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Substance Abuse Treatment Center Proposed for Mount Pleasant

By Neal Rentz

An outpatient treatment center for substance abusers, including individuals addicted to opioids, has been proposed for Valhalla but Mount Pleasant town officials are taking a hard look at the idea.

The proposal was discussed at the May 1 Town Board work session in which officials had multiple questions about the plan. Initially, the board has not agreed to the applicant's request for a letter of support for the project. That letter would need to be submitted to the state Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), and multiple agencies would need to approve the application, said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi.

"We understand the need for this type of treatment, education and counseling needs in communities to fend off the

opioid epidemic and other drug-related dependencies," Fulgenzi said.

"As it stands now the Town Board is uncomfortable with the location of the facility but no decision has been finalized as to moving forward with our blessing," he added.

Ekawa, LLC is proposing that the Health & Wellness Holistic Drug Treatment and Outreach Center be located in an existing 12,000-square-foot space at 26 Legion Drive.

There would be licensed mental health professionals at the facility conducting comprehensive psychosocial interviews of patients combined with laboratory and physical examinations leading to a treatment plan. A plan could include meditation and mindfulness training, yoga, nutrition education, educational workshops and family support.

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New Castle Strategizes on Enticing Developers to Chappaqua

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials last week grappled with how to attract developers to propose mixed-used development in downtown Chappaqua, one of the key goals in last year's updated Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion at a joint Town Board-Planning Board meeting last Tuesday zeroed in on Goal 26 in the plan, which calls for creation of "a sustainable mix of commercial and residential uses within the hamlets." That was one of the most common objectives raised during the public outreach sessions in hopes of enlivening downtown Chappaqua.

Last month Town Board members decided they would meet with planners in public session to enlist their suggestions about how the town should start working toward that goal.

Planning Board member Thomas Curley recommended that the town take control of

the process by identifying what they would like to see rather than soliciting developers' ideas. Then it could draw up a Preliminary Development Concept Plan (PDCP) and initiate the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as a way to advertise the town's commitment and vision to developers.

He reminded both boards that the town and developers will need each other in order for anything to get accomplished.

"I think what would be to look out for, what the developer would have to go through and figure out what you can do for the developer to make it something that they would want to take on," Curley said.

He said that could come in the way of incentives or having such an attractive streetscape that it catches the attention of those in the development community.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein last week reprised his suggestion to change zoning

to encourage the creation of apartments as part of mixed-use development to bring more people downtown. While that is part of the solution, said Planning Board Chairman Robert Kirkwood, it's not the only answer.

"One of the things I'm a little bit concerned with is that we're only emphasizing commercial and residential," he said. "Clearly, even right here in the goal, they talk about leisure and entertainment, they talk about a focus, they talk about a destination. That is something we really have to come to grips with because it seems to me before you do any of this, we jointly have to come up with what we feel is the vision that best represents that study, what we did and what we want this town to be all about."

Councilman Jeremy Saland raised the possibility of the town also focusing

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Gift of Gab



Members of the three-student Horace Greeley High School debate team that captured the Parliamentary Debate Program Championship in Lake Arrowhead, Calif. last month. Pictured, left to right, are Krishna Ramaswamy, Dorothy Low and Claire Weis.

Bedford School Bus Driver Arrested for Sexual Abuse, Explicit Texts to Girl

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County police arrested a Bedford Central School District bus driver in Mount Kisco last Friday night for allegedly having sexual contact with an 11-year old girl and sending explicit text messages.

Brewster resident Brayan Moscoso Arias, 22, was charged with the felony counts of sexual abuse and disseminating indecent material to a minor.

Arias was arrested as he was going to meet the girl for an encounter. Police had the location under surveillance and apprehended Arias in a downtown Mount Kisco parking lot at around 11

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Dr. Joseph D'Amore, who has been practicing medicine since 1984 and has owned and managed clinical allergy treatment centers in New York City for 25 years, would be the medical director.

A 10-year lease is being sought by Ekawa, LLC, which would look to eventually serve 500 clients.

Francisco Lugovina, CEO of Ekawa, LLC, said the proposed facility would be "a center devoted to dealing with the

opioid epidemic" and people battling addictions caused by other types of substances.

Lugovina, who has been involved in helping others fight addiction for 40 years, said the idea for the facility was planted following the substance abuse-related death of his grandson. He has also operated clinics in the Bronx and served on the board of the Greystone Foundation in Yonkers, which helps individuals who face barriers to obtain

employment.

"This is more than a business," Lugovina said.

The proposed center would accept health insurance and private payment from clients, but not Medicare or Medicaid, he said.

While board members praised Lugovina for helping others overcome addiction and that the proposed facility would be dedicated to his late grandson, they have reservations about the plan.

Councilwoman Laurie Smalley said the board needed to be assured that "the facility is a safe fit for the building." Smalley also asked if a new center was needed in Mount Pleasant since a similar facility, the Lexington Center for Recovery, has been operating in Mount Kisco.

"Our role is to protect our residents," Smalley said.

Councilman Mark Rubeo said the issue of a substance abuse facility is "sensitive." Rubeo and Fulgenzi also applauded Lugovina's effort but said the board must be comfortable with the proposal before agreeing to the concept.

Fulgenzi said safety, traffic and the impact on the community will be the key factors in helping the board arrive at a decision.

"I'm sympathetic to this," Fulgenzi said.

The proposal comes after there had been numerous complaints over the years regarding the controversial residential facilities the Pleasantville Cottage School and Hawthorne Cedar Knolls for troubled and neglected youths. Hawthorne Cedar Knolls is preparing to close its doors this summer.

Murphy Announces Re-election Bid for Third Senate Term

By Rick Pezzullo

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) kicked off his re-election campaign for a third term last Thursday at Dramatic Hall in Peekskill in front of about 200 family, friends and supporters.

Murphy, a chiropractor who represents the 40th Senate District, was unanimously endorsed by Republican leaders from Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. He will take on Lewisboro Democrat Robert Kesten in November.

"This is awesome," Murphy said to the cheering crowd. "It's just an honor and a privilege to represent so many people and do so many things that are available.

You get involved in this to do the right thing. I will continue to do the right thing for the people of the 40th District. I'm blessed to be able to do what I do."

Murphy spoke about his efforts in tackling the heroin and opioid epidemic, mentioning comprehensive legislation he spearheaded is being duplicated nationwide by other lawmakers.

"When I went to Albany I knew we had to do something," said Murphy, who chaired a Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Abuse. "It's a life-and-death situation."

He also spoke about championing causes for veterans and fighting to secure funding for communities and

entities that will be affected when the Indian Point nuclear power plants stop operating.

"This is exactly the kind of guy we need representing us in Albany," said Putnam County Legislator Joseph Castellano. "He's a regular guy, a father, a husband and I'm truly honored to call him a friend. Terrence gets results."

"From day one he embraced the job not just with his mind but with his heart," said Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "He's been a constant presence in our town hosting an array of events for our seniors and veterans. I am so proud to stand with the very best man for the job."



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Q: Why do people become obese?

A: Obesity is now recognized as an energy storage disease that's hormonally based. It can develop when we eat large quantities of simple carbohydrates that break down fast to sugar, such as bread, pasta and white rice. In response, your body produces excess insulin to keep the right level of glucose in the blood – a condition called insulin resistance.

Excess insulin production is a serious problem because insulin prevents fat breakdown, so more food converts to fat, promoting fat storage. High insulin also reduces the efficiency of the brain hormone, leptin that tells your brain you should eat less. In women, there's an extensive, complex interaction between the hormonally based reproductive cycles and insulin system, so subtle hormonal changes have a greater effect on women.

Q: Are obese women at risk for certain health problems?

A: Absolutely. Most problems revolve around excessive production of insulin. Obese women have more difficulty conceiving due to problems ovulating, and are more likely to have abnormalities during pregnancy,

such as high blood pressure. Obesity is the number one cause of female infertility in the U.S.

Obesity also increases the risk of irregular or painful periods, high-birth-weight babies, gestational diabetes, and miscarriages. There's a greater risk of breast cancer, especially post-menopause. Sixty percent of cancers of the uterine lining are caused by obesity, as are a significant number of uterine fibroids. Obese women with cancer have a higher rate of mortality and recurrence because treatments, typically tested on non-obese people, may not be as effective.

Q: What are the best remedies for obesity?

A: Weight-loss (bariatric) surgery can work because it helps establish a new weight set point, which is the weight range your body is genetically programmed for and that it tries to maintain. However, you must also eat more protein and vegetables – foods that break down more slowly. FDA-approved medications help some people lose weight. We now know that the best treatment for obesity is multi-pronged. Beside surgery, I use medications, behavioral therapy, and special exercise machines that make it possible for anyone to run. Exercise greatly improves insulin resistance.

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Pleasantville Adopts \$16.4M Village Budget for 2018-19

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville Village Board unanimously adopted a \$16.4 million general fund budget for 2018-19 just before last Monday's deadline that complies with the tax cap and increases taxes just under 1 percent.

The budget contains a \$10,910,458 tax levy, an increase of \$334,012 or 3.3 percent, but is \$2,028 under the cap. There will be a projected general fund balance of \$3,928,479.

Mayor Peter Scherer explained that the hike was significantly mitigated with an increase in the tax base and more properties contributing to the tax burden.

Scherer said that village officials have looked at parts of Pleasantville that had turned into underperforming tax assets but have sought to maximize their value.

Next year's budget anticipates \$5.1 million in revenues from other sources and taking \$390,000 from fund balance.

Village Administrator Eric Morrissey said that the village originally proposed using \$350,000 from fund balance but added \$40,000 to pay for road repaving and sidewalk repair. The road and sidewalk work had an original \$200,000 price tag but Morrissey said the board was able to find savings of \$160,000 during its month-long work sessions.

"So now instead of allocating \$200,000 from fund balance (for the work) we're only going to use \$40,000," Morrissey said. "And so, we decided to put it in fund balance here instead of having that appropriated at a future meeting a couple of weeks later."

The new fiscal year begins on June 1.

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on North Greeley Avenue, which is another part of the downtown that has redevelopment potential. However, there are about a dozen separate property owners from the corner at King Street to the post office, which could make it difficult to get much done, Curley said.

The Town Board asked Curley, an architect by trade, to come up with a plan that captures the town's vision. He said that it's something to start the discussion and cautioned residents to not jump to

conclusions about what could happen.

Once Curley's draft is done, the two boards will hold another joint meeting regarding the town's strategy.

"I think there's tremendous opportunity," Kirkwood said. "I think this is extraordinarily exciting about what can happen. This is a very well-to-do community that is currently underserved by its hamlet from what it could be and should be. I think if we jointly try to come up with a road map, we will get the right people coming in here."

Bedford School Bus Driver Arrested for Sexual Abuse, Explicit Texts to Girl

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Police said there had been at least one previous sexual encounter with the girl and evidence had been recovered on his cell phone, according to a published report.

Last Saturday, Bedford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno sent an e-mail to the school community informing the public that the district and the bus company were cooperating with law enforcement authorities on the investigation.

"Please know that the safety and well-being of all our students are of the utmost importance to us, and we will continue to be diligent in this regard," Manno's e-mail stated.

Arias was arraigned in Mount Kisco Village Court and his bail was set at \$20,000 cash or \$40,000 bond. He was being held in the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. A temporary restraining order was also issued prohibiting contact with the girl.

He is scheduled to return to court in Mount Kisco on Thursday.

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Lowey Roundtable Searches for Answers in Opioid Crisis

By Anna Young

After helping to pass a \$3.2 billion federal spending bill in response to the ever-growing opioid crisis, Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) is taking steps to make sure adequate efforts are made to increase prevention and treatment.

Last Wednesday Lowey conducted a roundtable discussion at the Student Assistance Services Corp. with families affected by the problem along with substance abuse prevention and treatment providers and advocates to discuss the impact of opioids in Westchester and Rockland counties.

"The opioid epidemic is a national emergency that demands a robust national response," Lowey said. "Every level of government must work with stakeholders, including health officials, law enforcement, families, survivors of addiction to truly combat this threat so that fewer people face the pain of addiction or the horror of burying a loved one gone too soon."

The \$3.2 billion will bolster medical treatment and prevention efforts to provide assistance to families and communities struggling with addiction, Lowey said.

"While this funding increase is a major victory, Congress must make robust, continued investments in life-saving programs to bring the opioid crisis to an end," she said.

Throughout the hour-long discussion,

speakers recounted their ongoing efforts to fight substance abuse and many stressed the need for more preventative programs.

Domingo Maceira, coordinator for Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention, said resources are often expended on treatment rather than prevention and exploring different methods of treating chronic pain.

