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## Mt. Kisco Weighs New \$8M to Pay for Firehouse Upgrades

By Sean Browne

Mount Kisco officials are considering a roughly \$8 million referendum this fall to have enough money to pay for the originally proposed renovation and expansion of the village's three firehouses.

Following a May 14 meeting with the Mount Kisco Board of Fire Commissioners and the fire department's chiefs, Mayor Gina Picinich said the sentiment was to try to find a way to pay for the needed project.

"The fire companies have asked us to go out to the public to fully fund the total project as initially envisioned," Picinich said. "It's going to cost about \$18 million."

Voters approved a \$10.25 million bond in November 2017, but the village has been unable to proceed with the

project after H2M architects + engineers of Melville, N.Y., the firm retained by the village to draw up the plans, significantly miscalculated the price of the work during pre-bond planning. The errors were discovered in February when bids returned for the Green Street firehouse far exceeded estimates.

At the Apr. 29 Village Board meeting, H2M CEO Richard Humann told trustees that the latest estimate to complete the job was \$17.5 million.

Frank Mannion, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, said due to the age of the firehouses, the size of the trucks and equipment and current regulations, the proposed upgrades to the three firehouses is essential.

"I did not want to be here asking for more money," Mannion said. "But this is

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## P'ville Officials Ponder Eliminating Manville-Wheeler Traffic Light

By James Anderson

Pleasantville village officials may support removal of the traffic signal at Manville Road and Wheeler Avenue because having two lights in quick succession has been confusing to drivers and doesn't comply with current traffic standards.

The Village Board met last Wednesday to discuss whether to back the plan, which would also eliminate the crosswalk across Manville Road from near the municipal parking lot to the pocket park, and to shift the crosswalk at the next light, from the corner of Washington Avenue at the Dunkin' Donuts, to eliminate the longer, diagonal crosswalk for pedestrians.

Mayor Peter Scherer said for about the past 25 years there has been the double



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The traffic signal at Manville Road and Wheeler Avenue (foreground) could be eliminated because it is too close to the light at Washington Avenue, confusing some drivers.

set of lights since Wheeler Avenue was converted to a one-way street.

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## Marching Onward



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Student musicians from the Horace Greeley High School band march through downtown Chappaqua for the annual Town of New Castle Memorial Day parade and ceremonies Monday morning. A large turnout lined South Greeley Avenue to see a variety of organizations along the parade route, along with various dignitaries, including town residents Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Hillary and Bill Clinton. For more photos from Memorial Day parades in New Castle and Pleasantville, see page 15.

## North Castle Schedules Hearing for Eagle Ridge Project Rezoning

By Joan Gaylord

The North Castle Town Board has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, June 26 to address the zoning petition for the proposed residential and hotel plan on a portion of the former IBM property.

At that same meeting, the board will convene the state Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) hearing for the application known as Eagle Ridge on North Castle Drive in Armonk.

Last week, the board also approved a 90-day public comment period for the proposal, which started May 22.

"That should be more than enough time," said Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

Board member Barbara DiGiacinto said the applicant, MADD Madonna Armonk LLC, would provide a public presentation

of the project before the hearing.

The scheduled date would mark the start of the hearing process but the board did not expect it to conclude the same night. DiGiacinto said the proposal is such an important project for the town, and with summer approaching, the board will be justified keeping the hearing open as long as possible.

The developer has proposed a 91-room boutique hotel on a six-acre portion of the 32-acre site. On the building's third, fourth and fifth floors, there would be 70 one, two- and three-bedroom apartments, including seven affordable units.

On the adjacent 26-acre parcel, the applicant intends to build 94 three-bedroom townhouses, which would include nine affordable units.

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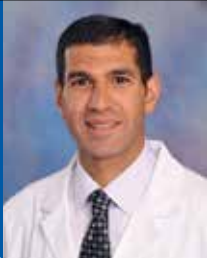
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#### Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

**A:** Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

#### Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

**A:** The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

#### Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

**A:** A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman

who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

#### Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

**A:** Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

# New Castle Looks to Address 5G Wireless Issues With Bill

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle has prepared draft legislation to help regulate 5G small cell wireless equipment but some town officials bristled at the restrictions placed by the federal government on municipalities' oversight.

A discussion on the issue took place last Tuesday during a joint Town Board-Planning Board meeting in advance of this week's resumption of a public hearing on a proposed law. Some members of both boards were perturbed that any measure the town would adopt is limited to addressing aesthetics.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Kirkwood said "it's just mind-boggling" that the town would be powerless to clamp down on a provider because of safety issues, such as sightlines.

"The (draft) law itself, it seems to me, from my perspective, is that the tone needs to be strengthened," Kirkwood said.

Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis said that if the town can prove that placement of any equipment compromises safety that is within their powers to regulate. However, Ward-Willis cautioned the boards that the communications industry is exploring where they can challenge local small cell wireless laws in court if some are believed to be excessively restrictive. Providers could also abandon municipalities that are seeking 5G service if restrictions are too burdensome, he said.

"As long as you can justify it, it's the traditional police powers, then the board has the ability to do so," Ward-Willis said.

The 5G wireless service is the next wave of technology for communications companies for communities across the country. It would not require the building of large cell towers, which has generated its own set of concerns. While 5G technology would provide greater speed and high data rates, it is a low power, short-range transmission system, which presumably would require more boxes to be placed throughout a community.

Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull said there are still a lot of unknowns about the aesthetics of the equipment, although it would be mounted lower than traditional cell service. Currently, the standard monopole is 150 feet, she said.

Generally, 5G technology would be placed in more populous areas, such as the hamlet's downtown, Hull said.

During last week's discussion, Councilwoman Ivy Pool said that any town law should address legitimate concerns but it should not jeopardize the town's chances of having the service becoming available for residents and businesses.

"When it comes to health and safety, it needs to be strengthened where needed, but at the same time I would not want to make it overly restrictive because I think we do want to encourage this technology in our town because we do ultimately want to have 5G

wireless in our town," Pool said.

It is not currently known which providers would be in line to provide service to the town.

New Castle officials have had a rocky relationship with utilities in recent years, mainly regarding tree-cutting in areas as well as the proliferation of double utility poles. The town had tried to pass legislation to address that issue but found its powers limited.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said that he would like to see 5G service come to town, but with the town remaking its downtown,

officials don't want the equipment to be an eyesore.

"I don't want to discourage the technology, I would love to see all of downtown wireless," Greenstein said. "When you consider the fact that we're redoing the downtown and now we'll become the guinea pigs for this thing. We don't really know what it looks like. We don't know where they are going to connect it."

The resumption of the hearing is part of Tuesday evening's Town Board meeting that is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

## Supporting Important Causes



The Pleasantville Rotary Club awarded nearly \$35,000 to representatives of more than 20 organizations last Tuesday evening during an event at Tesoro D'Italia restaurant in Pleasantville. The proceeds were raised during the club's Hudson Valley Fermented event at Pace University in March. Three primary beneficiaries from the fundraiser, Break the Hold, the Pleasantville Fund for Learning and Team Fox for Parkinson's Research, each received \$5,000.

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# Mt. Kisco Weighs New \$8M to Pay for Firehouse Upgrades

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a necessity and we have to ask the Village Board to put this on as a referendum for the fall and give the taxpayers an opportunity to support us again.”

He said it is estimated the project would raise taxes 5.18 percent, or about a \$213 tax increase, for the average Mount Kisco homeowner during the first year of a 15-year bond. The village is limited to a maximum 15-year bond because of a stipulation in state law, Picinich said.

Calling it “a very drawn out, painful

experience for everyone,” she said that to take on the additional \$8 million debt would likely mean exceeding the tax cap for an extended period of time.

“Every year at least three members on our Village Board would have to vote to fund the \$8 million increase,” Picinich said. “If there is a no vote to fund this then we would have to shave off whatever that amount is in our operating budget because we have to pay for the debt.”

Officials will have to decide before the end of June whether to pursue a referendum to have it appear on the

November ballot, Picinich said. Board members urged residents to send e-mails or letters to Village Manager Edward Brancati over the next few weeks so they can try to gauge public support for another bond.

Trustee Peter Grunthal said he would be in favor of asking residents to support another referendum.

“I think we should very seriously consider putting this on a ballot in November, and see what the citizens have to say and get them all the information they need and ask them to remember that

if smoke is coming out of their house at three in the morning the fire department will be there to put out whatever has to be put out,” Grunthal said.

