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Pleasantville Remembers the Liu Family at Prayer Vigils

By Abby Luby and Martin Wilbur

Community members packed Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville Sunday evening, one of five community-wide services and prayer vigils to mourn the Liu family and attempt to make sense of how their deaths could have happened.

Emanuel Lutheran's service also included an inspiring handbell concert by 22 members of the Emanuel Ringers and the Katonah Celebration Ringers of the First Presbyterian Church of Katonah. The two groups had been previously scheduled to perform a concert at the church.

There were community members who also attended vigils at Holy Innocents, Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church and Pleasantville Community Synagogue. The services were interspersed with music and prayer.

A soft but reverberating bell rang out after Emanuel Lutheran Pastor Roger Berner called out the name of each Liu family member. Berner recited a short prayer where



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Parishioners and community members filled Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville Sunday evening during one of the five vigils in the village to help local residents heal and to remember the Liu family.

he thanked God "for giving them to us."

The Dec. 5 murder-suicide by the family's

father, Chuan-Kai, who went by the name Tom, at the Liu's house on Romer Avenue,

took the lives of his wife Dorothy Liu and their two children, Tennyson, 7, and four-year-old Adeline.

At each house of worship, short statements from the Liu's extended family and the family of Dorothy and the children were read by a member of each church's clergy.

"There are no words to describe how painful and difficult this time has been for our family," the first statement read in part. "Amid our incredible suffering, we know that the Pleasantville community is also suffering. We have seen how you have embraced our family members as your own while they lived in the community and that you too are in pain, and we thank you for your compassion."

The family thanked the entire community for helping them through the tragedy, and in particular Police Chief Erik Grutzner and the Pleasantville Police Department; Mayor Peter Scherer and his colleagues; Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter; Bedford Road School Principal Peggy Galotti; and the groups of teachers, counselors and

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Mt. Pleasant Board of Ed Forecasts \$9.1M Bond for Fields Revamp

By Ed Perratore

The Mount Pleasant Board of Education provided a firsthand look at the school district's plans to renovate its athletic fields last Wednesday with a likely bond next spring estimated at \$9.1 million.

The board's plans were met with mostly positive reviews after a presentation at the Westlake High School auditorium. Many parents have called the project long overdue.

The project, if approved by voters, would install artificial turf on the Westlake campus's primary football/soccer/lacrosse field and outfit the other fields with better drainage and irrigation, laying down fresh sod and seed as appropriate. New dugouts, bleachers, paved walkways and field lighting are also in the plans.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kurtis Kotes painstakingly cautioned the audience that myriad variables could raise the price

– or trim the list of improvements district officials would like to make. Unanticipated construction expenses and other uncertainties along with environmental concerns – part of the Westlake campus lies in New York City's watershed – could increase the cost of the project.

"There are many different variables that still need to be decided before that (\$9.1 million) number goes before the public," Kotes said.

Trustees also hope to identify components of the project that might qualify for grants.

"What it's going to boil down to," Kotes said, "is what portion of the project will become aidable, what pieces of the work must we include in the project to make sure that we can maximize building aid... ultimately, to minimize the tax impact for any potential work."

Erik E. Boe, director of civil engineering

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Harckham Threatens Tolls on State, County Roads Into Connecticut

By Martin Wilbur

State Sen. Peter Harckham is threatening a toll war with Connecticut unless its governor rescinds a proposal for a toll on trucks traveling on the brief stretch of I-684 that passes into and out of Greenwich.

Harckham said Monday he would propose legislation in the upcoming session that would put tolls on six state and county roads that cross the state line in his district. The six crossings would all be in the towns of Pound Ridge, Lewisboro and North Salem.

He also said he would support placing a toll on the Hutchinson River Parkway just before it becomes the Merritt Parkway upon entering Connecticut.

"We don't want to get into a toll war but if the (Connecticut) governor insists on his version of the border wall, we'll have no other choice but to respond in kind," Harckham said.

The brewing battle was ignited earlier this fall when Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont proposed a series of 14 new tolls on some of his state's highways and parkways in order to pay for infrastructure improvements. One of those toll locations was on the 1.4-mile stretch of I-684, which enters and exits the extreme southwestern edge of Connecticut between Westchester County Airport and the Armonk exit.

Originally, Lamont proposed the toll for all vehicles, but after getting a frosty response from his state's legislators, he modified the I-684 proposal to include trucks only.

Harckham, however, said that would end up being an estimated \$6 million tax that would be passed onto New York businesses.

He hopes the threat of New York tolls can force Lamont and other Connecticut officials to come to the table as soon as next month to talk about larger regional transportation

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community members who went out of their way to help those in need and respect the wishes of the family.

Pastor Debra Bronkema of the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church said during the past week community members have stopped at her church hoping to understand what could have sparked the horrific turn of events.

"People have come by to talk," Bronkema said. "This church has a lot going on. People just come by and talk."

Emanuel Lutheran Church Deacon Barbara Meberg, who helps oversee the Pleasantville Hill Nursery School spoke

about Adeline, the youngest child, who attended classes there.

"Adeline always had a cheerful smile, she was smart, kind and happy and a good friend," Meberg said. "Adeline, we will remember your joyful smile."

Meberg later said Adeline's classmates have been receiving strong support from staff in helping them deal with her sudden absence.

Mayor Peter Scherer said the community is slowly recuperating and the Sunday vigils was a step in that recovery. The five simultaneous services helped many residents without it being too overwhelming, Scherer said. But the healing process will

continue to take time.

"I do think that I felt like in my many conversations with many people, the initial shock at this tragedy is beginning to wear off and we'll have many things to deal with in the coming weeks and months," Scherer said.

Music was a centerpiece at several of the vigils. At Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, pianist Evan Closser played selections between the prayer and poem readings.

At Emanuel Lutheran, the handbell players offered selections that were uplifting as many listened attentively while holding small lit candles. The music was soft and peaceful but a few selections were more

upbeat.

Seasonal songs were sung by most of the audience, but some remained silent. Interspersed between selections were quotes read by the handbell choir members. One read, "Music expresses that which cannot remain silent and that which cannot be put into words."

One longtime Emanuel Lutheran parishioner said the hour-long vigil was therapeutic and uplifting in a time of need.

"It's wonderful to see all these young people playing the bells," said Kathleen Koran. "This music is very soothing and it's the perfect thing to bring together a community that has been traumatized."

Harckham Threatens Tolls on State, County Roads Into Connecticut

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issues and costs.

"We don't want it to come to this, but if so, I am willing to and prepared to submit legislation that would put tolls all along the Connecticut border so that we can pay for infrastructure repairs," he said. "The revenue would be shared, after debt service, with these local municipalities."

There is an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 vehicle trips on those Westchester and New York State roads in Harckham's district, many of them Connecticut

drivers, said Pound Ridge Supervisor Kevin Hansan.

Hansan said the Connecticut tolls will have an even greater impact on Westchester communities than just the outlay of money.

"Tolls in lower Connecticut will have an adverse effect on New York border towns like Pound Ridge, as drivers will revert to using our local roads to avoid these tolls," he said. "Our roads were not constructed to handle so much through traffic."

Hansan added that Harckham's

proposed tolls would not hurt New York residents because the technology would be equipped with license plate readers that would charge out-of-state drivers. That is what Connecticut has proposed for I-684, he said.

Another local official, North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro, was angered by the obstinance of Connecticut officials. He said it will not only force trucks onto the town's thoroughfares between the exits for the airport and Route 22 in Armonk but if many of these

trucks are traveling along I-287, they could exit onto North Broadway in North White Plains. North Broadway already has major congestion, Schiliro said.

Schiliro said he agrees with Harckham's tactic in hopes of getting Lamont to the table.

"The proposal has a lot of merit in Connecticut; it has no merit outside of Connecticut for a 1.4-mile stretch of highway," Schiliro said. "If that's what needs to be done, I think that's what needs to be done."

There is no Connecticut exit

on that short strip of roadway. Harckham called it "galling" that Lamont not only would propose the toll but refuse to respond to all correspondences from New York lawmakers to discuss the issue.

New York State has also provided the maintenance, emergency responses and snowplowing on that portion of I-684 for about 50 years since Gov. Nelson Rockefeller was in office, Harckham said.



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Q: Why do people become obese?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q: What are the best remedies for obesity?

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

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Kaplowitz Appointed to New Post to Help County Study Sewers

By Martin Wilbur

It turns out that longtime County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz won't be leaving county government after all.

Kaplowitz, who has represented portions of Yorktown and Somers and the Town of New Castle on the Board of Legislators since 1998, was named deputy commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities last Wednesday by County Executive George Latimer. It is a new position to help county officials assess the sewer situation and move public policy on the issue, he said.

Kaplowitz's role will be to evaluate the finances and governance related to the county's sewer districts and the costs and benefits of consolidation. A lawyer who has worked primarily in financial services along with government service, he brings impressive credentials to the job, Latimer said.

Also, Legislative District 4, which Kaplowitz represented on the Board of Legislators, has had longstanding sewer issues, particularly Yorktown's troubled Hallock's Mills Sewer District and in more recent years the

challenges in the New Castle communities of Random Farms, Riverwoods and Yeshiva.

"There is not a finer person to take on this responsibility than Mike Kaplowitz," Latimer said last week. "His intellect, his public commitment, his knowledge of the county as a whole, county government as well, we're very fortunate that he's agreed to come on and take this."

Latimer said he anticipates that it will take Kaplowitz about a year to research details, lay out specific proposals and develop a plan. If state legislation is needed, the timeline could be elongated, he said.

The county currently has seven sewage treatment plants, 13 sewer districts and a DEF budget of more than \$125 million.

Kaplowitz, who announced last winter that he would not seek a 12th term on the Board of Legislators, said he was "very, very excited" to take on the new challenge but that it would be different than his advocacy for sewers on behalf of his constituents.

"As far as I see it and given the charge from the county executive and the director of operations,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Former county legislator Michael Kaplowitz, at podium, was introduced last week as the deputy commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities. He was joined at the announcement by, pictured from left, county Director of Operations Joan McDonald, County Executive George Latimer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

pretty much everything is on the table relative to finding cost savings, efficiencies and at the end of the day it's all the same taxpayer, we all live in Westchester County and they all need this very critical service," he said.

