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Developers Pitch Housing, Hotel Plan for MBIA Site in Armonk

By Martin Wilbur

A development group is prepared to submit an application for a major transformation of the MBIA property in Armonk that would propose more than 170 housing units and a 125-room hotel on the site.

A partnership called Airport Campus, which bought the 38-acre property at 113 King St. several years ago, also plans to retain and lease about 100,000 square feet of the existing office space to mostly smaller users, said Anthony Veneziano, an attorney representing the group.

Veneziano said the regional real estate market has been shifting away from corporate office parks to housing, particularly for older adults and empty-nesters, which has created an increasing demand for this kind of project.

Since purchasing the property, Airport Campus has attempted to lease the office space as MBIA had for at least five years before selling, but found demand

shrinking, he said.

"As the market has evolved, as the economy has evolved, they've noticed interest in other uses and they've been following the trend that has been happening in adjacent communities that you've been following, dealing with repositioning of office space pieces," Veneziano said.

Approval of a zoning text amendment from the Town Board, an amendment to the property's preliminary development concept plan and site plan approval would be required he said. A special use permit will also be needed.

With the property in close proximity to New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) water bodies, Veneziano said he anticipates a positive declaration under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The preliminary plan calls for a 151-

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MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Attorney Anthony Veneziano points out some of the finer points of the preliminary plan to develop housing and a hotel on the MBIA property on King Street.

Safety of Drop Off an Obstacle for Proposed Mt. Kisco Preschool

By Neal Rentz

Members of the Mount Kisco Planning Board expressed safety concerns last week regarding a proposal to open a preschool in an existing building at 121 Smith Ave.

Current plans call for the renovation of a two-story, 6,234-square-foot building to house The Bedford Learning Center on the first floor.

The property, located in a Cottage Office zone, was originally approved as a non-medical professional office on the first floor with a residential unit upstairs. The upstairs apartment continues to exist. The site plan was last modified in 1975.

The Bedford Learning Center, which operates enrichment classes for

preschool-age children in Bedford and Pound Ridge, would provide a new preschool program for up to 16 children between three and five years old. There will be no two-year-old or Mommy and Me classes at the site.

Architect Viktor Solarik said the school is seeking change of use and site plan approvals from the Planning Board.

Village code requires the school to have six parking spaces, but the applicant will request a variance for four regular parking spaces and one handicapped space because creation of a handicapped lift at the front entrance to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act will require more space, Solarik said. Two parking spaces are set

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Panelists Discuss Strategies to Combat Gun Lobby in P'ville Forum

By Martin Wilbur

Two panelists who experienced gruesome loss through gun violence urged a crowd of close to 100 residents last Thursday to combat the powerful gun lobby's efforts to derail their advocacy efforts for greater safety.

The Pleasantville-based organization Films on Purpose, which holds screenings of documentaries on various social issues, presented a screening of "Under the Gun," a 2016 film produced by Katie Couric. The film details why there has been such little progress in reducing gun deaths even as the death toll continues to mount in the United States.

Gun violence results in the death of about 33,000 Americans annually; about two-thirds of those deaths are suicides.

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MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Mark Barden, co-founder of Sandy Hook Promise and the father of one of the 20 first-graders killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, holds a photo of his children. His son Daniel died in the mass shooting.



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unit multifamily building consisting of 112 two-bedroom and 39 one-bedroom rental apartments. The average size of the units would be about 1,200 square feet, Veneziano said.

A separate area would feature 22 fee simple townhouses averaging roughly 3,000 square feet each. The required 10 percent affordable units for each type of housing would be contained on site, he said.

Veneziano said the multifamily building would replace the 165,000 square feet of additional office space that had approved for MBIA some years ago but it was never built.

Recently the developers had received overtures from hotel operators,

Veneziano said.

"We've had interest from hotels," he said. "We've had significant interest over the last six months in particular. It's close to the airport. The use seems to fit. We haven't been able to negotiate any financial deals but most of the issue is that we don't have the zoning for the hotel in place. So we're going to put that in place there."

Access to the property would be off of King Street at the existing signalized intersection.

While specifics were not available last week regarding tax revenue and price points for the residences, the housing will be geared toward higher-end professionals. With only one- and two-bedroom units for the rentals, the multifamily structure would lend itself

to "a more mature audience," said Steven Wise, a member of the development team.

He said the number of schoolchildren would be "extremely low," even within the townhouses because the master bedrooms would be on the first floor. The property is located within the Byram Hills School District.

"The environment is not highly amenitized by nature, which is significant, but the younger crowd seems to want more urban areas today," Wise said.

Veneziano said he anticipates various issues will arise during the scoping session, including the height of the multifamily building, which is currently proposed for five stories. Other issues aside from visual impact include tax projections, traffic, water supply and sewage capacity with the existing county plant, although there are several million gallons a day available in the facility, Veneziano said.

There will be three levels of parking, two above grade and one underneath, said architect Michael Berger.

"It's an absolutely fantastic site, it really is, especially for a program like this," Berger said.

Despite a recent pitch by another entity to develop a hotel, rental housing and townhouses at the IBM site, Veneziano said his clients' proposal will not be impacted by that plan.

"The IBM (proposal) will not affect this," he said. "It's close to the airport, it's a good location."

Airport Campus is expected to formally submit an application with the Town of North Castle within the next week, Veneziano said. That could allow the Town Board to take the first step of accepting the application as soon as its meeting next Wednesday.

Councilman Jose Berra said the issues with DEP, the height of the multifamily building and density are some of the key issues that will have to be addressed.

"The concerns are obvious," Berra said. "Obviously, you have to deal with the reservoir issues, but the height of, I think, of the other building is a little tricky and I'm going to want to look at density of the townhouses. But it's not crazily dense, especially by historical standards."

Berger said town code allows the building's height to reach 85 feet, but with seven levels – two above-grade parking levels and five floors of apartments – it would likely be more in the 70- to 75-foot range.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said despite similarities to the IBM proposal, the SEQRA process and the market will help determine the sustainability of both projects.

State Gearing Up for Dramatic Rise in Ticks This Summer

New York State has some of the highest numbers of disease cases from ticks in the U.S. Last week Gov. Andrew Cuomo unveiled a statewide tick-borne disease control plan. Details include expansion of tick control methods on public lands; increased education aimed at hikers, hunters and others at high risk; and a charge to the state Department of

Health to pursue research partnerships to develop better diagnostic tests.

A summit will be held this summer to advance the necessary research on Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses as part of this new state initiative.

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Q: Why are Americans outliving their joints?

A: Our knee, hip and ankle joints are weight-bearing, so while the cartilage of other joints also wears out, the degeneration of these joints is painful due to their load-bearing nature.

Q: I'm hearing about people going directly home to heal after joint replacement surgery. Is this a trend?

A: A big one. It's an approach we at Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) have long espoused, now gaining much larger national attention. Studies show that after knee or hip replacement surgery, there's literally no place like home for healing – that it's usually safer and people heal faster. At home, you're forced to do more sooner, which speeds up the joint's return to normal function. Results and safety are so remarkable, we at NWH are now pushing the envelope to include patients who live alone.

Q: Have certain medical advances made healing at home possible?

A: Yes! Important advances in knee and hip replacement surgical techniques and pain management paved the way for the home rehab revolution.

All my total hip and knee replacement patients walk the very day of surgery and are typically sent home within 24-48 hours, with some going home the day of surgery.

Q: What actually happens at home?

A: As an NWH patient, you must pass mobility and independence benchmarks before going directly home. For example, we wouldn't use this approach with a very elderly person with balance issues. Patients go to outpatient PT; receive in-home therapy from visiting therapists; or use the latest advancement in PT – an online- and app-based program. Reflecting NWH's patient-centered approach, my office is very attentive to our patients' home-recovery needs. My nurse and I text with at-home patients, providing real-time contact and reassurance.

My patients tell me, "I'm so happy I could be home with my family! It pushed me to be more active more quickly." I'm confident this is the best path for most people. If it were me, I'd choose it.

Mount Pleasant Kicks Off First Comp Plan Update Meeting

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant Director of Planning Pat Cleary and about 140 town residents packed the Community Center in Valhalla last Wednesday to begin the process of the town's first Comprehensive Plan update in nearly 50 years.

The Envision Mount Pleasant meeting is the first in a series of public forums that will be scheduled in the coming months to gather residents' input on what an updated plan would look like.

The nine-member volunteer Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, appointed by the Town Board in March, is assisting the town's team of consultants. The consultants are Cleary Consulting, the Pace University Land Use Law Center, Sullivan Architecture and Adler Consulting.

Cleary said the town needs to explore potential land use changes because of current trends, such as emphasizing downtown hamlets and the move away from corporate office parks. The town must also address the proposed North 60 biotech development in the plan. It must also set goals for the next generation, Cleary said.

Among the topics to be addressed in an updated Comprehensive Plan will be the demographic profile of the town, zoning, transportation and infrastructure, he said. The 24.1-square-mile town has 26,595 residents, with 44.7 percent between 35 and 64 years old.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

About 140 residents attended the Envision Mount Pleasant meeting on May 30 at the Community Center in Valhalla.

Tiffany Zezula, deputy director at the Pace Land Use Law Center and a public engagement specialist, told residents that their ideas would be applied to the update process.

Residents divided themselves into groups to discuss broad topics such as economy, mobility, community, culture and education, natural resources and open space, and sustainability and resiliency. There were three 30-minute sessions, with participants rotating to provide their opinions on three topics each. A facilitator oversaw each group.

Each group discussed the town's pros and cons relating to each topic. For example, some of the positive comments regarding Mount Pleasant's economy were

how services were properly provided by town government, the strong employment opportunities and that new small businesses have been attracted to Mount Pleasant.

Economic challenges facing the town include a parking shortage in downtown Valhalla; the impact new development would have on the local schools; lack of housing for seniors who want to downsize but stay in town; road conditions and the need for more paving; and the need for additional parking at the town's Metro-North stations.

Economic goals should emphasize filling vacant office space, assuring better building code enforcement and streamlining the development application process.

Discussion on community, culture

and education including positives such as the Mount Pleasant Public Library; clubs for senior citizens; the volunteer fire departments; Kensico Dam Plaza, the Westchester Medical Center complex and the main Westchester Community College campus.

Challenges include safety in local schools, increased elementary school enrollment and the absence of a farmers market.

Among the suggested strategies for improvement were for corporations to provide more open space and playing fields, additional security at the local high schools and having the Valhalla and Mount Pleasant school districts share more services.

Zezula said residents' comments from last week would be compiled and listed on the town's website. Additional meetings would be held to seek additional public input, she said.

No timeline has been set by the Town Board to complete the update. It is expected to take 12 to 18 months to finish, Zezula said.

Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said he looks forward to seeing how the revised plan will help the town's future.

