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P'ville Explores Options for Additional Downtown Parking

By Anna Young

Pleasantville officials are looking to increase parking to offset the projected loss of 41 spaces with the planned transformation of Memorial Plaza into a civic space.

With the Village Board aiming to redevelop a roughly half-acre parcel on the west end of Memorial Plaza as a public gathering place, officials last week began analyzing various parking lots and streets that could be used to increase metered parking to mitigate lost spaces once the new public area is constructed.

"If you've been here a long time you can see it's a much busier place than it was 20 years ago, there's a lot of cars," Trustee Joseph Stargiotti said at the Aug. 13 work session. "We're just trying to brainstorm where we can find parking so we're asking our staff to look around and tell us what they see."

Two layouts were discussed to expand the municipal lot on Hopper Street, which currently contains 71 spaces. One design would increase parking to 88 vehicles by creating 74 narrower spaces within the lot and adding 14 parallel spots on Hopper Street. The other design would consist of 76 angled spaces, with 62 within the lot and 14 parallel spots.

Trustee David Vinjamuri said he wasn't happy with the option of making the spaces narrower. He said it would create more problems with potential accidents and vehicle damage.

Mayor Peter Scherer said the project wouldn't be worth the estimated \$45,000 to \$50,000 if they couldn't get a decent increase. Vinjamuri suggested removing one or two spaces to avoid complications.

Another suggestion was additional

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No. Castle Disposes of Latest Fareri Affordable Unit Relocation Bid

By Martin Wilbur

Another attempt by an Armonk developer to relocate six affordable units from one of his projects to another was rejected last week as North Castle officials refused to reconsider their position on the issue.

Developer Michael Fareri sent a letter to the Town Board on Aug. 10 once again asking to be put on a future meeting agenda to discuss having the affordable units transferred from his approved 36-unit development at the old lumberyard property on Bedford Road to 470 Main St. Last year, Fareri was approved for 16 units on Main Street, at least two of which must be affordable.

However, by last Friday, Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the board would not

entertain the latest request, pointing to how the town made its decision opposing the identical move last year. Schiliro also said Fareri's Article 78, brought against the town in May 2017 following the denial of his last request, was thrown out of state Supreme Court.

Board members have said they strongly prefer having required affordable units for a project built on-site, citing the town's affordable housing ordinance.

"How many times can we look at the same thing over and over again and have the same outcome?" Schiliro asked. "We have the absolute right not to further proposals that we don't want to move forward."

Fareri, who has battled the town on this issue and a host of other matters over

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Lights, Camera, Action



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Howard Meyer, co-founder of Howard Meyer's Acting Program, will be offering a free open house on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville to introduce tweens, teens and adults to the acting classes offered through the program. Aspiring actors ages 10 to 17 should arrive by 5:30 p.m. while adults should arrive at 7 p.m. For more information, call 914-286-7680, visit www.HMActing.org or e-mail axialtheatre.org.

Pair of Mt. Kisco Water Main Projects Approved By Board

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board voted unanimously last week to approve a water main project for a portion of Route 117 and water main and drainage improvements on Mountain Avenue.

Trustees accepted a \$700,074 bid from Legacy Supply LLC for the Mountain Avenue work and also a bid from MTS Infrastructure LLC for the Route 117 work. The latter project will be broken into two pieces – \$1,883,715 for parts and labor and \$6.9 million to replace the main under North Bedford Road from Preston Way to Green Lane.

The village hopes to have Con Edison wait to repave North Bedford Road until the water main work is completed, which would save Mount Kisco about

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Mount Kisco Village Manager Edward Brancati

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parking on the south side of Vermilyea Street near Martling Avenue. Scherer said Superintendent of Public Works Jeffrey Econom was inspecting curbs and right of way issues and offered Vermilyea Street as another option. That project, estimated at \$37,500, would generate 21 spaces, said Village Administrator Eric Morrissey.

There is currently no parking on Vermilyea Street.

Tompkins Avenue was also proposed as an area that could generate up to 50 spaces. However, Morrissey said reconstruction of the street would take at least three months and cost about \$67,000. There's potential for complications with the work requiring a variety of easements, he said.

However, that option appealed to Stargiotti.

"I would like to see us move forward on the development on the plan for Tompkins Avenue," Stargiotti said. "This is the plan that is the most feasible and one way or another it has to be repaved and curbed and designed and laid out. I think we should do that."

Officials are also looking to improve signage and update parking meters. Parking enforcement officers

recommended the 15-minute meters on Wheeler Avenue should have more signs or should be changed to one-hour meters. They also requested updated signage in the Cooley Street lot and that signs be added to the Rebecca Lane lot that clearly specify permit parking restrictions.

Scherer said he would like to implement industrial parking stations or a pay-by-app network but the expense would require an increase in parking fees throughout the village. He said the last time the topic was discussed residents strongly opposed increasing the price of parking.

Currently, street meters are battery powered and operate independently. Kiosks are used on a separate cellular network connection.

"How do you build the tech that we need and how do you build that tech that people want as they become increasingly used to doing things on their phone?" Scherer said. "We would have to charge a lot more for parking in order to buy the tech and not have it be a loss year after year after year."

The board agreed to continue discussing parking improvements during upcoming work sessions.

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\$2 million by not having to re-open the roadway.

Con Edison opened up North Bedford Road last fall for gas line installations for businesses in Bedford and Mount Kisco. The work disrupted last year's holiday shopping season for merchants in close proximity to the utility's work.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the village has been working with Con Edison and the state Department of Transportation (DOT) on coordinating the road repaving. Picinich said village officials want to move forward and complete the water main installation as soon as possible.

Officials are looking to complete the water main work by late October. Village Manager Edward Brancati said the village hopes to have Con Edison repave North Bedford Road before winter.

After the water main work is done, the village plans to install new pipe sleeves under the adjacent sidewalk.

All work on North Bedford Road will be done at night, Brancati said. While some traffic delays are expected, opting for night work should reduce congestion, Picinich added.

Brancati said the infrastructure work is part of a series of water projects officials are pursuing throughout the village in the coming years that will cost up to an estimated \$20 million. The work will be paid by borrowing through 20-year bonds.

The village is also looking to help offset the cost of the projects with various grants, Brancati said.

Some of the future projects include a water main replacement under Byram Lake Road, upgrading the village pump stations and filtration plant as well as potentially creating new wells, Brancati said.

Work on all water improvement projects is expected to be completed by 2022, he said.

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Mt. Kisco Trustees Accept Draft Comprehensive Plan Update

By Neal Renz

An update of the Mount Kisco Comprehensive Plan update moved forward last week as the Village Board accepted the steering committee's draft document following months of discussion at public meetings.

The draft has 11 chapters addressing land use and zoning, population and housing, the downtown, the economy, environmental resources and parks, community facilities, historic and cultural resources, transportation, infrastructure and implementation and the village's vision.

Officials have sought to revitalize the village's downtown with new development

while retaining Mount Kisco's small town character and preserving its natural environment.

In conjunction with the update, village trustees are also considering zoning changes to encourage additional downtown mixed-use development, Mayor Gina Picinich said. The board is proposing to provide an overlay district in the village-owned North and South Moger parking lots that would allow some residential development along with commercial in hopes of attracting more people downtown.

Last week, the board voted unanimously to approve the scoping document that will be used in preparing the Comprehensive Plan's Draft Environmental Impact



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Frank Fish, principal of BFJ Planning, the consultant for the Mount Kisco Comprehensive Plan update, addressed the Village Board last week.

on the document will open on Sept. 4 and will continue for multiple meetings.

Fish said once the new Comprehensive Plan is approved it will be used to help guide the village in its review of proposed developments.

Picinich said recently the Village Board is likely to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan and accompanying zoning changes in the first quarter of 2019.

The document has not been updated since 2000 when it was known as the Master Plan.

The draft Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at www.envisionmk.org.

League of Women Voters to Hold Harckham-Kesten Forum Sept. 5

The League of Women Voters® of New Castle invites the community to a Candidates' Night for the Democratic Party primary between Peter Harckham and Robert Kesten for the 40th state Senate District. It will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Chappaqua Library Theater, located at 195 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua.

The winner of the Sept. 13 primary will run against Republican state Sen. Terrence Murphy. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, contact Mary Kirsch at mmkmath48@gmail.com. For more information on candidates and polling places, visit www.Vote411.org.

Statement (DEIS) and proposed zoning changes.

Frank Fish, principal of BFJ Planning, the village's consultant for the update, and the board is scheduled to discuss proposed zoning changes at a Sept. 10 work session.

Fish said the board received the draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan on Aug. 9. Under state law, the village is required to hold a public hearing within 90 days of that date. Picinich said the public hearing

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the years, said he submitted the same request hoping the board would see the benefits of moving the units. He again contended that including the six affordable units in the same structure as the 30 market-rate residences at the former lumberyard site would make the cost of upkeep and maintenance financially unsustainable for the market-rate units. Relocation would vastly improve the quality of both projects, Fereri said.

"I was hoping that they'd come and

realize that it was beneficial to put fair and affordable units at 470 (Main St.), that it was much more advantageous to get them built than not have either one of the properties get developed," he said. "It's clear. I don't see any downfall whatsoever for anybody."

In his letter, Fareri also listed current and former town and county officials who recommended relocation to highlight his point that it's a good idea.

Fareri, who has put both parcels up for sale, said if town officials fail to budge on the unit relocation, he

will continue looking to unload both properties and have another developer build the projects. He said he would prefer to build both projects but will only do what he believes is in the best interests of the town.

"Every time I develop a project or a job in the Town of North Castle, it's always been to the best it can possibly be and by forcing the fair and affordable units to be built in a single structure where occupants are going to have to spend more money than they should have, to me it's not the best it can be,"

Fareri said.

Schiliro, however, said that the town has approved everything that Fareri has asked for over the years. The supervisor reiterated that he hoped Fareri would decide to build the projects.

"I wish he would," Schiliro said. "He's a good builder. He has his permit. He can get into the ground tomorrow. This is the past. He's trying to resurrect what's been done by the board."

Fareri, though, renewed his arguments that the board's refusal amounts to a different set of rules for him compared to other developers. He cited other projects in town, such as the 2015 Brynwood Golf & Country Club approval, where officials left open the possibility of relocating the affordable units.

"Why am I always treated differently and twice as hard as everybody else?" he said.

Councilman Barry Reiter said he would have listened to Fareri's request if there was something new to consider but the recent letter is simply a rehash.

"Mike's done a lot of good things for the town," Reiter said. "He knows that, we've told him that. He's a smart guy, he's been around awhile, he could probably put some of these efforts that he's been doing into efforts on the positive side."

Charity Golf Outing for Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley on Aug. 27

On Monday, Aug. 27, golf enthusiasts will help the nonprofit Make-A-Wish Hudson Valley Chapter raise money needed to fulfill its mission.

The proceeds from the annual Golf Fore Wishes outing at the historic Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Briarcliff Manor will help grant the 150 pending wishes of children battling critical illnesses in the Hudson Valley. More than 2,700 children in the region have had their

wishes granted since 1986.

The outing will begin at 11 a.m. with registration and brunch, followed by tee-off at 1 p.m. that will officially start an afternoon of play on the challenging 27-hole course. At 6 p.m., players will cap the fun-filled day with cocktails, dinner and an awards ceremony.

Event sponsorships start at \$5,000 and tee sponsorships are available for \$400. The minimum fee for a single golfer is \$800 and \$3,200

for a foursome. Both include the reservations, all meals and beverages throughout the day, specialty gifts and eligibility for golf awards.

For those who attend only the evening portion, the cost is \$200 per individual and includes cocktails and dinner.

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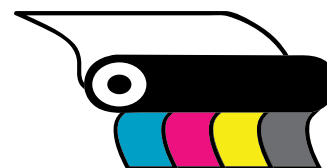
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Fox Lane Middle School Assistant Principal Davidson Dies

By Martin Wilbur

Fox Lane Middle School Assistant Principal Brian Davidson, who spent more than 20 years in the Bedford Central School District, passed away on Aug. 16, the district informed the community last Friday.

