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Mt. Kisco Solar Power Law Debate **Centers on Sensitive Districts**

By Neal Rentz

A controversial proposed law to regulate the placement of solar panels in Mount Kisco has drawn opposition by several solar power supporters because it would allow installations in the Conservation and Preservation districts.

While Mount Kisco already allows roof-mounted panels, the legislation places certain criteria on those systems. It is currently silent on the ground-mounted systems.

The legislation would give the Building Department the latitude to approve ground-mounted panels on systems less than 1,000 square feet. Ground-mounted arrays larger than 1,000 square feet would require the Planning Board to grant a special permit. The smaller systems would be permitted on non-residential properties while multiple zones would be allowed to have systems of more than

1,000 square feet.

While most residents at a more than two-hour public hearing last Monday said they supported the concept of generating more solar power, many expressed concerns that ground-mounted systems would appear in areas that have been set aside for open space and historic trails, most notably the Conservation and Preservations districts.

Resident Brian Liebman said he was troubled about Oakwood Cemetery, which is in the Preservation District. He called the property "one of the most beautiful and serene locations in town."

Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich said she was aware of opposition to allowing systems of more than 1,000 square feet in the two districts. There are five parcels in the Preservation District owned by entities other than the village continued on page 4

Dancing Centenarian



Edyth Beinstock, a resident at The Bristal Assisted Living at Armonk, celebrated her 100th birthday last month. Beinstock, who was born and raised in Brooklyn and previously lived in Pompano, Fla., danced in the prestigious Martha Graham Dance Company and still loves to take to the floor with her children and family. "We were very excited to celebrate such a wonderful milestone at our Armonk community," said Samantha Krieger, executive director at the residence.

P'ville's Our Lady of Pompeii Celebrates 100 Years of Family, Faith Students' Emotional Well-Being

By Martin Wilbur

Several months before Grace Baer's mother died in 2000, her mom instructed her that when 2018 arrived there needed to be a celebration for Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Pleasantville to recognize its 100h anniversary.

Baer and her fellow parishioners didn't let her mother or the congregation down.

On Sunday, the small Saratoga Avenue church had its pews packed with several hundred congregants for a centennial Mass, followed by a Rosary procession around the neighborhood. The procession was virtually identical to what the community's forbears held for years every July for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The afternoon also included plenty of



A packed Our Lady of Pompeii Church during

good food, music, crafts and activities at the church's social hall.

"It's in honor of all the men and women who built the church and supported it,

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Byram Hills Takes Next Step to Improve

By Aaron Notis

The Byram Hills Board of Education accepted a \$58,722 grant from the district's education foundation last week to fund the second year of a program designed to help evaluate and improve student wellness.

The Wellness for Life Initiative will be used to continue the Challenge Success Program, which in partnership with Stanford University gathers information and devises strategies to help create more balanced lives for students. Last year the program was launched with a \$201,077 grant used within the district to create new spaces and opportunities to improve mental health and agility.

The Challenge Success Program is designed to help students understand

that becoming independent thinkers and more adaptable, motivated and engaged members of society is just as important as high grades and test scores. Working with teams of teachers, parents and students, the program assesses students' needs, identifies problems and develops action plans to support their emotional, academic and physical well-being.

Last year, a team of professionals from Stanford visited the district to compile data on issues such as how much time students are spending on homework, the amount of sleep they're getting, their extracurricular obligations and who best supports them in the schools, said Superintendent of Schools Jen Lamia.

This year, a group of high school

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painted it, changed the windows," said Baer, who has lived next door to the church for decades. "For all the work they did, it was all for them."

The church, in the area of Pleasantville known as "The Flats," attracted large numbers of immigrants from Sicily and areas of northern Italy in the early 20th century. The immigrants were either unwelcome or uncomfortable attending the established Catholic churches in the area at the time, said Jackie Kovatch, an Our Lady of Pompeii congregant and a member of the Holi Innocents Parish Council.

So they decided to build one of their own – literally. With the help of a French Dominican priest, Fr. Alexander Mercier, the community raised the \$400 to buy the parcel to build the church where Our Lady of Pompeii stands today.

Since most of the men who lived in the neighborhood worked in the trades as carpenters, masons or painters, they spent much of their free time retrieving stones to build the church from the nearby quarry where the Thornwood Town Center is currently located, said Connie Aucello Jakala, who grew up in The Flats.

"It's small, it's homey, it's what church should be," Jakala said.

It opened in 1918, although none of the

congregation's elders know for certain the date when Our Lady of Pompeii hosted its first Mass. Baer said her mother believed its opening was in May.

September was chosen for the celebration because religious education classes were winding down for First Communions in May and then there would be confirmations in early fall, she said.

In 1925, the community added the present-day social hall, said Fr. Joseph Scordo, who grew up in the neighborhood.

Over the past 100 years, the church, which is part of Holy Innocents parish, has helped bind this section of town. Holy Innocents Pastor Hugh Burns said Our Lady of Pompeii has thrived because the community around it has always understood that it was built and maintained on the backs of their families.

"A number of the original residents moved away but they come back," Burns said. "They're very loyal. It's because their ancestors physically built this place so it has not only memories but a lot of significance for that reason."

Sister Cathy O'Hanlon, who served at Holy Innocents for 14 years before retiring in 2016, said as she walked through the neighborhood during the procession she thought of the many people in the community.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

The Rosary procession was part of the 100th anniversary celebration.

"I just looked at the different houses of the people I used to visit and would bring communion to during those 14 years and so many wonderful memories come back," O'Hanlon said. "I just think the faith of the people in this area is just so wonderful. I think Fr. Joe (Scordo) said it so very well in his remarks – there's a lot of strong faith, wonderful people in this area and it's just a privilege to be here."

Entering its second century, Our Lady of Pompeii remains vibrant, although the daily Masses have been scrapped and there is just one Mass on Sunday morning. From time to time, there are still weddings and funerals at the church if the space can accommodate the anticipated crowd, Baer said.



Parishioners celebrated the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Pompeii Church on Saratoga Avenue in Pleasantville on Sunday with a Mass followed by a Rosary procession and good food and music and lots of reminiscing.

Today, it serves area Catholics of all backgrounds. Pleasantville resident Christine McCarville, an 11-year parishioner, said she was thrilled to be part of the church.

"It's a very proud day for the Italian-Americans in the area," she said. "I can see the pride in their heritage and it's just wonderful for them to celebrate what they made here with their own hands and we all celebrate with them."

Scordo, who credited Our Lady of Pompeii with igniting his interest in his faith, said he was confident the church would be around for the community for generations to come.

"This is their church, this is their parish, this is their home, so it's not going to fade away, not easily," Scordo said.



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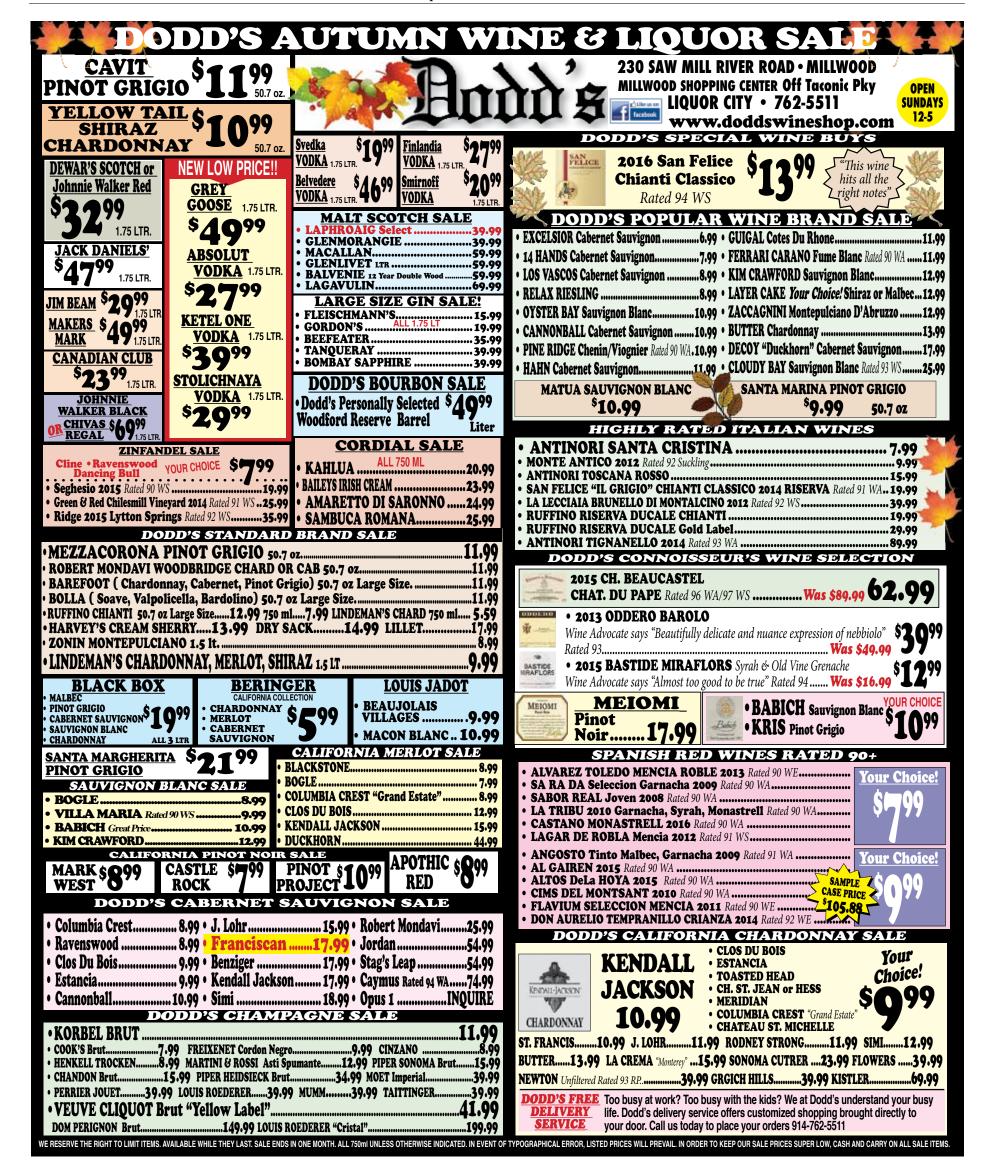
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 Oakwood and St. Francis cemeteries, an undeveloped parcel near the end of Radio Circle, Marsh Sanctuary, which has deed restrictions, and a portion of Mount Kisco Country Club, she said.

Picinich said officials have no plans to place solar panels on the historic trails owned by the village. Village trustees already approved a project for ground-mounted panels at a capped landfill on village-owned property at Lincoln and Columbus avenues. Officials are also considering a plan for a community solar project on a portion of Oakwood Cemetery.

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

Byram Hills Takes Next Step to Improve Students' Emotional Well-Being

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students, parents, teachers and administrators will travel to Stanford to continue working with the professionals. The Stamford team will then visit the district to look at the survey results and provide recommendations regarding potential changes in programs or scheduling.

Lamia said as recently as a decade ago educators weren't able to quantify the implication of the intense rigor that children in districts such as Byram Hills faced.

"We now have data to support any kind of changes that we are making and we can't make the changes by ourselves in a vacuum," she said. "We do really rely on professionals who can ascertain what our results are telling us to help us with our next set of goals."

The district also plans to build a Wellness Lounge where students can come to decompress, reflect and re-center themselves throughout the school day.

Byram Hills Education Foundation Chairman Jason Berland said he was excited about the grant.

"I've been the chairman of the education foundation for four years and this is the program I'm most excited about," Berland said. "It's going to make a big difference for our students and our district."

The grant was divided between Byram Hills High School and H.C. Crittenden Middle School. The high school received \$32,922 while \$25,800 went to the middle school.

Chairman John Rhodes said large solar farms should be prohibited in protected lands. The legislation represents "a major change in the village's basic zoning law and in our basic land-use approach," he said.

While the CAC supports solar power, Rhodes said panels should be limited to rooftops and backyards with small ground-mounted arrays.

Another CAC member, Jim Gmelin, said he wants greater use of solar power and other forms of renewable energy. Because of concern for the preservation of trees and open space, environmental protections should be included in the measure, he said.

Picinich said those who raised concerns against the legislation are volunteers who are dedicated to preserving village-owned green space.

"This board has no thought or intention of detracting from their efforts," Picinich said. "We value their contributions and are confident we can work together to find a suitable compromise."

Bedford resident Ellen Conrad, cofounder and co-president of Bedford 2020, favored the legislation. The law would encourage renewable energy sources and protect the environment, she said.

"It reduces greenhouse emissions and

preserves natural resources," said Conrad, adding that rooftop solar panels cannot be used by renters and aren't feasible in shady areas.

Village resident Doug Hertz, the president of Briarcliff Manor-based Sunrise Solar Solutions who is also the Planning Board chairman, is seeking to develop the solar power system at Oakwood Cemetery. The application is being reviewed by the Planning Board's remaining members.