"It's better to prevent than have to lament," he said. "If you take that into consideration it makes a lot of sense, but we're not prepared to do that because we emphasize treatment."

"Prevention is a key ingredient in turning the tide on the opioid crisis," said Ellen Morehouse, executive director of Student Assistance Services Corp. "Along with reducing access to opioids, increasing public awareness of their addictive potential and increasing awareness of treatment options, there has to be increased focus on preventing youth marijuana and alcohol use."

Morehouse explained that many people face addiction after they begin self-medicating. She said doctors rarely prescribe non-addictive pain medication and often don't explain how to taper down a painkiller prescription, leading patients to try alcohol, marijuana or opioids to feel better.

Ross Fishman, president of Innovative Health Systems Inc. in White Plains, said pharmaceutical companies produce excessive amounts of opioids and physicians



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Rep. Nita Lowey, seated center, with panelists who participated in last week's roundtable discussion about how to address the opioid dilemma.

continue to prescribe them despite evidence that proves that they are harmful.

Patients and doctors are often held hostage to a profit-driven model with easy access to addictive substances, which renders treatment inadequate.

"A further complication is that insurance companies are charging more for the medications used to treat opioid dependence than for the medications that perpetuate it," Fishman said. "We are fighting an uphill battle."

Yorktown Town Supervisor Ilan Gilbert said that while much has been done, an approach that encompasses prevention, law enforcement, treatment, recovery and mental health is needed. He added that mental health and substance abuse are often interrelated, noting that the 2009 Yorktown High School graduating class

has lost nine of its members to overdose or suicide.

Pleasantville resident Richard McSpedon attributed suicides in his home community to the constant pressure teens face in high school. While he said there's no quick answer to the problem, he suggested increasing preventive educational resources to parents and students.

"It's a tough time to be a kid and it's a tough time to raise a kid," Gilbert said.

The DARE program has had a lot of positive impact swaying kids from smoking and alcohol abuse, said pediatric nurse Jillian Grant. She suggested modifying the program to address current issues.

Nicole Malgarinos, of Pleasantville Strong, stressed the importance of infusing money into coalitions that rely on grants so the organizations can continue their education and prevention programs in school districts and the larger communities.

Liz Talbert, executive director for Alliance for Safe Kids in Yorktown, said she is nearing the end of the coalition's Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant and wants to obtain funding to continue providing educational resources to students and parents.

"I know that we serve a real purpose," Talbert said. "We are a wonderful resource for the parents and youth."



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Coyote in Thornwood Park Attack Had Rabies

By Martin Wilbur

The coyote that attacked a five-year-old girl in a Thornwood park last week tested positive for rabies, county Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said Tuesday afternoon.

Amler said that everyone who came into contact with the animal or its saliva is being evaluated to learn if they are in need of preventative rabies treatment.

The animal, which was captured by

an off-duty Irvington police officer at James M. Carroll Park, was shot and killed by a Mount Pleasant police officer on Apr. 29 after it bit the girl on the left forearm at the playground area. The girl was treated at Westchester Medical Center and released.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva the coyote came out of the woods and attacked the child.

Dr. Melissa Grigione, a professor

at Pace University's Department of Biology and Health Science, said it is uncommon for a coyote to attack a person in northern Westchester.

Unusual behavior is one of the first signs that an animal has rabies, according to the county Department of Health. A rabid animal may become abnormally aggressive, may lose its fear of people, act excitable or irritable or unusually tame or lethargic. Staggering

and frothing at the mouth is another sign.

If a person encounters a coyote, they should make noise, get away from it and call authorities, Amler said.

"If a coyote approaches, make noise and try to avoid it," she said. "If it appears aggressive or lethargic, it could have rabies, so contact local police. Avoid contact with strays and other wildlife."

Physical contact with a wild or unfamiliar animal should be immediately reported to a health care provider where the person should be evaluated. If left untreated, rabies is fatal.

All animal bites or contact with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Department of Health at 914-813-5000. Calls are taken 24 hours a day.

Pet owners are urged to keep their pets' rabies vaccinations up to date. State law requires dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies and receive regular booster shots. For more information, call the Department of Health's rabies hotline at 914-813-5010 or visit www.westchestergov.com/health.

P'ville Man Pleads Guilty for Spying on Nanny in Bathroom

By Anna Young

A former CNBC director who spied on his live-in teenage nanny at his Pleasantville home pleaded guilty in Westchester County Court last week to second-degree unlawful surveillance.

Daniel Switzen, 44, will be sentenced on Aug. 21 after he admitted to placing hidden cameras in the bathroom of his home last November to capture the nanny and her friends on video. Switzen could face one-and-a-half to four years in state prison for the Class E felony charge.

The married father of two will be required to register as a sex offender upon completion of his sentence, according to the Westchester County

district attorney's office.

Switzen was arrested Nov. 14 after his 18-year-old nanny and a pair of her friends, who were also 18, discovered the camera inside a tissue box in a bathroom at his Anne Place home.

"He intentionally installed a video recording device to surreptitiously view a person dressing or undressing or the sexual or other intimate parts of such person at a place and time when such person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, without such person's knowledge or consent," the criminal complaint stated.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Servino of the Sex Crimes Bureau prosecuted the case.



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Three Candidates in Contested Election for P'ville School Board

By Anna Young

Two-term incumbents Larry Boes and Emily Persons will face newcomer Keith Menig in the May 15 Pleasantville Board of Education election. Voting in the election and on Pleasantville's 2018-19 budget will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school multipurpose room.

Larry Boes

Boes is eager to serve a third term as the school district evolves into a 21st century learning institution and continues to collaborate with students to advance the curriculum.

Throughout his board tenure, Boes said his ability to listen and react to the voices of the students, community and staff has helped create an environment where students are more invested in their education. He said the district's Technology for All initiative, a program being phased in over four years where laptops will be provided for all students in grades 5-12, was a result of the board's annual meeting with student leaders.

"The things I am most proud of are the expansion of our student voice, particularly at our high school, which has led to a robust group of course offerings reflective of the interests of the next generation of learners," Boes said. "I am also proud of the continued support of our academic program at all three buildings while at the same time passing tax-compliant budgets each year with the support and assistance of our



Emily Persons

administrators, teachers and staff."

With state funding an ongoing battle, Boes said more effort is needed for Pleasantville to receive its fair share of state funding. While the lower Hudson Valley has about 5 percent of the student population in the state, he said the region received just 3 percent of available state aid allocated annually.

"We as parents and community leaders have to make these facts known and that such a result is not acceptable," Boes said. "We also have to make sure our academic program continues to evolve not only in the areas of STEAM but also in our civics and writing programs so that our students are



Keith Menig

equipped to be the multi-faceted leaders we expect them to be."

While Boes, a practicing attorney, has spent his 18 years in Pleasantville volunteering for various causes, he said his involvement with the school district has brought him the most joy.

"Know that you will get my best effort and know how deeply I care about the children of this district from the most vocal to the absolutely silent," Boes said. "I will continue to advocate to the state for our fair share and I will try to represent all to produce the best student citizens and promote the best of Pleasantville."

Emily Persons



Larry Boes

Persons, the other two-term incumbent, is focused to serve for another term to ensure the district maintains financial stability while continuing to engage students and provide teachers the tools needed for a healthy and strong learning environment.

"My role as a board trustee is stay on top of the issues, challenge our superintendent and advocating the legislators for our education," Persons said. "I'm over a certain level of the learning curve, so I can be more effective at advocacy efforts, whether it's in our own district to discuss issues with our superintendent but also in discussing issues with the legislators."

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Mt. Pleasant Board of Education Race Attracts Interest, Candidates

By Neal Rentz

Five candidates are running for the three open seats in next Tuesday's Mount Pleasant Board of Education race. Incumbents Thomas McCabe, the current board president, and Vice President Colleen Scaglione Neglia are being challenged by Michael Griffin, Sara Beaty and Michael Horan. Incumbent John Piazza will not be seeking re-election.

Voting on the election and the budget will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Westlake High School gymnasium.

Sara Beaty

Beaty, a member of the district's Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, is making her first run for the board. She said her experience in education law and having worked with school board would help her in the role.

"I want to serve my community, and there is no better way to do this than to volunteer my time to our school district," Beaty said. "I feel strongly that this district can continue to grow, improve and watch our students succeed in whatever future paths they decide to take."

She supports the 2018-19 budget, saying that the committee's feedback is reflected in the document. It complies with the tax cap and supports programs the district needs, she said.



Sara Beaty

Beaty said she agreed with the Leadership Profile Report prepared by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a consultant hired by the board to assist the district in its search to replace retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney.

"I believe that a strong candidate for superintendent will have effective communication, managerial, motivational and interpersonal skills," Beaty said. "I would like to see a leader with new perspectives, a strong interest



Thomas McCabe

in technology and an ability to think outside the box in coming up with solutions to problems the district will face."

Beaty said she would like the district to increase the focus on its STEAM program and offer additional elective courses to prepare students for college or trade schools.

If elected, her priorities would be balancing budget concerns, including cutting out wasteful spending, the need to maintain and enhance strong programs, and improving infrastructure. The next board will also have to deal with a growing community that could see an increase the school population, she said.

Beaty is the principal court attorney for a Westchester County and state Supreme Court judge. Additionally, she served as attorney for the Yonkers Board of Education. Beaty has two children who attend Hawthorne Elementary School.

Michael Griffin

Griffin said he was running for the Board of Education to help provide the best possible education for Mount Pleasant students.

"(I want) to ensure that Mount Pleasant continues to provide a quality education to our kids all while being fiscally responsible in the process," he said.

Though he praised the district's educational programs, Griffin said there are communications challenges, state mandates and the need to push the level of education even higher.

"We must continue our move into the 21st century with technology that will allow our kids the opportunity to succeed in their future endeavors," he said.

Officials must also continue to maintain school facilities and update them when needed.

Griffin said trustees need to monitor infrastructure work that was approved in the bond passed by voters a few years



Colleen Scaglione Neglia

ago.

"We should also consider thinking outside the box, especially when it comes to budget constraints to ensure we do all that we can to ensure the best for our kids, schools and community," Griffin said.

Griffin volunteers as AYSO division coordinator, coaches FC Mount Pleasant United and is a member of the Westlake Athletic Club. He and his wife, Anne, a teacher at Valhalla High School, have three children in district schools.

Griffin is a credit and risk manager for an international chemical trading company.

Michael Horan

Horan is making his second run for the Mount Pleasant Board of Education a year after losing his seat.

His top priorities are to address the challenges of providing a top-notch education while being fiscally responsible, formulating a new strategic facilities plan, smaller class sizes and a stronger emphasis on social awareness guidance.

"With three young children in the school district, I have a vested interest in the future of our district both academically and financially," said Horan, a New York City Fire Department lieutenant who along with his wife own a Hawthorne dance studio.

Horan said he supported the board's decision to hire an outside firm to help in finding Guiney's successor.

"I would like to see a candidate who is an excellent communicator, a good listener and is transparent and approachable," he said. "Our next superintendent should be someone who can connect with our students and teachers and someone who understands special education needs and is in tune with the social issues and pressures in our children's everyday lives."

In addition to continuing the STEAM program, Horan said the district should

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offer financial management courses at Westlake High School. He would also like to see a more prominent campaign addressing social awareness issues such as bullying, social media and suicide.

Horan added he would like foreign language vocabulary introduced at the district's elementary schools to provide a strong foundation when students move into middle school and high school.

In addition to the capital projects being funded by the 2016 bond, there needs to be updated bathrooms at the middle school and high school; improvement of the ingress and egress at the middle school/high school campus; creation of a science wing at the campus; expansion of the high school auditorium; and the district's athletic fields need to be better maintained, Horan said.

Trustees must continue supporting annual budgets that stay within the state-mandated property tax cap, Horan said.

Horan is the Westlake Middle School PTA secretary, a volunteer with the Sherman Park Little League and participates in the Cookies for Kids' Cancer fundraiser.

Thomas McCabe

McCabe, who is completing his sixth year on the board, said he seeking a third term to help guide policies and strategies for continuous improvement of Mount Pleasant schools.

The district's strengths are its highly active and supportive parents and community, a commitment to academic excellence and an engaged student body, he said.

McCabe, a regional sales director and the father of five children, said the district's top challenges are ensuring a smooth transition for the next superintendent; continuing to prove support for key student programs and accommodating all of the anticipated students that will be generated by the new homes being built within the district.

District officials must align spending to top priorities and continue monitoring demographic data and providing input to Mount Pleasant's Master Plan so the public is fully aware of the anticipated impacts new construction will have on the schools, McCabe said.

