent victim, sixth-grader Jed Travis, only wants to know if his life will get better. With help from a futuristic cell phone app, a wise custodian shows Jed and one unwitting bully how what they say and do changes the course of their futures and the lives of others.

The show's workshop debut in 2015 earned Outstanding New Musical and Outstanding Ensemble nominations from the National Youth Arts Awards. Director January Akselrad, composer and co-playwright with Jennifer Jo Young, returns to direct this first



The cast of "It's Easy!" a play that addresses the problem of bullying will open its 10-show engagement at the Irvington Town Hall Theater this Saturday.

professional run featuring 19 memorable musical numbers and an ensemble cast of 28 boys and girls and 17 adults.

The anti-bullying "speak up, reach out and be a friend" message of the musical inspired the development of the national Be-A-Friend Project, a collaborator in this new production. Since 2015, the Be-A-Friend Project has delivered more than 3,500 letters of peer support to severely bullied youths across the country to help them stay strong.

Tickets for "It's Easy!" are on sale at the Irvington Town Hall Theater online box office at www.irvingtontheater.com. For more information, visit www.seethewish.com.



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

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

Q: How can I tell if I have endometriosis?

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

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

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

Q: Can endometriosis be treated?

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

Did you know?

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

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Urgent Disease Exposure Warning for Patients of Mt. Kisco Practice

By Pat Casey

The New York State Department of Health has advised patients who went to a medical practice in Mount Kisco and White Plains that they may have been exposed to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV.

State health officials Monday advised patients of Dr. Timothy Morley and who received an intravenous infusion, injection or a blood draw at Tomorrow Medicine in Mount Kisco or White Plains or at a previous practice known as Advanced Medicine of Mount Kisco to get tested as soon as possible.

The state Department of Health is sharing this information with public health officials in all 50 states.

The Westchester County Department of Health has been working closely with the state to investigate the matter after four individuals connected with Morley recently tested positive for hepatitis C virus.

This investigation began when the county Department of Health was notified about the first of these four Hepatitis C positive results, through

an electronic lab report. That same day, the county sent a letter to the doctor who had ordered the Hepatitis C test notifying him of his patient's positive result and requesting further information about any risk factors, vaccine history and reasons for testing.

In this case, the doctor was Morley, a doctor of osteopathy, with offices in White Plains and Mount Kisco.

The county Department of Health made site visits with state health officials to Morley's offices and subsequently learned that three other patients of his had tested positive for Hepatitis C. Of the four, three are Westchester residents and one is from Dutchess County. These individuals had no other obvious risk factors other than IV therapy and/or blood draws at Morley's office and did not have any symptoms.

State and county health officials arranged to have blood from all four patients tested at Wadsworth Center, the state's public health laboratory. Test results were made available last Friday. Molecular testing at the state lab determined the strain of Hepatitis

C in all four patients was identical, suggesting transmission likely occurred at the practice, according to a state Department of Health press release.

"As the health commissioner for Westchester County, I strongly encourage any of Dr. Timothy Morley's patients who have received an intravenous infusion, injection or a blood draw to contact their health care provider to get tested for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV," county Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said in a Monday statement. "I also want Dr. Morley's patients to know that the Westchester County Department of Health stands ready to assist them by providing these tests at no cost at county facilities."

State Commissioner of Health Dr. Howard Zucker ordered Morley to immediately stop practicing medicine pending a formal hearing for violating the state Public Health and Education Law and failing to produce relevant records as part of a state and local investigation.

Morley's medical license was

suspended following the discovery of a series of inappropriate infection control practices and concerns regarding the preservation, preparation, handling and administration of medication. The order to immediately cease operation – prior to a hearing – was issued out of concern that further lapses in infection control practices could put additional patients at risk.

Morley also failed to produce relevant records or information requested by state and local health departments within one day, as required under Public Health and Education Law, according to the state Department of Health. A hearing before the state Board for Professional Medical Conduct is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Morley's offices are located at 1133 Westchester Ave. in White Plains and 37 Moore Ave., No. 3, in Mount Kisco. To arrange for testing through Westchester County, Morley's patients should call the Westchester County Department of Health at 914-995-7499, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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School in June and is attending Mercy College. "It will be scary, but they're treating us like criminals and we're not. We're kids, we're teenagers, we're young adults. I'll be leaving a country that I've been calling home for the past 18 years."

Carola Bracco, the executive director of the Mount Kisco-based Neighbors Link, which helps integrate immigrants into communities throughout Westchester, said that within minutes of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' Sept. 5 announcement that the DACA program would end, the organization was flooded with calls from families, advocates, school superintendents and even local elected officials about what would happen next.

Bracco said the immediate challenge is to make sure that any DACA recipient whose permit expires before Mar. 5, 2018, the deadline set by the president for Congress to solve the issue, submit their application for renewal before the Oct. 5 deadline. For those whose permit expires on or after Mar. 5, they will not be able to renew. A permit lasts for two years.

For the immediate future, Bracco urged all those with DACA permits to continue leading productive lives despite the anxiety about what may lie ahead long-term. A permit allows its holder to work, go to school and obtain a driver's license.

"We're asking people to go to work, go

to school, do all these things in order to be contributing members, and we're asking them to do all these things so maybe at some point if there is immigration reform they could act quickly," Bracco said.

"Yet it's very hard to be doing that if you're looking over your shoulder concerned that you might be in a car accident, you might be in the wrong place at the wrong time and that would result in you going down the path of being deported."

There are between 40,000 and 50,000 people benefitting from DACA in New York State, including an estimated 8,000 in Westchester, said Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining), who attended a rally with more than 100 attendees supporting the program last Saturday afternoon in Ossining.

She said 97 percent of DACA permit holders in New York are going to school or are working.

"They're contributing to our community in so many ways, getting a great education so that they can go on and become such productive employees and employers in our state," Galef said.

The average age that DACA recipients entered the United States was six years old, Bracco said. What complicates the issue is that many immigrant families have mixed status for various reasons, including having arrived in the United

States at different intervals, Bracco said.

Since those with DACA permits are in limbo for the next six months, it's putting a strain on them and their families, including what the government may do with the personal information they had to disclose in order to become eligible.

"There's significant concern what happens to that information now or in the future and that is another source of significant stress," Bracco said. "It's very cruel the way they now have to wait through this time period to see if Congress is going to do anything. It's very cruel and it's hard to watch as people are living through this."

Bravo Farardo, who attended the Ossining rally Saturday afternoon, said her family also has a mixed immigration status. Her parents obtained work permits that has enabled them to lawfully remain in the country, while her 12-year-old brother is a U.S. citizen because he was born here.

Ossining resident Omar Herrera said he and many others in the immigrant community are eager for a workable immigration reform. Passage of the Dream Act is a necessary step but not a permanent solution.

"That would be a temporary, huge Band-Aid in which we need to have an attainable way to become a citizen," Herrera said. "It will help a lot of people



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Jennifer Bravo Fajardo, 18, who has lived in the United States since she was eight months old, could face deportation when her DACA permit expires unless Congress agrees on legislation.

but we need immigration reform. I mean, we've talked about it for a while. It's time."

Bravo Fajardo, who is bilingual, said that if she is unable to stay in the United States, her parents have told her they will all return to Ecuador. Other than her grandparents, she has no connection to her native country.

"Everybody that I know is here," she said. "I don't know anyone from Ecuador. If you send me back I'll go. I know how to speak Spanish, I can get an education, but it won't be my home. This is my home."

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New Castle Considers Legislation Regulating Vape Shops

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle is working on local legislation in hopes of more tightly regulating vape shops in the event a store operator is interested in moving into town.

The first draft of a proposed town law has been circulated that prohibits vape

shops from opening and operating within 500 feet of the lot line for any park, school, playground, library or religious institution. Furthermore, two shops could not be located within 1,000 feet of each other.

Vape shops also wouldn't be allowed to open in residential zones, according to the

town's draft law.

Drew Gamils, an attorney working on the legislation for the town, advised the town board last week that while having a strong law on the books is recommended, it should be able to withstand a legal challenge.

"Obviously, 250 feet is too small; 500

(feet) affords the best chance at protecting the town and protecting the town's interest, but also you can't prohibit vape shops overall," Gamils said.

While no proprietor has approached town officials with interest in opening a store in Chappaqua or Millwood, Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the proliferation of vape shops in the area, including the concern that has surfaced surrounding the store opening in Pleasantville, has caught the board's attention.

Maureen Kenney, director of POW'R Against Tobacco, said municipalities have wide latitude in regulating these stores. In 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Family Smoking and Prevention Act, which gives the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco products.

The law gives municipalities the authority to limit the type and location of tobacco sales, she said. Kenney stressed that the definition of tobacco can include electronic cigarettes.

Chappaqua and Millwood currently have four locations each that sell tobacco products.

Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis said the town would have to evaluate how the federal law would interact with New York case law that prevents enacting legislation that prohibits a legal use in a municipality.

Pleasantville Vape Shop Owner: 'We're Being Picked On'

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operates locations in New Rochelle, Port Chester and Stamford. "This is the hardest time we've ever had opening a store. It feels like we're being picked on."

Last month, the Pleasantville Board of Education passed a resolution recommending the village board revise the zoning code to restrict vape shops from opening where youths congregate, including near schools. The school board has called for raising the age for legally purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old.

The village board has discussed potential zoning regulations to prevent an explosion of similar stores as well as raising the age to legally enter the shop.

"We've never had any problems or issues like this before," DiFazio said. "We run a clean and legitimate business. We know what we're doing and we're very professional."

Officials and residents worry that the

more than 7,000 flavors of vaping chemicals, including gummy bears and bubble gum, are targeted toward kids. DiFazio said children aren't the only people who like candy.

While the Pleasantville store doesn't carry traditional tobacco products, the shop sells apparel, candles, glass water pipes, smoking accessories and a variety of FDA approved liquids for electronic cigarettes that have various levels of nicotine. Liquids without nicotine are also available.

DiFazio acknowledged he has no control over how people use his accessories when they leave his shop, but he stressed his products are intended to help people quit smoking.

"We're very interested and educated in the business and we care about our customers," he said.

He added that his store has rules. If a customer violates a rule, they must leave.

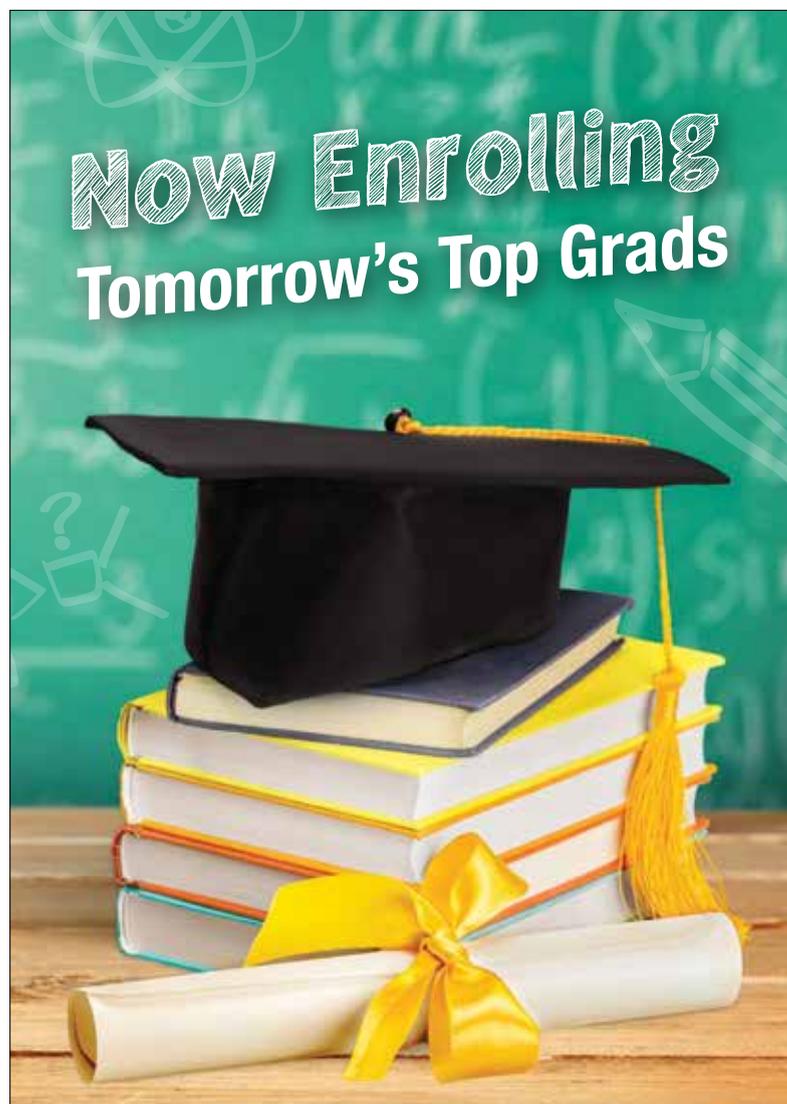
"We suspend all sales if the customer blatantly admits they are using our products

for illegal use or uses the paraphernalia terms for the (illegal) products," he said. "Our products are meant for tobacco use only."