Davidson, 53, worked as a guidance counselor, guidance coordinator and assistant principal at Fox Lane High School before taking on his current post. He had been on leave for the past year, according to an Aug. 17 e-mail message from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno.

"Mr. Davidson was a beloved member of the BCSD family," Manno wrote. "I share my prayers for peace for Mr. Davidson; strength and comfort for his family and friends; and, the most sincere condolences for everyone who knew and cared about Mr. Davidson."

Manno directed families to the district website, www.bcsdny.org, where resources are available to help parents speak with their children about grieving. He also noted the district is in the process of planning support measures for faculty, staff and students.

Davidson, born Mar. 30, 1965, had been a resident of Larchmont, Mamaroneck and Brookfield, Conn. and attended Saints John and Paul School in Larchmont, Mamaroneck High School,

Iona College and LeMoyne College and obtained a master's degree in counseling from Iona and his second master's degree in school administration.

He had a love for people and sports and basketball was an integral part of his life. He was on the Mamaroneck High School basketball team and reported the sports update for the school's homeroom television report.

An avid Mets fan, Davidson enjoyed watching games with family and friends and going to Shea Stadium and Citi Field. In addition, he developed a love of swimming and participated in the Swim Across America fundraiser for cancer research. This event was a passion of his for many years, having lost his father to cancer. For many years he had a regular swimming workout routine at the Western Connecticut Regional YMCA in Brookfield.

Davidson's education career began at Iona College in admissions and was followed by joining the guidance team at Iona Preparatory School before starting in Bedford.

After his family, his priorities were helping people in diverse ways through his roles as an educator and a coach. He understood how to reach the widest range of students and motivate a generation of young people through mentoring, counseling and positive encouragement.



Brian Davidson

John (Karen) Davidson and their sons Jack, Matthew and Patrick of Ridgefield, Conn.; sister Anne (William) Taylor and their children Johnny, Ryan and Shannon of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; sister Marion (Joseph) Brenner and their children Joseph III and Ella of Annapolis, Md.; and his godfather, Desmond Morrissey, of Greensboro, N.C.

Davidson's extended family includes his mother-in-law Kathleen Irwin; brother-in-law Peter (Kerry) Irwin and their daughter Keira; and brother-in-law Thomas (Hannah) Irwin. Davidson's daughter Katie, his parents Sally and John Davidson and father-in-law Thomas Irwin are now greeting him in heaven.

His family will receive relatives and friends at the Cornell Memorial Home, located at 247 White St. in Danbury today, Aug. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. A mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 138 Candlewood Lake Rd., Brookfield. Burial will follow at Central Cemetery in Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to Swim Across America at swimacrossamerica.org (choose general donations) or the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut, 2 Huckleberry Hill Rd., Brookfield, Conn. 06804.

As an administrator, he had a tremendous ability to bring students, teachers and counselors together to reach common goals. In Brookfield, Davidson coached countless student athletes over many years in basketball and lacrosse, including all four of his children. Davidson spread his umbrella of warmth, understanding and respect for people wherever he went and was known for his tremendous sense of humor.

In addition to devotion to his children Emma, Olivia and Devin, he is survived by his wife, Sharon Davidson; brother

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Thornwood Man Charged in Rent Scam Aimed at Immigrants

By Martin Wilbur

A Thornwood man was arrested last week for operating a scam targeting mainly the immigrant community throughout northern Westchester by promising apartments for rent but taking the victims' money.

Jeffrey Pena was arraigned Aug. 16 in Mount Pleasant Town Court on eight counts of scheme to defraud, a Class E felony, after he surrendered to

Mount Pleasant police earlier that day, according to the office of Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino.

Authorities alleged that Pena posted hand-written flyers in local businesses or told people he had an available apartment to rent and asked for rent money up front. Pena took between \$1,700 and \$3,600 from his victims and then never rented apartments to them, the criminal complaint stated.

The incidents for which Pena is charged occurred from May 2017 until last month.

Pena was released on bail that was set at \$5,000 bond or \$2,500 cash and ordered to surrender his passport. He's scheduled to return to Mount Pleasant Town Court on Sept. 27.

This is the second scam uncovered this summer in the local area that was intended to defraud immigrants, resulting in an arrest and felony charges against the suspect. In early July, a Rockland County man was arrested for ripping off three immigrants \$3,000 each in Mount Kisco on promises that he would them green cards.

The district attorney's office cautioned immigrants to be aware of their rights under the law and that they have the right to live without being victimized regardless of status.



Jeffrey Pena

Scarpino said personnel from his office would meet with people anywhere they feel comfortable and speak with them in any language if they feel they have been victimized.

"Because immigrants are often exploited for their vulnerability, we believe they should know their rights and seek help without fear of reprisal," Scarpino said in a statement last Friday.

"Most importantly, we want to make sure immigrants know they can reach out to our office whether they are victims of a crime or witnesses to a crime."

To contact the district attorney's Office of Immigrant Affairs, call the hotline at 914-995-1616. Translators are available. The office can also be reached by sending an e-mail to oia@westchesterda.net.

For more information, including to view or download the office's brochure regarding Immigrant Affairs, visit www.westchesterda.net.

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Aug. 13: A 26-year-old Lexington Avenue was arrested at 5:04 a.m. and charged with third-degree grand larceny, a felony, and DWI, a misdemeanor, after he was found driving a Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck that had just been reported stolen on Spring Street. One of the responding officers observed a truck traveling on Main Street that fit the description of the stolen vehicle. The officer made a U-turn to follow the vehicle, which turned onto Kirby Plaza and then Sough Moger Avenue and sped off in an effort to elude the officer. The vehicle was pulled over at Lexington and Gregory avenues. The suspect was also issued summonses for speeding, driving without a license and failure to use a seatbelt.

Aug. 13: A vehicle owner reported at 7:20 a.m. that his car was vandalized while it was parked on Carpenter Avenue overnight. A tire was flattened and spray paint was applied to one side of the car.

Aug. 13: The owner of a South Moger Avenue business reported at 10:59 a.m. that a former employee is harassing other employees by sending them unwanted mail or approaching them on the street. An investigation is ongoing.

Aug. 13: The owner of a Subaru Legacy reported at 11:01 a.m. that her vehicle

was damaged by a hit-and-run driver while the car was parked outside 110 S. Bedford Rd.

Aug. 14: The Mount Kisco Parks and Recreation Department reported at 9:05 a.m. that someone broke into the electrical room at the Tea House in Leonard Park overnight. Nothing was taken from the room. The cost of repairing damage to the door's lock was estimated at \$200.

Aug. 15: A 27-year-old Stewart Place man was arrested at 11 a.m. and charged with reckless driving, a misdemeanor, and speed not reasonable or prudent, a violation, after a woman reported that she and her daughter were almost struck by his car as he drove erratically through a parking lot on Stewart Place. He was released pending an Aug. 23 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

Aug. 15: Police responded to Carpenter Avenue at 8:13 p.m. after a caller reported hearing people yelling and arguing inside an apartment. Officers determined that the noise was the result of a boxing match that the resident was watching on television.

Aug. 16: Police responded to Kirby Plaza at 12:34 p.m. on a report that a man had fallen in the street after getting off a Metro-North train. Upon arrival, officers were told by a witness that the

apparently intoxicated man had gotten into a taxi and left the area.

North Castle Police Department

Aug. 10: A caller reported at 1:23 p.m. that a party was soliciting on Byram Ridge Road North and was possibly operating a motorized scooter. The responding officer located the party in question, an employee of a pest extermination company. The subject was advised of the town ordinance requiring a permit for such activity and was directed to leave the area, which he did without incident. It was the first of four similar complaints on three different streets on this date.

Aug. 14: A complainant reported at 1:16 p.m. a solicitor on Raven Court in

possible violation of the town ordinance. The party is described as a white male wearing a grey shirt. The responding officer reported locating the party in question and a summons was issued.

Aug. 15: Report of smoke coming from an oil burner on Bayberry Road at 11:55 a.m. The fire department ventilated the smoke and a negative carbon reading was reported.

Aug. 15: A Bedford Road resident reported at 12:21 p.m. that workers at her home collided a machine into a tree and cannot remove it. The resident stated that the machine appears to be leaking different types of pesticides. The responding officer stated that photos were taken of some damage. The matter was adjusted between the owner and the company.

Obituaries

Helen Hayes

It is with great sadness that the family of Helen Patricia Hayes (nee Breen) announces her passing after a brief illness, on Friday, Aug. 10, at the age of 76.

Hayes will be lovingly remembered by her two sons, John (Jill) of Briarcliff Manor and Michael Hayes of Ossining. She will also be fondly remembered by her three grandchildren, Kendall, Meghan and Jack; her nephew, Patrick Breen, and his son, Devin, of the Bronx; her niece, Darienne Breen; and hundreds of other relatives and friends. Hayes was

predeceased by her husband, Jack Hayes, her brother, Peter Breen, and her sister, Annmarie Breen.

Visitation was held on Aug. 20 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Helen's memory on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, located at 1315 Olmstead Ave. in the Bronx.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the V Foundation for Cancer Research in her name at www.jimmyv.org.

Twigs Thriftree Volunteer Organization Donates \$80G to NWH

The Twigs of Northern Westchester, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) and providing comfort items to its patients, donated \$80,000 to support four hospital programs.

The gift was raised from sales at the Twigs Thriftree Thrift Shop, located at 449 Lexington Ave. in Mount Kisco, and will be allocated to art therapy, cancer health and wellness, caregiver support and community health.

Each of the following programs received \$25,000: the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center, where family caregivers find respite and support; the Bruce and Andrea Yablon Cancer Health and Wellness Program, which empowers cancer patients and survivors to live a healthy lifestyle in ways that powerfully touch mind, body and spirit; and the Community

Health Education and Outreach Program, which partners with schools and local groups to build a healthier community. The hospital's Art Therapy Program on the Behavioral Health Unit received \$5,000.

In addition to the annual donation, Twig members create patient comfort items such as layettes, cough pillows, tray favors and baby blankets, hats and sweaters. Over the past year, Twigs donated 6,725 volunteer hours working in the shop or crafting comfort items.

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Party City Relocation Approved By Mt. Kisco Planning Board

By Neal Rentz

The empty portion of the building that houses the Modell's Sporting Goods store in Mount Kisco is going to be occupied in the near future.

The Mount Kisco Planning Board unanimously approved last Tuesday an amended special use permit to allow Party City to fill the vacancy at 154-162 E. Main St.

Party City will move from its current home at 3 Main St. by Feb. 1, 2019, because the location will become a HomeGoods discount home furnishing store. That project was approved by the board in May.

Discussion of the Party City application focused on the appearance of the store's windows. Some board members had been concerned that graphics frequently used by the Party City chain would be placed in the windows rather than having passersby see the more appealing display of merchandise.

At last week's meeting, board member Ralph Vigliotti encouraged Party City representatives to let the public see the inside of the store through the front windows on East Main Street similar to Modell's.

As part of a compromise Party City agreed to reduce the number of graphics in the windows. Three of the windows on East Main Street would feature graphics but the others on that side of the building would be either glazed or clear glass, said William Null, an attorney representing Party City.

Rear windows facing the parking lot would have clear glass rather than graphics, Null said.

Under a condition of the approval, window graphics would not be allowed to contain written text, said Planning Board Chairman Doug Hertz.

Katonah Arts Center Proposal

The board also continued its review of the Katonah Arts Center proposal to move its operation from Goldens Bridge into a 4,511-square-foot space within a 27,000-square-foot building at 40 Radio Circle.

The main thrust of last week's discussion centered on a plan to place a kiln in an eight-foot by 12-foot shed on the back portion of the property next to a storage structure. Vigliotti asked that the kiln be placed inside the building for safety reasons.

Architect Patrick Croke said the site plan requires 119 parking spaces, 13 more than what is now available. The arts center is seeking a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals variance for parking, he said.

No residents spoke during last week's public hearing, which was closed by a unanimous vote of the board. Hertz said the board would accept written comments for 10 days following last week's meeting.

The applicant is required to obtain approvals for the site plan, a special use permit and a change of use.