The district needs to continue developing programs for students that stress critical thinking, collaboration, effective oral and written communication and curiosity and imagination, he said.

McCabe has been a longtime member of the district's Audit Committee, co-chaired the district's Strategic Planning Committee and served as a member of the Curriculum Initiative Assessment Committee. He has represented the Mount Pleasant Board of Education at the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association.

Colleen Scaglione Neglia

Neglia, who is completing her first term on the board, said she hoped to continue the work needed to provide a quality education for all students while being fiscally responsible.

While the district has made great improvements in recent years, there is room to become even better, Neglia said.

"Our children should have the opportunity to excel in the classroom, the theater and arts, on the athletic fields and in our community," she said. "I want residents to be confident that the school board is providing these opportunities in a fiscally responsible manner."

Neglia said she supported the proposed budget for next year because it funds needed educational and infrastructure projects without going over the tax cap.

She believes the board acted responsibly in hiring an outside recruiting firm to assist the district's search for its next superintendent.

"The community wants to see a communicative, transparent superintendent who has prior experience in a classroom," Neglia said. "The superintendent must have demonstrated leadership within their school district, an ability to prepare district budgets, coordinate facilities improvements, experience in managing bond-related activities and has a passion for education and an ability to engage our community."

Neglia said the district should pursue



Michael Horan

more personalized learning for students.

The 2016 infrastructure bond is addressing the schools' infrastructure needs identified through the Building Conditions Survey, she said. The district is also looking to use an additional \$1.6 million from the budget to address needs not included in the bond. The five-year capital plan calls for replacing the Columbus Elementary School roof, replacing ceiling tiles and lighting at the middle school and high school and resurfacing the athletic track at the secondary school campus, Neglia said.

For the past five years Neglia said she has been a stay-at-home mom that is actively involved in school and community activities. Previously, she



Michael Griffin

worked for 18 years as an assistant vice president in the corporate financial reporting department of an S&P 500 company. She has three children in district schools.

Some of Neglia's community activities have included serving as co-president of the Westlake High School PTA and as a parent member of the Curriculum Initiative Assessment and Westlake Middle School International Baccalaureate committees.

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Persons, a former business owner, is most proud that the board initiated a five-year strategic plan. It has been a blueprint for every department within the district's schools. She said the action plans have resulted in robust improvements and innovative ideas for administration, students and teachers.

"Pleasantville is a special place that prides itself on tradition yet yearning to stay ahead of the curve," Persons said. "Eno boards, digital music calls, 3-D printers go hand in hand with our kindergarten circus, hand-painted murals and the green carpet awards. The growing alumni brick garden is a testament to the affection we have for this place."

As the district continues to face challenges because of state aid funding, Persons said there needs to be constant advocacy to ensure Gov. Andrew Cuomo knows that reasonable funding is required to maintain the district and changes in education.

"My position as a board trustee is to make sure the people in this community have the information needed because the collective voice is the only way we can push for equitable funding and to prevent new unsustainable education laws from being passed," Persons said.

If re-elected, Persons said she will continue to devote her time and passion so

the district remains a modern and unique place to learn. She is also excited to return behind the table and work with her board colleagues.

"We have a great team and we work really great together and none of us have an agenda other than it's for the kids and I think that's really important," Persons said. "My agenda is not just for my own kids but for the kids in this school district. I am delighted to be a part of making this one great district."

Keith Menig

A first-time candidate, Menig is excited to get involved, engage the community and contribute to Pleasantville's progress.

Five years after moving into the district with his family Menig felt invigorated by the board's advocacy efforts as trustees lobbied for more foundation aid from the state and he wanted to help make a difference in his community.

"I needed to do something and raise my hand and fight for what's right," Menig said. "I thought I had something to add, I thought I cared enough and can be thoughtful enough to add something to the equation."

Menig said school districts are facing issues such as suicide, drug abuse, mental health and safety. He said his experience in Pleasantville has made him want to focus on learning and listening to students, administrators, parents, staff and community to tackle issues as they arise.

"I hit problems head on and I view myself as a problem solver in my family, my work life and hopefully on the board," Menig said.

As the vice president of Hunt Financial Services, Menig said he can use his background and financial experience while also providing a fresh perspective when analyzing the school budget.

He said it's easy to dwell on the negative but focusing on the board's positive efforts and solving problems will help trustees. Menig praised the board for its time and dedication, citing that he moved to Pleasantville because of the school system.

"Come the election, I don't think there's a bad outcome. There's going to be two capable people in those seats and that is really what is most important because that is what trickles down to the kids," Menig said. "I'm not running for the board because the district or the board is broken. What I have is an open mind, a fresh perspective and willingness to listen."

While Menig remains a pleasant and humble challenger to the sitting incumbents, he hopes people will support him because they trust him to do a respectable job and represent the district. If not elected, Menig said he plans to remain involved and hopes to lend his services to a school committee.

Four Candidates Face Off in Bedford Central Board Race

By Martin Wilbur

Two incumbents and two newcomers comprise next Tuesday's Bedford Board of Education race. President Brian Sheerin and fellow Trustee Colette Dow will look for another three-year term against first-time candidates Jennifer Kothari and Michael Bauscher.

Next week's election will be the first time that a Bedford school board race will use the more conventional at-large system where the two highest vote-getters will be elected to the board. Before last year's proposition that changed the system, each candidate had to designation which seat they were running for.

Voting on the budget and the board election will take place at each resident's home elementary school from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Michael Bauscher

Bauscher, a Mount Kisco resident, said he stepped forward this year to run for a seat because his career as an attorney and his two years' experience on the Budget Advisory Committee gives him a fresh perspective. Although the board has been functioning well, he believes he has something to offer.

"I just really wanted to continue serving the community and the district," Bauscher said. "I think the board should have thoughtful advocates for all students in the entire district and I think I would be able to bring a thoughtfulness and independent decision-making to the board and I really want the district to grow."

Bauscher is an advocate of incremental growth to slowly replace some of the programs lost during the budget cuts a couple of years ago. Closely monitoring the district's reserve funds and abstaining from spending that money for operational expenses are important in maintaining the district's recovering fiscal health.

However, the administration and the board must refrain from adding or restoring programs and positions too quickly, Bauscher said.

There are also efficiencies that can be sought in supplies and materials as a result of the district's declining enrollment, he said.

Lobbying state officials locally and having a presence in Albany to press for more equitable state aid is critical. So is keeping the public informed of the issue and the obstacles, Bauscher said.

"I think we need to continuously explain why the current aid formula is out of date and unfair and really needs to be improved," Bauscher said. "I think we need to be making sure that we're intellectually honest and that we need to make our advocacy effective."

When asked about improvements to district programs, Bauscher explained that enhancing the guidance and emotional support, particularly at the secondary school level, is critical.

"I think our students, especially at those levels, need the support that is necessary to



Jennifer Kothari

support them both not only academically but also socially and emotionally," he said.

Adding another dean for the middle school next year is a step in the right direction, Bauscher said. But it's not only guidance counselors or deans but building administrators or teaching staff that also have to be considered to help students.

Bauscher guiding students on their academic schedule that is challenging but also best-suited for each youngster's needs is important. He would like to take a look at the course offerings at the middle school and high school to make certain that the district is providing the most challenging classes and meeting its goals, especially with technology and helping students with problem solving.

"I want to make sure that everyone is able to come to school and be their best," Bauscher said.

Bauscher said he supported the board's decision to provide enhanced services to students in the traditional classes at Mount Kisco Elementary School rather than the school of choice option. He wants to continue to see that monitored so it is equitable and for district officials to make adjustments as needed.

For the wider English Language Learner (ELL) population, making certain they are integrated into the larger population is also needed, he said.

"We need to make sure that each school is addressing its English Language (Learner) population in a way that maximizes their ability to learn and feel involved in their schools," Bauscher said.

School security today is a top priority, Bauscher commented. He did not want to go into detail about any safety and security improvements he liked to see but as a parent Bauscher said he's pleased with what he's seen and that the district is consistently monitoring the issue.

Bauscher said the diversity of the community and what the district can offer has been Bedford's strength.

"The fact that we have strength in not just academics but the arts, sports, science and math and music and performing arts, to have so many opportunities for our



Colette Dow

students and to see the colleges our students are going to and the jobs our students eventually get are really diverse," he said.

Colette Dow

Dow, a Pound Ridge resident, said she is running for re-election on three main points: to help oversee the fair and effective education, safety and welfare of all students; incremental program growth to re-establish or expand programs that are fiscally prudent; and executing the district's SUCCESS Plan.

She called the plan, which addresses inclusion for all students, safety and security enhancements and collaborative curriculum development and implementation, "our roadmap to our future success."

"I would be both honored and humbled to be able to continue this work with a second term as a member of the Board of Education," said Dow, who has been the Finance Committee chair the past two years.

Dow, a compliance officer, said she is most proud of helping to stabilize the district's financial situation in a relatively short time period following the tumultuous 2015-16 school year. The board was faced with making deep cuts to balance the following year's budget.

The hiring of Dr. Christopher Manno has set the district on a strong course for the future.

"In order for the district to maintain its much-improved fiscal situation, I believe, the board and administration must continue to employ a culture of prudent, controlled, sustainable growth which does not rely on reserves in order to stay within the tax levy cap," Dow said. "Financial forecasting in a property tax levy cap environment, while unfortunately quite difficult, I believe is a necessity."

Engaging state representatives to fight for more equitable state aid is going to be essential, Dow said. It is critical that state lawmakers understand the challenges districts like Bedford face. Plus, identifying items, such as the Student Assistance Counselor for which bullet aid may be awarded and the ability to establish a health care insurance reserve, helps provide for



Brian Sheerin



Michael Bauscher

future financial stability.

Since the trying fiscal episode, Dow said the district's curriculum and academic programs have suffered but with the incremental, sustainable growth now being employed the district should be able to enhance its offerings. She would also like to see the addition of project-based learning, if deemed appropriate by the district's educators.

A long-term objective, a possible language lab, could be considered as a potential resource for the Foreign Language Department and the English Language Learner population, Dow said.

Earlier this year the discussion whether to make changes to the DLBE program at Mount Kisco Elementary School, the board had the responsibility to review whether the students in the traditional program were receiving what they need.

"In summary, any decision to review programming should be facts- and circumstances-based with the singular focus being on what is best for the students of the Bedford Central School District," Dow said.

Although Dow said she didn't want to be presumptuous about making specific recommendations to improve the English Language Learners (ELL) educational experience, she said she would want to hear

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Bedford Schools Tabs Byram Hills Educator as West Patent Principal

By Erin Maher

The Bedford Central School District announced last week the hiring of one new administrator and the promotion of another for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Judy L. Brewster as the next principal of West Patent Elementary School at its May 2 meeting. It was also announced through a letter addressed to district parents that Deborah Dormandy has been promoted to the post of director of special education.

Brewster is joining Bedford from the Byram Hills School District, where she is completing her fourth year as assistant principal at Wampus Elementary School. A veteran educator, Brewster had also been a teacher for 24 years at Wampus and Coman Hill elementary schools in Byram Hills.

District officials sent a letter to Bedford

parents informing them that Brewster was chosen because "of her accomplishments as a leader, her instructional experience, and her commitment to students, learning and community outreach."

She is replacing Principal Vera Berezowsky, who is retiring at the end of June.

Meanwhile, Dormandy is the current assistant director of special education and K-12 supervisor for Bedford's Special Education Department. She has worked in the district since 2001, having also served for 10 years as a Fox Lane Middle School social worker before becoming the coordinator and assistant principal of Hillside, the district's alternative education program, for another five years.

Both women will begin their new positions on July 1.

Mount Pleasant Town Board Contemplates Gun Sale Regulations

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is considering a request from Police Chief Paul Oliva and Building and Fire Inspector Salvatore Pennelle to regulate gun sales within the town.

Oliva and Pennelle told the board at its May 1 work session that there are no local laws covering gun sales in Mount Pleasant. The matter was brought to light after it was discovered that one town resident has been looking to sell guns over the Internet from his home on Broadway in Valhalla and while another party is hoping to open a gun shop in a commercial building in a commercial zone.

Pennelle said there is currently nothing on the books prohibiting gun sales from a home or a retail location.

"We want to put something into place," he said.

Despite the lack of regulations in Mount Pleasant, Oliva said anyone looking to sell guns must possess a gun dealer's license from the federal government.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the Town Board ought to consider a local law. One possibility would be to prohibit the sales within a two-mile radius of schools and houses of worship, which would cover nearly the entire town, he said.