At the moment he said he is unaware of a contingency plan in the event a referendum fails or the community objects to officials asking for more money.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber said Mount Kisco’s predicament is not because of the decisions or actions of anyone connected with the village.

“All of us just have rage against what happened,” Farber said. “This is just so totally unfair and it’s no fault of anyone in this community. We’re just stuck in a terrible position.”

H2M has errors and omissions insurance, Grunthal said. Farber said the village is looking at all of its options.

Picinich said the board’s decision will be largely guided by community feedback.

“The challenge is obviously there’s a need and how much money do we have to meet the need, and again, that’s up to the taxpayers in this community,” she said.

*Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.*

## North Castle Schedules Hearing for Eagle Ridge Project Rezoning

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A rezone of the 26-acre parcel from Office Business Hotel (OBH) to the town’s residential multifamily district (R-MR-A) has been requested. Modifications have been proposed to the OBH district to accommodate the project.

The only board member with reservations about proceeding with the hearings was Councilman Jose Berra. Although he supports the idea of a hotel at the site, Berra said he hoped that the board would have forced the applicant to rework the proposal because of density.

“I think it’s a very good location in some ways, I’m really, really concerned about the density and the impact it’s going to have on the Community Park and a lot of other aspects of it,” Berra said.

However, the rest of the board agreed to schedule the opening of the hearings. Even though the hearings would commence, it doesn’t mean what has been proposed will be approved.

“I’m okay with what’s been studied so far and what’s been presented,” Schiliro said. “It doesn’t mean we approve that but I would be willing to schedule the hearing

so we can start the process.”

DiGiacinto said she shared some of Berra’s concerns and that the proposal isn’t perfect but the hearings is the forum for the board to discuss issues surrounding the application.

MADD Madonna Armonk LLC bought the property from IBM in 2017. IBM had subdivided the six-acre parcel and obtained a zoning change to allow for development of a hotel nearly a decade ago.

*Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.*

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# Latimer Signs Executive Orders to Protect Watershed Near Airport

By Lindsay Emery

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed two executive orders last Wednesday at Westchester County Airport that aim to protect the surrounding watershed.

Latimer introduced the first order that ensures groundwater testing at the airport for pollutants after the program was discontinued in 2011. The second order will ban the use of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the airport once it is permitted by federal law, Latimer said. PFAS is a type of chemical that has been found in water sources and had once been used at the airport.

Latimer was joined by County Legislator Nancy Barr (D-Rye Brook) who introduced legislation that would codify the executive orders, preventing future administrations from discontinuing well water testing. The testing program was discontinued eight years ago without the approval of the legislators and without public dialogue, Latimer said.

"I think that we feel in the legislature that this is our job to protect the health and safety of our residents and that's precisely what this law does and it shouldn't be up to the whim of whoever happens to be the county executive at the time," Barr said.

She said it is her job as a lawmaker to protect people's health and safety and protect the water supply. There are many



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer signed two executive orders last week that will ensure groundwater testing and ban PFAS chemicals, which had been previously used at Westchester County Airport.

bodies of water around Westchester County, including ones near the airport, said Barr, whose district includes communities just to the south of the airport.

George Klein, chairman of the Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion and Peter Schlactus of the Westchester County Airport Advisory Board, both applauded the signing of the executive orders and look forward to working with the Latimer administration.

"These executive orders and the follow-

up legislation to make them permanent are a sign that this administration, which has been talking about being concerned about the airport and its effects on the environment and public health, is actually doing something," Klein said.

Schlactus echoed Klein's comments, saying many airport-related issues are finally getting the attention that is warranted. Further collaboration between the community and the administration is possible in the future, he said.

Westchester County Attorney John

Nonna explained the history of the PFAS in firefighting foams that were used by the Air National Guard until 1983 for firefighting training. The use of these foams led to groundwater contamination that is still showing up in the test wells, Nonna said.

In addition to the executive orders, Latimer also discussed the Westchester County Airport Master Plan. He anticipates it will be completed over the next 18 months.

"Whatever has been done up to this point is inadequate, or dated at best," Latimer said. "We have not had a full, proper Master Plan of this airport since 1989."

The Latimer administration has also asked a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative to come to Chappaqua for a public meeting to listen to residents, some of whom have been disturbed over the last couple of years by the increasing noises levels from flights landing at the airport, Latimer said. New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland announced on Facebook last Tuesday that the county has contracted with the consulting firm Harris Miller Miller & Hanson to conduct the first phase of a noise study.

"We need the FAA to see what that problem is, understand it and then help us come up with solutions that will deal with the actual issue on the ground," Latimer said.

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# P'ville Officials Ponder Eliminating Manville-Wheeler Traffic Light

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"Ever since, folks have commented that they find them confusing because, in part, as you come in either direction on Manville, you can be in a situation where you see a green light and a red light in a relatively close order," Scherer said.

The state Department of Transportation (DOT), which has jurisdiction over

Manville Road, has determined that the current setup is "non-standard" and should be addressed, he said.

Village officials said the DOT is concerned about traffic flow in the area should the elimination of the traffic signal be made. Potential congestion at the Manville Road-Wheeler Avenue

intersection caused by cars making a left-hand turn onto Wheeler is possible.

According to data from a two-day traffic study conducted by DOT, at peak times there are about 400 vehicles moving through the intersection per hour and 10 percent of them are making the left turn from Manville Road onto Wheeler Avenue.

Several options were discussed on how to avoid congestion, including extra signage or painting "don't block the box" striping or white no-car zones onto the road. Trustee David Vinjamuri suggested making Wheeler Avenue pedestrian only.

The other possibility the village could consider is to keep the back-to-back signals and have them rebuilt on a different system. However, Scherer said that would cost the village \$300,000 to \$400,000, since the state would not pay for that.

While only three members of the board attended the hastily called work session late last Wednesday afternoon, there appears to be majority support for elimination of the light at Wheeler Avenue. The work session was attended by Scherer, Vinjamuri and Joseph Stargiotti.

"I would say the three of us who were there were presumably of a mind that the removal of the light was a better option than spending a whole lot of money, which might in the end be an effort to maintain the status quo, especially given the status quo has been problematic,"

Scherer said.

The mayor mentioned that the board is likely to make a final decision on the matter over the next couple of months. The issue needs to be settled before the village undertakes the \$2.25 million Manville Road streetscape project. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime next spring, Scherer said.

The Manville Road streetscape will include the elimination of the slip lane from Memorial Plaza onto Manville Road; reconfiguration of the intersection at Memorial Plaza and Grant Street to allow for a right-hand turn lane onto Manville; and a pedestrian island on Manville Road to enhance pedestrian safety.

Pleasantville has received a \$1.5 million federal grant that is being administered by the state to pay for the majority of the streetscape and is committed to contributing a mandatory \$750,000 of its own money. Scherer said that estimates have indicated that the price tag should be close to the budgeted \$2.25 million.

In the spring of 2021, village officials are planning to undertake the work associated with the civic space project, which would develop about a half-acre at the west end of Memorial Plaza that would include landscaping and benches.

*Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.*

## League of Women Voters Annual Luncheon Scheduled for June 11

The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester (LWVNEW) will highlight affordable housing at its annual luncheon on Tuesday, June 11. Joan Arnold, executive director of Allied Community Enterprises (ACE), will speak at the event, which will be held at the Horse & Hound Inn in South Salem.

ACE develops affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households, partners with people and organizations to elevate awareness of critical local housing needs and supports programs that enhance the capability of people to connect with jobs, schooling and healthy living conditions in

their communities.

"The luncheon is open to all members of the community," said LWVNEW Co-president Peter Rose. "Affordable housing is such an important issue and the Horse & Hound is such a charming place."

Lunch begins at noon. The cost per person is \$40 and is all-inclusive, covering salad, entrée, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. The Horse & Hound Inn is located at 94 Spring St. in South Salem.

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# Grasso, Messner Win Chappaqua Board Seats; Budget, Propositions Pass

By Lindsay Emery

Chappaqua's \$126 million school budget and two propositions were overwhelmingly approved last Tuesday night and newcomer Hilary Grasso and incumbent Warren Messner won Board of Education seats, ousting longtime Trustee Jeffrey Mester.

The budget, which will raise Chappaqua's tax levy by .94 percent, passed 1,071-203.

