

Developer Requests Tax Abatement for P'ville Housing Plan, Parking

By Anna Young

A Westchester-based developer has proposed constructing a residential housing complex with a commercial component in Pleasantville that promises additional tax revenue and parking for the village, but officials must first approve a tax abatement plan.

Representatives for David Mann, of Lighthouse Enterprises in White Plains, recently pitched to the Pleasantville Village Board the purchase and redevelopment of 52 Depew St., the former site of LaDuca Auto Service, and the adjacent 1 Vanderbilt Ave. into a 73-unit apartment complex.

Plans include development of a three-story building that would consist of 11 studios, 49 one-bedroom apartments and 13 two-bedroom units. There would also be 4,500 square feet of commercial space but the developer did not go into detail

about whether that would be offices or retail.

Mann estimated that the studios would rent for roughly \$2,000 a month, one-bedroom apartments would range from \$2,300 to \$2,700 and two-bedroom units would cost more than \$2,700.

"He (Mann) has found a way to develop sites that are targeted sections of the marketplace," said Mann's attorney David Steinmetz. "He looks for areas that have successful thriving restaurants and nightlife and that's where people want to be and want to live."

Steinmetz said 149 underground and ground-level parking spaces would be provided. There would be 15 spaces allotted for shared parking within the village. Up to 41 additional spaces could be built for municipal use if the village were to agree to the developer's request

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Democrat Enters Fray for Mount Pleasant Town Board Race

By Neal Rentz

There will apparently be a contested race in the special election for a Mount Pleasant Town Board seat later this year.

This November's election will pit Republican incumbent Anthony Amiano against Democrat Francesca Hagadus for former councilman Mark Rubeo's unexpired term. On May 8 the Town Board appointed Amiano to the board after Rubeo took over as interim town justice with about a year and a half remaining on his term.

Mount Pleasant Democratic Committee Vice Chairman Bruce Campbell confirmed last week that Hagadus has entered the race. No other Democrat has announced their candidacy for the seat, he said.

A Democrat last ran for the Town Board in 2015 as numerous Mount Pleasant town races over the years have been uncontested victories for Republicans. Campbell said it's a good time for a Democrat to contest the seat.

"The electorate, I think, is changing," he said.

There has been greater interest expressed in the 2018 election, particularly among women, Campbell added. Many town residents, he said, are tired of "one party rule" as Town Board seats have been monopolized by Republicans for years.

"It's time for a change," Campbell said.

Messages left for Hagadus last week were not returned.

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Music in Mt. Pleasant



Pace University President Marvin Krislov welcomed the cast of "Sondheim on Screen" from Arc Stages in Pleasantville for a live community performance on the campus' Alumni Hall Quad on June 29. The cast performed excerpts from its new summer musical stage production. The free event, sponsored by the university, was designed to showcase the new campus to area residents. "It was a great chance to show off the transformation of the campus, and I can't thank Arc Stages enough for putting it together," Krislov said.

Police Arrest Rockland Man in Mt. Kisco Green Card Scheme

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County police arrested a Rockland County man last week for operating a scheme that promised green cards in exchange for cash to undocumented immigrants in Mount Kisco.

Detectives from the county police General Investigations Unit arrested Marko Nikac, 48, at his Congers home on the morning of July 5 in connection with the scam. Police said the arrest followed a two-month investigation into allegations that Nikac impersonated a federal agent and offered to provide three undocumented immigrants with United States resident alien cards, also known as green cards, for \$3,000 each.

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Marko Nikac was arrested last week for a scam where he promised green cards to undocumented immigrants for \$9,000.

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for tax abatement, he said.

The more than one-acre parcel, which borders the Saw Mill River Parkway, was accepted into the state's Brownfield Cleanup Program for remediation, Steinmetz said.

Mann's representatives requested the property receive a 10-year tax abatement with payments starting at a 70 percent discount in return for the additional parking the development would create and payments to the village.

The property currently is in arrears

for roughly \$300,000 in total taxes. The developer's first payment of roughly \$105,000 would provide \$21,000 to the village. The parcel would generate nearly \$13,000 in taxes to the village annually.

After 10 years, the property would return to its fully assessed value if the

developer's plan is agreed to by village officials.

"You have a wonderful vibrant village and there are a lot of people that would love to live close to it and be able to walk through it and walk to the train station," Steinmetz said. "This project would allow that to happen."

If village officials reject the tax abatement proposal, Steinmetz said Mann would likely propose a three-story complex with 60 units and 4,500 square feet of commercial space without the additional parking to the village.

"We think we're coming in with something that's good for Pleasantville because Pleasantville deserves parking spaces in proximity to your train station, your restaurants and your wonderful Jacob Burns center, so you have an opportunity," Steinmetz said. "We'd like to kick off on this project."

While no application has been filed, Mayor Peter Scherer said the project wouldn't require additional variances. He said it would be up to the board to consider the tax abatement proposal and whether to ultimately approve it.

The board requested additional documents from the developer to review the project.

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Amiano, said at the time of his appointment and again last week that he will run in November. If victorious this fall, he would seek a full four-year term in the 2019 election.

"I'm proud of my record on the Valhalla Board of Education, voting for four balanced budgets with an annual tax levy increase of only 1.87 percent," Amiano said. "I understand the need to keep Mount Pleasant affordable for current and future residents, including young families, senior citizens and small businesses."

He said Valhalla High School was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the federal Department of Education during his time as a trustee.

Amiano said he will support

fiscally responsible budgets on the Town Board and promote smart economic development that expands the tax base without overburdening schools, infrastructure, traffic and the environment.

"I've lived in Mount Pleasant for nearly my entire life. I believe strongly in giving back to the community where I was educated and grew up, which is why I first ran for the Board of Education," Amiano said. "I have a vested interest in the town's long-term success and I'm pleased to be a new voice on the board with a fresh perspective to serve all of our residents."

"I'm confident that voters will reject any radical, far left attempt to bring the partisan divisiveness of Washington into local government," he added.

Amiano said last week others had taken petitions to run in the special election but he did not know their names and didn't know whether anyone else would jump into the race.

A message left for the Mount Pleasant Republican Town Committee was not returned.

Candidates must return completed petitions to the Westchester County Board of Elections by this Thursday, July 12.

Last month, attorney and Valhalla resident Michael Duffy announced his intention to challenge Rubeo for the Republican nomination for the town justice seat. If Duffy submits a valid petition, he will force a primary on Sept. 13.

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Q: Who is a good candidate for breast reduction surgery?

A: A woman who's in general good health with realistic expectations. She must be a non-smoker, because smoking constricts the blood vessels, which can cause poor healing and bad scarring. She should be true to herself – the decision to reduce breast size should not be driven by a partner, friends or family.

Q: What happens during surgery?

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Audit Reveals County Facing Steep Budget Deficits

By Anna Young

County officials pledged to fix Westchester's fiscal hardship after auditors revealed on Monday the county finished last year with a \$32.2 million deficit and will continue to face financial struggles for the remainder of 2018.

During a Monday afternoon press conference, auditors from PFK O'Connor Davies briefed officials on Westchester County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2017. County Executive George Latimer said the county is presented with difficult circumstances that can only be fixed through a collaborative and transparent process.

The report, which was released June 26, shows that Westchester faces a projected \$28.7 million deficit for 2018, on top of the deficit from last year.

"We are not happy to be in this situation, perhaps it was not unexpected, but we do not step aside from our responsibilities," Latimer said. "However this happened, whoever's watch it happened under, it is under my watch and our watch by which we will fix this."

Latimer suggested the deficit stemmed from unsustainable promises made by former county executive Rob Astorino, including a freeze on property taxes, failing to fund agreed upon labor contracts, closing budget gaps with one-shot deals and dipping into the reserve fund.

Officials also cited \$15 million in budgeted revenue from an unfinished deal that was rejected by county legislators to privatize operations of Westchester County Airport.

Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) said he's been concerned about the structural fiscal imbalance for several years, stating that he voted against many "unsustainable" spending plans that caused a substantial reduction in the county's fund balance to fill budget gaps.

Nicholas DeSantis, of PFK O'Connor Davies, said the fund balance has diminished by \$35 million over a four-year period, from \$169 million in 2013 to \$134 million in 2017. He said the \$32 million used from the fund balance last year was utilized to balance the budget because of insufficient revenues.

DeSantis stressed how the county has had to resort to short-term borrowing for its cash flow as the fund balance has consistently been diminished.

Boykin stressed that legislators are committed to working through the "financial mess" created by Astorino's administration.



County Executive George Latimer is faced with mounting deficits, a recent audit report has revealed.

"This is not a situation that has been created overnight and we're not going to solve it overnight," Boykin said. "It is our joint responsibility to seek opportunities to increase revenue, control expenses and rebuild our fund balance, so we can leave this county better off tomorrow than it is today."

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining), chair of the board's Budget and Appropriations Committee, said officials are currently exploring ways to share services and reduce property taxes to lessen the financial strain on county residents.

"This is not a surprise, we knew that this problem was in the works," Borgia said. "The good news is that we have resources in Westchester County and there are ways for us to move the county back to sound financial standing."

Latimer said his administration is currently examining every county contract to control costs and analyze the use of office space. Possibilities include moving county employees from rented units into owned office space, creating a robust shared services plan, exploring energy reduction initiatives and dissecting the tax revenue collection system to capture money that

hasn't been collected appropriately over the years.

While Latimer said a plan hasn't been crafted to handle the 2018 budget, he said there has been no discussion of a property tax increase.

"The mission is to solve problems, to do our job, to make this county effective again and to do it without having to jack property taxes up, but by God, to do it and to go away from pure ideology and get to pragmatism and solve problems," Latimer said. "I'm not here to show off, I'm here to solve these problems right now with this group of people."

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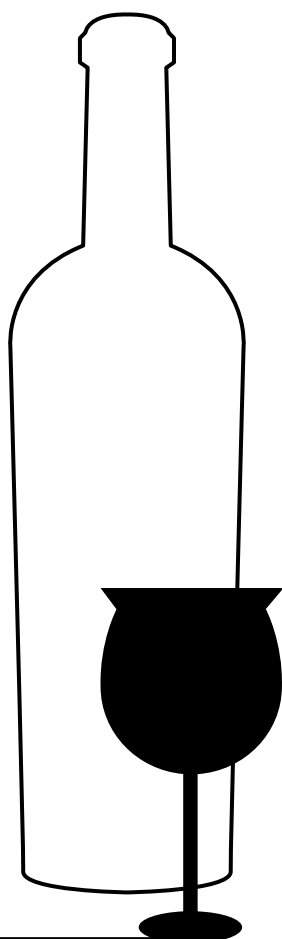
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The fraud was uncovered with the help of undocumented immigrants, police said. One of the victims described to a retired police officer, with whom he is acquainted, how he and two of his friends had paid a combined \$9,000 to Nikac for three resident alien cards. Nikac had identified himself to the men as a federal

agent and promised that the cards would be delivered within three months.

After three months had passed and no cards were delivered, the victims became suspicious and asked Nikac for their money back, police said. Nikac initially refused and threatened the men with deportation if they continued to ask for the return of their money. He eventually

returned \$2,000.