Solar would reduce greenhouses gases and lower the village's carbon footprint while reducing the cost of energy, Hertz said.

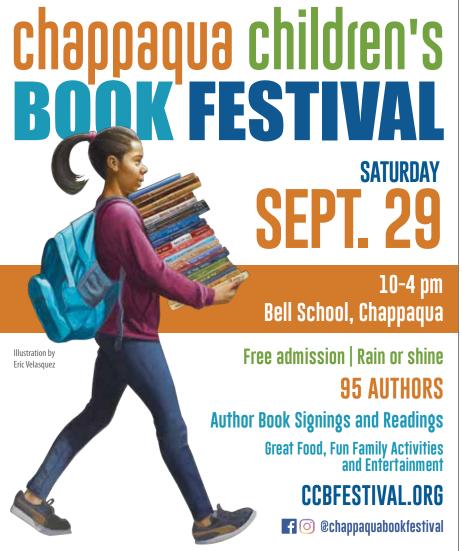
"Mount Kisco should embrace renewable energy and community solar," Hertz said.

Trustee Peter Grunthal, a longtime solar power supporter, said a balance between environmental protection and generating more energy is needed. Trustee Karen Schleimer added that the board should take time to carefully review the legislation.

Picinich said she hoped any law would serve as a model for other communities.

The hearing is scheduled to continue at the Village Board's Oct. 1 meeting at 7 p.m.





New Home for Organizations That Care Opens in No. White Plains

By Martin Wilbur

In 2014, Chappaqua residents Jessica Reinmann and Dawn Greenberg wanted to let the public know about some of the volunteer opportunities at several nonprofits in their community and surrounding towns.

They founded Chappaqua Cares, originally partnering with four nonprofit organizations with the mission of helping local residents and families who may lack food, shelter, education, medical care or clothing.

But the need stretched well beyond the local communities, and it wasn't long before they started receiving inquiries for help from one end of Westchester to the other. They now partner with more than 30 nonprofits throughout the county.

Last Thursday, the transformation to a countywide resource was completed with the grand opening of a nearly 4,000-square-foot centrally-located headquarters that the organization – now officially called (914) Cares – will share with Kids' Kloset at 901 N. Broadway in North White Plains.

"We never thought the need was as great as it was but we're very happy we're able to fulfill it," Reinmann said.

Kids' Kloset, founded more than a decade ago in New Rochelle by Stephanie Roth to provide new and gently used clothing to children of families in need, had most recently been operating out of a hard-to-maneuver basement space on East Post Road in White Plains. Earlier this year, the organization needed to vacate because the building had been sold and was going to be demolished.

Roth said the partnership and move to North White Plains will give Kids' Kloset an even wider reach. She estimated that the organization has meticulously packaged and distributed more than 17,000 bags of donated clothing – called "bags of love" – since its inception and more than 3,000 bags last year. It provides about a week's worth of appropriate and seasonal clothes for children from infants to high school age.

"It really will allow us to help more children in need," Roth said of the move. "Before starting this, we had a limited space and a limited accessibility to really provide, so at this point what we're doing is actually covering more territory and we're actually going to help more kids per year."

One county resident, Katherine Bonnet, said her four-year-old niece was provided a bag of stylish new clothing after her social worker told her about Kids' Kloset. She said the service makes children from households in need feel special and confident because many feel ashamed when attending school or are with other children without good-looking



County Executive George Latimer, surrounded by dignitaries, helps Kids' Kloset founder Stephanie Roth and (914) Cares co-founders Jessica Reinmann and Dawn Greenberg cut the ribbon on the two organizations' new shared space in North White Plains.

clothes that fit properly.

"I know the work that Kids' Kloset does is heaven sent and I know in my heart and my family's hearts Kids' Kloset will always have a special place in my heart," Bonnet said.

The new location is also key because it is in the center of the county within two to three miles of many county agencies and nonprofit organizations' offices, Greenberg said.

Roth said the organizations will benefit from more volunteers with the building having a parking lot with an ample number of spaces. In White Plains, volunteers would often stay for short shifts before leaving because they were forced to feed meters on the street.

The grand opening, which followed the move into the space over the summer, was attended by County Executive George Latimer who applauded the efforts of (914) Cares and Kids' Kloset for helping so many.

"This coming together represents what makes Westchester great, not the government of Westchester but the people of Westchester and the fact that here you have voluntary activity by people who are willing to give their time, no appreciation, no glory," Latimer said.

North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro said despite Westchester and many local communities having much affluence, it's not hard to find families who need help.

"This is like a store where people can get the things they need for kids," Schiliro said. "It's right next to us. It's all around us."

Kids' Kloset is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 914-458-5220.

For more information on the many other partners and services connected with (914) Cares, visit www.914cares.org.





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Mt. Pleasant Weighs Solar Power Projects at Town Facilities

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is considering a plan to allow Con Edison to install solar panels on roofs of townowned structures at no cost to the town.

If the project comes to fruition, town residents could see a 10 percent reduction in their monthly Con Edison bills. The contract between the utility and the town would be for 25 years.

Con Edison is eyeing the placement of solar panels at Town Hall and at the town complex that includes the swimming pool, community center and Valhalla branch of the Mount Pleasant Public Library on Lozza Drive.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, said he approached Con Edison about having

Chappaqua Man Looks for Change of Venue for Possible Trial

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua man who was arrested outside a New Castle Planning Board meeting in January is awaiting approval from the county for a change of venue if his case goes to trial.

Will Wedge appeared before New Castle Town Justice Noah Sorkin last Thursday with his lawyer Lawrence Fisher. Fisher explained that a written request was sent to the Westchester County district attorney's office and Westchester County Judge Larry Schwartz to approve a motion to change venues in the event of a trial.

Wedge was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with two counts of second-degree harassment, a violation, and one count of obstructing governmental administration, a Class A misdemeanor,

after he shouted a profanity during a discussion of the controversial Sunshine Children's Home application at a New Castle Planning Board meeting. He was escorted out of Town Hall but was arrested moments later.

Sorkin issued an order of protection shortly after his arrest in January, which prohibits Wedge from entering the upstairs level of Town Hall where public meetings are held and most town offices are located.

Wedge will have to return to town court on Oct. 18. Sorkin said if the motion is not granted either a trial date will be scheduled or Wedge can accept a plea deal from the district attorney's office.

"My concern is just moving this along," Sorkin said.

the utility use town-owned facilities for the panels. Con Edison is also seeking to place panels on solar carports that it would built to cover at least a portion of the community center and Town Hall parking lots.

"We are trying to do our part to produce green energy that will benefit the grid, create discounted energy rates for our community that sign up for green energy and help towards the eventual loss and financial impact we will see when Indian Point closes," Fulgenzi said.

While Town Board members said they were receptive toward solar panels on some town facilities, they were concerned about the look of excessive covered parking. Fulgenzi said on the positive side, a solar carport at Town Hall would provide protection from bad weather for employees and visitors and the town's police vehicles as well as providing shade.

Fulgenzi said the Highway Department garage will be the site of solar panels once a new roof is installed on the building.

Other structures at that site will also have solar panels, he said.

Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo said he would be hesitant supporting solar carports in town parking lots, particularly at the community center, because they appear unsightly.

Fulgenzi said an alternative to carports at the community center and library complex could be to build a gazebo near the library. That could allow the public to sit outside for outdoor barbecues and possibly picnic tables while panels could be placed on top of the structure, he said.

Another possibility is for Con Edison to build a covered library entrance with solar panels affixed.

Fulgenzi said he would bring the board's comments to Con Edison in the near future. A board decision is likely a few weeks away until town officials can iron out details.

The Examiner reached out to Con Edison regarding the issue but a spokesman for the utility refused to answer questions on the matter.

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County to Add 78 Hybrid Buses to Bee-Line System Fleet

By Anna Young

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced last week that 78 diesel-electric buses will be added to the county's Bee-Line Bus System fleet next year.

With clean air, efficiency and performance at the forefront of reducing greenhouse emissions, Latimer said the 60-foot transit buses will save the county more than 850,000 gallons of fuel while preventing 12,400 tons of greenhouse gas emissions from polluting the environment.

"Westchester County's decision to put our Bee-Line fleet at the head of electric innovation directly ties into our mission to help the county become more cognizant of our environment," Latimer said at a press conference last Friday at the Cerrato Bus Facility in Valhalla. "By adding hybrid buses to our transit system, we are reducing our environmental impact through lower emissions and supporting a healthier community."

Officials said the diesel-electric buses can operate up to one mile on battery power and are equipped with start-stop technology that automatically shuts down and restarts the diesel engine to reduce the amount of time the engine is idling or when the bus is stopped at an intersection. The hybrid buses will be fully integrated into the fleet next summer.

Less than half of the \$89 million bus

contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. is funded through the county budget. Roughly \$25 million was provided by New York State and \$27 million came from the federal government. Electronic components for the system will be supplied by BAE Systems Power & Propulsion Division.

"With this \$27 million in federal funding, Westchester County can ensure that residents have access to a modernized, efficient transportation infrastructure that meets their needs," Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) said. "As the ranking member of the House of Appropriations Committee, which oversees federal funding allocations, I will continue to make sure that the lower Hudson Valley has the resources to serve residents, support economic growth, and prosper."

Assembly members Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), Buchwald (D-White Plains) and Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), Congressman Eliot Engel and state Sen. Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) agreed the county is a proven leader in energy efficiency. Officials said the buses will dramatically reduce the release of toxic substances and limit health risks for residents while saving taxpayer dollars.

"Westchester County and New York State are once again leading the way on positive and substantive environmental changes to our infrastructure," Buchwald said. "When we talk about protecting the environment and leaning into sustainability we mean it, and to be able to do it with Westchester's buses is a great opportunity."

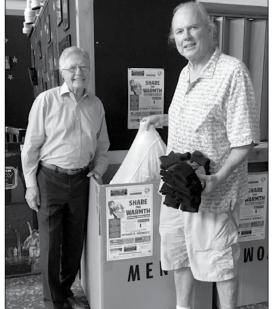
The county's Bee-Line Bus System, which is operated by the county's Transportation Department and DPW, is the second largest transit bus fleet in the

tate

"BAE Systems is widely regarded as a proven industry leader in transit bus electrification," Department of Public Works commissioner Hugh Greechan said. "The hybrid buses are truly state-ofthe-art in terms of clean air, performance and user friendliness, and double the efficiency of our current Bee-Line buses."

Share the Warmth

Bob Funking, left, co-owner of Westchester Broadway Theatre, and Dale Williams from Midnight Run collect clothing and toiletries for the theater's annual Share the Warmth fall drive. A variety of new or nearly-new men's and women's clothing is being accepted in the WBT lobby now through Nov. 19. Toiletries, including bar soap, body wash, combs, brushes, oral care products and baby wipes are also needed. For more information, visit www. broadwaytheatre.com.



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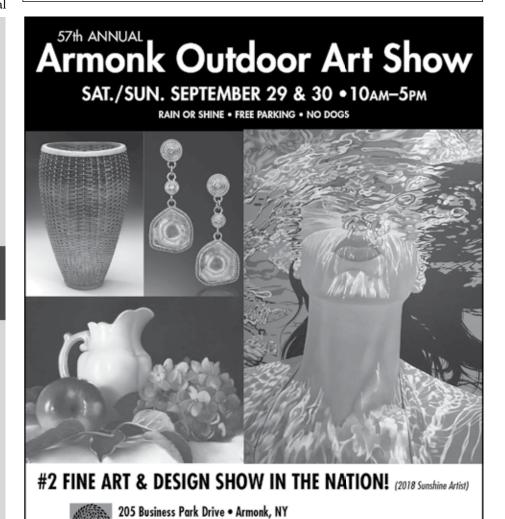
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Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Sept. 17: Police responded to the Mount Kisco Public Library on East Main Street on a complaint about a disorderly patron. Library staff reported that the man left the premises when police were called.

Sept. 18: Detectives arrested a 34-year-old Maple Avenue woman at 10:58 a.m. and charged her with fourthdegree grand larceny, a felony, following an investigation into the theft of \$1,200 from a Maple Avenue business. The suspect was released pending an appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court on Oct. 4.

Sept. 18: A Grove Street resident reported at 11:50 a.m. that \$1,000 was stolen from his car, which he left unlocked in his driveway overnight. The money had been left in the center console.

Sept. 18: An employee of a phone store on Main Street reported at 3:15 p.m. that a man who was looking at an iPhone left the store with the device while staff was helping another customer. The phone is valued at \$480. Video of the suspect was obtained and the investigation is continuing.

Sept. 20: Police arrested a 27-yearold Thornwood man at 8:14 a.m. and

charged him with stealing a pair of headphones from Rite Aid on South Moger Avenue. Officers responded after store staff reported that a shoplifting incident had just occurred and that the suspect had fled toward the train station. Police located the suspect, detained him and recovered the headphones, valued at \$34.95. He was charged with petty larceny, a misdemeanor, and was released pending an appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court on Sept. 27.