Propositions to upgrade security and renovate the Robert E. Bell Middle School cafeteria also passed by a large margin. The first proposition, which will improve security at the entrances to the district's three elementary schools and two middle schools, was approved 1,062-210, while the Bell Middle School cafeteria proposal passed 1,096-174.

Assistant Superintendent for Business John Chow expressed his enthusiasm for the lopsided totals for the propositions.

"Because they are very important capital projects," Chow said. "One is for safety and one is for the food service at our oldest school."

Grasso, one of three challengers to enter the Board of Education race for two seats, was the top vote-getter, finishing with 664 votes. Messner was re-elected to a third term collecting 543 votes.



Newcomer Hilary Grasso and Warren Messner, who will serve a third term, won seats at last week's Chappaqua Board of Education election.

Grasso said it's possible that her victory was at least partially a result of families with younger children in the district who are typically more likely to vote, supporting a candidate that also had younger children, which may have been missing on the board.

"I'm really excited," Grasso said. "I'm really thrilled that I won and I'm able to contribute to the community and I'm looking forward to getting started."

Mester, in a bid for his fifth term on the board, fell short with 459 votes. He



was followed by Cailee Hwang (341) and Leah Heiss (283).

Messner did not attend the announcement of the results Tuesday night at the Horace Greeley High School gymnasium, but he sent a prepared statement to Trustee Victoria Tipp.

"Warren couldn't be here this evening, but he thanks the voters for re-electing him, he looks forward to continuing to improve the educational programs for the children of the district and representing voters of the community,"

Tipp said.

The new board terms begin on July 1.

Chow said that he was excited for the upcoming year and looks forward to what it has in store.

"We're really very happy with the support from the community. We will continue to fulfill our responsibilities and do a good job to educate our children," he said.

The library budget was also approved, 1,097-178.

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

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## Obituaries

### William Jones

William (Bill) F. Jones, of Pleasantville passed away on May 15. He was 76.

Jones was born in Brooklyn on Feb. 6, 1943, to the late William E. and Marion Jones. He graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in 1961. After high school, he enlisted and proudly served in the U.S. Navy for four and a half years aboard the attack aircraft carrier, USS Oriskany. He was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Jones' continued commitment to serve led him to a career in law enforcement. He began his career with the New York City Police Department in 1967, where he was a patrolman and member of the Special Events Squad. After four years with the NYPD, he transferred to the Town of Bedford Police Department, serving for 34 years.

On Oct. 12, 1968, Jones married the love of his life, Susan Cornell, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in New Rochelle. They were married for 50 years. He was an extremely proud and devoted father to his two children, Bill Jr. (Marissa) and Stacey (Kenny Fischer). He was an adoring grandpa/pop-pop to Olivia and Liam Jones and Charlotte and Genevieve Fischer. He is also survived by his

brothers, Kenneth, David and Raymond Jones, and many nieces and nephews.

Jones was an avid golfer and some of his best times were spent on the course with family and friends. He was a longtime Jets season ticket holder and Mets fan. Bill was a member of the Katonah American Legion Post 1575 and Mahopac VFW Post 5491, where he formerly served as commander.

In his retirement, Bill continued to serve the community of Pleasantville, where he was a resident for 49 years, as a school crossing guard and an employee of Beecher Flooks Funeral Home. He truly loved helping others, which was evident in the many lives he touched throughout his life and career. He was one of a kind, a man that made an impact on all who knew him.

The family received friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on May 20. The funeral service was held on May 21 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville. Interment followed at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570 in Bills' name

### Rose Ricciardi

Rose A. Ricciardi of Pleasantville passed away peacefully on May 20 at the age of 93.

Ricciardi was a resident for the past three years at The Grove in Valhalla. She was born in Olginasio, a small town in Lombardia, Italy, and came to the United States in 1930 at the age of five, with her parents, Giovanni Millo and Cesarina (Furiga) Millo, living in Jeanette, Pa. until the death of her father when she was 17. At that point, she and her mother moved to the Bronx.

She was married to John Ricciardi for 65 years. They resided in the Bronx until 1977, when they moved to Pleasantville. John predeceased her in 2013.

Ricciardi is survived by her daughters, Carol McNiff (Jim) and Joan McGowan (Brian); five grandchildren, David McNiff (Jill), Jessica Lisy (Chris),

Jennifer Antonaccio (Mike), Lauren Carberry (Dan) and Michelle Chiappa (Chris); and 11 great-grandchildren, Tyler and Nolan McNiff; Thomas, Katherine and Caroline Lisy; Nora and Ian Antonaccio; Margaret and Paige Carberry; and Audrey and Landon Chiappa.

Visitation was on May 22 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A funeral Mass was held on May 23 at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville followed by interment at Ferncliff Cemetery Shrine of Memories in Hartsdale.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Rose Ricciardi to the Children's Tumor Foundation, 120 Wall St., 16th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10005, would be most appreciated.

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# Pleasantville Schools Bond, Budget Overwhelmingly Approved

By Martin Wilbur

The Pleasantville School District's \$8.9 million bond that will pay for security enhancements and facility upgrades at all three schools was overwhelmingly approved last Tuesday night, 708-189.

Next year's \$51 million also passed by a similarly lopsided margin (729-169).

"We're so grateful for this huge amount of support the community has given us, the budget and the bond," said Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter moments after the results were announced at the Pleasantville Middle School gymnasium.

Work includes roof repairs, HVAC upgrades and more flexible seating to accommodate changing technology needs at Bedford Road School; improvements to electrical service, asbestos removal, window replacements and renovation and expansion of the occupational and physical therapy room at Pleasantville Middle School; and roof work, repairs to the cupola, an upgrade to the roof drains and removal of asbestos from the auditorium flooring at the high school.

School officials advertised the infrastructure bond as budget neutral since the debt service will match the \$788,562 annual payments that are expiring by 2020-21 from two previous bonds, said Board of Education President Angela Vella.

"We're very happy that the community seems to be very happy with our goals,"

Vella said of the support for the bond and budget.

Trustee Shane McGaffey won an uncontested race for the only seat that was up this year.

## Bedford School District

Challengers Jessica Cambareri and John Boucher and incumbent Beth Staropoli won Bedford Board of Education seats last week while the district's \$138.5 million budget for next year was comfortably approved.

Cambareri, in her first run for the board, led the five-candidate race for three seats with 1,637 votes, according to results from the district. She was followed by Boucher, who picked up 1,444 votes, and Staropoli, who will serve a second term, hung on for third with 1,403 votes.

Board Vice President Michelle Brooks was narrowly defeated, falling four votes shy of third place. The race's third challenger, Joseph Malichio, rounded out the results with 1,137 votes.

The budget passed 1,730-998.

## Incumbents Win in Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant Board of Education incumbents Chris Pinchiaroli and Vincent Graci were re-elected Tuesday night and the district's \$64.2 million budget for 2019-20 was easily approved by voters.

Pinchiaroli led the way in the board race with 739 votes while Graci narrowly outlasted challenger and former trustee

Thomas McCabe, 501-487, for the second seat, according to the unofficial district tally.

"I'm happy to serve the Mount Pleasant School District for another three years, and the budget passed, so I thank the community for that," Pinchiaroli said after the results were announced.

Graci said he was pleased that he will be able to continue to serve and continue "the relationships with the people who all have one goal in mind - to have the best school district we can for our kids."

## Byram Hills Budget

The district's \$94.5 million budget for 2019-20 sailed to passage, 462-91. North Castle residents, who make up the overwhelming majority of the district, will see a 1.53 tax rate increase next year.

Incumbents Mia DiPietro and Lara Stangel each won a second term to the board in an uncontested race. The third seat that was up this year was won by Jason Berland, the only challenger in the race.

*James Anderson contributed to this article.*

## Quite an Effort

Ariel Regals, left, and her sister Emily, who led the North Castle Town Wide Clean Up Day effort, provided a wrap up to the Town Board last week about the Apr. 27 event. The Byram Hills High School juniors reported 47 black bags of trash, 33 recycling bags and two car bumpers were removed from North Castle roads and parks. The twins have already begun planning for next year when they hope to introduce educational opportunities for children and recruit members from the school's athletics teams.



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## County Police/Mount Kisco

**May 20:** A 31-year-old Jamaica, Queens man was arrested at 2:47 p.m. and charged with fourth-degree grand larceny after he stole a wallet containing multiple credit cards from a shopping cart at a North Bedford Road store.