The space that the arts center hopes to

move into was formerly used as a physical therapy studio.

Katonah Arts Center opened in 1998, offering various classes and supporting a

wide range of artists, including musicians, illustrators, sculptors, photographers, printmakers and painters. It also operates a gallery.

Combatting Drug Abuse



Last Thursday, state Sen. Terrence Murphy, second from left, partnered with the Village of Mount Kisco, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and the Mount Kisco Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Council to host the first-ever Shed the Meds program in the village at the Fox Senior Center. Murphy created Shed the Meds to combat drug and opioid abuse. The program, which has been brought to municipalities throughout Murphy's district, is similar to a prescription drop-off program.

Legal Notice

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 66042/2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs Any Unknown Heirs To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff; Any Unknown Heirs Of Virginia P. Johnson A/K/A Virginia Parrish Johnson As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Anthony Brogdon As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Melvin Walker As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Pamela Brooks As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish

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Premises: 430 Seneca Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 SBL #: 169.32 - 4046 - 21 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Any Unknown Heirs To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David; Any Unknown Heirs of Virginia P. Johnson a/k/a Virginia Parrish Johnson, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Helen M. Blackwood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twentieth day of July, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated June 1, 2006, executed by David Parrish AKA David E. Parrish, AKA Arrish David (who died on January 31, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of

New York) to secure the sum of \$307,301.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 462070039 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on August 4, 2006. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by David Parrish AKA David E. Parrish, AKA Arrish David on November 16, 2011 and recorded May 16, 2012 in Instrument Number 520463512 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk; The property in question is described as follows: **430 SENECA AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 25, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.**

Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2014 (for taxes levied in 2013) PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Index No. 3520/2014

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding. **EFFECT OF FILING:** All persons having or claiming to have

an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem. **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof. **PERSONS AFFECTED:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last

day for redemption. **RIGHT OF REDEMPTION:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record. **LAST DAY OF REDEMPTION:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 7th day of December, 2018. **SERVICE OF ANSWER:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon

any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption. **FAILURE TO REDEEM OR ANSWER:** In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default. Dated: August 13, 2018 Enforcing Officer: MARY SCHWARTZ, Village Treasurer

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SCHEDULE "A"Index No. 3520/2014

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2014 (for taxes levied in 2013)

LIEN NO.	OWNER OF RECORD	ASSESSED TO (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD)	SECTION /BLOCK/LOT	LOCATION	AMOUNT DUE*
2014011	Fourteen Lakeview Construction, Inc.	Fourteen, Lakeview Con Inc	106.10-5-87	47 Saratoga Avenue	\$48,310.43
2014013	Vogt, Edward F. Vogt, Louise	Vogt, Edward F.	106.5-1-45	Sarles Lane	\$773.83
2014015	Total Automotive of Westchester LLC	Total Auto of West. LLC	106.5-2-2	52 Depew Street	\$3,891.99
2014039	Cappiello, Barbara		99.15-1-1./106	44 Foxwood Drive	\$4,828.54

*Amount due as of October 23, 2014. Such amount does not include any subsequent years' taxes, interest or fees.

DMV's Tips on How Best to Apply for an Upgrade to a REAL ID

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued a list of the top five mistakes that customers make when applying for a REAL ID and offers tips on how to avoid them.

These errors can cause a customer's application for a REAL ID to be delayed or denied, requiring them to make multiple trips to the DMV.

Terri Egan, executive deputy commissioner of DMV, said the agency's goal is to make the transition to a REAL ID as simple as possible. A REAL ID-compliant driver's license, permit or nondriver ID is now required to enter certain federal buildings; starting Oct. 1, 2020, it will be required to board domestic flights.

The DMV has created an online document guide that shows customers everything they need to bring with them to be properly prepared for their visit. It also has staff out this summer at certain airports and large public events to educate New Yorkers about this new federal requirement.

"When customers come prepared for their visit, it alleviates frustrations for them, reduces wait times for other customers and helps our staff provide the highest level of customer service," Egan said.

A REAL ID is available at DMV offices statewide. The cost is the same as getting a standard New York State license, permit or non-driver ID. All standard ID cards are now marked not for federal purposes.

Customers applying for a REAL ID or enhanced document should follow the tips below to avoid a second trip to the DMV. These are the top five mistakes to avoid when applying.

1. Not Providing Proof of Middle Name or Name Change

If a middle name appears on some but not all of your documents, you must bring a government-issued document such as a social security card, birth certificate or U.S. passport to provide proof of their full legal name.

In addition, if a customer's first or last name has changed due to marriage, divorce or a court granted name change, they must provide documentation showing proof of the name change. For example, if a customer's maiden name appears on their birth certificate but their married name appears on their social security card, then they must provide an original government-issued marriage certificate showing the reason for the change. If a customer's name has changed multiple times, they must provide proof of each change to show the connection.

2. Bringing Photocopies Instead of Original Documents

As part of the federal requirements for getting a REAL ID, customers must visit a DMV office to have a new picture taken and present original documents that prove their full legal name, New York State residency and social security number, among other identification.

Customers must bring original documents to the DMV such as an original

birth certificate, social security card or government-issued marriage certificate.

3. Not Checking the Online Document Guide Before Visiting the DMV

The DMV document guide, which can be found at dmv.ny.gov/documentguide, will show customers exactly what documents they need to bring for their visit, such as a utility bill, U.S. passport and more. The document guide also allows customers to print the list of documents they need. Outdated or expired documents will not be accepted.

4. Using Nicknames

Many DMV customers commonly use nicknames, abbreviated names or

confirmation names when applying for a New York State issued license or ID card. Federal requirements do not allow DMV to issue REAL IDs to customers under any name other than their full legal name. If a nickname, abbreviated name or confirmation name appears on any of the customer's proof documents, they must show additional proof of their full legal name or proof of a court-granted name change.

5. Not Providing Appropriate Proof of Residency

Customers applying for a REAL ID must provide two proofs of New York State residency. A New York State license, permit or nondriver ID card, a recent bank statement or a recent paystub showing

the customer's current New York State address are among the acceptable proofs of residency. Documents with a post office box listed cannot be accepted. The DMV will accept certain electronic documents such as a utility bill, credit card statement or paystub if they are printed.

Additionally, some documents issued after a certain date will not be accepted. For example, a bank statement or utility bill that is provided as proof of residency must have been issued within 120 days of the customer's visit to DMV.

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Lots of Fun in Store for Mount Pleasant Day This Sunday

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant is a large town and many of its residents often don't have the chance to gather as a community. On Sunday, the popular Mount Pleasant Day Street Fair & Car Show, which will be held for the fifth time, is

that chance to bring everyone together. Co-sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and the Hawthorne Fire Department, it is scheduled from 3 to 8 p.m. on Elwood Avenue in Hawthorne between Cross and Commerce streets. Admission is



Mount Pleasant Day is scheduled to return for the fifth year this Sunday, Aug. 26 from 3 to 8 p.m. on Elwood Avenue in Hawthorne. Shown above is a photo of last year's event.

First Responders Day to Debut in Mount Kisco This Weekend

By Neal Rentz

A first-time event to honor first responders and provide financial assistance to the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department is set to be rolled out this weekend.

The department and Siegel Bros. Marketplace are presenting the first Touch-A-Truck & First Responders Day this Sunday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the store, which is located at 39 S. Moger Ave.

Residents will be able to check out some of the vehicles used by the police and fire departments, including antique fire trucks, police cars and ambulances.

In addition, children will be able to enjoy face painting and a bouncy house.

A wide variety of food will be available, including barbecue prepared by Siegel Bros. Marketplace. An ice cream truck

will also be on hand.

Touch-A-Truck & First Responders Day will not only honor the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department but in the days following the event residents will have a chance to financially assist the department. Siegel Bros. plans to donate a portion of its proceeds from in-store purchases between Aug. 27 and Sept. 1 if shoppers bring the publicity flyer about Touch-A-Truck into the store.

Siegel Bros. co-owner Beth Nevins said the business collaborated with the fire department to create the event.

"We're giving something back to the fire department," Nevins said. "It's important to work together with those who benefit the community"

For more information, call Siegel Bros. Marketplace at 914-864-0690 or visit www.siegelbrosmarketplace.com.

free.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Aimee Nichols said the event attracts about 1,000 local residents every year and "brings everybody together and unites the community."

No significant changes are planned for this year's renewal, Nichols said. The event will feature a car show, live music, rides for children and plenty of good food.

Event organizers anticipate about 50 local businesses and community

organizations will be on hand as vendors. Nichols said there's still a chance for merchants or groups to reserve a vendor table for \$125. Sponsors for the street fair and car show trophies are still being sought, she said.

For more information about Mount Pleasant Day, including signing up as a sponsor or reserving a table, call 914-494-9633 or 914-804-2095 or visit www.mtpleasantchamberofcommerce.org.

The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 9.



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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

How Archaic. The words used in this week's quiz come from a list of archaic words compiled by the Oxford Dictionary. According to the Oxford Dictionary "these words are no longer in everyday use or have lost a particular meaning in current usage." Although not in everyday use, you may find one or more of these words a useful addition to your vocabulary.

1. **circumjacent** (adj.)

- A) suspicious B) surrounding C) prudent

2. **burgess** (n.)

- A) a prosperous person B) an elected body C) a citizen of a town

3. **collogue** (v.)

- A) to talk confidentially B) set aside C) group together

4. **shriff** (adj.)

- A) insistent on evidence B) forgiveness C) mischievous

5. **assay** (v.)

- A) to attempt B) leap upon C) concur

6. **bootless** (adj.)

- A) uncertain B) boorish C) ineffectual

7. **embouchure** (n.)

- A) the mouth of a river B) an excessive quantity C) point of departure

8. **vale** (n.)

- A) vanity B) personal bravery C) a farewell

ANSWERS:
1. B. Surrounding
2. C. A full citizen of a town or borough
3. A. To talk confidentially or conspiratorially
4. B. Forgiveness
5. A. To attempt
6. C. (of a task) ineffectual; useless
7. A. The mouth of a river
8. C. A farewell; a send-off

New Castle Weighs Sidewalk Snow Removal Costs in Parking District

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials are considering adding sidewalk snow removal to the list of maintenance for downtown Chappaqua's parking district to protect the new sidewalks that will be part of the hamlet's streetscape project.

Town Administrator Jill Shapiro said since the area of the streetscape closely mirrors the boundaries of the parking district, the Town Board is exploring adding more manpower to clear the walks in order to avoid ruining the new surface.

Merchants and property owners are responsible for clearing the area in front of their shops and buildings but with the downtown infrastructure and streetscape project costing roughly \$12 million to \$14 million, the town is looking to oversee snow removal to preserve the sidewalks as best it can, Shapiro said.

"It's great that all these improvements are going to be made but if you don't maintain them then it's all for naught," Shapiro said.

The key issue will be how much extra manpower the town might have to hire

in order to accomplish that task, Shapiro mentioned. She said she has asked Gerry Moerschell, the commissioner of the town's Department of Public Works, to report back to the Town Board so an estimate can be calculated.

Any additional manpower and its estimated cost will need to be figured in order to include the expenditures and plan for it in the 2019 budget, Shapiro said.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska was among the board members at a recent meeting who pressed an estimate and its potential impact on the town's operating budget.

"That's why we need to have a budget because if it's an extra \$100,000 a year and going to put us over the tax cap we need to know that because it's going to have to come from somewhere else," Makowska said.

Property owners that are part of the parking district currently pay a tax so the town can maintain the South Greeley lots. That work is done by Department of

Public Works and/or Recreation & Parks works, Shapiro said.

Of concern to the town and the New Castle Historical Society is the impact of any additional tax to pay for extra personnel on that nonprofit organization, Shapiro said. The existing parking district goes up part of the way up King Street and includes the Horace Greeley House, she said.

At the board's special Aug. 10 meeting, Judy McGrath, the Historical Society's secretary, applauded the town for its downtown project but the costs could be steep for the businesses as well as the organization.

"If you leave it to the businesses you are raising their costs, and in our case, you've expanded the size of our maintenance quite significantly," she said.