Councilwoman Laurie Smalley said she



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Building and Fire Inspector Salvatore Pennelle, left, and Police Chief Paul Oliva addressed the Town Board last week.

was concerned about a homeowner selling guns from a residence and the potential safety risk to others.

"This is serious business," she said.

Councilman Mark Rubeo said town officials should research local laws concerning gun sales in other municipalities.

Pennelle declined to provide the names of the parties seeking to sell guns.

He said he would work with Town Attorney Darius Chafizadeh and return to the Town Board with draft legislation in the near future.

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Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Apr. 30: The manager of a laundromat on Main Street reported at 10:27 a.m. that a television set had been vandalized the day before. Security video revealed that a woman used a cane to damage the TV about 2:45 p.m. the previous day.

May 1: Northern Westchester Hospital security reported at 11:30 p.m. that a man picked up a large traffic-control barrel in the parking garage and threw it at a parked car causing damage. Officers reviewed surveillance video and a suspect was identified as part of an ongoing investigation.

May 2: A vehicle owner reported at 6:41 a.m. that his car was damaged, apparently by a hit-and-run driver while parked on West Street overnight.

May 2: Police responded to Amuso Drive at 4:34 p.m. to assist Westchester EMS personnel with an emotionally distraught person. The patient was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation.

May 3: A resident reported at 9:53 a.m. that a former friend has been sending her harassing text messages and has also angrily confronted her in public. The resident asked for a report to be prepared to document her concerns but said she would not seek further police involvement unless the situation escalates. Officers advised her to block the former friend's

number in her phone.

May 4: Police responded to Walgreen's on South Moger Avenue at 3:26 p.m. on a report of an attempted larceny. An employee told officers that a man left the store without paying for a can of Old Spice spray valued at \$6.29. The employee was able to retrieve the item but the would-be thief ran off.

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 27: A caller from La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive at 9:12 p.m. reported a female party in distress. The party stated there were loud female screams and requested assistance. The responding officers reported that the room in question is unoccupied. The officers subsequently made contact with parties who had been in the room. Matter adjusted.

Apr. 28: A Hadley Road resident reported at 8:53 a.m. that a neighbor has been cutting grass for the past half-hour. The town ordinance stipulates a 9 a.m. start. The responding officer spoke with the neighbor advising him of the ordinance.

Apr. 28: An employee at Equinox gym on Business Park Drive reported at 11:44 a.m. that a female in her thirties is disoriented. The party is breathing and is conscious in the entry lounge area. The employee stated that a ceiling tile in the woman's locker room fell onto the aided party's head. The call was

transferred and Armonk Ambulance and paramedic was dispatched. The subject refused medical attention.

Apr. 29: Report of a jack hammer being used on Main Street at 10:52 a.m., perhaps causing a violation. The responding officer reported the sidewalk repair work has been shut down for lack of building permits.

Apr. 30: Numerous callers reported a suspicious person hitchhiking on Route 22 in front of Moderne Barn at 3:01 p.m. The responding officer located the party and

checks okay. He was attempting to get a ride to Canada.

May 2: A caller reported at 9:54 a.m. that a number of baby ducks have fallen through holes in a storm drain cover on North Broadway and that the mother duck is in the roadway causing a hazard. The North Castle Highway Department and an officer responded. Highway department personnel opened the drain cover and the ducklings were subsequently removed.

Obituaries

Olga Olmstead

Olga Olmstead of Manasquan N.J. passed away at the age of 82 on May 4.

Olmstead was born to Anna and Paul Plesa on Oct. 10, 1935, in Manhattan. She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Jr.; her daughters, Linda (Steve) and Darlene (Michael); her beloved grandchildren, Adam, Brian, Joseph and Karilina; her brother, Paul (Lucille) and sister-in-law Patricia; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was a kindergarten teacher for 33 years in the New Rochelle School system and loved teaching. Upon retiring, Olmstead looked forward to summer visits from her children and grandchildren at her and Donald's home at the Jersey shore. She loved cooking for the grandchildren (meatballs and crepes were her specialty) and antiquing in Point Pleasant and Red Bank. She especially loved attending Bible classes in the summer at the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove. Olmstead was

very proud of her Czechoslovakian heritage and had very fond memories of growing up in the Slovak community downtown on Henry Street and attending Slovak services on 20th Street.

Olmstead treasured her friends from her youth, those she taught with and neighbors from their homes in White Plains and Manasquan. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pleasantville on Wednesday, May 9 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Holy Mount Cemetery in Tuckahoe following the service.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan, N.J., Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association in Ocean Grove, N.J., Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pleasantville or a charity meaningful to you.

Scott McMahon

Scott Vincent McMahon of Hawthorne passed away tragically on Apr. 28.

He was 27.

McMahon was born to proud parents Scott R. and Rosemarie McMahon (nee Giammareno) on Sept. 15, 1990. He was the loving and cherished brother of Christian McMahon. Professionally, McMahaon was a talented and well-respected barber at the

Untouchables Barbershop in Yonkers.

Family and friends were invited to the Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood for visitation on May 2. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church on May 3 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.


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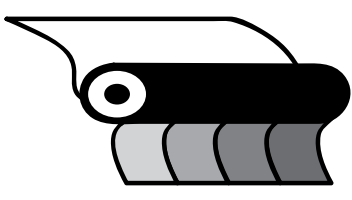
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Private Aviation Company Celebrates New Hangar at County Airport

By Martin Wilbur

A longtime private fixed-based operator at Westchester County Airport unveiled its new 52,000-square-foot hangar last week that is part of an \$80 million upgrade and expansion project at the airport.

The Houston-based Million Air opened its new two-story hangar that will be able to house up to 13 private airplanes in the facility that the company's leader said will reduce the number of daily flights and landings.

Million Air CEO Roger Woolsey said not only will the local economy be better served because a wide range of business representatives use private aviation, but it will be better for the neighboring communities.

"The access cost is very high for these corporations because they keep their airplanes in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, fly their aircrafts in empty (and) fly their executives back out," Woolsey said. "So we've been able to take 13 aircrafts and stop that. So for the community, not only are we keeping jobs and value creation but we're also able to lower the takeoff and landing count, which helps the neighbors by being a neighbor-friendly community."

Enhancing private aviation has also helped the medical community, which is now able to find acceptable matches



Marsha Gordon, president and CEO of the Westchester Business Council, third from left, cuts the ribbon with Million Air CEO Roger Woolsey, second from left, at the opening of the fixed-base operator's new hangar at Westchester County Airport.

for organ transplant recipients from hundreds of additional miles away, he said.

With the opening of the new facility, Million Air now has about 84,000 square feet of hangar space at Westchester County Airport. The hangar's 28-foot doors are capable of accommodating a Gulfstream 650, the largest jet for the acclaimed business aircraft outfit.

Woolsey said next winter Million Air is prepared to finish construction on its new 18,000-square-foot, two-story terminal that is being built adjacent to the hangar.

Last week's opening was made possible two years ago when the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved a 30-year lease with Million Air that allowed for improvements of its facilities



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Up to 13 airplanes can be housed at Million Air's new 52,000-square-foot hangar that opened last week at Westchester County Airport.

on a portion of its 26-acre property at the airport.

Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said the facility will allow as many as 26 fewer takeoffs and landings on a daily basis. Boykin said that Westchester's economic needs are being served with the larger hangar, plus with the reduced number of flights and quieter aircraft, Million Air is committed to being a good neighbor.

"This really is something that drives the economic engine and we really do need to have a resilient economy in Westchester County to create jobs and to help out the economy and we can never forget that," Boykin said during the May 2 ceremony at the hangar.

Westchester County Director of Operations Joan McDonald said county government is always looking for opportunities to partner with businesses in the county. The new hangar is another

example of that.

"We are proud of what we as a county have to offer both new and existing businesses looking to make Westchester their home," she said.

In recent months, residents living in the flight paths in towns surrounding the airport have charged that there is more noise coming from landing aircraft at Westchester County Airport than ever before. During a forum in Chappaqua last month with County Executive George Latimer, residents expressed great concern about more noise, particularly from private flights, which comprise most of the landing and takeoffs at the airport.

Latimer said his administration will explore the cause behind the widespread increase in complaints.

Woolsey said the newer-modeled planes require less distance to take off, enabling Million Air aircraft to average 10 decibels below the quietest aviation restrictions.

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Letters to the Editor

Independence, Fiscal Responsibility Priorities for Bedford BOE Candidate

My name is Mike Bauscher and I am running for a seat on the Bedford Board of Education.

When my wife and I moved our family to Mount Kisco, we were confident that this district would provide our two boys with tremendous opportunities. I remain confident in our district's future, but I am convinced that our board needs new leadership. We need leaders who will come to meetings prepared, who have the ability to analyze and comprehend complex information and who are committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of the district – not based on personal agendas.

As a member of the district's Budget Advisory Committee for the past two years, I am keenly aware of the importance

of fiscal responsibility. I have supported incremental and sustainable growth and I have advocated for strategically restoring our reserves.

As an experienced litigator, I am a good listener, strong communicator and capable of carefully analyzing complex issues.

Communication is critical. We need leaders who focus on transparent communication and mutual respect. We must move past the divisiveness and focus on what we have in common. That includes a desire for our community and our students to benefit from the best school system we can sustainably provide.

Effective board members must fairly evaluate the options, think critically and be guided by what is in the best interest of the entire district. They should not come

to the table with inflexible, predetermined opinions.

If elected, I would focus on five key principles:

- Providing a challenging and enriching curriculum
- Fiscal responsibility
- Strong and consistent leadership
- Commitment to professional development for our teachers and staff
- A unified district

To build upon Bedford's tradition of excellence, we need board members who are impartial, independent and committed to fiscal responsibility and sustainable growth.

Mike Bauscher
Mount Kisco

Sheerin Has Helped Bedford Schools Progress in Recent Years

For the past several years, the Bedford Central School District was a difficult place to navigate as a parent. The district has had its share of things to celebrate and a number of things that have made it difficult to help our students make progress.

Over these past three years in particular, I have watched caring board members make the kind of bold recommendations and changes necessary to return the district that parents and caregivers hope to send their

children to.

I believe that we have made major progress, and I attribute a great deal of the progress to board leader Brian Sheerin. Brian has taken a bold stand on many issues. It takes that kind of courage and smart leadership to actually make change. My family has felt the impact of his decisiveness as a parent of a child with special needs. As a trustee, Brian Sheerin and his colleague Pam Harney, have been instrumental in

helping parents work with the district to improve reading, transition and curriculum for students receiving special needs services.

I hope that everyone finds the time to get out and vote on May 15. I highly recommend voting for Brian Sheerin in this election as he is truly on a path to improve the future for our children.

Laurel Filippone
Bedford Corners

Sen. Murphy is Using His Own Abortion Beliefs to Block Vital Law Change

Recently, I wrote a letter to state Sen. Terrence Murphy asking him to support the Women's Agenda in its entirety, included as part of Gov. Cuomo's original budget.

One particular point of the Women's Agenda concerned the decriminalization of abortion by moving it out of the penal code and into public health law where it belongs. Because abortion remains in the penal code, a woman who finds out late in pregnancy that her health or life is at risk, or that the fetus is not viable, is forced to leave New York State to find the care she needs. Instead of remaining in her home environment, surrounded and supported by caregivers and family members who are focused on her physical, mental and emotional health and well-being, she must

overcome onerous restrictions in the midst of a devastating medical emergency.

In Mr. Murphy's response to my letter he states, "Rest assured that no matter what my personal beliefs may be, I will always follow the letter of the law. As you pointed out, abortion is legal. I am on the record, both as a state senator and as a health care professional, as saying that the laws already in place regarding women's reproductive health will not be changed in New York State. I am simply not in favor of expanding those laws."

Inherent in Mr. Murphy's statement is his failure to grasp the concept that moving abortion into public health law does not expand the law, but rather codifies the law, bringing it in line with the constitutional

standard established by the passing of Roe v. Wade.

Mr. Murphy brands himself a "health care professional," yet his purposeful ignorance demonstrates a lack of understanding of what the nature of abortion is, which is health care, not a crime.

In New York State, the state of women's health care is at a standstill. Until Sen. Murphy no longer uses his personal beliefs to absolve himself of having to devote intelligent, compassionate thoughtfulness toward the understanding of the current law and women's health care, he will never truly stand with women.

Elise-Ann Konstantin
Cortlandt Manor

Bauscher Would Make for Effective Trustee on Bedford Board of Ed

I am writing to support Mike Bauscher's candidacy for the Bedford Board of Education. Mike has entered this race as a parent of two children and a concerned community member. He seeks to help the district continue to grow as a nurturing and competitive district while maintaining short- and long-term fiscal responsibility.