**May 21:** A 37-year-old Bedford Hills man was arrested at 10:34 a.m. and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation and driving without a required interlock device, both misdemeanors, following a traffic stop on Kisco Avenue at the Saw Mill Parkway. He was released on \$100 bail pending a June 13 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

**May 21:** A 39-year-old Party City employee was arrested at 12:36 p.m. and charged with petty larceny, a misdemeanor, after store management alleged that she had engaged in refund fraud. The woman, a Carmel resident, is

accusing of taking SKU numbers from displayed merchandise, entering them into her register as if the merchandise had been purchased and refunding money onto her debit card.

**May 21:** An employee at Five Guys on North Bedford Road requested that officers take possession of a pocketbook that had been left behind by a customer at 6:48 p.m. As an officer responded, the owner returned to retrieve the bag.

**May 22:** A Valley View Terrace resident reported at 10:02 a.m. that someone slashed three tires on his car while it was parked in his driveway overnight. Replacing the tires cost \$738.

**May 22:** A 36-year-old Monroe, Conn. man was arrested at 12:15 p.m. and charged with third-degree forgery, a misdemeanor, after he was observed driving a vehicle on Moore Avenue with a fraudulent Texas temporary license plate. He was also issued summonses for having no registration or insurance. He

was booked at the Green Street precinct and released pending a future court appearance.

**May 22:** A Grove Street resident reported that her dog was bitten by another dog at 4:54 p.m. The woman said she was walking her dog when the other animal ran from a front yard and attacked her dog. A village animal control officer responded to take the report.

**May 23:** A 21-year-old Moore Avenue man was arrested at 12:34 a.m. and charged with DWI and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both misdemeanors, following a traffic stop. The officer observed a vehicle traveling on East Main Street at a high rate of speed without a front license plate. The driver was pulled over on Moore Avenue, failed a field sobriety test and was taken into custody. A vaping cartridge containing cannabis oil was found in his vehicle. The suspect was booked at the Green Street precinct and released pending a June 6 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

**May 23:** Police responded to Stewart Place at 2:21 p.m. after a mental health counselor reported that a client had left a message saying she was going to harm herself. Officers made contact with the woman and she agreed to be taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation.

**May 23:** A Regent Drive resident arrived at the Green Street precinct at 2:36 p.m. to complain that a neighbor had verbally harassed a visitor to her home.

**May 24:** Police responded to St. Francis of Assisi Church on Green Street at 7:41 a.m. on a report that a man was having chest pains and feeling faint. Westchester EMS and the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded. The man was taken by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

## North Castle Police Department

**May 17:** Report of an auto accident in the parking lot of Toxic Wings on

North Broadway at 8:15 p.m. A report will follow.

**May 18:** Report of a party on the side of King Street with a fishing hook stuck in his left hand at 6:04 p.m. The responding officer stated that party is being transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

**May 18:** A complainant reported at 11:48 p.m. that a large tree was down on Bedford Banksville Road blocking the entire roadway. The responding officer confirmed the condition. The North Castle Highway Department responded and cleared the roadway. Matter adjusted.

**May 20:** Report that a crosswalk sign fell over on Main Street and is in the roadway at 6:15 a.m. The responding officer reported the sign was run over and is broken. The sign was removed and the North Castle Highway Department was notified.

**May 20:** A caller reported at 4:12 p.m. that his car window and the rear window of his house on Emmalon Avenue are broken, appearing to be shot by a BB gun due to small holes that went through the glass. The responding officer secured a deposition; report to follow.

**May 20:** A summons was issued at 7:47 p.m. to a peddler who was going door to door trying to sell pest control services on Rock Cliff Place without a town permit.

## Pleasantville Police Department

**May 19:** Report of a suspicious vehicle on Fairway Drive at 10:08 a.m. It was determined the vehicle was owned by a relative of a homeowner.

**May 20:** Report of an odor of gas at a home on Bedford Road at 4:45 p.m. Con Edison responded and noticed an old stove valve was the source of the odor and was turned off.

**May 21:** Report of a past crime on Bedford Road at 8:44 p.m. No information was available because of the ongoing investigation by detectives.

## Mt. Pleasant to Appoint Members to New Parks and Rec Advisory Group

By Sean Browne

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is expected to appoint five members to a new committee that will help municipal officials determine how and where money donated for the town's parks and recreational facilities are used.

Creation of Friends of Mt. Pleasant Parks was approved by the board last December to also advise the town on maintenance and capital projects for the town's 17 parks as well as other recreation areas.

Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo, who will be overseeing the committee, said many of the parks have underdeveloped trails and the volunteer group can work on developing those.

There are already some residents who have expressed interest in serving, he said.

"Different residents have reached out to me based on the blurbs that we have put on Facebook," DiPaolo said. "They all

come from a different angle, which is what we thought we needed. There is a business person in there, a school parent, someone who hikes a lot."

DiPaolo said the committee will help the town because entities that are interested in donating to the recreational facilities may be more willing to work with its members.

"A lot of the times corporations have to go directly to the town and there are a lot of hurdles involved with that," DiPaolo said. "So as a nonprofit, this will be a way to donate directly to the parks."

The committee will also coordinate fundraising events, such as scheduling concerts, to benefit the parks and recreational facilities. It will not actually take in and handle the money but serve in an advisory capacity, he said.

The Town Board is expected to decide at this week's meeting whether to move forward with appointing the five members.



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# Residents Propose Chappaqua Holocaust Memorial Near Gazebo

By Martin Wilbur

Discussions are underway for the Town of New Castle to introduce a Holocaust memorial near the gazebo in downtown Chappaqua.

Town residents Ali Rosenberg and Stacey Saiontz, who are spearheading the effort, recently approached town officials with a plan to include a weeping cherry tree, which would symbolize the suffering of the Holocaust, with a rock near its base and an engraved plaque affixed to it. There would also be a bench alongside the tree.

After looking at various sites throughout town, Rosenberg and Saiontz recently proposed that the memorial be on the town's property because it is easily accessible and visible to visitors. Rosenberg said the site would be on the front side of the gazebo and would be a place for quiet reflection. The town's annual Holocaust Remembrance ceremony could also be held there.

"The gazebo is such a beautiful piece of our town and behind it is also a very peaceful spot," Rosenberg said.

The two organizers have reached an agreement with Menzer's Landscape Design and Development in Peekskill, which will donate the materials for the memorial. Money would need to be raised to pay for the rendering, Rosenberg said.

Part of the plan is also to give students



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The area near the gazebo in downtown Chappaqua where a local Holocaust memorial has been proposed.

from Horace Greeley High School a key role in helping to develop the memorial. Rosenberg said she helped establish the club Educate Now on Understanding Genocide and Hate (ENOUGH), which will lead the fundraising efforts. It isn't yet known how much money would need to be collected, she said.

Students could work on identifying an existing quote that would be appropriate

to have inscribed on the plaque, Rosenberg said.

She and Saiontz have also learned of an Atlanta-based nonprofit Holocaust education and awareness organization that has launched The Daffodil Project, which has a goal of planting a daffodil for each of the 1.5 million children killed during the Holocaust. Rosenberg said that the first 250 daffodils are free as long as

over the next two years at least 250 more are purchased at 30 cents apiece.

Rosenberg said she and Saiontz were moved to propose the project because hate incidents have been climbing, including an increase of incidents in schools by about 25 percent during the past two years.

"I just felt like this was a moment to recognize that (Holocaust) survivors are dying and there are so many lessons to be learned from studying this most horrific event in human existence and to use those lessons to help students learn how to stand up to identify hate, to understand what happens when hate is accepted and to learn how to not let that happen," she said.

Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the town could also create a Holocaust and Human Rights Commission to not only oversee the memorial but organize programs and events.

He said Rosenberg and Saiontz are highly motivated and that the site they have selected would be a good site if logistics can be worked out.

"The gazebo is perfect – especially if it rains," he said.

Rosenberg said for remaining local survivors, all of whom are elderly, the gazebo would be an easy-to-access spot with parking nearby.

## Group Says Legalizing Marijuana Would Lead to Increase in Addiction

By Lindsay Emery

An organization opposed to the commercialization and recreational use of marijuana called on state officials last Monday to oppose laws to legalize its use citing a likely rise in addiction and obstacles in enforcing drugged driving.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) New York held a press conference outside the county building in White Plains with Westchester leaders, parents and law enforcement detailing the adverse effects of legalizing commercially-grown, recreational marijuana.