Among the questions that need to be answered, Kaplowitz said, is whether the county consolidates to one sewer district, maintains disparate districts or creates mini districts and what are the legal and financial ramifications of those different scenarios.

Effective Sunday, Kaplowitz resigned from his seat, just over two weeks before the end of his term and will be working out of DEF headquarters in New Rochelle. He started the job on Monday and will be paid \$107,690, which represents 70 percent of the salary grade, according to the county executive's office.

During a press conference last Wednesday afternoon, Director of Operations Joan McDonald said with each sewer district having its own unique operating and fiscal issues

"Mike is going to be looking at these issues, looking at the current statute, at our sewer districts to look at ways where we can improve the operations, what that we can improve the financial viability of these districts, of making the capital improvements of identifying these capital investments that may be needed to bring our system to best in class," McDonald said.

"With the development that's going on in our county, whether New Rochelle, Yonkers, Peekskill we want to make sure we are looking at those issues very holistically and making the right decisions as we move forward for the users of these services."

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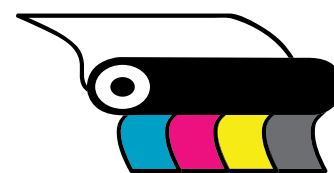
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No. Castle Town Board Sends Retiring D'Angelo Off in Style

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board sent Councilman Stephen D'Angelo into retirement from political life last week with a stream of accolades and well wishes at the completion of its final meeting of the year.

After eight years on the board, D'Angelo decided against running for a third term. He and his wife, Susan, plan to spend part of the year in Florida, although he was quick to point out that he is not retiring from his CPA practice.

He talked about his love for the job, in particular his interaction with people and the decision-making process.

"To be honest with you, if I was spending less time down there, I would have run again, but I could not with good conscience plan to be away three or four months of the year and be a Town Board member," D'Angelo, 62, said.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said he "dreaded this day for months" since D'Angelo announced last winter that he would not run again. Schiliro, a Democrat, had appointed D'Angelo, a Republican, to be his deputy supervisor, a move that raised a few eyebrows in local political circles.

However, the supervisor said it wasn't only that D'Angelo's office was within walking distance of Town Hall but that he trusted him to always do what's right for North Castle.

"Selfishly, I wish other levels of



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Outgoing Councilman Stephen D'Angelo, pictured here after last Wednesday's Town Board meeting, his final meeting as a board member.

government operated the way you do in a strictly bipartisan way," Schiliro said. "And it doesn't mean you can't disagree. We've disagreed on a number of topics but our focus and your focus was always what's in the best interest of the town."

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto recalled that when she first for Town Board in 2013, the political atmosphere

was divisive and she began to doubt whether she had the fortitude to continue the campaign. She said D'Angelo provided her with a morale boost and urged her to keep going.

Also, despite disagreeing on some issues, DiGiacinto said he never tried to get her to change her vote. However, the arguments D'Angelo would make on the merits of an issue, often gave her a perspective that she hadn't had.

"It was because Steve presented points that I either disregarded as being really important or had not seen at all," DiGiacinto said. "I really learned a tremendous amount from you."

Councilman Jose Berra said he has always been impressed with D'Angelo's dedication of delving into issues.

"It's great to be able to get of and enjoy life," Berra said to his colleague. "You're in good health and you've got a lot of time ahead of you."

D'Angelo first served on the town's Housing Board, which proved to be the gateway for his 2011 run for Town Board. As a councilman, he has been the board's liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. In the fall, D'Angelo has been a football official.

He credited two late and longtime board members, Becky Kittredge and former supervisor and councilman William Weaver, for sparking his initial candidacy. D'Angelo said he was also approached by Schiliro in 2011 about a run despite the difference in political affiliation.

His wife, Susan, said he loved serving on the Town Board and that passion comes through regularly.

"Everything this man does, he does with the highest level of integrity, and whether it's his job as a CPA, a football official, this job and countless other boards he's been on and will probably continue to be on as we go forward," she said.

D'Angelo said he'll get to see old friends during the portion of the year they will live in Armonk, but will miss being part of the decision-making process.

"I took this job for one reason - I wanted to help the town," D'Angelo said.

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Bedford Super First to Announce Bid for Buchwald's Assembly Seat

By Joan Gaylord

Flanked by elected officials from neighboring municipalities, Democratic Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick declared his candidacy last Wednesday morning for the 93rd Assembly District.

"I plan to work with the same zeal and energy that I have put into things here," said Burdick. "This is not a Bedford seat. It is not a White Plains seat or any other municipality's seat. It is a 93rd District seat."

The district is currently represented by David Buchwald who announced in October that he would be running for

the Democratic nomination for the 17th Congressional District now occupied by 16-term incumbent Rep. Nita Lowey. Lowey is retiring at the end of next year, when her current term expires.

State law does not allow Buchwald to campaign for both offices concurrently.

Burdick said he would pursue the same progressive agenda that Buchwald has embraced. The issues he intends to prioritize include gun safety, affordable housing, the climate crisis, reproductive rights and criminal justice reform.

When asked what he would most like to achieve should he be elected to the Assembly, he spoke of the role of government.

"For a long time, the state of California has been a beacon of progressive government, compassionate government," Burdick said. "I want to see the state of New York challenge that title. I am a huge believer in government being a force for good. We are limited only by our imagination and determination. But with issues like the climate and our infrastructure, we have to act now."

In the announcement at the Bedford train depot, state Sen. Peter Harkham (D-Lewisboro) noted Burdick's accomplishments in town government, including most recently working with him and other officials to obtain the funding to



JOAN GAYLORD PHOTO

Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick makes his announcement to run for the state Assembly last Wednesday.

said Burdick's ability to reach consensus among a group with diverse views has been impressive. Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich credited Burdick's leadership skills in the multi-municipality effort to improve cell coverage across northern Westchester.

Pound Ridge Supervisor Kevin Hansen credited Burdick's empathy, saying that if he reaches the Assembly, he would understand the challenges facing local governments.

"The most important reason to send Chris to Albany is his character," said Lewisboro Supervisor Peter Parsons. "We don't know what issues will come up. But if we select an individual based on his character, we know he will do the right thing."

At this time, no Republican candidates have stepped into the race. Burdick said he knows of five other Democrats who also have their eyes on the party's nomination, including three from White Plains and one each from Harrison. Last week Chappaqua resident Kristen Browde also made her candidacy official.

"I am the only candidate who holds elected office," he said. "I have the background, experience, knowledge and success working with every level of government to get things done."

repave a roughly two-mile stretch of I-684 between Harris Road and Exit 6.

"We will miss David in the Assembly and he leaves very large shoes to fill," Harkham said. "The Democratic Party is fortunate to have a deep bench. I think experience makes a difference and, with Chris, we have a seasoned public servant."

Other elected officials who attended the announcement spoke of Burdick's qualities that would help him succeed in state office. Bedford Councilwoman MaryAnn Carr

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Chappaqua's Browde Joins Race for 93rd Assembly District

By Martin Wilbur

Chappaqua resident and attorney Kristen Browde announced last Thursday that she will be vying for the Democratic nomination for the 93rd Assembly District, the second candidate to step forward for the seat in as many days.

Browde said if elected to the Assembly she will continue the fight to strengthen gun laws, be a strong advocate on women's issues, including ensuring the right to an abortion in the state constitution, reverse damage caused by the loss of the state and local income tax deduction above \$10,000 and work to help Democrats maintain a

majority so gerrymandering of districts can be curtailed.

She said her background as a family law attorney has been helpful in assisting people reach common ground.

"I've proven effective on building coalitions to come together on things that are important to people," said Browde, an award-winning television reporter for a New York City news station before practicing law.

Last Wednesday, Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick announced his candidacy for the seat being vacated by incumbent Assemblyman David Buchwald. As many as four other Democrats are entertaining entry into the race.

Browde, who ran unsuccessfully for New Castle supervisor in 2017, said she decided to jump in after Buchwald told her that he would be seeking the party's nomination for Rep. Nita Lowey's seat. Lowey announced Oct. 10 that she would be retiring at the end of her term. Buchwald, who has held the 93rd Assembly District seat since 2013, made his congressional candidacy official 10 days later.

Another motivation for Browde was that her youngest son, now a Horace Greeley High School sophomore, remarked how students participate in mandatory lockdown drills. Districts across the state are spending millions on security despite New York having some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, Browde said.

"At the end of the day you can buy a high-

powered weapon and shoot up a school in the state of New York easier than buying a pack of Sudafed and that's just wrong," Browde said. "Our kids shouldn't be growing up with this and we shouldn't be having to spend millions of dollars to protect our schools against this kind of violence."

She said the state must simplify the unnecessarily complex STAR program, which confuses many residents, particularly seniors, who give up applying and fail to capitalize on the much-needed tax relief.

The need to have a Democratic-controlled state legislature following the 2020 election will also be critical because the next legislature will decide congressional redistricting in the state, Browde said. With New York's likely loss of one or two congressional seats, it's possible that an effective Democrat such as Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney could be lumped into a more Republican area, which would put his congressional career at risk, she said.

"We have to be very, very careful about redistricting and we want sane, fair districts," Browde said.

Browde made headlines with her run for supervisor in 2017 as the first transgender candidate to run for public office in New York State. She said she isn't planning on raising that issue during the upcoming campaign, but offered that what differentiates her from her likely opponents is that she's the only woman in the race.

"I think the women of Westchester



Chappaqua resident Kristen Browde was the second Democrat to join the field to contest the seat that will be vacated by Assemblyman David Buchwald. Browde made her announcement last Thursday.

County recognize that it's vitally important that women's issues are discussed and to have the advocate for women's issues up in Albany," Browde said.

Thus far, no Republican candidate has stepped forward to run for the seat.

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North Castle Police Department

Dec. 6: A party arrived at headquarters at 2:39 p.m. to report a larceny from her store, Luxe, on Maple Avenue. A report was taken at the dispatch desk.

Dec. 6: A caller reported a larceny on Maryland Avenue at 3:23 p.m. The responding officer secured owner and witness depositions. A report will follow.

Dec. 6: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 4:30 p.m. to report damage to his vehicles on Lafayette Avenue. The subject believes the damage was caused by an attempted theft.

Dec. 7: A party walked into headquarters at 10:49 a.m. requesting that a pellet gun be destroyed. A property receipt was filed and the item was stored in a temporary evidence locker.