The retired police officer passed the information on to county police. Detectives then made contact with the victims who described the scheme in detail and identified Nikac, providing sufficient information to eventually locate and arrest him.

Nikac was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal impersonation, a felony; one count each of third- and fourth-degree grand larceny, also felonies; and one misdemeanor count of scheme to defraud in the second degree.

Acting Westchester County Police Commissioner Martin McGlynn said the investigation should show undocumented immigrants living in the county that they can report crimes committed against them to police without fear of action by immigration enforcement officials.

"It serves the entire Westchester County community well when criminals are apprehended, regardless of the immigration status of their victims," McGlynn said.

Carola Bracco, executive director of Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco, said there have been an increasing number of incidents of immigrants targeted for similar scams in communities with large immigrant populations.

Neighbors Link has cautioned the local

immigrant community to be wary of anything that sounds too good to be true.

"They are becoming more common and they have been around for many years and in a very significant way," Bracco said of the scam. "But they are definitely becoming more common because people are so much more fearful today than ever before and they are just so desperate for any ray of hope to be able to adjust."

What also hurts the Spanish speaking population is that *notarios* are highly trained legal professionals in Latin American countries, while notaries in the United States are state-commissioned officers who have very narrow responsibilities. That becomes a source of confusion and fraud, Bracco said.

Nikac was arraigned late last Thursday in Mount Kisco Village Court and released on \$2,000 bail.

County police detectives have appealed to area community groups and residents to inform them if they become aware of any other victims of this fraud or other attempts. Anyone who is a victim or who knows of more victims is asked to contact Westchester County police at 914-864-7819 or by e-mailing dps-rtc@westchestergov.com.

The Kensington, WJCS Offer Free Workshop on Alzheimer's, Dementia

The Kensington, an enhanced assisted living and memory care residence facility, in association with the Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), will hold a free workshop on Alzheimer's and dementia on Thursday, July 19 at The Kensington in White Plains. Attendees will include caregivers, spouses and those diagnosed.

The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will feature lunch, an interactive discussion and breakaway groups covering key topics such as communication, finances, medical issues and driving. Workshop leaders include WSJC's licensed social workers and subject matter experts Gillian Rittmaster, Heidi Weiss and Sherry Birnbaum.

"Our goal for the workshop is to share

concerns and best practices for dealing with issues like how to tell family and friends about your diagnosis," said Rittmaster, a licensed social worker and WJCS care consultant. "After receiving an Alzheimer's or dementia diagnosis, families are often at a loss on where to start. We want to be a resource for the community."

The workshop will also address caregiving for those who will take care of the memory-impaired individual, now or in the future.

Registration for the free lunch and workshop is required no later than July 16 by calling The Kensington White Plains at 914-220-4259 or visiting the Upcoming Events page at www.TheKensingtonWhitePlains.com.



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Fun, Food and Fire Trucks: Mt. Kisco Fire Dept. Reaches Out to Public

By Martin Wilbur

Last November, Mount Kisco residents approved a more than \$10 million bond resolution to refurbish and modernize the village's three firehouses.

Now, the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department plans to show its gratitude to the community, interact more with residents and merchants and hopefully raise some more funds in the process.

Over the next several months, members of the department's four companies will be participating in community events that have also been scheduled in conjunction with the department's 140th anniversary, according to Maury Rosen and Jon Bruno, two fire department members who along with their brethren have been devising ways to socialize more with the public.

The first event, the annual fire department parade, is this Friday evening at 7 p.m. For the first time, the department will be selling its 140th anniversary t-shirts in front of the Green Street firehouse. They come in three colors – dark blue, pink and red – and range in size from small to XXXL.

"We decided, Maury and I and our committee, we decided, okay, let's do shirts, we'll sell them at our parade we

have coming up," Bruno said. "A lot of departments do it. It's \$20 a shirt. It's making a little donation to the fire department."

While the parade has been a regular fixture on the summer calendar, a couple of the other events the department has scheduled are new.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, firefighters are partnering with Siegel Bros. Marketplace for a Touch-a-Truck event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that will include a barbecue, and the public is invited. Throughout the day, 15 percent of all food and wine sales will be donated to the department. In addition, during the week of Aug. 27, Siegel Bros. will donate 15 percent of all sales from flyers or coupons.

Firefighters will set up shop in the parking lot in front of the stores with some of the apparatus so the public, including children, can check out the trucks.

The weekend of the village's new SeptemberFest (formerly Sidewalk Sales Days) from Sept. 14-16, will be another important time for the department. It will be one of the many organizations and businesses that will have a table enabling residents to meet and greet members, participate in a 50/50 cash



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Jon Bruno, left, and Maury Rosen of the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department display two of the t-shirts that the department will be selling starting this Friday evening during the firefighter's annual parade.

raffle and sign up to win a restaurant gift certificate raffle.

In the late afternoon on Sept. 15, there will be a softball game pitting the department against members or the county Department of Emergency Services, which has provided Mount Kisco with its police coverage since 2015.

Finally, on Oct. 14, the department will hold its annual open house to coincide

with Fire Prevention Week. There will be fire truck rides, presentations, food and activities for children. It hasn't been decided which firehouse will host the open house, Bruno said.

At all of these events, firefighters will be selling their t-shirts.

"Our goal in all of this is to bring the community and the department together," Rosen said.

Along with these community events, firefighters will once again welcome campers from the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester for a visit to the Green Street firehouse on July 26.

"The Mount Kisco community did something very nice for the fire department by approving the (bond) for the new buildings," Bruno said. "So, we've decided in the last year, you know what? I've just come out as captain and I said we need to do something. Let's get a committee going and start building something for the community now. They did for us, let's do back for them."

Rosen said the fire department is always looking for volunteers to join the ranks. If a Mount Kisco resident is interested in serving the community, they are encouraged to visit any of the village's three firehouses.

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The Red Cross escalated its call for blood and platelet donors after a difficult Independence Day week for donations. More than 550 fewer blood drives were organized by businesses and other community groups last week than during a typical week as individuals across the country celebrated the holiday and enjoyed summer activities.

This equates to as many as 15,000 fewer donations than needed, causing donations to now be distributed to hospitals faster than they come in.

“Each and every day, individuals across the country depend on blood and platelet donations for lifesaving treatments and emergency care, so it’s critical that people donate now to meet these needs,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Blood Services. “Whether you’ve never donated or give a couple of times a year, you’re needed to give as soon as possible to help save patient lives. Yours may be the donation a patient is counting on.”

This need is especially critical for type O blood donors. Type O is the blood type most in demand and often the first to be depleted from hospital shelves during a shortage. Type O negative is the universal

blood type and what emergency room personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situations. Type O positive is the most common blood type and can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

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To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce the time it takes to donate.

Facing a decline of about 80,000 new Red Cross blood donors each year for the past several years, the Red Cross launched the Missing Types campaign in June to encourage new donors, and those who have not given recently, to donate blood. While the campaign has already inspired thousands of new donors to give, the Red Cross is now calling on all eligible blood and platelet donors to roll up a sleeve as soon as possible to overcome the emergency blood shortage.

Through the Missing Types campaign, which runs throughout the summer, the letters A, B and O – letters used to identify blood types – disappeared from corporate logos, celebrity social media accounts and favorite websites to illustrate the critical

role every blood donor plays in ensuring blood is never missing from hospital shelves.

Upcoming blood drives

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Wednesday, July 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monroe College, 19 Lecount Place

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White Plains

Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Centers Health Care - Martine Center, 12 Tibbits Ave.

Yorktown Heights

Thursday, July 12, 2 to 7 p.m., Solaris Sports Club, 201 Veterans Rd.

Tuesday, July 24, 2 to 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Church Family Education Center, 137 Moseman Ave.

Rare Appearance



A Boeing B-29 bomber spent the post July 4 weekend at Westchester County Airport, courtesy of the Commemorative Air Force. “FIFI” is one of only two airworthy B-29s in the world and this was its first trip to the airport. The aircraft was greeted by enthusiastic crowds who got to tour the inside of the plane and speak to the air crew.

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Vendors, Carnival Sponsors Sought for Mt. Kisco SeptemberFest

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce is looking for businesses and community organizations to sign up for tables for its SeptemberFest event and to attract sponsors for the carnival

The annual event, formerly called Sidewalk Sales Days, has been expanded from two to three days and will see the introduction of a carnival behind Village Hall with rides. It will take place from Friday, Sept. 14 to Sunday, Sept. 16.

Chamber Co-Executive Director Beth Vetare-Civitello described SeptemberFest as “a re-boot of Sales Days.”

The chamber will hold the sidewalk sales on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. but remove the outdoor tables and umbrellas in time for Sunday, the day of the annual 5K race, said Lorretta Brooks, a chamber co-executive director.

Vetare-Civitello said the organization is hoping to attract carnival sponsors for

individual rides or toward the carnival’s operating budget, she said. The carnival will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Brooks said the chamber is also looking for local businesses and nonprofit organizations to set up tables for the sidewalk sale. The tables will be along Main Street and South Moger Avenue.

The weekend will also feature a beer garden and food court featuring items



Sidewalk Sales Days will still include vendors offering sidewalk sales but the event has been expanded to a three-day celebration that includes a carnival.

Classic Car Parade Part of Armonk’s Next Third Thursday

Back with more summer fun, the Armonk Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its July 19 Third Thursday in downtown Armonk from 5 to 8:30 p.m. It features a classic car parade followed by a show and tell, plus music and children’s activities in Armonk Square. Restaurant and eatery specials will be posted and available throughout the evening as well.

The event features two live bands: Gilbert, the award-winning student band from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and Lawless, playing classic rock, indie folk and

swampy blues from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The car parade will start at 6 p.m. with a selection of classic and antique models doing several loops around downtown, before settling at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church at 50 Bedford Rd. for a show and tell from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Local car enthusiasts will proudly display their wheeled treasures. Additionally, Bedford’s Malcolm Pray Achievement Center, a nonprofit organization that is home to one of the area’s largest and finest vintage car collections and geared

toward inspiring success in today’s youth, will be featuring one of its classics.

The chamber’s final Third Thursday event of the season will be held on Aug. 16 featuring a repeat performance from Westchester Circus Arts and a full-fledged aerial show. As always, there will be live music, children’s activities and restaurant and eatery specials throughout town from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

For more details, visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com.

prepared by local restaurants.

Vetare-Civitello said the village wants SeptemberFest to encourage the public to gather in downtown Mount Kisco and increase its visibility to visitors, a recommendation from the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The 5K is scheduled in the morning, although the start time for the race has yet to be announced.

For more information about SeptemberFest, including registration for a vendor table or to be a carnival sponsor, visit www.mtkiscochamber.com.



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THERE’S A WORD FOR IT A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Myth Understanding. This week the quiz source is “Words From the Myths” by Isaac Asimov. Asimov shows that the Greek and Roman myths have not only been an inspiration for thousands of years, but they are also a mine of language history as well. Perhaps this quiz will help you understand that a better vocabulary is not a myth.