Kelly Carenuto, field organizer for SAM New York, said that as a mother of a small child she wants her community to be safe. Carenuto described how new marijuana products are aimed at addicting children and young adults through new means of consumption and packaging.

"Clearly, this multibillion-dollar industry for profit is trying to addict a new generation of young people who may be hostile to cigarettes since we did a pretty good job stopping the smoking," Carenuto said.

She introduced County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), who is chair of the county Board of Legislators Committee on Public Safety. Cunzio questioned whether the 2 percent share of tax revenue that counties would receive would be worth the potential problems.

Board of Legislators Minority Leader

John Testa (R-Peekskill), a teacher for 33 years, said the sale and legalization of recreational marijuana could be one of the most "irresponsible" and "reckless" decisions by state officials.

"We have D.A.R.E. programs in school to combat these types of things and now we're going to give a mixed message to our kids that now all of a sudden it's okay after decades of it being recognized as a danger to the community," Testa said.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva described how difficult it would be to enforce a case of drugged driving since there is currently no roadside test available. He also mentioned how marijuana has changed over time and the effects that it has had on his own community.

"In Mount Pleasant, we have seen overdoses in marijuana in the last two years and this is something that I've never seen before in my 31-year law enforcement career," Oliva said.

Keeping communities safe was a point that Melissa Robbins, SAM New York's field coordinator, highlighted in her comments opposing legalization. Robbins described how minority communities are disproportionately impacted by these drugs and their effects. Instead of focusing on revenues from legalization, policymakers should look at the effects on those who have used marijuana in the past.

Many of the speakers, including Nancy Pasquale, co-founder and coalition



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

Representatives of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) New York held a press conference last week in White Plains opposing attempts to legalize marijuana.

coordinator of RyeACT, said today's marijuana is far more potent than it was decades ago.

"Proponents would like to tell us that it's just a little pot, but it's important to note as many have before me, that it isn't just the pot of the '60s and the '70s with an average THC content of roughly four percent," Pasquale said. "Today's pot typically has a THC content of five times that amount or more and if we talk about edibles, waxes and oils, they have THC contents that exceed 95 percent."

Yorktown resident Jeffrey Veatch, a

father who lost his son, Justin, from an overdose, said marijuana was a gateway drug. Veatch, who started the Justin Veatch Foundation in honor of his son, said that many teenagers feel as though marijuana is harmless and new devices such as vapes make it easier for youngsters to start smoking marijuana.

Like Veatch, Carol Christiansen, co-founder of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, asked why legalization of marijuana is being considered.

"Why Gov. Cuomo would even think about this, I don't know," Christiansen said.



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## Guest Column

### The League of Women Voters Supports a Single-Payer Health System

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy through education and advocacy.

The League has advocated on behalf of all New Yorkers for over 20 years on the issues of health care. It believes that affordable, quality health care should be available to all New York State residents and that health care policies should include equitable distribution of services and the efficient and economical delivery of care.

As long as private health insurance corporations are the middle man between patients and providers, services will not be distributed in an equitable manner. Persons who are less likely to



By Madeline Zevon

need care will have greater access to coverage, while those who are in need will go without. We believe that the way to achieve substantial and lasting reductions in the cost of care is to adopt a single-payer system such as New York Health.

In a single-payer system of publicly financed, privately delivered health care for all New York State residents, citizens will decide the level of basic care. Under the single-payer model, every New York resident would be eligible to enroll. There would be no premiums deductibles, or co-payment. Coverage would be funded based on ability to pay through a progressively graduated state payroll tax and taxable non-payroll (investment) income.

Federal funds now received for Medicare, Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus would be combined with state revenue in a New York Health Trust Fund. The “local

share” of Medicaid funding – a major burden on local property taxes – would be ended. It is projected that New York State would save \$11.4 billion under a single-payer system, according to the RAND Corporation.

All New Yorkers would be covered for all medically necessary services, including primary preventive; specialists; hospital; mental health; reproductive health care; dental; vision; prescription drugs; and medical supply costs. In January 2019, the act was amended to include long-term care; the bill is more comprehensive than most commercial health plans.

Here, in New York, we have the opportunity to lead the way in implementing cost-effective, universal health care, effectively making health care a right for all New Yorkers.

*Madeline Zevon is co-chair of health care for the League of Women Voters of New York State. This article is a shortened version of testimony she was scheduled to deliver to a hearing of the New York State Health Committee on May 28 in Albany.*

## Letter to the Editor

### P’ville Farmers Market Contributes Toward Expenses to Village

Another week, another letter; I am glad to have one more opportunity to clarify details about our market.

A writer asked what it meant that the village owns the Market (“Questions Remain Regarding P’ville Farmers Market’s Request,” May 21-27). It means that the Pleasantville Farmers Market is operated under a contract between the village (owner) and a management company (manager/operator). As owner, the village decides whether to have a market, where to put it, who will manage it and agrees to provide support services. It also means that the manager cannot move the market to another town.

The market has had two managers over 22 years: a for-profit entity from 1998 to 2012, and a nonprofit community-based organization since 2013. Being managed by a nonprofit helped make the market a year-round operation, in partnership with our school district, which hosts the winter indoor market at Pleasantville Middle School.

One of the changes Foodchester, the nonprofit that now operates the market, made in 2013 was voluntarily

contributing to the village’s costs of supporting the market. The previous for-profit operator contributed only a fraction of the actual costs; but Foodchester writes a \$10,000 check every year to the village to help defray costs of putting up signage, collecting garbage, assisting with set-up and other support services. We also paid over \$11,000 toward landscaping expenses in Memorial Plaza.

This arrangement is unusual. We are, to my knowledge, one of the only markets that pays its municipality, and we are probably the only market in Westchester that stepped up and volunteered to pay over four times more than what the previous manager paid. I believe the market is also the only village event where the contracted operator pays for village services.

On the subject of doing more, the community should know that our vendors are incredibly generous. In partnership with the Pleasantville Community Garden, last year our farmers donated five tons of produce to Pleasantville and Westchester-based food pantries; at retail, that food had a

value of \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Between paying for services, paying for landscaping, donating thousands of pounds in food and marketing Pleasantville as a destination to visitors who are introduced to our amazing village, we are the last market in Westchester any fair-minded person should suggest is not contributing enough to the costs needed to support it, or to the community in which it is located. But I also understand that some people expect us to do even more, and that is okay.

While I am happy to continue this dialogue here, I encourage all market shoppers to approach us with any questions in person, as well. Just look for the folks in the green T-shirts. We are always happy to talk about the ways we are addressing safety, civic and social responsibility concerns.

Thanks to everyone who attended our market this and every weekend, and wishing all Examiner readers an amazing summer.

**Peter Rogovin,**  
President of Foodchester

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# Mt. Kisco Psychotherapist to Be Featured at Katonah Photo Exhibit

By Lindsay Emery

When you walk into Will Cook's office in Mount Kisco, a large photograph of a guitar using bright red and white fiber optics greets you. The photo was made using a technique called light painting.

Cook is a psychotherapist with a strong love for photography that has led him to take a variety of striking pictures, from a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins with the Stanley Cup to hot air balloons, bald eagles and images made through light painting.

His photography became an instrumental part of his life in 2007, after he was in a self-described "burnout" state.

"For me, the photography breathed a new life into me," Cook said. "It allowed me to really help my clients because I had a new energy."

Cook uses metaphors in his practice and said that the photos in his office are used to relate to his patients. Cook said that he describes how to trust the instinct that he uses when shooting pictures to his own patients.

As a psychotherapist, Cook said it's his job to help people restore a child-like state of awe and wonder and help them find out who they really are. That is what he aims to accomplish with his photography.

"I give people a different perspective because I'll take what's ordinary and find a way to unusually photograph it or make

it pop or come alive," Cook said.

By using his instincts, Cook said he tries to be a role model for his clients through his photography by showing them how beneficial it can be for them in their lives.

"When I made the commitment and I took the risk, it exploded and interesting things happened," Cook said.

He has been contacted by news agencies in London and Brazil because they had seen his smoke art photography, which is the capturing smoke in an image.

Cook has a month-long solo exhibit opening Saturday at the 10536 Art Gallery in Katonah. The exhibit will feature 25 photographs, including landscapes, nightscapes, light painting and astrophotography. Cook prints some of his pieces on aluminum, which he says allows for the vibrant colors to become even more striking. His other pieces are printed on canvas, which can help portray textures particularly well.