Sept. 20: A 90-year-old Spring Street resident was reported to be in extreme pain at 5:25 p.m. The man was taken by ambulance to Northern Westchester

Sept. 21: A Barker Street resident reported at 7:07 a.m. that someone entered his unlocked car overnight and removed a small amount of cash.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 14: An employee at La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive reported at 5:17 a.m. that there was an intoxicated and disorderly male party at the listed location. The responding officers reported that the matter was adjusted.

Sept. 14: Report of an injured animal on Byram Lake Road at 4:42 p.m. A caller reported that someone may have

shot an owl on his property and that the animal was apparently still alive. The responding officers stated that it did not appear the owl was shot, but needed assistance due to a head injury. One of the officers reported that the owl was secured in a container and a nature rescue service wa called.

Sept. 14: A caller reported at 8:19 p.m. that a woman followed her from Nick's Pizza to her home on Hardscrabble Road and was driving erratically. Officers responded and a subject was arrested and charged with driving while ability impaired.

Sept. 15: A complainant reported loud noise near her Windmill Road residence at 8:52 a.m. and that her house was shaking as a result. The responding officers checked the area and reported the noise was a result of tree stumps being dumped in a nearby dumpster.

Sept. 15: An intoxicated female was reported to be passed out in the hotel shuttle van at La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive at 10:59 p.m. and was unable to get out of the vehicle The complainant reported the female was picked up from Moderne Barn and shuttled back to La Quinta.

Sept. 18: An Overlook Road North resident reported at 5:46 a.m. that his neighbor's roosters are making noise starting at about between 4 a.m. every day which keeps him up. The complainant also reported that he called yesterday with the same complaint. The responding officer spoke with the owner of the roosters who was advised of the North Castle town ordinance regarding noise. The roosters' owner stated he would be getting rid of the birds as soon as possible.

Sept. 19: An anonymous caller reported at 10:21 a.m. that Con Edison has blocked off a section of Custis Avenue and does not have any employees standing by to assist with traffic. The responding officer reported speaking with a Con Edison employee at the location who stated Washington Avenue will be closed for through traffic but is open for residents and emergency vehicles at this time. Work at the location is estimated to be completed in one month.

Pleasantville Police Department

Sept. 19: Police received a complaint at 11:48 a.m. that an unknown person stole silicone products, spray and coding guns from a work site at 39 Washington Ave. The case is under investigation.

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Anticipation Mounts for Saturday's Chappaqua Children's Book Fest

By Martin Wilbur

If you're a child and love to read or a parent who hopes to get your son or daughter to read more, than Chappaqua is the place to be this Saturday.

Thousands of children and parents will converge in the hamlet's downtown for the sixth annual Chappaqua Children's Book Festival on the grounds of Robert E. Bell Middle School on South Greeley Avenue. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As one of the top children's book festivals anywhere, the gathering of authors and illustrators – 98 in all this year – is the largest in the event's history. More than 20 of them are new to the festival. Executive Director Dawn Greenberg said there is also a waiting list of 30 additional names.

There are several reasons for the festival's popularity, including a focus on advertising and marketing in Connecticut and New York City, but the enthusiasm among visitors is one of the most important factors, Greenberg said.

"We have a real reputation of getting our authors' books, getting the copies of their books, taking care of them," she said. "But what they say really matters to them, that the readers here and the parents are so engaged, they ask questions. Oftentimes they know about older titles they've had in print and I always get such good feedback from the authors about how much they love the families they encounter."

Diversity in book genre and suitability for multiple age groups is critical for the event's success, Greenberg said. There will be board books for babies right up through having 10 young adult authors for readers in eighth grade through high school.

The day is not only about books but having a fun time as kids search for their favorite authors or titles. In addition to author readings, book signings and illustrator demonstrations, there will be a food court with a variety of food trucks from around the region, kids' activities, reading-related crafts and music from The Mike Risko Band from Ossining.

For those with a sweet tooth, the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale returns for the sixth consecutive years selling baked treats and raffle tickets. The bake sale's proceeds benefit Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry mission to end childhood hunger.

Accessibility is another reason for the festival's success, Greenberg said. The venue is a short walk from the Chappaqua train station, which brings in many of the visitors from lower Westchester and the city, she said.

With any luck from the weather – and the long-range forecast was promising with sunny skies and highs in the low 70s – last year's crowd of 4,000 estimated by organizers could be easily eclipsed.

For those who will arrive by car, there is free all-day parking in the commuter train



At least several thousand people are expected to flock to downtown Chappaqua on Saturday for the sixth annual Chappaqua Children's Book Festival. Nearly 100 authors and illustrators will be on hand.

lot. Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein said there will be sufficient parking there as well as some street parking, although time limits are in effect for the latter.

A concern is the ongoing infrastructure work in downtown Chappaqua, Greenstein said, but the town has instructed the contractor and construction manager to button up the project for the weekend to accommodate Saturday's expected crowds.

Greenstein said for next year the downtown construction will be complete. Despite some inconveniences now, the festival has been a boon for the community.

"It is a good time to showcase our town and next year it will be even better to

showcase our town," he said.

To help with the festival's mission of promoting literacy, a portion of the book sales will benefit JCY-WCP literacy programs in schools throughout Westchester and to underwrite a new program in an Ossining elementary school. It also supports Summer Reading Buddies in the Yonkers and Ossining public libraries.

The event is rain or shine. In case of rain, the festival will be moved inside the middle school. Its address is 50 Senter St.

For more information about the event, including the full list of authors and illustrators, visit www.ccbfestival.org or the festival's Facebook page.





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Obituaries

Teri Kincade

Teri Kincade passed away on Monday, Sept. 17 surrounded by her loving family. She was 56.

Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and raised in New Windsor, N.Y., she was the adored daughter of Elsie and her late husband Francis David Beauchamp; the cherished wife of Craig and the devoted and caring mother of Sean, his wife Stephanie, and Joshua, Dylan and Jaclyn; loving sister of Donna Lewis and her husband Mickey and the late Michael David Beauchamp; sister-in-law of John Kincade and his wife Nancy; and James Kincade and his wife Sarah.

She loved animals, running, hiking and the outdoors and enjoyed playing

competitive sports including golf and tennis. Kincade valued her close relationships with her friends and with her colleagues in the Greenburgh School District, where she served as a dedicated and compassionate director of student services

Family and friends were invited to Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Sept. 20 for visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Sept. 21. Committal services were private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider a donation in Teri's memory to the ASPCA.

William McKenna

William McKenna of Thornwood passed away on Sept. 17. He was 85.

McKenna was born on Dec. 14, 1932, to William Sr. and Margaret McKenna (nee Cockburn) in the Bronx. He was the beloved husband of Mary McKenna (nee Holmes), the loving and dedicated father of Kathleen Toner (Adrian) and Karalyn McKenna and the cherished grandfather of Nicola. Professionally,

McKenna worked as a court clerk for the state Supreme Court in the Bronx.

Family and friends were invited to Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Sept. 23 for visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Sept. 24 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.





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Joan Vassallo

Joan Vassallo of Pleasantville, formerly of the Bronx, passed away on Sept. 20 at the age of 83 after a brief hospitalization.

Vassallo was born and raised in Brooklyn to Stella and Charles Krasinski and worked for many years as a secretary in the New York City school system. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Florindo (Tom), and two brothers, Charles Krasinski and Frank Krasinski.

Vassallo was a very busy grandmother who was active at Pleasantville's Clinton Street Senior Center. She was an avid reader, skilled knitter, a bingo player and enjoyed traveling with her friends.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Vassallo (Annemarie McAllister), Susan Cecchetelli (Jerry) and Diane Suchanek (Mark); her sisters, Ginger Bree (Charles) and Marie Henning; and her sisters-in-law, Joan Krasinski and Lorraine Krasinski.

Vassallo was very proud of all that her children accomplished and was the best grandmother to her seven grandchildren, Dan, Julie, Chris, Alyssa, Matt, Jaclyn and Will, and her two granddaughters-in-law, Jenna and Lauren. She was thrilled this past year to meet the newest member of the family, great-granddaughter Emmersyn Anne.

Visiting hours were held on Sept. 21 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. Funeral services were held at Beecher Flooks on Sept. 22 followed by burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Mount Kisco Vape Shop Cited for Selling Product to Youth

By Anna Young

A Mount Kisco vape shop was busted by Westchester County police last Tuesday for selling a nicotine-based product to a minor.

During an undercover sting conducted by county police on Sept. 18, 46-year-old Xin Han Lin, an employee of Smoking King at 32 E. Main Street, was discovered to have sold a mango-flavored pod for \$18 to a customer who was under 21 years old.

Officials said the summons that was issued was part of ongoing compliance checks to ensure that vape shops are adhering to the new county law that prohibit the sale of tobacco and related products to anyone under 21. The law was approved by the Board of Legislators in June raising the age from 18 to 21 to buy the products. It went into effect on Aug. 1.

Police said when the youth presented his driver's license to Lin showing he was not of legal age to buy the product, the clerk proceeded with the transaction. Both Lin and the business owner were issued summonses and will appear in Mount Kisco Justice Court on a future

Police also sent the minor into Kisco Vapers at 145 E. Main Street, which passed the compliance check. When the underage youth presented the license, the clerk refused to complete the sale.

County police have been regularly conducting compliance checks to make sure that local businesses are not selling alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes or nicotine-based products to underage patrons.

"We will continue to conduct these checks and will continue to work in partnership with community organizations to encourage young people to make safe and healthy choices," said county Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Gleason.

County Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah), who supported the legislation raising the age to buy tobacco and vaping products, said the new law is serving its purpose.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that our local businesses are not selling alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes or nicotine-based products to people under age 21," Covill said, "and these compliance checks, along with education, play an important role in (encouraging) young people to make safe and healthy choices."

Last Thursday, a Cortlandt business was also cited for selling smoke products to an underage patron, county police said. A youth was permitted to purchase a package containing four mangoflavored pods, a nicotine product that sold for \$16, without being asked to show identification at Vapor Tobacco King located at 2085 E. Main St. A summons was issued to the business.

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Armonk Outdoor Art Show to Transform Hamlet into Artist's Haven

By Martin Wilbur

For at least 360 days each year, Armonk's Community Field on Business Park Drive is what you would expect the site to look like, a place that hosts local recreational activities.

Toward the end of this week, a legion of some 300 volunteers will transform the grounds into a sprawling pop-up artist's village and home to one of the most successful art shows in the United States.

The 57th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show returns this weekend, one of the most highly anticipated events each year in town. It has always been a favorite destination for Westchester art lovers and those throughout the metropolitan area but it continues to grow in stature.

"I think the show keeps getting better because it's all about the art, obviously, and it consistently attracts many good artists, and on top of the art, each year we've tried to expand it in different ways," said Anne Curran, the event's executive director.

This Saturday and Sunday, 185 juried artists from 28 states around the country, Canada and Israel representing virtually every type of artistic medium will be part of the show. They were selected from

more than 600 applicants who hoped to gain entry – and with good reason.

While always popular, earlier this month the Armonk Outdoor Art Show was ranked the second-best fine art and design show in the United States by Sunshine Artist magazine. The ranking was based on artists' sales.

But organizers aren't resting on their laurels. Curran said every year there are new enhancements for the serious art patron and for families, and that's the case again this year. Hands-on activities for all ages will include collage making, silk scarf dyeing and a photo studio.

One of the new sponsors, The Harvey School, will present interactive programs for children five to 12 years old and the Katonah Museum of Art, Neuberger Museum of Art, the Rye Arts Center and Clay Arts Center will collaborate on art activities.

Last year, the show welcomed Luke's Lobsters as one of the food vendors. They will return and will be joined by Pleasantville's Taylored Menus, which is doing a barbecue grill, Curran said. Captain Lawrence Brewing Co. will be on hand with craft beer and wines and Armonk's Fortina will offer Italian food.

Armonk native Saul Rivers will



Throngs of art lovers are ready to descend on Community Field this weekend for the 57th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show.

provide the musical entertainment from 1 to 3 p.m. during both days.

"It will be a very fun and a very artenriched atmosphere for families," Curran said.

The impact of the show goes well beyond the art community. Proceeds from the show, the work of the Friends of the North Castle Public Library, will benefit programs at the facility. If the weather cooperates, more than \$100,000 will likely be raised for the library, said Barbara Vircillo, president of the Friends. During the past five years it

has contributed nearly \$700,000 toward programming and the local theater group The Armonk Players, she said.

North Castle Councilman Jose Berra said the money is important but so, too, is how the show enhances the town's reputation.

"It really is one of the incredible things we have going on in this town," he said. "It makes us a draw for other parts of the county, down in the city."

Curran said without the efforts of the volunteers the show would be virtually impossible to pull off.