- venerate (v.)**
A) to regard with respect B) open up C) cover over
- protean (adj.)**
A) stretched out B) of another place C) continuously changing
- pomade (n.)**
A) hair ointment B) pulpy residue C) over confidence
- salutary (adj.)**
A) capable of being saved B) promoting health C) expressing welcome
- cupidity (n.)**
A) meriting blame B) greed for money C) impulsive action
- Orphean (n.)**
A) singular B) inventive C) melodious
- chimaera (n.)**
A) an illusion B) an obstacle C) an omen
- aeolistic (adj.)**
A) fanciful B) giving attention C) long-winded

- ANSWERS:**
1. A. To regard with great respect; revere (from Venus, Roman goddess of love)
 2. C. Easily and continuously changing (Proteus, the sea god who could change shape)
 3. A. A scented ointment applied to the hair or scalp (Pomona, Roman goddess of fruit trees)
 4. B. Producing a beneficial effect; promoting health (Salus, Roman goddess of health)
 5. B. Greed, or too much love, for money or possessions (Cupid, Roman young god of love)
 6. C. Melodious or enchanting (Orpheus, the legend-ary musician and poet)
 7. A. A thing that is hoped for, but is illusory or impossible to achieve; an illusion (Chimaera, mythical fire-breathing monster)
 8. C. Long-winded (Aeolus, god of the winds)

Farber, Schleimer to Run for Re-election in Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco village trustees Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer will be running for re-election this fall.

The two Democrats announced their intentions to each seek their third two-year terms last week as the Westchester County Board of Elections accepts petitions for candidates. The deadline

to submit a petition is Thursday.

"I am running for re-election because I feel there is so much to get done," Farber said. "We are just getting started."

Farber, 69, said she wanted to continue working on the Comprehensive Plan update and the extensive trail system being developed by the village's historical society. She also enjoys

working on initiatives with the Mount Kisco Arts Council.

The village must continue improving its infrastructure and make decisions on future land use and zoning.

"Parking issues and traffic are always a top issue in our village as well as attracting new businesses to fill empty storefronts," Farber said.

Schleimer, 69, said she wants to increase and relocate parking spaces for the handicapped to better locations, relieve traffic congestion downtown and on North Bedford Road and have a vibrant downtown while maintaining the village's small town feel.

Schleimer also hopes to increase hours of operation at the Mount Kisco Public Library and work with the library to improve its free programming.

A message left for the Mount Kisco Republican Committee was not returned.

The Mount Kisco Village Board is currently comprised of three Democrats and two independents. In addition to Farber and Schleimer, Trustee Peter Grunthal is a Democrat will Mayor Gina Picinich and Trustee Isi Albanese were elected on the independent 4MK line last November.



Jean Farber



Jean Farber

Former Police Officer Charged in White Plains Hit and Run

By Anna Young

A former New Rochelle and New Castle police officer was arrested last Thursday morning and charged with three felony counts for allegedly tampering with evidence after seriously injuring two people in a hit-and-run accident.

Raymond Beckley, 25, of Valhalla, appeared in White Plains City Court on charges of leaving the scene of an incident without reporting and two counts of tampering with physical evidence stemming from a hit-and-run, all class E felonies, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office said Thursday.

On Nov. 13, 2016, Beckley allegedly hit two pedestrians with his Ford F-350 pickup truck on Hale Avenue in White Plains, just hours after he resigned as a New Rochelle police officer.

Law enforcement officials said Beckley was aware he hit the pedestrians but fled the scene leaving the bleeding victims in the street suffering from head trauma and broken bones. While White Plains police detectives actively investigated the case in search of his truck, officials said Beckley had the truck's front end repaired to conceal the damage, then drove the vehicle out of state.

The day after the incident, Beckley began working as a New Castle police officer, a job he resigned from in January 2017.

The investigation into Beckley's arrest was a collaborative effort between the White Plains Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney's



Raymond Beckley

Investigations Division Public Integrity Bureau.

"Upholding public integrity and prosecuting those who flaunt it is a high priority in this Office," Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. said in a statement. "We commend the White Plains Police Department for their investigation into this crime with our Investigations Division Public Integrity Bureau. A police officer in any jurisdiction needs to be held to the high standards for which he is sworn to uphold. Those who were injured deserve justice."

Beckley was arraigned in White Plains City Court and released on \$5,000 bail. He is due to return to court on Aug. 17.

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Obituaries

Sue Placona

Sue J. Placona, a lifelong Pleasantville resident, lost her courageous battle with cancer on July 5.

She was 90.

Placona was a retired administrative assistant at New York Medical College. Dearly beloved as a feisty, outgoing and independent woman, she is survived by loving nieces Barbara Castellitto (Rick) and Maryanne Schoonmaker (Bill), nephew Christopher Placona (Suzanne) and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Philomena and Joseph Placona, her sister, Anne

Piazza (Joseph), and brother Jimmy Placona (Renee).

Visiting hours were on July 9 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, July 10 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii Roman Catholic Church in Pleasantville followed by burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Donations to Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591 are appreciated.

Marie Figueroa

Marie Figueroa passed peacefully at home on July 3 surrounded by family.

She was 87.

Figueroa was predeceased by her husband, Howard. She leaves three children, Janice, Bruce and David; five grandchildren, Lara, Connie, Matt, Katherine and Sam; and great-grandchildren Jack and Sydney.

Visitation was on July 5 and 6 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc.

in Pleasantville. The funeral service was held on July 7 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua followed by burial at Fair Ridge Cemetery in Chappaqua.

Donations can be made in Figueroa's name to Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam at www.vnahu.org or by mail by sending to 540 White Plains Rd., Suite 300, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591-9908.

Thomas Dumas

Thomas W. Dumas of Valhalla died on July 3.

He was 69.

Dumas was born on June 11, 1949, to the late Robert and Patricia (nee Wurzler) Dumas in Bronxville. He was a retired carpenter at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Kathleen (nee Sivulich) Dumas, of Valhalla; his loving children, William (Michele) Dumas of Bedford Hills and Jacqueline (Christopher Lester) of Valhalla; one brother, Robert (Doreen)

Dumas, of New Milford, Conn.; his two cherished grandchildren, Addison and Grayson Dumas; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, James and Christopher Dumas.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on July 6. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on July 7. Interment was private.

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

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

June 29: A complainant on North Broadway reported at 5:53 a.m. that she received a harassing message on her phone from another female. The responding officer reported the complaint was filed as a matter of record.

June 30: Report of one male under arrest for criminal possession of a controlled substance at 12:48 p.m. while police conducted a DWI checkpoint on North Broadway.

June 30: A caller reported at 5:33 p.m. that a raccoon, which appears to be rabid, was in her backyard. The responding officer reported a baby raccoon is ill and possibly dying in the yard. Another officer came to the scene and stated that the raccoon went into the woods. Matter adjusted.

July 3: Report of a larceny at a Washington Avenue residence at 7:15 p.m. The complainant stated that earlier this date she placed a "Have a Heart" animal trap outside her residence and when she returned home the trap was gone. The responding officer secured the owner and witness deposition.

July 3: A caller reported at 8:25 p.m. that her sister was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Whippoorwill Crossing and the second vehicle left the scene. The incident occurred about 30 minutes in the past. The second vehicle involved is apparently a white Mercedes E-Class.

July 4: An Orchard Drive resident reported at 9:03 a.m. that his mailbox was damaged sometime overnight. He also reports his lawn was damaged with tire tracks. A witness deposition was secured.

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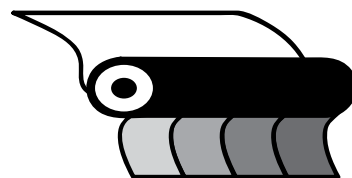
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Pleasantville Strives to Produce Zero Waste at This Year's Festival

By Martin Wilbur

What started out about eight years ago as an effort by a village committee to minimize trash generated by the Pleasantville Music Festival has turned into a full-scale campaign to make it a waste-free day.

This goal of PleasantvilleRecycles for the 14th annual festival this Saturday at Parkway Field is to improve upon last year's results. The 2017 festival saw 1,980 pounds of compostable items and 610 pounds of recyclables collected and potentially diverted from the regular garbage.

Sharon AvRutick, co-chair of the PleasantvilleRecycles Zero Waste Team, said the initiative at the festival began very informally with just a few people but has since transformed into a major project. After the first year, friends and volunteers were asked to help and the amount of material collected has sharply increased, she said.

"It's sort of what you see at other types of events now, but to think we were on the cutting edge," AvRutick said. "We were pretty early."

For this year's festival there will be six stations scattered around the grounds, each with three different types of receptacles – one for recyclable bottles and other containers, another for compostable materials such as food scraps and a third one for conventional trash.

To make sure the public discards the items into the appropriate bins, each station will be staffed by volunteers who will assist festival-goers in separating their waste, AvRutick said. There will be three stations on the main field: one on either side of the chill tent, which has been set up over the past few years to provide music fans with shade, and another in the food area.

Another two stations will be placed in the beer and wine garden, where there

are also two food vendors. The final state will be located backstage for the bands and festival volunteers and staff and where a large volume of waste is generated.

AvRutick said there will be banners and flags erected at the stations to help the public identify where they are located. Once the crowd sees what the volunteers and the village is trying to accomplish, people have been receptive to complying, she said.

"As volunteers we share information with the concert-goers. They're finding

that their own recycling skills are doing better at home," AvRutick said.

The festival also coordinates with vendors when the day is coming to a close to donate any leftover food to a local shelter.

Another component of the zero-waste initiative is the cold water stations that will also be available at the festival. AvRutick said attendees should bring reusable water bottles or containers, which will cut down on recyclables. It would also be an important service should the day turn out to be sunny and

hot.

AvRutick said along with the volunteers, the Pleasantville Department of Public Works are the heroes of the day, helping them achieve their goals

The Zero Waste Team has helped the public become more environmentally aware, including having many students inform adults on recycling issues.

"It has been overwhelmingly positive," AvRutick said. "It's just been so wonderful to see in a few different ways."

For complete coverage on the 2018 Pleasantville Music Festival, see pages 15-18

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Eight W'chester Swim Events to Be Held for Cancer Research

Swim Across America's Long Island Sound Chapter (SAA-LIS) is once again making waves this summer in the fight against cancer.

The chapter, which last year raised more than \$1 million for cutting edge cancer research, prevention and treatment through swimming events, will offer eight opportunities to swim and volunteer in Westchester this season, said Chapter President Tony Sibio. The nonprofit will have its first swim at the New York Athletic Club in Pelham on July 13. The other seven events are scheduled between then and Aug. 4.

"We started SAA-LIS more than a quarter century ago with just a few swimmers and the determination to make a difference in the lives of those fighting cancer," Sibio said. "Today we have close to 1,000 swimmers, approximately 300 volunteers and over 4,000 individual and corporate donors who are committed to helping eradicate all forms of cancer."

Proceeds from the swims will support immunotherapy research at the Swim Across America Laboratory at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, pediatric oncology research at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian and patient services with Westchester-based Cancer Support Team.

The schedule will encompass seven pool



swims (with the option of half-mile and one-mile efforts) plus an open-water swim course on Long Island Sound that will offer participants 2K, 5K or 10K swims. The open-water swim, which starts at Larchmont Yacht Club and ends at Larchmont Shore Club, has been recognized by the World Open Water Swimming Association as one of America's Top 100 Open Water Swims.