Dec. 8: Report of a motor vehicle accident on Business Park Drive at 5:06 p.m. The complainant stated that the other driver left the scene of the accident. The responding officers reported that the area checked with negative results for the second vehicle. Information was gathered and a report will follow.

Dec. 9: A caller reported at 8:24 p.m. that a 48-year-old man has fallen from a ladder on Deer Ridge Lane. Notification of 60 Control was made. The responding officer reported that the man was transported to Westchester Medical Center with ALS.

Dec. 10: A Hadley Road resident reported at 7:38 a.m. that it appears as

though someone has cut a strand of her Christmas lights.

Dec. 10: A caller reported at 2:18 p.m. that a large car carrier struck her vehicle on Route 128 as she was trying to turn. She stated that the truck did not stop but continued northbound on Route 128 toward Mount Kisco.

Dec. 11: Report of fraud on Business Park Drive at 4:45 p.m. A complainant reported at headquarters that he received notification from Webster Bank that three fraudulent checks were cashed at an unknown location from his business account. A witness deposition and copies of the checks were secured.

Pleasantville Police Department

Dec. 6: Police are conducting an ongoing investigation regarding the larceny of plywood from outside a house on Washington Avenue that was reported at 10:38 a.m.

Dec. 8: Report of a burglary on Great Oak Lane at 5:50 p.m. There is an ongoing investigation.

Dec. 9: Report of a disturbance on Bedford Road at 12:48 p.m. A couple of students from the Cottage School were having an argument. The matter was resolved without further incident.

Dec. 10: A 21-year-old Ossining man was arrested at 9:09 p.m. and charged with driving with a suspended license following an accident on Bedford Road.

Obituary

Cynthia Serino

Cynthia Lee Bates Serino, 60, of Pleasantville passed away on Dec. 12 surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her husband, Carmelo Serino; children Matthew, Andrew and Valerie; daughter-in-law Stephanie; mother Mary Ann Bates; brothers Wayne and Stuart Bates; and many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and students. She was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, teacher and friend.

Raised in Brewster, Serino was the daughter of Mary Ann and Stuart Bates. While attending Brewster High School, Cindy also developed her love for cosmetology by studying to be a hairstylist at the local trade school. After graduation, she was employed by Neiman Marcus as a hairdresser and participated in several haircutting competitions.

During these competitions, she met one of the judges, Carmelo Serino, who turned out to be the love of her life. The pair married in May 1981 and went on to open multiple hair salons named Xanadu. Cindy continued to share her love of the cosmetology industry as a dedicated teacher at Rockland BOCES.

Serino's greatest blessing in life was her three children, Matthew, Andrew and Valerie. She was a selfless and devoted mother who always made family her top priority. She brought so much joy to her family and everyone she met with her fun-loving personality, love of dance, contagious laugh and bright smile. Her smile was always a source of inspiration, even when



Cynthia Serino

things got tough.

Catholicism was also a priority in Cindy's life. She was a parishioner at Holy Innocents in Pleasantville and a founding member of the parish's Cenacle group that is dedicated to praying the rosary at the homes of those in need. This embodied her as a person, always looking out for others and doing whatever she could to bring joy and peace into people's hearts.

Visitation was held at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home on Dec. 15. Funeral services were held on Dec. 16 at Holy Innocents Parish at 9:30 a.m. She was laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

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A woman pleaded guilty last week to stealing more than \$400,000 from FujiFilm, at the company's Valhalla-based headquarters where she had worked as a human resources officer; the Westchester County district attorney's office announced.

Maria Mecca, 39, of Greenwich, Conn. is awaiting sentencing on the charge of second-degree grand larceny. She is free on bail until her Mar. 18 sentencing but was ordered by County Court Judge Michael Martinelli to pay restitution.

The district attorney's office said last Thursday that Mecca used her position

at FujiFilm to issue the company's Achiever's Points, an incentive program in which employees are rewarded for outstanding performance. Those points can then be redeemed for gift cards. Over two-and-a-half months, Mecca awarded herself 41,784,000 Achiever's Points, a value of \$417,840, which she then used to purchase gift cards for herself.

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at LAN Associates of Midland Park, N.J., the architectural firm retained by the district, presented a conceptual plan along with representatives from construction management firm Arris Contracting Company, Inc. (ACCI) of Poughkeepsie.

Boe summarized artificial turf's advantages over traditional grass, including lower maintenance costs, better durability, faster drainage after storms and no need for pesticides and fertilizers.

"One of the major reasons a school district would propose the installation of an artificial turf field is that the grass field, to keep it looking nice year-round, needs to be limited in its use, whereas an artificial turf field can be used basically 24 hours a day," Boe said.

He also listed a handful of drawbacks, such as heating up faster in the summer, higher upfront costs than establishing a

grass playing field and the need to hire a specialized professional for installation.

"Some people also prefer the feel of fresh grass," he said.

Artificial turf for the main field would be installed with striping for football, soccer and lacrosse, Boe added. The main field would also receive a new track, a set of visiting team bleachers and lights for nighttime events.

Two other fields on the campus are also slated for transformation, though the difference might initially be less apparent. Two fields now used for soccer, lacrosse and practice football – labeled B and C on the conceptual rendering – would be expanded to regulation size, with new sod laid as needed. The baseball and softball fields would get new dugouts and paved walkways for visitors' convenience.

There would also be improved drainage

and irrigation, Boe said. The solution, referred to as sand slit drainage, would siphon rainwater and keep the fields playable.

"Our understanding is that these fields, after a rain event or at certain times of the year, are nonplayable because of their wet condition," he said.

Trustees came armed with questions. Board of Education President Colleen Scaglione Neglia asked how long the sand slit drainage would be effective as well as the average life span of artificial turf fields.

Boe replied that warranties typically ranged from eight to 12 years and is based on GMax, a safety measurement of the bounce of the field. After that, he said, "the blades tend to get a little shabby." At that point the infill, usually crumb rubber made from ground-up tires, is vacuumed, the blades are replaced and the infill is restored.

Neglia asked to visit neighboring districts with similar surfaces and possibly talk to some of the athletes. Boe assured her that turf manufacturers are eager to set up those meetings, since it helps business.

While most residents were supportive of the bond, some weren't pleased with the prospect of another multimillion-dollar bond so soon after the district's 2016 big-ticket referendum. Two residents, who did not identify themselves, argued that the bond would likely increase already steep school taxes and assailed district officials for opting to improve sports facilities

instead of raising the quality of education.

Such complaints, however, represented the minority viewpoint, particularly once Boe clarified several misconceptions about the scope of the work.

"I can't tell you the number of times we've had to pay other districts to go play our games on their fields because they have turf and we are one of the last districts in the county that do not have it," said John Piazza, a Valhalla-based contractor. "We're getting the brunt of (these costs) now because it needs to be done. Thirty, 40 years ago, they didn't keep it up to date, didn't keep it going with repairs. While other districts were putting money into their districts, we didn't. So now, fast-forward 30 years, we're catching this now."

Former trustee Terry Fowler, a Hawthorne resident, maintained that while taxes would increase, home prices within the district would rise as well.

"Anytime you do anything to a school district, it increases your property value," she said. "We need this as part of the curriculum. I mean, I've been at games with my granddaughters, and they just slip and slide all over when it rains. They have to call the games and everything else because of it. That's a danger."

Kotes had said previously that the referendum would not be the same day as the annual budget vote and Board of Education election, which next year is Tuesday, May 19.

Active Shooter Training in Mt. Kisco Jan. 7

The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, designed on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy, will be offered on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Mount Kisco Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m.

The course provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics

include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues and considerations for conducting drills.

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County Begins Discussions About Future Uses for Merestead

By Martin Wilbur

About 50 community members and stakeholders engaged in a recent discussion with Westchester County officials to explore the types of uses that could be considered for the Merestead estate property on Byram Lake Road.

The informal session, held Dec. 7 inside the 130-acre property's manor house, generated plenty of ideas such as establishing a pollinator program, introducing a "food forest" with native-grown fruits and vegetables and a place to hold weddings.

There was also interest from local historians and conservationists to restore and have a compatible use with the area.

However, there was pushback from several audience members who expressed concern that some of the proposed uses might be too intense for the neighborhood or that the county might violate the intentions of the trust and will of Margaret Sloane Patterson, who owned the property until her death in 2000.

The property, located in Bedford with a Mount Kisco mailing address, has been owned by the county since then. In 1982, the family bequeathed Merestead to Westchester to be used as parkland in perpetuity.

Westchester has budgeted \$4 million for next year to restore the manor house, but with a number of other buildings on the property having fallen in disrepair and the likelihood of more work needed on the grounds, the county is in state Supreme Court currently seeking relief from some of the use conditions, said County Attorney John Nonna.

"The issue is how do we use this property, how do we relieve some of the burden on the taxpayers who have already committed \$4 million for this property," said Nonna, who accompanied County Executive George Latimer and Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and other county officials to the informational meeting.

Under the current arrangement, for example, the property could be used for filming by PBS but not by a for-profit entity such as HBO of Netflix, Nonna added.

The litigation, which is still in court, asks for liquidation of the entire balance of the trust fund left to care for the property, which is more than \$4 million; removal of restrictions to allow for broader use of the property without violating the goals and objectives of the Patterson family; and authorization to sell certain items such as the artwork. All proceeds would be dedicated to

Merestead.

"Keep in mind there are limits on the usages that could be here but I believe that under the present will it's too restrictive," said Suzanne Pandich, director of the Westchester County Historical Society. "Times change, things have to change with it."

One suggestion was to use a portion of the land as a pollinator pathway by planting a wide variety of flowers between the meadows.

"Merestead has this unique opportunity to do something that's not only beneficial for the ecology but also it can be a destination for people," said Mackenzie Younger, who proposed the idea. He added that the project could be funded through grants and donations.

Attorney P. Daniel Hollis, who represents neighboring property owners Nelson and Claudia Peltz, said his clients are concerned about the possibility of intense uses that would generate too much traffic in the rural setting. They are in court opposing the county's move to seek relief.

"What type of operations are being considered?" Hollis asked. "We're speaking in euphemisms here, uses that all sound good sitting around the campfire when we are talking about a potential significant change to this property. I think it



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer speaks with Nancy Sevchenko inside Merestead's manor house. Sevchenko's parents, Margaret Sloane Patterson and Dr. Robert Patterson, bequeathed Merestead to the county.

behoves everybody that we talk about specifics."