"It's really great when we get new residents, or newer, younger residents, who are just getting acquainted with the show but their offer to volunteer in some way, that's very, very helpful to us because we're 99 percent dependent on volunteers," Curran said.

The show is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Community Field, located at 205 Business Park Drive. It will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$12 or \$10 for seniors or those with a discount coupon. Children under 18 are admitted for free.

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Plaintiff Westchester designates County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CER-TIFICATEHOLDERS OF PARK PLACE SECURTIES, INC., AS-SET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WCW1, Plaintiff, against GERMAN BOHORQUEZ, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirsat-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, ARGENT MORT-GAGE COMPANY, LLC, NEW STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DAN-GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COM-PLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE AT-TORNEYS 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 AT-TORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PEND-ING FOR FURTHER INFORMA-TION 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 SERV-ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COM-PANY) AND FILING THE AN-SWER 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(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after 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. NO-TICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OB-JECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage in the sum of \$384,000.00 dated March 31, 2005, executed by defendant(s) GER-MAN BOHORQUEZ to ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC recorded on May 11, 2005 in Control No. 451190556. ARGENT MORT-GAGE COMPANY LLC assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Mortgage by way of an assignment executed July 2, 2013 to WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLD-ERS OF PARK PLACE SECU-RITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WCW1. The assignment was duly recorded on July 25, 2013, in Control No. 531913817. On July 1, 2008, for valuable consideration GERMAN BOHORQUEZ duly executed, acknowledged and delivered a loan modification agreement dated that date, whereby said defendants bound himself/herself in the new principal amount of \$367,675.28 with interest thereon in (the "LOAN MODIFICATION"), covering premises known as 9 South Kensico, MT Pleasant, NY 10595 AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595 (Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86). The relief sought 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 an amended order of the Hon. David F. Everett, A.J.S.C., and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on 08/20/2018. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mount Pleasant, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86, said premises known as 9 South Kensico, MT Pleasant, NY 10595 AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A **DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION** OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR **THAT PURPOSE.** By reason of the aforesaid, there is due and owing to plaintiff the sum of \$342,772.75, with interest thereon at 5.90000% per annum from June 1, 2012. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY POR-TION THEREOF, WITHIN THIR-TY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RE-CEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICA-TION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HERE-IN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLI-CABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIR-TY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HERE-IN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGI-NAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANK-RUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CRED-ITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DIS-**CLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE** AND INFORMATIONAL PUR-POSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOME-**OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE** New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUM-MONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to this 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 of-

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Search Underway for New Chappaqua Orchestra Conductor

By Martin Wilbur

The Chappaqua Orchestra is in the midst of its search for a new conductor after longtime leader and music director Michael Shapiro departed this summer.

Executive Director David Restivo said last week the orchestra has received close to 50 applications from candidates around the world and is still accepting additional inquiries until Oct. 15.

Sometime in November, the orchestra's Board of Directors will whittle the field to five or six finalists, who will each be interviewed and given an audition concert over the next couple one to two years, Restivo said. It is expected that the process will take up to two seasons until the next permanent conductor is named, he said.

The process being employed is similar to what the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra used to complete its recently completed search.

"We do have an idea of where we want to go," Restivo said. "Michael brought it to a certain level, to a very good level, and we think we can do even better."

Shapiro, a Chappaqua resident, held the baton for 16 years. A highly accomplished composer, Shapiro resigned effective the start of the 2018-19 season because of an increasing number of commissions and international engagements. He now holds the title of Conductor Laureate, Restivo said.

This year is the Chappaqua Orchestra's 60th anniversary season, having debuted in February 1959. It is comprised of about 85 percent professional musicians with the rest of its ranks rounded out

P'ville Coyote Forum Set for Oct. 2

With a recent increase in local wildlife sightings, Pleasantville will be hosting an informational session on the local coyote population next week.

The informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Street Senior Center located at 1A Clinton St. in Pleasantville. The meeting will provide insight from wildlife biologist Kevin Clarke. Clarke, who works with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, will give a presentation about the coyote population and answer questions from the public.

For more information, call Village Administrator Eric Morrissey at 914-769-1940. Be advised that the meeting will be recorded and made available on PCTV for those who cannot attend.

by highly accomplished local players to maintain a community feel, Restivo said.

Among the key qualifications being sought in the next conductor is someone who is preferably based in the metropolitan area; has a clear vision for the orchestra's programming; works well with different segments of the community, including schools; can help with fundraising opportunities; and build relationships with other musical organizations.

Restivo said the objective is to have about five full orchestral concerts a year

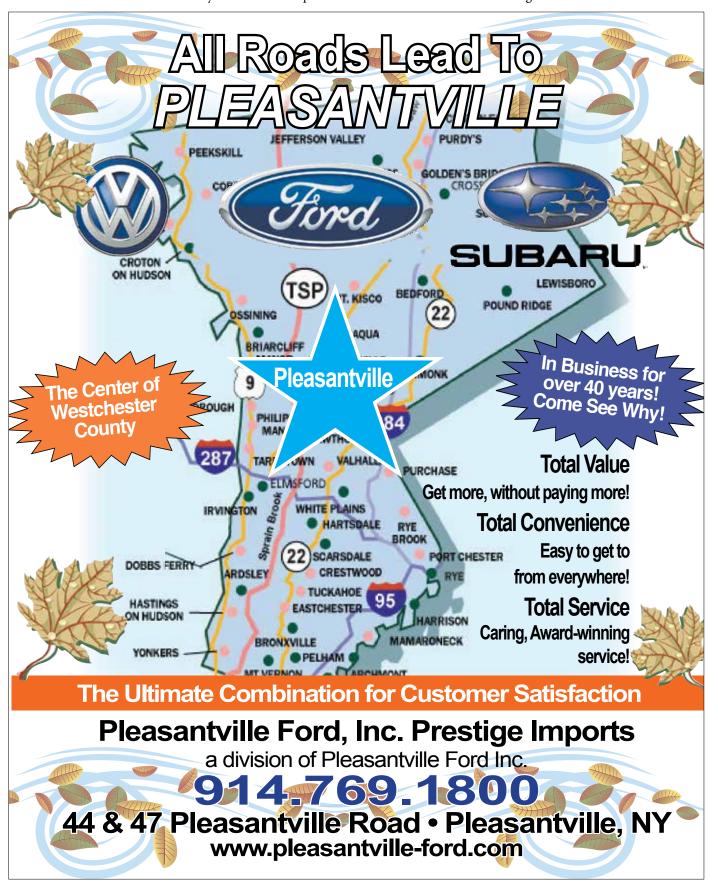
and to have it on par with the highly-regarded New York City-based St. Luke's Orchestra, which regularly performs with world-class artists.

"That's the goal – eventually," Restivo said. "I think we're pretty close as far as performance level goes."

With more concerts with the full orchestra, the organization can reclaim a bit of the excitement that surrounded the Chappaqua Orchestra in its early years, Restivo said. He recently found the opening concert program and clippings from that performance.

"People were freaking out over this," Restivo said. "This history that the orchestra has and 60 years of all kinds of incarnations with itself, but to see that first concert, they sold out Greeley High School and they had the next one in the spring in May and it was a big deal in the community, really. I'd love to, after 60 years, have that kind excitement back and I hope that we can do that."

For more on the Chappaqua Orchestra and the schedule of events for the 2018-19 season, visit www.chappaquaorchestra.



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Editorial

Renewable Energy Brings Consequences Previously Unconsidered

For many years there has been discussion about how to harness the power of the sun and the wind and turn it into energy.

It makes sense. Why not use nature to generate some of our energy needs instead of relying so heavily on the environmentaly-damaging fossil fuels?

Officials in Mount Kisco and Mount Pleasant are now weighing decisions regarding the placement of solar panels in their jurisdictions, albeit in quite different situations. Mount Kisco is considering a law that would regulate the installation of these arrays and to potentially allow ground-mounted systems in various zoning districts.

Meanwhile, Mount Pleasant just last week discussed allowing Con Edison to place panels on the rooftops of municipal buildings. It has also been floated that the town could cover portions of the Town Hall and community center parking lots – so-

called solar carports – which could accommodate additional panels.

The common thread, other than the discussions in both communities involve the potential placement of solar panels, is that if we as a society are going to be all in on developing the environmentally-friendly renewable energy sources, then we need to accept that they will have to be placed in locations that segments of the population oppose.

That doesn't mean solar panels systems should be installed everywhere, including the controversial Preservation and Conservation districts, which is at the heart of the Mount Kisco debate.

It also doesn't mean that Mount Pleasant should be covering 100 percent of its parking lots at Town Hall and the community center in order to create structures to place solar panels.

Community leaders are increasingly going to be faced with these 21st century dilemmas that a few decades

ago would have seemed so foreign. Along with building coverage of a parcel or the height of a structure, now the issue might be the coverage, height and/or volume of solar panels.

There are no easy answers, particularly in Mount Kisco where paradoxically officials may have to decide whether to place theses ground-mounted structures in what would otherwise be open space in order to promote environmentally friendlier policies.

The question is how much solar power should be or needs to be generated within the village and can that be achieved without inclusion in the sensitive districts?

Similarly, in Mount Pleasant, how much coverage of parking lots on municipal land is too much? Or is it primarily a matter of aesthetics?

A fascinating issue to weigh in fascinating times.

Letters to the Editor

Political Moderates Are Needed to Help a Hostile, Divided America

Imagine yourself walking down the middle of the street in a gang-infested neighborhood. There are two rival gangs on opposite sides of the street shooting at each other and you are caught in the crossfire. That is how I feel every time I watch the news or look at my Facebook feed.

Today, our country is divided into two hostile camps, and there is no middle ground. The two sides both use derogatory and defamatory language and it sometimes seems like they are from different planets. I am a moderate, rational, pragmatic independent and sometimes I feel like the last man standing with this point of view. What ever happened to Blue Dog Democrats and Rockefeller Republicans, moderates who could be civil and work together for the common good?

A third party would be one solution, but that is unlikely to happen. Perhaps we should follow the structure of the old Pakistan/India model; America Blue comprised of states on the east and west coasts and America Red in the heartland? More seriously, perhaps reinvigoration of the economic middle class would create political moderation.

Many of the solutions to our problems lie in the moderate, pragmatic middle but no one seems interested in going there. We have reached a stalemate and another path must be found.

Thanks, and best regards.

Steven R. Biren New Castle

State Needs New, Reliable Sources of Energy for New York's Future

When it comes to energy policy, our state has a split personality: New York and "No York."

New York aspires to the governor's ambitious new plan to cut our carbon emissions and develop massive renewable projects to meet our growing energy needs for the 21st century and beyond.

Regrettably, No York, or people who reject almost any new sources of power and are opposed to projects that

Correction

In last week's article about Arc Stages' upcoming production of "Forbidden Broadway," the director's last name was incorrect. The director of the show is William Selby. The Examiner regrets the error.

will move us toward our clean-energy future, threatens to move us backwards.

Also, New York's Independent System Operator is relying on new natural gas plants coming online to replace Indian Point's power but "No York" has blocked approvals essential to their timely completion. And natural gas should be a no-brainer as our cleanest alternative fuel for baseload power, especially since New York is in the Marcellus Formation.

Even renewable energy projects fall afoul of not-in-my-backyard No Yorkers. Most recently, the Montauk Wind Farm is facing criticism from the local fishing industry and homeowners.

Proposed solar installations in upstate New York have met objections from farmers and residents.

So long as No Yorkers resist all of our new energy choices, our state's prospects for having affordable, reliable and clean power produced for New Yorkers by New Yorkers will look increasingly dim. Time to heal the split between New York and "No York" now and get moving toward a brighter future.

Rob DiFrancesco Executive Director, New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (AREA)

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Letters to the Editor

DiLeo Has All the Experience, Qualifications to Serve Effectively as Mount Kisco Trustee

I am very happy to advocate for the election of Ms. Gina DiLeo, a very qualified candidate for Mount Kisco village trustee. Having served as village trustee (including as deputy mayor) for approximately 12 years, I am aware of the responsibilities of the position and I believe that Gina is very well-suited to represent our village.

I have known Gina for over 20 years.

She is a genuine person who is extremely dedicated to our village, holding several high-level appointed and elected positions, including serving as a member of the volunteer fire department for over 25 years. She is currently a commissioner and department secretary and has held other leadership positions in the past, including captain and vice president. Gina is a member of the Italian-American

Club and was recognized for her long record of volunteer and community service when she was chosen Woman of the Year in 2011. She is also a Girl Scout troop leader. In her "day job," Gina still serves our community, working as a supervisor at the county's 911 dispatch center.

What I like best about Gina is that she is all about our community. Mount Kisco

needs someone who has a proven record of serving our community, who can listen to our needs and who can steward our village during these difficult times. I am convinced that Gina is that person and I urge you to support her candidacy.