On the King Street side, the town is planning on an extended plaza near the Greeley House, which is also part of the streetscape.

The town could also expand the area of sidewalk maintenance beyond

the boundaries of the parking district, Shapiro said. However, if that is done, then the town would be required to establish a sidewalk district or a business improvement district, she said.

King Street Sidewalk Work to Start

The town is scheduled to begin the second phase of the King Street this week in the vicinity of Douglas Grafflin Elementary School.

Shapiro said the work will pick up where the first phase left off last year, and will include from Ridgewood Terrace to Elm Street. Last year the sidewalk installation extended from the school to Ridgewood, she said.

Work, which is expected to take about 75 days and last into October, is not expected to cause any service interruptions, Shapiro said. Con Edison had previously installed its new gas mains in the area.

The second half of the project is costing the town about \$337,000 after it spent just over \$400,000 last year. Con Edison has contributed \$227,000.

Chappaqua Hires New Assistant Principal for Greeley HS

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed a New York City educator to serve as Horace Greeley High School's new assistant principal last Wednesday.

Ronald Gamma was appointed during a special meeting held by the board last Wednesday. Gamma will fill the vacancy created by interim principal Laura Dubak, who left Chappaqua earlier this summer to become assistant principal at Byram Hills High School. He will start next Monday.

Gamma has served as an assistant principal twice before, at Urban Assembly Academy for Future Leaders and at New Design Middle School, both in

Manhattan. He also taught social studies at the High School for Environmental Studies.

Gamma wide secondary level experience and a passion for learning, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said in a letter to the community.

Ackerman stated that Gamma is well-versed in developing professional learning opportunities for staff, incorporating technology into the classroom, supporting standards-based instruction and analyzing data to improve student behavior and learning. He has worked closely with guidance counselors, school-based support teams and special

education teachers, she said.

"Ronald's work on numerous school leadership committees, coupled with his varied classroom experiences, will be an incredible resource for Greeley," Ackerman said.

Gamma is currently pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership at Fordham University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a master's in teaching and learning at SUNY Plattsburgh. He also completed a master of education program in school administration and supervision at Teachers College at Columbia University, where he received a school building leadership certificate.



Richard Gamma, who was appointed the new assistant principal at Horace Greeley High School last week.

Local Libraries Receive State Grants for Key Facility Upgrades

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle and Mount Kisco public libraries recently received state grants that will enable the facilities to improve programs and infrastructure.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) and state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) announced that library construction grants are being awarded for building improvements that will support innovative new programs in North Castle and Harrison.

The North Castle Public Library in Armonk is the recipient of more than \$135,000 to create new and expanded areas for children and adults while also creating space for the library's new Friends Gallery to display artists' work. The gallery had its grand opening in

June.

The Harrison Public Library will receive nearly \$37,000 to support the construction of an outdoor reading and children's activities space.

Meanwhile, last week state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) announced that he had secured a \$7,500 grant to help the Mount Kisco Public Library help upgrade its electronics equipment.

In June, Buchwald said about \$400,000 in state money has been obtained for the North Castle Public Library over the past five years.

In addition to serving as an art gallery featuring local artists' work, the new 1,000-square-foot Friends Gallery was reconfigured into a community space

as well.

In Mount Kisco, the funds that Murphy was able to bring home were used to renovate equipment in the library's community room, including replacing a projector, purchasing a new electric screen and wireless microphones and providing HDMI laptop ports.

The library hosts a variety of children's programs in the community room and serves as a meeting place for many local organizations and committees.

The grants are part of \$24 million in capital funds for public library construction and broadband infrastructure projects that was provided in the 2017-18 state budget.

In another action taken by the board, longtime educator Lisa Kor was appointed interim assistant principal at Seven Bridges Middle School. Kor will take over for Gregory Stiefel after he was recently named principal of Tuckahoe Middle School. Ackerman said the interim appointment will afford the district time to conduct a thorough search for a permanent assistant principal.

"Lisa is a highly-skilled and passionate educator who has the necessary experience to continue as a very effective administrator," Ackerman said. "Her familiarity with our overall education philosophy and time spent in the district as a substitute will enable her to hit the ground running."

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Editorial

If North Castle, Fareri Want to Find a Solution, One Could Be Had

One of the most maddening local development episodes in recent memory is the never-ending battle between the North Castle Town Board and developer Michael Fareri.

Fareri, sitting with two project approvals, one for the former lumberyard on Bedford Road and the other at 470 Main St., in Armonk, has threatened not to build either project and sell the properties to another developer – if someone was to take them off his hands – unless he's allowed to relocate six affordable units to Main Street.

Fareri is often a difficult personality

to deal with who seems to relish a good fight as much as building. But even his sharpest critics agree that what he has developed is high quality and has benefitted the town.

As Fareri returned with innumerable changes to the lumberyard project during the ongoing review, town officials had clearly become frustrated with the constantly moving targets, not to mention his abrasive personality.

Now that it's apparent that the town has no interest in reconsidering Fareri's relocation request, the board has taken a bit of a cavalier attitude, as though it

really doesn't matter whether the projects are built or not. But at a time when municipalities could use all the fresh revenue they could find, North Castle faces the possibility that the projects might never be built. If an inevitable economic downturn comes, the properties could sit unimproved for years.

With Fareri sitting with approvals for both projects, it's unbelievable, not to mention infantile, that a stalemate over six units could prevent construction. Both sides have dug in their heels, but a compromise shouldn't be that hard to come by.

Letters to the Editor

Law Needed to Extend Statute of Limitations for Sexual Abuse of Children

The revelation of the long enduring, systemic sexual abuse of children that took place within the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania is abhorrent. Far too often we say that someone else will deal with an issue, or that it doesn't affect us so we let it slip from our memories.

This behavior is horrifying, and yet we fail to take action. Stories like these, big and small, institutional and individual have gained much more attention in the current climate.

We must do more. We, after all, are our

brother's keeper. That is why I am proud to be a cosponsor of A.5885-A/S.6575, a bill that makes some much-needed changes to the statute of limitations with regards to the sexual abuse of children. The bill raises the age at which the five-year statute for criminal charges from 18 to 23 years old. Additionally, the bill makes it so that civil charges can be filed until the plaintiff is 50 years old. This allows people the time they need to come to terms with their situation.

Survivors often wait years to feel comfortable enough to speak out. This bill

gives them recourse for when they do. The state Assembly has passed this bill many times.

Abuse is horrifyingly too common. This bill helps bring closure, justice and peace to those who need it most. I would encourage you all to research this topic and reach out to your state senators to pass this bill. Survivors deserve their day in court.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
95th Assembly District

Kesten is Best Hope to Try to Put Brakes on Albany Corruption

It's no secret that corruption is rampant in Albany. And it's not exclusive to either party. Just in the past few months, former Republican Senate Leader Dean Skelos and erstwhile Democratic Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver were both convicted of corruption. They were joined by two of Gov. Cuomo's closest aides. And the list goes on and on.

Each election cycle, politicians promise that they will fix the problem. But once the election is over, nothing significant is done. It seems that they prefer the status quo. Our incumbent, state Sen. Terrence Murphy, has been in office for nearly four years, but he has done absolutely nothing

to remedy the situation.

The only answer is to replace our current representatives in Albany with fresh faces. Those who are not part of the Albany establishment and are not beholden to party bosses or entrenched officeholders. Such an individual is Robert Kesten, candidate for the Democratic nomination for state Senate in the 40th District.

Kesten is not a career politician. He entered the race a year ago as an independent, grassroots candidate and subsequently earned the endorsement of numerous progressive organizations and Democratic town committees throughout the district. He owes nothing to those

that have resisted ethics reform for so many years. His only obligation is to you, the citizens of the 40th District.

If you really want to eliminate the venality in Albany, your first step is to vote for Robert Kesten in the Democratic primary on Sept. 13. He won't be able to do it alone, but with your support he can begin the arduous process of restoring honest and open government to the citizens of New York.

Joel E. Gingold
Croton-on-Hudson

Sen. Murphy Fights for Families, Business Owners on Host of Issues

I wanted to give credit where it's due, even if it's a little late. They say all politics is local, and when it comes to my family's quality of life, nothing could be truer. Very few public servants have had a positive impact on life in my town as Terrence Murphy, our state senator. I know that he is always out there fighting against the heroin epidemic, and he always has the back of working families and small business owners alike.

On a recent Saturday morning, I was

driving around knocking things off my "honey do" list, when I realized how smooth the ride was. It was only a few weeks ago that nearly every road in a five-mile radius of my home was pockmarked with potholes and craters, making my routine downright unsafe. To constantly detour around my own neighborhood just to get home is nothing one should have to get used to and is inexcusable.

I only just came to understand that Sen. Murphy was responsible for getting

hundreds of thousands of dollars (OUR tax dollars) right back here where it belongs to repair the roads from all the winter plowing.

Imagine that, a politician actually looking out for us! That's all I ask for. I know he's working for my family. I trust him, and that's why I'll be voting for Terrence Murphy in November.

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Elizabeth Simons Show Jumper/Commercial Banker Briarcliff Manor

By Martin Wilbur

Imagine taking a 17-year break from a pursuit you had really enjoyed doing. Would you be able to pick up where you left off?

That was the question Elizabeth Simons sought to answer last month when she made her return to competitive show jumping at the Vermont Summer Festival. It was the first time she had gotten into the ring since 2001, when she stopped to concentrate on raising her two children, who were four and seven years old at the time, and on her career as a commercial lender for a bank.

Entered in eight different hunter divisions with her eight-year-old Westphalian mare Willow Bay at the festival in East Dorset, Vt., Simons took home championships in seven divisions, eliminating any doubt that she wasn't the horsewoman she had been nearly a generation earlier.

As expected, she had some doubt, along with a few butterflies in her stomach. That

quickly dissipated when she got into the saddle.

"I was pretty nervous," said Simons, a Briarcliff Manor resident. "I hadn't competed, I think we figured out, in 17 years I hadn't competed. So you can ride and you can take lessons, but there's nothing like going in that ring by yourself with a judge and having that feeling of riding and it's exhilarating and it's nerve-racking."

Simons hadn't necessarily planned on resuming her competitive riding. While she had visited some of the people she had ridden and trained with then a couple of times, she hadn't been on a horse in at least 10 years. Not only had Simons sold her horse when she quit competitive riding, she no longer had any of her own equipment.

"So I sold my fabulous horse at the time (named The Other Man) and went on with my life, but always missed it," Simons said. "I took up tennis, I joined a book club, I went back to work. I did all these



other things but they never were quite the same. I didn't have the passion for them that I had for the riding."

Last summer when Simons' husband went on a golfing trip with friends, she headed across the Hudson and visited the old farm where she used to train, Riverstone, in Central Valley.

Her old friends were more than willing to outfit her and pair her with a horse that fit her style.

The other challenge was getting back into riding shape. Other than concentrating on exercises for the core, nothing can really get a rider ready than getting up on a horse's back.

"I think part of the getting ready for the horse show, I have to give credit to my trainers and their knowledge and teaching skill and their ability to understand the rider-horse connection because they

knew what kind of rider I was, they knew what kind of horse I was on and they were able to get me back," said Simons.

"I would say I'm not back to where I was 20 years ago. I'm not sure that could ever happen because of my age. But I'm probably back to where I would have been if I hadn't stopped riding."

Although Simons has had a lifelong affection for horses, it wasn't as though she found herself riding as a young child while growing up in northern New Jersey.

It wasn't until she was 29 that Simons got serious about riding. It was actually her sisters-in-law who had been riders, so her husband, John, bought her some lessons at what eventually became Riverstone. She immediately fell in love with the place and also quickly showed her ability in the ring.

Now that Simons has regained her form in her return after the long hiatus, she said she will continue to compete. This winter she plans on entering a show in Ocala, Fla. where she and her husband spend part of the winter.

After having such a successful showing, Simons isn't going to stop riding for the foreseeable future. In fact, she rides about four times a week to stay in shape.

"It's the only sport where you're communicating with an animal and your success, it's like a partnership," she said. "You have to be good and your horse has to be good."