He uses the interplay of light and the moment to create something magnificent, Cook said.

"I want to help people recover and rediscover the innocence that resides in the connection with who they really are," Cook said.

Cook said that the idea of being creative allows people to find themselves and he is excited to be fully immersed in the art world.



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

Will Cook displays one of his many striking photographs from a wide variety of scenes he has photographed. A solo exhibit of his work will open on Saturday.

He also wants to make a difference not only within his office, but outside of it as well. Cook has already booked shows through the end of next March, including some in Connecticut, and is excited for what the future has in store.

The solo exhibit by Will Cook will be

hosted by 10356 Art Gallery, located at 103 Katonah Ave. in Katonah from June 1 to June 30. There will also be an art stroll, which will serve as the exhibit's opening reception, on Saturday, June 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the gallery.

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# Remembering the Nation's Heroes on Memorial Day 2019



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Hundreds of local residents and families took time out on Monday morning during the long holiday weekend to attend parades and ceremonies throughout the area to remember those who died defending the United States throughout the generations. Under sparkling skies, local organizations, students, first-responders and dignitaries marched through their respective communities followed by ceremonies to make sure that the efforts of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice would not be forgotten.





## The Most Practical Room in the House – the Kitchen Pantry

As I opened the door to my condo's kitchen pantry to grab a quick snack, it occurred to me that I've lived in homes and apartments that didn't feature a pantry and wondered how I ever managed without one.

As a kid, I distinctly remember how happy my mother was when she and my dad were able to purchase an older home that featured a "butler's pantry" which we hadn't had before. To me, it sounded like something that only a fancy home should have.

A pantry might be as small as a shelf in a cupboard or as large as a walk-in closet. It's where we keep the foods and supplies used most often. This also is where small appliances will most likely be used such as the toaster, kettle, mixer, juicer and coffee machine. In my case, I also squeeze in a dry mop standing to one side and a small canister vacuum cleaner on the floor under the bottom shelf.

Being naturally curious about the origin of things, I also wondered how the pantry came about. The history of kitchen storage is an interesting reflection of what was going on

through the ages socially, economically and, today, architecturally.

The word pantry comes from the French word paneterie, a form of the word pain, which means bread. In medieval times, food and supplies were stored in specific rooms. Meats were kept in a larder, alcohol stored in a buttery and bread was placed in the pantry.

In Europe, traditionally, the butler's pantry was used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen-related items. Because of its value, silver was kept under lock and key with the butler actually sleeping in the pantry to guard against thievery.

In America, pantries evolved from "butteries," built in a cold north corner of a home, into a variety of pantries in self-sufficient farmsteads. A cold pantry was the place to keep foods that did not necessarily need to be refrigerated. Breads, pie, cheesecakes, pastries, eggs and butter were commonly kept in a cold pantry. Vegetables could be brought up from the root cellar and stored in the cold pantry until ready to use.

Prior to World War II, America's

smaller homes did not have closets, cabinets or pantries for food and kitchen storage. To fill the need for kitchen storage, the Hoosier cabinet, made by the Hoosier Manufacturing Co. in Indiana, was created in the early 1900s to be an all-in-one pantry for the new American home.

Most Hoosier cabinets were about six feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, making it ideal for small kitchens. The cabinet was typically sold with built-in storage bins and containers for everyday items like flour, sugar, coffee, tea and household spices.

Hoosier cabinets today are found mostly on eBay. For those that don't have a pantry, there are tall pantry-type cabinets that go from floor to near the ceiling. These cabinets can store a lot of items, particularly if they are equipped with pull-out can racks, shelving on the back of the doors and built-in bins.

Whether a home features an elaborate pantry room or just designated shelves in kitchen cabinetry, there are now so many storage gadgets and devices that can make available space go much further. The lazy Susan helps with access to items that would normally be stored in the back of a shelf. Pull-out shelves accomplish the same goal. Bins can help keep loose items together and organized.

Because pantries can store some things that can be quite small, it can be enhanced with a few smaller containers or drawers for loose items. Also, there can be mini shelves or racks for spices that can be added to the back of the pantry door. Of course, pantries are good places for bulkier items, like paper towels and plastic storage containers.

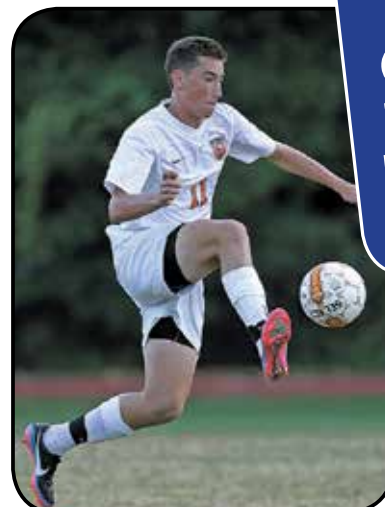
In today's homes, butler's pantries can serve as an "in between" room located between the kitchen and dining room. Typically, you will also find countertop space to be used as staging areas for serving meals, as well as storage for tableware, serving pieces, table linens, candles, wine and other dining room articles. More elaborate versions may include refrigerators, sinks or even dishwashers.

If the kitchen is regarded as the heart of the house, then certainly the pantry is its blood supply.

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# Con Ed to Return to Parts of New Castle for Vegetation Management

By Martin Wilbur

Con Edison is returning to the Town of New Castle and neighboring communities with its latest plan for vegetation management to harden its system against extreme weather events.

Less than two weeks ago, the utility informed New Castle officials that it will be contacting private property owners in three areas of town to ask for permission to remove trees that “are in imminent danger of falling” and could pose a threat to power lines.

Tom Zazzarino, section manager for Con Edison, said the vegetation management program aims to remove unhealthy trees – those that are dead, diseased or dying.

The utility looked at the areas of the county that are he most prone to power outages to enact a new vegetation program as well as to introduce more resilient power lines, he said.

In portions of Cortlandt, Yorktown and New Castle about 1,500 trees were recently surveyed and more than 1,100 of them have been targeted for removal.

“We did not survey every tree,” Zazzarino said. “We surveyed the worst performing clients in these areas. It’s a

very small number.”

In New Castle, certain trees in the vicinity of Armonk Mount Kisco Road and Taylor Road and Croton Lake Road and Seth Canyon Road will be taken down, he said. A third location in Millwood will also be included, although Zazzarino did not have the specific location on hand when he spoke to the Town Board last week.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska said Con Edison must provide residents with a clear explanation of what they are doing to avoid a backlash similar to the

one that was created several years ago following Superstorm Sandy when trees were clear-cut in New Castle’s west end.

Zazzarino said there has been little pushback from the residents who have been contacted. For example, in Cortlandt, 98 percent of property owners who had a tree on the utility’s list to be removed have complied. Most of the remaining residents were unable to be reached, he said.

“Most people get it and I’ll tell you most of the areas we couldn’t get permission is because we could not get

in contact with them, not because they said no,” Zazzarino said. “Very rarely, maybe less than 10 people actually, who said, ‘No, we don’t want you to do that.’”

Other areas that could also be prime locations are major thorough fares for the town, he said.

In addition to vegetation management, Zazzarino said that the utility is also looking to replace wires in outage-prone areas with stronger cables encased in steel. In most cases, if a tree fall on that type of wire it would likely bounce off of it without incident, he said.

### Mt. Kisco, No. Castle to Hold Memorial Day Events Thursday

The Village of Mount Kisco will hold its Memorial Day parade on the holiday’s traditional day early this Thursday evening. The parade route begins at 6 p.m. at the corner of Smith Avenue and Main Street, and will proceed down Main Street to the war memorial next to Village Hall where a ceremony will take place. The public is invited to the American Legion for refreshments upon the conclusion of the service.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place inside the American Legion Building at 1 Legion Way at 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Town of North Castle will hold its ceremony at American Legion Post 1097, located at 35 Bedford Rd. next door to Town Hall. It is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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## Tuesday, May 28

**Westlake Middle School Scholastic Book Fair.** Fun, games and great books. Westlake Middle School Library, 825 Westlake Drive, Thornwood. 3 to 8 p.m. Also May 29 and 30. Info: Visit <https://wms.mtplsdsd.org>.