"Let's leave Mount Pleasant better than we found it," Fulgenzi said.

No date was announced for the next meeting. The plan is to hold at least three public outreach meetings over the next 12 months.

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Mark Barden, the father of one of the 20 first-graders killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012 and one of three panelists for the post-screening discussion at Holy Innocents Church, said he has dedicated the rest of his life to educating others about how to prevent more loss since losing his youngest child, Daniel, in the mass shooting.

The organization, with chapters in every state, not only advocates for sensible gun legislation but helps train community members, including students, to recognize those who might resort to deadly violence. Sandy Hook Promise has trained about 3.5 million students since its formation.

"People talk about it first before they hurt themselves or others," Barden said. "If someone with training can recognize these warning signs we can prevent this from happening again."

Danielle Barry-Gass, a Films on Purpose board member, said growing up in Texas the gun culture was apparent everywhere. By the time she was 19, two peers had been killed by gunfire – a 13-year-old classmate of hers in middle school who died of an accidental gunshot wound and a young man from college. It's still not clear whether he took his own life or died accidentally or because of foul play.

"I still don't have answers, his mother still doesn't have answers," Barry-Gass

said. "No one should have to lose their child, lose their friend in such a violent, horrific way."

The third panelist, Patricia Colella, co-head of the Westchester chapter of Moms Demand Action, exhorted the crowd that their voices in advocating for or opposing specific legislation is crucial in making America safer.

In New York, she said passage of legislation to allow for Extreme Risk Protection Orders will help limit risk, despite the state having some of the strongest gun laws in the nation. The order would allow a family member to petition a court to temporarily confiscate a gun if a person is a danger to themselves or others.

On the federal level, Colella said the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act must be stopped. If passed, the law would allow legal gun owners in any state to carry their weapons into any other state. Under the law, if someone is unable to get a permit in New York, they can try to legally obtain a firearm in a state with more lax laws.

Since the Parkland, Fla. shooting, the measure has not advanced in the U.S. Senate after passing in the House. Colella said finding citizens who make gun violence the most important issue and making sure they vote is critical.

"You should care about this," Colella said. "If the Parkland kids and all of us will stay strong, the Senate will never introduce

this bill, but keep an eye out for it because we have seen after Sandy Hook they tried to get bills passed."

The discussion was moderated by Sophie Rapley, a Pleasantville High School senior who is one of about 30 active members of the student-led Enough Coalition Pleasantville. The group formed following the Parkland, Fla. shooting.

"We as students at Pleasantville High School felt a connection with the message of these brave activists," Rapley said. "Common-sense gun reform is long overdue and we hold politicians responsible for their actions, whether it be voting out those who do not support gun legislation or calling out politicians who continue to accept donations from the NRA."

Barden said despite the escalating number of mass shootings and incidents of violence, he believes the recent efforts of Sandy Hook Promise and countless other individuals and organizations has prevented many others from dying.

He said he never wants to see a family go through what his experienced in 2012.

"So, to the rest of the world this was only five years ago, and for me and my family this is not something that happened five years ago, it's a daily, hour-by-hour process, getting from one day to the next," Barden said.

For more information about the

organizations involved in last week's screening, visit www.sandyhookpromise.org, www.momsdemandaction.org and www.filmsonpurpose.org.

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New Castle Remembers Lives Lost to Gun Violence With Vigil

By Aaron M. Notis

The Town of New Castle stood together with countless other Americans last weekend in hopes of putting an end to gun violence by hosting an early evening vigil in downtown Chappaqua last Friday.

Inspired by the nationwide Wear Orange Weekend, about 30 residents, including local faith leaders, high school students and advocates for more effective gun laws across the United States, gathered at the gazebo on South Greeley Avenue to remember the lives that have been lost.

The event, which coincided with National Gun Violence Awareness Day and was accompanied by gatherings last weekend throughout the United States, was organized by local students, with the help of Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein and Las Vegas shooting survivor Erin Fuller, a White Plains resident.

The vigil began with comments from Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe of Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua, who recounted the story of Cain and Abel.

"There is nothing to justify senseless killing," Jaffe said.

Itzak Rowland, one of the student organizers, read a poem by one of the survivors of Sandy Hook. Sasha and



AARON NOTIS PHOTO

Hot air lanterns were sent to the heavens during last Friday evening's vigil in downtown Chappaqua to remember those killed this year from guns. The event preceded the nationwide Wear Orange Weekend to prevent gun violence.

Brandon Litwin, former residents of Parkland, Fla. who moved to Chappaqua last September, spoke to those gathered about their life in that community.

The Litwins would have attended Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School had their family not relocated last year.

A family friend, Alex Schacter, was one of the victims of the Feb. 14 school shooting that killed 17 students and staff members.

They read Schacter's poem "Life is Like a Rollercoaster," which he wrote a week before the shooting as part of an English assignment. It was found by Schacter's brother on Alex's Google drive after the shooting.

Julia Bialek, a Horace Greeley High School junior, read a poem written by a student who survived the Parkland shooting.

Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs of the First Congregational Church in Chappaqua followed Bialek with a prayer, telling the crowd that the students are making changes that "adults are unable to [make]."

Resident Anne Iversen,

Like most of those who attended, resident Anne Iversen was wearing orange and came to support the cause.

"It's important that people are aware and take a stand against gun violence," she said.

As the vigil closed, hot air lanterns were lit and released into the sky to commemorate the people murdered this year because of gun violence.

Horace Greeley High School junior Ari Silver pointed out that there is still much to be done to curb the onslaught.

"(It serves) as a reminder that gun violence is a large issue both locally and nationally," Silver said.

The Wear Orange movement to prevent gun violence started three years ago when Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old girl from Chicago, was shot and killed a week after she had performed at former President Barack Obama's second inauguration ceremonies. Friends wanted to honor her legacy by scheduling an annual event in June, the month she was born.

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Safety of Drop Off an Obstacle for Proposed Mt. Kisco Preschool

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aside for the apartment.

Board members' key concerns is potential safety hazards during the morning drop off. Planning Board Chairman Doug Hertz said there needs to be a drop-off and queuing plan submitted by the applicant.

"Without that we're taking guesses," he said.

Board member Ralph Vigliotti said he was worried that a very tight space would be made more difficult in the winter after snow is cleared.

Mount Kisco resident Susan Ross, a Bedford Learning Center partner, said there would be a staggered schedule for morning drop off. To ease the burden, three-year-olds would arrive between 9 and 9:15 a.m. with four-year-olds

scheduled for between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m., Ross said. Children would be dropped off to a staff member at the front stairs, she said.

The morning nursery school classes would last about two hours and 45 minutes. Afternoon preschool enrichment classes and afterschool classes for elementary school children would last two hours.

Planning Board Vice Chairman John Bainlardi said he had no problem if some parents parked on the street and brought their children into the school. While not ideal, there shouldn't be safety issues with that scenario, he said.

But Vigliotti said the safety of the children and their parents crossing Smith Avenue to get to the school could pose a danger.

Ross said she is hoping to create a drop-off system. A potential compromise could include having cars enter the property and proceed around the back of the building after drop off. The applicant is hoping to work with a neighbor to allow the school to use their driveway to exit the property, she said.

Ross said plans to open the preschool this September have been scrapped. Instead, she will target a September 2019 launch. Afterschool classes could begin in January if approvals are obtained in time, she said.

"It would be a dream come true to open a nursery school in my hometown," Ross said. "Because we believe in being part of the community, we plan to offer a few scholarships to children of families that could use a helping hand."

School Officials Seeks Passage of Security Bills in Assembly

By Anna Young

School officials and local law enforcement joined state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) last week to urge Assembly members to move forward on four bills the Senate recently passed that would enhance school security.

In the wake of the Parkland, Fla. high school massacre that killed 17 people in February, the Senate voted to increase school resource officers (SROs) in schools and increase aid for school districts that expend resources to improve security and safety technology. The other bills would make two annual active-shooter drills mandatory and provide funding for mental health coordinators.

"We've seen these school shootings way too often," Murphy said at a June

1 press conference at Copper Beach Middle School in Yorktown. "As a father of three kids, my wife and I talk about this all the time. To be able to partner up with the school districts to do something about this is the opportune time."

While the Senate passed the four bills in March, school officials expressed their dismay that the Assembly has yet to act.

"There is no greater priority for us than the safety and security of our children and those who take care of them every day," Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone said. "I further want to express my shock that the New York State Assembly has taken no action on these issues and time is quickly running out."

Hendrick Hudson Superintendent of

Schools Joseph Hochreiter commended Murphy for making school safety and the millions of children who attend school a priority. He said the Assembly needs to act so educators can once again focus on teaching children.

Murphy also sponsored a bill earlier this year that defines school shootings as terrorism and improves the methods intelligence gathering to protect schools against an attack. The legislation would enable individuals to be charged with committing an act of terrorism if they knowingly or unlawfully discharge a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, a place of worship, a mass gathering of 25 or more people or a business.

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Diamond Properties Zoning Recommendation Expected June 12

The Mount Kisco Planning Board expects to release recommendations to the Village Board on June 12 regarding zoning text changes that could allow a ShopRite supermarket and additional family recreation facilities at the Diamond Properties complex.

Diamond Properties, which owns the development called The Park at 333 N. Bedford Rd., has signed a lease for a 70,000-square-foot ShopRite to move to the commercial complex.

For the proposal to advance, developer Jim Diamond must first obtain zoning text changes from the Village Board because a supermarket is not a permitted use in the Light Manufacturing district. He is also seeking zoning changes that would allow additional family recreation facilities to his property.

At previous Village Board meetings, several residents who live near The Park expressed concerns about traffic and quality-of-life issues mainly about adding family recreation facilities at the site.

—Neal Rentz

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Harckham, Murphy Trade Barbs After Committee Ruling

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester Fair Campaign Practices Committee last week found that former county legislator Peter Harckham made a false claim about state Sen. Terrence Murphy after he jumped into the 40th state Senate District race.

Harckham was flagged by the committee for having stated that Murphy, the two-term Republican incumbent, is “the man who nominated him (Donald Trump) at the Republican National Convention” in 2016.

In a finding that was released last Thursday, the committee simply concluded that it was an inaccurate statement without further explanation.

When reached on Friday, campaign spokesman T.J. Rogers, one of two Harckham surrogates to represent the candidate before the committee, said the campaign made the statement after a reputable news source which made the claim in a July 28, 2016, report.

Rogers cited how the Yorktown News reported that Murphy “stood on the Republican National Convention floor in Cleveland and, as an honorary delegate from the State of New York, officially nominated Donald Trump as his party’s candidate for president of the United States.”

Harckham made the statement during his official kick off of his campaign on

May 21.

“It seems that Terrence Murphy has a history of throwing everything he can at the Fair Campaigns Practices Committee, and hoping something sticks,” Rogers said. “Clearly his MO has not changed.”