As a personal friend of Mike and his family, I have tremendous respect for his integrity and civic responsibility. He volunteers his time and expertise because he fundamentally believes that communities grow through the efforts of their members. This is why he is running for the board.

As a board member, he will support communication and thoughtful consideration of issues with his open-mindedness, astute analysis and ability to question and communicate articulately. I have witnessed these qualities many times over our many conversations during the past few years, as he is neither an ideologue nor a person with an agenda other than to carefully consider the available facts and reach logical estimations.

Considering the current issues with which the board must grapple, we need members who will come to meetings prepared and open-minded and who do not claim to have

already decided upon the issues. That is why it makes sense to vote for Mike.

The entire district should want a board that provides the most for our children and community in the most sustainable way, as well as a board that recognizes that difficult decisions require sincere investigation in order to find common ground.

Please join me in voting for Mike Bauscher on May 15.

David Ley
Mount Kisco



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Armonk Fitness, Therapy Center Offers Unique Wellness Approach

By Anna Young

Rehabilitating from an injury can be a grueling process. The co-owners of ProClinix recognized that and recently opened their new location in Armonk to more effectively provide the personalized care needed for their patients to feel better.

Over the last decade, the ProClinix team, comprised of trained physical therapists, chiropractors, clinical nutritionists, certified athletic trainers, acupuncturists and massage therapists, have used an integrated approach to achieve the best rehabilitation possible.

While ProClinix has found success providing patients with high quality care in gyms in Pleasantville, Armonk and Ardsley, it was time for Dr. Brian Dombal and Dr. Alan Siegel to open their own 6,000-square-foot facility and add a fitness component to their therapeutic practice. Located at 5 North Greenwich Rd. in Armonk, Dombal and Siegel help their members reach their optimal health.

“We’re trying to create a very personalized model where people can build and grow on their own but with the guidance and help from a support team,” said Dombal, who serves as ProClinix’s director of physical therapy. “It allows practitioners to communicate with the training staff and creates better integration between all the different platforms.”

While their unique practice is geared toward rehabilitation, Siegel said the programs aren’t limited to the injured. The new facility is now equipped with state-of-the-art gym equipment that is used for personal and group training with a certified instructor.

The facility also has a studio for yoga, Pilates, barre method classes and other studio fitness programs.

Before using the equipment or taking a class, members are encouraged to undergo a personal health assessment. An adviser helps determine each person’s goals after assessing their injuries or limitations.

Siegel said the assessment allows the trainers and therapists to craft a training or treatment regimen tailored to their member’s physique.

“Having that professional component gives us that level of expertise that a personal trainer or big-box gym is not going to be able to do,” said Siegel, the director of chiropractic. “Whomever needs to be physically improved, we can physically improve them here.”

Members are required to make an appointment prior to using the equipment and are guided by the trainer during sessions to ensure they are doing what’s best for their body.

“Part of the whole approach is we get to know peoples’ history and determine how we can protect them moving forward while letting them reach their potential without further injuring themselves,” Dombal said. “We provide a safe environment for them to improve.”

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“Our true ambition was to create a community-based location that people can use as a destination,” Dombal said. “We’re trying to provide the service to

keep you going and the ability to have the communication and the participation that allows us to keep people doing what they want to do.”

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The ProClinix team, led by co-owners Dr. Brian Dombal, far left, director of physical therapy, and Dr. Alan Siegel, far right, director of chiropractic.

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The Story About the Raised Ranch That Never Dies

Many years ago, I wrote a column with the long title, "The Raised Ranch, Love It, Leave It or Change It."

I described how since its explosive development in tract housing, starting in the early 1960s, home seekers have either loved or hated the design. For those who hated it, the article suggested how the design might be changed, eliciting many responses from readers asking for architects who might do the job – to this day.

Since the inception of its design, never has the style of a house spawned more opposing opinions than that of the raised ranch. Some prospective home buyers are drawn to it – perhaps they grew up in one – while others say, "show me anything but."

"I don't know who exactly invented the design of the raised ranch, but whoever it was should be shot!" said Michael Piccirillo, a Yorktown architect told me years ago. Actually, some architectural historians say that the design was created by none other than Frank Lloyd Wright.

The history of the raised ranch and its place in the American housing scene, rising from a clever idea to ubiquitous



By Bill Primavera

popularity then to disfavor as a style, is a strictly American phenomenon. While you see many ranch-style homes in the New York area, they originated on the West Coast in the 1920s. Once their influence reached the East Coast, the foundation had risen half a story and the one-level ranch was "raised" to create two levels.

The main complaints that Piccirillo has about the elevated ranch are the same that we hear most frequently from other detractors, that the entrance platform between the main and lower levels is typically shortened so that it's difficult to close the door behind you without stepping up or down a step. Furthermore, there is no room for an entry hall closet. As Piccirillo pointed out, the lower level is cut off from the main flow of the house.

"When modernizing a raised ranch, it's not easy to modify the space," he said.

"It can become a more sizable project that's more complicated than re-doing a ranch, cape or colonial."

Yet it's this very cut-off feeling that some people find desirable for converting a raised ranch into a mother-daughter layout or an accessory apartment.

Basically, the raised ranch is a one-story ranch propped atop a high foundation, creating a lower living space without raising the construction cost appreciably. Normally that lower space is divided into one or two rooms, along with a half or full bath and a laundry room. The rest of the level is for the utility room and a two-car garage.

But detractors say that while the inside may offer more space at less money, the exteriors are devoid of any distinguishing features, so that large tracts of the design tend to look alike.

Another issue in the raised ranch debate is that its design has fallen into disfavor more quickly than any other style of house. Homeowners today are more sophisticated at all price levels and they want to distinguish themselves from their neighbors. On the longest block in my town with the most raised ranches, the transformation from likeness started to take place in the late 1980s, first with the selection of new siding and windows. Then there were additions, which many times included revamping the two-car garage into living space and extending a wing with a new garage and a "bonus" room overhead.

A while back, I met a husband-and-wife team of architects who first made me aware of clever ways to disguise the

top-heavy look of the raised ranch with a front bump-out. They designed what I call an "entrance tower" for the center that remedies at least two of the design problems associated with the house. The tower is basically a one-and-a-half to two-story extension in the middle of the house, which solves the problem of the small entry platform. The entrance then becomes expansive depending on the dimensions of the tower and provides more room for a coat closet.

Also, the addition of the tower tends to make the raised ranch look more like a colonial. The tower can soar two stories to impress visitors or to create a second floor for a large elevated walk-in closet or another bathroom.

For anyone who's living in a raised ranch and wants to update or upgrade the design to a contemporary colonial look, I've researched and worked with a couple of architects who can help. For contact information, just call my number below.

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Tzatziki Greek Grill Pleasantville

By Colette Connolly

Greek restaurants can be found across the tristate area, but Tzatziki Greek Grill in Pleasantville is something different. The newest eatery on Pleasantville's Wheeler Avenue can be described as Greek fusion with a twist.

That's how Lena Toumaras characterizes the fare at the family-run restaurant, which opened in February and serves up dishes handed down from generations of Greek-born relatives.

Toumaras, her brother Dimitri, along with their cousin Fay Nanakos and her husband George are all partners in the business. So is the restaurant's executive chef Billy Kokoronis, another cousin and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America.

Nanakos and her husband bring years of experience to this latest venture, having run several restaurants in the metropolitan area, including diners and steakhouses. It's been a lifelong dream, Toumaras said, that they all go into this venture together.

The space, which was formerly a Chinese restaurant, was completely

renovated and infused with a relaxed, rustic charm. Images of Greece's blue skies and white-washed buildings can be seen throughout the restaurant, along with plates containing figures from ancient Greece.

Toumaras said they have a passion for food and cooking.

"For us, it's like serving up everyday simple pleasures to our customers, which are monumental symbols of the dream of a better life that our parents worked so hard for," Toumaras said.

Describing the experience as "casual dining," Toumaras said the restaurant offers many of the Greek staples you would expect to find – gyros off the spit, moussaka, spanakopita and stuffed grape leaves – but there's much more.

Kokoronis and the other partners are constantly devising exciting new dishes and novel ways to make what they serve to customers more flavorful.

Some examples include the shrimp mac and cheese and hand-cut Titan Fries (seasoned French fries topped with feta, mozzarella, gyro meat and ranch dressing). The restaurant's moussaka

contains grilled eggplant, zucchini and potatoes with a meat sauce and a béchamel cream sauce.

Falafel is widely featured on the menu. Patrons can enjoy it as a starter, in the form of a vegetarian burger and as one of several platter choices. Toumaras said the restaurant offers multiple fish specials, including grilled swordfish, shrimp and salmon served with lemon-seasoned potatoes. A gluten-free menu is also available.

The burgers at the Tzatziki Greek Grill are a popular item. They include The Athenian, which consists of a fig spread and feta cheese with onions and a balsamic glaze; The Santorini, topped with sautéed tomatoes, onions, feta and garlic; and The Zeus, topped with gyro, feta, French fries and tzatziki. There are close to a dozen delicious options.

A wide variety of salads are available: the traditional Greek salad, green salad, Horiatiki (otherwise known as a village salad) and Tzatziki's cranberry, walnut and feta salad.

The restaurant's homemade desserts include baklava ice cream, baklava cheesecake and baklava bread pudding with a caramel and metaxa sauce. Honey puffs, fried pita chips and Galaktoboureko, a Greek custard in fillo with honey syrup, are also on the menu.

"Everything is made to order," said Toumaras, who manages the family's other Tzatziki Greek Grill in New Rochelle. "Nothing is frozen and nothing



COLETTE CONNOLLY PHOTO

If you love Greek food it may be worth it to try Tzatziki Greek Grill on Wheeler Avenue in Pleasantville.

is pre-cooked."

There's a college student special for \$13 that includes a choice of gyro, chicken or pork souvlaki or falafel sandwich with French fries and choice of soda. A college ID is required to be shown.

A takeout menu is available and online ordering will soon be offered.

Tzatziki Greek Grill is located at 39 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 12 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 914-769-6575 or visit www.tzatzikigreekgrill.com.

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Tuesday, May 8

Opera Ensembles. Led by opera buff and Taconic Opera Board Member Susan Grunthal, this lecture series begins with duets, trios and quartets and finishes with choruses. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Also May 15. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Everly Brothers Experience: The Zmed Brothers. A genuine and youthful Everly Brothers experience. The Zmed brothers, Zachary and Dylan, celebrate the genetic intimacy so ever present in the harmonies created by Don and Phil Everly. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Also May 15, 24 and 29. Info: 914-273-3887

My Aching Back. Back pain is the single leading cause of disability worldwide, and 80 percent of the population will experience it sometime in their lives. This presentation will focus on causes, evaluation, treatment and prevention of back pain. Presented by Yili Huang, double-board certified in pain medicine and anesthesiology and director of the Phelps Pain Center. Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3470 or visit backache.eventbrite.com.

A Conversation About Your Child's Health and Emotional Well-Being. Today, health services for children and teens and their families are at a crossroads. At this forum, police officers, educators, social workers, doctors, therapists, lawyers and others will help identify the resources needed to support families. This conversation aims to improve the overall understanding, promotion and support of good health and emotional well-being in parents and their children. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Eileen Prizeman at whamus@aol.com.

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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.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

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.

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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.

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Nyna Giles
Mental Health Advocate/Author

By Martin Wilbur

Nyna Giles had so many challenges growing up it's a small miracle that she turned out so well.

Giles' mother Carolyn suffered from mental illness, initially thought to be post-partum schizophrenia. The youngest of three girls, the illness hadn't appeared before Giles' birth in 1959, her family told her.

"I just knew that my mother, her behavior was always unusual and I had a very dysfunctional childhood," said Giles, a Pound Ridge resident. "I don't ever remember her being happy or normal and I left home at a very early age."

Carolyn obsessed about her children's health, keeping them home from school for weeks at a time, believing they were suffering from a variety of diseases. Giles recalled a day in sixth grade when her mother took her on an impromptu trip to France with nothing more than the clothes on their back. She was planning to relocate to Europe with about the same preparation as if she would be commuting to Manhattan for the day.

What makes her mother's story sadder is that before her illness Carolyn was a

gorgeous and highly successful Ford fashion model in the late 1940s and into the '50s. She lived a captivating life and was instantly recognizable in her heyday, appearing on the cover of numerous national and international magazines.

Before she married, Carolyn, originally from Steubenville, Ohio, lived in the Barbizon Hotel, the famous women's-only lodging facility and residence for successful young women who had come to New York to pursue their dreams. She would meet and become good friends with Grace Kelly and was one of Kelly's bridesmaids when she married Prince Rainier in Monaco in 1956.