**Learn to Create: 3D Modeling and 3D Printing Class.** This program will be led by Byram Hills High School seniors Spencer Cohen and Tyler Kaminer. A laptop is recommended. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Free. For students in grades 6-8. Also, May 29, 30 and 31. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887.

**Reading With Tobie and Karen.** A program for school-age children. Tobie and Karen are with The Good Dog Foundation. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**English Conversations.** For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Charade."** By the 1960s, the era of the big Hollywood musical was all but over, and Donen teamed up with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn for this sparkling romantic thriller. It's hard to imagine a more successful example of the genre. Filled with humor and snappy dialogue, it's a Hitchcockian story of a trio of crooks (James Coburn, George Kennedy and Ned Glass) relentlessly pursuing the elegant young Hepburn (in gorgeous Givenchy) through Paris to recover the fortune her husband stole from them before he was murdered. And then Grant, a charismatic man of mystery who keeps changing his name, steps in to save the day. Pure movie fun. Followed by a reception in the Jane Peck Gallery after the evening screening featuring wines courtesy of Costello Banfi, Montalcino Tuscany. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://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. Info: 914-747-4740.

## Wednesday, May 29

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

**New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up.** Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

**Senior B.E.A.T.** (Be Educated About Transportation). Seniors learn how to safely and successfully use the Bee-Line Bus System to promote greater travel independence. Join Program Specialist Mary Ellen Burns to learn about the reduced fare MetroCard; key bus safety and "how to ride" skills; accessibility features available on a Bee-Line bus; how to plan a trip and much more. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Mary Ellen Burns at 914-813-7741.

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

**Bilingual Storytime.** Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free.

Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Wednesdays through June 12. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.com](http://www.northcastlelibrary.com).

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

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

**Science Lab.** Become junior scientists and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. There's a new topic every week. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**DIY Giant Paper Bag Stars.** Create and decorate with paint or glitter a giant paper star to hang in your bedroom or on your wall. For children eight years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Art Series: The Frick, Part I.** We will visit one of New York's gems, the Frick Collection, in two classes this spring. The Frick houses a permanent collection of masterpieces spanning centuries while also hosting breathtaking rotating exhibitions. In addition to talking about the history behind the collection, explore a few pieces from the permanent collection. Then enjoy a more in-depth look at the artists featured in the visiting exhibitions: the portraiture of Renaissance artist Giovanni Moroni, the murals of Tiepolo and faience from France. Discussion led

by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

## Thursday, May 30

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**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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

**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 5 p.m. Free. Every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except May 31) Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

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

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

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## The Weekly Feature from Entergy

### Retired Teacher Finds Calling With Vintage Chappaqua Bookstore

By Martin Wilbur

Richard Pandich has found a seemingly perfect way to spend his time a couple of years after he retired.

Earlier this month, the former history teacher at private schools around the United States for 40 years, including Rye Country Day School, opened Blind Dog Books on King Street in Chappaqua.

While the shop has hundreds of titles, it's not your typical bookstore. Pandich specializes in vintage books. His history background – Pandich calls himself a generalist – lends the eclectic collection in the 1,200-square-foot space formerly occupied by an antiques shop, to emphasize nonfiction. But he carries titles in all categories.

"I pick up some recent fiction and first editions only. You see the size of the shop I can't (have more), but also more vintage things and even 1960s fiction now is becoming vintage because it's collectible," Pandich said. "Everything from just good reading fiction first editions to collectible first editions."

To illustrate how broad Pandich's collection is, he has a first edition of Robert Bolton's "A History of the County of Westchester, from its First Settlement to the Present Time," which was published in 1848. But there's also a paperback copy of the British version of Stephen

King's "Carrie" and "A Perfect Course in Millinery," a how-to book for people interested in the millinery business.

"All of the books here are carefully selected and I don't mean they're expensive," Pandich said. "I have books for \$5.95 up to a couple thousand dollars, but they're books I think somebody would be interested in."

Blind Dog Books – named for Pandich's adopted blind Yorkshire terrier/Maltese mix Max, who sometimes accompanies him to the store – also carries various odds and ends, such as prints, ephemera and small library and desktop items. There's a poster advertising Bob Dylan's first concert following his 1966 motorcycle accident and another of the 1958 Miss Rheingold.

Pandich's foray into the book business wasn't just because he spent his career in academia or that he had time on his hands once he retired. Before the internet, he would attend antiquarian book shows, something that has largely disappeared. Pandich even briefly owned a small bookstore in Dobbs Ferry in the 1990s.

Once eBay came along, he's been putting books up for sale and acquiring others. In possession of more books than he could keep in his small Chappaqua home he shares with his wife, Pandich began storing many of his books at his daughter's house in Bedford.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Blind Dog Books owner Richard Pandich with his blind Yorkshire terrier-Maltese mix dog named Max.

Finally, his wife, Susanne, recommended he try opening his own shop, a place where Pandich could store and sell books but also place hundreds of them in dust jacket covers since he still deals on eBay.

"I just started accumulating all these books," Pandich said. "After about two years of that, she said why don't you just

open up a shop – and she's the practical one. I said, 'Well, if you think I should.'"

While there are a few other bookstores in the area, including Scattered Books on lower King Street and The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville, Pandich said that used and antiquarian books is its own niche and generally are not in competition with those businesses.

"Many of the books I have are out of print, but there's still a market for them so a new bookstore is not going to have them," he said. "New books eventually become used books. I still have books that are in print but they're going to obviously be cheaper."

He also wanted to stay in Chappaqua, a short distance from his house rather than looking somewhere else. He's hoping there's a market in his home community.

"I took a two-year lease and I've only been open a couple of weeks," Pandich said last week. "But I'm hoping the community will support it."

Blind Dog Books is located at 201 King St. It is open Wednesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. and "by chance" at other times when Pandich needs to sort and cover books. He can be reached at 914-238-3000 or visit [www.blinddogbooks.com](http://www.blinddogbooks.com).

### Chappaqua Merchants Set to Host Popular Art Around Town

By Martin Wilbur

Downtown Chappaqua will be transformed into a strolling art gallery starting this Thursday as the Northern Westchester Artists Guild hosts its fifth annual Art Around Town.

The event features 32 artists whose works are paired with shops around the hamlet. The art, which is on sale, will be displayed at those stores through June 28, said guild co-founder Leslie Weissman.

A new wrinkle this year allows the public to vote for the top artists in each of two categories – painting/drawing and photography, Weissman said. The top three finishers in both categories will win a cash prize, she said. Each participating store will have a ballot box for customers to cast their votes.

On Thursday, the opening of the month-long exhibit where every piece of work is on sale, each participating merchant will be hosting their own reception with food and drink. The kickoff celebration will be from 5 to 8 p.m. and will be held rain or shine.

"It's like each merchant has their own little party within the big festival," said Weissman. "It's sort of like a gallery for a month."

As part of the kickoff, there will be musical performances from Jimmy Tate and an a cappella group from Horace Greeley High School. Visitors can stop by the tent outside Family Britches on Thursday to hear the music and also pick up a map of the downtown to guide them to the stores that are hosting artists.



The Northern Westchester Artists Guild is once again bringing Art Around Town to downtown Chappaqua. The monthlong event, which starts this Thursday at 5 p.m., features 32 artists exhibiting their work in different stores.

Weissman said along with being a fun community event to promote artists from throughout the tristate area, Art Around Town also encourages area residents to shop local.

"This can really help the local merchants from a marketing perspective," she said. "We don't ask anything of the merchants. We just ask them to host an artist and clearly they're staying open a little bit later than they would otherwise but typically we don't have to ask them to put out very much."

During the past four years, Weissman said Art Around Town has turned out to be a popular event. The guild has received positive feedback from the community and the event has been supported by the town government and the chamber of commerce.

"It's really been lots of pieces and parts working together to make it," Weissman said.

### Strawberry Fest Returns Saturday to Church of St. Mary the Virgin

By Martin Wilbur

For the 82nd consecutive year, Chappaqua's Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be holding its Strawberry Festival this Saturday, a day of fun and goodwill for the entire community to enjoy.

There will be plenty of food, games and activities, entertainment, and yes, strawberries for sale on the grounds of the church on South Greeley Avenue.

A fundraiser for St. Mary's, the beloved festival helps unite the community for several hours, regardless of whether attendees have any affiliation with the church, said Rev. Canon Alan Dennis. It also draws visitors who from neighboring areas.