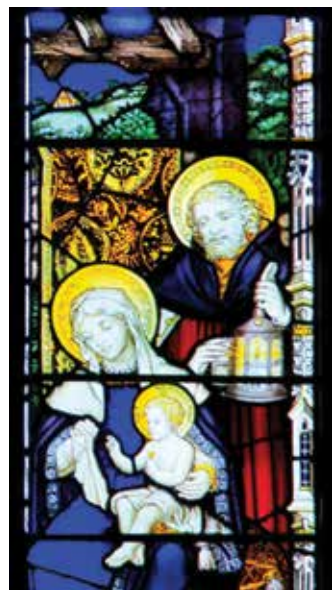
Latimer responded that the purpose of the forum was to start collecting ideas and see what is realistic given the property, the neighborhood and many of the restrictions that will still be in place regardless of the outcome of the litigation. He and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins compared the challenge to the Miller House in North White Plains, another county property that was reopened recently after years of inaction.

"We are going to take action when we feel we have consensus from

enough people," Latimer said. "It's not going to be done in a private room with seven of us, (but) we are not going to have paralysis and have an asset deteriorate."

Bedford Town Historian John Stockbridge said he is also a neighbor and wants to see both the area and the property preserved and restored.

"This is a very special place and we want to preserve the history," Stockbridge said. "It's not just the out buildings. There is the farmhouse and there's the barn. This stuff is very, very important to our character."



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Editorial

Pleasantville Vigils a Critical Component of the Healing Process

When tragedy strikes, it is human nature to try and come to terms with the calamity by searching for some explanation for what happened. That's especially true when there's no explanation to be had.

The horrific Dec. 5 murder-suicide that ended the lives of the Liu family is currently as inexplicable as it is catastrophic.

With no immediate answers for a family that seemed to be like any other, it is up to the survivors – the extended family, friends, neighbors and community members who may never have known the family in the three years they lived in Pleasantville – to find comfort in each other by spending time together.

Sunday night five simultaneous vigils were held at houses of worship throughout the village. The hour-long vigils provided a modicum of comfort through understated prayer, music and poems.

It also included two statements from relatives of the Liu's, the first from extended family, the second identified as the family of Dorothy Liu and her two young children.

In times of unimaginable despair, the statements exhibited graciousness and thankfulness for a community that

embraced the family's relatives and is grieving with them.

Here is the text of the first statement:

"There are no words to describe how painful and difficult this time has been for our family. Amid our incredible suffering, we know that the Pleasantville community is also suffering. We have seen how you have embraced our family members as your own while they lived in the community and that you too are in pain, and we thank you for your compassion.

"We know that everyone hearing this message has helped in their own unique ways. While we do not want to leave anyone out, we want to thank several people personally for their tireless efforts to assist our family during this past week and as we try to move through the days ahead to heal together as a community in the comfort of God. They are:

"Chief of Police Erik Grutzner and the entire Pleasantville Police Department; Mayor Peter Scherer and his colleagues; Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter; Bedford Road School Principal Peggy Galotti; Maureen McArdle and her staff at Pleasantville Hill Nursery School; and the extraordinary group of teachers and

counselors and community members who have made it their mission to respect the memory of our loved ones and to provide parents and children and neighbors with guidance and support."

Below is the second statement:

"Even during this difficult time of grief over the tragic death of Dorothy and her young children, Tennyson and Adeline, we are comforted by the knowledge that they are now with God in heaven and God is watching over them in eternity. This knowledge gives us the strength to get through these difficult days.

"Dorothy let us know that she found Pleasantville to be a very special place. She felt at home here and she and the children made many friends. We have always known that Pleasantville is a special community, and the support of the community in our times of need has re-confirmed this to be true of Pleasantville.

"We thank the entire community for the outpouring of love and kindness over the past week, and know that we will continue to have the support and the love of the community as we struggle each day with the loss over our loved ones."

Letters to the Editor

Electorate Must Decide Salary Increases for its Representatives

I cannot possibly be the only person that is appalled by the fact that our 17 Westchester County legislators promptly raised their own salaries after being elected this year, as did the supervisor of the Town of Harrison and New York state legislators.

The overwhelming majority of the citizens of the State of New York are not aware that there is a New York State Constitution, much less whether their local and state governments are in compliance with its terms and conditions. Pertaining to elected and appointed officials, Article III, Section 6 of the New York Constitution

reads in part, "Neither the salary of any member nor any other allowance so fixed may be increased or diminished during, and with respect to, the term for which he or she shall have been elected, nor shall he or she be paid or receive any other extra compensation. The provision of this section and laws enacted in compliance herewith shall govern and be exclusively controlling, according to their terms."

Although I notified the Westchester County Board of Legislators on Nov. 27 and Dec. 3 that this salary increase is, in fact, in violation of our Constitution, 10 legislators

chose to vote in favor of increases for themselves.

I am organizing a referendum on petition so that the electors of Westchester County will be able to vote on the salary increases of their representatives. I encourage all Westchester County residents that would like to be involved to contact me by e-mail at Futia2@optonline.net.

Anthony J. Futia, Jr.
North White Plains

New Castle's Search for Alternative Fire Protection is Correct Move

As one of the roughly 20 percent of New Castle residents in the Northern Fire Protection District covered by the Mount Kisco Fire Department, I was shocked to read in The Examiner last week that a 41 percent tax increase has been proposed for us as a result of Mount Kisco's firehouse expansion plans ("New Castle Explores Options to Replace Mt. Kisco Fire Coverage").

On the plus side, it appears that Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein, Supervisor-elect Ivy Pool and councilmembers Jeremy Saland and Lisa Spivack Katz are on top of this issue, and hopefully some compromise can be reached. The idea of having our

area serviced by another department has a downside in that the other departments mentioned in the article (New Castle, Bedford Hills, Yorktown and Millwood) are all further from our part of New Castle than our present provider.

While the point was raised that New Castle residents did not have a vote in the Mount Kisco firehouse referendum, an even more basic issue is that the Town of New Castle has no ownership interest in the structures that they are building; we are merely leasing services, and should not be required to support capital improvements for Mount Kisco.

Certainly, some increase is warranted,

but not 41 percent. From Mount Kisco's point of view, I would suspect that they are not anxious to have almost 1,400 tax-paying parcels dropped from their fire district tax rolls just as they are facing a major tax increase to fund almost \$15 million in borrowing for the project.

I greatly appreciate that our New Castle elected representatives are standing up for us, and hope that an amicable win-win compromise can be reached.

Steven R. Biren
New Castle

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

No. Castle Adopts \$35.5M Budget Carrying 1.39% Tax Increase

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board unanimously approved the municipality's more than \$35.5 million budget for 2020 that raises taxes 1.39 percent but is well below the tax cap.

The average town homeowner whose property is valued at \$850,000 would see an \$80 tax increase from the general, highway and library lines.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the budget, which contains a \$964,000 spending increase provides what the town needs for the upcoming year at a fair price.

"To me, it's a good budget, it's a sound budget, it's not a particularly large increase, it's under the cap, we've been under the cap before the cap existed, we've worked hard, this board and prior boards, to really rebuild our fund balance, which gives us a lot of flexibility with things," Schiliro said.

The general budget's fund balance is estimated to stand at about \$10.5 million heading into 2020.

Highlights for the spending plan include a \$100,000 increase in the paving budget to \$1 million and about \$131,000 for expansion of the children's room at the North Castle Public Library's Armonk branch.

Replacement of two Highway Department trucks, two police cars, a Building Department vehicle and a truck for the Parks & Recreation Department has also been included.

Most of the rest of the spending is to pay for contractual increases in the town's union contract, increase in employees' healthcare costs, additional staff in the Building

Department and an assistant for Town Administrator Kevin Hay.

The budget is more than \$1 million below the allowable tax cap in part because it is being allowed to carry over \$341,793 from Fiscal Year 2019.

At last week's budget hearing before the vote to adopt, two town residents posed questions to the board. First, Armonk resident Ann Dantzig grilled officials about Parks and Recreation spending, particularly related to costs for the town pool and why revenue for the town day camp has decreased.

Dantzig questioned about how much is left on the mortgage for the pool that was refurbished by the Anita Louise Ehrman (ALE) Recreation Center in 2006. ALE ran into financial difficulties with the Greenway Road pool complex shortly after its refurbishment and a private citizen operated the facility for three summers through 2014.

The town then took over operations and two years ago agreed to buy the pool complex for \$728,000 from ALE. The annual \$114,000, or more than \$9,000 a month, goes toward the purchase price under the terms of the licensing agreement, said Director of Finance Abbas Sura.

Schiliro said he did not have the balance on the mortgage, but it decreases each time the town makes a payment.

Currently, ALE is awaiting state attorney general approval, which has delayed the sale, he said.

Sura said when it comes time for the town to make a decision on how to pay the outstanding mortgage, officials can use fund

balance or borrow.

Dantzig pointed out that the town generated only about \$173,000 from the pool last summer, off from the \$219,000 three years ago, which caused about a \$90,000 shortfall. Officials said poor weather limited last summer's revenue.

"It was a rather cool summer, so the number on our guest fees was way down, which is a big part of the fees we collect," said Councilman Stephen D'Angelo.

Dantzig was also skeptical why revenue for the camps also slid last summer. Sura

said some families are opting for other camp programs because the earlier dismissal time is inconvenient for some parents. The town's Parks and Recreation Superintendent Todd Orłowski is exploring extended hours, Schiliro added.

The hearing's other speaker, North White Plains resident Ed Lobermann, pressed the board on whether to tape and broadcast the town's Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. Schiliro said no decision has been made but the issue will be addressed in the first part of 2020.

Lowey Announces \$410G Fed Grant for New York Medical College

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison), chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, announced last Wednesday that New York Medical College in Valhalla will receive \$410,000 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its research on heart and vascular diseases.

These federal funds will allow New York Medical College to document and define the driving factors such as oxidant and immune mechanisms that promote the progression of hypertension, cardiovascular and chronic kidney disease in adults who were low birthweight (LBW) babies.

"Recent advances in neonatal medicine

have increased the population of LBW babies that are incredibly susceptible for development of hypertension, cardiovascular disease and chronic kidney disease for unknown reasons as they mature through adulthood," said the principal investigators of the project, Dr. Brian B. Ratliff, assistant professor of medicine and physiology, and Dr. Michael S. Wolin, professor of physiology at New York Medical College. "This grant will allow us to identify new and improved therapeutic approaches that target the systems that drive the progression of hypertension, cardiovascular and chronic kidney disease."