A little more than an hour after the committee released its findings, the Murphy campaign slammed Harckham, his primary opponent Robert Kesten and state Democrats. The committee has also found Kesten had engaged in an unfair campaign promise on two previous occasions, once last October and again in April.

Robert Kesten’s primary opponent is chasing him in a race to the bottom,” Murphy campaign manager Martha Ruiz Jimenez said in a statement. “They have stopped talking about the issues because they are too busy debasing themselves by making quisquilian statements that are easily disprovable in their quixotic bids to appeal to radical, far-left wing primary voters.”

Rogers said the campaign used the



The campaigns for former county legislator Peter Harckham, right, and state Sen. Terrence Murphy went at it last week after the Westchester Fair Campaign Practices Committee found that Harckham had made an inaccurate statement about the incumbent.

information because it was based on a reputable local news source. He said that Murphy has shown a habit of “throwing everything he can at the Fair Campaign Practices Committee and hoping that something sticks.”

“I understand why Terrence Murphy is concerned about his public support of Donald Trump,” Rogers said. “What I don’t understand is why he wants to keep talking about it. But if he really wants the campaign to be about the precise details of his support for the man who demolished our state and local tax deductions, then to paraphrase President Obama, ‘Please proceed, Senator Murphy.’”

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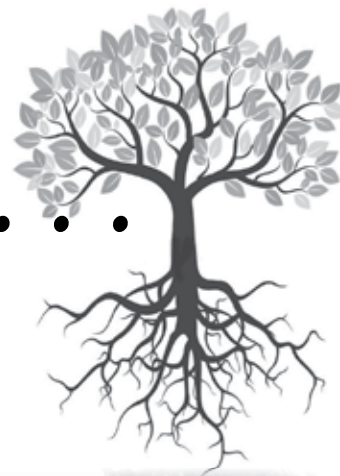
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May 25: A Cedar Hill Road resident reported at 12:13 p.m. that numerous cars speed in her neighborhood every morning between 8 and 9 a.m. A request for additional enforcement for this area was made.

May 25: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 1:29 p.m. to report that the front plate from his vehicle has gone missing and that he was notified by E-Z Pass that it was used on a vehicle crossing the Verrazano Bridge.

May 25: Report of a suspicious person on Main Street at 11:36 p.m. A caller reported a party in front of Broadway Pizza North changing his clothes in front of that location. The party is described as a white male. The responding officer reported being out with two males and that those parties are just out of work and are awaiting an Uber ride. Parties checked okay.

May 26: A caller reported that a turtle is in the middle of Sterling Road South creating a hazard. The responding officer reported the matter has been adjusted.

May 26: At 12:53 p.m., report of a past larceny of a bicycle on North Broadway from a Stop & Shop employee. The responding officer secured depositions from the owner and witness.

May 28: A Brett Lane resident reported at 9:42 p.m. that there is a female sitting on the curb behind her vehicle in the area of the listed location. The party is described as a white female wearing a baseball cap and operating a four-door sedan. The responding officer reported that the party checks okay and was checking on an injured owl near the location.

May 30: A Banksville Road resident reported at 4:57 p.m. that unknown parties have removed an azalea bush from her property. A report will follow.

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Pre-trial Hearing for Man Arrested at New Castle Planning Meeting

By Anna Young

Will Wedge, the Chappaqua man who was arrested outside a New Castle Planning Board meeting in January, is hoping to have his charges dismissed when a pretrial hearing opens later this month.

Wedge will reappear before Town Justice Noah Sorkin on June 28 as his lawyer, Lawrence Fisher, attempts to have his case dismissed on the theory that there was no probable cause for his arrest.

Wedge was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with two counts of second-degree harassment, a violation, and one count of obstructing governmental administration, a Class A misdemeanor, after he shouted a profanity during a discussion of the controversial Sunshine Children's Home. He was escorted out of Town Hall but was arrested moments later.

Fisher informed Sorkin last Thursday that if his motion is denied and the case goes to trial he will request a change in venue.

Fisher is also requesting modifications to the Order of Protection to allow Wedge to attend town meetings. Sorkin issued the order shortly after his arrest in January. Wedge enjoys attending and

participating in town business, Fisher said, although he wouldn't be allowed to linger in the hallways or speak with anyone while in attendance.

While the district attorney's office opposed the request stating that his behavior would be difficult to monitor, Sorkin said he is sensitive to Wedge's civic engagement. The judge asked for a request in writing to fully review the matter before deciding.

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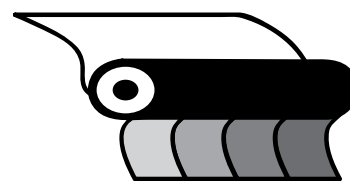
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P'ville Masonic Lodge to Hold Comedy Fundraiser for Local Causes

By Anna Young

Members of Pleasantville's Hiawatha Masonic Lodge are using laughter to bring the community together for their first comedy show fundraiser next week.

As the lodge continues to sponsor events and donate funds to charitable organizations throughout the community, members believed it was time to host a major event that would be profitable enough to help them continue their community outreach.

"There's so many talented, well-intentioned people that this lodge has become an engine for giving money to local causes," member John Mueller said. "It's no secret that Pleasantville is a great place to live and the lodge is a real extension of that."

Comedy for a Cause, scheduled for Monday, June 11 at Pleasantville High School, will feature veteran comedians Artie Lange and Robert Kelly. Other comedians on the bill include Pat Brown and Nathan Macintosh, who have been seen on the "Late Show with Steven Colbert," TruTV's "Comedy Knockout" contestant Paul Virzi and New York City-based comic Jared Freid.



"This is the first year we've done fundraising efforts for our charitable endeavors because the demand has been so high," Mueller said. "We've lent a lot of support, but this is the first year we've had to look and see how we can meet that and keep moving forward."

Lodge member Tony Burton, who works as a talent agent, reached out

to the comics he knows. They quickly agreed to perform for the charitable event. Burton said it was the right time and reason to cash in a favor and bring national headliners to his hometown.

"We're a group of guys who have always been a part of the community and you put us in one organization and we can really do good," Burton said. "We really feel like this is a special show for people to see. Any money we raise is more that goes towards our charities. We're not looking for our names to be in lights, it's just the right thing to do."

All proceeds raised from the event will directly benefit Masonic charities, including Pleasantville Strong, Break the Hold Foundation, Pleasantville Girls Lax, Pleasantville Football, Pleasantville Community Scholarship Fund, the Interfaith Food Pantry and the Pleasantville Fund for Learning.

The show, which will include adult content and is recommended for ages 16 and older, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be sold prior to the show. There will also be a raffle held with prizes awarded to at least five winners.

Guests will also have an opportunity to meet and greet the comics after the show. A VIP experience will be held at the lodge following the event and available for purchase the day of the show.

Pleasantville High School is located at 60 Romer Ave. Tickets cost \$30 and all proceeds will directly benefit the Pleasantville Hiawatha #434 Masonic charities. Since the show includes explicit content, parental discretion is advised.

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Next Executive Director at W'chester Children's Association Selected

The Board of Directors of the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) announced last week the selection of Allison Lake as the organization's new executive director.

Lake's appointment, which is effective July 1, comes after a four-month executive search process. She replaces longtime executive Cora Greenberg, who is retiring.

Lake joined the 104-year-old advocacy organization in 1998 as program director and was promoted to deputy director, her current position, in 2008. As deputy director, Lake oversaw all of WCA's

programs and also managed a number of core, administrative functions.

"I feel empowered by the unanimous decision of the board to offer me this significant position and am grateful for the chance to lead WCA into its second century," Lake said. "I am also grateful to current (executive director) Cora Greenberg for her leadership. She has been an outstanding mentor through the years. I am awed by her vote of confidence and support in my transition."

One of her most important contributions to youth development was the leadership role she played in the successful effort to

raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York, known as the RTA campaign. The statewide RTA coalition worked for years to convince New York lawmakers to pass a bill that would end New York's status as one of the last two states in the nation to automatically prosecute 16- and 17-year-olds in the adult court system.

Finally, late last year, state policymakers agreed that the Fiscal Year 2018 budget would include legislation that raised the age of criminal responsibility to 18. Now, under Lake's experienced hand, WCA is well-positioned to influence the complex process of implementing the new law.

Lake has deep experience working in the youth development field. Prior to joining WCA, she held positions with the YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester, Associated Black Charities and the National Civic League. Her volunteer work speaks volumes of her commitment to giving back, starting with her Peace Corps service in West Africa and extending to a wide range of groups, including REACH Prep in Stamford, the Greenburgh Public Library, the Lois Bronz Children's Center in White Plains and Greenwich Academy.

Lake holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Amherst College and an MBA with a focus on finance and international business from NYU. In her junior year at Amherst, she studied at



Allison Lake will take over as the executive director of the Westchester Children's Association this summer.

Latimer to Speak at Local League of Women Voters June 19

The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester will host County Executive George Latimer at its annual luncheon on Tuesday, June 19. Latimer will speak at the event, which is being held at The Horse and Hound Inn in South Salem.

"We are pleased that the county executive has agreed to join us and look forward to hearing about his first six months in office," said Co-president Bob Boffa. "I encourage members of the community to attend."

It's a great opportunity to meet your county leader and Horse and Hound provides a lovely, historical setting for good food and good conversation."

The luncheon begins at noon and costs is \$50 per person, including tax and gratuity. The Horse and Hound Inn is located at 94 Spring St/ in South Salem. To reserve a spot, contact the League at LWV.BLNS@gmail.com. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 11.

The Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Since 1914, Westchester Children's Association has remained steadfast in its mission to improve the lives of Westchester's young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs and by keeping their well-being at the top of the public agenda.

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Unusual Local Musical Partnership Springs to Life

By Martin Wilbur

It took quite a series of events for one of the unlikely local musical collaborations to unfold.

Chappaqua resident John Cirillo had written all sorts of lyrics decades ago. The problem was between a busy career – Cirillo has been a public relations professional for nearly 40 years, working for Yonkers Raceway, the Knicks and Madison Square Garden and launching his own firm in 1997 – he never could find a songwriter to team up with and put his words to music.

All that changed about three months ago, when Cirillo was shopping at Vine & Co., the Bedford Hills wine and spirits shop. He overheard one of the store's employees, Mickey Rosen, talking to someone else about hoping to eventually buy a guitar he wanted at a music store across the street.

When Cirillo overheard that, he approached Rosen with a deal: Help put two sets of lyrics to music and he'll buy him that guitar.

"I did, and the guitar is right there, and after that the partnership just kept on coming," said Rosen, who grew up in Briarcliff Manor and now lives in Ossining.

But it didn't end there. Cirillo, who has taught a sports marketing and public relations course at Fordham University for more than 20 years, heard from one of his former students last year, Adam Elalfi.