> Richard P. Romeo Mount Kisco

DiLeo Would Work for the Best Interests of Mount Kisco Residents

We have never written a letter to the editor, but want Mount Kisco residents to know that we support Gina DiLeo for the office of village trustee in the upcoming village election on Nov. 6.

As we are, Gina is a lifelong resident of the village. She is always concerned about the best interests of our residents. She has shown leadership qualities in her many volunteer offices within the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department, including captain of the Hook & Ladder Company, is on the board of directors and is currently fire commissioner. In all of these positions, Gina was voted in by

her peers. She is currently a supervisor at the Westchester County Fire Control Center in Valhalla.

We are volunteers in many village organizations and know that Gina is also a person who will roll up her sleeves and not stop until a project is completed – and completed in the best interests of the residents of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco. Gina will be an effective addition to the Village Board.

Bill and Joan Stewart Mount Kisco

Bike Racks on Some Bee-Line Buses a Welcome Addition for Cyclists

I would like to thank County Executive George Latimer and the county Bee-Line Bus System for unveiling 78 new articulated buses that includes bike racks on all new buses.

Since 1999, I have been pushing for these bike racks. I have written dozens of letters to the editors and numerous letters to county officials pushing the idea. The Bicycle Club of Westchester has also been lobbying for this initiative. Bike racks have been placed on buses throughout the country and around the world but not in New York City and Westchester. These bike racks will enable cyclists to put their

bicycles on a bus traveling busy streets. And, cyclists could then bike ride on back roads.

The bike racks have not been placed on all the buses in the Bee-Line system as of yet but this is a very positive first step. The bike racks will make cycling in Westchester safer.

We're lucky to have a county executive who is trying to be responsive – and who is getting things done!

Paul Feiner Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Mount Kisco Chamber, Arts Council Did Outstanding Job With SeptemberFest

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and congratulate the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce for organizing such a wonderful event during the weekend of Sept. 14-16. SeptemberFest was full of so many activities. There was something to do for everyone. Having a carnival in town again brought back a lot of fun childhood memories. While walking around and speaking to a few, I noticed that along with Mount Kisco residents there were several people in attendance from out of town. It is exciting to see that people want to visit our #BigLittleVillage.

Another organization that should be commended is the Mount Kisco Arts Council. The concerts they have organized throughout the summer have been enjoyable to so many. It is exciting to see these two organizations promoting community involvement.

In November, I hope to be elected to the position of trustee and help continue this new-found energy that is reviving our village.

> Gina DiLeo Mount Kisco

Sen. Murphy's Dedicated Work on the Opioid Crisis Gives Families Hope

Like so many families in the Hudson Valley, we have been personally touched by addiction. Our son lost his battle on May 29, 2012, to a heroin overdose.

Since his death, we have dedicated ourselves to educating others about the heroin and opioid crisis impacting our communities. Working with state Sen. Terrence Murphy, we've seen first-hand his dedication to addressing this problem in the Hudson Valley and his passion for helping those families dealing with loved ones suffering from addiction.

It doesn't matter what political party you are affiliated with, what socioeconomic group you identify with, what color, race or creed you are, the heroin and opioid crisis doesn't discriminate. It's why we need leaders like Terrence Murphy, who will work

across party lines to help those who need it the most.

We're proud to support Terrence Murphy for re-election because no matter the issue, he's always willing to do what's right.

On Nov. 6, we hope you will join us in voting for Terrence so he can continue his fight to win the war against heroin and opioid abuse. Families like ours are counting on it.

Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors is Grateful for Outpouring of Sympathy in Difficult Time

We are aware many of you knew our father, John Magnotta, who died on Aug. 31, 2018.

To our dad, Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors was one of the most important aspects of his life. For him, running the store that our grandfather started 84 years ago was an honor. Our father loved Chappaqua and regarded his patrons as family.

We have been extremely moved by the outpouring of acknowledgements of his passing from the many flower arrangements sent to us, the condolence cards, the baked goods and the visits to our store to express your feelings in person.

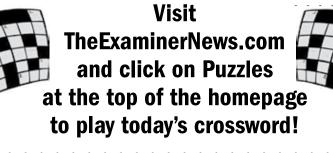
From our hearts, we deeply thank you.

Now Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors has moved on to the third generation. In his memory, we his children, will dedicate ourselves to continuing the quality for which the store is known and to maintain a culture where our customers know they are appreciated.

With gratitude, The Magnottas Steven & Susan Salomone Founders

Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, Inc.

Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, Inc. is a nonprofit organization serving northern Westchester and Putnam County offering education and action-oriented opportunities for families and individuals struggling with addiction.







Composting Makes Fallen Leaves a Valuable Commodity

In the weeks ahead, the leaves of our maples, oaks and ash trees will be turning colors through the miracle of photosynthesis and falling to the ground. You can actually hear them as they hit and cover the lawn.

In my last home, the property hosted a giant maple tree in the middle of the front lawn and another maple of equal age in our backyard. In my youth, before I could afford a lawn and landscaping service, I got stuck with the job of raking the brown, orange, red and yellow leaves from the ground.

It was a formidable job that

had its positives, like good exercise, and negatives, such as leaving me with piles of leaves to be reckoned with. Actually, I would leave those piles in place for a few days so that my young daughter could have the fun of jumping in and out of them. Unlike what many homeowners in my town do, I never placed them in paper bags to be picked up by the town sanitation services. After all, why should I give away such a valuable commodity?

Some of the last leaves to fall during the fall season would simply be left on the ground, and I would plow through

The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera

them with my lawnmower to reduce volume and to speed up decomposition time. That would result in a large volume of material that could be used partly for mulch and partly for the chore of making "black gold" in my compost pile in a back corner of my yard.

While a large pile of leaves will decompose, the process is very slow. But leaf volume and decomposition time is greatly reduced by shredding. After my daughter was finished playing in the leaves, I would mow over the piles several times with my mower. Actually, a certain percentage

of the shredded leaves can be applied to the lawn as fertilizer, but if it's more than three-quarters of an inch deep, you could end up with yellow and brown patches of lawn come spring.

A percentage of the mulch was allocated to my perennial shade garden, a daunting task, shaded by the two aforementioned maple trees. Also, I used the mulch in my vegetable garden, which over the years dwindled from a wide variety of vegetables (even corn) to just a few vines of melon and cucumbers.

During the first few seasons of more extensive vegetable gardening, I even used the mulch to cover stretches of the garden that hosted cold-hardy vegetables like carrots and beets. By springtime, I would

simply turn those rotting leaves into the soil.

Because decaying leaves use up nitrogen, I would replace nitrogen with organic source such composted as animal manure before spring planting.

I also used shredded leaves as good mulch for my flower beds, which would gradually turn into compost and, again, tilled into the soil. To make it all look prettier, I would sometimes cover bare soil first with shredded leaves, then with a top layer of bark mulch, which I would buy from my garden center.

It is recommended to keep total mulch depth to three inches or less and to make sure that it doesn't touch the base of tree trunks or shrubs since this can foment pests and disease.

If you don't have a good place to

mulch on your property, you might contact your local municipality to ask if it maintains a town compost pile for residents' use. This is where those bags of leaves some residents leave at their curbside go

> to contribute to a large compost pile available to the public.

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leaves anywhere
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State. The smoke
from burning

leaves contains dangerous compounds and is harmful to the lungs, especially children and the elderly. Also, any outdoor fire can cause an accidental brush or house fire.

Why destroy such a valuable contribution to the garden and lawn?

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor* associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.





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John Fanelli Youth Theater Educator

By Martin Wilbur

John Fanelli fell in love with the theater during his senior year in high school. In his baseball cleats, the Dobbs Ferry native auditioned for that year's senior musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," without a bit of acting experience or training.

It wasn't that big of a deal at the time, since most of the upperclassmen tried out for a part or were somehow involved in the annual production. It was just a way to have fun.

To Fanelli's amazement, he snagged the role of Conrad Birdie and his life's direction would be drastically altered.

"I was like, 'Really, are you sure?" Fanelli remembered of his reaction. "And I've been in a show or directed a show ever since."

For the last 25 years, since Fanelli, 47, graduated from UC-San Diego with a degree in theater arts, he has been involved in the performing arts, most of it teaching, directing and inspiring children and teenagers. In 2007, he and his wife, Nannette, opened Lighthouse Youth Theatre, which offers acting classes and works towards full productions for children three to 18 years old

Most recently, Fanelli last year was named theater manager of the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center. As part of his mission toward encouraging theater education, this fall three workshops for youngsters will be offered, including a free open house on Saturday, Oct. 6 where parents and children will learn about opportunities at the venue. Fanelli will be bringing in some of his best instructors to lead the workshop.

Two formal two-hour workshops for young theater lovers will take on Oct. 15 and Nov. 26. The first will focus on the show "Wicked," the second is a technique and audition prep workshop. Both will attract a pair of Broadway actors that Fanelli has developed through his connection to theater through the years, including a former student of his, Derek Klena.

While Fanelli has performed on stage, it's the educational aspect of theater that kindles his passion.

"What I always say is performing arts education is the most important education you can give your child," Fanelli said. "I mean that because it's teaching teamwork, it's teaching public speaking, it teaches



confidence. If you can stand up in front of an audience of 400 to 500 people you can obviously write a book report, you can run for class president. It just gives you the kind of confidence that I have not seen in any other area of education or any other platform."

Fanelli became increasingly attracted to theater education shortly after college. He worked as assistant director at the Metropolitan Educational Theatre Network, a statewide program in California that established youth theater programs from San Diego to San Francisco.

"As soon as I started teaching I realized this is more important to me than performing," Fanelli said. "I love to teach."

Following a decade there, Fanelli returned to New York and started a youth program at Westchester Broadway Theatre, then worked for a Manhattan-based outfit called Times Square Group for about a year, bringing performing arts programs into the

New York City schools. However, he wasn't doing much teaching.

About 12 years ago, he came home from work and told his wife that he needed to start his own company to do what he loves most. In 2007, he opened Lighthouse Youth Theatre in Thornwood where they remained for five years before moving to Armonk, where they now have a 6,000-square-foot space called Standing Ovation Studio.

In keeping with his focus on education, Lighthouse has been able to provide area youngsters with the skills to compete for roles in some of the finest musical theater auditions across the Unites States and to help them get accepted into top-notch performing arts colleges.

But you don't have to be a budding star or protégé to participate.

"So it's structured so everyone is welcome," Fanelli said. "We want everyone to come and try it and find out what kind of talent you do have."

The venture has also been a way share his passion for theater with his family. His wife runs the business side and their three children have developed a love of the performing arts. Of his two oldest, who are now in college, one is majoring in theater, the other in music.

"My kids have no fear and that's good," Fanelli said. "I want them all to be fearless."

For more information on the upcoming workshops, visit www.chappaquapac.org. To learn more about Lighthouse Youth Theatre, visit www.standingovationstudios. org.

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Thornwood Coach Diner Thornwood

By Colette Connolly

The Thornwood Coach Diner is a mainstay in the local community, relied upon by many as a convenient destination for a meeting, a place for a delicious quick bite or to catch up with friends.

In March, partners Stefan Stefanopoulos and his mother-in-law, Dina Rentoulis, purchased the eatery and are excited to keep longtime customers and new patrons happy.

"We are trying to please everybody," said Rentoulis, who comes from a family of Yonkers diner owners.

Stefanopoulos, who grew up in the Bronx, also has family roots in the diner business. Together the pair combine the tried and trusted methods of running a quality diner based on Rentoulis' lifelong experience in the business with the newer, more tech-savvy mechanisms of running a modern-day establishment.

Mindful of customers' dietary needs and preferences, there are the customary Greek dishes such as spinach ie, Greek moussaka and chicken souvlaki.

But there also are entries with a wider

appeal. Items like the grilled chicken Oriental sandwich with onions, green peppers, mushrooms and Teriyaki sauce; a chicken parmesan and lasagna combination; and a barbeque chicken and barbeque rib dish are all popular. The fried seafood combination of filet of sole, shrimp, scallops and fried clams and the broiled honey lime salmon, are also in high demand, Stefanopoulos said.

For \$11.99, customers can order the Thornwood Short Bites platter, which includes mozzarella sticks, chicken tenders, buffalo wings and potato skins. There is also a pita pan sampler for \$13.99 and quesadillas filled with a choice of cheese, vegetable, chicken or skirt steak, each at varying prices.

There are also the fries, a staple at any diner. Customers can choose from waffle fries, disco fries, seasoned curly fries, pizza fries, sweet potato fries and Greek

Like many other diners, Thornwood Coach has a varied menu that includes breakfast items, gourmet salads, tasty sandwiches, wraps, burgers, entrees



COLETTE CONNOLLY PHOTO

Stefan Stefanopoulous, right, co-owner of the Thornwood Coach Diner which he acquired earlier this year, with three of his trusted employees.

and desserts. A children's menu is also

The diner's list of drinks includes a variety of wines by the glass, its signature cocktails and beer.