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Filmmakers Bring the Story of KenKen to the Big Screen

By Martin Wilbur

Last Sunday's KenKen championships returned to Pleasantville on Sunday for its 10th anniversary tournament with some familiar faces atop the leaderboard at the end of the international competition.

But the weekend may have also seen KenKen, a numbers puzzle to be solved with arithmetic and logic, reach an even wider audience.

On Saturday, Chappaqua resident and toy inventor Robert Fuhrer, the owner of Nextoy in Pleasantville who helped bring KenKen to the United States, arranged for a screening of a 40-minute documentary in Manhattan followed by a panel discussion with himself, the filmmakers and New York Times crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz.

The film, "Miyamoto and the Machine: The Story of KenKen," traces how KenKen inventor and Japanese teacher Tetsuya Miyamoto saw his creation grow from an educational tool to help students think on their own to an international phenomenon.

More than 200 newspapers around the globe now carry KenKen puzzles, and is played by millions of people from a wide variety of cultures.

Fuhrer said that some 35,000

teachers around the world use KenKen as part of their curriculum. In the United States, most classroom teachers are general educators in the elementary school grades.

"We're giving them a tool where you can teach math," Fuhrer said. "It's really the art of teaching without teaching but we're giving them a tool they can use because they may not be comfortable teaching math."

Part of the film was shot at the 2017 KenKen championships at the Westchester Table Tennis Center in Pleasantville, where the tournament has been held for the past three years. One of the filmmakers, Dan Sullivan, came up with the idea because his wife, Tess Mandell, a lifelong puzzle lover and a Boston high school math teacher, first competed in the 2016 championships.

Sullivan said he accompanied his wife to essentially hold her coat but found himself fascinated by the intensity of the competition.

"I felt there was more to explore and a lot of the people I was meeting were interesting and friendly and had a lot of passion about the puzzle," said Sullivan, who in addition to being a history teacher is an independent filmmaker. "So it started (as) let's make a little short film about my wife, and



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The panel discussion following last Saturday's screening of "Miyamoto and the Machine: The Story of KenKen." From left, are filmmakers Chris Flaherty and Dan Sullivan, Nextoy owner and local resident Robert Fuhrer and New York Times crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz.

then her role steadily diminished, but our relationship has stayed strong nonetheless. But her role diminished because we met more and more people with great stories to tell."

Mandell finished 13th in her initial try three years ago and would make the finals and come in fourth out of well over 100 competitors with the glare of her husband's crew following her around in the 2017 tournament.

With all the great stories to tell, Sullivan and filmmaking partners Chris Flaherty and Louis Cancel traveled to Tokyo to interview



KenKen creator Tetsuya Miyamoto gazes out at the Tokyo skyline in a scene from the new documentary "Miyamoto and the Machine: The Story of KenKen."

Miyamoto and observe him in action. Miyamoto, they found, does virtually no talking in his classroom, silently encouraging his students to learn through trial and error, especially using KenKen.

Miyamoto also takes pleasure in creating his puzzles by hand, as he views them as a work of art, using imaginative patterns and not just a square grid. However, when the game was introduced in the United States and around the world for daily publication, a computer called "the Kenerator," had to be developed to mass produce the puzzles, Fuhrer said.

Flaherty said Miyamoto views the computer as a necessary evil to bring the joy and educational value

of KenKen to the masses.

"We spent a lot of time asking puzzlers about the differences and it's 'I don't know, you just feel it,'" Flaherty said.

The filmmakers are in post-production, will continue to make edits and plan to enter "Miyamoto and the Machine" into film festivals next year.

As for Sunday's competition, John Gilling, a Brooklyn data scientist, won the tournament for the fourth consecutive year with perennial contender Martin Eiger of New Jersey coming in second. Louis Vegliante of the Bronx finished third.

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Greeley Student Creates Hot Food Harvest for the Homeless

Caroline Gershman, a junior and honors student at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, is helping to feed the homeless in northern Westchester by creating what can be called a “hot food harvest for the homeless.”

She is contacting local restaurants and food stores with hot food bars asking if they are willing to donate their remaining food at the end of the evening to feed people staying overnight in local shelters.

Gershman approached a local nonprofit, the Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP), which provides short-term, emergency shelter during the winter in northern Westchester, eager to take on the initiative of getting hot food for the clients served by this organization. Through a coalition of local houses of worship during the five coldest months of the year, an average of 25 to 30 homeless individuals per night are housed for a week at a local church or synagogue. When they arrive around 9 p.m., many of them have not had a hot meal all day.

Gershman has been contacting local restaurants and food stores asking if owners would be willing to donate their left-over food to the local house of worship hosting clients for that week. Many of the hosting congregations have volunteers who can pick up the food and deliver it

to the church or synagogue. In the case where there are no volunteers to perform this task, Gershman will provide the transportation.

As of now, she has two restaurants who have committed to help – Quaker Hill Tavern in Chappaqua and the Horse and Hound Inn in South Salem – and she is looking for 10 more restaurants willing to donate. Gershman’s goal is to create a coalition of local restaurants participating in this cause.

“We have a homeless population right in our own backyard who we don’t see and that also means we have a hungry population who we don’t know about,” Gershman said. “I want to do what I can to help people at a time of year that is very challenging. In school, I worked on a food sustainability project and it made me think that there’s a way to help others and minimize food waste. It’s possible to create a win-win for everyone.”

The Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP) is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which provides short-term, emergency shelter for those who need a place to stay.

Shelter is provided through a coalition of congregations – Christian and Jewish – and other community groups, to anyone who needs a safe and warm place to sleep.



Caroline Gershman, a Horace Greeley High School junior, is enlisting area restaurants and food stores to donate food that is left over at the end of the day to provide to the Emergency Shelter Partnership, a local nonprofit that provides a place for the area homeless to stay overnight.

People gather at the police precinct on

Green Street in Mount Kisco by 9 p.m. each evening from November through March. They are then met by the ESP bus and an overnight supervisor who transports the group to the congregation that is hosting the shelter that week.

When the group arrives at the shelter, volunteers from the congregation greet them with a hot meal and a room to sleep. Coffee and a breakfast bag are provided in the morning. A volunteer from the congregation also spends the night and is available to assist an ESP staff person in the event of an emergency. By 6:30 a.m. the next morning, the group is on the bus and returned to the police station.

Gershman can be contacted via e-mail by restaurants or food stores that are interested in participating at carolinegershmannn@gmail.com.

In addition to getting local restaurants to participate, Gershman has started a fundraiser on Facebook that runs through the end of the year to raise money to provide the clients with a bag filled with shelf-stable packaged food that they leave with in the morning to help sustain them throughout the day. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2332825796977617>.

The Emergency Shelter Partnership can be reached at P.O. Box 427, Mount Kisco, N.Y. 10549.

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Bedford to Issue Survey Next Month on Potential School Closings

By Erin Maher

The Bedford School District is in the final stages of completing a survey that will be available to the community next month concerning the district's Long-Range Facilities plan.

The plan, introduced to the community in September, could see the district close up to two elementary schools by September 2021.

Earlier this year, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno outlined the plan for the current school year, which mentioned the option of operating as few as three of the district's elementary schools. Currently, the district operates five K-5 schools – Mount Kisco Elementary, West Patent, Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Pound Ridge.

The survey, written by school administrators, the Board of Education and educational consultant Interactive, Inc., currently has 18 multiple choice and fill-in

answers. The board went through each of the questions and options for answers on the draft survey, giving individual feedback on language, accuracy and question clarity.

The survey will roll out Jan. 8 and will be collected until Jan. 20. It will be sent to district resident and can be completed online. Paper copies will be available at libraries and senior centers in the district's communities for those who currently don't have children in the schools. The district has yet to announce which libraries and senior centers will carry the survey.

After the surveys are collected, the board will hold community forums on Feb. 10 and 11, where it plans to report on the results, educate the public on the cost of running an elementary school and three-year budget estimates.

Since the board's announcement of the Long-Range Facilities Plan, parents and community members have strongly opposed the closing of any school during the public forum portion of board meetings and criticized how trustees have handled the issue.

As copies of the draft survey were available to the public at the Dec. 11 board meeting, parents also took the time to note that the board failed to consult expert survey

writers.

"You really need to reach out to a professional survey writer, and really get some quality questions that you can use or don't do a survey," said Jennifer Kothari, a Bedford Village resident with three children in the district. "I think you're doing a disservice to yourselves with information that might not be useful, if you don't have somebody who's actually thinking about how the questions can be used."

For more information on the district's Long-Range Facilities Plan, visit www.bcsdny.org.

Chappaqua to Host Airport Open House Jan. 22 With FAA Reps

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced last week that an open house with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Chappaqua regarding Westchester County Airport has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 22. The forum will be held at the New Castle Community Center, located at 10 Senter St., from 6 to 8 p.m.

The open house will include participation from HMMH, an environmental and transportation planning consultant, which recently completed a noise study for the county, airport officials and the FAA. The session will be an opportunity to learn more about the study, air traffic procedures in the area and airport operations, in a more informal environment.

County residents are invited to attend at any point during the open house. Attendees will have the chance to speak one on one with a variety of experts, without formal presentations.

The open house was scheduled after hearing concerns from New Castle residents and officials in hopes of getting a better handle on the increased complaints that have surfaced in town and in neighboring communities regarding airport noise.

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Others may prefer spring when the garden is awakening and we may spend most of our time outside, or mid- or late summer when the flower and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, or perhaps the fall when the rich colors of nature can take our breath away.

But for me, I'm most grateful for my home and the pleasures it affords in the dead of winter. That is the time when, finally, that stubborn grout weed that plagued my former property of some 40 years is in remission for the season, the leaves have been raked and composted and my time suddenly expands exponentially for other duties inside the house.

Those duties could include anything as big as finally summoning help to refinish that horrible guest room floor that has been hidden by a rug for decades or tiny chores like gluing on the knob to that antique chest that fell off 10 or 12 years ago or disguising all those furniture scratches with Old English Scratch Cover.

When my wife and I had an antiques



By Bill Primavera

shop as a part-time avocation, Old English was the single most important defense mechanism in our bag of tricks – short of refinishing – to make our furniture inventory look twice as good as when we bought it at auction.