Here is the full roster of dates, locations and times for the eight swims.

- **NYAC Travers Island, Pelham**
July 13: 6 to 9 p.m. (night swim and BBQ to follow)
- **Westchester Country Club, Rye**
July 14: 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.

- **Oriente Beach Club, Mamaroneck**
July 21: 6:15 to 9:30 a.m.
- **Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club, Chappaqua**
July 22: 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- **Lakeside Field Club, North Salem**
July 22: 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Coveleigh Club, Rye**
July 23: 3 to 5 p.m. (members only)
- **Long Island Sound Open Water, Larchmont**
July 28: 6 a.m. to noon
- **Lake Isle Country Club, Eastchester**
Aug. 4: 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Those interested in participating in 2018 Swim Across America-LIS events

can register to swim, kayak, volunteer to help or sponsor a swimmer at www.swimacrossamerica.org/long_island.

Donations can be sent to SAA-Long Island Sound, P.O. Box 217, Larchmont, N.Y. 10538.

"We are now in our 26th year and have come a long way in helping to find a cure for cancer, but there is still much work to be done," Sibio said. "We look forward to another great swim season, knowing that with every swimmer's stroke we are helping those afflicted with the disease and moving closer to our ultimate goal of ridding the world of cancer."

Swim Across America, Inc. was founded in 1987 and has raised more than \$70 million for cancer research and prevention programs at the country's finest hospitals and managed-care facilities. Since Swim Across America's inception, it has grown from having a single event in Nantucket to 15 open water benefit swims across the country and 100 annual pool swims.

The Long Island Sound chapter was started in 1992 and has grown to be the largest in the organization, having raised over \$17 million since its inception and more than \$1 million in 2017.

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Letters to the Editor

Failures of Green Energy are Denied By Many of its Advocates

Mr. Harckham's advocating for the "wholesale switch to renewable energy" (July 3-9) shows that he is oblivious to the failure of this policy in the real world. Recently, Richard Kauffman of NYSEDA made the same argument and the following information was sent to him and forwarded to Mr. Lynch, also of NYSEDA.

Attention Mr. Richard Kauffman,

Your letter to the editor, published May 22, 2018, is the epitome of liberal ignorance on green energy and its failed policies state and worldwide. Even the grand financial guru investor of Omaha had this to say. "Despite being famous for touting the idea that the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes, investor Warren Buffet seems to be perfectly fine with receiving tax breaks for making investments in Big Wind. 'I will do anything that is basically covered by

the law to reduce Berkshire's tax rate,' Buffet told an audience in Omaha, Neb. recently. 'For example, on wind energy, we get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind farms. That's the only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the tax credit.'"

www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/nancy-pfotenauer/2014/05/12/even-warren-buffet-admits-wind-energy-is-a-bad-investment

Cuomo's green policy, which you blindly support, has failed in every country in which it was forced on the public over nuclear and hydrocarbon-based fuels. Examples abound in Germany, Scotland, Japan and Minnesota and soon to be New York.

Germany shut down or started shutting down its nuclear and coal power plants for "green energy" projects. Before it was decided to charge ahead in shutting

down Indian Point, a major non-carbon producing energy source, the effects of green energy in Germany should have been studied and evaluated with respect to the energy needs of New York City and Westchester County.

Even a brief search will provide additional evidence of the failures of green energy in America, Europe and the world.

It would be in order for Harckham and Kauffman to educate themselves on the benefits the world has received from the use of coal and oil by consulting the court's decision.

www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-climate-change-oil-companies-20180626-story.html.

E. Patrick Mosman
Pleasantville

State's Charitable Tax Trust Scheme is a Disgraceful Loophole

This is how our so-called local and statewide lawmakers try to hide the fact that the homeowners in Westchester County and New York in general are overtaxed. So how do our representatives try to fix this? Well, not by being fiscally responsible at all. The game they are now playing is putting the blame on the federal government.

Let's face it, our taxes have been out of

control for years, and now to try to hide this misuse of taxpayer money, trust and blind spending under charitable giving is a disgrace. Instead of cost cutting and sharing services throughout, they will once again have carte blanche and hide behind this loophole. The repercussions to this could be disastrous to true charities such as the Boys & Girls Club, religious institutions, shelters, food banks, etc.

If the federal government sees this abuse to the charitable donation, this tax break might be limited or disappear altogether. Just because these so-called elected officials do nothing for the taxpayer money and benefits they are paid, do not make takes a charity.

Kirk A. Baker
Mount Pleasant

Terrence Murphy is Missing in Action on the Major Issues of the Day

Governor Andrew Cuomo and Westchester County Executive George Latimer have issued statements condemning the inhuman action of separating children from their parents at our border. Robert Kesten and Peter Harckham, both candidates for the Democratic nomination for the 40th state Senate District seat, have issued statements concerning Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement and the threat that poses to reproductive rights.

People are angry. People are in pain. People are scared. Where is Terrence

Murphy?

At this point, I fear Mr. Murphy is not simply unwilling but genuinely incapable of taking a stand on truly complex, challenging issues. Mr. Murphy seems content to allow the diseased agenda coming from the White House to infect us locally.

He has yet to condemn white supremacy and racism (his office citing the events in Charlottesville as a "federal issue"); he has yet to state a clear position with regards to the Safe Act and gun safety; he opposes the right to choose and will not

support legislation that would allow for adequate access to contraception. There has been no statement concerning the children that have been stolen from their parents, many of whom are being held here at home in Westchester County.

Mr. Murphy's silence is deafening. I encourage us all to make our voices heard loud and clear on Election Day, Nov. 6.

Elise-Ann Konstantin
Cortlandt Manor

Shopping for a Wedding Gift? What to Know Now

If your fridge is filled with save-the-dates and wedding invitations, you're inevitably facing the daunting question: What to give?

While in the past, you probably only found traditional household items like linens and cookware, these days, you can expect to see the latest home technologies, too. From connected doorbells and thermostats, to smart showers, these are the items that many

of today's millennials would want.

Leading faucet manufacturer, Moen, commissioned a survey conducted online by Harris Poll in March, which investigated what smart products would top the list when it comes to millennial (ages 18-34 at the time of the survey) wedding registries, and how this tech-savvy generation appear to be reinventing the process of registering. The survey found that 42 percent of

millennials would want to include smart home products on their registry.

Millennials are bucking several age-old gifting beliefs, and while traditionalists may find these new registry customs strange, guests should consider selecting one of the high-tech items on a millennial couple's list if they want their gift to stand out.

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Pleasantville music festival 2018 preview

P'ville Ready to Rock for This Saturday's 14th Annual Festival

By Martin Wilbur

The performers and vendors are set and a small army of volunteers are ready to be mobilized. Now all that's needed for this Saturday's Pleasantville Music Festival is for the weather to cooperate.

For the 14th consecutive year, the gates at Parkway Field will swing open for the village-run festival welcoming not only music fans but those that want to be part of a fantastic day with friends and neighbors.

Regardless of one's taste in music, almost any attendee will find something that they'll like about the festival, from the 18 bands that are performing on three stages, to the vendors to soaking in some sunshine (hopefully).

"This day we feel there is something for everyone," said Pleasantville Music Festival Executive Producer Bruce Figler. "With the talent we have we're confident about that."

This year's headliner is the '80s British rock band The Psychedelic Furs, most noted for the title song from the 1986 film "Pretty in Pink" and the hit "Love My Way."

But there will also be Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Robert Randolph & The Family Band, country-rock band Cracker and Brooklyn-based folk band The Lone Bellow as part of the



Organizers are hopeful that this year's Pleasantville Music Festival can match last year's record turnout at Parkway Field.

lineup that will precede The Psychedelic Furs on the Main Stage. That doesn't include a wide-range of ultra-talented local and Hudson Valley-based performers on the Party Stage and Chill Tent Stage.

Figler said organizers regularly receive great suggestions from the public but each year when it comes time to settling on a lineup, many bands have been booked. The hope is to catch a band that has a break in its touring schedule or happens to have that date open and is in the area, he said.

Finding the right mix of talent within the village's budget is always a challenge. Mayor Peter Scherer said the financially successful festivals allows the village to put away money into a self-insurance fund should one year's event get washed out.

It costs the village between \$100,000 and \$200,000 each year, with the bills trending toward upper end of that range, he said.

Beyond the music, making the festival a family event is one of the charms. Behind the bleachers there are activities for children. This year, Figler said, there will be an even wider selection – about 35 in all – of food vendors and nonprofit organizations and merchants selling jewelry, clothing and crafts.

That doesn't include the Beer and Wine Garden that will feature Captain Lawrence craft beer, cider and Pleasantville's own Prospero wines. They will be joined by Walter's Hot Dogs and George's Souvlaki.

Scherer said Pleasantville the festival attracts visitors from throughout the metropolitan area that has lasting effects well beyond the nine hours of music.

"It's a one-day pop-up event that has 12 months of benefits to us," Scherer said. "I would say all year long hardly a week goes by without somebody commenting or asking me a question about the music festival as one of the points of distribution they know about Pleasantville."

Figler said advance ticket sales have been comparable to last year, the largest turnout in the festival's history drawing well in excess of 5,000 fans. In prior years

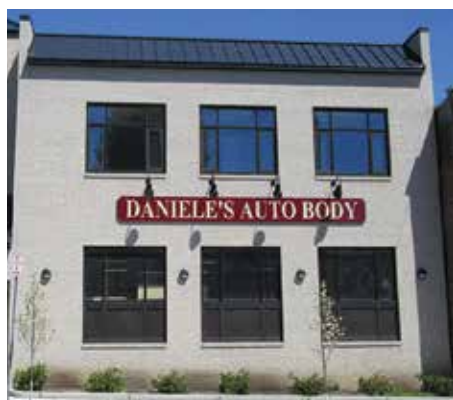
when the forecast has been promising the last few days before the festival, there is a spike in late ticket sales, he said. (The five-day forecast, according to weather.com and News 12, calls for sun and clouds with highs in the mid-80s.)

The large roster of volunteers and village DPW, police and staff make the festival a success every year.

"It always seems to me it's one of those days, which we have a lot of, when a small, a really small place offers a really big thing," he said. "It pleases me to no end to see it prosper in Year 14."

Gates for the Pleasantville Music Festival open at 11 a.m. The music starts at noon. Advance sales tickets through Friday can be purchased at the village's recreation office outside Parkway Field from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket can also be bought online. Prices through Friday are \$50 for adults and \$30 for students (12 to 21) and seniors (65 and up). On Saturday, the prices are \$60 for adults and \$35 for students and seniors. Children 12 years old and under are free when accompanied by a ticket-carrying adult.

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Veteran Music Duo Cracker Brings Alt Southern Rock to P'ville

By Anna Young

Cracker co-founders Johnny Hickman and David Lowery promised each other as teenagers that if they ever started a band they wouldn't be defined by a musical genre.

"We joked that we would not be genre specific and would make the music we wanted to make," said Hickman, a guitarist. "It's been incredible for us. I've always felt very proud to be in a band that's very difficult to pigeonhole into a

genre."

Fast forward more than a quarter of a century and the duo continues to find success with their distinctive alternative southern rock sound while performing their hits on nationwide and international tours.