Elalfi, a musician and songwriter, had contacted Cirillo by chance, having remembered his former professor as a sort of kindred spirit.

"He was very interesting in that he made an impact on me," he said. "I was just really kind of inspired by him because he was doing so many different things and I'm somebody who likes to do a lot."

Cirillo also enlisted Elalfi to write music for some of his lyrics.

The first chapter of this oddball musical venture was unveiled in a special dinner concert last Saturday evening at Lexington

Square Café in Mount Kisco. It featured six songs, with lyrics written by Cirillo, that Rosen and Elalfi put to music. Those songs were supplemented with some other selections.

To hear his lyrics sung and performed in front of a crowd of families and friends, was a dream come true for Cirillo.

"I started writing (music) about 34 years ago and I sort of preserved them in bourbon cherries because I was so busy running the Knicks PR and my company, but Adam resurrected me out of a musical cocoon," Cirillo said.

What's particularly rewarding for the partnership, aptly named Back From the

Dead, is what Rosen and Elalfi had to overcome to get where they are.

Rosen was orphaned as an infant in his native El Salvador, a war-torn country that had fallen under the savagery of gang violence. He was taken in by his adoptive parents and brought to Briarcliff Manor as a baby. He displayed musical talent from a young age without any formal training, said his father, Peter Rosen.

"He always had this natural gift," Rosen said. "He actually, when we bought our house, there was a piano in the house when he was eight or nine years old, he would sit himself at the piano and taught himself how to play."

Early in his senior year in high school, Elalfi, a Washington, D.C. resident, was diagnosed with acute viral encephalitis and spent two months in a coma. When he emerged from the coma, he was paralyzed from the neck down.

Told he might never walk again, Elalfi required months of physical therapy and eventually was able to resume playing music.

"I made a full recovery," he said. "A lot of therapy, hard work."

On Sunday, Rosen and Elalfi went into the studio and recorded the six songs and other selections. Given the odds that both had to overcome, anything may be possible.



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Adam Elalfi, left, and Mickey Rosen, right, wrote music for John Cirillo's lyrics forming their Back From the Dead musical liaison.

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Editorial

Quick and Firm Action is Needed on Gun Legislation, Not Politicization

Last Friday was Gun Violence Awareness Day, which saw renewed calls for legislation to make society safer.

The American carnage that has unfolded before our eyes, really since Columbine nearly 20 years ago, has seemingly reached new and ghastly heights with every mass shooting and the increasing death tolls.

The latest statistics are ugly and getting worse. For calendar years 2012 through 2014, all gun deaths held in a narrow range between 33,563 in 2012 and 33,636 in 2013, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Those figures include suicides, which account for the majority of gun deaths.

As policymakers across the United States continue to dither, the next two years, 2015 and 2016, saw a noticeable uptick to 36,252 and 38,658 deaths, respectively.

Although New York State has some of the toughest gun laws on the books in the United States, thanks in part to the NY SAFE Act, which was passed in early 2013 in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre, more can be done.

That's why last week it was peculiar to see state Sen. Terrence Murphy during a

press conference at an elementary school in Yorktown pressing for passage of four bills. While he deftly avoided criticizing the Democratic-dominated Assembly for making sure his proposals have languished, he invited several northern Westchester and Putnam County school superintendents to do the dirty work for him.

That's not to question Murphy's concern about gun safety – and three of the pieces of legislation make sense. The Assembly Democrats should stop dragging their feet.

One measure would provide state education aid for school districts that expend resources to improve security and safety technology (\$7790); another would provide deployment of mental health services to identify, report and address individuals who could pose a threat to public safety and security and provide schools with money to retain the services of a mental health professional (\$7805); and there would be establishment of a school resource officer education program to reimburse school districts outside of New York City \$50,000 for the hiring of an SRO (\$7811).

However, it's hard to take a legislator's

calls for gun safety seriously when he has called for the repeal of the SAFE Act as Murphy has done. Think about this twisted logic in his 2014 candidate interview with The Examiner regarding his calls for repeal of the legislation.

"As a father of three kids it knocked me to my core what happened in Newtown but under this law an SRO officer would become a criminal by going on school grounds with a gun."

No school resource officer will be arrested for doing his job. Meanwhile, Murphy is ready and willing to throw out provisions such as assault weapon restrictions; higher capacity magazines; for ammunition dealers to conduct background checks; and tougher penalties for gang violence with guns.

While there is always honest disagreement on what may be the most effective solutions, doing nothing is not an option. When it comes to the life-and-death issue of gun violence, lawmakers should be expected to take action when there is a reasonable proposal – even when that means siding with a plan from the opposing party in an election year.

Letters to the Editor

Decency Won Out After Public Outcry Over 'Active Shooter' Video Game

In addition to the ever-mounting number of school shootings and proliferation of gun violence in venues earlier deemed safe and normal in everyday America, a new and alarming video called "Active Shooter," was positioned for launch on June 6 by the Valve Corporation. It was developed by Revived Games.

It depicts an active shooter situation in which the player can choose to be either the shooter whose mission is to "hunt and destroy" or a responding SWAT

team member tasked with taking out the shooter. The game even keeps score of the number of hits.

Thankfully, "Active Shooter" has been withdrawn by Valve from its platform because of intense public outrage and outcry. The public clearly felt the very thought of such a "game" showed an absence of decency, ethics and adult responsibility and reflected a misuse of democratic freedoms.

Thankfully, people were mobilized to speak (shout) out and Valve decided

to pull it from the market after initial reluctance to do so.

While this decision is a positive step, the design and marketing of games depicting intense violence show a lack of judgment and insult the real-life targets of violence, their families and friends and our society.

Capitalism is free, but even it has boundaries. Thanks to all who protested.

Naomi Marrow
Chappaqua

Fighting Against a Proposed Title X Rule Change is Essential

I am shocked to find myself needing to fight for the care of my neighbors. The Trump-Pence administration has issued notice of a proposed rule change that would strip affordable health care from millions of Americans. It is a domestic gag rule, one that would limit available information and options necessary for the health of an individual. I will not stand for this attempt to take away women's basic rights. Period.

Title X is our nation's program for affordable reproductive health care, and more than four million people depend on it. The proposed gag rule would make it nearly impossible for patients to receive birth control or preventive care

from reproductive health centers like Planned Parenthood.

Under this rule, health professionals could no longer refer their patients for a safe, legal abortion. Most importantly, this change removes the guarantee that you're getting full and accurate information from their doctor. For nearly two decades, Title X law has been clear: Health care providers cannot withhold information from you about your pregnancy options. This rule means they can.

All women deserve access to vital health services such as STI testing and treatment, affordable contraception and routine women's health exams. I

am lucky to be interning with Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, as it has shown me all the good that we can do when we advocate for our health and the health of our neighbors.

This is not a popular rule, and by no means should it pass by us silently. I am asking you to stand together. Speak loudly, for your children, your spouses, your friends, and all those who deserve proper care.

Becca Marcus
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Pleasantville Walkers Set to Bring Mental Illness Into the Light

By Anna Young

Pleasantville residents Brian and Jolina Halloran are on a mission to raise hope and awareness to the complexities of youth wellness and mental health following their son's suicide earlier this year.

More than 100 walkers will gather just before sunrise this Sunday in Pleasantville for the inaugural Into the Light Walk. The solemn event, organized by the Hallorans and sponsored by the Break the Hold Foundation, will address issues surrounding mental illness, including depression, and its effects on the school and community.

"We're just trying to help make a difference. This feels important to me because of my personal situation and it feels important way beyond that as well," Brian Halloran said. "Our only incentive is to help the community. I don't know if there was any way we would have gotten through this without our community."

His son, Brian, was a 19-year-old freshman at the University of South Carolina when he took his own life at school on Jan. 23.

Following the tragedy, the Halloran

family established the Break the Hold Foundation in honor of their late son to help educate the community on mental illness.

"We really want to teach people to recognize when there are warning signs and recognize that this should be escalated at some point in time," Brian Halloran said. "They all indirectly know this information, but nobody is utilizing it or focusing on it. We want to normalize the conversation and increase the volume of the conversation. We want people to be able to talk about this."

His wife Jolina stressed the importance of creating open dialogue and removing the stigma surrounding mental illness. She said the foundation and their efforts will help unite the community and provide necessary resources to prevent future tragedies.

The roughly 2.5-mile walk will kick off at Pleasantville High School at 4:30 a.m. and take walkers around the village. Participants will stop at Parkway Field for a luminaria ceremony and a moment of silence for Halloran. Participants will then head back to the high school where they will be addressed by speakers and enjoy a light breakfast.



The parents of Brian Halloran, above, have organized the inaugural Into the Light Walk for this Sunday morning before dawn in Pleasantville to raise awareness about mental illness in young people. Halloran committed suicide last winter during his freshman year in college.

Funds raised from the event will be used to provide resources and educational programming on mental

wellness to high school students and parents in the community, such as a special symposium at the high school scheduled for this Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

A scholarship will also be established in Halloran's name and awarded to a graduating Pleasantville High School senior who demonstrates a commitment and passion for mental health advocacy.

"We've been devastated but we're trying to turn some of that into something positive," Brian Halloran said. "And I plan on bringing a lot of energy and direct conversation surrounding this topic."

The Into the Light Walk is this Sunday, June 10 starting and ending Pleasantville High School. Registration will begin at 4 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The walk will conclude at the high school at about 6:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$30 for participants 13 and up; it's \$10 for students 12 and under. A \$25 donation will be accepted for those who want to donate but can't attend the event.

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Pleasantville Turns Out for Firefighter's Parade

It was a time for village residents to come out on a warm evening and honor Pleasantville firefighters on their service to the community during the department's annual parade. Pleasantville volunteers were joined by their counterparts from throughout the area, marching along Bedford Road and into the village's downtown. Bands, bagpipers and drum and fife corps joined the firefighters and vintage department vehicles as the volunteers were recognized for their commitment to their community.



ED ELLIOTT PHOTOS



Your Home Colors Depend on Whether You're Moving or Staying

For many years, I lived in a large, 14-room colonial that presented many opportunities in selecting paint colors. Now that I live in a gorgeous condo but with a quarter of the space, I live with only one wall color: off-white, and having to choose an exterior color is not an issue.

Color is the most arresting, yet economical way to identify a home's character. While the exteriors of houses tend to subscribe to an unwritten code of neutral colors to conform to the sensitivities of the neighborhood, this is not always the case. Much to the consternation of some of my former neighbors, there was a bright sunflower yellow house in my community not far from an unabashed purple house, complemented by a pink stone driveway. One realtor told me they were both spite jobs to disagreeable neighbors, but I prefer to think that the homeowners just happen to be winsome and expressive.

Beyond personal expression, paint serves the practical purpose of being the cheapest, most effective picker-upper to a house's appearance, especially at sale time.