The holiday season is also the time when our homes never looked cleaner or better with decorations, ready to receive guests.

As with every Christmas, my wife Margaret and I put up and decorate a tree, centered in front of a gorgeous Palladian-style window on the fifth floor of our building where passersby can see it, like a beacon that we're there, welcoming in the holiday season.

For some years, I have written about my journey as the owner of an antique house planning to sell my home and all the preparations that went into it. It gave me a lot of material to write about. Now, I enjoy the maintenance-free habitat of Trump Park Residences, where all I have to do is enjoy our beautiful surroundings and have someone else do the grunt work outside. (And they do it so beautifully.)

The nicest thing I enjoy about my current living arrangement is being able



to stay within the same community where basically I grew up (grew old, actually) and having friends I've known for decades.

Especially this season, which become more precious as I get older, I'm looking forward to using my extra holiday time to toast in the new year, once again singing Auld Lang Syne and trying to remember what the heck those words mean. It's much like trying to remember where I've placed the remote control for the building's

garage door opener.

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Happenings

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Tuesday, Dec. 17

YA Origami. Learn origami folding techniques and how to make all kinds of different shapes. A simple sheet of paper can create so much fun. Origami also helps with patience, accuracy, and the joy of accomplishment. For young adults in grades 5-12. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Registration requested; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-769-0548.

Read With Tobie and Karen. For school-age children. First-come, first-served. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Info: 914-273-3887.

Gingerbread House Decorating. Decorate your own mini gingerbread house to take home. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Popsicle Stick Hot Chocolate Mug. The winter months are the perfect time to grab a cup of hot cocoa. This popsicle stick mug isn't the real thing but it sure looks like it. For children of all ages. (Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco.

6 to 8 p.m. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday (except Dec. 24 and 31). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Pajama Storytime. Join Miss Debbie for an evening that includes stories, songs and fun. Pajamas and stuffed animals are welcome. For children two to five years old and their families. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Armonk Readers Book Club. "Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai will be discussed. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"Coup 53." A decade in the making, award-winning filmmaker Taghi Amirani and legendary editor/writer Walter Murch tell the story of the 1953 Anglo-American coup d'état that overthrew Iran's Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh and reinstalled the Shah. The CIA/MI6 covert action, also known as Operation Ajax, marked the end of a democratically elected government and ended Mossadegh's most significant policy:

the nationalization of Iranian oil. Shot in seven countries, featuring participants and first-hand witnesses and unearthing never-before-seen archive footage, this film is a politically explosive and cinematically innovative documentary that lifts the lid on secrets buried for more than 60 years. Followed by a Q&A with Murch and Amirani and Board President Janet Maslin. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis & Social Action series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Legendary Tuesday Night Jam. This jam has fostered many great musicians over the years. Some have gone on to tour, win Grammy Awards and achieve celebrity status. You never know who you'll hear. Come on down, play or listen, dance, drink and enjoy. All levels of musical talent are welcome. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday (except Dec. 24 and 31). Info: 914-747-4740.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Zumba Babies and Tots. A wonderful fun dance-and-play party for little feet. Age appropriate music and props are used to help children learn to love moving their bodies and dancing to their own rhythm. Singing and exciting activities will amuse delight and stimulate your child benefiting their cognitive, emotional and social development.

For parents or caregivers and children one to three years old. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Eight-week session: \$120. Maximum 12 children per class. Every Wednesday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). Info and registration: Contact Dance Emotions at 914-238-8974 or instructor 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 through Dec. 18. 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, 170 Joan Corwin Way, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). Info: 914-238-4967.

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 through Dec. 20. Info: 914-769-0548

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Mt. Pleasant Adopts 2020 Budget With Modest Tax Increase

By Joan Gaylord

The Mount Pleasant Town Board voted unanimously to adopt the town's \$33.7 million general fund and highway budget.

The spending plan contains a 1.65 percent increase in the tax levy, a figure below the 2 percent state tax cap.

Of the \$33.7 million, nearly equal amounts of more than \$16.3 million would come from anticipated revenue and property taxes. Another \$1.1 million would be derived from fund balance.

Town Comptroller Brian Kenneally said the average Mount Pleasant homeowner would see about a \$44 tax increase, an estimate based upon the town's median market value home of \$750,000.

Departmental budgets generally include modest increases for personnel and expenses. Town Justice Mark Rubeo and Police Chief Paul Oliva said they did not request additional personnel at this time despite new criminal justice reform laws that they said would increase their departmental workloads.

Changes to the laws, which go into effect Jan. 1, address bail reform and discovery rules. The laws increase the records that

must be shared and imposes an accelerated timeline for providing discoverable materials pertaining to criminal cases.

"The amount of time we have to spend on this will increase dramatically," Rubeo said.

The adopted budget also reflects an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 for each of the town's ambulance districts. Kenneally clarified during a public hearing that these costs would be covered by the town's fund balance, not by an increase in taxes.

A new line in the budget includes \$140,076 for computer services that will cover \$53,381 for equipment and \$86,695 for infrastructure.

Revenue lines for the general fund include an expected increase in the distribution of county sales taxes to \$1 million, up \$300,000 from the adopted 2019 budget. Under the federal and state aid lines, the anticipated mortgage tax has been adjusted downward to \$1.4 million, \$220,000 less than indicated for 2019.

The Town Board held two public hearings on the budget, on Nov. 26 and last Tuesday, before board members voted to adopt. There were no comments from residents during either session.



Helping Kids Through the Holidays

Each holiday season, the Team 91 Tristate community comes together to collect gifts for the children of the JCCA Cottage School in Pleasantville. The Cottage School is home to emotionally troubled boys and girls seven to 16 years old. There are 300 children on the campus, a third of whom are mentally disabled.

The holidays prove a difficult time as almost half of the children on campus have no families to go home to or celebrate with. Each year, the Tristate program has stepped in and donated gifts to boost the spirits of these children and give them something special during the holiday season. During the past four years, the program has donated hundreds of toys to the boys and girls at the Cottage School, putting a smile on the faces of countless children who spend the holidays on campus. The generosity and impact of the community is immense and the life lessons taught are everlasting.

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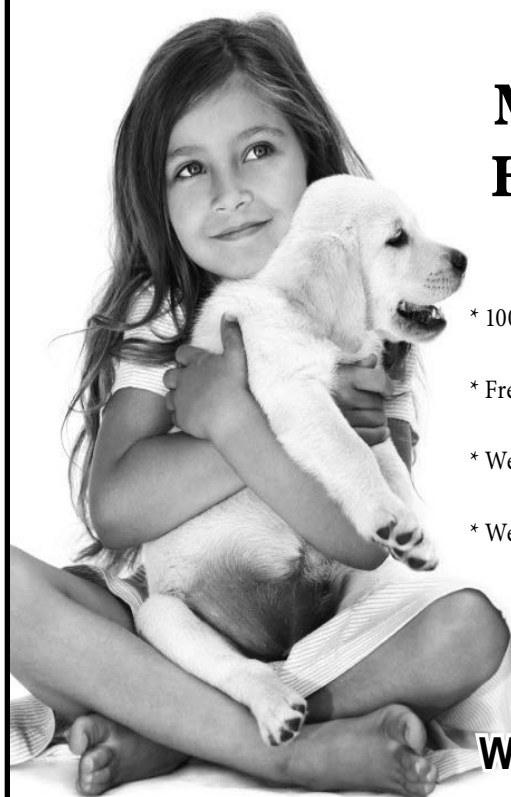
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Pleasantville Honors Village's Dedicated Youth Volunteers

By Abby Luby

Parents, friends and group leaders crowded into the Pleasantville Village Hall meeting room last Monday to recognize 47 Pleasantville teens for their volunteer contributions to the community.

At the annual Youth Community Service Award ceremony, each village trustee shook hands and congratulated the youngsters and handed out personalized certificates and cloth bags.

Mayor Peter Scherer thanked the young volunteers, their parents and organization leaders. Scherer referenced the recent tragedy in Pleasantville and how the award ceremony was particularly healing.

"It is obviously an extraordinary tough time right now, we've had a very, very few difficult days here in Pleasantville and those difficult days are not over," Scherer said. "Amid the disquiet that we confront, I can't think of a better way to note today than to have all of you here and to thank all of you for what you do. It's that very work that sets the tone for this community and it has been reflected in so many ways in the last few days."

The seven groups who nominated volunteers for the award were the VIP Sports Program, the Pleasantville Farmers Market, the Pleasantville Fire Department, Pleasantville High School's ECHO Club, Pleasantville Community Synagogue, Emanuel Lutheran Church's Emanuel Ringers and the Appalachia Service Project.

Nominating four youths from the VIP Sports Program was Colleen Griffin Wagner who said the program created 13 years ago couldn't



Some of the teen volunteers and their families at last Monday's annual Youth Community Service Award ceremony at Village Hall.

ABBY LUBY PHOTO

operate without its teen volunteers. The teens wake up early every Sunday morning from September to June to buddy with participants who are unable to compete on mainstream teams because of developmental or physical disabilities.

"I'm so incredibly awed by their dedication," Wagner said. "These are young men and women I'm really proud to work with."

Thirteen volunteers from the Pleasantville Farmers Market were nominated by Peter Rogovin, president of Foodchester, the group that runs the market. Rogovin thanked Steve Bates, Foodchester's executive director of market operations, who manages and trains the volunteers.

The volunteers welcome shoppers and vendors when they arrive at the market. Bates said the youngsters are great to work with.

"One of our greatest resources are the kids," Bates said. "The team shows up an hour-and-a-half before the market opens and they stay an hour-and-a-half after the market closes. Once

we open, they really are our front-of-house smile saying good morning and welcoming kids to our kids' events."

Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Stephan Zapletal spoke of the department's youth program, the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department Junior Corps, for those 16 to 18 years old. There were six nominees who are active volunteers for the Junior Corps.

"This group gives the youth of Pleasantville the excellent opportunity to earn teamwork skills and mature into becoming responsible, community focused adults," he said.