DiFazio said that no one from the school district or any elected official has approached him with their concerns. He said he wants to work with the community to discourage youngsters even from peering into his store. In October, he plans to meet with village officials to discuss frosting his front glass window and hanging signs explicitly stating that youths are prohibited.

Although controversy is boosting the shop's foot traffic, DiFazio hopes the community will accept his business.

"We love Pleasantville and people think we're coming in and ruining it," DiFazio said. "We're a family business trying to make an honest living, we're not looking to hurt anybody or make people uncomfortable. We didn't think we were doing anything wrong by coming here."



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New Castle Eyes Allowing More Residents to Raise Chickens

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board signaled last week that it supports significantly easing restrictions to allow more residents to raise chickens on their property but must still make several decisions to fine-tune the proposed regulations.

During the opening of the public hearing on Sept. 5, officials said they were in agreement that the minimum threshold to house chickens should be reduced from the current 10 acres, one of the most restrictive laws of any municipality in the region. However, issues such as minimum acreage, required setbacks, the maximum number of chickens per acre and fines for violations still need to be resolved.

Last week, town board members appeared as though they supported the idea of allowing chickens on lots as small as one acre. In its recommendation, the town's Conservation Board suggested at least two acres for a property owner to house chickens.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said because of the growing popularity of raising chickens to produce fresh eggs, two acres would eliminate too many residents who would want to participate.

"I can tell you, in my personal opinion, it will absolutely, 100 percent be less than two acres," Greenstein said.

Even if the town reduces the threshold to as small as an acre, nearly one-third of the town would be ineligible, said

Councilwoman Hala Makowska. About 13 percent of residential property owners live on lots that are less than a half-acre and another 18 percent have properties that are between a half and a full acre, she said.

Under the currently proposed provisions, all chickens must be kept in a coop or a fenced-in enclosure with overhead screening at all times. There also must be no sounds beyond the property line between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

One-acre properties could house a maximum of six chickens while two-acre properties could have 10 chickens. All coops and enclosures must be at least 20 feet from the lot line or the minimum setback for the zone, whichever is greater. Also, the housing of roosters would be prohibited.

Residents must obtain a building permit from the town for the coop and enclosure. Fines could be up to \$250 a day per violation.

Residents who spoke at last week's hearing unanimously favored allowing a larger portion of the town to house chickens, although there were disagreements regarding the level of restrictions.

Horace Greeley High School senior Rachel Hershman advocated for allowing residents to raise chickens on less than an acre and possibly as small as a half-acre. While there has been focus on noise and odor, she said an ecological advantage to allowing chickens is that they eat mosquitoes and ticks.

Furthermore, chickens don't need much

room so the town should allow more than six chickens on an acre, she said.

"Chickens only need about 10 feet of run space to lead happy lives, Hershman said.

She also stated that a \$250 fine per day for each violation would be excessive.

Chappaqua resident Emma Schiffrin also questioned how the town arrived at the maximum number of chickens per acre. She urged the board to allow as many people as possible to participate.

With the nearby Teatown Lake Reservation ending its chicken program, which included visiting Chappaqua's elementary schools, there will be a demand in town for more residents to start raising chickens.

"So there are going to be people who are penalized because they don't quite meet that (standard)," Schiffrin said.

Under the proposed law, residents would be prohibited from selling the eggs or turning their operation into a commercial enterprise.

Hershman also supported the town allowing roosters, which keep the hens in line and scare away potential predators. She said techniques such as soundproofing the coop and fitting a rooster with a special collar would drastically cut down on noise.

The board will discuss issues related to the proposed law at its Sept. 19 work session and will continue the public hearing on Sept. 26.

Fun Times Ahead

West Patent Elementary School formally unveiled its new playground last Friday night at the annual start of school social. Ribbon cutters, from left, are Principal Vera Berezowsky, Bedford Central Schools Superintendent Dr. Christopher Manno and playground organizer Therese Herrero.



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Sept. 6: Police responded to a West Street residence at 8:01 a.m. on a report of smoke in the building. The Mount Kisco Fire Department also responded and determined the smoke was coming from a faulty stove.

Sept. 7: A village resident reported at 6:56 p.m. that her car was vandalized overnight. A review of video from her building revealed that the damage was apparently done by an ex-boyfriend of a relative. The case was turned over to detectives.

Sept. 8: A Knowlton Avenue resident reported at 9:04 a.m. that someone opened a fraudulent credit account in his name and used it to pay rent on an apartment in Indianapolis. Detectives are investigating the matter.

Sept. 8: Police searched the area in the vicinity of South Bedford Road and East Main Street after OnStar reported at 11:27 a.m. that an emergency activation had been sent from a vehicle. The car was located parked at Northern Westchester Hospital and was found to be locked and

unoccupied.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 1: A Woodcrest Drive resident reported capturing a bat in her residence and requests assistance at 2:58 p.m. The responding officers reported placing the bat in a sealed container, which was secured in the complainant's freezer. The resident was provided with the Westchester County Department of Health contact information and an informational brochure on dealing with bats in a residence.

Sept. 3: The Sleepy Hollow Police

Department reported receiving a call from Phelps Hospital at 2:34 p.m. that a Washington Avenue resident got up and left the hospital without being discharged and an IV still in her arm. The woman was seen getting into a silver Hyundai, which left in an unknown direction at about 2 p.m. The North Castle responding officers were unable to locate the party.

Sept. 4: A caller requested an ambulance for a subject who was unresponsive at register 12 inside Stop & Shop on North Broadway at 11:13 a.m. The call was transferred to 60 Control. The responding officer stated the subject is being transported by ALS to White Plains Hospital.

Sept. 4: Report of a female sitting on the shoulder of Old Orchard Street just north of Rocky Ledge at 6:23 p.m. The subject appears disoriented or possibly intoxicated. A second 911 caller reported that the woman was standing in the middle of the road blocking traffic and smoking. The responding officer located the party at Rocky Ledge. She was intoxicated and was sent home with a family member who was with her at the pool.

Sept. 5: Multiple callers reported a utility cable on fire on Byram Lake Road between Blair Road and Perry Court at 6:02 p.m. Police notified 60 Control.

Sept. 6: A subject arrived at headquarters at 7:59 a.m. to report an incident of aggravated harassment.

Bronx Man Gets 15 Years for Injuring Mt. Pleasant Officers With Car

By Martin Wilbur

A Bronx man who was convicted of striking and injuring two Mount Pleasant police officers with a car after he was stopped for drag racing was sentenced Tuesday to 15 years in jail.

Nathan Irizarry, 39, was sentenced in county court by Judge Barbara Zambelli. He was found guilty earlier this year of two felony counts of assault on a police officer. Irizarry was taken into custody by the state Department of Corrections following sentencing.

At about 12:50 a.m. on Nov. 14, 2015, Irizarry was stopped by Sgt. Mike McGuinn and Officer Luke Oliveri after there were reports of drag racing on Route 117 near Rockefeller State Park, according to the

Westchester County District Attorney's office. The officers ordered Irizarry out of the car but he refused. As they attempted to physically remove him from the car, Irizarry put his vehicle in reverse at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle dragged McGuinn, who became pinned underneath the driver's side door and was dragged for about 50 years. He was released only when the ammunition pouch on his gun belt broke off. McGuinn suffered broken rib, shattered bones in his knee and a shoulder injury that required two surgeries. He has been unable to return to the force because of his injuries.



Nathan Irizarry

Oliveri was hit by the driver's side door and was briefly knocked unconscious. He was out of work for 10 months suffering post-concussion syndrome that caused chronic daily headaches and other neurological symptoms.

Although Irizarry sped away after hitting the two officers, they were able to get a partial license plate and a description of

the car and suspect.

Following an investigation by the Mount Pleasant Police Department and multiple law enforcement agency, Irizarry was arrested on Feb. 17, 2016.



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No. Castle, County Celebrate New Armonk Affordable Housing Project

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials were joined by County Executive Rob Astorino for a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the 10 newest units to Westchester's affordable housing inventory.

Armonk Commons, built by the Port Chester-based Lazz Development on Old Route 22, features two townhouse buildings each containing five units. Six families moved into the residences over the summer with closings expected in the near future for the remaining four units.

All of the units, which measure 1,100 to 1,200 square feet, feature two bedrooms, two full bathrooms and a half-bath. Sale prices were \$208,000 for six of the residences and \$218,000 for the four end units.

"We're very proud of this project," said town Supervisor Michael Schiliro. "The Town of North Castle has long been a supporter of affordable-type housing. We had affordable-type housing in our town 20-plus years ago."

The town board's approval of a local law in 2014 based on a version of the county's model ordinance that was drafted as part of Westchester's affordable housing settlement with the federal government helped to pave the way for the project. Prior to passing that law, North Castle



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

One of the two five-unit buildings at Armonk Commons, the latest affordable housing project in Westchester that opened this summer.

had a middle-income housing program for more than two decades with slightly different maximum income thresholds that helped build more than 30 units.

Lazz Development President Lou Larizza, who has built more than 200 units of affordable housing in Westchester during the past 25 years, said municipalities across the county are warming to the idea of having affordable units in their communities, particularly if it's for ownership. Officials have realized it brings people who may not otherwise be able to afford to live in their towns, such as young adults or those making lower salaries but working at needed jobs

The residents can put down roots,



County Executive Rob Astorino, helped by North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro and Norma Drummond, Westchester's deputy commissioner of planning, prepares to cut the ribbon at the grand opening last week of Armonk Commons as the town board looks on.

obtain equity and have something at stake, Larizza said.

"It gets easier to do moderate income housing because municipalities realize that it's home ownership and when people own their own homes they take care of it," Larizza said. "It doesn't matter if you make a million dollars a year or make \$20,000, when you own something you take pride in it."

The units were available to families with a maximum \$71,360 salary for a two-person household, \$80,240 for a three-person household and \$89,120 for a four-person household. The project includes finer points such as stone walls in front and in back and hardwood floors.

Astorino said the county contributed \$1.7 million through its affordable housing funds for Armonk Commons, including contributing \$250,000 toward North Castle's infrastructure improvements, such as new sidewalks so the residents can walk to downtown Armonk.

"Lou has done a tremendous job really everywhere he builds, but this is another perfect and prime example of what affordable housing can and should look like," Astorino said.

The town is also putting in \$750,000 to \$1 million in improvements, including resurfacing Old Route 22, adding 62 parking spaces and installing new light fixtures on the street, Schiliro said.

For more information on affordable housing units in Westchester, information sessions and income guidelines, visit www.westchestergov.com/homeseeker or contact the Housing Action Council at 914-332-4144 or e-mail hac@affordablehomes.org.

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Obituaries

Bob Iovino

Bob Iovino, a beloved Pleasantville resident, passed away on Aug. 1 after a battle with lung cancer. He was 68 years old.

Bob was born on Nov. 12, 1949, where he followed in his father's footsteps operating the family auto mechanic business in the Bronx. He was an easygoing man who spent much of his life playing softball, watching the Yankees, constructing projects and in love with his wife Maria of 46 years.

"He wasn't just my husband, he was my best friend," Maria Iovino said.

"Nothing came ahead of his love for his family and for me. We were first no matter what."

He is survived by his three children and also leaves behind his eight grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

"He was the best man at my wedding, he was my buddy," youngest son Bob Iovino said.

During the latter years of his life, Bob worked at Oak Lane Child Care Center in Chappaqua where he spent five years doing maintenance, building toys and providing the children with a facility they deserved. The children at the center referred to him as Bob the Builder.

"The children loved him. If he came into the classroom to fix something with his toolbox they ran and got their tools," said Ronnie Weinberger, Oak Lane Child Care Center director. "He was a friend to all, the families loved him, and the staff loved him. He was just a remarkable person who really asked for nothing except to just be here with the kids."