"It's the easiest way to upgrade a home," said Joe Pascarelli, a longtime house painter.

Pascarelli knows a lot about paint. He said that the selection of color for

either a house's interior or exterior is determined primarily by whether owners plan to "hunker down" for a long spell or to put their home up for sale.

"When they want to move, I suggest a lighter palette of mostly neutral colors, like off-whites that will appeal to the most people," Pascarelli said. "Mostly, they want their home to look clean and bright to put on the best face to the buyer."

If you're not selling, the whole rainbow is your spectrum and certain colors can create illusions beyond the actual dimension of a room. Tips I learned in a realtor's decorating course are that cool colors (any that contain the primary color blue) make rooms feel larger and also bring a feeling of calmness. Warm colors (containing yellow or red) are stimulating and inviting and are good for making large rooms feel cozier and warmer. While softer or muted colors are preferred for the body of the house, deep or bright colors are best used for accents and trim.

For determining the cost of painting an exterior, Pascarelli said that he listens to the customer's requirements and factors in all characteristics of the home: the number of windows, doors, shutters and the amount of preparation that must be done. That preparation

includes a power wash, checking for and correcting any rot, caulking, sanding and a prime coat. If the house is being painted the same color, it may require just one top coat, but a change in color may require several coats.

Asked for the cost to paint the exterior of an average sized house in Westchester or Putnam, Pascarelli estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000. Inside painting for the average house also depends on a number of factors, such as whether the color of every room is being changed, whether there are crown and base moldings and whether windows are vinyl or wood.

"Here, costs are lower because most clients don't paint the entire interior," Pascarelli noted, "but if the entire house is being re-painted, it tends to be a larger job and costs toward the higher end of the cost for painting the exterior."

Painting a single room usually costs between \$400 and \$500, he said.

If you decide to paint yourself, here's a neat trick to determine how much paint you'll need. For a ceiling, let's say, multiply the length by the width and

divide that number by 350 to determine how many gallons of paint you will need. The 350 number is derived from the fact that most gallons of paint will cover 350 square feet. Do the same thing for the side walls. Add the length of each wall, multiply that number by the height of the wall and divide by 350.

If you don't want to go through the trouble yourself, leave it to a pro like my longtime buddy and service provider Joe Pascarelli. He can be reached at 914-330-3889.

By the way, I eventually got to meet the owners of both

the sunflower yellow house and the purple house in my community. I found them both to be very happy people who were delighted with their color choices. In fact, the owner of the purple house chooses that color for all her fashion, including her eyeglass frames.

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Mt. Kisco to Offer New Series of Summer Concerts Starting June 13

By Neal Rentz

If you love listening to live music, Mount Kisco is the place to be this summer.

For the third consecutive year, the village will hold its summer concerts at Leonard Park with four shows starting next month.

But first, the Mount Kisco Arts Council will launch the first of eight concerts on

June 13 at Fountain Park located in the public space between Village Hall and the library. Concerts for both series are free.

The Arts Council's concerts are scheduled for every other Wednesday, weather permitting, through Sept. 19 while the concerts at the park will be held on consecutive Thursdays beginning July 12 at the Leonard Park field near the pool complex, said Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Joanne Aquilino.

In the event of rain, it would be moved to the C.C. Pieragostini Multipurpose Room in the pool complex, Aquilino said.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the concerts are assets for the village.

"We anticipate residents of Mount Kisco and neighboring communities will seize the opportunity to bring a picnic, listen to music," she said. "Shopping and dining is always a highlight of coming to Mount Kisco. The downtown concerts will add another element for folks to enjoy in our village."

Council Chair Lisa Abzun said the organization held its first concert last October, featuring Mount Kisco native Drew Bordeaux, which was a big hit.

"It served as a preview to what could be, and the Mount Kisco Arts Council looked to get community feedback from the experience," said Abzun, who noted that the village provided funding along with local resident Daniel Blake to the get



MOUNT KISCO ARTS COUNCIL PHOTO

The Mount Kisco Arts Council held its first outdoor concert featuring Drew Bordeaux last fall. The council has scheduled an eight-concert series beginning June 13 at Fountain Park outside Village Hall.

the project off the ground. "The response was overwhelmingly positive, with people continually asking when we would do more."

She said Fountain Park is the perfect location to hold the shows because of its centralized location.

Though the council's concerts will typically begin at 6:30 p.m., the first in the series next week featuring Sofia Rei will be held at 6 p.m. to accommodate anyone planning to attend the Comprehensive Plan update meeting at the library at 7 p.m.

Rei will perform a blend of Latin American folkloric music infused with modern, jazz and classical influences,

Abzun said. There will be a wide variety of musical genres presented throughout the series, she said.

"The Mount Kisco Art Council's core commitment has always been to bring the arts in tangible ways to our community, and by association, to surrounding towns," Abzun said. "We expect that word will spread through friends, neighbors, co-workers and on the sidelines and bleachers at local team sports events."

Additional information will be posted on the arts council's Facebook page, including any weather-related cancellations. No rain dates or alternative locations are planned. More information can be obtained by visiting www.mountkiscoartscouncil.org or by sending an e-mail to mk.artscouncil@gmail.com.

Outdoor Art and Music Show

The council has also scheduled its second Outdoor Affordable Art and Music Show for this Saturday, June 9 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot directly behind Village Hall. Local artists will be showing their paintings, drawings, prints and photography at affordable prices, Abzun said.

There will be live music from Omar Ramirez from 2 to 4 p.m. and by Al Frankel and The Howlin' Hearts Band from 4 to 6 p.m. Tijuana Mexican Grill and Mt. Kisco Seafood will be selling food at the event.

Schedule for Mt. Kisco's Summer Concerts in the Park

July 12: In the Mix will perform five decades of music, featuring songs ranging from Santana to Megan Trainor.

July 19: One Stop Pony Band will cover music from artists such as Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Johnny Cash, Jimmy Buffett, Jim Morrison and Neil Young.

July 26: Billy & the Showmen, which has performed for more than 50 years, will play rhythm and blues, Motown, funk and soul.

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Greeley Rowers to Test Their Mettle at Nationals This Weekend

By Martin Wilbur

When you think of high school athletes in this area, lacrosse, basketball, baseball and track are some of the sports that come to mind.

But five Horace Greeley High School students have found success on a far different playing field.

Seniors Ellie Leites and Kevin Phillips, sophomores Jack Meinen and William Wright and freshman Matt Phillips have been competing for Greenwich Crew, a rowing team based out of the Greenwich Water Club in Connecticut. The quintet was part of a larger contingent of team members that made a name for themselves at this year's USRowing Northeast Youth Championships in Worcester, Mass. last month, helping Greenwich Crew to first-place finishes in the men's, women's and overall points standings in the regional competition.

The results helped the five Greeley students along with other Greenwich Crew teammates earn berths in the Youth National Championships to be held this Friday through Sunday in Gold River, Calif.

"It's a huge event," said Wright, who will be part of the Men's Youth 4+ boat, a four-man boat, along with Matt Phillips. "When you say nationals, it sounds like something we're not supposed to go to, like demigods go to."

Meinen and Kevin Phillips will be in the same boat for the Men's Lightweight 8+, which has eight team members. Meanwhile, Leites, who is the coxswain for her boat – the leader who steers and directs her teammates – will be competing in the Women's 8+ this weekend.

The success each member has achieved has been only after a rigorous training and practice schedule since they made the decision to take up rowing either in middle school or by the time they started high school. Practices are typically held six times a week for at least two hours following school Monday through Friday as well as on Saturday.

"You always want to be working on your conditioning, cardio and strength because that, when it comes down to it, is one of the most important things," Meinen said.

"A lot of the times when it comes to who wins, it's who can pull harder and who has the strength to do that," he added.

To compete at the level that the students have achieved, has required a year-round commitment, Leites said. Being on the water may be seasonal, but the training never stops.



The five Horace Greeley High School students who are members of Greenwich Crew, the team of rowers who are traveling this week to California for the Youth National Championships. Pictured, left to right, are Kevin Phillips, Matt Phillips, Ellie Leites, Jack Meinen and William Wright.



The members of Greenwich Crew who helped the team to first-place finishes in the men's, women's and overall point standings in the Northeast Youth Championships last month

"In the winter we'll put the boats away," Leites said. "We're not fortunate enough to be out on the water all year round like some of the West Coast teams. I think that's a good team-bonding time because you go through a lot of hard workouts."

Most events are 2,000 meters, including the races this weekend at Nationals. Depending on wind and weather conditions, races of that distance are typically completed in six to seven minutes. The boats are usually made of carbon fiber.

Much of the power for crew members comes not from their upper bodies, but their legs, said Leites, who plans to row in college next year when she goes to Brown University. Team success is also dependent on having the crew members in each boat perfectly in sync to maximize effort.

"You learn a lot about mental toughness being part of rowing, and the fun part of it is being on the water," she said. "I think you learn to push yourself through some pretty uncomfortable situations."

Each of the students found their way to rowing through random circumstances. Kevin and Matt Phillips, who are brothers, had an older brother who played football but suffered concussions. Their brother searched for another sport that would lend itself to his body type and discovered rowing, falling in love with the sport and getting his two brothers to take it up as well.

Kevin Phillips, who will be attending Binghamton in the fall, said there's nothing better than being on the water.

"You're right off the water in this tiny, tiny boat, it like changed everything and it made me fall in love with the sport,"

he said.

His brother, Matt, said rowing has made him stronger and has helped him get into the best shape of his life.

Wright, who hadn't really taken to any sport, had an older cousin who started rowing and thought it would be something he'd like to give a try. Although he didn't immediately take to it, the camaraderie he developed and the thrill of competing made it fun and rewarding.

"When you cross that finish line, it feels so good, especially if you're in the front of the pack," Wright said. "Sometimes you don't have to win. It's just the accomplishment of doing something like that feels amazing. When you medal, then all those seasons and months and training finally pay off. It's an incredible feeling."

Meinen said his mother first suggested the sport while he was in middle school, but it wasn't until a friend became involved in eighth grade that he followed.

Meanwhile, Leites had been a swimmer through middle school, but grew tired of the pool. One day before entering high school, she walked into the room where her father was watching a rowing competition and she was immediately intrigued. She joined a camp at Greenwich Water Club the summer before entering high school and became hooked.

"So I did that, and I joined the novice team that fall," she said. "So that's how I got into it."

Rowing is also the ultimate team sport, team members said.

"In crew, you have to be perfectly in sync, you have to coordinate with everyone, you have to know every single person in your boat," Meinen said. "You create this community, you have to know how they move. You have to create this community that's really strong and really supports each other."

The Greeley students said they're excited about testing themselves against some of the best teams in their divisions from across the United States when they reach California later this week.

While they're looking forward to the challenge, it promises to be a great experience.