The ECHO Club (Encouraging Children to Help Others) at Pleasantville High School nominated six of its volunteers for the award, all of whom contributed a minimum of 50 hours of community service over the past school year. Scherer announced the awards, explaining how volunteers had helped during blood drives, peer tutoring, toy drives and charitable walks and runs, including the Tina

Gambino 5K. Pleasantville Community Synagogue President Leyla Nakisbendi praised volunteer Molly Galin who was nominated by Hebrew School Principal Galit Sperling. Galin volunteers as a teacher's assistant at the synagogue's religious school, having donated more than 40 hours of service.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Handbell Choir Director Eiko Cornelius recognized four youths who are part of the 12-member handbell choir. The choir performs locally and internationally and recently raised \$1,400 to benefit the Westchester Exceptional School in North Salem and additional funds that they donated to the SPCA of Westchester.

"Each volunteer has given five to nine years of their time; some started in third grade and today some are in 9th and 11th grades," Cornelius said. "We appreciate their dedication and commitment. Sometimes you can't communicate with words and music is a good way to do it."

Thirteen teens were recognized for their work in the Appalachia Service Project.

Gail Zarick, who has been in charge of the volunteers since 2003, said since its inception 20 years ago 292 volunteers from Pleasantville have helped to repair and rebuild homes in severely impoverished areas in Appalachia.

At the end of the ceremony, Scherer thanked the award recipients, parents and adult leaders.

"I am consistently amazed by the depth and good will in this community and all you young people represent that so brightly here tonight," he said.

Youth Community Service Award Recipients

Appalachia Service Project

Charlie Allen
Mike Collins
Brian D'Alessandro
Joseph D'Angelo
Ryan Dirgins
Meaghan Ennis
Tom Lombardo
Jack Minelli
AJ Moore
Sean Rapley
Travis Rapley
Owen Stone
Isabella Tome

Emanuel Lutheran Church Emanuel Ringers

Miyako Cornelius
Cynthia O'Brien
Brennan Wiebke
Nicholas Wiebke

Pleasantville Community Synagogue

Molly Galin

Pleasantville Fire Department Junior Corps

Leonard Balducci
Matthew Colmenares
Zack Mallozzi
Michael Rufino Jr.
Kyle Saul
Luke Scopino

Pleasantville High School ECHO Club

Amber Alirahi
Scott Castillo
Maia Mayers
Jenna McCallister
Molly Perrine
Michael Rufino Jr.
Rile Valvolizza

Pleasantville Farmers Market

Brendan Cooper
Grace Cusack
Cecelia Follman
Emma Leis
Alyona Myrick
Patrick O'Mara
Brigid O'Mara
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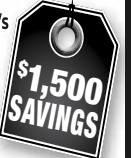
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I loved Cafe Boulud's breakfast treat, Oeufs Forestieres, two baked eggs, wild mushrooms and Gruyere cheese served in a cast-iron dish. You'll love the jumbo stone crabs, overflowing lobster rolls or the peekytoe crab capellini. All of its seafood selections taste like it just jumped out of

the ocean.

Another restaurant I loved was the Seafood Bar in The Breakers Palm Beach hotel, where you dine across from roaring ocean waves. I loved the blue crab nachos, with chunks of crab and cheddar, and the seafood club, with lobster, crab, bacon with truffle fries.

Every feature of The Brazilian Court will impress you. The well-appointed rooms, lavishly landscaped courtyards, bubbling fountains, seductive private pool and renowned Frederic Fekkai Hair Salon & Spa. The hotel staff is accommodating and lovely in every possible way. It is a few blocks from Worth Avenue and a beautiful, uncrowded beach. The Brazilian Court is expensive but worth it. (After all, don't you deserve it?)

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By Richard Levy

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The Brazilian Court books up quickly, so if I've managed to entice you, don't wait, make reservations as soon as you put down this paper. If it's already booked, there's always The Breakers.

Hastings-on-Hudson resident Richard Levy is a former advertising "Mad Man" creative director and now a travel writer. He's also an inventor of innovative new products and is writing and illustrating a new children's book. You can contact him at RichardLevyTravelWriter@gmail.com.

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Mother Goose. Listen to stories and sing along with the librarian for a fun morning. The session incorporates picture books that focus on colors, shapes, letters and more. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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 through Dec. 20. 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 (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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

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People Love Yarn. Share your knowledge or learn from the group. All skill levels welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1). Info: Contact Louann Rooney at rooneylm@optonline.net.

How to Use Social Media to Help Grow Your Business. A workshop that covers an assortment of social media and digital strategies and tactics for small businesses to employ to grow their business in an increasing all-digital environment. Walk away with strategies and skills to apply immediately. SCORE Headquarters at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave., White Plains. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.westchester.score.org.

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. Wednesdays from 2:30 to 7 p.m. (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1), Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.

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Children's Chess Workshop. Participants learn how to play chess and the fundamentals of good chess play through the study of strategy and tactics through guided instruction and supervised play. For children in grades 1-4. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Support Group for Families in Recovery. Mountainside Chappaqua now offers this family support groups to those who have been impacted by a loved one's addiction. These sessions are designed to provide family members with the recovery and support services they need to heal in tandem with their addicted loved ones. For parents, spouses, children, friends and others whose loved ones have struggled with drug or alcohol misuse. Group members are encouraged to share their stories, setbacks and successes with those who have encountered similar challenges. Mountainside Chappaqua, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Meets the third Wednesday of every month. Info: 800-762-5433.

Art Series: Noguchi, Semester Review and Party. Join us as we wrap up a wonderful semester of incredible artists with a look at the abstract sculptures of Isamu Noguchi, a master sculptor whose work can be found all over the world: from his studio in Long Island City to the sculpture gardens at Kykuit. We will then jump into our "world famous" semester review and pub quiz as we nibble on treats with an impromptu end-of-year party. Feel free to bring treats or non-alcoholic beverages. Led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Thursday, Dec. 19

Third Thursdays Bird Walk. Join naturalist Tait Johansson at this local migration hotspot for the second in a new series of bird walks. A great way to hone your birding skills and mark the passing of the seasons and birds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail info@bedforddudubon.org.

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. 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 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Lifeline Theater Music Program. An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Every Thursday and Friday (except Dec. 26 and 27). Info: Visit www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html.

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

Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Toddler Mixer. Come for free play and hang out with other toddlers and adults. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Pelvic Floor Health: Beyond Kegels in the Chair. Educational and experiential, this workshop will empower women with a new awareness of their pelvic floor. Come learn the anatomy and physiology, the weakness, dysfunctions and techniques to relax, strengthen, balance and maintain

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John Jay Homestead Holiday Tour. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site will offer holiday tours of the historic house. Tour John Jay's 1820s home in retirement and discover what the winter holiday season would have been like for Jay and his family. Period decorations, historic foods and candlelight help celebrate the season. In the gallery is a specially curated exhibition featuring holiday-themed artifacts used by multiple generations of the Jay family. John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 1 and 3 p.m. \$10. Seniors and students: \$7. Members and children (12 and under): Free. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 28. Info and tickets: Visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

National Theatre Live's "The Winter's Tale." Shakespeare's timeless tragicomedy of obsession and redemption returns! This beautifully reimagined production, codirected by Rob Ashford and Kenneth Branagh, features a remarkable cast including Dame Judi Dench as Paulina and Branagh as King Leontes. Leontes appears to have everything: power, wealth, a loving family and friends – but sexual jealousy sets in motion a chain of events with tragic consequences. This critically acclaimed production was first broadcast in 2015. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Arts and Crafts. Paint, glue and color yourself something cool to take home. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Salt and Watercolor Snowflake Art. Winter is right around the corner so add some color to the season with this stunning snowflake art. For children of all ages. (Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

John Jay Homestead Candlelight Tour. To celebrate the holiday season, these limited evening tours will lead visitors through John Jay's 1820s home to discover what the winter holiday season would have been like for Jay and his family. Period decorations, historic foods and other sensory experiences help celebrate the season. In the museum gallery is a specially curated exhibition featuring holiday-themed artifacts used by multiple generations of the Jay family. Enjoy refreshments in the 1930s ballroom, which features a 10-foot Christmas tree and holiday music. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 5 to 7 p.m. Adults: \$15.

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'Tis the Season for Ugly Holiday Sweaters

The days are growing colder, the sun sets early and we have already witnessed some snow waltzing around in the leaden sky. As the great Eddard Stark of "Game of Thrones" would say, "Winter is coming!"

But more importantly, it's sweater weather (cue The Neighbourhood's song). Ugly holiday sweaters were first introduced in the 1950s as "Jingle Bell Sweaters." They gained popularity in the '80s, and by the early 2000s, Canadians Chris Boyd and Jordan Birch supposedly held the first ugly Christmas sweater party. The party has been hosted as a fundraiser at the Commodore Ballroom in Vancouver every year since, with the proceeds going toward the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Talk about festive spirit!

These types of sweaters, ironically, have become a commercial holiday staple. From the tacky to the tasteful, the minimal to the extravagant, there's something for everyone. For the adventurous souls who are eager to try something new this year, here's a guide for pulling off a successful ugly sweater:



By Ellie Dessart

Go vintage...or go to Target?

The traditional look is an oversized, wooly garment with questionable patterns and colors. Naturally, because the first designs in the '80s and '90s were hand-knitted, vintage stores are a great place to start looking for one. As the demand for these sweaters grew, thanks to the internet and pop culture, larger retailers began mass producing

them, too. Luckily for us, that means we have a variety of places to shop. Whether you're searching for a muted, old-school, hippie look or more of a colorful, contemporary piece, you're bound to find something.

Get creative

The bolder the better. Don't be afraid to select sweaters with over-the-top embellishments – lit up menorahs, large depictions of elves,

fuzzy snowmen, the works. There are absolutely no limits. Can't find something you like? Make it yourself. You can first buy a sweater of the desired color and material. Afterwards, experiment with a few different stores, such as Michael's, CVS or Dollar Tree. Create your own humorous slogan with iron-on letters. Glue on some tinsel. Attach jingle bells, dreidels or ornaments. Whatever your heart desires!

An extension of your personality

The best thing about holiday sweaters is that the possibilities are endless. Ultimately, the one you wear was created or chosen for a reason. Perhaps you enjoyed the velvety stomach of the penguin. Maybe you were amused by the comical representation of Santa.

Whatever it was that drew you, the final look reflects a bit of you. To truly go above and beyond, pair your sweater with something. Accessories are another component that

can say a lot about the type of person you are. My personal favorite is festive holiday socks.