The greenhouse at the center, which was his last project, is dedicated to his memory.

Bob was laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne on Aug. 5. He will be greatly missed.



Bob Iovino

Frank DeMasi

Frank J. DeMasi of North White Plains died on Sept. 5.

He was 92.

DeMasi was born on Apr. 29, 1925, to the late John and Regina (nee Mazzerallo) DeMasi in St. Albans, Vt. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. DeMasi was a retired truck driver with Dellwood Dairy and Milk Co. in Yonkers for 15 years, retiring in 1989.

He was predeceased by his devoted wife, Marie (nee Marazio) DeMasi, in 2007. He is survived by his loving children, Frank (Susan) DeMasi of West Harrison and Marianne (Jay Skip) Bulger

of Thornwood; two sisters, Patty Mann of Rye Brook and JoAnn O'Brien of New Rochelle; one brother, John DeMasi of Valhalla; three cherished grandchildren, Regina (Adam) Bartlett, Kevin Bulger and Danielle (Frank) Rendina; and two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Madison Bartlett.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept. 6. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Sept. 7, followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Greenburgh.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the ASPCA would be appreciated.

Robert Johnson

Robert O. Johnson of Thornwood died on Sept. 8.

He was 70.

Johnson was born on Mar. 23, 1947, to the late Otho and Josephine (nee Molinaro) Johnson in White Plains. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1970 on the USS MaCaffrey. Johnson was a retired Town of Mount Pleasant Highway Department worker. He loved to fish and hunt and also loved his motorcycle.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Carol Nannariello Johnson, and his loving son, Bobby Johnson, both of White Plains; his brother, Lewis (Denise) Johnson, of Thornwood; four nephews, Lewis (Jackie) Johnson of Hopewell Junction,

Frank (Janet) Johnson of Clermont, Fla., Jeremiah (Gabriele) Johnson of Bronxville and Andrew DiNobile of Danbury; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Joanne DiNobile Johnson, in 2013, his nephew, Michael DiNobile and his sister-in-law, Carol Johnson.

Visitation is at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass is scheduled for Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Pleasantville on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

John Riccio

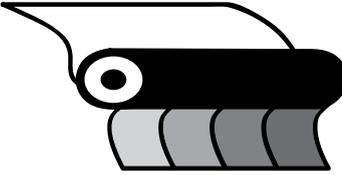
John Riccio of Thornwood died on Sept. 4 at his residence.

He was 88.

Riccio was born on Mar. 29, 1929, to the late Charles and Victoria (nee DiPietro) Riccio in Guardia Lombardi, Italy. He was a retired self-employed landscaper in Thornwood. He is survived by his devoted wife, Rosemarie (nee Damiano) Riccio, of Thornwood; his loving children, John A. Riccio, of Thornwood and Victoria

Bolbrock of Greenwich, Conn.; one cherished granddaughter, Lauren (Justin) Phillips; and two great-grandchildren, Emily and Henry Phillips. He was predeceased by his brother, Patsy Riccio, and sister Filomena DiBiasi.

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Mount Kisco Creates Comp Plan Update Committee

The Mount Kisco Village Board voted unanimously last week to create a committee comprised of residents to help officials revise the Comprehensive Plan.

The board voted unanimously in August to spend \$194,000 to hire New York City-based BFJ Planning to assist in the update process. The committee will be working with the consulting firm.

Trustee Karen Schleimer said she

wanted to hear from the village's professional staff regarding the type of expertise residents who may be interested in serving should have and how the committee will operate.

It is expected the village will need 12 to 18 months to complete the update, said Village Manager Edward Brancati. The committee will meet monthly.

—Neal Rentz

Mt. Kisco Merchants Urge Action to Revitalize Downtown

By Neal Rentz

A group of Mount Kisco business owners who have been waiting to see downtown revitalization efforts come to fruition are calling on village government to start moving forward to make long overdue improvements.

The merchants made the request in a letter sent to the village board last week, an idea that was spawned by Ilene and Eric Marcos, owners of Bicycle World on East Main Street. The letter was signed by 27 merchants and individuals.

“As building owners and business owners in Mount Kisco, we would like to express our ongoing concern about the condition of the public spaces in our downtown,” the letter stated. “As it becomes harder to be successful in local retail, we are all working very diligently to create the best experience for our customers, and attracting them to town to do their shopping is necessary to our livelihoods.”

The letter mentioned that sidewalk/paver areas, public planters, receptacles and parking lots are all in need of attention and that the maintenance of downtown has been lacking.

Ilene Marcos, who has owned Bicycle World with her husband for the past 25 years, said she understood business owners must do their part to maintain their properties, and she

and her husband are not trying to be confrontational.

However, Mount Kisco has struggled with sufficient parking, empty storefronts and the lack of a community feel that fails to draw shoppers into the village, she said. Marcos said she would be willing to serve on a committee to improve the downtown.

“We are simply asking that the town do its part to help all of us do ours,” the letter also stated. “If there is any way that we can be of help, or if you have any questions, please let us know.”

Over the past couple of years there has been ongoing concern over the rash of downtown storefront vacancies, which has made Mount Kisco an uninviting place for visitors.

Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus said plans are already underway to spruce up the commercial area and regular maintenance is done downtown.

Markus said the village is moving forward with its downtown revitalization program. As part of the village’s 2017-18 budget, \$250,000 was earmarked for a program to repave sidewalks and tree plantings in the commercial areas. The board also instructed Village Planner Jan Johannessen to create a formal plan.

“It’s a major project,” Markus said.

The village’s Department of Public Works regularly maintains sidewalks

and green spaces at Shopper’s Park, Kirby Plaza, East Main Street from Gregory Street to Kirby Plaza, Kisco Avenue, the train station and other areas throughout downtown such as the municipal parking lots, Markus said.

The DPW also maintains the flower planters along Main Street and throughout the downtown.

Markus said Mount Kisco is in the process of replacing its outdoor lighting with more than 600 LED bulbs that will improve illumination and safety. The new lighting is scheduled for completion in the next few months, he said.

The village retained Ecology Tree Service to trim trees and weed and mulch all islands and planting beds in the Village Center parking lot. Markus said Ecology Tree Service also cleaned and mulched the area at the entrance to Shopper’s Park opposite the 9/11 memorial. The Beautification Committee will be planting later this month, he said.

Trash receptacles and cigarette containers are located throughout downtown to motivate people to throw their garbage away rather than littering, Markus added.

Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce Co-president Loretta Brooks said downtown revitalization was the



A group of Mount Kisco merchants lodged their dissatisfaction with the village board last week regarding the unkempt appearance of the downtown.

responsibility of both municipal government and merchants.

“Preserving the charm of our village through proper care and maintenance of our streets, parks and open spaces is a shared responsibility,” Brooks said. “Working together, our municipality, property owners, business owners and civic groups can make a real, positive impact.”

The village has recently hired a consultant, BFJ Planning, to assist officials in updating the municipality’s Comprehensive Plan.

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Letters to the Editor

Open Letter to Community on Bedford Teachers Compensation

Tuesday, Sept. 5 was the first day of classes for the students at Bedford Central School District (BCSD). It also marked the start of the second year of the rebirth of BCSD. In June 2016, Dr. Christopher Manno was hired as the new superintendent. Over the last year, he and the staff have dramatically improved the financial and educational trajectory of the district.

Last Tuesday, students, parents and teachers did not enter the schools bracing for the impacts of draconian cuts from last year's programs. Instead, they enter a district that in one year rebuilt its financial reserve accounts by nearly \$5 million. This was done while simultaneously beginning the process of rebuilding educational programs and resources. We applaud Dr. Manno's fiscal discipline and the resolve of the school board.

Dr. Manno and his team identified and captured the obvious savings and efficiencies never realized under the past administrations. This has allowed BCSD to get out of the deficits that the past

administration created. Now, we need to match the spending of BCSD with the projected income under state law in order to avoid sinking back into a deficit situation.

The largest outstanding obstacle to BCSD's long-term fiscal and educational security is the unsettled Bedford Teachers Association (BTA) contract. The two sides are at an impasse. On Aug. 29, the BTA president sent a misguided note to the union's members stating, "WE are the ones that make this district outstanding."

We disagree. The BCSD community of students, parents, teachers, administrators, classroom aides, bus drivers, clerical and buildings and grounds staff and taxpayers make BCSD outstanding.

A settled BTA union contract that provides teachers with a total compensation package (salary and benefits) that is tied directly to the tax cap ensures the long-term educational and fiscal success of BCSD. This new contract would ensure increases in a teacher's total compensation that the district can afford within the tax increase

limits of the state tax cap. Teachers would receive a total compensation package that keeps pace with inflation, while ensuring the long-term fiscal and educational health of the district. A contract that fails to limit the total compensation increases to the yearly tax cap will renew the vicious cycle of program cuts, staffing reductions and potential deficit spending.

Please join us by sending an e-mail to the below addresses in support of a new contract for our teachers that ties total compensation increases (salary and benefits) directly to the tax cap.

Dr. Manno: cmanno4173@bcstdny.org,
Board of Education: boe@bcstdny.org and
BTA Union: mgroarke0463@bcstdny.org.

**The Bedford Central School District
Budget Advisory Committee
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Joe Malichio, Steven Grasso, Howland
Robinson, Tony Pauline**

Resident Displays Sour Grapes After Failed District Leader Bid

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor in last week's edition of The Examiner ("Allegations of Multiple Petition Signings in Mt. Pleasant Are Troubling") where Ken Noonan calls for an investigation into district leader petitions signed by Mark Rubeo and Christopher McClure

Mr. Noonan's claim that signing these petitions was "unethical" is slanderous, grossly exaggerated and a perfect display of sour grapes since he himself had his own petitions thrown out by the Board of Elections for failing to comply with the petition process.

Noonan conveniently omits from his letter that the petitions he accuses Rubeo and McClure of unethically signing were all accepted by the Westchester County Board of Elections and were found to be valid. Mr. Noonan also fails to tell readers that the

Board of Elections rejected a challenge that was filed against these petitions.

As for Rubeo and McClure's signatures, anyone signing these petitions is merely certifying that they are a duly enrolled voter of the Republican Party and reside at the address stated in the petition, nothing more. I personally know that Mr. Rubeo and Mr. McClure are enrolled Republicans and reside at the addresses stated in the petitions.

I am sure Mr. Noonan's baseless charges against Rubeo and McClure stem from his own frustration over his failed attempt to file a petition with the Board of Elections to become a district leader with the Mount Pleasant Republican Committee. The Board of Elections rejected Noonan's petition because Noonan failed to comply with New York State law.

Rubeo and McClure are lifelong Mount Pleasant residents. They are upstanding, respectful and dedicated individuals who devote hundreds of hours of their time in the community each year to make our town a better place to live and work. Their work, especially with our youth, should be praised and honored. Rather than wasting residents' time with trumped up nonsense, Mr. Noonan should focus on the immediate issues affecting this town, or perhaps he himself should dedicate some time to making our town a better place like Mr. Rubeo and Mr. McClure do every day.

**Nick DiPaolo
Councilman, Town of Mount
Pleasant**

P'ville's Memorial Plaza a Critical Public Space That Must Remain

Pleasantville appears on the verge of replacing the southern end of the Memorial Plaza parking lot with a commercial building. If the proposed changes to the zoning code are approved, it would permit the construction of a 17,000-square-foot, four-story building with potentially 13 residential units, commercial space and the permanent loss of surface parking spaces. The building footprint would be similar in

Correction

In last week's article on the start of the upcoming Jacob Burns Film Center's Senior Afternoon Cinema series, the date for the screening for the film "Belle" was incorrect. The correct date for the screening is Tuesday, Oct. 12. The Examiner regrets the error.

size to Village Hall, only bigger. This action would be consistent with a low-priority recommendation contained in the Master Plan. The Master Plan considered the southern end of the parking lot as simply an "infill" opportunity for a building.

The Master Plan also recommended relocating the 40-year-old landmark gazebo, eliminating the free righthand turn from Memorial Plaza and creating a pocket park at the north end of Memorial Plaza, which would take away more parking spaces. In fact, if both a pocket park and a building were constructed, about one-third of the existing number of parking spaces in the Memorial Plaza lot could be lost.

These are significant changes that would result in significant impacts. It would (1) alter the visual character of the central business district; (2) eliminate the dense

landscaped buffer strip and mature trees along Bedford Road that screen parked cars from Bedford Road and; (3) increase traffic congestion. Notwithstanding, the limited traffic analysis in the Master Plan concluded that the traffic impact resulting from these modifications would be "insignificant."