"Training throughout the season can be kind of miserable sometimes," Meinen said. "It's just constant work. But when you cross that finish line, when you're rowing that's just the best feeling ever. There's no better feeling than that."

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Business of the Week

Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream North White Plains

By Martin Wilbur

It may have been an unusually cool and wet spring so far, but with the calendar having turned to June it's definitely the time of year where a delicious ice cream or refreshing cup of Italian ices would taste great.

One of the largest selections of frozen treats in the area is at Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream on Route 22 in North White Plains. Owner Scott Rosenberg, who relocated to the area last year after a zoning spat forced him to move from Mamaroneck, said there are 112 flavors of ices, soft serve and hard ice cream and creme ice available at Ralph's every day.

Rosenberg is able to have all flavors available because everything is made fresh on premises, although some varieties like the cantaloupe, honeydew, pumpkin pie or egg nog-flavored Italian ices are seasonal.

"I like to think that people like our product because we use better

ingredients, but the variety does not hurt," said Rosenberg, who oversees franchise locations throughout Long Island. He is also ready to open a second Westchester location in Yonkers in a few weeks and plans a return to Mamaroneck.

A popular product is the creme ice, which is part ice cream and part water ice, he said. Customers enjoy it because they get the flavor of both with only a portion of the calories, said Rosenberg, who compared it to gelato or sherbet.

In all, there are 70 flavors of cream ice and 35 water ice flavors, much different than the limited availability of yesteryear of chocolate, cherry and lemon and perhaps one or two other flavors at the local pizzeria.

"The cherry has cherries in it," Rosenberg said. "It's the taste of everything when you're getting a flavor like cookie dough. It's a lot of cookie dough. We put a lot of ingredients in it."

For fans of soft serve ice cream, there



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Scott Rosenberg, left, owner of the Ralph's Ices location in North White Plains, with his cousin Brandon.

are four flavors available on a daily basis. Three of those, chocolate, vanilla and black raspberry, are available all the time. Rosenberg rotates the fourth flavor between pistachio and coffee.

Ralph's is now introducing a new product to his store – a warm French waffle sandwich. Between two waffles, there is vanilla ice cream and the choice of sauce, typically chocolate or raspberry.

"They're actually really good," Rosenberg said. "I've tried it."

For those watching their waistline and their sugar intake, Rosenberg has a large selection of sugar-free flavors of his products.

Rosenberg, a Queens native who now lives in Smithtown, L.I., has been in the frozen treats business since he was a teenager. At 14, he got his first job at a Baskin-Robbins for \$4.25 an hour but was enticed to move to TCBY when offered a raise to \$6.50 an hour. While still in high school, Rosenberg became district manager.

By the time he was 21, he reached out to the owner of Ralph's Ices, which opened in 1927, about expanding his operation throughout the metropolitan area. At the time there was just the single location, the original store in Staten Island. Today, there are more than 100 stores throughout the metropolitan area.

Rosenberg has had plenty of work on his hands preparing the property to the liking of Town of North Castle officials. He said he's about to close on the adjacent property that will increase parking from 17 to 35 cars.

"It's a fun industry. That's why we like the window service and stuff," Rosenberg said. "It attracts attention."

Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream is located at 850 N. Broadway. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weeknights and until midnight on weekends. It typically closes for the season in December and reopens in spring. To learn more, visit www.ralphsices.com or visit them on Facebook.

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Tuesday, June 5

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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. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Author Talk. "The Heirs" by Fran Hawthorne will be discussed. This thoroughly American debut novel by Hawthorne is a story of immigrants – Jews, Catholics, all of us – whose families remain tied to the suffering and struggles which brought them to America. The author skillfully weaves an intimate and compelling portrait of a woman whose growing obsession with her family's experiences during the Holocaust threatens to derail her life. Hawthorne is an award-winning nonfiction writer, appearing regularly in The New York Times, Newsday and other publications. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Wednesday, June 6

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave, Chappaqua. 8 a.m. Free. (Rescheduled from May 15). Info: 914-238-4779.

Living Longer, Staying Stronger: A Day Designed for You. This conference will feature a presentation by the Executive Director of Generations United, Donna Butts, an internationally renowned expert, author and advocate from Washington D.C. who will speak on "Reaching Across Generations: Building a Longer, Stronger Life." The program will also include workshops, resources and a fitness activity. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Mercy College, Mercy Hall Rotunda, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-813-6407 or e-mail cmn9@westchestergov.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.

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

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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.

Bilingual Storytime. Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also June 13. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

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Affordable Care Act Navigator. A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

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Art Series: Georgia O'Keefe. In preparation for a visit to the O'Keefe Exhibit at the New York Botanical Garden, this Saturday, take a deeper look into O'Keefe's sketches and artwork. 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.

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

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Thursday, June 7

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.

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Hollywood Classics Get Big Screen Treatment in New Burns Series

By Neal Rentz

Film fans can view classic movies at home. But even home theaters showing Blu-ray discs is not the same as experiencing beloved classics on the big screen, said Jacob Burns Film Center Senior Programmer Andrew Jupin.

Jupin and Burns Programming Director Brian Ackerman have put together a new eight-film series that begins this week, "Back on the Big Screen: Hollywood Highlights 1952-1982." It runs from June 6 through June 28.

He said while the Burns presents many contemporary "cutting edge" films, it also has a mission to show classic movies as they were originally meant to be presented – in a theater on the big screen. Jupin said that his most important job is arranging for revival film screenings at the Pleasantville film center.

The films in this series are meant for the big screen and are intended to be a fun way to kick off the summer season, Jupin said. Two of his favorites in the series are "Vertigo" and "Blade Runner."

"Vertigo" is the 1958 Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece starring James Stewart and Kim Novak that was called the greatest film of all time in a critic's poll conducted by Sight & Sound magazine. It will be presented on Thursday,



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

"Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, is the opening film in the "Back on the Big Screen, Hollywood Highlights 1952-82," scheduled for June 6-28 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

June 14.

"Vertigo" is considered one of Hitchcock's films and is "beautifully shot" from its memorable opening credits sequence, Jupin said.

Another strikingly filmed movie that Jupin admires is "Blade Runner." Though the futuristic sci-fi movie was originally released in 1982, the Burns will be presenting director Ridley Scott's 2007 version.

"We are screening the definitive version of Ridley Scott's groundbreaking vision, complete with additional footage and upgraded special effects," Jupin said.

While "Blade Runner" is a cult film, spawning a sequel released last fall, the movie, starring Harrison Ford, was considered a commercial failure in its initial release, Jupin said.

The series kicks off with "Singin' in

the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor. The 1951 musical comedy was co-directed by Kelly and Stanley Donen.

Other films in the series are "The French Connection," the 1971 Academy Award winner for Best Picture directed by William Friedkin that features one of the most famous chase sequences in cinematic history; the 1957 Best Picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai," directed by David Lean; Lean's 1962 Best Picture honoree "Lawrence of Arabia," the film that brought Peter O'Toole international acclaim; Stanley Kubrick's 1960 epic "Spartacus" and the director's cut of the 1977 Steven Spielberg science fiction classic "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

While the movies featured in the series are enjoyed by film buffs and students of the art form, the Burns offers a place for filmgoers, including younger audiences, to be introduced to classics they may not have seen, Jupin said.

"It is really important to look back," he said.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information, including movie schedules and tickets, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.



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Timeless Classics: Some of the Best Irish Movies of All Time

The focus this month is Irish film, immediately bringing to mind John Ford's celebrated tribute, "The Quiet Man." Much more has come out of Ireland, bringing along more than a few major artists – Daniel Day-Lewis, Cillian Murphy and Colin Farrell, to name just a few. Here are the best Irish movies of all time, according to www.IrishCentral.com.

1. "Waking Ned Devine." Starring Ian Bannen and Fionnula Flanagan, this 1998 film is a classic tale of communal hi-jinx in a small Irish village, centering on a deceased lottery winner and villagers' efforts to cash in posthumously on the winning ticket.
2. "Once." Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova weave a tale of a dreaming Irish street musician and his unlikely romantic interest who team together to produce an album that catapults Hansard's character to fame. It won the Oscar for Best Original Song in 2007.
3. "The Crying Game." This controversial 1992 film about a botched IRA kidnapping starred Forest Whitaker as the plot's target.
4. "The Snapper." From 1993, starring Colm Meaney and Tina Kellegher, this film depicts an unwed 20-year-old mother who bucks the social mores of

Irish Eclectic

- her working class Irish community by keeping secret the identity of the father.
5. "Intermission." Starring Murphy and Farrell, this film from 2003 traces several dysfunctional folks through Dublin's streets, weaving themes of life, love and modern society's bonds.
6. "In the Name of the Father." Starring Day-Lewis, this movie was nominated for seven Oscars in 1993. It charts the 15-year struggle of Gerry Conlon, unjustly convicted of an IRA bombing in England, to prove his innocence.
7. "The Field." Richard Harris's 1990 performance earned him an Oscar nomination for portraying a farmer's struggle to stop forces beyond his control from gobbling up his land.
8. "My Left Foot." This true story of Christy Brown, played by Day-Lewis in 1989, stricken with cerebral palsy, who learns to write and draw with the only appendage he can control – his left foot. Day-Lewis copped an Oscar for an unforgettable performance.
9. "The Quiet Man." A 1952 gem that still makes it onto a top ten list and a favorite still on both sides of the water! With stellar performances from John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, Ward Bond and Victor McLaglen, and

a soundtrack that will get anyone with a trace of Irish roots whistling, "The Quiet Man" continues to enthrall viewers.

10. "The Commitments." This 1991 film, critically acclaimed and hugely successful, chronicles the struggles and conflicts of a group of marginalized Dubliners seeking to form an honest-to-goodness soul, rock and rhythm and blues band.

Now, there may be gaps in this list. Where is "Brooklyn" with amazing Saoirse Ronan? Or Aidan Quinn, in "The Playboys?" I would put both in my top ten. Would you? Tell us your favorite Irish films and we'll put together a list for down the road. All contenders, perhaps, for a future "Celtic Film Festival," should any local theater wish to take on the challenge.

A film more recently aired is one you're not likely to see much of in commercial venues, though it has had a showing in at least one fine arts theater that we know of – the venerable Picture House in Pelham. The film is "Song of Granite," which we touched on briefly in our last column. It traces the life of Joe Heaney, a revered sean-nós singer born and raised in the



By Brian McGowan

Gaeltacht of Ireland, a sadly-diminishing region where Irish remains the primary spoken tongue.

"Enigmatic and complex," the film's synopsis relates, "Joe Heaney was one of the greats of traditional Irish singing. Shaped by the myths, fables, and songs of his upbringing in the west of Ireland... it is a distinct portrait of Heaney's life and a marvelous exploration of

music and song."

View the trailer, or even purchase a copy of the film, at <http://songofgranite.oscilloscope.net/>. Next month, we'll dig a little deeper into this and other Irish traditional music genres. Until then, Sláinte!