For seniors, there's incentive to visit Thornwood Coach Diner. On weekdays between 2:30 and 5 p.m., a special includes a cup of soup or salad; a choice of entrée that includes meat loaf, chicken francaise, eggplant parmigiana and many other selections; dessert (ice cream, Jell-O, pudding or cookie); and coffee or tea. The senior special is \$13.49.

The diner also offers daily lunch and dinner specials.

While the transition to new ownership was fairly seamless, Stefanopoulos said several structural changes were made to the building. There's a new roof, a repaved parking lot, an updated computer system and new lighting. Employees, most of whom have well over a decade of service at the diner, were retrained.

Stefanopoulos is excited bringing Thornwood Coach Diner into the 21st century by attracting new customers through social media.

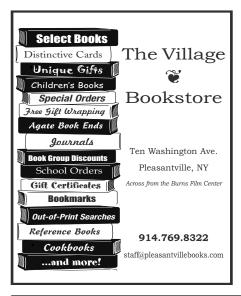
Rentoulis said she will continue to bring her years of experience to the business

"This really is a family business with everyone pitching in," she said. Stefanopoulos' wife Christina often lends a hand and brings in the couple's two young children as well.

Given that the conveniently located diner has been in Thornwood for 50 years and is a popular meeting place, Rentoulis said she is excited to bring the expertise and know-how of her family to their latest venture.

"It's my children's dream to run a diner," said Rentoulis. "That makes me proud that they wanted to follow in our footsteps."

Thornwood Coach Diner is located at 50 Kensico Rd. It is open Sunday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to midnight and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Call 914-769-8844 to place a catering order. There will be an online ordering service in the near future.





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Armonk Celebrates Autumn With Cider, Donuts, a 5K and Carnival

By Martin Wilbur

On the first full day of autumn on Sunday, there was a faint morning nip in the air, a perfect setting for the Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Cider and Donut Festival at Wampus Brook Park.

Festivities on Sunday also included the 5K Run for Love and the annual Byram Hills Pre-school Association Carnival, featuring more than four hours of fun and camaraderie.

"When somebody comes through and says I want to be in this town that's because of this kind of thing," said Chamber President Neal Schwartz. "We do the Third Thursdays (in the spring and summer) on a continuous basis, so it's not one single event, and Frosty (Day). Those are probably the three things that cap it off where people say 'Wow, I want to live in a place like this."

For the men's and women's winners of the Run for Love, a race that had been



Men's and women's winners of the 5K Run for Love, Sydney Durand, second from right, and Colby Nixon, third from right.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

The runners break from the starting line for last Sunday morning's 5K Run for Love, which coincided with the Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Cider and Donut Festival at Wampus Brook Park.



Live music added to the festivities at the Cider and Donut Festival.

established about a decade ago but was renamed following the 2013 death of Armonk resident Jamie Love, a cross country runner at Bryam Hills High School, the event holds special significance. Love, 20, competed at the University of Vermont where he was a mechanical engineering student when he unexpectedly died in



You have to have donuts at a cider and donut festival. Beascake's in Armonk had prepared an estimated 1,100 apple cider donuts for the event.

2013 from an undetected heart ailment.

Sydney Durand, who won the women's division for the third time, and first-time competitor Colby Nixon, were both in the collegiate running community and have a connection to Love. Durand said she has become friendly with Love's sister and Nixon's younger brother, Tucker, knew



There was plenty of fun to be had at the Byram Hills Pre-school Association carnival at Wampus Brook Park.

Love.

"It's a really important thing because Jamie's family is amazing and through this event I got to know his sister, Noelle, really well," Durand said. "She goes to (Boston College) and I live in Boston, so it's a really nice connection and it's important for us to come back and celebrate the life of Jamie with his family and everyone."

Nixon, a medical student, said he was pleased that his schedule allowed him to compete in the Run for Love for the first time. Tucker Nixon finished second behind his brother in the race.

Chamber Vice President Christopher Carthy said that the chamber was happy to take over the organization of the race from the Friends of the North Castle Public Library, which has its hands full with preparation for the Armonk Outdoor Art Show.

Carthy said he was happy that the events, including the Byram Hills Preschool Association Carnival, have been rolled into one venue on the same day to make it a memorable event.

Byram Hills to Host Fifth Annual No Man Down Lax Classic Nov. 4

Byram Hills will host its fifth annual No Man Down Lacrosse Classic tournament at Byram Hills High School on Sunday, Nov. 4. The tournament is held close to Veterans Day and raises money to benefit service-related charities.

All proceeds from this year's tournament – raised from team registration fees, concession sales and donations from local sponsors as well as Lax.com – will go to Building for America's Bravest (www. ourbravest.org). As in past years, the tournament is expected to draw top youth and high school teams from around the tristate area.

"Our foundation was born on 9/11 out of the loss of Stephen Siller and so many other first responders," said Andrew McClure, national community engagement director for The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. "We are very appreciative of the efforts on the part of the organizers of the No Man Down Lacrosse Classic. For the past four years, this event has provided the participants



The annual No Man Down Lacrosse Classic to raise money for veteran-related charities will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4 at Byram Hills High School.

with both a great day of competitive lacrosse and – more significantly – a way to give back and recognize the heroic efforts of those who have given their all to serve this country."

Since inception, the tournament has raised close to \$300,000 for various veterans charities. Last year, the organizers were recognized by Gov. Andrew Cuomo for their efforts. In 2016, the New York State Assembly commended the volunteers from Byram Hills High School and Byram Hills Youth Lacrosse for their efforts. In 2015, the Westchester County Board of Legislators formally acknowledged the group's work with a proclamation declaring Dec. 21, 2015, "The Byram Hills No Man Down Lacrosse Classic Day" in Westchester County.

Organizers are hoping to attract as many team in the region and to have them registered as soon as possible. To register your team or to learn more about how you might contribute, visit www.nmdlaxtourney.assn.la/.

Hillside Food Donation Day at P'ville Farmers Market This Saturday

This Saturday, shoppers visiting the Pleasantville Farmers Market can help Hillside Food Outreach ease food insecurity in our county by purchasing extra items of produce and allocating those items to go to Hillside.

Farmers (and bakers too) will have collection bins at their checkout stations. Items can also be donated at a tent staffed by representatives from the Pleasantville Community Garden and Hillside Food Outreach, a Pleasantville-based charity which provides meals for thousands of Westchester residents each year.

"This is truly a situation where complementary efforts have come together – we're each other's missing pieces," said Peter Rogovin, president and chairman of Foodchester, Inc. "The garden has volunteers and contacts with food pantries. Hillside Food Outreach provides a system to deliver food to those in need but need sources for nutritious foods. The market has generous vendors with fresh food and seeks to support community organizations. The teamwork that has developed between

our organizations has connected everyone's strengths to a shared mission and that is the very definition of partnership."

Held twice a year to highlight an opportunity for shoppers to contribute, the donation totals are inspiring. Last spring, shoppers purchased and donated 533 pounds of fresh fruit and produce. Another 172 pounds of fruit and vegetables were contributed by farmers and vendors at the end of the market. The food was immediately donated to Hillside Food Outreach and other local pantries.

Every week volunteers from the Pleasantville Community Garden grow in local gardens and collect donations from the market's generous farmers, with nearly 9,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit collected to date this year.

"Donations by shoppers this Saturday will help us celebrate the weekly generosity of our farmers and food artisans who have really partnered with us in this cause," said Steven Bates, executive director of market operations for the Pleasantville Farmers Market.



Pleasantville Farmers Market patrons are being asked to purchase extra food items this Saturday to donate to the market's biannual Hillside Food Outreach Donation Day. Hillside provides food to about 1,600 people across Westchester as well as to various pantries and organizations to combat food insecurity.

"The Pleasantville Farmers Market program has been an essential part of our organization and the amazing generosity of the farmers every weekend has allowed us to greatly expand and donate thousands of pounds of incredibly fresh vegetables," said garden creator Devin Juros.

Juros, 17, had learned that 21 percent of Westchester residents did not have enough food on a weekly basis. His concern led to the development of a 600-square-foot garden on the grounds of St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville, created with a mission to grow fresh vegetables for those in need in Westchester. Since it opened in 2014, the Pleasantville Community Garden has grown and gathered more than 54,000 pounds of fresh vegetables for Hillside, which serves more than 1,600 individuals across Westchester and other food distribution organizations.

Hillside Food Outreach home delivers groceries to those in need of food assistance and who are unable to access local pantries. They have a team of over 250 volunteers who deliver to people in need. Hillside Food Outreach also has branches in Putnam and Fairfield counties.

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Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www. northcastlelibrary.org.

Armonk Readers Book Club. "Everything Here is Beautiful" by Mira T. Lee will be discussed. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Wildlife of Ecuador. Ecuador has more than 1,600 bird species, from the world's largest flying bird, the Andean Condor, to 130 multicolored jewels of hummingbirds. From the steaming Amazon, to breathtaking Andean peaks, to the wonder of the Galapagos, travel writer and Saw Mill River Audubon board member Brian Kluepfel with his wife, Paula Zorrilla, will take us on a visual journey of Ecuador's many natural wonders. In Spanish and English. Suitable for all ages. Refreshments to follow. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www. sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Town Hall, Conference Room C, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

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

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and

a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.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.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Senior Afternoon Cinema: "Paper Moon." During the Great Depression, a con man finds himself saddled with a young girl who may or may not be his daughter and the two forge an unlikely partnership. Starring Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal and Madeline Kahn. Tatum O'Neal became the youngest actor ever to receive an Oscar for best actress in a supporting role. Refreshments will be served following the screening. Part of the Jacob Burns Film Center's Senior Afternoon Cinema series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 p.m. \$9.

Advance reservations required. Info and reservations: Contact Abby Popper at 914-773-7663 ext. 424.

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-

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.mountkiscolibrary.org.

"Suicide: The Ripple Effect." The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Westchester, in partnership with the Westchester County Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Force, is presenting a documentary screening of this documentary in conjunction with Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. A panel discussion will follow featuring Kevin Hines, a mental health advocate, motivational speaker and author. Showcase Cinema De Lux, City Center, 237 Martine Ave., White Plains. 5:30 p.m. \$10 to \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Info and tickets: Visit www.screeningsuicidetherippleeffect.eventbrite.com.

In Conversation: John Shearer and Hugh Price. Shearer, an American photographer, and Price, an activist and former president of the National Urban League, will discuss exploring photography's power to bear witness to events in American history. In conjunction with the opening of Shearer's "American Moments" exhibit featuring photos from the 1960s and '70s where he captured images of race, politics and civil rights. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6:30 p.m. Nonmembers: \$10. Museum members and the Purchase College community: Free. Info: 914-251-6200 or visit www.neuberger.org. Tickets: Visit www.inconvoshearerprice. eventbrite.com.

Art Series: Vincent van Gogh, Part II. An in-depth look at one of modern art's most important stylistic game changers. While van Gogh dealt with poverty and mental health issues, he was also creating a new way of looking at the world and presenting ground-breaking images. We will also discuss the incredible UNESCO World Heritage site at Sassi di Matera. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library,

Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.com.

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northcastlelibrary.org. **Great Books.** Selections from Aristotle's "Politics" will be discussed. Led by Sally Scudo and Martha Alcott. New Castle Town Hall's Conference Room A, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.

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.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Amarie Castillo and James Jarrot. This pair will bring you an unforgettable night of laughs. 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.

Thursday, Sept. 27

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

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

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Benefit Concerts at Lagond Music School in Elmsford to Start This Week

They've been called "living room concerts," the private performances that allow a small group to book celebrity musicians for in-home concerts.

Rosanne Lana, who with her husband and business partner and saxophonist extraordinaire and teacher Charlie Lagond run the Lagond Music School in Elmsford, calls the upcoming series of intimate shows, The Lagond House Concert Series.

"It's the same idea as a living room concert," Lana said. "Only our shows are both intimate and affordable."

The series, held at Lagond's modest Haven theater starting this Thursday, Sept. 27, will give only 50 to 75 guests the opportunity to hear artists who have historically graced much larger performance spaces. The opening concert features George Porter Jr & Runnin' Pardners. The legendary bassist of The Meters, founded in New Orleans in 1965, Porter leads his latest ensemble through a set list of contemporary and classic funk.

Veteran tour and production manager, touring consultant and owner of Westside World Management Rich Nesin curated the series. Nesin has worked with Herb Alpert, Kiss, Dion DiMucci, The Tedeschi Trucks Band, Steel Pulse, Blue Oyster Cult, Steely Dan, The Neville Brothers and Dave Koz, among others

Other concerts in the series includes Marshall Crenshaw on Friday, Nov. 2; David "Dread" Hinds on Saturday, Nov. 3; Scott Kempner on Friday, Nov. 9; Steve Forbert on Friday, Dec. 7; and on Saturday, Dec. 8, a program called "Peeking Behind The Curtain: Rock 'n' Roll Life on the Road," a panel discussion moderated by "Roadie Free Radio" host Larry Milburn with legendary tour sound engineer, Robert "Nite Bob" Czaykowski. Nesin will also join the discussion along with some special surprises.