The existing expansive, multipurpose Memorial Plaza parking lot, which is bordered by Manville Road, Memorial Plaza, Bedford Road and the train station, presently serves commuters, shoppers and movie-goers and provides open space for numerous special events. Memorial Plaza is the parking/transportation/open space hub in the heart of the village, which presently functions well. It shouldn't be tampered with.

**Howard Zane
Pleasantville**

Mt. Kisco Challengers Launch Campaign, Pledge Improvements

By Neal Rentz

As some political candidates in the area were making their final preparations for this week's primary, two local hopefuls were just starting their fall campaigns.

Mount Kisco mayoral candidate Gina Picinich and restaurateur Isa Albanese, who is vying for a trustee's seat on the village board, began campaigning in earnest with an event at Mount Kisco Wines & Spirits last Friday.

The duo is running on the independent 4MK line in November's general election. Picinich will be facing longtime Democratic Mayor Michael Cindrich while Albanese is challenging two incumbents on the all-Democratic board of trustees - Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus and Trustee Peter Grunthal.

Picinich said she has enjoyed her life in the village with her family and as co-executive director of the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce. She is on a leave of absence because of her campaign.

"Never in a million years did I ever think I would run for office," she said. "I started paying attention. And what happens when you start to pay attention is you see that there are things sometimes that aren't as they should be. And then you start to think about things the way they actually could be."



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Independent Mount Kisco mayoral candidate Gina Picinich and running mate Isi Albanese, who is running for village trustee, kick off their campaign last Friday.

"We believe that Mount Kisco hasn't even reached its full potential yet," she added. "We see great opportunities for this community and there are barriers that are stopping us and we need to work together to eliminate those barriers."

During the event, Picinich asked

supporters to provide their ideas to move the community in a more positive direction.

Other than one write-in candidate, Cindrich has not faced any opponent who has gained access to the general election ballot in more than a decade.

Albanese said he also hadn't expected to run for office, but is prepared to make a commitment to help Mount Kisco.

"I'm not a politician at all," said Albanese, the owner of Exit 4 Food Hall in the heart of downtown. "But at the same time, I think it is time to unite our community."

Albanese "brings all this soul and all this feeling that's so important for us. I consider myself very fortunate to have Isi as a running mate," Picinich said.

She said the response to the downtown commercial vacancy problem has been inadequate by the village board. She suggested holding forums with realtors, developers and merchants to speak with the Mount Kisco Building Department to address issues that make opening a business in the village more challenging.

Albanese, who also owns commercial real estate in the village, said he wanted to prove to business owners that Mount Kisco is a highly viable option.

Picinich and Albanese also stated they would improve the village government's transparency and accessibility, improve strategic planning, maintain Mount Kisco's infrastructure; promote housing safety to protect residents and property owners and form community partnerships to improve quality of life.



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Sidewalk Sales Days Returning This Weekend to Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

Mid-September is a busy time of year with children having returned to school and families settling back into their routines.

It's also when the Mount Kisco business community and organizations in the village turn out for the popular Sidewalk Sales Days.

This year's 46th annual event, which is presented by the Holiday Inn of Mount Kisco, takes place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout downtown.

"Sales Days is such a great community event to bring families together," said Lorretta Brooks, co-president of the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce. "It has grown into a beloved community weekend that highlights business in Mount Kisco."

Local musicians will perform, there will be carnival rides and food will be sold at the downtown food courts. For the second year, Sales Days will feature a craft beer garden. Event Coordinator Chereese Jarvis-Hill said Crafy 'Cue BBQ will offer its fare in a 30-foot-long truck.

On Sunday, the village's historical society will narrate trolley rides through the downtown. A new feature this year

for families and children is a petting zoo and free pony rides between 1 and 3 p.m. at Holiday Inn.

A wide variety of merchandise, including jewelry, clothing and home goods, will be offered by local business owners at outdoor displays.

Jervis-Hill said Sales Days weekend enables Mount Kisco to entice residents and people from outside the community with all the village has to offer.

Sales Days sponsors are TD Bank (carnival sponsor); Holiday Inn (entertainment stage); All of Me MediSpa (food court sponsor); and Mount Kisco Child Care Center and Putnam Hospital Center Outpatient Rehabilitation (trolley stop). General sponsors are Ben & Jerry's, Events to Remember, First Fitness, Funtime Amusements, Little Blessings Preschool, the Mount Kisco Democratic Committee and My Second Home Family Services of Westchester.

To reserve vendor and table space, contact the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce at 914-666-7525 or e-mail director@mtkiscochamber.com.

5K Road Race

The weekend also features the fourth annual Kisco 5K Road Race on Sunday morning.

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This year's Sidewalk Sales Days is scheduled for next weekend in downtown Mount Kisco.

Plaza. From Kirby Plaza, the race proceeds up Main Street past Northern Westchester Hospital and through Leonard Park. The runners retrace their step down Main Street and return to Kirby Plaza.

Following the 5K, there will be a Kids Mad Dash, a 100-yard race for children 10 years old and under. It also takes place at Kirby Plaza.

Though there is no cost for children to participate in the Mad Dash, they

must register, said Ann MacDonald, one of the event organizers.

A post-race party for runners will be held at Exit 4 Food Hall on East Main Street.

MacDonald said four local runners came up with the idea to bring a 5K race to the village.

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Mt. Kisco Fire Dept. Tries New Ways to Connect With Community

By Martin Wilbur

Volunteer departments across the area depend on local residents from the communities they serve for manpower and financial support.

This weekend the Mount Kisco Fire Department will have a presence at the village's annual Sidewalk Sales Days as part of a renewed effort to reach out and acquaint residents about the service they provide and the need for continued backing.

Department representatives will be operating a table near the Starbucks on South Moger Avenue this Saturday and Sunday inviting families with children to stop by and check out the equipment and for all residents to say hello.

"This is an attempt to bring the community and the fire department together and to maybe socialize and get to know each other," said Michael Lasner, the Mount Kisco Fire Department's treasurer. "We want to get the message out to the community that we are here to help and support and serve. We are essentially completely dependent upon donations."

During this weekend, the department will also be selling tickets to a 50/50 raffle.

In addition to the activities this weekend at Sales Days, Maury Rosen, chair of the annual fund drive, said the department has scheduled its first-ever Paint Nite for Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Green Street firehouse. Registration for the evening's fundraiser is \$45 per person.

The event, which the community is invited to sign up and attend, will feature light refreshments while attendees can bring their own beer and wine.

"We are a department that relies only on donations," Rosen said. "So, the objective here is to raise more. The goal, too, is to try and increase our training."

The department has also held boot drives, a popular way to bring in additional revenue, Lasner said.

Chief Al Buetti said compared to some neighboring volunteer departments, the membership of the Mount Kisco Fire Department is relatively strong. With

200 names on the books, there are about 70 to 100 active members, he said.

Still, the dynamics of the community presents its share of challenges. A large swath of the department's coverage area is commercial, requiring more daytime responses when a large number of volunteers are at work.

Then there are the obstacles that nearly all volunteer departments face, including more people working longer hours along with an increase in family obligations.

"Our call volume over the years has gone up considerably over 20, 30 years ago, and the amount of time people can

donate to the fire department has gone down, with two-earner families being the norm and a lot more activities for kids," Buetti said.

Lasner said interacting with the public Sales Days or organizing social events is a more effective way to let the community know that the department is on hand to serve them rather than going door to door.

For more information about the Mount Kisco Fire Department's Paint Nite fundraiser, visit www.paintnite.com/events/-1219069 or e-mail MKVFDEvents@gmail.com.

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Afterschool Program Teaches Children the Lost Art of Sewing

By Martin Wilbur

A lost art for large segments of the population in the high-tech 21st century is sewing, but over the past six years Kim Mulcahy has been doing her part to change that trend.

Mulcahy is the founder of Sew Happy, a company she established in 2011 that has introduced elementary and middle school students to the joys of sewing and how it can be a practical, creative and highly cost-effective activity as well.

So, when a button falls off a shirt or there's a small tear in a sleeve, there may be a new generation that won't need to run to the tailor, but instead bring out the thread and needle and fix it themselves.

"Kids think you pay someone to do that," Mulcahy said. "You see, that's all wrong. It's just a button, it's not rocket science. You need to get the thread through the needle, right? But the way the things have gone, we think we pay somebody to do that."

Entering this school year, Mulcahy has now organized afterschool sewing clubs in 67 public and private schools throughout Westchester and Fairfield counties, including Mount Kisco Elementary School, the Chappaqua School District elementary schools and World Cup Gymnastics. She has brought her program to a few schools



in Manhattan as well. The program teaches the basics of traditional sewing, from threading the needle to tying the knot and stitching.

Later this month she's launching a new afterschool program in Mount Kisco – a sewing machine class for children 8 to 14 years old. The 90-minute class, which starts on Sept. 28, will run on Thursdays for 12 weeks (except for Thanksgiving Day) at the Mount Kisco Methodist Church, located at 300 E. Main St., starting at 4 p.m.

Mulcahy said she likes to cap her classes at 12 students, but will run the sewing machine class with as few as



Kim Mulcahy founded her own company to teach children how to sew. She offers afterschool clubs, sewing machine classes, camps and private lessons.

four children. It is \$540 per student for the 12 sessions.

"We're not cheap, but at the same time we're not like hockey or dance or something," she said.

Mulcahy never intended to open a sewing course company, but it grew out of circumstances. Several of her friends, who had never learned to sew, asked her to teach them. After that, an enterprising Mulcahy thought that maybe there was a market in offering sewing classes.

Most adults weren't interested but Mulcahy was in for a bit of a surprise.

"I found that people were signing up their kids," said Mulcahy, who learned to sew from her grandmother in her native England and fell in love with making her own clothes as a teenager." They didn't

want to learn themselves."

She approached the Milton School in Rye, where her daughter was enrolled at the time, and started her first afterschool club there in 2011. In the years since then it's continued to grow. The expense of most of the school programs are picked up by the PTAs, she said.

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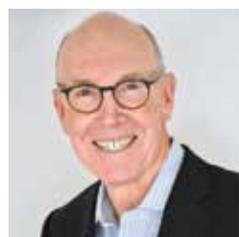
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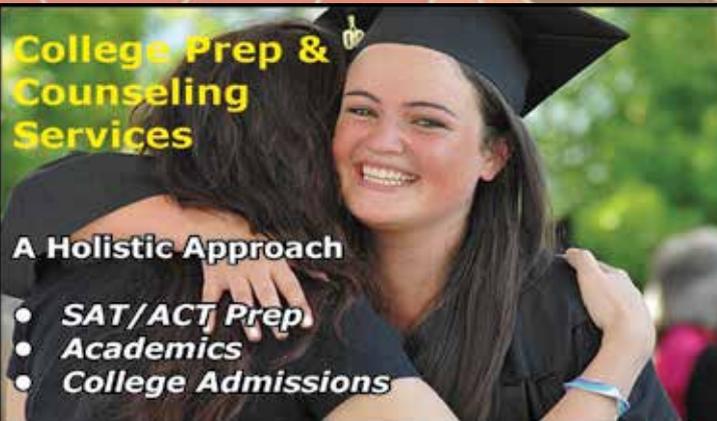
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There is currently a bestseller on the market called "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... And Maybe the World." I am reminded that I wrote a piece some time ago on the same subject. I'm revisiting this because of my belief in its efficacy.

Research some years ago had shown that making your bed in the morning helps you get things organized, improves the quality of life and generally makes you a happier person. You may already be doing it without knowing its importance and benefits, and if you're not doing it, you might be alarmed by what the consequences may be, according to that research.

Having always believed that the main keys to effective use of time were to make lists and set priorities, little did I suspect that all of this could be aided and abetted by simply making my bed in the morning.

The research, done by online survey, demonstrated significant differences between people who make their beds and people who don't. Not finding the



By Bill Primavera

time to look up the research for the piece at the time, I let it linger on my mind, smug in the knowledge that I was indeed a bedmaker and consequently a virtuous person.

Certainly, it wasn't always that way with me. I must have been a little prince when I was a youngster because my mother always made my bed for me. But when I packed myself off to a military academy in middle school, that life of luxury came to an abrupt end. I was required to make a bed with hospital corners that you could bounce a dime off.

By the time I returned home for high school, my mother's largess had expired and I was required to make my own bed. However, Mom had to remind me each and every morning.