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Teens' Foundation Brings New Books to P'ville Cottage School

By Anna Young

Two Scarsdale teens with a passion for reading shared one of their favorite activities with students at the Pleasantville Cottage School earlier this month.

Zoe Kleinman and Sam Hirschhorn organized their latest event, a book grab, as an outgrowth of their foundation, Why We Read, which they formed about five years ago.

The project turned into an effort where they partner with local schools and organizations to provide children and teens with books they want to read but are unable to access.

"Sam and I love to read, and we wanted to be able to put books in the hands of kids who couldn't really afford or have access to books," Kleinman, 15, said. "I love giving back and seeing other people get excited over a book. That's just really rewarding."

Throughout the year, Kleinman and Hirschhorn host book drives and fundraisers and place receptacles in various stores to collect new and gently used books. They also schedule children's parties where attendees pay an entry fee of a few new books.

Hirschhorn, 16, added that they request gift cards in lieu of presents for their birthdays and holidays to buy additional books to benefit young



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Zoe Kleinman, left, and Sam Hirschhorn organized the latest event connected to their Why We Read foundation by collecting and bringing new and gently used books to residents at the Pleasantville Cottage School.

readers. They organize at least two book grab events a year.

"I just love to read," Hirschhorn said. "I've always been a big advocate for reading."

During the Aug. 8 book grab at the JCCA campus in Pleasantville, the teens provided a wide-ranging selection of more than 150 titles for residents from ages five to 21 to enjoy. Throughout the hour-long event, residents filtered in and were given the opportunity to select one book to take with them and keep.

Sandi Rosenthal, director of volunteers, said residents were asked in advance what they would like to read. The list was then given to Kleinman and Hirschhorn who spent time this summer collecting and purchasing books. Titles included "The Twilight Saga," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," "The Hunger Games," "Wonder," the Divergent trilogy, "Push" and "Baltimore Chronicles."

Rosenthal said she met Kleinman through her volunteer efforts with the JCCA's Edenwald School. She said Kleinman introduced her to the girls' foundation and they concluded that a book grab would benefit the residents and the school.

"This is not a mandatory event for our kids, so these are kids who really want books and really want to read," Rosenthal said. "Reading is the greatest gift for everybody."

Resident Chante McGee said she loves to read and thought the book grab was a great event that should be held every year. She said having access to books

would encourage reading and keep the youngsters occupied.

While only a handful of books were left over following the event, the remaining tomes were donated to the school's library or given to those who requested a second book to read.

"I think it's awesome," Hirschhorn said. "I get excited every time I see someone pick up a book."

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Mt. Pleasant STEAM Symposium Grows in Popularity in Second Year

By Neal Rentz

For the second consecutive August, more than 50 Mount Pleasant School District middle school and high school students voluntarily took two days out of their summer break to head back to school.

They attended the second annual Westlake STEAM Symposium on Aug. 15 and 16 at Westlake High School.

A 13-member steering committee co-chaired by Janet Matthews, a curriculum leader at Westlake High School, and library media specialist Mary Knopp planned the event.

"I'm always ready to integrate STEAM anytime I can in the library," Knopp said of the subjects which make up the acronym – science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

Some of the workshops offered last week included "Be a Naval Engineer: Designing and Engineering a Putt Putt Boat," "Creating Mobile Apps" and "Come Fly with Me: The Physics of Flight."

Knopp said symposium attracted 51 students last week, up from 38 last summer. There were 21 workshops offered, with students participating in three each day. District teachers and professionals in various fields led the workshops, Knopp said.

Mount Pleasant's STEAM curriculum has been attracting an increasing number of students because of its hands-on



The middle school and high school students who participated in Westlake's STEAM Symposium last week.

learning opportunities, Knopp said. She mentioned that she wants STEAM curriculum to inspire students to consider careers in these fields.

"That's the big appeal," Knopp said.

Some of the students who participated in last week's event said they had positive experiences. One workshop, "What's Possible with AI – TJBots," was presented by Maryam Ashoori and Justin Weisz, research staff members and master inventors at IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown. TJBots are

do-it-yourself kits that help users connect to the research center's services.

During the workshop, the students made their own TJBots out of cardboard without the computer software.

Kristina Finkeiner, an incoming freshman at Westlake High School, said creating her own TJBots out of cardboard without the software was difficult but fun.

"I think it's really cool how you can have artificial intelligence inside something so small," she said.

Finkeiner said she hoped participating

in the symposium would help guide her professional future.

"I wanted to see all the different aspects because I want to try to find out what I want to do when I'm older," she said. "I know I want something in the scientific field."

Cristopher Rizzi who is entering his sophomore year, said he participated in the symposium because there are topics he may be interested in pursuing. He said he was most interested in creating a TJBots and would try to convince his parents to purchase the computer software.

Rizzi also would like to increase his knowledge of technology to help him with potential career choices.

"I've been exploring 3D animation where I get to create stuff on line and bring it to life," Rizzi said. "And I also built a tiny house."

Matthew Last, a Westlake High School sophomore, said he thought the symposium would be fun. It was also recommended by his father.

As one of his projects, Last worked on creating a fishing rod with an insulated compartment in the handle to store bait.

Last also said he enjoyed creating his own TJBots out of cardboard and is planning on purchasing the computer software to make it operational.

"I want to learn in the summer, which is weird," Last said.

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When Decorating Our Homes, Who Are We Doing it for?

Borrowing from the age-old question of whether women dress for themselves, for men or other women (it seems that other women is their primary focus), I pose the question: Do we decorate our homes for ourselves or for others?

I remember when I was single I visited a work associate's apartment and found that except for a sofa, a bed and a kitchen table, his living space was totally devoid of any decoration whatsoever. I asked him if he had just moved in and found that he had been living there for a couple of years.

"Do you intend to get around to decorating?" I asked.

He looked at me puzzlingly and said, "Why do I want to bother with things to just look at?" I was astonished.

For my wife and me, the question of whether we decorate for ourselves or others is easily answered by the fact that after more than three years from the time we moved into our new home and decorated, we had invited very few visitors to our home. You might think we had become a cloistered society of some sort, but whatever the social or psychological associations may be, it's just the way things worked out.

Last week, we had visitors to our home who are work associates. But more than

that, they are fond friends.

As they toured our home, we were asked who our decorator was, which we found very flattering. But the fact is we take great pride and satisfaction in the fact that we have always done our own decorating.

After our friends' visit, I thought about why most people spend so much time and attention decorating their homes. Indeed, is it more for others? Or is it more for their own enjoyment?

Home decoration dates back more than 35,000 years to the cavemen who decorated their homes with drawings of animals,

which were important to them for their survival. It was a way for them to express themselves as well, and some of the paintings included human figures, documenting their day-to-day activities. Certainly, this first expression in home décor was for self-satisfaction.

Through the ages, it seems that each society has been driven naturally to the decorative arts – the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans all expressed what they saw around them and incorporated these images into their living environment.

The Renaissance saw great refinement in the decorative arts in Europe. In early America, itinerant artists, devoid of any



By Bill Primavera



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

The living room of The Home Guru and the missus, whose decoration features custom cabinetry, allowing display of books and collectibles.

classical training, stenciled walls for decoration (a substitution for expensive wallpaper) and painted those great landscapes and wonderful family portraits that preceded photography. Today we consider interior design a way to surround ourselves with things we find either beautiful or nostalgic, while factoring in comfort as well.

My research shows that probably for the majority of us the aspect of how our home looks to other people is more important. We want to make a home inviting for guests, that we can feel proud of and at the same time make them feel comfortable.

Also, decorating is a creative outlet for many people, especially when so many of us are compelled to spend significant time away from home. When we can relax in our own homes, we want it to be as pleasant and comfortable as possible. Interior design helps us accomplish that goal.

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Here are 10 Do's and Don'ts to Follow if You're Pregnant

When it comes to pregnancy, sometimes it's hard to know what's true and which commonly accepted "facts" are outdated, incorrect or even harmful.

While much traditional wisdom gets handed down within a family, there are facts about fertility, pregnancy and birth that every expecting mother should know. Read on to learn about the latest pregnancy do's and don'ts for healthy weight gain, skin care, and more.

1. Do take a prenatal vitamin.

While it's uncertain whether women who consume a well-balanced diet need prenatal vitamins, they can be beneficial. Look for a prenatal vitamin with the proper folic acid intake of 400 to 800 micrograms, an iron content of 30 milligrams, 600 IU of vitamin D and 1,000 milligrams of calcium.

2. Don't overeat. While it's important to eat a well-balanced diet, the expression "eating for two" is misleading. In fact, you only need to increase your calorie intake by 350 to 450 calories a day.

The recommended weight gain for pregnancy is 25 to 35 pounds (and 15 to 20 pounds for overweight women). A healthy diet should include two servings of fish weekly. Choose fish high in DHA and low in mercury. Avoid shark,

swordfish, mackerel and tilefish. Good news for sushi lovers: While pregnant women should avoid raw fish, there's no evidence to suggest that sushi prepared in a clean, reputable place poses a risk. So enjoy your tempura and California rolls!

3. Do avoid alcohol. While some studies suggest that a small amount of alcohol may be safe, speak with your physician first.

4. Don't abstain from having sex if you're in the mood. If you feel comfortable having sex while pregnant, there's no reason to wait until after baby arrives. Intercourse won't harm the baby or cause pre-term labor. Can sex induce labor at the end of a pregnancy? While some studies suggest semen contains prostaglandins that can stimulate labor, there's no clear-cut evidence for this old wives' tale.

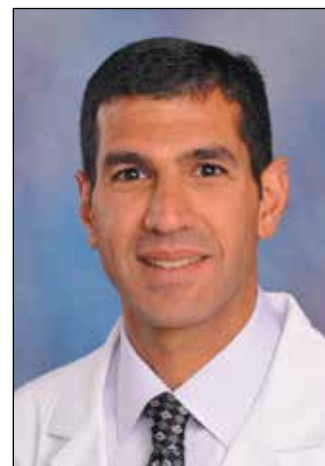
5. Do hit the water. Swimming pools are fine for pregnant women as long as the water is below body temperature. However, avoid hot tubs.

6. Don't give up your beauty routine. Nail polish and cosmetics are generally safe during pregnancy. Topical creams containing salicylic acid are unlikely to pose a risk when used sparingly, as

very little is absorbed through the skin. As for hair dyes, the amount of dye material that enters the body is small, so hair dye is presumed safe in pregnancy.

7. Do take care of your smile. Poor oral hygiene can lead to pre-term labor, so get a dental cleaning during pregnancy. Pregnant women should continue their routine dental procedures, such as root canals and fillings, and can even undergo X-rays as long as the abdomen and thyroid are shielded.

8. Don't give up your daily coffee – but do cut back to safe amounts. Small amounts of caffeine are fine for pregnant women, but limit yourself to two cups a day. There's no evidence that artificial sweeteners increase the risk of birth defects, with the possible exception of saccharin. While there's conflicting data, some research suggests this sweetener may increase the risk of bladder cancer in babies.



By Dr. Navid Mootabar

9. Don't become easy mosquito prey. Insect repellents such as DEET are safe in pregnancy and should be used in areas at high risk for the Zika virus, which spreads through infected mosquitoes and can cause birth defects. Take precautions against the virus when traveling.

10. Do break that cigarette habit. Smoking can cause pregnancy loss, low birth weight

and stillbirth, among other serious problems. What about vaping? Long-term effects of vaping are unknown but no research suggests it's safe during pregnancy. Bottom line: no smoking, vaping, marijuana or nicotine.

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A Safe Shopping Guide for Back-to-School Supplies

Many parents and teachers shopping for students' 2018-19 school supplies look for a "nontoxic" label on the products, but many products don't have that label.

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), in partnership with the U.S. PIRG Education Fund, is releasing a guide that advises consumers which products are actually non-toxic and which to avoid.

"This fall, parents and teachers can use

our safe shopping guide to help them purchase school supplies," said Russ Haven, NYPIRG general counsel. "We should feel safe knowing we're sending kids off to school with supplies that don't contain toxic chemicals."