The "Live! From the Haven" concert series will take place at the theater at the Lagond School of Music, located at 9 Haven St. in Elmsford. Individual tickets are priced at \$30 and \$40 and are available at www.eventbrite.com. There is a \$15 food and/or beverage minimum per person. Series subscriptions are also available and include a free drink. Doors open for each program at 6:30 p.m. with shows starting at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 914-345-0512 or e-mail info@lagondmusic.org.

Ronald McDonald House Hosts Walk & Family Fun Day Sept. 30

Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley will host its fourth annual Dylan J. Hoffman Memorial Walk & Family Fun Day on Sunday, Sept. 30 on the campus of Westchester Medical Center. The event will benefit critically ill children and their families in the Hudson Valley.

Dylan Hoffman lived a short life, but his memory and spirit are alive and well. This event hosted by the House in conjunction with the Hoffman Family of Wilton, Conn., will celebrate his life and the thousands of families who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House since its opening in 2011.

The walk will be led by six-yearold Grand Marshal Liam Flanagan of Wingdale, N.Y., Dutchess County and Ronald McDonald. Participants will leisurely stroll around the campus, about a 1.2-mile lap. After the walk, families and friends can enjoy activities including Wacky Inflatables Bounce Houses, the Bubble Bus, Teatown Lake Reservation's Birds of Prey, BASF Slime Tent, music by DJ Johnny G and a BBQ by the Yonkers Fire Department.

Registration and warmup are at 11 a.m. and the walk will start at 11:30 a.m. The donation is \$30 per family. Ronald McDonald House is located at 80 Woods Rd. in Valhalla.

For more information about individual, corporate and foundation support, registration or to create a team, call 914-493-6455 or visit www.rmh-ghv.org.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WEST-**CHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE** A MORTGAGE Index #: 53628/2018 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., As Trustee For LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff, vs Troy Manning Individually And As Surviving Joint Tenant With Rights Of Survivorship Of Delores Manning 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, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 143 North Street Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 SBL #: 23.16 - 3 - 17 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 Troy Man-

ning Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David F. Everett of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of September, 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 September 21, 2004, executed by Delores Manning (who died on February 12, 2006, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and Troy Manning to secure the sum of \$235,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 442960978 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 30, 2004. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 26, 2011 and recorded on August 23, 2011, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 512293200. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 18, 2014 and recorded on February 25, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540493428. The mortgage was subsequently modified on July 5, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 9, 2016 and recorded on January 30, 2017, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 570233573. The property in question is described as follows: 143 NORTH STREET, CORTLANDT MAN-OR, NY 10567 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) FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: September 10, 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. 57435

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pose: Veterinary Medicine.

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MARK WHALING being a natural person of at least eighteen years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York certifies that the name of the limited liability company is Whaleshark, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the State on August 31, 2018. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability company companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Westchester County. The address of the limited liability company is 10 Ormond Place, Rye, NY 10580. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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P'ville Volunteer Fire Department Remembers Lenny Shon

Each month the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department profiles one of its members who selflessly gives their time and effort to their community. This month, the department is taking a slightly different approach, profiling a member who left too soon.

Lenny Shon, an ex-captain of the Pioneer Engine Company, passed away on Jan. 21, 2015, at 59 years old. Shon volunteered for the department for 23 years. His last position was departmental safety officer.

A lifelong New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys fan, he was the consummate sports fanatic. During his high school years, he was an integral part of the Pleasantville Panthers' varsity football team when it posted a 35-game winning streak.

Lenny is missed by all who knew him. In the accompanying photo, he is seen with several of his friends doing one of the things he liked to do most – going to a Yankee game. He is the fourth from the right, with other members of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department.

In remembrance of Lenny, a scholarship fund has been established.



Lenny Shon, fourth from right, with friends in the dugout at Yankee Stadium.

In the past three years, \$5,000 has been given to deserving students. Next Monday, Oct. 1, the third annual Lenny Shon Golf Tournament will be held at the Pleasantville Country Club. If anyone is interested in participating, contact John Brooks, Pete Frappollo

or Pete at Foley's at 914-980-0240. The cost to play is \$150 and includes lunch, beverage and prizes.

There are still hole sponsorships available at \$150 each or if anyone would like to donate, send checks made out to the Lenny Shon Scholarship Fund to 14 Washington Ave., Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

Oct. 14 Open House Scheduled

The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting this year's Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its headquarters at 75 Washington Ave. There will be live fire service demonstrations, information booths, a smoke house for children to crawl through, giveaways, barbecue and more. Bring the entire family. Come out and meet your local volunteers while learning about fire safety and prevention.

Anyone interested in joining the department can come to the open house or stop by headquarters most Monday evenings when volunteers conduct drills, meetings and perform equipment maintenance. Department members will make time to talk to you. Potential members can also call 914-769-2336. (There is a recording but someone will get back to you.)

For more information about the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department, visit www.pleasantvillefire. org.

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Storytime. For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary. org.

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

Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 25. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"King Lear." NT Live's This contemporary production features the incomparable Ian McKellen in what he's said is his last Shakespearean role. McKellan is extraordinarily moving as the aging father whose blindness and madness plunges family and state into a violent power struggle that leads to a bitter end. Directed by Jonathan Munby and broadcast live from London's West End. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www. burnsfilmcenter.org.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

The Lagond House Concert Series: George Porter Jr. & Runnin' Pardners. The legendary bassist of The Meters leads his latest ensemble through a set list of contemporary and classic funk. The Meters are an American funk band formed in 1965 in New Orleans. The band performed and recorded their own music from the late 1960s until 1977 and played an influential role as backing musicians for other artists, including Lee Dorsey, Robert Palmer, Dr. John and Allen Toussaint. Proceeds from the concert benefit the programs of the Lagond Music School. Lagond Music

School's Haven Theater, 9 Haven St., Elmsford. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. \$30 and \$40. A \$15 food and/or beverage minimum per person. Info: 914-345-0512 or e-mail info@lagondmusic.org. Tickets: Visit www.eventbrite.com.

"Time for Ilhan." A screening of the documentary telling the story of Ilhan Omar, a young Muslim woman running for elected office in Minnesota. An unforgettable story of a woman battling to make a difference in the face of bigotry, sexism, nativism and personal scandal. Followed by an on-stage discussion featuring Erin Vilardim, founder and CEO of VoteRunLead, the nation's largest and most diverse training program for women to run for office and win, and Laura Rossi, executive director of the Westchester Community Foundation and a community reception. Co-sponsored by the Westchester Community Foundation and the League of Women Voters of Westchester. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle. An educational workshop for the recently retired and for people approaching or entering retirement. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Briarcliff Manor Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-941-7072 ext. 1 or e-mail Sally Glick at www.sglick@wlsmail.org.

Friday, Sept. 28

Tag Sale. Merchandise will include household, decorative and holiday items, collectible glass, dishes, small furniture, art frames, toys, books, DVDs, handbags and jewelry. Fox Senior Center, 198 Carpenter Ave., Mount Kisco, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Sept 29.

ZUMBA® With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feelgood workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$14 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit www.amyolin.zumba.com.

"Gene Kelly: Dance for the Common Man." Following the screening of this documentary, a discussion will be led by librarian Philip Harwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Jazz Night. An evening of improvisations and jazz standards, listeners will be treated to performances by Ed Palermo, saxophone; Rolf Sturm, jazz guitar; William Komaiko, piano; and Glenn Rhian, percussion.

Come hear members of Hoff-Barthelson Music School's amazing jazz faculty in performance Mix and mingle with them at the post-concert reception and learn about opportunities to join the school's jazz ensembles for children, youth and adults at all levels, study privately, learn Jazz theory and more. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Seniors (60 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Goumba Johnny. Goumba Johnny makes his Lucy's Laugh Lounge debut. He has appeared on various television shows such as "The Weakest Link," "The Montel Williams Show," "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," "The Joy Behar Show," "The CBS Early Show" and many others. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs. com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Angel Olsen in Concert. From the lofi, sparse folk-melancholy of her 2010 EP, "Strange Cacti," to the electrified, polished rock 'n' roll bursting from 2016's beloved and acclaimed "My Woman," Olsen has refused to succumb to a single genre, expectation or vision. Impossible to pin down, Olsen navigates the world with her remarkable, symphonic voice and a propensity for narrative, her music growing into whatever shape best fits to tell the story. The show will also feature Juliana Barwick and Mark Trecka. Olsen has partnered with PLUS1 so that \$1 from every ticket sold will go to support the humanitarian aid organization Direct Relief. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. \$38. 8 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

"Forbidden Broadway." Arc Stages will present this production of Gerard Alessandrini's uproarious musical roast of Broadway featuring outrageous costumes, hilarious rewrites of the songs you know and dead-on impressions by a stellar cast. Whether you're a seasoned theatergoer or new to Broadway, it's your one-stop ticket to non-stop laughs. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$36. Seniors and students: \$28. Also Sept. 29 and Oct. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

"Big and Tall." Starring Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold, they will make you laugh. Vilanch is a six-time Emmy Awardwinning comic who's best known for his four-year stint as a celebrity participant on Hollywood Squares. His stand-up routine draws on his years of being a Hollywood insider and earned him the role of head writer for the Oscars, writing for hosts Billy Crystal, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin and others. Gold is also an Emmy Awardwinning actress and comedian, best known

as the star of her two critically acclaimed, long-running Off-Broadway hit shows, including "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother." She recently appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, can be seen on the new Showtime series "I'm Dying Up Here," Netflix's "Friends From College" and she has recurring roles on various other shows. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$35, \$40 and \$45. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, Sept. 29

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, learn the importance of pollinators with Sonia Fujimori and Nicole Asquith from 9:30 to 11 a.m., there's Hillside Donation Day from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and pre-registration at the Managers Tent for the Oct. 6 Pie Crust Workshop and the Oct. 13 Phelps Annual Apple Pie Contest. 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.

American Heart Association Walk. A fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. Registration at 9 a.m. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Registration and fees required. Info: 914-231-4033.

Demystifying Medicare Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive program of the library system's Westchester Seniors Out Speaking is perfect for anyone trying to navigate the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include: original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various costsaving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.). Phelps Memorial Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Walkins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit

Man's Indomitable Will to Overcome the Forces of Nature



By Nick Antonaccio

forces nature have persisted, some dominated, say in vineyards since early winemaking days. The macro forces such as drought, torrential rainfalls, hailstorms and

hard frosts have plagued helpless grape growers.

The micro forces of nature have been tackled repeatedly, most recently in the last 50 years, including the development

and use of man-made chemicals. Numerous chemical compounds are used today to repel or destroy plant-eating and grape-eating insects, fungus, mildew and multiple organisms that affect the physiology of grapevines and maturing grape clusters.

It is man's imposition on the balance of nature in the vineyard that has increasingly come under fire by conservationists and preservationists. Only in the past decade has there been a movement by grape growers to address the dangers of man-made insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers. And what has this response been? Sustainable agricultural practices. Increasingly, farmers are seeking a symbiotic relationship with nature to preserve their crops through organic and biodynamic farming.

The use of man-made chemicals proliferated through the 20th century. Cheap and effective, they were viewed as

a panacea by many grape growers.

Then, after several decades of consumer advocacy, many chemically dependent farmers began to revert back to the organic, more natural practices for fighting off insects and diseases.

However, chemical dependency still flourishes in many grape-growing regions across the globe. I've read numerous accounts of neighboring farms in which the fog of chemical spraying is wind-swept into an organic-centric farm, compromising the sustainable goals of the organic farmer.

Where are science and nature headed in this evolving climate of chemicals

versus nature? For decades, agriculturists have sought to hybridize grape plants to create strains that are insectand/or disease-resistant. By grafting branches of one sub variety of Cabernet Sauvignon onto another sub variety,

new clones of resistant Cabernet have been created. However, this natural clonal selection has had mixed results. Nature continues to thwart science.

Undaunted, science continues to focus its endeavors in concrete laboratories, rather than natural fields, to combat and overcome nature's forces.

I've reported on science's efforts to alter grape genes to create supergrapevines, fulfilling every wish of grape growers for defeating nature's macro and micro forces. These have met with resistance from "Never GMO" advocates. Research continues but any such mutations are long off.

I just read a report published by the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), Europe's top agricultural research organization, which takes a different tack on creating supergrapevines.

They have focused their initial laboratory efforts on breeding disease-resistant grape varieties: supergrapevines that are not mutations nor genetically modified. After 20 years of effort they have successfully created in their laboratories four new grape varieties (two red, two white) that have been authorized by regulators to be grown in France. Crops are expected in a few years.

It is estimated that the use of pesticides will be reduced by 80 to 90 percent, a health and cost benefit to grape growers – and consumers.

The reaction from the wine community? Mixed.