Then came the independence of college life when my bed was mostly a lump of tangled sheets and blankets. After graduation, as a bachelor in New York City, what can I say?

Once I abandoned that lifestyle and found the lady of my dreams, who has been my resident "neatnik," making the bed became required practice. Now I

can't imagine leaving the house with a bed unmade.

The aforementioned survey was conducted among 68,000 respondents and revealed some interesting information. We learned that only 27 percent of people make their own beds, while 60 percent don't. The remainder are the lucky stiffs who get someone else to make it for them.

The differences between the "make it" and "don't make it" populations are intriguing.

Those who make their beds tend to be in relationships, while those who don't tend to be single. Bedmakers most likely own their own homes, while their counterparts rent. Makers are more likely to have a graduate degree and like their jobs, while non-makers don't.

Bedmakers plan things in advance, are most productive in the morning, have photos of friends or family at work and are more advanced in their careers while non-makers are more likely to not like their jobs, procrastinate, don't have photos of friends or family at work and are closer to an entry level job.

Those who make their beds use grocery lists and have a neat closet, while non-makers have library books that are overdue and a messy closet.

Further, they eat meals in front of a computer and eat more fast food. Those who make their beds exercise more, feel well rested in the morning, prepare their own coffee at home, are better organized at work and at home and are optimistic. Non-bedmakers exercise less, wake up tired, buy coffee at a deli, are less organized and are pessimistic.

Whatever the status of my bedmaking, I do feel fairly well-organized at work but my home life would definitely leave much to be desired were it not for having a life partner who somehow manages to do all the things I find challenging to do.

Don't hate me because I've rarely washed a load of clothes, shopped for groceries or operated the dishwasher. But, if this research is valid, you can bet that I do take great solace in knowing that I can and do make a mean bed in the morning.

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Bianca Muñiz, Vocalist Sleepy Hollow

By Martin Wilbur

Having a successful music career is enormously challenging even if you're as talented as Bianca Muñiz.

But overcoming challenges is nothing new for the 22-year-old Sleepy Hollow resident and Pleasantville High School alum. In fact, it has helped to inspire her and create music to bring to the world.

Muñiz calls her difficult-to-pigeonhole style "avante-pop," an eclectic mix of indie, pop, jazz and rock that highlights her beautiful, smooth vocals.

"I studied musical theater and classical in high school and then jazz and vocal studies in college, so I got all of these different foundations of music, and I've always listened to pop, R&B, even electronic, so I really take on everything, a little bit of everything," Muñiz said.

This Friday, she will appear in a concert at Tarrytown's Pierson Park Band Shell, with artist Heather LaRose.

On Sept. 29, the vocalist and pianist will mark a significant milestone. She will see her first music video released through Vevo, a single called "For You." The song

will be the title cut on her first full-length album when it is released sometime next year.

Muñiz and her six accompanying band members will celebrate that evening with a performance at The Bitter End in Manhattan, followed by a week on tour in Montreal.

It's impressive that Muñiz is steadily forging her path in the unforgiving music industry, but even more so after another round of life-altering circumstances. Last November, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy a month later. She required three months of chemotherapy and is now on a medication regimen that will last until March that often leaves her exhausted.

It is Muñiz's second bout with cancer. At 11 years old, Muñiz was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. You would never know that someone with such a gifted voice and as cheerful a disposition has had to endure so much.

"For me, it just makes me want to push forward," Muñiz said of her drive. "But all

these medications make me really tired, so sometimes I'll keep going and going and going for days, and then finally on my day off I'll sleep all day long and not answer anyone. Then I'll pick right back up the next day. I always want to keep going, even before I was diagnosed. I always want to move forward. I want to put music out. If anything, this makes me more inspired to do so."

Muñiz, who was born in Yonkers and later moved to Sleepy Hollow with her family to attend the Pocantico School District, writes virtually all of her own music. Some of her more recent material has been geared toward her personal experiences, sometimes unwittingly. She said that her sister, Jacqueline, one of the singers in her band, recently pointed that out to her. Other songs come to her in her dreams while sleeping.

"I don't think about what I'm writing when I writing it," Muñiz said. "I really think about it later, but (my sister) pointed it out and it came through the lyrics and just the feeling of the lyrics in general."

Her drummer and band manager, Michael Hojnacki, who met Muñiz when they were both music students at the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music



in Manhattan, said in the more than four years he has known Muñiz, there has been a constant refinement of her talent.

"Her voice actually gains a depth, a story that maybe has had too much happen for the age that she is - 22 years," Hojnacki said. "I can definitely see over time, songs that are out over time on her full-length album, have a lot of depth in them."

After completing Pocantico Hills, a K-8 district, Muñiz chose Pleasantville High School, one of three schools she could have selected, because it had the best music program.

Muñiz also enrolled in voice lessons at the Lagond Music School in Elmsford, where she had her first experience performing with a band. She also learned how to perform as a solo artist on stage. In the summer of 2016, she released a four-song mini album "Scary Dreams."

Muñiz is hopeful that having Vevo, a video hosting service from the conglomeration of Universal, Sony and Warner music groups, pick up her single "For You" represents the next step in her career.

To listen to a sample of Muñiz's music, visit www.biancamuniz.com.

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Holocaust & Human Rights Center to Honor Two County Residents Oct. 26

The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center will honor Paul Elliot and Grace Bennett with gratitude and admiration for their exemplary service at their annual dinner on Oct. 26.

Elliot, a Rye resident, has been a center board member for many years and a consistent supporter of its programs. He chairs the Endowment Portfolio Committee, where he consistently brings his financial expertise to all discussions. His leadership, marked with vision and wisdom, continues to strengthen the center.

Bennett, a Chappaqua resident and publisher of Inside Chappaqua and Inside Armonk magazines, has been a valued and respected member of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center for many years. As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, she brings passion and commitment to Holocaust remembrance. Her contributions include, but are not limited to, participation in all aspects of marketing and promotion, and



Paul Elliot and Grace Bennett will be honored at the Holocaust & Human Rights Center's annual dinner on Oct. 26.

she was featured in the L'Dor Vador (From Generation to Generation) project where she and her father's photos and interviews were highlighted in the highly acclaimed documentary and photo exhibit.

Ellen Kaidanow will be the keynote speaker.

The Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center's annual dinner will take place at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club, located at 555 S. Barry Ave. in Mamaroneck. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Millie Jasper 914-696-0738 or mjasper@hhrecny.org

New Castle Historical Society Celebrates Century of Women's Suffrage

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State. New York awarded this right to women three years before the 19th Amendment expanded it nationwide.

In honor of this significant anniversary, the New Castle Historical Society is hosting "A Party in Greeley's Garden: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in New York State," on Friday, Sept. 15 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Horace Greeley House Museum in downtown Chappaqua.

All proceeds from the event support the historical society. A portion of the funds will be used toward the creation of a special exhibition exploring the women's suffrage movement and the life of Carrie Chapman Catt, a leading suffragist and a former New Castle resident. The exhibition will open in this fall.

"Carrie Chapman Catt, along with her many suffragist contemporaries, will forever be remembered for their steadfast struggle to empower women by solidifying their right to

vote," said Cassie Ward, executive director of the New Castle Historical Society. "These women, many of whom were extremely active in Westchester County and throughout New York State, exemplify to the fullest what it means to embody strength, courage and tenacity. Catt's legacy of determination and independence will inspire girls and boys, and women and men, for generations to come."

The Women's Suffrage Garden Party celebration will include 20th century suffrage-related music, wine, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. At the party, guests will enjoy the historic outdoor space just as the Greeley Family did more than 160 years ago. Guests are encouraged to dress like their favorite suffragist, or to dress as the suffragists did, entirely in white.

To buy tickets or to become a sponsor, call 914-238-4666, visit newcastlehs.org or e-mail Cassie Ward at director@newcastlehs.org. The event is sponsored by The Inside Press, Nicolaysen Agency, Inc. and Douglass Elliman Real Estate.

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Business of the Week

C2 Education Mt. Kisco

By Colette Connolly

A tutoring service recently opened its doors in Mount Kisco eager to serve K-12 students looking to hone their study skills, receive subject-specific tutoring and prepare themselves for standardized tests.

Under the watchful eye of Director Maureen Doherty, a teacher with more than 20 years experience, C2 Education offers individualized tutoring and preparation for the SAT, ACT and PSAT as well as preparing students for entrance exams that specialized magnet schools and private preparatory schools administer twice a year.

Students who sign up with C2 Education, which was recognized last year as the National Tutoring Association's Program of the Year, receive help preparing for AP, SAT and Regents exams. Doherty said C2 Education is also available for students taking the GED and GRE exams.

"We've served students as young as four and as old as 30," she said.

What makes C2 Education stand apart from the plethora of tutoring companies is the customized service that each student receives, Doherty said. She explained that students are given a diagnostic test before then come on board to determine their strengths and weaknesses. A tutoring plan is devised based upon the results of that test and on the goals and needs of each student.

The company, which was created in 1997 as a private tutoring service by Harvard University friends David Kim and Jim Narangajavana, also stands out, said Doherty, because of its "360 approach" to tutoring. C2 tutors teach academic skills but also serve as mentors and coaches in the K-12 tutoring, test prep and college counseling process. They encourage and guide students throughout the school year or whatever length of time they use the service, Doherty explained.

Students might come in for test prep and also receive help preparing for a midterm.

"Whatever their needs are, we can meet



The tutoring space at C2 Education in Mount Kisco.

them here," she said. "Think of us as a one-stop shop."

The center in Mount Kisco currently has two tutors, a retired IBM executive who teaches math and a Carnegie Mellon University graduate who handles reading. The center is looking to hire more tutors to meet expected demand. They are required to take an exam to gain employment at the company. Once hired, tutors continue with rigorous, ongoing training.

"All of our tutors have to demonstrate mastery," Doherty said.

Unlike classrooms full of students taking test prep classes, Doherty said C2 Education does not exceed a three-to-one student-teacher ratio. A testing room in the 1,533-square-foot facility allows students to take practice tests.

Math tutoring is popular at C2

Education, especially among students who are taking college entrance exams.

"We encourage students to be on a higher, more rigorous math track in high school since it's important that colleges see they are challenging themselves," Doherty said.

Tutoring is also available in all of the sciences, U.S. and World History, English, including reading, writing, and grammar, and foreign languages.

Sessions typically run for two hours, with many students receiving help two to three times a week on one subject, Doherty said. Each student receives a curriculum book, which includes customized worksheets.

C2 Education offers accelerated learning programs and help with college essays and the college application process. Summer programs are also scheduled.

Students may register for a free three-hour SAT, ACT or PSAT practice test scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23. Each registrant will have the chance to win a test prep scholarship and 5 percent off tuition for at least 50 hours of tutoring and a free post-test consultation.

Register by visiting C2education.com/b2school. For more information, call 914-362-1100. The office is located at 195 N. Bedford Rd. in Mount Kisco.

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Howard Meyer's Acting Offers Open House, Auditions in P'ville

Adults and young people who want to explore acting classes close to home have a golden opportunity to get a taste of the experience when Howard Meyer's Acting Program hosts a free open house Wednesday, Sept. 13, at its home in Pleasantville. Howard Meyer's Acting is an affiliate of the professional company Axial Theatre.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, professional and experienced non-professional actors are invited to audition for the program's Master Class. Meyer's credentials as an elite acting coach have been praised by the likes of celebrated, award-winning actor Kevin Spacey.

The open house, which proved a

popular sneak preview last year for those who became students of the program, introduces tweens, teens and adults to multilevel acting and classes. All classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 20. There is no obligation for open house attendees to sign up for classes.

Howard Meyer's Acting Program's fall classes for beginner adult classes for students 18 and up run for six and 12 weeks. The cost is \$245 for six weeks and \$395 for 12 weeks. Teen classes (ages 13-17) continue for 12 weeks and cost \$395, while children's classes (ages 10-12) are \$385.

"They could be missing a life-changing experience if they don't give themselves



KALA HERH PHOTO

Students in Howard Meyer's Acting Program get a chance to perform on stage as part of their training.

Holy Innocents to Host Talk Sunday on Fighting Hatred, Bigotry

Joseph Levin, the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), will present a talk titled SPLC Then and Now: 1971 to Today this Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Innocents Church Parish Hall in Pleasantville. Levin will discuss promoting civil rights and justice and fighting hatred and bigotry.