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx and is a second, third and fifth-generation Irish-American/Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog "Rethinking Irish," at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center Spring Luncheon. The luncheon will also feature a screening of the 18-minute documentary "The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm" followed by a discussion. Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, 295 Soundview Ave., White Plains. 12 to 2 p.m. \$36. Info: Contact Mille Jasper at 914-696-0738 or e-mail mjasper@hhrecny.org.

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Armonk Lions 44th Annual Fol-de-Rol and Country Fair. The annual fair begins with rides and continues through the weekend with food, crafts, vendors, music and entertainment. Raffle tickets available for purchase to support the Lions' community service projects. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 6 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Also June 8 from 6 to 10 p.m., June 9 from 12 to 10 p.m. and June 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: Visit www.armonklions.org.

"Major." The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series premieres this screening of this film followed by panelists drawn from Ossining's Pride community. Miss Major's extraordinary personal story is one of resilience and celebration in a community that has been historically traumatized. While mainstream gay rights and marriage equality dominate the headlines, Miss Major's life is a testament to the fierce determination and everyday challenges of transgender women of color, who often live on the margins of the already marginalized. All welcome. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. Seating opens at 6:15 p.m. Screening at 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.OssiningDocumentaries.org.

"Hearts Beat Loud." In the hip Brooklyn neighborhood of Red Hook, single dad and record store owner Frank (Nick Offerman) is preparing to send his hardworking daughter, Sam (Kiersey Clemons) off to college, while being forced to close his vintage shop. Hoping to stay connected through their shared musical passions, Frank urges Sam to turn their weekly "jam sesh" into a father-daughter live act. After their first song becomes an Internet breakout hit, the two embark on a journey of love, growth and musical discovery. Filled with endless amounts of humanity and laughter, the latest from acclaimed writer/director Brett Haley is the kind of feel-good film we need right now. Followed by a Q&A with Haley. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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Friday, June 8

Hoff-Barthelsson Music School Early Childhood Open House. Learn about all that the school's Early Childhood Program has to offer. Children ages 9 months to 5 years and their parents and caregivers are invited to join in the fun of a music and movement class followed by a brief Q&A with faculty and a reception during which you can socialize with other families.

Exercises and games during classes involve singing, moving and improvising; using small percussion instruments to promote inner hearing and rhythmic sensitivity; and working with a variety of whimsical materials to inspire the imagination. Hoff-Barthelsson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to noon. Demonstration class at 10:30 a.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Kathryn Kitt at 914-723-1169 or at kkitt@hbms.org.

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.

Briarcliff Manor Garden Club's "Tealicious." A standard flower show. Atria on the Hudson, 321 N. Highland Ave., Ossining. 2 to 6 p.m. Free. Also June 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Opening Reception for "Crazy Beautiful." The third iteration of this exhibit features paintings and sculptural objects that are celebratory and expansive. Each work a conscious offering of pleasure and outright, unabashed beauty. Luscious painting in a variety of media ranging from oil to encaustic to resin and powdered pigment by an array of artists. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through July 28. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbfa.com.

"Phantom Thread." A screening of this Academy Award nominated film set in 1950s London. Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman who becomes his muse and lover. 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 Film Series: "I Am Not an Easy Man." This provocative French comedy asks us to imagine a world where the power roles of men and women are reversed. What happens when your whole world changes in the blink of an eye and not necessarily for the better? This sexual political satire delves into the mentality behind the advertising business and how gender roles shape everything from bikini waxes to relationship gratification. Contains adult content. In French with English subtitles. 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.

"Shock and Awe." An advance screening of the political docudrama written by Rob Reiner's "LBJ" screenwriter Joey Hartstone. It tells the politically charged story about real-life Knight-Ridder journalists Jonathan Landay (Woody Harrelson), Warren Strobel (James Marsden), John Walcott (Reiner) and Joseph Galloway (Tommy Lee Jones), who first looked into the Bush Administration's attempts to tie Saddam Hussein to the 9/11 terror attacks despite a lack of true evidence to support the claim. The film follows the team's efforts to defend their journalistic integrity against a raft of misleading stories from the White House. Followed by a Q&A with Reiner, moderated by film critic Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

"Vanities." The Small Town Theatre Company presents this staged play reading written by Jack Heifner. The story centers on the lives and friendship of three Texas cheerleaders starting from high school in 1963, continuing through college as sorority sisters in 1968 and ending with the dissolution of their friendship in 1974 in New York and their interests and livelihoods change and they are no longer as compatible with one another as they had been in their school days. Directed by Tom Kramer. Hergenhan Recreation Center, 40 Maple Ave., Armonk. 8 p.m. \$20. Also June 9. Info and tickets: Visit www.smalltowntheatre.com.

Sinatra and Sextet Starring Frankie Sands. Recent inductee into the World Famous "Friars Club," Sands is one of the top Frank Sinatra tribute artists on the East Coast and will re-create "Mr. Sinatra's 1962 World Tour for Children's Charities." The 1962 tour featured 32 concerts in two months accompanied by a handpicked six-piece band playing arrangements created specifically for this tour. Sands will be joined by Gary Pace (piano), Jeff Newell (woodwinds), Steve Lamattina (guitar), Ken Rizzo (bass), Gil Chimes (drums) and Bryan Carrot (vibraphone). White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Adults: \$40. Seniors and students (high school and younger): \$35. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, June 9

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, play chess at the market with Anatoly from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the music series will feature Euro jazz and pop by Le Nozze di Carlo from 10 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment.

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The Virtual Tour of Northern California Continues With Old World Focus



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week, we continued our virtual tour to another small winery in California. I left you with the allure of Unti Winery and Vineyard, a family-owned and operated winery in the Dry Creek Valley appellation in Sonoma County.

A reader asked how I came upon this gem, amongst the hundreds of small wineries in northern California. My wife and I had visited George and Mick Unti by happenstance in the late 1990s.

I had become enamored with Zinfandel wines from northern California. On one of our many trips to California wine country, we decided to immerse ourselves in one of the sweet spots for producing Zinfandel. We focused on Sonoma County. We were able to meet and share wine with the folks who had dirt under their fingernails, the dirt of the true essence of their wines. It was exhilarating. During that trip I developed an ardor for the Dry Creek Valley and two wineries: Unti and Bella Vineyards.

When my wife and I found ourselves heading to Sonoma County again last year to seek out small wineries, Unti was at the top of our list.

In the late 1990s, the small tasting

'You can sense their heritage in palpable ways.'

counter at Unti was in the equally small storage warehouse in the middle of the vineyard. Zinfandel was king then; today it plays an important but less dominant role at the winery. This is not a function of Mick Unti's diminished passion for the grape, but rather his expanding love of French and Italian grapes.

The philosophy of the father-and-son team has evolved over the quarter-century of living the family dream. Savoring one of his latest releases in the new stand-alone tasting room, the family's selection criteria for planting grapes became clear. Anchored in their Old World heritage and a sustainable approach to nurturing the land and climate of their 60 acres of vineyards, Mick energetically stated his mindset: "Which grapes and wines do we love that can viably be grown in our local terroir?"

The expression of the Unti wines is in their genes. You can sense their heritage in palpable ways. George's Tuscan-style home; the entrepreneurial passion that is not consumed with popularity or branding – it's for themselves and if others appreciate it, they're more than happy to

spread their passion and their wines.

Here's an insight into Mick's focus on which grapes to grow and how to sell them. I asked him about his wine club, the lifeline of other small wineries with limited distribution means.

"I don't have one," he said. "Yes, I probably should have a subscription club, but it's more intimate to send our current releases and offerings to our email customer list for their non-obligatory consideration."

Mick's passion is evident and comes through in every description and narrative of a particular wine. In conversation, his pride and commitment to the Unti winery and philosophy is at times effusive, other times a subtle understatement.

"We identify the grapes to grow based on the affinity of our favorite grapes for our environment," Mick explained. "Yet we've experienced the many trials and tribulations of a small winery."

The European grapes grown at Unti are a classic example of American proclivity for experimentation. Why not grow Barbera grapevines, grown almost exclusively in the Piedmont region of Italy? Why not experiment with Picpoul grapevines, grown in Southwest France?

And the results are stunning.

The driving element that influences grapevine plantings is Mick's preference for acidic wines. This led to the Unti decision to supplement Zinfandel plantings with those of Sangiovese, Barbera, Aglianico, Mourvedre, Grenache and Syrah. Then, in 2004, in his "constant pursuit for high-acid wines," Mick decided to plant white varieties. Today, he gushes about the Unti expression of Fiano, Verdicchio, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul plantings. I am not aware of any other winery that vinifies such an expansive panoply of grape varieties.

The Untis have experimented with numerous grape varieties. Consumers benefit from George and Mick's diligence and perseverance over a

quarter-century of passion. I encourage you to experiment. Join their mailing list today. I have.

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You Heard It Through the Grapevine

How Playing Outdoors Nourishes Children

When my brothers and I were children, our parents would often suggest that we go outside to play. There was no structure to that plan, other than to explore and find adventures with our fellow neighborhood kids until dinner was ready. I think that led to us developing our creativity and sensory experiences.

I've certainly found that immersing myself in nature has been influential to helping me feel more peaceful. I get my hands in the soil while gardening or lose myself in the woods with my dog and find a sense of balance afterwards.

In a time when children may be more drawn to indoor activities or be more preoccupied with afterschool activities, computers and tablets and homework, there is a greater need for them to appreciate the wonders of nature.

Some thoughts that I would invite anyone to consider:

- In many Scandinavian countries, children don't begin their formal schooling until they have completed time playing and being physically active. This nurtures their creativity. In Finland, teachers are required to give students 15 minutes of play for every 45 minutes of classroom instruction. Studies show that students who are provided at least one recess period a day for 15 minutes behavior better in school and they perform better on assignments.

- One of my favorite books is "I Love Dirt" by Jennifer Ward. It offers various activities to help children explore nature, whether by active discovery or more quiet observations. The book is organized by season. It's a delightful way to appreciate

natural offerings throughout the year.

- After interviewing two of my nephews, Matthew and Ben, sometimes children decide to play outside based on factors such as the weather; whether neighbors ask them to participate in certain outdoor activities; how much homework and afterschool activities they have that day; whether their parents have suggested they "go outside and play;" if teachers have organized fun field trips that involve outdoor exploration; and if their Boy Scout troops have camping or other activities planned.

I think all of us can benefit from the ways that being outside can be beneficial. Adults might



By Joanne Witmyer

be delighted by a childhood sense of wonder if they aim to experience that themselves or encourage it for the children in their lives.

Let me know what ideas you have after reading this.

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Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. 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.