Carolyn had been introduced to her husband, nearly 20 years older than her, by Kelly. He was a successful advertising executive.

"My parents moved out to Long Island after I was born, built the dream house," Giles said. "They (already) had two kids. She had given up her career, so now she's on Long Island in this beautiful house with waterfront property, completely isolated."

It wasn't until recently that Giles learned why her mom's life changed forever. She has co-authored a new book, "The Bridesmaid's

Daughter," with Eve Claxton recounting her mother's story.

In the book, Giles recalled the moment in 1989 when standing on line in a local supermarket with her then three-year-old son that she noticed the tabloid headline: "Princess Grace Bridesmaid Living in N.Y. Shelter for Homeless." What had been embarrassment only within the family was out there for public consumption.

Giles' research for the book led her to Dr. Jeffrey Lieberman, the chair of Columbia University's psychiatry department and one of the foremost researchers on schizophrenia. After Giles shared everything that she and her family knew of her mother's life, she was likely misdiagnosed for decades. Instead of schizophrenia it was post-partum psychosis.

Today, there are medications that would have helped her mother, who passed away in 2007 at a Long Island nursing care facility at 79.

Giles said she had considered writing the book for some time not only looking to honor her mother, but to highlight the toll that mental illness can have on a family.

But it was too daunting a task. Finally, about four years ago, she was contacted by Claxton, who found Giles because Claxton was writing a book on the Barbizon Hotel.



Giles said despite her excessive absences and problematic home life, she managed to be a pretty good student. After her parents split, though, she moved to the city with her oldest sister and her father paid for a private school. But when money got tight and Giles' father could no longer afford the tuition, she was forced to go to a New York City public high school.

She dropped out her sophomore year and went to the Virgin Islands with her boyfriend and his parents and stayed there for three years before returning to New York. Giles worked at Bergdorf Goodman's for a couple of years before marrying and starting her own family. She also has three children, was divorced and has now remarried. For about 20 years, she worked in advertising.

One of the things that Giles said has helped her is recognizing and staying close to good people who have been wonderful to her. She's also become an advocate, giving talks promoting the book with the Mental Health Association.

"What's great about having done this, I'm proud of my mother, I feel nothing but love for her, compassion," Giles said. "There's no resentment for how I grew up because I understand what she was going through. I think that can be inspiring for other people."

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required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

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Art Series: Versailles. This evening's special double class, which includes a make-up from April, follows the heyday of Versailles before the French Revolution – from its inception and development as the new seat of political power outside of Paris to the constant procession of visitors taking in the marvelous sites of Versailles' gardens, architecture and art collections. Princes, prelates, ambassadors and even ordinary people made the trip from Paris to view the wonders of Versailles and get closer to the Sun King. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Social Security Educational Workshop. For those who are single, married, divorced or widowed between 60 and 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Paul Petrone at 914-944-3073 or e-mail petronefinancial@yahoo.com.

Introduction to Phenology. Explore the changing trees and welcome the spring through a walk, talk and paint celebration. Phenology is the study of the study of seasonal changes, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. Join us for a Bronx River Alliance Ecology Team meeting following the guided walk. All attendees are welcome to bring their own drawing pad and creative materials; the team will provide additional supplies. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational

group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Bedford Chamber Concert Series. An evening of nothing but Beethoven for the final concert of the season. The program includes the "Eroica" Symphony No. 3 and the "Kreutzer" Sonata for violin and piano. Refreshments are served at intermission. St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall, 382 Cantitoe St. (Route 22), Bedford. 8 p.m. \$45. Info and tickets: 914-522-5150 or visit www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org.

Thursday, May 10

The Breakfast Club. Designed especially for seniors, the program includes breakfast, a presentation on a healthy lifestyle topic and a light exercise program. Phelps Hospital's cafeteria (G Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

Bridge for Beginners. Learn to play the world's greatest card game ever! Fundamentals of the game will be explained. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. Led by Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. Free. 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, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Osteoporosis Support and Education. Providing education on nutrition, exercise (weight-bearing, strengthening and balance), activities of daily living and treatment options for people with osteoporosis. Boardroom (C Level) at Phelps Hospital's boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Free. (Park behind the hospital and enter through the auditorium entrance.

Proceed down one flight to the C-Level. The boardroom is at the end of the hall on the right.) Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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.

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 Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.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.

Bridge for Advanced Beginners/Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

NT Live: "Macbeth." Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy directed by Rufus Norris, will see Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff return to the National Theatre in London to play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.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.

Berkshire Farm Foster Care Information. Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, one of New York's leading nonprofit child welfare agencies, conducts this information session on how to become a foster or adoptive parent. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Second Thursday of each month. Info: Contact Judith Liu at 516-406-1853 or e-mail judithliu@berkshirefarm.com.

Jewelry Making Workshop. Come and learn to make earrings. For every pair you make to keep, you must make a second pair to donate. A great craft to do for a parent and child. All supplies provided. For young adults in grade 5 and up. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-

769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.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.

Social Security Educational Workshop. For those who are single, married, divorced or widowed between 60 and 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Pelham Public Library, 530 Colonial Ave., Pelham. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-738-1234.

Friday, May 11

Giant Tag Sale. Used and new donated items in a wide variety of categories, including used and antique furniture, collectibles, jewelry, appliances, housewares, CDs, DVDs, toys, sports equipment, tools, gardening supplies, good used clothing and accessories, bed and bath, decorative art and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Hudson Chorale, the area's largest nonprofit community chorus and will be used to cover the costs of securing professional soloists and musicians to join the season concerts. Rain or shine. 107 Bedford Rd. (corner of Manville Road and Route 117), Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also May 12. Early Bird Friday from 8 to 9 a.m. \$10. Info: Visit www.HudsonChorale.org.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group. Receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully care for someone with dementia. Sponsored by Phelps, The Alzheimer's Association 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 ewoods3@northwell.edu.

ZUMBA® With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$12 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit www.amyolin.zumba.com.

Plein Air Workshop. Artist Henry Finkelstein, influenced by painters of the Abstract Expressionism movement, will lead this workshop/lecture. Katonah Art Center, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-232-3843 or e-mail katonahartcentermedia.com.

"Zookeepers Wife." A screening of this film which recounts the story of the

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Birding With Brando: Naturalist Lessons From 'On the Waterfront'

By Brian Kluepfel

In anticipation of a separate writing assignment on New Jersey, I watched Elia Kazan's 1954 classic "On the Waterfront." Of course, this movie provided Marlon Brando with his breakout role as Terry Malloy, the down-and-out fighter who takes on the system. Brando won the Academy Award for his tortured performance.

One thing crazy birders like me (or those who are on deadline, desperate for story ideas) notice are bird references in film. In 'Waterfront,' Terry keeps a flock of pigeons on the roof of his apartment building and he also inherits those of Joey, a longshoreman who's been killed.

Terry wins Edie's heart by explaining that he looks after the pigeons because "there's a lot of hawks in this city," of course a metaphor for the Darwinian struggle down at the docks. He



further explains to Edie that pigeons mate for life, a great pick-up line if I ever heard one.

Of course, the film makes liberal use of the term "stool pigeon" or "stoolie" to describe informants. I discovered that this usage goes back to medieval hunting days when a dead pigeon was affixed to a stool (or maybe a "stoal," an archaic word for tree stump) to attract other birds. In one of the movie's more troubling scenes, one of Terry's teenage followers shouts at him "a

pigeon for a pigeon" after he kills the entire coop to get revenge for Terry's grand jury testimony.

The site I consulted (www.phrases.org.uk/meanings/stool-pigeon.html) also feels that the term may just have been derived from informants who waited around on barstools, observing the action and reporting their findings to the cops. Another insulting term for informants in the film is "canary." Are you going to sing like a canary or stay "D and D (deaf and dumb)"?

This is the conundrum that Terry faces throughout the film, wracked by his guilt and pressed into conscientious action by Karl Malden in the role of Father Barry, the local Catholic priest.

The film won eight Academy Awards, including one for best supporting actress for Eva Marie Saint as Edie. She later said of Brando: "I did refer to him once as a hummingbird because you just felt his sensitivity – his sensitivity to life, I guess, and certainly to the other actor and to the material and to the moment at hand."

Ossining resident Brian Kluepfel is a Lonely Planet travel book author and the editor of Saw Mill River Audubon's quarterly newsletter. You can find more of his work at www.thewritingkoop.com. Some of this text originally appeared as a blog post at www.brianbirdwatching.wordpress.com.

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Four Candidates Face Off in Bedford Central Board Race

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from the middle school and high school ELL population to see what they would like improved, if anything, and from the parents of elementary school ELL students.

Dow would also seek the input of faculty, staff and administration working directly with the ELL students.

Helping the emotional health and well-being of students has never been more important, especially at the high school level. Dow said students are facing greater stresses every year. She said the district has done the best it could considering the counselor-to-student ratio is one of the highest in the area, which she described as “unsustainable.”

“I would like to see the Policy Committee work with our administration to determine if a policy providing guidelines for counselor caseloads has merit,” Dow said.

Meanwhile, the safety and security of Bedford school campuses can always be improved, she said. There are detailed and carefully vetted safety plans in place district-wide and at each building, Dow mentioned.

Dow said the greatest strength of the Bedford School District is its diverse, intelligent and talented students and why she serves on the Board of Education.

“They are why we all do what we do,” she said.

Jennifer Kothari

For the past nine years, Kothari has been closely involved in her children's schools and their activities. Having served

as a PTO board member at Bedford Village Elementary School, then at the middle school followed by her membership on the Space and Enrollment Committee, Kothari said she felt it was the right time for her to run for the board.

Next year, Kothari, a certified project management professional, will have children in all three school levels.

“It seems that my children spend half their day at school and so I'm very interested that they, as well as every other student, is having a really positive, quality experience,” she said.

Recovering from being one of the most fiscally stressed district in New York a few years ago, Kothari, a Bedford Village resident, said she would like the district to explore whether there are more efficiencies that can be realized, similar to the switch in the health care contract, and to also evaluate whether all programs that are maintained are justified.

Advocacy for more equitable state aid is a problem that impacts Bedford as much as any local district and must be taken to Albany, Kothari said. Having supporters bring a physical presence to the state capital is essential to convince lawmakers that the formula must be changed.

Regarding academic programs, Kothari said she has some concerns at the high school, whether there could be any courses that could be added or enhanced to help the school and its students differentiate

themselves from other districts in the area.

Kothari agreed with the board's decision to have a more equitable experience for the traditional class students at Mount Kisco Elementary School. She's interested to see how the DLBE program evaluation turns out after the first class goes through the entire school.

“We have to go through a couple years of testing so that we know this program is healthy and they you push it out at that point if it looks like a good idea,” Kothari said. “Right now, it's too much of an unknown, but to push it out to the entire district is a much bigger problem to try and fix later on.”

Kothari is concerned with the excessively large student-to-counselor ratio at the high school, which can impact how students can be served, especially for those who may need assistance.

“If you have a 200-person caseload that next to impossible to be able to say on top of everything,” she said.

Kaothari is satisfied with the security of the buildings at the elementary school level and is happy that the district is tightening middle school security.

Brian Sheerin

Sheerin, who is also seeking his second term on the board, said he wants to help keep the district on its current trajectory, which has seen vast improvements fiscally and throughout the district.

He said the board was able to address the district's issues collaboratively, and while there is always room for improvement, there has been a noticeable shift in culture and outlook on the part of trustees and the administration.

Sheerin said he's proud of “the authentic conversations” the board has had, which has led to greater board oversight of the Special Education Department.

“We have come so far in the last three years, therefore, I would like to continue the momentum,” said Sheerin, a licensed real estate agent and a licensed social worker. “While the time commitment is great, I believe in public education and wish to continue to support our school district.”

In order to maintain the rapidly improved fiscal standing of the district, Sheerin said ongoing vigilance is required. Furthermore, the district should stay away from relying on reserves to fund operating expenses and to make better use of the Budget Advisory Committee.

“Seeking and receiving their evaluation sooner, to elicit their recommendations and endorsement can help build a broader base of support with the community,” Sheerin said.

In order for the district to receive its fair share of funding, the board must continue seeking change through state legislators, he said. Thus far, advocacy efforts have failed. Sheerin said it has negatively impacted Bedford because the formula is based on a census from more than 15 years ago, yet in the past 10 years the population and poverty

rates have risen dramatically, he said.

Sheerin, a Bedford Corners resident, noted that perhaps the district can partner more effectively with area districts.

Sheerin is very bullish on the level of education and the excellent teachers in Bedford, although he would like the district's ELA performance to improve.