Levin has had a distinguished legal career as co-founder of the SPLC in

1971, and later as president and CEO. In 1976, he was a member of the Carter Presidential Transition Team and served in the U.S. Justice Department in national security oversight of the CIA, FBI, NSA and military intelligence.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. The Holy Innocents Parish Hall is located at 431 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville.

a chance – and it might unleash their creative expression or even lead to a second career," Meyer said.

For the open house, 10- to 17-year-olds should arrive at 5:30 p.m.; those 18 and up should arrive at 7 p.m. The open house will be held in the Community Room of St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 8 Sunnyside Ave. in Pleasantville.

Actors accepted into the Master Class after auditioning on Sept. 6 or Oct. 4 will be enrolled in Howard Meyer's eight-week sessions beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Tuesday, Nov. 14. The cost of each session is \$465. Auditions are recommended

for acting professionals as well as pre-professionals with prior training and experience.

"(Howard Meyer's) Acting classes have enhanced my growth not only as an actor, but also as a person," said Master Class student and Axial Theater ensemble member Michael Boyle, a high school teacher. "The sharp focus on process and the one-to-one support of each student make the program one of the best in the country."

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The Story Behind 'Birdwatching' in the City and Long Island

By Brian Kluepfel

Co-authors don't always get along, but over a two-year period it seems Deborah Rivel and Kellye Rosenheim paired their expertise to produce a special end-product.

"Birdwatching in New York City and on Long Island" is a 313-page guide to birding in the five boroughs and all of Long Island. And Rivel and Rosenheim remain friends.

Traversing botanical gardens, abandoned superfund sites and a lot in between, ("we have some pretty amazing landfills," Rosenheim said) they wrote a book that is useful to both the visiting expert birder who has only a weekend to spend in Manhattan and the novice naturalist who may want to turn an outdoor family trip into a partial birding venture.

"Visitors to New York might want to narrow down choices, while new birders might want to find the 'birdiest' areas of a particular place," Rosenheim said.

From the start, Rivel, a New York City Audubon board member, and Rosenheim, the organization's director of development, their goal was clear: Let's

make birding as accessible as possible for everyone. Egalitarian eagling, as it were.

Since Rivel is a Manhattanite and Rosenheim a suburbanite, it turned out well.

"Kellye has a car – and she's one of the best birders I know," Rivel said.

But anything they could get to by public transit they did, and that's an important hallmark of the guide.

A favorite day was a trip to Edgemere, sitting on the hatch of the car with JFK Airport in full view; Central Park was another; and Montauk's winter wonderland of ducks and seabirds a third. Staten Island, and in particular Clove Lakes, was a revelation, and the cooperation of local birders there was an eye-opener, the pair noted.

Speaking of help, they stood on the shoulders of prior New York City bird guides, like the Audubon's 2001 "Guide to Finding Birds in the Metropolitan Area," Howard Barton's and Patricia Pelkowski's 1999 tome "A Seasonal Guide to Bird Finding on Long Island," Susan Drennan's "Where to Find Birds in New York State" from 1981 and Kevin McGowan's "Breeding Atlas of



Kellye Rosenheim, left, and Deborah Rivel, authors of "Birdwatching in New York City and on Long Island."

the Birds of New York." Local experts such as Gabriel Willow, a New York City Audubon guide, were generous with local hotspot info.

The urban reality is never far. Photos of double-breasted cormorants at the entrance to FDR Drive and Rivel's tale of a "hit and run urban birding" venture, which yielded a precious shot of an American woodcock in Bryant Park behind the main New York Public Library, perilously close to the book's deadline.

The destructive force of nature altered and worsened birding in places like Jamaica Bay, where a once-freshwater

pond was breached during Superstorm Sandy, changing the habitat and killing some trees that once welcomed warblers. Conversely, new sites are opening up, like the former landfill of Fresh Kills, which at 220 acres is five times the size of Prospect Park, and part of a new Staten Island Greenbelt initiative.

While Rosenheim was the eyes behind the project – Rivel noted that she could not have a better bird-spotting companion – Rivel provided the literal focus, taking all the book's photographs. Another nice feature of the opus is photography recommendations for each site; for example, noting that a long lens is necessary for Jones Beach.

After editing each other's work, they arrived at a conversational tone that both women found comfortable while maintaining the idea of having the book accessible to as many as possible.

"We found a voice that sounded like both of us," Rosenheim said.

For more information about "Birdwatching in New York City and on Long Island," birding and the authors, visit www.birdwatchingnycli.com. The book can be purchased on www.amazon.com and at Barnes & Noble.

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Tuesday, Sept. 12

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.lib.ny.us.

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

Founders Lecture. The Friends of John Jay Homestead presents this program featuring Albie Sachs and Akhil Reed Amar discussing the making of the South African Constitution. Sachs is a human rights activist from South Africa, leader of the African National Congress in exile, co-author of the South African Constitution and one of the original Judges on the Constitutional Court appointed by Nelson Mandela. Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and political science at Yale University, where he teaches constitutional law in the college and the law school and where he won the DeVane Medal, Yale's highest award for teaching excellence. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Wine and cheese reception at 6 p.m. Lecture at 7 p.m. Followed by a question-and-answer period. Friends members: \$50. Non-members: \$100. Info and registration: 914-232-8119, visit www.johnjayhomestead.org or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org.

North Castle Historical Society Partners in Preservation. A reception and dinner that serves as the annual fundraising event for the historical society. Proceeds will be used to help maintain the organization's buildings at the Smith's Tavern educational complex on Route 22. Gavi Restaurant, 15 Old Route 22, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. \$80. Info and tickets: Visit www.northcastlehistoricalsociety.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

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.

Esperanza Mayobre Exhibit. Mayobre is a Brooklyn-based Venezuelan artist whose multidisciplinary work uses materials in unconventional ways to address a range

of topics. Describing her installations as "fictive laboratory spaces," Mayobre creates metaphorical environments that invite multiple points of entry and engagement. Westchester Community College's Fine Arts Gallery, third floor of Academic Arts Building, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Nov. 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays until 6 p.m. Info: 914-606-6621 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/gallery.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.mountkisco.lib.ny.us.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 27. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Briarcliff Manor Garden Club. Jan L. Gordon, floral designer and owner of East Meets West Flowers in Pleasantville, will be the guest speaker and discuss the topic "Floral Hidden Secrets." Gordon is an instructor of floral design at the New York Botanical Garden. She combines sleek contemporary design while incorporating traditional Japanese floral principles of inner harmony inspired by her time living in Japan. All flower lovers welcome. Briarcliff Manor Public Library's William J. Vescio Community Center, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 1 p.m. Free.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 27. Info: 914-273-3887.

Veterans Benefits Info Session. All previous active duty veterans are invited to learn if they are entitled to VA benefits, including optometry, audiology, pharmaceutical and/or any other health-related services. A representative VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System will be on hand to answer questions and assist

completing online application forms. Bring a picture ID, a copy of your DD-214 form and have your Social Security number available. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.lib.ny.us.

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.mountkisco.lib.ny.us.

Lego Club. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

Art Series: Yale Museum and Galleries, Part II. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Attacks on Science. Gretchen Goldman, research director of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Center for Science and Democracy, presents the impact of political interference in science on the environment, public health and safety. In partnership with the Lower Hudson Sierra Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Greenburgh. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

"Wasted! The Story of Food Waste." The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry and the Food Bank for Westchester are presenting an exclusive pre-release screening, shedding light on the pressing issue of food waste. Produced by author and chef Anthony Bourdain and featuring renowned chefs Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura and Danny Bowien, the film aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food. Bow Tie Cinema, 144 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Screening at 7 p.m. Followed by a VIP reception at Exit 4 Food Hall, 153 E. Main St., Mount Kisco at 9 p.m. Screening: \$20. Reception: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit <http://www.foodbankforwestchester.org/events/wasted>.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every
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Pleasantville Nonprofit Honors its Dedicated Professionals

By Anna Young

Select Human Services is showing its appreciation to a critical group of 300 people during Direct Support Professional Recognition Week, a national celebration that runs through Sept. 16 honoring those who enhance the lives of the disabled.

Throughout the year, professionals from the Pleasantville-based nonprofit organization provide in-home services to nearly 350 individuals with developmental disabilities who are between five and 70 years old throughout Westchester and Putnam. Direct Support Professionals (DSP) offer care that encourages development in basic skills and community habitation while also helping the individual to be independent and overcome obstacles to improve their lives.

Case manager Sabina Claxton, who formally worked as a DSP, said the importance of going into a home and helping people attain their goals while respecting their boundaries is crucial.

“It’s an important job to know that we can go out there and make a difference and actually brighten someone’s day, and the DSP are their family,” Claxton said. “They depend on us to be there on a constant day-to-day basis and it’s a beautiful thing the relationships that are built. It’s really important.”

While the job requires patience and

understanding, Theresa DelVecchio, director of staff development for Select Human Services, said they welcome anyone with a high school diploma to work on a part-time, per-diem basis with the organization. Prior to entering the home, every employee must undergo a four-hour in-house training session, online training and pass a background check, DelVecchio said.

She said the organization takes pride in successfully pairing an individual with a DSP. Case managers conduct several interviews and determine which professional’s skill-set could best meet the needs of the individual.

“It’s not just the work that they do, but it’s the emotional support that they provide to the individual and the families,” said Emilio Robles, a case manager.

Aside from the celebratory week, DelVecchio said a DSP who exemplifies the code of ethics promoting celebration of choice, independence, respect, creativity and interaction within the community is chosen monthly and recognized for their efforts.

“There’s some very difficult situations and they provide such valuable services to the individual and their families,” DelVecchio said. “It’s really difficult work that sometimes goes unnoticed and we like to recognize and celebrate their work.”

While tens of thousands of DSPs will be



SELECT HUMAN SERVICES PHOTO

Direct Support Professional Jaime Posa with Bailey Coburn. Select Human Services, a nonprofit organization in Pleasantville that helps the developmentally disabled, is honoring its professional staff during the national Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

recognized across the United States this week, DelVecchio said she’s excited for her team to come together and celebrate.

“Direct Support Professionals are foundational to our agency’s ability to empower those we serve to live their best lives,” Select Human Services

Executive Director Debbie McGinness said. “Although we actively and deeply appreciate our DSPs each and every day, we are honored to take the opportunity to recognize them for all they do – and all they are – during the 2017 Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.”

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Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Los Lobos and Steve Earle & The Dukes. An incredible evening of Americana and rock 'n' roll. Since 1974, East L.A.'s Los Lobos has been moving back and forth between their Chicano roots and their love of American rock 'n' roll, knocking down imposing boundaries to formulate music that is distinctly a thing unto itself. Steve Earle has been equally acclaimed as a folk troubadour, a rockabilly raver, a contemplative bluesman, a honky-tonk rounder, a snarling rocker and even a bluegrass practitioner. This definitive Americana artist has won three Grammy Awards. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7:30 p.m. \$48 to \$98. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

"Man in the Red Bandana." A story of sacrifice, selflessness and how the actions of Welles Crowther have touched and inspired others. On Sept. 11, 2001, Crowther, who worked on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center's South Tower, stayed behind to help others and died in the lobby when the building collapsed. He and his heroics only became known eight months after the tragedy due to a single, ordinary object: a red bandana. The film retraces the unique manner in which his actions were brought to light, as well as his last inspirational hour saving others from the upper reaches of the South Tower. Introduction by Alison and Jefferson Crowther, Welles' parents. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Sept. 14

The Breakfast Club. A breakfast meeting designed for seniors. Each session includes breakfast, a presentation on a topic of interest to seniors and a light exercise program. Phelps Hospital cafeteria (G Level), 701 N. Broadway. Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

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

Appraisal Event. The Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society will be hosting an event with Rago Arts & Auction, auctioneers of fine art, jewelry, decorative

arts and historic collectibles to assist local residents in assessing the value of their heirlooms. Bring your favorite vintage items. Up to two items per person may be appraised. Briarcliff Manor Community Center, 48 Macy Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Appointments required. Appointments: Contact Robin Harris at 609-397-9374 ext. 119 or e-mail robin@ragoarts.com. Info: Contact Jenny Pitman at 917-745-273- or e-mail jenny@ragoarts.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Man of the House." John, a New Rochelle resident, documents the story of his father who suffered from a mental illness and took his life. A beautiful story of how a young boy and his family overcame trauma and adapted to a new life. Written and directed by John J. Palomino. Followed by a panel discussion. The

Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 6 p.m. NAMI Westchester members: \$10. NAMI Westchester student members: \$5. Non-members: \$15. Non-members students: \$7. Info and tickets: Visit www.namiwestchester.org.