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

Ponding Exploration. Learn about the critters that inhabit South Pond during a hands-on searching experience. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

"Personal Choice" Artists Reception. The Ground Glass, a Westchester-based association of fine art photographers, is exhibiting a selection of work by 11 of its members. Pound Ridge Library, 271 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. All welcome. Exhibit continues through June 23. Info: Visit www.poundridgelibrary.org or www.thegroundglass.org.

Tell Me a Story of Pound Ridge: 50 Objects 50 Stories. The Pound Ridge Historical Society has created an exhibition and accompanying book to provide the public with an eclectic look at the town. Highlights of area history, each story in some way gives a glimpse of our distant and not-so-distant past in the hope of awakening an interest in town history in newcomers and our young folk. The 50 objects displayed will have their story told in the accompanying book available for purchase or loan. On display, antique tools, dolls and artifacts will sit alongside trains and a diorama of a Revolutionary War battle. Pound Ridge Historical Society, 255 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays and Sundays through November. Info: 914-764-4333 or visit www.poundridgehistorical.org.

"The Garden Show" Opening Reception. This exhibit and fundraiser will showcase one-of-a-kind useable artwork

to decorate your home and garden. Set in an imaginative indoor landscape of greenery and sculpture, there will be work from artists in all media: sculpture, jewelry, painting and much more. Mamaroneck Artists Guild Gallery, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Vienna: Three Generations. Hoff-Barthelsson Music School's Festival Orchestra closes out its 2017-18 season with this concert. Music Director Jun Nakabayashi leads the orchestra in performances of Strauss' "Divertimento, Op. 86," arrangements of harpsichord pieces by Couperin for orchestra; Mozart's "Concerto for Piano No. 24, K. 491, C minor" featuring faculty member Hélène Jeanney as a soloist; and concludes with Beethoven's majestic "Symphony No. 3" (Eroica). Recital Hall at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. Suggested admission: \$20. Students may attend free of charge. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Sunday, June 10

Kids' Carnival. The Greenburgh Hebrew Center and PJ Library are sponsoring this kids' carnival. Enjoy the bounce house, games, stories and Shabbat-themed crafts. Light refreshments will be served. This event is ideal for children up to eight years old but all ages welcome. Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park, Dobbs Ferry. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. Free. Rain location is Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Stacey PJLibrary@g-h-c.org.

What's the Buzz With Honey Bees. Learn why honey bees are critical players in our lives and in the global economy. Observe and meet some of our resident pollinators out in the meadow. Includes a honey tasting direct from the hives on the property. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Cultivate 2018. One of the most anticipated events of the season. Hear tomorrow's masters today in the world premieres of six new works written especially for Copland House's acclaimed emerging composer's institute. Introduced by Music from Copland House principal artist Alexis Pia Gerlach (cello) and guest artists Pala Garcia (violin) and Margaret Kampmeier (piano). Includes a post-concert meet-the-artists reception. Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 3 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students (with I.D.): \$10. Info and tickets: Visit www.coplandhouse.org.

Salsa Social. Come and learn how to Salsa. A fun and exciting workout. Singles or couples; no partner necessary. Josie's School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 5 to 9 p.m. Intro lesson at 4:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Dinner: \$6. Second Sunday of every month. Info: 914-332-8670.

Monday, June 11

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or drop in.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. From newborns to school-age children, with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Picture Frame Painting for Father's Day. Requires some fine motor skills. Supplies will be provided. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3 or visit the reference desk.

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

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Open Comedy Mic. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info and tickets: Visit www.nomacomedy.com.

Tuesday, June 12

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

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

Larry Chance & The Earls and Vito Picone & The Elegants. The music that helped define rock 'n' roll, the original doo-wop era that put the street corner society onto the national charts. 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.

Wednesday, June 13

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.

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

Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i Lecture. A guest lecture by Victoria Lewis, interpretive specialist at the New York Botanical Garden. Lewis will be discussing the current exhibit "Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i" and drawing a correlation between art and botany. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Art Series: Horses in Art. As the fervor from this year's Triple Crown draws to a close, take a look at horses in art from ancient Roman mosaics to Renaissance painting and contemporary sculpture. Almost every society and art genre have various interpretations of not just horses, but a variety of farm and companion animals, representing their various aspects of status and wealth in society. 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.

Food & Wine Festival Moves into Kensico Dam Plaza This Week

There count stands at 315,000 burgers, 25,000 glasses of wine, 360 restaurants, 50,000 guests and \$200,000 raised for charities.

That is what Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival has accomplished in its first seven years, emerging as the signature culinary and beverage event kicking off the summer season in Westchester and the Hudson Valley.

With the 2018 Festival scheduled this week through Sunday at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, the numbers will continue to grow as new restaurants, fine wines, spirits, craft beers, specialty foods and the best in burgers are featured. This year's benefiting charities are Feeding Westchester and the Westchester Parks Foundation.

This year, popular favorites like the Burger & Beer Blast, the Grand Tasting Village and Salute! A Wine Tasting Tour of Italy will be featured along with new events across the six-day extravaganza. Foodies,

friends and families throughout the tristate area come together for the unique event.

"Our small festival has grown tremendously over the past seven years," said Peter Kelly, chef and owner Xavier's Restaurant Group and co-founder of the event. "We're showcasing incredibly talented chefs and delicious wines. I encourage everyone to come celebrate this amazing event."

This year, Harrison Wine Vault will be the exclusive wine retailer. A family-owned business, the Harrison Wine Vault opened in 2011 and quickly became a favorite among wine lovers and aficionados. This tri-level store in a former bank building features the old bank vault that is now a temperature-controlled fine wine room.

For more information, visit www.westchestermagazine.com/winefood for complete details and ticket sales.

Last Chance to Take in Val Kilmer's 'From Nature' Exhibit

By Susie Dummit

If you haven't gotten over to the Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Park Preserve during the past month, make sure you carve out some time by Sunday to take unique abstract enamel paintings.

The gallery current exhibit, "From Nature," showcases the work of actor and renaissance man Val Kilmer. While many know him for his roles in major motion pictures such as "Top Gun," "Batman Forever" and "The Prince of Egypt," Kilmer has been passionate about creating art for many years.

With exhibits of his work having popped up in Manhattan, Los Angeles and now in Pleasantville, Kilmer's been making a name for himself on the new frontier of art.

"Val Kilmer brings to his works of art the same kind of depth and flourish he brings to his best acting roles," said the exhibit's co-curator Audrey Leeds. "Making a powerful comment within the frame of role-playing and celebrity."

The exhibit features artwork of various shapes and sizes, much of which are enamel on metal. While all display different colors, images and meanings, the work has a cohesive aesthetic and style which ties them all together.



SUSIE DUMMIT PHOTO

Some of the works of actor Val Kilmer, whose monthlong exhibit at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve art gallery continues through this Sunday.

"Val's figurative work explores identity and American mythic archetypes," Leeds said. "His choice is not of himself as a subject, but of himself as theatrical characters portrayed. Paint layers and blotches sometimes obscure the lines indicating these mythic characters are literally colored by the human hand bringing them to life."

Kilmer's exhibit remains on display through Sunday. The Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Preserve is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kilmer's paintings will be shown continuously across the country on a scheduled basis through representation of the Woodward Gallery in New York City.

How a Private School Manages the Expenses of Benefits for its Employees

By Bruce Apar

As a specialized center of learning, the Clear View School and Day Treatment Center in Briarcliff Manor serves students with emotional disabilities or mental illness. The school's parent organization also operates two group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Tarrytown and West Harrison.

This year, Clear View proudly is commemorating its golden anniversary. There's an evergreen expression that "the first 50 years are the hardest." For this stalwart institution, the last few years in particular have been financially challenging. Today, at the half-century mark, it thankfully is on solid footing, but maintaining equilibrium these days can be a delicate balancing act for any nonprofit institution.

Most of Clear View's funding, says treasurer Charles Devlin, the school's immediate past executive director, comes from tuition reimbursement by the New York State Department of Education (SED). The balance of its annual budget is covered by fundraisers, such as its inaugural Clear View Classic golf outing, scheduled for June 11 at Hollow Brook Golf Club in Cortlandt Manor.

While expenses for any organization rarely stay flat year to year, owing to

cost-of-living increases in the general economy for one, the money Clear View receives from SED has remained the same since 2014.

"Even with development money we raise ourselves," Devlin said, "the amount remains pretty constant." What's not constant is the rising cost of insurance premiums. That's what makes this a challenging time for many smaller organizations, whether nonprofit or for-profit.

Therein lies the financial dilemma: If you have seen zero gains in mainstream revenue in the last four years, but at the same time face a 20 percent increase in your largest payroll expense – which is health care – something's got to give.

The tough decisions that must be made to balance the books could prove devastating to the operational quality of a school. It might be forced to cut staff and reduce, if not eliminate, core services. The freed-up revenue then is re-allocated to pay the cost increases for insurance premiums.

So, what's a nonprofit administrator like Devlin to do? One recommendation he offers others in his position is to work with an insurance broker who doesn't phone it in, and who works hard to save the client money.

For Clear View, that person is Chuck

Newman, principal of the Charles J. Newman Co.

"Chuck has been the very, very best in knowing the market, researching the options and presenting us with imaginative alternatives," Devlin said.

The result, is that "our premiums have stayed pretty level the past five years," Devlin said. What could have been a 20 percent increase has been minimized to a bump as modest as 4 percent in insurance premiums year to year. In his experience, that small a hike qualifies as "phenomenal."

For the Clear View School, the Charles J. Newman Co. manages an insurance portfolio that offers school employees major medical insurance, dental, vision and other fringe benefits, such as group, term, life-long term disability.

"As a nonprofit, we have done our best to enhance the non-mandatory fringe package," Devlin said, a way to offset staff salaries that are below market rate. "Through Chuck's efforts, we have been able to do that."

The school's enrollment is about 120 students ages 3-21, with a professional staff of 65 and a maintenance crew of 55. Seventy percent of the workforce participates in the insurance plans. The employer pays a healthy portion of the premium, a contribution made possible

by the tightly-managed costs that Newman keeps reined in for the school.

Devlin attributes the beneficial working relationship with Newman, now in his 27th year as a certified insurance agent, to his expertise, work ethic and open communication.

"He's a great translator of his landscape, which is very, very complicated," said Devlin, an attorney. "I'm a really lay person in this area, and when I'm finished talking to Chuck, I understand it. That is a very significant part of his professionalism. He is happy to take you through it until you understand."

"Chuck always is on the lookout for other helpful services," Devlin continued. "Things like human resources and payroll services. He's always recommending strategies and resources, as well as people we might consider hiring or retaining."

Through a benefits package that is both generous to its employees and affordable to the school, Clear View is able to attract the quality of employee it desires. Devlin said health insurance always is on people's minds when job seekers consider employment options.

"It without question is a significant factor in helping people make decisions," he said.

Armonk Lion's 44th Fol-De-Rol Festival and Crafts in the Park



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