"Ten albums later and we're still on the map and still together," Hickman said. "It's exhausting doing what we do, but I feel very lucky and we love it. It's such a payoff to have that love coming to you during every performance."

On Saturday, Cracker will perform on the Main Stage during the Pleasantville Music Festival. They are scheduled to take the stage at 2:55 p.m.

While Hickman and Lowery met as teens in the late 1970s in California, it wasn't until 1991 when the duo emerged on the rock scene releasing their self-titled debut album. They found quick success when "Teen Angst" became a radio hit, peaking at the top of the modern rock charts.

"Our first record did well, but it was our second record that took off and really put us on the map," Hickman said.

Cracker released its best-selling album, "Kerosene Hat," in 1993, which went platinum and featured iconic tracks



Johnny Hickman, foreground, and David Lowery of Cracker.

"Low," "Get Off This" and "Euro-Trash Girl." Hickman said he was relieved the band didn't suffer a sophomore slump after they released their second album and felt lucky it has provided them with the chance to continue to produce more music.

With eight albums that followed, including their most recent double album in 2014, "Berkley to Bakersfield," Hickman said he and Lowery, the lead vocalist, have remained true to themselves by creating

honest music that speaks to them and their experiences.

"David as a songwriter creates a character and lets them speak and not a lot of songwriters grasp that songwriting style and go forward with it and these characters populate our songs," Hickman said. "We write for ourselves first and foremost and that's an honest way to write, but if the song happens to speak to somebody else, then all the better."

Hickman added that Cracker's hardcore fans – and the new ones they make with each performance – have made every song and tour date worth the 27 years of hard work. During Saturday's performance, Cracker will perform its iconic hits, new and older songs and tracks from "Gentleman's Blues" to appease their devout following, who refer to themselves as "crumbs."

While Hickman is looking forward to performing at the Pleasantville Music Festival, he's even more excited to spend the day listening to some of the other 17 bands on the bill and making new friends and fans.

"I'm the guy in the band that likes to meet people in the audience," Hickman said. "I've always been that way. To me, that's half the fun of being a band."

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Hall Enjoys Making Music With Political Career in Rearview Mirror

By Martin Wilbur

John Hall was wise to have heeded some advice from a longtime friend in 2006.

It came shortly after he had won his election to the House of Representatives in the 19th Congressional District, when Hall was swept into office the last time there was a blue wave.

"When I got elected in 2006, Jackson Browne told me make sure you have a guitar in your office," said Hall, who had been friends with Browne since they collaborated to help organize the No Nukes concerts at Madison Square Garden in 1979. "After the business for the day was done and my staff had all gone home and things were quiet, I'd take it out and play guitar for a while, just to clear my head and keep my fingers strong and calluses a little bit strengthened."

Hall, who also served on the Saugerties Board of Education and Ulster County Legislature years before his congressional run, never intended to make public service a career. For that, music lovers can be grateful.

An original member of the 1970s band Orleans and co-writer of their two biggest hits, "Still the One" and "Dance With Me," Hall will make the drive from his Dutchess County home and perform at Saturday's 14th annual Pleasantville Music Festival. He will share the Chill Tent Stage shortly after



Singer/songwriter and guitarist John Hall, a founding member of the 1970s band Orleans, will perform with fellow bandmate Dennis "Fly" Amero at the Pleasantville Music Festival.

7 p.m. with Dennis "Fly" Amero, a member of Orleans who joined the band when Hall pursued a solo career in the late '70s and again when he served in Congress.

On Saturday, expect the duo to play a little bit of everything from throughout

their careers.

"The set that Fly and I will play will be fun for us and the audience and it will be an assortment of Orleans songs and other songs of his and some really good guitar playing and hopefully some really good singing as well and it will be a blast," Hall promised.

Since shortly after returning from Washington, Hall has kept plenty busy. During his first two years out of office following his 2010 defeat, his parents and both of his brothers passed away. Hall, who will turn 70 later this month, said he also needed to address his own health issue at the time.

Then in July 2012, Hall was contacted by his old Orleans bandmates when original member Larry Hoppen died. They were in the middle of a tour and asked for his assistance to complete their string of concerts.

Despite dealing with his own challenges, Hall didn't hesitate to help.

"We liked playing so much and I liked playing with them as much as ever," he said.

It caught the eyes of booking agents after Hall had once again rejoined Orleans. They were asked to join Christopher Cross, Player, John Ford Coley and several other popular late '70s and early '80s acts for the 2013 Sail Rock Tour in Southern California.

They will do another cruise, the Rock 'n' Romance cruise, next March with Peter Frampton, America, Ambrosia, Little River Band and Firefall.

"So we did that and since then there's been increasing demand for us." We're pretty busy," Hall said. "We have shows booked, Orleans has concerts booked pretty much throughout next year, 2019."

But he also makes sure he finds time to perform with his own group, the John Hall Band, and with Amero.

Although Hall has no plans to return to elected office, he remains as passionate on the issues as ever – protecting the environment, the federal budget and taking care of the men and women serving the nation's military, among many others. In fact, Hall said he has been asked to run again for his old congressional seat every election year since his defeat.

But there are many others who can serve admirably, Hall said. He prefers music more than ever rather than the dog-eat-dog world of politics.

"The object is to bring people together and music has always been able to do that, and actually for me it's a release from a lot of the tension and the anxiety of the day," Hall said. "So I love doing what I'm doing."

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Bluechip Westchester Band Relishes Sudden Arc to Success

By Anna Young

It doesn't take much to make the members of The Bluechips happy. Throw them on stage, give them a microphone and they'll soar.

Since The Bluechips formed their rock band in January, the trio of childhood friends have enjoyed meshing their personalities and individual musical styles into their music to create a unique sound for people of all ages to enjoy.

"We want to be the band you don't see right now," said 21-year-old vocalist and guitarist Paul Beladino. "Instead of doing something popular or something that could get us to the next level (right away), this band is just getting us back to the basics and doing what we love and grew up on. We just want to play straight rock 'n' roll."

Their sound earned the trio a spot at this Saturday's Pleasantville Music Festival, where they will open the festival's Main Stage after excelling in the Battle of the Bands competition.

Crafting their styles over the years has helped their collaborative process. Bandmates Jake Albi, 21, who sings vocals and plays drums, grew up with Beladino, having performed together for more than a decade. They formed the band Daisychain as teenagers, where they gained a strong local following and a spot on the 2015 Vans Warped Tour at Jones Beach.



The members of the Westchester-based band The Bluechips, who will be the opening act on the Main Stage at the Pleasantville Music Festival this Saturday. From left, are bassist Tom Davis, vocalist and guitarist Paul Beladino and drummer Jake Albi.

But teen angst led the duo to dissolve that partnership and go their separate ways. While both joined national tours with different groups, the road made them realize that they'd rather play music together.

"You get out to the middle of nowhere and wonder why you're not performing with your best friends," Beladino said. "I was already homesick, but it made me realize I should be performing with the people I care about most."

Along with bassist Tom Davis, 25, the trio have combined their influences, which includes The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Green Day, Bruce Springsteen and Pink Floyd, to craft a progressive pop rock 'n' roll sound.

"We're just going for it. There's no rules," Davis said. "We want to come off as unique but also smart in what we do."

No stranger to festivals or music competitions, The Bluechips entered the Pleasantville Music Festival's Battle of the Bands competition hoping to gain enough

attention to book Westchester gigs. While being named one of the competition's winners came as a surprise, the group said they were victorious because they had fun and stayed true to themselves.

"We just wanted to get our names out there and we got so much more by being ourselves," Albi said.

"I'm so confident in this band going forward that we're going to be good enough. I just want to be in the best band we can be, and the situation feels right," Beladino added. "We're in this for each other."

Beladino said that as they prepare for their performance on Saturday, they're working to craft a memorable set to ensure they make a great first impression, especially as they gear up to release their three-track EP album this summer.

While the young musicians are relishing their early success, they hope the festival is a steppingstone to the next chapter.

"We finally have the right unit, we have the right songs and we're all in the right time of our lives for everything to happen," Beladino said. "I feel like us serendipitously getting this opportunity feels like it finally came together. We're looking forward to playing and putting that feather in our cap to move forward. We got this under our belt, now let's tackle the rest."

Valhalla Singer/Songwriter Ready to Showcase His Talents

By Anna Young

When David Vogel takes the stage at the Pleasantville Music Festival on Saturday it promises to be the most meaningful performance of his young career.

The 20-year-old singer/songwriter, who was one of three winners of the festival's Battle of the Bands this year earning him an appearance at the 14th annual daylong event, is thrilled for the opportunity after receiving such positive reaction during the competition.

"It was just really cool to see how many people came out to support me and how the crowd really quieted down and listened to what I was singing about," Vogel said. "It was just so cool and heart touching."

Vogel, who was raised in Valhalla in a music-loving family, spent most of his childhood singing at his mother's request. It wasn't until he attended church that he learned how to play different instruments and started to develop his sound.

"I began on drums, but I wanted to impress girls so I played guitar," Vogel said. "I taught myself guitar and then piano came and now I'm all piano. I love playing the piano more than anything."

Eventually Vogel gravitated to songwriting, citing artists like John

Mayer and Ed Sheeran as his influences for his earnest soft pop style. Soon after, Vogel employed his talents by learning to produce music using GarageBand, a computerized music creation studio. Eager to develop that craft, he attended SAE Institute, an audio engineering school in New York City.

"I felt that was the right path because I loved that aspect of making music, not just writing it but recording, soundboard and making arrangements. It just made sense and I loved it," Vogel said. "It was a great time and it's helped me produce my own EP and hone in on my craft."

While Vogel said it's taken him several years to find his musical identity, he's anxious to release his five-track alternative pop debut album, "Until My Lungs Give," this summer.

Vogel didn't anticipate revealing his tracks to the public so soon, but he credits his friend, David Whoie, from the Lagond Music School in Elmsford for supporting his talent and encouraging him to enter into the Battle of the Bands competition earlier this year.

"I owe everything to my friend who made me do this," Vogel said. "He's the man."

After his performance in the Battle



Keyboardist and singer/songwriter David Vogel will kick off the lineup at the Pleasantville Music Festival's Chill Tent Stage.

of the Bands, Vogel has had a surge of confidence.

Vogel isn't awed about opening the festival's Chill Tent Stage at noon on Saturday and he is ready to stand on his own and entertain the crowd with his passionate lyrics and smooth

instrumentals.

"I do love playing with a band, but I just want to own myself and who I am," Vogel said. "Performing has become so natural and so easy, so I'm not nervous about performing. I'm just really excited."

Fantastic Finds Chappaqua

By Martin Wilbur

When Support Connection Executive Director Kathy Quinn was approached to take over the old American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Chappaqua, it was natural that she had some reservations.

The nonprofit organization, which provides counseling and services to women with breast and ovarian cancer, has always had its plate full since it was established in 1996. Conceivably, operating a thrift shop could put an even great strain on its limited resources.

But the more Quinn and Support Connection's board members considered the possibility, it was viewed as an opportunity rather than a headache. Since Mar. 1, 2017, not only has Fantastic Finds been providing Support Connection with another revenue stream but shoppers can find an assortment of quality clothing, accessories and housewares far below market price.