Author Talk. Take a 50-year armchair ride back along Route 17 and learn what it was like to grow up in a round-the-clock family business that served more than a million customers a year. Elaine Freed Lindenblatt, author of "Stop at the Red Apple," will talk about the inside story of her father's colorful eatery. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. Co-sponsored by the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society. Briarcliff Manor Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration recommended. Info and registration: 914-941-7072 or e-mail sglick@wlsmail.org.

English as a Second Language Class. Strengthen your English skills through pronunciation exercises, grammar exercises and conversation practice. All are welcome to participate in these informal small English Language Learner group classes. The friendly, flexible yet structured setting is ideal for those who want to improve their English communication skills. Led by Stacey Fields. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

The Architecture and Life of Frank Lloyd Wright. Anthony Romeo and Dale Laurin of the Aesthetic Realism Foundation in New York City will discuss why Wright's designs still move people and what we can learn about ourselves by studying them. Wright was enlisted to build his Broadacre City concept in the Town of Mount Pleasant and is known as the Usonia Historic District. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Boz Scaggs in Concert. His remarkable career dates back to the late '60s with the Steve Miller Band. His solo triumphs include classic albums as "Silk Degrees" (1976) and "Middle Man" (1980). The splendid assurance of late-period high points like "Some Change" (1994) and "Dig" (2001) will instantly recognize Scaggs' characteristically deft touch as a singer. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$68, \$78, \$88, \$105, \$135 and \$225. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday, Sept. 15

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group. Receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully care for someone with dementia. Sponsored by Phelps Hospital and the

Visiting Nurse Association of the Hudson Valley. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

Tag Sale. Fox Senior Center, 198 Carpenter Ave., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Sept. 16.

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.

A Party in Greeley's Garden: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in New York State. The evening includes suffrage-related music from the early 20th century, wine, hors d'oeuvres and an auction. Guests are encouraged to dress like their favorite suffragist or to dress as the suffragists did - entirely in white. A portion of the proceeds will be used toward the creation of a special exhibit exploring the Women's Suffrage Movement and Carrie Chapman Catt, a leading suffragist and former New Castle resident. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$25 to \$1,500. Info and reservations: Contact Cassie Ward at 914-238-4666 or e-mail director@newcastlehs.org.

Opening Reception for "The Children's Hour." Using metaphorical childhood scenes as a device to examine adult issues, eight artists depict children to simply convey complex ideas. Children's stories, often loaded with moral lessons, are not all sugar and spice. At times, hard lessons are delivered to children through myths, fables and parables or moral tales. Some of the exhibited artists take inspiration from these stories and blend them with the imaginative and playful side of childhood to create social satire. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Oct. 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit

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Community Ambassadors Sought for Support-A-Walk on Oct. 1

Support Connection, Inc., a nonprofit organization offering free support services to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, is seeking community ambassadors for its annual Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer. Support-A-Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1 at FDR Park on Route 202 in Yorktown Heights. It will be held rain or shine.

Community ambassadors are

volunteers who help by bringing information about the Support-A-Walk to their community. Support Connection provides flyers and brochures for the volunteers to distribute to stores, businesses, houses of worship and other locations. The time commitment for each person is minimal, but by having ambassadors in many different communities, word of the Support-A-Walk can be shared

across the Hudson Valley.

"We love our community ambassadors," said Support-A-Walk Coordinator Melissa Higgins. "We rely on them to help us spread the word about the Support-A-Walk. Our volunteers love it too; they tell us it's a really fulfilling experience to do something that makes a difference."

The Support-A-Walk was founded 23 years ago by local residents. It is



Pictured, left to right, are Marisa Giuliano and Melissa Higgins of Support Connection with community ambassadors Terry McGarvey and Loretta Bowens.

held to bring attention to the needs of people living with breast and ovarian cancer and to raise funds for Support Connection's free services for those living with these diseases.

Participants complete a three-mile walk, often in honor of loved ones, for a celebration of life and a tribute to those affected by breast and ovarian cancer. Families, friends, co-workers and groups of walkers are invited to walk together as a team. Individuals are also welcome. Donations are accepted from participants as well as those who are unable to attend.

To learn more about the Support-A-Walk or to donate, contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402, visit www.supportconnection.org or e-mail walk@supportconnection.org.

Fantastic Finds Grand Re-Opening Celebration This Saturday

Fantastic Finds, an upscale resale shop at 400 King St. in Chappaqua will hold a grand re-opening celebration this Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration is being held to show off the fresh paint and sprucing up that took place at the store over the summer. A ribbon-cutting celebration will take place at noon. Throughout the day, there will be refreshments, prize drawings and the wheel of fun. Shoppers who make a purchase during the grand re-opening celebration will receive a \$10 coupon for a future purchase.

Fantastic Finds boasts a wide inventory of new and gently used items in pristine condition. Shoppers will find great prices for high-quality

merchandise such as men's and women's clothing; jewelry; accessories such as scarves and handbags; household items, including small or accent furniture, housewares, artwork, small appliances, china and home décor; and musical instruments.

All proceeds from sales at the shop benefit Support Connection, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Yorktown Heights that provides free year-round breast and ovarian cancer support services. The store is staffed with volunteers who handle sales, inventory and accept donations. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit



SUPPORT CONNECTION PHOTO

Volunteers working at Fantastic Finds in Chappaqua.

supportconnection.org/fantastic-finds, e-mail fantastic.finds@supportconnection.org or call Fantastic Finds at 914-238-9200 or Support Connection at 914-962-6402.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER INDEX #10-16882 FILED AUGUST 3, 2017

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. **Nationstar Mortgage, LLC**

Plaintiff, -against- Westchester County Public Administrator as Administrator for the Estate of Frank G. Williams,

Frank G. Williams' respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Sybil Williams who was heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams' respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Kimberly A. Williams Individually and as Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams and as Heir to the Estate of Sybil Williams who was Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams, Angela Williams as Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams and as Heir to the Estate of Sybil Williams who was Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams, and Ter-

ri Williams as Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams and as Heir to the Estate of Sybil Williams who was Heir to the Estate of Frank G. Williams, Bank of America, N.A., First Select Inc., Singer Holding Corp., New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America, Putnam Federal Credit Union, RJM Acquisitions LLC, Consolidated Edison of New York, Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, Ms. Williams, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding

against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a paying to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

Dated: Bay Shore, New York July 27, 2017
By: Pamela Flink, Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff, 53 Gibson Street (Main Office) Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-037741-F00

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CIROCO DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/03/2017. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **543 Main Street, Apt. 610, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 3 THE CROWS NEST LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/16/2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail process to: **David B. Petshaft, P.C., 222 Bloomingdale Rd. Suite 116 White Plains, New York 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DARK ABYSS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/31/2017. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **135 Clarence Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**



NOTICE OF FORMATION FOR A DOMESTIC COMPANY OF SMALL BOOK CLUB, LLC. Articles of Org. were filed with the NY Secretary of State (NS) on 7/25/2017, with an office location in Westchester County at 75 Virginia Road, R1, White Plains, NY 10603 and Marco Vitolo is designated as agent upon whom process may be served for any lawful purpose. It's main purpose, but not limited to, is membership and advertising.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CLIMATE SHIELD HEATING AND COOLING LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/27/17. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail a copy of process to: **Climate Shield Heating and Cooling LLC, 195 Washington Ave, New Rochelle, 10801. Purpose: Any Lawful Act or Activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PURPLE HEART PRODUCTIONS, LLC. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/16/2017. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **5 South 16th Ave. Apt.39, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PIONEER INTERCOM SERVICES, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/16/2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **2 Sunnyside Dr., Suite 4B, Yonkers NY, 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

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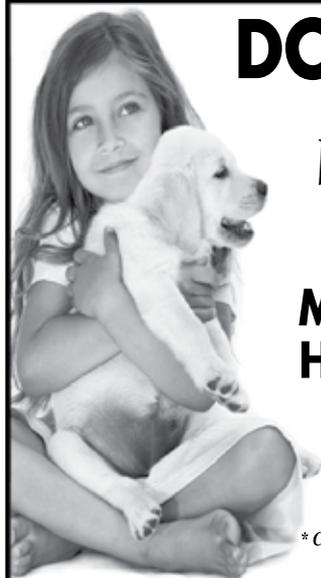
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Friday Night Cinema: "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg." Ever intriguing and beautiful, Catherine Deneuve stuns in this 1964 musical about lost love in a small town. Forget La La Land's color schemes and musical interludes, this work by director Jacques Demy with Michel Legrand's music defined a genre. In French with English subtitles. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Hurricane Harvey Charity Fundraiser. Join Chappaqua Station for its second anniversary and support Habitat for Humanity of Westchester to support those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. 8 p.m. \$20 to \$500. Info and tickets: 914-861-8001, visit www.chappaquastation.com or e-mail info@chappaquastation.com.

Saturday, Sept. 16

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, the visiting organization is Arc Stages. For children, there's arts and crafts with the Nemecs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the music series will feature rumba, flamenco and Afro-Cuban rhythms of Gimagua from 10 a.m. to noon. The culinary event is apple tasting from 9:30 a.m. to noon and there will be an electric vehicle showcase 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.

Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive can help anyone trying to navigate their way through the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies including original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug

plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs. Harrison Public Library, Halperin Building, 2 Bruce Ave., Harrison. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out.

"How Do We Feed the World?" Manhattanville College will host a food justice festival, which will include talks, demonstrations, workshops and panel discussions with leaders in the area of food advocacy. The program will start with a reading and talk by chef and "The Third Plate" author Dan Barber of Westchester's Blue Hill at Stone Barns. Followed by a three-hour writing workshop, Food for Thought, for writers interested in food writing. Manhattanville College's Berman Student Center Auditorium, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barber's talk at noon. Writing workshop from 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Writing workshop: \$50. Reservations required. Info and reservations: www.community.mville.edu/mfa.

Greenburgh Library Book Sale. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Greenburgh. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 17 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 914- 574-6582 or visit www.friendsofthegreenburghlibrary.org.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday in September. 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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Sept. 23, 24 and 30 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Social Security Educational Workshop: "It's All About Income and the "Red Risk

Zone." Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone leads this workshop for people 60 years old and up and all retirees. Pound Ridge Library, 271 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-764-5085 or e-mail info@poundridgelibrary.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves; they're out searching for prey as their pups grow bigger and bolder. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. and Sept. 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

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

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday through September except Sept. 17. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Chappaqua Children's Book Festival Kickoff Event. Join the local children's author and illustrator team of Matt and Mara Van Fleet for a reading and the unveiling of a new ice cream flavor, Van Fleet Vanilla Crunch. Proceeds will benefit the festival, scheduled for Oct. 14. Hall of Scoops, 14 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Reading at 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.ccbfestival.org or www.facebook.com/hallofscoops.

Reception for Rae Smith Exhibit. Smith, a master pastelist, PSA Hall Honoree for 2014 and Katonah Art Center faculty member is exhibiting her pastels and oil paintings. She has shown her work throughout the United State and internationally. Anderson Chase Gallery, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. 4 to 6 p.m. Exhibit continues through Oct. 14. Info: 914-232-4843 or visit <http://andersonchasegallery.com>.

Barn Dance. Includes a country barbecue, a pizza truck, a campfire and music by local bands. This year is the 20th

anniversary of the John Jay Homestead Barn Dance and will feature the return of the racing pigs. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Adults: \$75 to \$250. Children: \$25 to \$30. Info: 914-232-8119 or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org.

Selichot Service/Author Talk. Abigail Pogrebin, author of the new book, "My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew," will be the guest speak at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester's Selichot Service, which precedes the High Holy Days. She will talk about Selichot, one of the least understood, but potentially the most heart-opening holidays and speak about her book. Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, 220 S. Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 5 p.m. Free. Followed by light refreshments. Info: 914-238-3928 or visit www.bethelnw.org.

Sound of My Music School Presents: Pa Sey Pancham. A musical tribute to the legendary music director Rahul Dev Burman. The concert is a fundraiser for pediatric cancer research. Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 5 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: 914-873-0857 or visit www.paseypancham.bpt.me. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Evening Howl for Pups of All Ages. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour - dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why September is a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves. All guests will be served weather appropriate treats. Please bring flashlights. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 6:30 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children (under 12): \$13. Also Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Square Dancing Fun Nights. Friendly Squares Dance Club offers this fun activity that is great for the body and mind for people of all ages. It's also an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Open to singles, couples and families. Casual attire; no experience necessary. Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd., Katonah. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Also Sept 18 and 25. Info: Contact Tee at 914-433-2919.