“What excited me the most is when I see our programs that are thriving, choose to increase inclusion across demographic groups,” he said.

For example, faculty and administrators made a conscious decision to promote the inclusion of young women in the district's engineering program, a course of study underrepresented by women, Sheerin said.

Manno has also made it a priority to removed barriers to honors and AP placements, he said.

While there was much debate earlier this school year related to Mount Kisco Elementary School's DLBE program, the discussion last fall centered on enhancing the traditional students' experience. Sheerin said the program, the traditional class zone and special education should be evaluated.

Sheerin mentioned that Bedford Hills Elementary School also has a large number of language learners and has had better results. He called for an independent audit of the DLBE program.

“We have to prioritize the mandates first for all students and provide enrichments where possible,” Sheerin said. “The creation of (the) DLBE program did not take other vulnerable students into consideration during the formation of that program, and evaluation should not be left to the creator of the program.”

Throughout the district, Sheerin said the district must close the achievement gap for the language learner, and he's uncomfortable seeing low proficiency rates extended over many years.

Sheerin acknowledged the one area that is most likely to keep him open at night is being unable to support the emotional well-being of the district's students. Services are budget-driven, and like all public school districts, Bedford is required to provide social safety nets that are seriously underfunded.

He would like to partner with social work schools who can help provide services to students and expand concrete services while seeking Medicaid reimbursements.

On campus security, Sheerin said he is working on finding financial help through grant applications.

Sheerin said the community's dedication and Bedford Central's diversity is what makes the district special.

“Our diversity is the best part of our community, however, we have had some growing pains,” he said. “Our collective passion has made for inflammatory conversations, but ultimately, BCSD is not, nor has ever been, a place for those who do not want diversity.”

Happenings

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keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and Jan Zabinski, who helped save hundreds of people and animals during the German invasion of World War II. Followed by a discussion led by author and film buff Carol Durst-Wertheim. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Friday Night Cinema: “Sunset Boulevard.” Another great look at the entertainment industry and how some move up the ladder even as others have sunk to the bottom depths. Desperation, desire and questionable judgment all lead one man through the luxurious seediness of the ups and downs in this 1950 masterpiece by Billy Wilder and starring the incredible Gloria Swanson and William Holden. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Leonardo Sandoval. This Brazilian tap dancer, described as strong yet fine-boned and capable of authority and nuance and praised for his rousing choreography, has established a reputation in the tap world and

beyond for his musicality and for adding his own Brazilian flavor to the American art of tap dancing. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 8 p.m. \$13.50 (plus fees). Info and tickets: Visit www.chappaquapac.org.

Get the Led Out. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, this group has captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live like you've never heard before. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, Get the Led Out recreate the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$40 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Saturday, May 12

May Birding Big Day. Bird at several locations with the goal of identifying 100 bird species in one day. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 5 a.m. Free. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org or e-mail office@sawmillriveraudubon.org

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ESTOPPEL NOTICE

The Refunding Bond Resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 23rd day of April, 2018, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Refunding Bond Resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York, is not authorized to expend money or the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SUMMARY OF
REFUNDING BOND
RESOLUTION

1. Class of Objects or Purposes. The refunding of the outstanding amount of its \$2,975,000 original principal amount Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2010 maturing after October 15, 2018 (the "Series 2010 Bonds") and the outstanding amount of its \$2,000,000 original principal amount Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2011A maturing after June 15, 2018 (the "Series 2011A Bonds") (collectively referred to as the "Outstanding Bonds" and each as a "Respective Series") more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

2.Period of Public Usefulness. The maximum period of public usefulness permitted by the Local Finance Law at the time of the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds, for the object or purpose for which the Outstanding Bonds were issued, as shown upon Exhibit A. The last installment of the refunding bonds authorized by the Refunding Bond Resolution will mature not later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of each of the objects or purposes for which the Outstanding Bonds were issued

in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 1 of paragraph c of Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law.

3.Maximum Amount of Obligations to be Issued. \$4,000,000.

The Refunding Bond Resolution herein summarized shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours for twenty (20) days following the date of publication of this notice at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York., Eric Morrissey, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York

EXHIBIT A: DESCRIPTION
OF OUTSTANDING BONDS
\$2,975,000

Public Improvement
(Serial) Bonds, Series 2010

A. Objects or Purposes: 1. Bond Resolution dated October 20, 2008 authorizing the issuance of \$515,000 Serial Bonds to finance the reconstruction of the Village Hall heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. **Period of Probable Usefulness:** 10 years pursuant to subdivision 13 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from January 29, 2009. 2. Bond Resolution dated November 24, 2008 authorizing the issuance of \$350,000 Serial Bonds to finance the purchase and installation of a traffic signal. **Period of Probable Usefulness:** 20 years pursuant to subdivision 72(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from January 29, 2009. 3. Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2010 authorizing the issuance of \$1,065,500 Serial Bonds to finance the acquisition of certain real property in the Village Period of Probable Usefulness: 30 years pursuant to subdivision 21(b) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from October 15, 2010. 4. Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2010 authorizing the issuance of \$280,000 Serial Bonds to finance the purchase of trucks for the Department of Public Works. **Period of Probable Usefulness:** 15 years pursuant to subdivision 28

of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from October 15, 2010. 5. Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2010 authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 Serial Bonds to the construction of improvements to the Village Water System.

Period of Probable Usefulness: 40 years pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from October 15, 2010. 6. Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2010 authorizing the issuance of \$175,000 Serial Bonds to finance the reconstruction of the Village Department of Public Works Building roof.

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years pursuant to subdivision 12 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from October 15, 2010. 7. Bond Resolution dated July 12, 2010 authorizing the issuance of \$350,000 Serial Bonds to finance the payment of Tax Certiorari Claims against the Village.

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years pursuant to subdivision 33-a(b) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from October 15, 2010. **B.Terms of Outstanding Bonds to be Refunded:Amount:** \$2,155,000 (2019 to 2032) Maturity Date: October 15 of each year Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15 of each year **Redemption Date: October 15, 2018**

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL
AMOUNTS AND INTEREST RATES:

Year of Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2019	\$120,000	3.000%
2020	\$125,000	3.000%
2021	\$130,000	3.000%
2022	\$135,000	3.000%
2023	\$140,000	3.125%
2024	\$140,000	3.250%
2025	\$150,000	3.375%
2026	\$155,000	3.375%
2027	\$160,000	3.500%
2028	\$165,000	3.500%
2029	\$175,000	3.500%
2030	\$180,000	3.625%

\$2,000,000
Public Improvement
(Serial) Bonds, Series 2011A
Objects or Purposes:

1. Bond Resolution dated March 28, 2011 authorizing the issuance of \$1,815,000 Serial Bonds to finance the installation of water mains in the Village.

Period of Probable Usefulness: 40 years pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from June 15, 2011.

2. Bond Resolution dated March 28, 2011 authorizing the issuance of \$185,000 Serial Bonds to finance the installation of a storm sewer system in the Village.

Period of Probable Usefulness: 40 years pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Computed from June 15, 2011.

B.Terms of Outstanding Bonds to be Refunded: Amount:\$1,195,000 (2019 to 2026) Maturity Date: June 15 of each year. Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15 of each year. **Redemption Date: August 17, 2018**

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL
AMOUNTS AND INTEREST RATES:

Year of Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
2019	\$130,000	3.000%
2020	\$140,000	3.000%
2021	\$140,000	3.250%
2022	\$145,000	3.250%
2023	\$150,000	3.500%
2024	\$155,000	3.750%
2025	\$165,000	3.750%
2026	\$170,000	4.000%

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EMERSON INK LLC filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/13/2018. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **46 Grandview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605.** Purpose: Literary Services.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SERENITY PUBLISHING, LLC. Art of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/2017. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and mailed by SSNY to: **312 Watch Hill Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567.** Purpose: Any lawful acts.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: CANINE BODY DEFENSE, LLC. filed with SSNY on 4/03/18. Office in Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **241 East Main Street, Mount Kisco NY, 10549** Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JIGSAW PIECES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2018. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **19 Glen Terr. Chappaqua, NY 10514.** Purpose: any lawful acts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, NUMBER "PENDING" FOR BEER, AND WINE has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, and Wine at retail at a restaurant under the Alco-

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Competition Challenges High School Students to Help the Environment

By Erin Maher

The environmental leaders of the future got a chance to shine last week.

The third annual Greenlight Award Finals, sponsored by the Bedford 2020 coalition, gives northern Westchester high school students the platform to create and share ideas to drive environmental change. It was held on May 1 at the Bedford Playhouse.

Bedford 2020 is a community group with the mission to organize and promote a community-wide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase sustainability so communities can conserve natural resources.

The theme of this year's competition was "Changemaker." It called on the students to propose projects that address environmental challenges in local communities while influencing behavioral change to benefit the environment.

Initially, 19 teams submitted project proposals last December. The eight finalists were chosen shortly after.

Each of the eight finalists received \$1,000 in seed money to implement their proposed projects while working with faculty advisers from their respective schools to see their vision brought to life. The finalists came from Fox Lane High School, the Harvey School, Horace Greeley High School, Rye Country Day School and Somers High School.



This year's 2018 Greenlight Award winner, Somers High School junior Rachel Joseph, took home the first-place prize for installing rainwater harvesting barrels for irrigation of the district's elementary school garden.

Each of the finalists gave a five-minute presentation about their projects and the outcomes to a three-judge panel consisting of County Legislator Kitely Covill, Dale Akinla of Morgan Stanley and Caela Murphy of The Endeavor Foundation. There was a brief question-and-answer period after each of the finalists' presentations.

The participants were graded on a scale of one to five, taking into account success of the presentation and plan and its impact.

Rye Country Day School juniors Warren Kennedy-Noelle and Jialin Yang tied for



LAUREN BROIS PHOTOS

The finalists who vied for last week's Greenlight Award 2018. There were eight finalists in the competition that called on students to improve the environment. The event was sponsored by Bedford 2020.

second place with Horace Greeley High School's Students and Teachers for Our Planet (STOP) club. Both projects focused on car idling and getting parents to turn off their vehicles in the parking lot as they wait to pick up their children from school. Both teams received \$250.

Somers High School junior Rachel Joseph captured the first-place award for her project "Rainwater Harvesting: The Fight Against Water Scarcity."

Joseph installed two 55-gallon rainwater harvesting barrels at the district's Primrose Elementary School, promoting water

conservation and environmental education.

Joseph visited elementary school classes to educate students on protecting the environment. She also asked the teacher and custodians to water the school's garden as well as indoor plants with the water collected in the barrels.

For her presentation, Joseph received \$500.

For information on the Greenlight Awards and Bedford 2020, visit www.bedford2020.org.

Happenings

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sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Pleasantville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. Member-grown, proven perennials, new varieties of annuals, vegetables and herbs, plush hanging baskets and many ideas for Mother's Day will be available. There's something for everyone. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With 55 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, the market shares Memorial Plaza with the Pleasantville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. Enjoy shopping at the market to gather seedlings, annuals, perennials and items for mom. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17 (except May 19). Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

"From Nature." The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve welcomes the artistry of actor, author, producer and director Val Kilmer. A renaissance talent, his unique abstract enamel paintings are the ultimate internal process realized. Kilmer's exhibit is enhanced by the inspirational surrounding of Pocantico Hills, the valleys and Hudson River views. The exhibit is co-curated by John Woodward of the Woodward Gallery in New York City and Audrey Leeds of the park gallery. The Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. The exhibit continues through June 10. Info: 914-631-1470.

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk. Join staff and master gardener Mary Harrington for a wildflower walk through the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Native Meadow Planting. Install a new demonstration meadow featuring native grasses and perennials. Come help plant. Meet at the office/garden entrance. Best for adults and children 12 years old and up; each youth must be accompanied by an adult. Prunty Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.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. Info: 914-273-3887.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

"A Magical Mystery Tour of Yoga Through the Koshas." The Yoga Teachers Association (YTA) of the Hudson Valley will host this workshop led by Priti Robyn Ross. Join Ross, a wellness educator and international workshop leader, on this experiential journey into yoga asana through the lens of the five layers of the body known as the Koshas: Anamaya (physical body); Pranamaya (prana, breath and energy body); Manomaya (mind and emotional body); Vijnanamaya (witness body); and Anandamaya (the bliss body). Participants will leave with an understanding that will enrich self-

discovery, deepen yoga practice and broaden teaching skills. Yoga Studio at Club Fit, 584 N. State Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. In advance: YTA members--\$45. Non-members: \$65. At the door: YTA members: \$55. Non-members: \$75. Pre-registration requested. Info: Contact Audrey Brooks at 914-582-7816 or e-mail ytapresident@ytayoga.com. Pre-registration: Visit www.ytayoga.com.