"It's really been a great situation for people," Quinn said. "The other thing

that's really positive is we're letting people know in the area that we're here. So for people that need help and don't know of us, now they know we're around. It's been a very, very good marriage."

The roughly 1,200-square-foot shop located at 400 King St. is bursting with clothes that are in season at prices as low as one-third what you would find for comparable items elsewhere. While many of the clothing, shoes, jewelry and handbags are for women, there are sport jackets, suits, shirts, ties and other items for men.

There are also dining room sets, bric-a-brac, artwork for the walls and small furniture such as chairs and end tables. Some of the items could make for great gifts for a shopper who needs to find a special something for a friend, neighbor or colleague and doesn't know what to get them.

Quinn said one of the beauties of Fantastic Finds is that there is constantly new merchandise coming in, so if a shopper doesn't find something



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

A staff comprised exclusively of volunteers keeps the very busy Fantastic Finds thrift shop operating for the nonprofit organization Support Connection.

he or she likes one week, the next week there is likely to be significant turnover.

"This is great for people setting up a home, even college students find things here and there's new things every day," Quinn said. "So we have customers come in a couple of times a week because they like to see what's here and you never know what special item we might have here."

Everything in Fantastic Finds is new and gently used merchandise and is donated, mostly by people in the community. All donations are tax-deductible.

The store is staffed exclusively by volunteers, Quinn said. Support Connection has a roster of about 50 community members who take

alternating shifts. Typically, each day is split into two shifts with three volunteers on hand at all times, she said.

Not to be overlooked, all of the revenue generated from the shop after rent and utilities are paid go directly toward Support Connection programs, Quinn said. In the first 10 months that Fantastic Finds operated, it generated \$30,000 for the organization.

While Support Connection holds three major fundraisers each year, Quinn said it's hard to continue to ask the community to give more. The nonprofit, which now helps people across the United States, subsists on just over \$500,000 a year, so Fantastic Finds provide a crucial revenue stream, she added. The store is ahead of last year's pace in 2018.

"It's a great place to shop, it's a great place to volunteer, it's a great place to donate," Quinn said. "It's a really good model. What I love about it, people form friendships here and we've been able to help quite a few people."

Fantastic Finds is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For anyone looking to donate items, Support Connection asks that they be brought in between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call the shop at 914-238-9200, visit www.supportconnection.org or e-mail fantastic.finds@supportconnection.org.

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Reconnecting With My First Home (and a Relative) in an Uncanny Way

Thomas Wolfe wrote that “You Can’t Go Home Again,” but I have frequently revisited homes where I have formerly resided, even one I didn’t remember.

Just recently I enjoyed an almost surreal experience in revisiting my first home in New York, a five-story, walk-up brownstone in Greenwich Village. The experience also served to reunite me with a family member I hadn’t seen in many years.

From the time I was 10 years old, living in a small town in Virginia, I knew that I wanted to live my grown-up life in New York City. I had just accompanied my parents celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Almost overwhelmed by the excitement of the city and having a keen interest in theater and the arts, I knew I couldn’t live anywhere else. Not only did I choose Manhattan as my ultimate destination, but after I saw the film “My Sister Eileen,” the wacky comedy about the adventures of two sisters living in Greenwich Village, I narrowed my search to the West Village.

Upon my college graduation, I traveled



By Bill Primavera

to New York with two friends who had similar aspirations. At that time, believe it or not, there was a glut of apartments available in the city because developers sought to beat a looming deadline to upgrade building standards. You’ve probably never heard the term “concessions” offered on leases, but two and three months free rent were offered to lure tenants to new buildings. My two friends and I moved into a spanking new studio apartment at Greenwich Avenue and West 10th Street, with \$180 a month rent, which we considered high.

I was living in a luxurious, albeit small apartment, on the ninth floor with a large picture window and a view of the Empire State Building. The only problem was that my two roommates and I were having a hard time getting along. Within two months, we all decided to find other quarters and move out.

Luckily, I found that a neighbor directly across the street from my building was looking for a roommate and I applied. I walked out on the lease

I alone had signed, being the only one among us who was over 21, and moved into the top floor walk-up “cold water” flat, an apartment that lacked hot running water. When we bathed, we had to heat water on the stove and pour it into the tub along with the cold water.

The rent for the one (small) bedroom unit was only \$37.50, which seemed extraordinarily low even at that time, but once again I didn’t get along well with my roommate.

Fast forward 50 years or so when I’m posting opinions on Facebook and, with one of them, I receive a “like” from my great-niece Teresa with whom I’d met only twice – once when she was eight years old and her grandparents had brought her to my home and once more when she applied to colleges in New York. I texted her to catch up on her impressive career as a journalist. After a couple of exchanges, I asked where she was living. She replied the West Village.

“Ah,” I said, “that’s where I first lived, on West 10th Street.” She said that she too lived on West 10th Street.

“Wow,” I responded, “my address there was 138 W. 10th St.”

I received a response, all in caps, “MY ADDRESS IS 138 WEST 10th STREET!”

There are about 77,000 apartment buildings in Manhattan. What are the

odds that two generations apart both my great-niece and I would have chosen the same building to call our first home in Manhattan? Surely, it must be something more than coincidence.

After several other Facebook exchanges, I was invited to visit my great-niece at my old haunts, which I did within the week. Going back to that building after more than 50 years was quite an experience for me. I was almost overwhelmed by feelings of nostalgia. It was amazing to me how the mere physical presence of an old home could conjure up that kind of emotion.

My older sister, the grandmother of Teresa, once told me that she never wanted to visit any of her former homes. “I don’t look back, I look forward,” she told me. Well I guess I’m one of those who likes to look back. That visit to my early domicile was bittersweet in all the memories it conjured up and I for one was happy to have had the experience.

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Jazz Saxophonist Comes to Westchester With Plenty of 'Promise!'

By Martin Wilbur

Carl Bartlett, Jr. had the proper exposure and pedigree to become an accomplished jazz musician. From the time he was eight or nine years old, he would tag along with his father and his uncle on their gigs around the New York area.

Their group was a 10-piece R&B band, which performed an eclectic mix of rhythm and blues, Latin and funk music along with a bit of jazz.

"I saw this wonderful band live at a young age so that inspired me, and my dad, he was a saxophonist, that also inspired me," Bartlett said. "And my uncle was a trumpeter. So I really just came from a musical family."

But it was Christmas Day 1996 when Bartlett's life was changed forever. His uncle gave the then 14-year-old a record called "Dreams" from the great tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker. The next day, Bartlett, exhilarated by that recording, picked up his alto saxophone and would play every chance he had. More than 20 years later, he's hardly put it down.

Today, Bartlett is in the midst of a nearly yearlong tour promoting his second career album "Promise!" consisting of eight of his original modern jazz compositions. He has been

touring up and down the East Coast since the CD's release last December. Two of the songs feature his uncle, Charles Bartlett, on trumpet.

This Saturday night, he will bring his quartet to the BeanRunner Café in downtown Peekskill. If you love jazz, this is the place to be. Whether listening to the Carl Bartlett Quartet live or picking up his CD, expect to hear a blend of traditional jazz, mixed with some mellow and a bit of the abstract.

"I try to combine all of that within a CD, not just have completely abstract, not have it be completely straight, because our sound is already a very modern sound," said Bartlett, the first-place winner for jazz in the 2015-16 International Songwriting Competition. "I just try to work in all of that. Even though I have all originals, I try to do melodic things and a tinge of abstract because these are the things that I feel."

In addition to selections from "Promise!" the audience will also be treated to a few classic jazz standards with Bartlett leading the way. He will be joined by drummer Tony Jefferson, a Peekskill native, Steve Wood on bass and Julius Chen on piano.

During the past six months, Bartlett has been overwhelmed by the reaction has been getting from "Promise!" Most



BUZZ B PHOTO

Acclaimed jazz saxophonist Carl Bartlett, Jr., who has been touring since December to promote his latest CD, will perform this Saturday night at the BeanRunner Café in Peekskill.

impressively, audiences at his live shows have been calling out for "High Pizzazz," one of the cuts on the album.

"That's when an artist's original work can stand out to an audience and I'm really happy about that," Bartlett said.

For Bartlett, who counts Sonny Stitt, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker and Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis as his main influences, the second CD comes six years after his original release "Hopeful," which also contained eight songs, including six

originals.

The Queens native graduated from the prestigious Manhattan School of Music, graduating with a Bachelor's of Music in jazz performance. From the time he was in college, Bartlett has been a regular performer on the New York music scene after he formed his own jazz band at 19.

In 2006, two years after he finished college, Bartlett became the head music instructor at the Martin Luther School in Maspeth, Queens. He still gives private lessons to students on the alto and tenor saxophones and the bass clarinet.

Bartlett said he's looking forward to his engagement Saturday night at the BeanRunner, the type of venue that bubbles with energy and excitement.

"I'm playing now more than ever and it's really fantastic," he said. "I set out to do it and I'm doing it and continue to look for even greater opportunities."

Saturday's show is scheduled for 8 p.m. The BeanRunner Café is located at 201 S. Division St. in Peekskill. Admission is \$15. Reservations are recommended. For more information and reservations, call 914-737-1701 or visit www.beanrunnercafe.com. Reservations should be made at least 48 hours in advance.

Happenings

Wednesday, July 11

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

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

Mother Nature's Storytime. Children, enjoy nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. Dress for outdoor activity in this six-week session. A portion of each class is spent outdoors except in extreme conditions. For children two to four years old, with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50

per child and caregiver for the session. Non-members: \$90. Meets Wednesdays through Aug. 15. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill 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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

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

Preschool Storytime. This interactive

story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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.

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Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.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 July 18 and 25. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also July 18 and 25. Info: 914-273-3887.

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.

Knitting at the Library. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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.

MPPL Techies Drop-In. MPPL Techies are local teen volunteers who will be available to assist patrons for drop in-tech help on Wednesdays. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and a volunteer will help you download one of the many services available for Mount Pleasant Public Library cardholders. Be sure to bring in your fully charged device and your Apple App Store, Android Google Play or Kindle Amazon passwords. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Outdoor Concert Series: Rene Carlson

and Rob Hammel. Fountain Park, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts continue on alternating Wednesdays through Sept. 19. Info: Visit www.mountkiscoartscouncil.org.

Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle. An educational workshop for people approaching or entering retirement or the recently retired. Led by social security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Purchase Free Library, 3093 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Also July 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-948-0550 or e-mail www.pfl@wlsmail.org.

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

Summer With Shakespeare 2018: "Julius Caesar." A screening of this 1953 film starring Marlon Brando. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Etienne Duperac. This French architect, painter, engraver and garden designer was famous for his maps and studies of Rome and its layout. Born in France in 1525, he relocated to Rome and made his name with his birds-eye views of ancient and modern Rome. A contemporary of Antonio La Freri, he was also known for his incredibly detailed engravings. 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.

New Castle 2018 Summer Concert Series: White Wedding. Come and listen to this '80s tribute band perform. Bring a chair or a blanket and a picnic basket. There will be beer and wine from DeCicco & Sons, multiple food trucks and fun activities for the kids. Recreation Field, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.facebook.com/events/403881140112906.