Create a tradition and have some fun

My family bought ugly Christmas sweaters in 2017 for a holiday party. One of my sisters and I ended up selecting matching black ones, each adorned with a fuzzy

reindeer and a large, red, pom-pom nose. Although intended for that single party, I've worn this sweater each year since on the final school day before break. (This year, it happens to fall on National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day – perfect timing!) Feel free to make your own tradition, too. Yes, you may find yourself embarrassed at first. None of us are judging you. Own the look. Flaunt it like it's the new haute couture.

By this time of the year, you're probably drained from the copious amounts of stress, work and challenges the previous months brought. Let yourself relax. Laugh a little. What better way to do so than by dressing up in a ridiculous holiday sweater?

Ellie Dessart is a senior at Bronxville High School. Her monthly column "Inside the Mind of a Teen" examines and addresses the issues pertaining to teenagers at both the local and global level.

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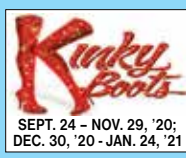
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“It’s a Wonderful Life.” A holiday classic for the whole family! Frank Capra directed this beloved story of desperate bank manager George Bailey (James Stewart) who contemplates jumping off a bridge on Christmas Eve. Clarence, his bumbling guardian angel, intervenes and shows George the good he has done in the world, setting him on the right path. Audiences adore this timeless 1946 film mainly for Stewart’s touching performance, and also features great supporting turns from Hollywood legends Lionel Barrymore, Donna Reed and Gloria Grahame. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Friday, Dec. 20

Pleasantville Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. Sponsored by the Pleasantville International Association and the Hiawatha Masonic Lodge. The Masonic Lodge, 283 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas.

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Storytime With Ms. Stephanie. Join Stephanie for a program filled with stories and songs. For children of all ages. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Keva Blocks. Come and build whatever your heart desires with our set of keva blocks. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Westchester’s Winter Wonderland. Celebrate the holidays close to home. A one-of-a-kind holiday experience featuring Santa’s Village, amusement rides, unlimited skating on an outdoor ice rink (skates included), the Winter Wonderland Holiday Circus, food and beverage options and a dazzling light show. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 5 to 10 p.m. \$20. Children (under 3): Free. Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 4 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 22. From Dec. 23 through Jan. 4, 5 to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 4 to 10 p.m. on weekends. Closed Dec. 24 and 25. Info and tickets: Visit www.winterwonderland.com.

“Newsies.” Based on the 1992 movie and inspired by the true story of the 1899 Newsboys Strike, this is a joyful and

entertaining musical capturing the strength that young people have when they join together and stand up against injustice. With a funny, poignant book by Harvey Fierstein and stunning music by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, “Newsies” is a classic with the power to inspire. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 7 p.m. \$37 to \$59. Also Dec. 21, 27 and 28 and Jan. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 22, 27, 28 and 29 and Jan. 4, 5, 8 and 12 and 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The delicious good time moves indoors for the winter. A great way to support regional agriculture and eat healthy, year-round with plenty of warm smiles and community togetherness. Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Indoor market continues through Mar. 28, 2020. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

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. 10 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.

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 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Holiday Howl. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this season is such a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will assemble “wolfy” gifts for ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and then enjoy watching the wolves tear them open. Guests will also potentially behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 22 and 26 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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.

DIY Gingerbread Houses. Get creative and make a yummy treat out of gingerbread. For children of all ages. Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.)

Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Drop in for Tech Help. Receive assistance with any of your technology devices. PC, Google, Microsoft savvy volunteers help with troubleshooting, downloading, Overdrive, Freegal, Hoopla or any other online service. First-come, first-served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (except Dec. 24 and 31) Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

“Nutcracker Dream.” A beautiful interpretation of the beloved holiday classic that premiered last season and delighted audiences young and old with its artistry and storytelling. Inspired by the work of Marius Petipa and Rudolf Nureyev, this production is a one-hour family-friendly adaptation of the seasonal favorite, created by world-renowned choreographer Carole Alexis and performed by Westchester’s premier dance company, Ballet des Amériques. Professional dancers from Ballet des Amériques perform the featured roles of the ballet, while additional roles will be cast by audition among young dancers from across the area. Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck. 3 and 7 p.m. Adults: \$25. Children: \$20. Also Dec. 22 and 28 at 2 and 5 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-698-0098 or visit www.emelin.org.

Holiday Howl for Pups of All Ages. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this season is such a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will assemble “wolfy” gifts for ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and then enjoy watching the wolves tear them open. Guests will also potentially behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 4:30 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children (under 12): \$13. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Cherish the Ladies: A Celtic Christmas. Cherish the Ladies returns in 2019 for two shows to celebrate the holiday season. The Grammy Award-nominated Irish-American supergroup formed in 1985 to celebrate the rise of extraordinary women in what had been a male-dominated Celtic music scene. Now celebrating their 35th anniversary, Cherish the Ladies has shared timeless Irish traditions and good cheer with audiences worldwide. They bring their signature blend of virtuosic instrumental talents, beautiful vocals and stunning step dancing. Their new album, “Hear of the Home,” embraces the gift of music passed down from generations. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 3 and 8 p.m. \$36, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Ballroom Dancing and Dinner. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High

School and New York Boys’ State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Fourth Sunday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

Joy to the World: A Holiday Concert. Enchanting instrumental renditions of traditional and contemporary holiday music for classical guitar and mandolin. Enjoy a variety of lively tunes and lyrical melodies from many countries. Music from the U.S., Puerto Rico, England, Wales, Ireland, France, Italy, Ireland, Spain and Eastern Europe. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

“The Nutcracker.” An enchanting hour-long production of this classic, presented by the New York Theatre Ballet, created for younger audiences, yet sophisticated enough for adults. Founded in 1978 by artistic director Diana Byer, the New York Theatre Ballet has earned national attention for its artistry and elegant restorations and revivals of masterworks by great choreographers. It is equally committed to performing innovative hour-long ballets based on children’s literature for family audiences. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 3 and 6 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Menorah Lighting. Hosted by Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation. Includes refreshments, live music and gifts. Mayor Gina Picinich, state Sen. Peter Harckham and Assemblyman David Buchwald plan on attending, as do several candidates for retiring Congresswoman Nita Lowey’s seat. Everyone welcome. Fountain Park Lawn at Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free.

Monday, Dec. 23

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

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

DIY Holiday and Winter Themed Rock Painting. Who knew rocks could look this cute? Spruce up a plain old rock and make it winter or holiday themed. For children of all ages. (Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

A Cheese and Wine Primer at Our Local Cheese Shop



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week's column focused on Second Mouse Cheese Shop in Pleasantville. I interviewed the proprietor, Ivy Ronquillo, and gained a unique perspective of her mission for the shop, which, coupled with her exuberance and passion, bode well for her success and our enhanced enjoyment of the vast world of artisanal cheeses.

Several readers requested a further drill-down into specific pairings of cheeses and wines. I returned to Ronquillo's shop this week to focus and report on several of her offerings.

But first, a brief primer on the vast and varied world of cheese.

The production of cheese is highly parallel to the production of wine.

First, just as there are numerous grapes from which wines are crafted, so too cheeses are made from different base products: cow, sheep and goat milk.

Second, fermentation is necessary to transform each base product into a unique end product. Likewise, cheese and wine are constantly changing during aging process.

Third, the length of aging greatly influences the final product. A young wine or cheese tends to be soft in texture and simple in structure; an aged wine or cheese tends to be structured and complex.

Fourth, a winemaker or fromager may choose to influence their crafted results with external agents: oak for wine; molds, washes for cheese.

Fifth, terroir plays an important role in both wine and cheese making. I've covered the impacts of terroir extensively for wines. Similarly, locale and grass diet impart particular flavors or aromas to cheese.

Each of the above factors, when applied by a skilled fromager, result in a unique cheese. Generally speaking, I categorize the character of cheese into six broad texture groupings:

1. Soft-ripened, bloomy rind cheese. Examples: Brie, Camembert.
2. Semi-soft cheese. Aged a bit longer than bloomy rind, with a high moisture content. Examples: Morbier, Tallegio.
3. Washed-rind cheese. Washed to kill the rind mold, thereby imparting new flavors to the rind and cheese. Examples: Epoisses, Tomme.
4. Semi-hard cheese. Influenced by the type of bacteria and the length of aging. Examples: Gouda, Comte.
5. Hard cheese. Influenced by bacteria and the length of the aging period,

much longer than semi-hard cheeses, thereby accounting for the low moisture (hardness) of the cheeses. Examples: Parmigiano-Reggiano, Manchego.

6. Blue cheese. Here, bacteria does its job when injected into a cheese, unlike other cheeses for which bacteria works externally. Examples: Roquefort, Stilton and a rising number of American blue cheeses.

There are no strict rules for matching cheese with wine; it's a matter of your individual palate. Experiment with different combinations. What you'll likely discover is that white wines, especially those with high acid levels, will counter the creamy texture and flavor of many cheeses, whereby red wines tend to pair well with semi-hard and hard cheeses.

Approaching the cheese display case at Second Mouse for the first time can be overwhelming and daunting. But fear not, Ronquillo and her staff quickly dispel any trepidation. On any given visit, up to 75 cheeses are on display, each replete with a detailed and informative card. And samples are eagerly offered to educate your palate. The cheeses are sourced from most Western European countries and close to 20 American states. Her favorites right now: Swiss, Spanish and Portuguese.

On to Ronquillo's suggestions for pairings with a broad selection of her favorite cheeses.

Narragansett Burrata (Rhode Island; fresh

cow): Sauvignon Blanc.

Lazy Lady Bonaparte (Vermont; fresh goat): Cotes du Rhone Rouge.

Von Trapp Farmstead Mt. Alice (Vermont; blooming rind cow): Chardonnay (Unoaked).

Jacobs & Brichford Ameribella (Indiana; washed rind cow): Sancerre.

Arethusa Farms Tapping Reeve (Connecticut; hard cow): Cabernet Franc.

Kaserei Tufertschwil Challerhocker (Switzerland; semi-hard): Pinot Noir.

Reyepnaer Reserve XO (Netherlands; semi-hard cow): Cognac or Chianti Classico.

Point Reyes Farmstead Pt Reyes Original Blue (California; semi-soft cow): Syrah.

With so many choices of high-quality cheeses available, selecting and pairing them with wine may seem daunting at first. My advice: just as you vetted local wine merchants to educate your palate, so too with cheese. I have found my favorite, right here in Pleasantville.

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