Westchester Choral Society Concert. Be treated to a moving rendition of John Rutter's "Gloria" with organ accompaniment. The concert will also include a collection of folk song arrangements by Rutter called "The Sprig of Thyme." "Gloria" is a musical setting of parts of the Latin "Gloria." He was commissioned to compose it in 1974 by Mel Olson, an American choral conductor known for introducing many of Rutter's works to the U.S. "The Sprig of Thyme," offers a selection of 11 traditional songs from the British Isles. Longstanding favorites, including "Willow Song" and "The Miller of Dee," are combined with lesser-known pieces such as "O Can Ye Sew Cushions" and "The Sprig of Thyme." Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye. 4 p.m. \$25. Students: \$10. Info and tickets: Visit: www.westchesterchoralsociety.org.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PRACTICAL SPECIAL FX, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/2018. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 69 Brook Manor Rd. Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: any lawful acts.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, LIBRARY ELECTION AND VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget at the Academic Commons at the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2018-19 school year. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2018-19 school year (the Budget), exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 30, 2018, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses, the Administrative Offices, at any public or free association library located in the School District, and on the District website. A Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m.

and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect 1 (one) member to the Board of Education, 3-year term, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2021.

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2018-2019 School year (the Budget).

A. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

A. To elect 1 (one) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, five-year term, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2023.

B. To vote on the following proposition: **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION** Shall the Chappaqua Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, to be designated as the "Buildings and Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund," which shall be for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the District's buildings, facilities, and athletic facilities and fields, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, planning costs, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; the maximum amount of such fund shall be \$10,000,000 (plus accrued interest and investment earnings thereon), with a maximum term of 10 years; the source of the funding to be unexpended unassigned fund balances in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year and/or other legally available funds that may be placed into said reserve fund. **C.** To vote on any other proposition legally proposed. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the Clerk of the District by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least forty-one qualified voters of the

district, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the district's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2014) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York, up to May 10, 2018, five (5) days prior to the election and vote. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote: **1.** Is a citizen of the United States; and **2.** Is eighteen years of age or older; and **1.** Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Election and Vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, beginning May 10, 2018, except Saturday or Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the election and vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Board of Registration shall meet at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, during the hours of voting as aforesaid for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters for meetings to be held subsequent to such election and vote. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that, applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, School district election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 15, 2018. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection from qualified voters of the district in the said office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting,

Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School District Clerk shall cause the Notice set forth above to be published four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, the first such notice to be published at least 45 days prior to the Election and Vote, in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law. **BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK** By: Liisa K. Elsner, District Clerk

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The club's camps provide children

with a safe, fun and encouraging environment that fosters creativity and energy. Additionally, Club Fit has full-day and half-day camp programs for all levels and ages, along with specialty camps and counselor-in-training programs. Half-day campers have swimming lessons included. Weather isn't a concern, as the facility includes an indoor and outdoor area, so that even when the sun disappears, the fun doesn't stop.

The camp's staff is comprised of

skilled and knowledgeable counselors, including college students with backgrounds in sports, fitness and child care. Drawing on their wide range of experience, these counselors will give Club Fit campers a day filled with activities that encourage creativity, teach sportsmanship and inspire positive thinking and body awareness.

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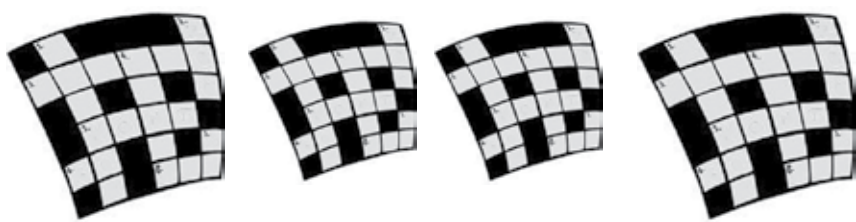
there are fun activities that are guaranteed to keep campers motivated and engaged throughout the day.

These include inflatables, a gaga pit and special theme days, ensuring that every day is different and exciting.

If you have additional questions regarding Club Fit Briarcliff Day Camp, contact Sarah Benischek at 914-250-2760 or e-mail sbenischek@clubfit.com.



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Regional Film Center to Offer Student Movie-Making Classes This Summer

The Picture House Regional Film Center in Pelham will be offering week-long summer camps for students entering grades K-12. The film center will also be bringing back the highly-popular documentary filmmaking class for high school students as well as introducing a new Page to Screen class for elementary students.

High School Intensive - Documentary Filmmaking

Who: Incoming high school sophomores through seniors

When: Aug. 13-17, 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Satellite Film Lab, 253 Wolfs Lane, Pelham

Cost: \$500 (Members at Family Level and above receive a 10 percent discount)

In Documentary Filmmaking students will explore meaningful topics and important social issues while learning all aspects of documentary filmmaking, including camera, lighting and interview techniques. Students will produce a short-form documentary about a Westchester nonprofit that the organization will be able to use to promote their cause. In addition to learning while serving their community, the student producers will be credited with making the film and will receive a digital copy to use in their own college portfolios.

Students will shoot on location during class hours and parents/guardians will need to sign a transportation waiver on the first day of class.

STEAM into Green Screen

Who: Grades 3-5 and 6-8

When: Aug. 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon for Grades 3-5; 1 to 4 p.m. for Grades 6-8

Where: Satellite Film Lab, 253 Wolfs Lane, Pelham

Cost: \$250 (Members at Family Level and above receive a 10 percent discount)

In this course, students will get the full STEAM experience. They will brainstorm, write, storyboard, act out and film a narrative story using the latest green screen technology. In addition, the students will learn how to create 3D images through an innovative app called Blender, which will be included in their film. Students are encouraged to dream big as art and technology combine to bring their big ideas to the big screen. The finished film will be a part of a red carpet Fall Student Showcase in October. Parents will receive a link to the final film.

Page to Screen

Who: Grades K-2 and 3-5

When: Aug. 27-31, 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham.


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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No.: 66928/2017
Date of Filing: April 6, 2018
SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -against- FRANK COSMO JR. AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; LINDA RICCO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; DONNA SCHIAVONE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF ANN COSMO WHO WAS BORN IN 1923 AND DIED ON MARCH 24, 2017, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 111 CHITTENDEN AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10707, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF"; "JOHN

DOES" and "JANE DOES," said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Helen M. Blackwood of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on March 19, 2018, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ANN COSMO to BNY MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC bearing date December 27, 1999 and recorded under Control Number 401310094 in the County of Westchester on June 1, 2000. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to WENDOVER FUNDING, INC. by assignment of mortgage bearing date December 27, 1999 and recorded under Control Number 401310109 in the County of Westchester on June 1, 2000. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to SENIOR HOMEOWNERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. by assignment of mortgage bearing date September 14, 2000 and recorded under Control Number 403610481 in the County of Westchester on January 3, 2001. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION by assignment of mortgage bearing date November 14, 2006 and recorded under Control Num-

ber 470120443 in the County of Westchester on February 6, 2007. That the mortgaged premises affected by said foreclosure action are situate in the County of Westchester State of New York and more specifically described in "Schedule A" annexed hereto and made a part hereof. Said premises being known as and by 111 CHITTENDEN AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10707. **Date: April 6, 2018, Batavia, New York, Megan Suttell, Esq.**

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue
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Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No.: 51265/2018
Date of Filing: April 6, 2018
SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

LIVE WELL FINANCIAL INC., Plaintiff, -against- MARJORIE ADVOCATE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; GUY FEDERICI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; HELEN FEDERICI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; JOAN FEDERICI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; SARAH FEDERICI AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; JANE GONZALES AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; KRISTIN MITCHELL AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; ANN E. DEALY; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI WHO WAS BORN IN 1923 AND DIED ON JULY 6, 2016, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 416 BARWAY DR., YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR

RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OBO SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; JOHN DOES" AND "JANE DOES," said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

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The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by GERTRUDE FEDERICI, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONWIDE EQUITIES CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS bearing the date October 19, 2013 and recorded in the County of Westchester on November 22,

2013 in CONTROL NUMBER: 533053289. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to LIVE WELL FINANCIAL INC., by assignment of mortgage dated July 28, 2016 and recorded in the County of Westchester on August 5, 2016 in Control Number: 562153302. Said premises being known as and by 416 Barway Dr, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. **Date: March 26, 2018, Batavia, New York Megan Suttell, Esq.**

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A Case for Experiencing California Wine Country – Often



By Nick Antonaccio

“A show of hands. How many of you have visited wine-producing countries?”

This is how I typically begin one of my wine and food pairing events. A large percentage

invariably raise their hands with smiles on their faces and glee in their eyes.

“How many have been to Italy’s wine regions?” Enthusiastic hands are raised. “To France’s wine regions?” Fewer, but equally enthusiastic nods.

“Who enjoyed new wines and visited wineries on these trips?”

All who have visited these countries and wine regions acknowledge their immersion in the wine culture of the cities and villages.

“And how many of you have traveled to California wine regions?”

Silence, or a few raised hands is the typical response. New Yorkers seem more interested in traveling to Europe for their wine adventures than their homeland.

When pressed on the rationale for their greater interest in European wine regions

‘wine and food rivaling many European wine regions.’

than those in California, the response invariably focuses on several factors they attribute solely to European wine regions: the enchanting populace; the locally produced food served at restaurants and wineries; and the spectacular seascapes and landscapes. And the local wines that reflect the land and people. And the local wines that pair so well with the prepared food. And the local wines that taste so natural and unadulterated.

It is at this juncture that I respond as if I am employed by the California wine tourism council. The wine regions of California offer similar opportunities and experiences as those in European wine regions. It is the

perception of many that California wine country is similar to the glamorous, hedonistic, wealthy lifestyle of the major cosmopolitan areas of the state. Yes, there are a few pockets in Napa Valley that reek of transplanted wealthy entrepreneurs

and trophy wineries. Yet this is a small percentage of the otherwise bucolic and agricultural undertones of the majority of Napa Valley, Sonoma County and the central coast. It is in these regions that one finds adventures in wine and food rivaling

many European wine regions.

The history of California wine is built on the backs of European settlers who emigrated from Italy, Germany and other Western European nations. They brought with them their culture, lifestyles and intimate understanding of their reliance on nature for their success.

This is vividly experienced and understood when traveling the backroads of California wine country. Small wineries owned and managed by passionate artisans dot the landscape. Living the simple life of farmers, intent on producing the best expression of the bounty of the land, they have created a cult following among folks like my wife and me. And their lifestyle and passion perennially attract restaurateurs and aspiring chefs to share their experiences.

Cruise down winding lanes, and around a bend you will find a farmhouse with a discreet sign identifying a winery you have never heard of – just like in Europe.

Stop at a small family-run winery and be enthralled by the backstory of the winery’s creation, sample their offerings or be overwhelmed by the aromas and taste of the carefully crafted wines that are expressive of the land – just like in Europe.

Walk into a cozy restaurant and order from a menu deeply steeped in ingredients fresh from a local produce farm, orchard, poultry, cattle and hog farm, many of which are committed to organic, free range and sustainable practices – just like in Europe.

Drive along narrow two-lane backroads, hills and mountains covered in vineyards and forests, shoreline highways with spectacular vistas of the sea far below, always in awe of the breathtaking beauty of nature – just like in Europe.

My recent columns have focused on my thoughts of the bounty and beauty of California wine country. More of my personal experiences are forthcoming.

If you venture to California wine country, I believe you will want to return again and again – just like Europe.

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



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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 60601/2017

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, v. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE JANET DACOSTA, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and JOHN DOE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff’s attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable David F. Everett, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 12th day of April, 2018, at White Plains, New York. Tax I.D. No. 33.38-3-6 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Peekskill, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Wells Street adjoining lands now or formerly of Frederick Sherwood; Thence along said last mentioned lands, North 56 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds West, 92.90 feet to land now or formerly of Purdy; Thence along last mentioned lands,

North 26 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds East, 25.29 feet to lands nor or formerly of McCoy; Thence along said last mentioned lands, South 55 degrees 32 minutes East, 37.54 feet and North 32 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds East, 15.00 feet to lands now or formerly of Curry; Thence along said mentioned lands, South 56 degrees 43 minutes East, 57.56 feet to a point on the westerly side of Wells Street; Thence along said westerly side of Wells Street, South 32 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West, 17.78 feet, South 31 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds the point and place of BEGINNING. Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record. These premises are also known as 114 Wells Street, Peekskill, NY 10566.

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