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

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What's the Buzz With Honeybees? Learn why honeybees are critical players in our lives and in the global economy. Get close to them using an observation hive and meet some of the resident pollinators in the meadow. Includes a honey tasting direct from the hives on the property. Time will be left at the end to discuss backyard beekeeping for anyone interested. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, July 12

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

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

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

Osteoporosis Support and Education. For individuals with osteoporosis. Provides education on nutrition, exercise (weight-bearing, strengthening and balance), activities of daily living and treatment options. Phelps Hospital's boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Park behind the hospital and enter through the auditorium entrance. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail toewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

Storytime. For children 18 months to

five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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

Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meets most Thursdays. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

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

Ethical Considerations in Real Estate and Title Insurance. An informative seminar for attorneys and realtors. Antonio Voza, vice president and New York State counsel for the Agency Department of First American Title Insurance Company-Eastern Division, will be the event speaker. His presentation will cover conflicts of interest, division of fees, contractual relationships between lawyers and nonlegal professionals and payment for referrals. Two CE and CLE credits will be given to New York and New Jersey attorneys and realtors who complete the presentation. Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains. Registration at 2 p.m. Seminar from 3 to 5 p.m. Cocktail reception and networking event from 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Seating limiting; advance registration required. Info and registration: Contact Mari Anastos at 914-683-5900 or e-mail Manastos@Statewidea.com.

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A Beautiful Sunday in the Park and Some Amazing Birding

By Brian Kluepfel

This Sunday, we went for a stroll along the old Croton Aqueduct Trail to Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining. It was a great day in general, and for birding in particular.

The first bird we noticed was an American Goldfinch flitting amongst the overhanging canopy of the trail. For birders of any experience, the Aqueduct Trail between Ossining and Croton is rife with opportunity, often dense with foliage on both sides of the path. There are some benches close to Mariandale, too, for a relaxed viewing experience.

Further on we heard, and then saw, a red-bellied woodpecker, and soon after, a Northern Cardinal. It's funny how the species change over seasons; right now, the cardinals seem a much more muted red than their brilliant coloration in mating season. Still, they are something special: ordinary to us Eastern birders, but still extraordinary.

As we entered Mariandale through

a pathway from the Aqueduct Trail, we took notice of how the custodians of the property are letting it go back to nature in a controlled way. The old way of saying this would be letting a property "go to seed," but Mariandale's caretakers have intricately woven pathways through the now-dense fields of tall grass and flowers, and we saw various rabbits and deer, as well as birds, during our visit.

You always hope for a special bird on any outing, and today we were rewarded with a flyover of a Bald Eagle as we meandered the pathways, checking on starlings and such. Wow! Such a spectacular sight, maybe our late Fourth of July treat to see the national bird. Thankfully we can see them year-round in the Hudson Valley now that the river is at a certain level of cleanliness.

What more can you hope for after a bald eagle sighting? Well, a couple of precocious mockingbirds, teasing us with their sing-song, and again, more cardinals.

Along the river front – resting a

bit on the convenient benches of Mariandale – we took a gander at a quartet of Canada geese floating gently near the riverbank. Again, like the cardinals, a common Eastern species, but beautiful to observe. American robins, the representative state bird for several of our neighbors, made a here-and-there appearance, its orange breast shining in the morning sun.

We put our birding to bed with a sighting of a Downy Woodpecker, and then a HO (heard only) ID of some cackling crows. Realizing we had left home without a proper breakfast, and perhaps prompted by all the birds eating their fill, we headed back to Ossining, our stomachs rumbling. In my hunger, and perhaps cognizant of the quasi-religious surroundings, I recalled my favorite Bible passage, from the Book of Matthew:

Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall

put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. ... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Yes, I suppose it was going to be a good day after all. We walked up the Aqueduct Trail, headed for home.

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Sell in May and Go Away: A Quaint But Outdated Adage

If you pay attention to the stock market and perhaps have some investments, you may have heard the saying "Sell in May and go away."

Generally speaking, there is a belief that the months between May and October can be difficult for stocks, while November to April can be good. However, just as there is no such thing as "free money," there is no one-size-fits-all outline for investing.

The phrase is believed to have originated from an old English saying, "Sell in May and go away, and come on back on St. Leger's Day." This refers to the custom

of aristocrats and the business class leaving London and taking up residence in the country for the summer. They returned in time for the St. Leger's Stakes, a thoroughbred horse race held in mid-September.

Gut instinct alone tells us that leaving our business and financial affairs languishing for six months may not be the best strategy. In the six-month period from November 2017 to April 2018, for instance, the stock market started out doing very well then ran into a wall. The Dow Jones Industrial

Average's highest close occurred on Jan. 26, 2018, when it hit 26,616.71.

By February, the market had dropped more than 10 percent, putting it into correction territory and increasing the fears of investors who also had to deal with rising interest rates and inflation worries.

From that point on, the Dow was unremarkable until Mar. 22, when it suddenly dropped 724.42 points, to 23,957.89. It fell another 500 points on Apr. 3. This, mind you, was during the time of year that the market was supposed to be doing its best.

Before the Dow hit its record high in January, it had reached 96 record closing peaks since the 2016 election. Investors were optimistic about the potential approval of business-friendly legislation and other job-boosting measures. Various initiatives drew similar market support, putting money back into the economy, which also made the market attractive to foreign investments. Yet, investor confidence was short-lived and quickly faded as the market headed south.

Looking at the market's ups and downs

from 2000 to 2017, we find that there are numerous instances of the market trending down during the winter months and back up during the summer. In 2003, for instance, and again in 2009, the market took major hits in the fall and winter months and improved in the summer.

Because of the old phrase, some investors are now asking themselves if they should avoid stocks altogether until November. Frankly, even though there still are some days when the market seems to be walking a tightrope, or is uncertain at best, there is likelihood for overcoming the next six months – and beyond.

Long-term statistics may suggest that the May to October period is not as robust as the rest of the year, but it also should be noted that some impressive rallies in recent history took place in the summer. Basically, the record is mixed.

Maybe it made sense long ago to leave town for a couple of months and let business languish while enjoying a season-long holiday. But really, how many of us can afford to take off an entire season



By Peter Chieco

these days? And do we want to parallel our investment activities, regardless of the time of the year, with preparations for a major wagering event?

Determining the best time to invest, including whether to buy or sell, involves the same diligence and research that we put into selecting the companies or sectors that provide the best opportunities. As for me, I

would never advise an investor to adjust a long-term investment plan based on potential seasonal varieties.

Even though we had volatility recently, investors should be laser-focused on meeting long-term targets with goals-based wealth management – regardless of how the market is moving day to day.

If we want the best outcomes and the best decisions, we need to look at the big picture – and beware of outdated adages that no longer apply.

Peter Chieco is a financial adviser with the Wealth Management Division of Morgan Stanley in Greenwich, Conn. He can be reached at 203-625-4897.

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An Evening Soiree at the Art Gallery. A ceremonial tree planting and gallery talks by Strawtown Director Laurie Seeman and Rockefeller State Park Preserve Director Susan Antenen. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-631-1470 or visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.com.

On-the-Go Self Care. Clinical psychologist Dr. Adwoa Akhu merges psychology with spirituality, calling on her broad experience of helping people with stress, anxiety, depression and trauma to focus on improving all the relationships in one's life. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

"The Peacemaker." A film that follows the life and work of Padraig O'Malley, a man who has acted as a negotiator of

reconciliation in some of the world's most contentious zones of conflict. He got his start working on the conflict in Northern Ireland and has since worked on complicated and tumultuous meetings in South Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans. His strategy is guided by experience and empathy; he asks that divided cultures undergoing peace talks also assist with reconciliation efforts in other regions. The success of O'Malley's work is contrasted with a barren and tumultuous personal life, including his past as an alcoholic and a string of failed relationships. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Michael Brown in Concert. A pianist on the rise, Brown was recently named an Emerging Artist of 2018 by Lincoln Center. He is not only "a young piano visionary" but an exceptional composer as well. In his Caramoor recital, he celebrates Leonard Bernstein's centennial with a composition of his own, "100 Chords for Bernstein," alongside selections from "West Side Story." Also on the program are pieces by Haydn, Medtner and Copland. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

"Finding Vivian Maier." A film screening in conjunction with the exhibit "Vivian Maier Revealed: Selections From the Archives," featuring a selection of more than 30 black and white photographs by American street photographer Vivian Maier. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit www.madelynjordonfineart.com.

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GAGE FUNDING, INC, JOSE URENA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendants. Index No.: 69643/2017 Date Filed: 11/30/17 Summons Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 797 Hartsdale Road White Plains, New York 10607 To The Above-Named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and

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Seeking Truth About the Many Longstanding Wine Myths



By Nick Antonaccio

Readers have been asking for advice on wine drinking standards. As you acquire a more refined taste, and preference, for certain wines, there are accepted axioms floating around the “Bacchusphere” that become confusing.

Many are still relevant, but others have taken on the cloak of myths and have no practical relevancy. Differentiating between fact and fiction is sometimes difficult – especially when expressed by wine “experts.”

Myths or facts? Here are three wine “truths” that have been questioned by readers and others I’ve met in my travels. I’ve selected these topics at random and present them in no particular order of importance or relevancy.

1. A bottle of wine must breathe before it is poured.

In fact, this does nothing for the wine. Leaving an opened bottle of wine on

the table simply delays your drinking of the wine. The truth is that certain red wines do need time to breathe but pulling the cork and letting the bottle sit is analogous to a reference I once heard that it is like sitting in a stuffy airplane and expecting the air to become fresh simply by opening the cockpit door. In the months or years of being confined in the bottle, wine continually evolves as a living, breathing organism. It needs to breathe, but it needs help.

To enjoy the pent-up aromas and flavors of red wine, try one of these: 1) decant the bottle 30 to 60 minutes before serving; the interaction of the wine with oxygen speeds the evolution of the wine. 2) Don’t have an hour to wait? Pour a third of glass of wine and vigorously swirl the glass in circular motions, allowing oxygen to interact with the wine. 3) Purchase a wine aerator and pour the wine through this amazingly efficient device. It is more effective than swirling and more timesaving than a decanter. I have tested an aerator several hundred (thousand) times and it has never failed to enhance the wine at hand.

2. Sniffing a cork tells you something

about the quality of the wine.

This centuries-old tradition is an early-warning exercise. But it is a simple visual test, not a “smell” test. It rarely tells you anything about the essence of the wine in the bottle. If the cork is cracked or moldy or has tracks of wine along its sides, there may be a problem, but it doesn’t necessarily mean the wine is corked or otherwise adulterated.

This is determined by the next step you should follow: sniff the wine. Pour a bit into a glass, swirl it around and insert your nose into the glass. If the wine smells tainted (a wet newspaper odor) or oxygenated (off-putting aromas), you may have a bad bottle. Send it back. If it’s not spoiled but doesn’t quite live up to your lofty aromatic expectations, too bad. Typically, once the bottle is opened, you’ve purchased it.