The U.S. PIRG Education Fund tested dozens of school supplies, including markers, crayons, dry erase markers, glue, three-ring binders, spiral notebooks, lunchboxes and water bottles. Laboratory

tests found several supplies containing asbestos, lead, benzene and other dangerous chemicals. The School Supplies Safe Shopping Guide warns consumers about those specific products and offers suggestions for safer alternatives.

Out of the dozens of products that were tested, most did not contain toxic chemicals. However, the tests and investigation found the following:

- Asbestos in Playskool crayons sold at

Dollar Tree. Asbestos, which can cause lung cancer and mesothelioma, has recently been found in other children's products, such as makeup.

- Lead in recently-recalled children's water bottles (Base Brands children's Reduce Hydro Pro Furry Friends water bottle, once sold by Costco, and GSI Outdoors children's water bottle, once sold by L.L. Bean). The Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled both of these items because they contained high levels of lead. Lead can cause severe developmental and behavioral problems.
- Phthalates in Jot brand blue three-ring binder. The levels of phthalates in the binder is considered unsafe for children by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. High levels of phthalates can lead to birth defects, hyperactivity and reproductive problems.
- Benzene in Board Dudes brand markers. Benzene is a known carcinogen linked to leukemia, and disruptions in sexual reproduction and live, kidney and immune system function.

"Based on our testing, we know that most manufacturers make safe school supplies. We're calling on the makers of unsafe products to get rid of toxic chemicals and protect American schoolchildren," Haven said.

Local DAR Chapter Collects 70 Backpacks for Area Children in Need

Members of Polly Cooper Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently collected 70 backpacks to support school readiness for area children.

Backpacks were donated by members, associate members (DAR members from other chapters) and the community to benefit Operation Backpack® and Kids' Kloset, a volunteer-driven organization with ties to the chapter. Scattered Books in Chappaqua provided a drop-off location for the local community to assist in the effort. Vice-Regent Kathy Schreiber spearheaded the initiative.

"Being and feeling ready for school is



a critical component of education but not everyone has the means or ability to provide their children with school supplies," Schreiber said. "I learned about Operation Backpack® through my employer and wanted to find a way

to extend our impact."

The New York City area has more than 18,000 school-aged children living in homeless and domestic violence shelters and the goal of Operation Backpack®, an annual campaign by Volunteers of America-Greater New York, is to provide each child with a backpack filled with grade-specific supplies.

Kids Kloset is a division of (914) CARES, a nonprofit co-founded by Polly Cooper Chapter Member Dawn Greenberg. For more information about Kids' Kloset, visit www.914Cares.org.



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Help Students Get Organized for a Strong Start to the School Year

School-related stress is common among multi-tasking students. But smart organization can make it easier to dash from class to study hall to afterschool activities. It all starts with the right supplies. Gear up for a successful, low-stress school year with these handy tips.

Consult the List

Give your students the tools they'll need to hit the ground running, and alleviate their stress of being unprepared, by referencing the supply list the school sends home. Then spend some time before the first day of school doing something fun together that's also educational, like visiting a museum or reading books. This will get brains active and alert before the first bell rings, ensuring a smooth transition to classroom learning.

Work Smarter

A lot of information is thrown at students during a lesson, but even the quickest notetaker can run into trouble sorting it all out when it comes time to study. The right school supplies will allow students to learn in a meaningful way.

New alternatives to traditional notetaking can make finding relevant information a cinch during study sessions. For example, the Five Star College Ruled Interactive Notebook includes a table of contents with a spot for the date, topic descriptions and page numbers to help students quickly find specific information.

Side margins and page number blocks allow for page customization and organization, while the grid-ruled quick reference guide is a handy tool for periodic tables, multiplication tables and a glossary of terms. Students can stress less with organizational tools such as these.

Likewise, the Five Star Flex Hybrid NoteBinder, which acts like a notebook and works like a binder, is adaptable to meet the needs of all types of learners. On the inside, pocket dividers provide built-in organization and paper storage to which students can add paper and dividers as needed.

Reduce Your Haul

It's practical to maintain two sets of certain school supplies – one for a student's home workstation and the other in his or her locker. Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, extra paper, sticky notes and rulers are great examples of supplies to store in both places. Doing so will save students the stress of remembering everything before leaving for school or home and can also reduce some weight in heavy backpacks.

Seek Durability

Stuffed into backpacks, stored at the bottom of lockers and shuttled between school and home, school supplies take a beating. This can mean ripping and even losing important papers. Seek out



items durable enough to store materials for multiple classrooms and functional enough to withstand multiple locker visits, such as the Five Star 3-Inch Binder with Removable Padded Case. It comes with an expanding file for quick access to papers and a padded pouch for storing tech gear. Double the strength of competition, Five Star College Ruled Reinforced Filler Paper is a must-have for schoolwork and pairs well with binders.

Five Star aims to be an ally and champion for students looking for creative and expressive ways to manage

the stress of their daily routines. More tips to reduce school-related stress can be found at www.strengthenotstress.com or join the conversation using #StrengthNotStress.

"Stress is a common challenge for students," said Jessica Hodges, vice president of marketing at ACCO Brands, which builds school supplies based on evolving student needs. "Knowing you can channel stress into something more positive is empowering."

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Tuesday, Aug. 21

Earring Making With Joan Lloyd. Learn to make earrings while helping a good cause. For every pair you make, make another pair that will be donated to a battered women's shelter. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041.

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday (except Sept. 4). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Life on the Stage: King Kong. A screening of the original 1933 classic "King Kong" before it comes alive on Broadway this fall. The world's most epic modern myth comes to life on stage through an innovative mix of animatronics, puppetry, music and stagecraft. At the center of this theatrical reimagining: a 2,000-pound, 20-foot high gorilla and the woman who risks everything to help him. Following a screening of the film, join the fresh and inventive creative team from Melbourne, Australia for a conversation moderated by four-time Tony-winning Broadway producer Dori Berinstein about King Kong's fascinating transition from screen to technical marvel on stage, before Broadway previews begin Oct. 5. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

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.

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 Sept. 26. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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.

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.

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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

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

Art Series: Blockbusters at the MOMA. There's much to explore this summer at the Met, from the style of religious vestments to the large scale works of Mexican muralists. Focus on the painters and their various interests in gardens and nudes, as well as the rooftop commission for this summer. 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.

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

"American Folk." In this warm-hearted drama, folk musicians Amber Rubarth and Joe Purdy play Joni and Elliot, a couple of strangers who are thrown together by circumstance in the days after 9/11. Stranded in California, they end up taking a road trip to New York, making music-powered connections with all kinds of strangers along the way. Followed by a Q&A with Rubarth and Jacob Burns Film Center founder Steve Apkon and a live performance. Part of the Sounds of Summer series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Aug. 23

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 (except Sept. 3). Info: 914-273-3887.

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

"Deconstructing The Beatles: 1963 Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" Scott Freiman, one of the Jacob Burns Film Center's most popular speakers, combines his love of The Beatles with his experience as a composer, producer and engineer to deliver unique multimedia presentations about the band's creative process. With rare insights, anecdotes, film clips, and recordings, he takes audiences on an entertaining journey through performances and recording sessions, allowing viewers to see and hear the evolution of groundbreaking music. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9.

Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series: Brian Q. Torff & New Duke. Torff is a renowned bassist, composer, author and a professor at Fairfield University. New Duke is an acclaimed eight-piece band that performs Torff's updated arrangements of Duke Ellington's music and was recently featured on CBS-TV. In case of rain, canceled on Facebook by 3 p.m. Presented by NewYork-Presbyterian. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Friday, Aug. 24

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Jazz at Pierson Park: Kate Baker/Vic Juris Band. Juris is a renowned jazz guitarist, composer and teacher who has played with Dizzy Gillespie, Sarah Vaughan, Chico Hamilton and Dave Liebman and has made numerous recordings. Baker is one of today's most sought-after jazz vocalists. She is also a vocal coach and runs the Jazz Forum Arts Vocal Competition and has performed with Richie Cole and the Alto Madness Orchestra. Pierson Park, West Main Street at the Hudson River, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. In case of rain, concert is canceled on Facebook by 3 p.m. Presented by NewYork-Presbyterian. Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Friday Night Film Series: "Her." In the near future, a lonely writer develops an unlikely relationship with an operating system designed to meet his every need. This Oscar-winning film for best screenplay looks at the underlying forces behind relationships and how what drives people to bond with others. Part romance, part drama, part sci-fi concept, this film has a blockbuster cast, including Amy Adams, Scarlett Johansson and Joaquin Phoenix. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, there will be outdoor activities with Tinkergarden
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Identifying and Preventing Elder Abuse of an Older Parent

By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

The elderly are vulnerable and as a result are often soft targets for non-physical abuse.

I refer to them as "silent abuses" because they are often difficult to identify, or worse, prove. Examples include undue influence, duress, coercion, mental abuse and financial exploitation. Generally, a common predicate for most cases begins with a close, confidential relationship with another person, who is usually a relative or friend.

Consider a situation where an elderly parent lives with a child. The two might be living in the family home or perhaps the parent has moved into the household of a child after the death of their spouse. These living arrangements are usually referred to as mother-daughter households.

A great deal of reliance is placed on the child by the parent to assist with everyday needs such as shopping, doctor's appointments and visits to the bank. The child becomes the caretaker for the parent and, naturally,

the parent's affection for that child might increase as times goes on.

When the parent tends to the preparation of estate planning documents, the parent might designate that all children are to share equally. The caretaker child, however, is usually made the primary agent under a power of attorney and healthcare proxy since they are closest emotionally and physically.

Once the relationship described above is formed, the type of abuse that can occur depends on specific circumstances. Suppose the child is having financial difficulty while also having access to the parent's accounts. The child might exploit the love and affection of the parent by asking for money. The parent usually agrees. Having access to the parent's financial accounts, the child might begin to take money without permission. When confronted, they may respond that the parent made a loan or intended to gift money.

Other abuses occur by virtue of evil intentions. Again, exploiting

the close relationship, the child begins to brainwash the parent into thinking that the other children have their own lives and don't care about them. Vulnerable, the parent concurs and begins to disinherit the others, leaving the caretaker child as the sole beneficiary.

There are many more examples, but ultimately the advice is to be proactive. Ask questions. While you may not receive the answers you seek, pay close attention to the responses you are given. If it smells rotten, it's usually rotten. Look for changes in your parent's lifestyle and behavior. It speaks volumes. I cannot identify all the ways in which you might discover signs of abuse, but if you are perceptive, you'll find it.

If you suspect that someone is living in squalor or is being neglected physically or mentally, you might consider contacting Adult Protective Services. They take these matters seriously and respond accordingly. Otherwise, we can assist by commencing a guardianship

proceeding in court.

In a guardianship proceeding, you will have the opportunity to present your case to a court, and if successful, a guardian will be appointed to handle the financial and/or personal affairs of the individual.

A guardian can be another family member but if the matter is contentious, an independent party might be appointed. Once a guardian is appointed, the assets of the individual can no longer be exploited, thereby ensuring that the individual is protected financially. If the individual has been neglected, she will be protected personally as well.

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Happenings

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from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and singer-songwriter Melissa Frabotta will perform from 10 a.m. to noon. 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.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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

End-of-Life Choices. Laurie Leonard,

executive director of End of Life Choices New York, will lead this lecture and explain how to navigate today's health care system to improve end-of-life care and expand options to ensure that loved ones' values and wishes are respected. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. Comedy Bites is taking over Lucy's Laugh Lounge. Come out for a huge night of laughs as Davian and Tara record the event for their popular new Comedy and Food show. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and

advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

The Small Town Theatre Company Summer Concert Series: Broadway With the New Rochelle Opera. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth, the New Rochelle Opera will be performing many of his Broadway songs in a "Bernstein and Friends program. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to Whipoorwill Hall. Info: Visit www.smalltowntheatre.com.