An Evening With Robert Klein. Klein has entertained audiences for more than 40 years and continues to have an acclaimed career in comedy, on Broadway, on television and in film. In 1975, Klein was the first comedian to appear in a live concert on HBO. He has gone on to do nine one-man shows for HBO and received his first Emmy in 2001 for "Robert Klein: Child in His 50s." Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$35 and

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Chappaqua School District Ushers in Upgraded HS Field

By Anna Young

Moments before the Chappaqua Central School District cheered on the Horace Greeley Quakers football team Friday night against Carmel High School, district and local elected officials and hundreds of community members celebrated the district's new turf and renovated track at Competition Field.

Following four months of swift construction, the new field at Horace Greeley High School will be open to all students, faculty and the community.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine

Ackerman, said that many people and organizations contributed to making the new field a reality. She said their work, while sometimes a long and arduous process, is important to the students. It is also crucial for the community to support its young athletes.

"It was important to all of our students who will use this facility to practice on and compete on," Ackerman said. "It was important to all of our high school students who will have physical education out in the facility. It was important to future generations of Greeley High School



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Student Government President Hannah Fenlon cuts the ribbon during last Friday's ceremony to open the brand new track.

students who will be able to use this facility, and finally, it's important to everyone who lives here, who will be able to benefit from walks on the weekend, hitting the soccer ball around with their parents or competing on Sunday afternoon on the turf field in our recreational programs."

School Board Vice President Jeffrey Mester expressed the pride he felt being able to stand under the lights on the field and after spending 10 years trying to push the renovation project forward.

"Over the years this has been a group effort, so many individuals have given their time, money and enthusiasm," Mester said. "It's about the kids."



JEFFREY MESTER PHOTO

Horace Greeley High School's upgraded Competition Field. The project, nearly a decade in the making, features a new playing surface and a renovated track.

P'ville Lions First Golf Tourney Set for Sept. 20

The Pleasantville Lions Club will hold its inaugural golf tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Maple Moor Golf Course in White Plains.

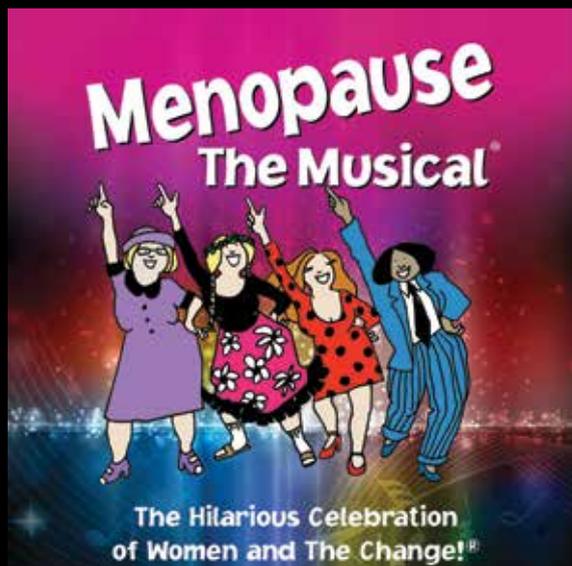
The event will honor Tony Desjardin Jr., son of Pleasantville Lion Tony Desjardin, and will benefit the Pleasantville Lions' various charitable activities, including the visually impaired, local worthy causes and people in need worldwide.

In addition to a \$10,000 hole-in-

one, prizes include a four-person team scramble (best ball), longest drive, closest to the pin, low team score and a putting contest.

Registration is at 11 a.m. Lunch is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and the awarding of prizes will follow. The donation is \$200 per person; dinner is \$50.

To sign up or for more information, call Tom Hutton at 914-525-1943.

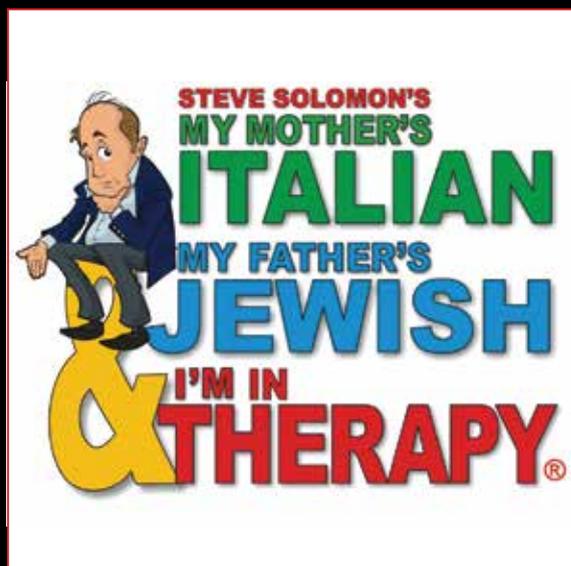


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Club Pilates in Mount Kisco held its ceremonial grand opening last Thursday. Franchise owner Sarah Gevinski, center, is assisted in cutting the ribbon by, from second left, village Trustee Jean Farber, Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus and County Legislator Francis Corcoran. Club Pilates is located at 30 E. Main St. near South Moger Avenue. For more information, call 914-362-8114 or visit www.clubpilates.com/mountkisco.

Puzzle Answers

Puzzle is located in the Special Anniversary Section this week.

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\$45. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Paquito D’Rivera Quintet. This iconic Cuban-American clarinet and saxophone virtuoso, a 14-time Grammy Award winner in both the jazz and classical genres, brings his unique global sensitivity to the stage. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$24 to \$44. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Wassa Pan Afrika Dance Ensemble: Yedee Ba. A performance by this electrifying ensemble takes audiences on a journey through the diverse traditional African heritage by fusing dance, music, stories and songs. Colorful costuming, elaborate choreography and pulsating drumming will have the audience members dancing in the aisles. Westchester Community College’s Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. Tickets are also available at the box office 30 minutes before the start of the performance.

Argentine Tango Dances. Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Refreshments served. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 8 p.m.

to midnight. \$16. Also the first Sunday of each month from 3 to 6 p.m. \$16. Info: 914-725-3023 or 914-484-5101 or e-mail sampelayo@optonline.net.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Cider and Donut Festival, Byram Hills Parents Association Carnival and Jamie’s 5K Run for Love. Festivities get underway with the Donut Dash for children two to eight years old followed by the McIntosh Mile for kids of all ages and Jamie’s 5K Run for Love. Following the running events, enjoy the cider and donut festival and carnival featuring rides, live music, children’s activities, food, hot donuts and cider and a pie eating contest. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. Donut Dash at 9:15 a.m., McIntosh Mile at 9:25 a.m. and Jamie’s 5K at 9:45 a.m. Festival and carnival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info and race registration: Visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com.

Pleasantville Presbyterian’s Sunday School Kickoff. Classes include pre-K to high school with nursery care for younger children. New students welcome. Everyone gathers for worship, then students will have a chance to meet their teachers. Youth groups meet on Sunday afternoon for grades 5-12. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Worship at 10 a.m. Info: 914-769-0458 or

visit www.pvillepresby.

Ballroom Dancing and Dinner. 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. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Third Sunday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

“Bernstein and Friends.” This New Rochelle Opera concert will present selections by Leonard Bernstein and his contemporaries in celebration of the 60th anniversary of “West Side Story.” Featuring New Rochelle Opera artists Kelli Butler (soprano), Edith Dowd (mezzo-soprano), Tom Mulder (tenor) and Wayne Hu (baritone), with a guest appearance by Miguel Acevedo (baritone). The artists will be accompanied by Georgianna Pappas with narration by company co-founder and artistic director Camille Coppola. Christopher Murphy Auditorium at Iona College, 715 North Ave., New Rochelle. 3 p.m. \$25. Seniors: \$20. Students: \$15. Iona College students and staff: Free. Info: 914-576-1617. Tickets: 800-838-3006 ext. 1 or visit www.nropera.org.

Chamber Music Concert: Strictly for Strings Fall Frolic. Musical treasures from the Baroque Period will include

masterpieces by Bach, Vivaldi and Corelli. Westchester Community College’s Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$20. Seniors: \$18. Students: \$14. This show and the spring performance: \$34. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu.

Sunday Music Presents: Canta Libre in Concert. Enjoy the glistening beauty inside Canta Libre through gems composed for smaller instrumental combinations. All ensemble members will shine as they are featured in a fascinating array of duos, trios and quartets. Works performed will be trios by famed living composers Howard Blake and Gary Schocker as well as duos by Vincent Persichetti and Erwin Schullhoff. There will also be romantic mainstays from Massenet, Marcel Grandjany and Jacques Ibert. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Holy Innocents Lecture Series. Joseph Levin, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will present a talk titled SPLC Then and Now: 1971 to Today. Levin will discuss promoting civil rights and justice and fighting hatred and bigotry. All welcome. Holy Innocents Parish Hall, 431 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Mt. Kisco Child Care Center to Host Annual Benefit This Saturday

The Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) will host its 13th annual Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening event this Saturday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit MKCCC's need-based scholarship program.

For 46 years, MKCCC's Scholarship Initiative, which combines government subsidy, private, family and corporate foundation support, corporate and individual donations and proceeds from special events, has enabled the center to fulfill its mission of offering children with access to affordable, safe, high-quality early care and education by providing partial tuition assistance. There were 123 low-income children that benefitted in 2016, which represents more than half of MKCCC families.

For the past 10 years, Ivanna Farms has been the setting for the Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening annual fundraiser.

This year, the center is honoring longtime supporter and event host Eric Hadar. Hadar is extremely supportive of numerous charities, including causes that benefit children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The center is also honoring Fran Osborne, who has served on MKCCC's Board of Directors since 2008. Osborne was named Chappaqua Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in 2011 and is four-term past president of the New Castle Historical Society, where she remains actively involved.

MKCCC is also honoring Team Amy.

Inspired by Amy Crabtree's life of dignity, courage, compassion and energy, the Amy Marie Crabtree Foundation was established to perpetuate Amy's memory. She died in 2009 after a long and valiant battle with a brain tumor.

The foundation raises money and donates all proceeds to important causes that Amy supported during her lifetime. Amy, and her husband John, participated in the first Feed Me Fresh event in 2005 and Crabtree's Kittle House has been involved ever since.

Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening showcases delicious food from local restaurants that subscribe to the same culinary philosophy as MKCCC - serving locally grown organic food and supporting local agriculture.

Through the center's own seed-to-table nutrition program, MKCCC has created a hands-on curriculum that builds a natural appreciation for fresh, whole food. This year's featured restaurants include Ben & Jerry's; Café of Love; Chappaqua LOCAL; Crabtree's Kittle House; Exit 4 Food Hall; Katonah Reading Room & Little Joe's Coffee



Eric Hadar, left, Fran Osborne, center, and Amy and John Crabtree will be recognized at the 2017 Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening event this Saturday evening at Ivanna Farms.

& Books; Lalibela; La Tulipe Desserts; Lexington Square Café; Little Crepe Street; Little Drunken Chef; Little Kabab Station; Little Mumbai Market; Little Spice Bazaar; Mt. Kisco Seafood; Quaker Hill Tavern; Siegel Bros. Market; Sunset Cove; The Turk; Taylored Menus; and Village Social.

Guests will also enjoy live music from renowned local band The Shaves, an open bar and live and silent auctions as well as a "Raise the Paddle" opportunity.

Hadar is the event's Lavender Fields Sponsor for 2017. Additional major sponsors include Curtis Instruments; Nancy & Ken Stein; Leslie Lampert/Love Hospitality; Polaner Selections; Rebecca and Arthur Samberg; Beverley & Sabin Streeter; Atlantic Westchester; The Benefit Shop Foundation Inc.; Rebecca and Jeff Cerutti; Sarah Fashena and Tom Coleman;

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Tickets are \$250 per person. For information about tickets, donations and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.mkccc.org/feed-me-fresh-event or contact Helen Bock in the development office at 914-241-2135 or hbock@mkccc.org.

Mount Kisco Child Care Center is a nonprofit, NAEYC-accredited childcare facility serving families in northern Westchester since 1971. It is located at 95 Radio Circle in Mount Kisco. For additional information, visit www.mkccc.org follow at www.facebook.com/MKCCC and www.twitter.com/MKCCC10549 for the latest news and updates.

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