3. All these wines with screwtops!

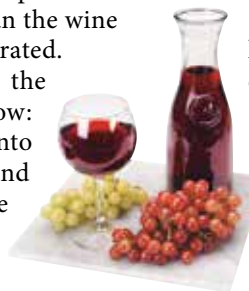
They can’t be good for wine. Wrong. I am a strong advocate of screwtops. Why? There’s no chance of a tainted bottle and the seal is tighter than a cork. Added bonus: you don’t have to wrestle with a bottle opener and risk embarrassing yourself in front of family and friends. Unless you’re planning to store a bottle of wine for several decades, consider

screwtops your friend.

Another bottle closure, the plastic cork, is sound in concept. But in practical terms this has to be one of the worst alternatives to cork ever devised. They can be impossible to penetrate with a corkscrew and form an airtight seal in the neck of the bottle. Extracting one has transformed me into a contortionist too often for comfort.

Look for future columns dedicated to mythbusters on subjects as diverse as numeric wine ratings, the proper temperature for serving wines and the confusing state of grape names around the world. I look forward to answering your individual questions via e-mail.

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Friday Night Film Series: “Buena Vista Social Club.” Wim Wenders’ award-winning documentary on forgotten and aging Cuban musicians who are brought out of retirement by fellow musician and film score composer Ry Cooder. The film brings these men together in Havana with triumphant performances of extraordinary music as well as a retelling of moments from their careers. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Saturday, July 14

Coffee With Wolves. Visitors are encouraged to bring their newspapers and spend a relaxing morning with our

ambassador and red wolves. We’ll provide the coffee – and the wolves! The wolves can be very active in the early morning so visitors remain quiet and subdued, as this is a peaceful, private moment for all involved. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 8:30 a.m. \$12. Also July 28. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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, Market Sprouts will present crafts with Lulu and Leo Fund from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the music series will feature jazz and blues by the Bumper Crop Boys, from 10 a.m. to noon and the health and sustainability will feature Nutrition Bits & Bites: Anti-inflammatory foods from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. 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.

Vote Like a Girl. Pay tribute to fearless women past and present. Featuring art activities, games, music and a parade. Visitors can explore suffrage and citizenship by making a radical cross-stitch project, decorating a Statue of Liberty crown, making postcards to send their representatives and getting photo-ops with suffragette sashes and 19th-century clothing. A fashion show will help kids explore how confining women’s clothing impacted daily tasks. Susan Hood, author of “Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World,” will read from and sign copies of her book. Music historian Linda Russell will teach suffrage songs, which will be sung during a parade. Little scientists can test their STEM skills while honoring female inventors by experimenting with a wind tunnel, making slime and practicing archeology techniques. Food and ice cream will be sold. Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Irvington. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Seniors: \$12. Children (17 and under) and Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. Prices are \$2 more per ticket when purchased on-site or by phone. Info

and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it’s a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups! Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also July 28 at 11 a.m., July 29 at 1 p.m. and July 15, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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SUMMER BASEBALL

Mt. Kisco Chiefs 11U Team - GHVBL



Chiefs southpaw Sean Maddock delivers a pitch during Sunday's loss to the Croton Tigers.



Mt. Kisco shortstop Danny Spolansky makes a late tag at second base as Croton's Eric Min reaches safely in Sunday's Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League game.



Mt. Kisco's Daniel Caporale fires a pitch to the plate in Sunday's game against Croton at Leonard Park.



Mt. Kisco 11U second baseman Zach Goldman stays ready during Sunday's game at Leonard Park.



Tyler Renz of the Mt. Kisco Chiefs 11U team takes a lead off of first base at Leonard Park.



Michael Feola hits the ball toward left field in the Mt. Kisco Chiefs' home game on Sunday morning.



Cole Simon of the Chiefs looks over his shoulder for the location of the ball as he runs to second base in Sunday's GHVBL 11U game.



Danny Spolansky catches a pop fly at shortstop in front of teammate Zach Goldman.



The Chiefs' Daniel Caporale just barely legs out an infield hit during Sunday's game against Croton.



Mt. Kisco infielder Michael Feola fields a wide throw at second base in the Chiefs' loss to the visiting Tigers.



The Chiefs' Cole Simon lines a pitch down the line in left during Sunday's home game vs. Croton.



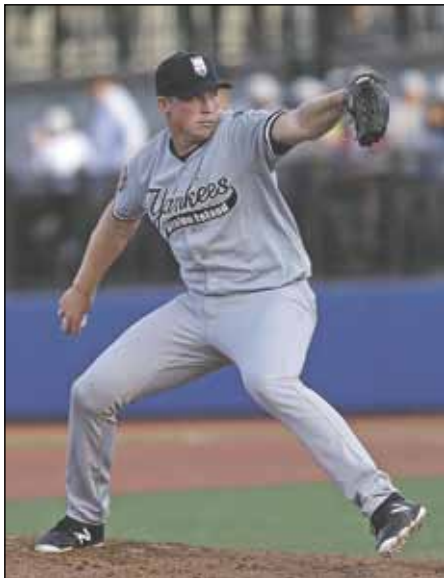
Sean Maddock awaits a pitch as he bats in Sunday's game vs. visiting Croton.



Renegades starter Nick Padilla fires a pitch in Friday night's game vs. Staten Island at Dutchess Stadium.



New Hudson Valley manager Blake Butera, just 25 years old, is the youngest skipper in minor league baseball.



Staten Island starting pitcher Matt Sauer went six and a third innings to earn the win Friday evening at Dutchess Stadium.



Staten Island shortstop Eduardo Torrealba throws to first base to complete a seventh-inning double play in Friday's 3-2 win over the host Renegades.

NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE Hudson Valley Renegades vs. Staten Island Yankees



Staten Island first baseman Eric Wagaman swings for the fences in the 3-2 victory over the Renegades that completed a three-game sweep for the Yankees.



The Renegades' Tyler Frank, a second-round draft pick last month, slides safely into second base in the 3-2 loss to Staten Island.



Hudson Valley baserunner Jake Stone heads for second base during Friday night's game.



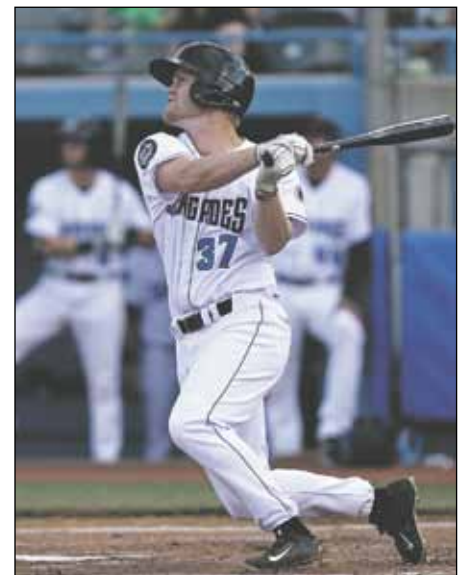
Hudson Valley's Tanner Dodson struck out four batters in three innings of relief work Friday, routinely clocking 95 mph on the radar gun.



Hudson Valley shortstop Ford Proctor scampers after a soft liner in Friday's game. He made a leaping catch.



Yankees catcher Jackson Thoreson sets his sights on a pop-up in the road win over Hudson Valley at Dutchess Stadium.



The Renegades' Jacson McGowan blasts a second-inning double in the 3-2 loss to the Staten Island Yankees.





Quinten Cooleen throws a pitch in the Class B championship game at Palisades Credit Union Park.



Jack Fogel concentrates on a forehand during a second-singles match against host Croton.



Zach Vincent dodges his way to the cage in a home game against Putnam Valley early in the season.



The Bears' Kelly O'Donnell draws some defensive attention in a game against host Horace Greeley.

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Distance runners Ben Cooper (left) and Mark Rogers are side by side as they compete in the 3200 at a dual meet early in the season.



Ashley Goldstein gets set to send a shot toward the cage in the Mt. Pleasant Cup championship game vs. Pleasantville.



Camron Fash sets up the Bears' attack in the regular-season showdown against Pleasantville.



Amanda King delivers a pitch to the plate during an early-season home game.



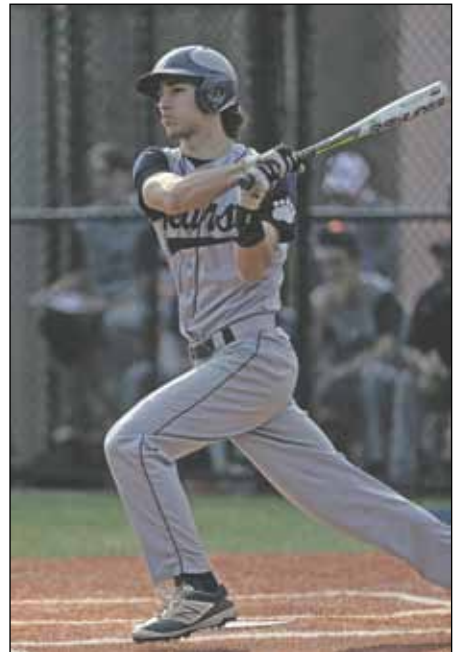
Matt Burnette clears a hurdle during the league championships, hosted by Briarcliff.



Spencer McCann races to third base in the Bears' win over Putnam Valley in the Booster Club Tournament title game.



The Bears' David Levitt gets set to drill a backhand return in his match at first singles vs. the Croton Tigers.



Slugging first baseman Noah Campo hits the ball to left field during the Bears' annual Booster Club Tournament.



Golfer Christian Gonseth hits a tee shot during a match vs. Fox Lane late in the season.

FOX LANE

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Speedster Andrew Brown heads for the finish line in the 100 at the state qualifier meet.



The Foxes' Natalie Bazyk gets ready to pass the ball up the field.



Sam Barton runs in the 1600 at the state qualifier meet at White Plains High School.



Sachin Ganesh moves forward to hit a backhand return during one of his matches at first singles.



Justin Picone follows the flight of his approach shot during a golf match against host Yorktown at Mohansic Golf Club.



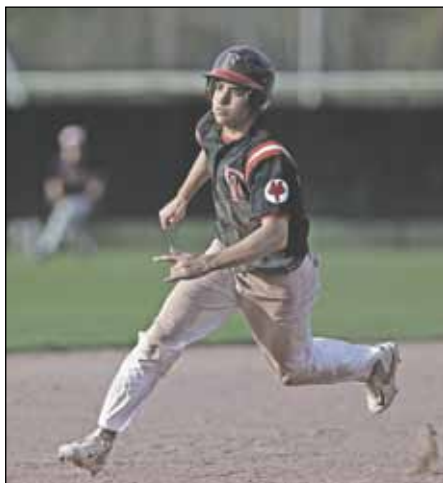
Lacrosse standout Matt Magnan goes on the attack in a road game against Pleasantville early in the season.



Danielle Palladino hits a pitch down the left-field line late in the season.



Gianna New controls the ball behind the cage in the Foxes' sectional playoff game at Yorktown.



Ethan Gabor races toward third base during the Foxes' home win over Greeley.



Star catcher Henry Davis swings the bat in a road game against the John Jay Indians.



Adriana Piccolino runs the bases in a Fox Lane win over host Greeley.



Dillon Morgan races up the field with the ball during the Foxes' game against John Jay in Cross River.



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