The Piano Men: The Hits of Billy Joel and Elton John. A great concert featuring some of the best music ever written. The hits of Billy Joel and Elton John performed flawlessly by The Piano Men. This incredible live concert performance is the ultimate dueling pianos show. A stunning lineup of the hits you love. Featuring Jeff Brewer as Billy Joel and Jeff Scott as Elton John. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50. Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Sunday, Aug. 26

Melissa Etheridge: The Rock Show. Etheridge stormed onto the American rock scene in 1988 with the release of her critically acclaimed self-titled debut album, which led to an appearance on the 1989

Grammy Awards show. Her commercial and artistic stride with her fourth album, "Yes I Am" featuring the massive hits "I'm the One" and "Come to My Window" that brought Etheridge her second Grammy. In 1995, Etheridge issued her highest charted album, "Your Little Secret," which was distinguished by the hit single "I Want to Come Over." Known for her confessional lyrics and raspy, smoky vocals, Etheridge has remained one of America's favorite female singer-songwriters for more than two decades. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$68, \$88, \$128 and \$148. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Monday, Aug. 27

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve. (Use Sleepy Hollow Road entrance.) 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the third Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday (except Sept. 3). RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP:

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DS EQUITY CONSULTING, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. filed with SSNY on 06/29/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY shall mail process to **DS Equity Consulting, LLC 1064 Saw Mill River Rd, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE DESIGNER REALTY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/1/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **760 White Plains Rd, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BRONX BASKETBALL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on April 13, 2018. Office Loc.: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy to is: **The LLC, 43 Seacord Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful act.**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER INDEX # 12377/09 FILED: 6/1/2018 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon

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Tourism Buys Westchester Economy With \$1.9B in Annual Spending

By Anna Young

With myriad attractions luring tourists to Westchester, County Executive George Latimer praised officials after a recent report revealed visitor spending here increased to a record \$1.9 billion last year.

During a press conference last Friday at 3 Westerly Bar & Grill in Ossining, Latimer said Westchester's travel and tourism industry showed a 3 percent increase, ranking it third in the state behind New York City and Long Island. Westchester represents 51 percent of all visitor spending in the Hudson Valley, Latimer said.

"Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in this ever-growing sector of our economy, Westchester County continues to shine as a premier regional destination for business and leisure travelers in New York State," he said. "With the building of new hotels and upgrades being made by existing properties, new restaurants, breweries and attractions, we are excited to see the tourism industry continue to flourish here in our beautiful county."

Last year visitor spending directly or indirectly supported 24,527 jobs in Westchester, 5 percent of all jobs in the county. It also generated \$227 million in tax revenue for state and local



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer last Friday provided an encouraging report on the tourism industry in Westchester at a press conference near the Ossining waterfront.

municipalities.

"From music festivals, to top-notch dining and entertaining, to arts and culture, we always have new attractions and that allows for the repeat visitor and offers an opportunity for memorable experiences," said Natasha Caputo,

director of Westchester County Tourism and Film.

Officials said spending in the lodging sector totaled \$424 million, up 2 percent from 2016. Room demand, measured by hotel rooms filled on a nightly basis, was up 4 percent.

"These numbers are great news for the hotel industry here in Westchester," said Sean Meade, president of the Westchester Hotel Association. "Features like the Westchester County Airport and our proximity to New York City helps us continue this growth year after year."

Recreation also saw a 4 percent spike in spending last year to \$178.3 million, while the food and beverage industry increased 3 percent to \$543.2 million.

Wander DeBrito, general manager of 3 Westerly Bar & Grill, said he has seen an estimated 7 percent increase in business over the last year.

"We are very proud of what we've done with this restaurant at this location," DeBrito said. "Supporting local farms and restaurants and breweries and being a part of Westchester, we're very proud to be here."

County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) lauded officials for providing so many appealing resources that have continued to attract visitors throughout the years.

"We have a lot of events and recreation that help to bring people into that experience of how people want to be spending their recreation dollars right now," Borgia said. "We are so fortunate that Westchester County is able to capitalize and grow on our resources."

Happenings

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Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or drop in.

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

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

Tuesday, Aug. 28

Holistic Pain Support Program. People suffering from chronic pain will have access to comprehensive pain management services including exercise, nutritional guidance, psychological support and complementary medicine practices. This session will feature a presentation from Dr. Huang, director of Phelps' pain management center at Phelps. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 28. Registration required. Info and

registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Art Series: Utamaro. This mysterious Japanese artist was perhaps one of the most respected creators of woodblock prints at the end of the 18th Century. Like Gustav Klimt, Utamaro loved the female form. His gorgeous portraits of women are as equally sought after as his illustrations of insects. Cited as an influence on numerous contemporary artists, Utamaro's early life remains an enigma. 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.

Thursday, Aug. 30

Back to School Workshop: Study Habits That Stick. For all high school students and parents. Door prizes will be given. C2 Education, 195 N. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free. Seating limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-362-1100 or e-mail mount.kisco@c2educate.com.

Friday, August 31

Summer Fare: "Black Panther." T'Challa, the King of Wakanda, rises to

the throne in the isolated, technologically advanced African nation, but his claim is challenged by a vengeful outsider who was a childhood victim of T'Challa's father's mistake. Followed by a discussion led by author and film buff Carol Durst-Wertheim. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

The FIXX Beach Tour. Alternative rock and MTV pioneers The FIXX are coming to The Paramount as part of their "Beach Tour," celebrating the 35th anniversary of the release of their multiplatinum "Reach the Beach" album. The album spawned three Top 40 singles: "One Thing Leads to Another," "Saved By Zero" and "The Sign of Fire" and reached the top 10 on Billboard's Album Chart, Top 100 Singles Chart and Mainstream Rock Chart and received heavy airplay on television and radio. Songs from "Reach the Beach" continue to receive substantial radio airplay today as well as streams and video views numbering in the millions. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$30, \$40 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-737-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Saturday, Sept. 1

Explorer Bag Walks. Saw Mill River

Audubon is offering walks for families and adults to try out the equipment and ideas in the Explorer Bags. Good for all ages. Gedney Park, Route 133, Millwood. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Advance registration required. Info and registration: 914-666-6503 or e-mail office@sawmillriveraudubon.org.

CORNucopia. Celebrate a season of bounty with crafts, live music and tasty treats. Children can participate in hands-on activities such as crafting cornhusk brooms, making their own apple dolls and designing scarecrows. They can race to the finish in the child-sized mini maize maze and corn-shucking contest. Live music from the acclaimed string band The Ebony Hillbillies will get toes tapping throughout the day. Food selections available for purchase include fresh roasted corn, veggie corn burgers, corn tortilla casserole, cornbread, corn muffins, kettle corn and popcorn, plus draft beers and draft root beer from Captain Lawrence Brewery. Blue Pig of Croton-on-Hudson will feature sweet corn ice cream. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Seniors: \$12. Children (3-17): \$8. Children (under 3): Free. Tickets are \$2 when purchased on site. Also Sept. 2 and 3. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, 4828 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081, Plaintiff(s), against JANET SMITH, AMY SALERNO, KATHERINE SALERNO, BRIAN SALERNO, MARTIN SALERNO, RUSSELL SALERNO, LR CREDIT 11 LLC, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK FSB, SUZANNE SALERNO, JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.), Defendant(s). **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST**

YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The

United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT:** THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage executed by ROBERT M. SALERNO in the amount of \$490,500.00 which mortgage was recorded as follows and mortgage tax paid thereon: Recording Date March 9, 2006; Instrument Number: 460610332; County of WESTCHESTER. The mortgage was subsequently assigned to LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, AS SERVICER FOR GSAA by assignment and further assigned to LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP by assignment and sent for recording in the Office of the Clerk of WESTCHESTER County, covering premises known as 2 Wagon Wheel Road, Town of Mamaroneck, NY 10543 (Section 3, Block 333, Lot 17). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to a resettled order of the Hon. Mary H. Smith, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mamaroneck, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 3, Block 333, Lot 17, said premises known as 2 Wagon Wheel Road, Town of Mamaroneck, NY 10543. **YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** There is now due and owing on said mortgage the following amounts: Principal balance: \$594,000.00, Interest Rate: 6.875%, Date interest accrues from: January 1, 2008, late charges: \$612.54, together with monies advanced for taxes, insurance, maintenance of premises and the costs, attorneys' fees, disbursements, and further allowances provided pursuant to the underlying loan documents and applicable law in bringing any action to protect the Mortgagee's interest in the Subject Property. **UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF**

THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/ CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT** You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504



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The Continuing Evolution of an Omnivore's Diet



By Nick Antonaccio

I've been trying to be more conscious about a healthy diet. I've cut back on red meat protein, highly processed foods and bleached-flour based breads. I'm evolving toward a vegetarian diet, although I still have a chicken recipe on my plate weekly and I can't resist a Friday night sausage and broccoli rabe pizza.

Animal fat and processed flour seem to be in my DNA – or at least in my sensory memory from childhood. But I'm finding it easier to satisfy these cravings by tricking my senses of smell and taste.

Recently, I've had dining experiences that convinced me sustaining a healthy diet – and enjoying it – can be readily achieved. With the insights and guidance of a chef or cookbook that seeks out and experiments with unique combinations of ingredients, not only are palate-pleasing dishes possible for an omnivore, but they may even reach one of the healthiest of diets – vegetarian. And dare I mention the other “v” word diet – vegan? In the hands of the right

‘Many restaurants have modified their menus’

chef, provocative can be evocative and nutritious can be delicious.

Many restaurants have modified their menus to accommodate the farm-to-table trend taking hold of diets. Many new restaurants have taken traditional menus and overhauled them, satisfying palates across the entire spectrum of taste and dietary preferences.

Have you noticed this also? I've ordered modified menu items such as spaghetti and meatballs or empanadas with a side of fries. With no meat, dairy or even gluten. The alchemy skills of today's chefs provide flavors that tantalize my taste buds and satiate my omnivore appetite. They have reached new heights of dining pleasure for those contemplating the culinary plunge to “v-ism.” And they've done it with such finesse as to make the transition seamless.

A bit of backdrop:

The nearly eight million vegetarians in the United States have sworn off meat, fowl and fish, but not eggs or dairy products. The approximately 1 million vegans have taken vegetarianism several

steps further. Theirs is not only a dietary difference but also a lifestyle choice. They have sworn off all animal products as well as animal byproducts. For them, slaughtering animals is interrupting our symbiotic relationship and peaceful coexistence with nature. You will not see a vegan consuming eggs or wearing leather, drinking milk or eating honey.

A balanced vegan diet consists of four food groups: legumes, nuts and seeds; grains; vegetables; and fruits. Sound familiar? Check the FDA's dietary guidelines, which are focused increasingly on these foods. Simply because it is focused on plant-based products, a vegan diet helps reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, obesity and diabetes.

How do vegans feel about a glass of wine? The same as any environmentally conscientious omnivore might feel about organic wine. An organic wine is a sustainable product, one produced in a manner to perpetuate the environment, not deplete or corrupt it. Organic vineyards exist in harmony with nature: no chemical additives in the soil, vines or wines – and no scientific meddling with

genetics. However, vegans must be diligent in their quest for vegan wines. A number of organic vineyards fertilize with animal products (bone meal and dried blood) and organic wines may be processed with animal byproducts (egg whites and dried blood) to filter or “fine” any sediment that may be suspended in a wine barrel during the aging process. Check online for clarification on specific wines.

Vegans are vegetarians, but not vice versa. Vegan wines are organic wines but not vice versa. Confused? Just leave your decisions in the hands of committed chefs and sommeliers.

My diet continues to evolve. It's better for me. It's better for the environment – and it's fun. I raise my glass of organic wine to the good life.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine

writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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PUBLIC NOTICE – NY09226A T-Mobile Northeast, LLC is proposing to collocate antennas on a 86-foot building at 117 South Highland Ave, Ossining, Westchester County, NY. Public comments regarding the potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Laura Mancuso – CBRE, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604, whiteplainsculturalresources@cbre.com or (914) 694-9600

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at one location. Antennas will be

installed at a top height of 37 feet on a building with an overall top height of 44 feet at the approx. vicinity of 946-954 S Lake Blvd, Mahopac, Putnam County, NY 10541. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Alison, a.cusack@trileaf.com, 10845 Olive Blvd, Suite 260, St. Louis, MO 63141, 314-997-6111.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District shall hold a public hearing on the 28th day of August, 2018, at 5:00 P.M., at the Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road Chappaqua, New York, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed changes to the District Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct with the proposed changes are posted on the District website at <https://www.ccsd.ws/board-of-ed/policies-and-regulations/policies-and-regulations-5000-students/policy-5030-student-code-of-conduct> DATED: August 16, 2018

NOTICE OF FORMATION of MAR Sweet Homes LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/6/18. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as

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Rockland starting pitcher Travis Hissong fires to the plate in Sunday's game. He gave up two runs in his six innings.