In favor: Spraying for fungal disease may be reduced from up to 15 times per year to a mere two times. What a cost savings – and a boon to the environment.

Not impressed: Why mess with Mother Nature? Rather than replant vineyards, just switch to organic farming. Bam! Problem solved.

In favor: The new grapes will breathe fresh air into currently planted centuriesold grape varieties.

Not impressed: Thomas Dormegnies,

a French winemaker and researcher reacted: "Grape varieties in Europe have been developed by monks over centuries to suit the local soil. That is a wonderful heritage."

In favor: The new grapes introduce new profiles of aroma, bouquet and taste, portending an exciting future for the wine industry.

Not impressed:
Dormegnies opines that
creating grapevines never
before paired will lead to
"artificial and unnatural
'Frankenstein wine."

Science inexorably moves on. Whether INRA's research is moving the wine industry forward,

sideways or backwards is debatable. Time – and nature – will be the ultimate judges.

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

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

The Healing Power of Reflexology. Nationally certified reflexologist Christine Knowlton will discuss what reflexology is and its origins, benefits as a stress reducer and how it complements other self-healing bodywork practices. A hands-on demonstration will be introduced. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary. 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.

Hunger: Second Annual Food Justice Conference and Story Night. Food waste is a tragedy in a time when so many people struggle to find enough to eat and excess food in landfills wreaks environmental havoc. Join Manhattanville College for a day of discussion with county, municipal and community leaders as they highlight strategies for getting good food onto tables. The program will also include storytelling to raise awareness and inspire action about hunger and sustainable food production in our region. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 2 to 10 p.m. Program: Free. Buffet dinner: \$25. Registration for dinner is required. Info and registration: Visit www.mville.edu/fallfood-justice-conference.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild Annual Awards Show. One-of-a-kind artwork is meant to honor the best talent and imagination of the best of the guild's artists. Includes work in all media: painting, sculpture, jewelry and much more. Charlotte Mouquin, executive director of the Pelham Art Center, was the juror for this show. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Oct. 13. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.

Famous Opera Arias. A concert of famous arias, duets, trios and quartets sung by esteemed section leaders and guest soloists. Featuring Julie Diniz, mezzosoprano; Savannah Greene, soprano; Jimi James, baritone; Christopher Lucier, tenor; Kyle Oliver, baritone; Jennifer Ribeiro, soprano; and Lis Stevens, soprano. Accompanied by Dr. Sandor Szabo. Followed by a reception. The Bronxville Reformed Church's Edwards Hall, 180 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville. 7 p.m. Free. Arrive early; seating is limited. Info: 914-337-6776 or visit www.reformedchurch. org.

Patti Rothberg Live at the Upstream. A benefit concert for Ripple Effect Artists (REA), an organization whose mission is to create social change through theater. Presented by River Spirit Music. Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St., Hastings-on-Hudson. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert at 7:30 p.m. \$20 donation. Info: 914-674-8548 or visit www.upstreamgallery.com or www. rippleffectartists.com.

Bernstein Bash: Bernstein in Black & White. A dazzling pianist for whom the instrument was a kind of personal lab, Bernstein often experimented at the keyboard with new musical ideas before transplanting and developing them into much larger orchestral or theatrical works. Dardeviil virtuosos John Musto and Michael Boriskin offer a view of Bernstein at the keyboard in all his brilliance. This program features two of his beloved theatrical overturns (to the shows "Wonderful Town" and "Candide"), nostalgic late work "Divertimento" and a selection of his intimate solo piano works and culminates in Musto's explosive twopiano version of the "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story." Copland House at Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 8 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students (with ID): \$10. Info and tickets: 914-788-4659 or visit www. coplandhouse.org.

Rose Ensemble: Land of 3 Faiths. This vocal concert will feature ancient instruments and musical ideas from Arabic and European traditions. The entertaining and enlightening program is steeped in the Medieval history of the

three Abrahamic faiths, achieving a perfect balance of edgy improvisation, exotic vocal styles and ancient traditions. Laments of the Sephardic Jews mingle with Arab-Andalusian dances and Spanish court songs, while rhythmic cantigas, Hebrew cantillation and Gregorian chant meet the mystical world of Sufi poetry. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. Tickets are also available at the box office 30 minutes before the performance.

Benin International Musical. Associating voodoo rhythms and traditional songs, electronic melodies in piquant Berninese style with trip pop grooves, hip-hop and rock, this collective of Beninese artists is rapidly gaining international acclaim. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$52.50. Info: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, Sept. 30

Dylan J. Hoffman Memorial Walk & Family Fun Day. A 1.2-mile lap around the campus of Westchester Medical Center to benefit critically ill children and their families in the Hudson Valley. After the walk, families and friends can enjoy activities including Wacky Inflatables Bounce Houses, the Bubble Bus, Teatown Lake Reservation's Birds of Prey, BASF Slime Tent, music by DJ Johnny G and a BBQ by the Yonkers Fire Department. Ronald McDonald House, 80 Woods Rd., Valhalla. Registration and warmup at 11 a.m. Walk at 11:30 a.m. \$30 donation per family. Info and registration: 914-493-6455 or visit www.rmh-ghv.org.

Ninjas of the Forest. Get to know the resident owls and uncover the secrets of these mysterious night dwellers. Learn about their eating habits by dissecting owl pellets. Then complete a bone puzzle to discover exactly what was on the menu for dinner last night. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www. greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Bernstein Bash: The Way it Flows, Bernstein on Life. This elegant, illuminating program, guided by longtime Bernstein musical associate, former Caramoor General Director and noted pianist Michael Barrett, vividly captures the famed maestro's eloquence, erudition and suave wit. The concert ranges across nearly 50 years of vocal music, highlighted by his last major work, "Arias and Barcarolles," which muses on the complexities of love, loss, creativity and relationships through the lens of family life. Also included are "The Story of My Life," "Lamentation" from "Jeremiah" and other songs reflecting upon the joys, missed opportunities,

unexpected delights and misadventures of people. Featuring mezzo-soprano Katherine Pracht, baritone Justin Austin and Copland House's Michael Boriskin, who shares keyboard duties with Barrett. Copland House at Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 3 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students (with ID): \$10. Info and tickets: 914-788-4659 or visit www.coplandhouse.org.

Gold Star Mothers Day. A day of recognition to honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving in the United States military. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 914-231-4033.

Countering the Muslim Travel Ban and Deportations. Religious discrimination, xenophobia and racism are being channeled to close the nation's borders to immigrants and asylum seekers. This panel discussion will describe what is happening and how we can overcome it. The panel includes Debbie Almontaser, president, board of directors, Muslim Community Network and the CEO/founder of Bridging Cultures Group Inc.; Albert Fox Cahn, legal director, Council on American-Islamic Relations, New York and member of the Immigrant Leaders Council of the New York Immigration Coalition; and Karina Davila, co-founder of the Yonkers Sanctuary Movement, current DACA recipient and president of the John Jay DREAMers. Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, 7 Saxon Wood Rd., White Plains. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Info: 914-261-0468.

Opening Reception for "Brick by Brick: The Erie Canal and the Building Boom. From its beginnings in the 17th century with New York's early Dutch settlers, the story of brick-making in the Hudson Valley is a truly American story, rich with complex and challenging intersections of immigration, industry and innovation; of family enterprise, the environment and economic development. Supported by a \$75,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, this highly-anticipated exhibit will feature powerful, large-scale installations presented alongside historical materials, archival and commissioned photographs and personal narratives related to the region's once vital brick industry. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Jan. 19, 2019. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 to 6 p.m. RSVP requested. Info: Visit www.artswestchester.org. RSVP: E-mail LHanlev@ArtsWestchester.com.

Jonathan Demme's Rarely Seen Cinema: "The Duke is Tops." When she was 21, rising star Lena Horne made her film debut in "The Duke Is Tops" (later known as "The Bronze Venus"). The film is crammed with astonishing music and dance continued on next page

Mt. Kisco Fire Department Receives Pet Oxygen Mask Donation

Pet parents in Mount Kisco can breathe a little easier this week because local firefighters have just received a new tool to help them save the lives of family pets.

At-home pet services provider Canine Company has donated four sets of pet oxygen mask kits to the department. The kits were presented to Mutual Engine and Hose Company during the recent SeptemberFest by Phil Ziegler of Canine Company, who demonstrated the masks with the assistance of Grizz, Mount Kisco firefighter Matt Hollis's canine companion.

Hollis requested the masks for the department.

"Many of us in the department are pet owners ourselves, so we understand that pets are an important part of the family," Hollis said. "We are grateful to Canine Company for donating this equipment to help us better care for those family members in an emergency." Each of the department's four companies will receive one of the kits so first responders will be able to deliver oxygen to pets in need on the scene of house fires or other emergencies. To ensure rescuers

know there are pets in a home, Canine Company is providing free "Pets Inside" decals to local pet owners. The decals were available from the fire department during SeptemberFest weekend or can be requested by visiting www. caninecompany.com.

"Canine Company's mission is to help families keep their pets healthy, safe and happy. We do that with our products and services and with our charitable programs," Ziegler said. "We are grateful



Phil Ziegler, left, of Canine Company and Matt Hollis of Mount Kisco's Mutual Engine & Hose Co., check out the donated pet oxygen masks with the help of their canine friend, Grizz.

to Mount Kisco's firefighters for their concern for the well-being of family pets."

The donated masks are designed for the shape of an animal's snout. Each set

includes masks in three sizes to fit a wide range of pets – from small mammals such as rabbits to large breed dogs. According to Canine Company, donated masks have been used by first responders to save at least 20 pets – eight dogs, 11 cats and a rabbit – over the past year.

Family pets are at special risk during a home fire because they cannot leave the house without help. An estimated 40,000 die each year nationwide from smoke inhalation. Human oxygen masks do not fit the shape of most pets' snouts, making it difficult for first responders to provide life-saving oxygen on the scene.

Canine Company, located in Wilton, Conn., has donated masks to first responders in more than 500 communities across New England, New York and New Jersey.

For more information about the pet oxygen masks, call 800-818-3647 or visit www.caninecompany.com.

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routines from almost-forgotten performers such as Rubberneck Holmes, Willie Covan and the Basin Street Boys, not to mention the young Horne's stunning performances. 'The Duke' in the title has no relation to Ellington; instead, the character is a show promoter who puts aside his own success to make sure that his star performer (Horne), has a shot at the Big Time. A relaunch of this series in honor of Demme's joyful and generous spirit of communal experience. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$9. Nonmembers: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www. burnsfilmcenter.org.

Monday, Oct. 1

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

Foreign Policy Discussion Group: The Middle East Dilemma. Guest speaker (via Skype) Elliott Abrams is senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. He served as deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser in the President George W. Bush administration, where he supervised U.S. policy in the Middle East. Abrams has served on the Ethics and Public Policy Center in

Washington, D.C., the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. Facilitated by Tyler Beebe. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. From newborns to schoolage children, with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday (except Oct 8). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

DIY Pipe Cleaner Flower Bookmarks. Make beautiful flowers to hold your place in a book or to decorate your room. You can make a bouquet if you choose. For children six to 10 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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.

Telephone Support Group for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer. This Support Connection group offers the opportunity to share information and experiences with women across the country who are living with breast cancer. Share information and experiences. Confidentially discuss concerns and gain support from others who understand from the comfort of home. Open to women

nationwide living with recurrent, advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer. 8 p.m. Free. Typically, the first Monday of each month. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

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

Cooking for Kids. Calling all little chefs. Bring your little one to a children's cooking class presented by Fiddleheads Cooking Studio. Children will be cooking butternut squash waffles or pancakes and will be read Sophie's Squash. For children two and a half to five years old. Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Space is limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Purchase College's Conservatory of Music 25 years of Jazz Studies Concert Series. To celebrate the anniversary, students are performing in 14 concerts at Purchase College and at the Blue Note Jazz Club, Jazz at Lincoln Center and Birdland Jazz Club in New York City. This afternoon will be a blueprint performance by noted jazz pianist Pete Malinverni. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www. purchase.edu/music.

Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological

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

411 Autism Talkbacks Forum. Michael Orth, commissioner of Westchester County's Department of Mental Health, and County Legislator Margaret Cunzio will be the speakers who will lead a discussion on the resources and services offered in Westchester for people with autism and their families. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail marlenecanapi@arcstages.org.

Author Talk. "Another Side of Paradise: A Novel" by Sally Koslow will be discussed. Koslow writes an account of the real-life love affair between F. Scott Fitzgerald and gossip columnist Sheilah Graham. Working from Graham's memoirs, interviews and letters, the author brings the pair – and 1930s Hollywood – gloriously to life. New Castle Town Hall Assembly Room, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary. org.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Pleasantville Garden Club. This month's topic will be Salad Without Lettuce led by chef and cookbook author Carol Durst-Wertheim. All welcome. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Membership meeting at 9:15 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: Visit www. pleasantvillegardenclub.org.



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