Nick Sarianides delivers a pitch after coming on in relief to start the seventh inning on Sunday.



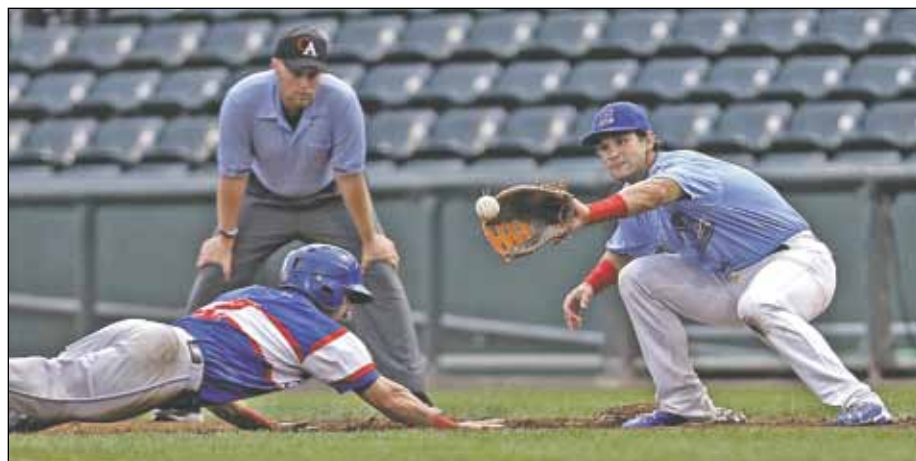
Cody Regis of the Boulders races to third base with a leadoff triple in the bottom of the second inning vs. visiting Ottawa.

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Mike Montville belted a home run leading off in the bottom of the 10th inning Sunday night to give the Rockland Boulders a 3-2 win over the Ottawa Champions.



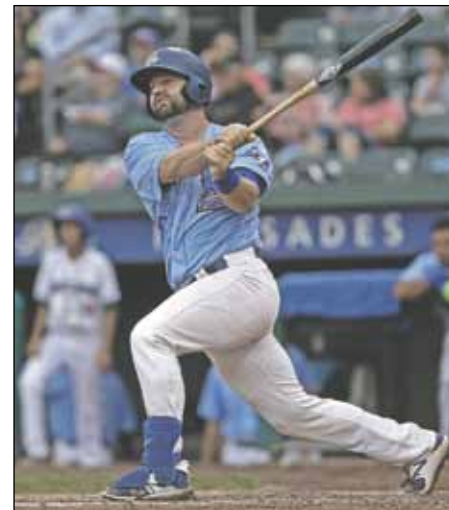
Boulders first baseman Conrad Gregor fields a pickoff throw as Ottawa's Chase Harris dives safely back to the bag.



The Boulders' Mike Montville comes around to score a run on Conrad Gregor's third-inning double in Sunday evening's Can-Am game vs. Ottawa.



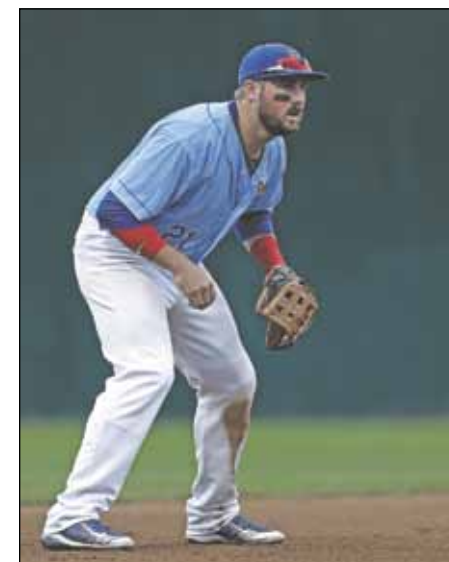
Rockland shortstop JC Rodriguez tracks a pop-up in the infield during the Boulders' victory on Sunday night.



Boulders slugging catcher Marcus Nidiffer sends a pitch down the left-field line during the 3-2 win over visiting Ottawa.



JC Rodriguez of the Rockland Boulders flies out to left field in the seventh inning. The Boulders, now 46-41, host the New Jersey Jackals for three games this Friday through Sunday.



Boulders third baseman Cody Regis stays ready at the hot corner vs. the Ottawa Champions.



The Boulders' Conor Bierfeldt hits a foul ball down the line in left during Sunday's win at Palisades Credit Union Park.

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



Renegades starter pitcher Joe Ryan rears back to fire a pitch in Thursday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley Renegades players watch from the dugout steps during last Thursday's 3-2 extra-inning loss to the Staten Island Yankees at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley's Tyler Frank is caught stealing in the first inning against the Staten Island Yankees.



Tanner Dodson of the Renegades tries to beat out a ground ball in the sixth inning of Thursday's game.



Staten Island third baseman Andres Chaparro watches a hard ground ball go foul down the line in last Thursday night's 3-2 Yankee win over the host Renegades.



Southpaw Nick Sprengel pitches in relief for the Renegades during Thursday evening's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Jackson McGowan is on the move toward second base during the Hudson Valley Renegades' home game on Thursday.



Staten Island's Alex Junior sends a fly ball to left field in the sixth inning of the Yankees' 3-2 win over the Hudson Valley Renegades.



Yankees starting pitcher Harold Cortijo struck out six and walked just one in his five innings of work against the Renegades on Thursday night.



Eric Wagaman of the Staten Island Yankees swings for the fences as he leads off the top of the fifth inning against the Renegades last week.



Staten Island Yankee shortstop Eduardo Torrealba dashes to his right to field a grounder during Thursday's game vs. Hudson Valley at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley third baseman Adrian Rondon swings through a pitch in the bottom of the fifth inning vs. the visiting Staten Island Yankees.



Angelina Guarnieri of Westlake hits the ball to right field during a rout of Haldane early in the season.



Bridget Giglio stays ready on the left side of the Pleasantville infield.



Briarcliff shortstop Julia Barbalato gets set to leave her feet as she tries to snare a soft liner over her head early in the season.



Westlake third baseman Antonia Perino stays ready in the infield during a Wildcat home game.



Horace Greeley first baseman Sara Jakubowicz gets the putout as Fox Lane's Ellie Murphy arrives at the bag a little bit too late.

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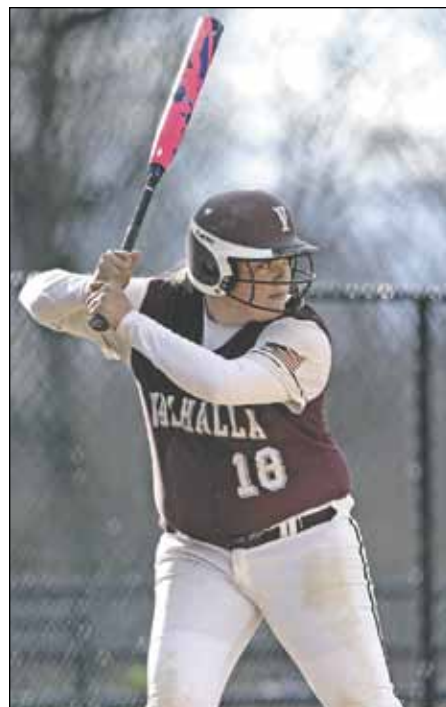
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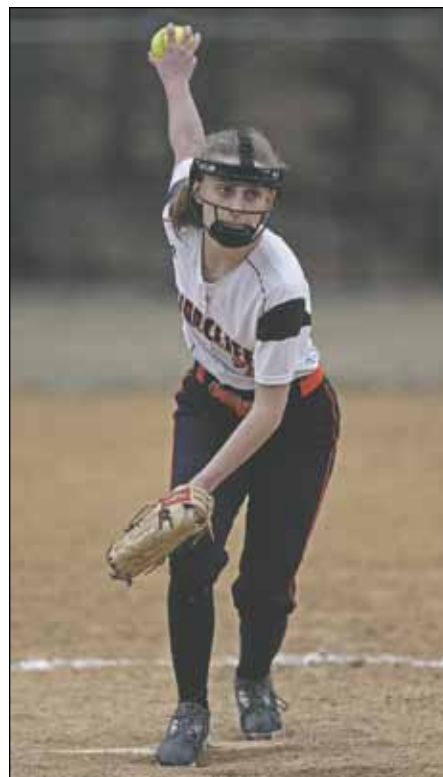
Horace Greeley's Sami Miller pitches in the Quakers' first home game of the season, back in late March.



Ellie Murphy of Fox Lane delivers a pitch in a road victory late in the season.



Valhalla power hitter Gianna Bencivengo gets ready to swing the bat.



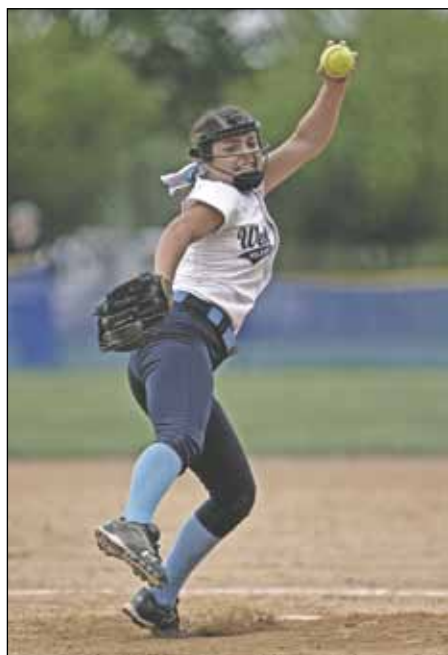
Briarcliff's Amanda King pitches during one of the Bears' home games early in the season.



Pleasantville's Jackie Sicignano races to second base during a Panther home game.



Horace Greeley second baseman Alexa Potack steps on the bag for a force out in the Quakers' home game against the Carmel Rams.



Allison Brunetto pitched the Westlake Wildcats to their first-ever sectional softball championship this season.



Westlake slugger Daniella Mulvey awaits a pitch in the Wildcats' home win over Valhalla back in April.



Pleasantville's Briana Tucci does some high-stepping as she pitches during a midseason home game.



Byram Hills first baseman Abby Siconolfi is poised to make a play in the infield during a late-season Bobcat home game.



Briarcliff center fielder Carolyn Calenda fields a hit during the Bears' home opener back in late March.



Valhalla pitcher Jillian Calderoa delivers to the plate during a Viking road game early in the season.



Ava Melnychuk of Briarcliff runs toward second base in a game against visiting Edgemont.



Adriana Piccolino of Fox Lane just barely beats the throw to second base as Greeley's Penny Toll applies the late tag.



Greeley outfielder Emma Hart moves to her left to field a hit during the Quakers' home game against Fox Lane.



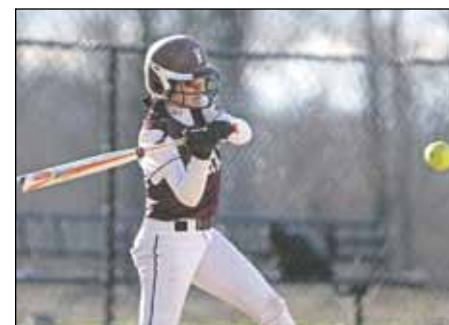
Byram Hills' Lorraine DiSano races toward third base in the Bobcats' game vs. Pelham in early May.



Skylar Sanders of Byram Hills swings the bat in a home game against Pelham.



Fox Lane's Danielle Palladino hits a pitch to left field in the Foxes' road victory over Greeley.



Kayla Greenberg of Valhalla gets set to make contact at the plate in a game against Westlake.



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