"We're living in such a stressful time, as you know, that when we can get together and enjoy this it gives us time to be with each other," Dennis said. "I

think that's a wonderful opportunity for the community to enjoy."

In addition to the food, activities and music, there will also be a petting zoo that should be a popular attraction for the children from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,

Dennis said. The Mike Risco Band will perform from 12 to 1 p.m. and the Howlin Hearts Band will be playing from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the festival go toward the church's operating budget. While it isn't St. Mary's largest fundraiser of the year, it is arguably the widest-known as well as being the longest running. It has been held every year since it was established in 1938.

The Strawberry Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin is located at 191 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua.



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Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin – are let loose in New York City on a 24-hour leave looking for fun and romance. New York is indeed a wonderful town as the trio see the sights, meet Ann Miller, Betty Garrett and Vera-Ellen and let loose with some of the finest singing and dancing in any Hollywood musical. With Oscar-winning music by Leonard Bernstein and Roger Edens and lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, it's essential viewing. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Make a Book Hedgehog.** Recycle a paperback book by creating a book hedgehog. Find out all about the summer reading program while you create your design. Supplies provided; snacks included. For 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: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Pre-K Storytime With Craft.** Stories, songs and a take-home craft. For children three to five years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Family Storytime.** Stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. For children one to four years old and their siblings and caregivers. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**National Foster Care Awareness Event.** FosterKidsUnite, Inc will be having its annual national event where aged-out foster youths will receive the Robert Cooper Memorial Scholarship in honor of former foster youth who grew up in Bedford Hills and RuthAnn Funari, a retired Fox Lane Middle School teacher, will receive The Citizen of Change Award. Adoption attorney Lisa Peck Goldberg will be the guest speaker. Q&A to follow. A program to raise awareness and to bring attention to those still in foster care and in need of adoption. All welcome. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Reception at 4 p.m. Event and Q&A at 5 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.fosterkidsuniteinc.com](http://www.fosterkidsuniteinc.com) or e-mail [FosterKidsUniteInc@gmail.com](mailto:FosterKidsUniteInc@gmail.com)

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

**Ketogenic Mini Workshop.** Come

learn about the Ketogenic approach. Health benefits of the Keto lifestyle include increased energy and well-being; safe and steady weight loss; mental clarity; diminished sugar and excess food cravings; and reduced inflammation. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"White Right: Meeting the Enemy"** Films on Purpose and the Emanuel Lutheran Church present a screening of this documentary that focuses on the rise of white supremacist movements in the United States. Filmmaker Deeyah Khan, a Muslim woman, spent time with leaders of white nationalist groups, going to meetings and rallies, including the August 2017 rally in Charlottesville, Va. and interviewing them in their homes. A panel discussion will follow the film featuring speakers from the region who have been involved in movements to combat hate groups and extremist violence. Emanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Informal reception at 6:30 p.m. Screening at 7 p.m. Panel discussion at 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.filmsonpurpose.org](http://www.filmsonpurpose.org).

**Fact or Fake?** Exploring the Role of Media in Politics. The League of Women Voters of Westchester will present this 90-minute civics workshop. The role of the media in today's political environment and how technology has influenced political change like never before will be discussed. Topics will include spotting media biases and fake news, the benefits of a comprehensive media diet and different ways to access news. A non-partisan event and open to all. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Songs of the Civil Rights Movement.** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library invites everyone to this program featuring musician Ricardo Gautreau who will present original recordings of songs from the Civil Rights Movement and talk about how they came to be written. Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-525-3076 or e-mail [library@mlkwestchester.org](mailto:library@mlkwestchester.org).

**Acoustic Open Mic Night.** Bring your gear and your friends. One or two songs per act. Sign up at the door. Mike Risko Music, 144 Croton Ave., Ossining. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-762-8757 or e-mail [mail@riskomusic.com](mailto:mail@riskomusic.com).

## Friday, May 31

**Giant Tag Sale.** A two-day sale to benefit Hudson Chorale, the area's renowned nonprofit community chorus. New and used donated items will be available in a wide variety of categories, including used and antique furniture; collectibles; jewelry; appliances; housewares; CDs and DVDs;

books; toys; sports equipment; tools; gardening supplies; good used clothing and accessories; bed and bath items; decorative art; and much more. Proceeds will be used to cover the costs of securing professional soloists and musicians to perform in its concerts. Rain or shine. United Methodist Church, 70 Bedford Rd. (Route 117), Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early bird from 8 to 9 a.m. for \$10. Also June 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To donate tax-deductible items: 914-714-0464. Info: Visit [www.hudsonchorale.org](http://www.hudsonchorale.org).

**Miss Keila's Jukebox.** Children explore the world of music with instruments, props and even a parachute. For children six months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Friday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**Hi-Tech Charities Wellness Program.** An informational program on fitness, nutrition, wellness and safety for seniors. The program may also include a demonstration of ways to modify physical activities for seniors. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail [info@htc.ngo](mailto:info@htc.ngo).

**"Two for the Road."** This witty, rueful romance investigates a marriage with first-rate performances. A couple – Audrey Hepburn and Albert Finney – meet, court, fall in love and marry. His career takes off and she remains as luminously beautiful as ever. But after a child and years together, their relationship loses its magic. A revolutionary-for-the-time, nonlinear structure to tell the story, this film earned an Academy Award for Best Screenplay (Frederic Raphael) and Golden Globe nominations for Hepburn (Best Actress) and composer Henry Mancini for the unforgettable musical score. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

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**Friday Night Film Series: "Madame."**

When Ann and Bob (Toni Collette and Harvey Keitel) find they are one short for a very important dinner party they are throwing at their mansion in Paris, Ann recruits her maid (Rossy de Palma, star of numerous Pedro Almodovar films) to play the part of a society woman. A comedy of errors. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Tar Beach."** A staged reading by Hudson Stage on this production directed by Ellie Heyman and written by Tammy Ryan. It's July 1977 and Son of Sam is on the loose and New York City is in the midst of a brutal heat wave. Sixteen-year-old Mary Claire and her best friend, Mary Francis, start that day sunning themselves on the roof of an Ozone Park row house. Younger sister Reenie is searching for her lost Greek mythology class project, while their parents are consumed by the battles of their troubled marriage. An overstressed electrical grid leads to a citywide blackout and a sudden loss of innocence. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7:30 p.m. \$10. (Tickets available at the door.) Info: 914-271-2811 or visit [www.hudsonstage.com](http://www.hudsonstage.com).

**Pride Shabbat.** Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford Corners will celebrate this second annual event with a dinner and service. The service is open to the community, to friends, allies and LGBTQ families and individuals, regardless of religious affiliation. Special guest speaker will be Joy Ladin, the first openly transgender professor at Yeshiva University. Ladin is a nationally recognized author and speaker on trans and Jewish identity. She holds the Gottesman Chair in English at Yeshiva University, and, in 2007, became the first (and still only) openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish institution. Her memoir, "Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders," was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award. Temple Shaaray Tefila, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford Corners. 7:30 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Visit [www.shaaraytefila.org](http://www.shaaraytefila.org).

**National Geographic Live: When Women Ruled the World.** When it comes to women in power, we've come a long way, right? Join Dr. Kara Cooney, professor of Egyptology, for a look at a time in ancient history when women ruled the world. Often neglected in the history books, these women were considered exceptions to the rule, political pawns in a patriarchal society. But their power and influence are undeniable. Cleopatra used her sexuality – and her money – to build alliances with warlords of the Roman empire. Neferusobek was the first woman to definitively take the title of king.

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# Design Tweaked for Revamped Building at Applebee's Site in Mt. Kisco

By Ed Perratore

A site plan already approved for two Mount Kisco restaurants in the space Applebee's occupied for 20 years will get some finishing touches before construction is complete.

The Mount Kisco Planning Board had approved last May the plan for Urban Edge Properties' free-standing structure at Mount Kisco Commons at 195 N. Bedford Rd. It splits the building into two yet-to-be-announced restaurants with no change in the building's existing footprint.

The larger of the two restaurants, tentatively labeled "Tenant 1," would take up 2,775 square feet in the northern portion of the building; the side closer to Preston Way for "Tenant 2" would be 2,504 square feet.

Initially, the building included Starbucks, which had been considered by the property owner if the company could obtain a variance to the village law that prohibits drive-thru food service. The nearby Burger King had that service grandfathered in before the code change.



ED PERRATORE PHOTO

A photo of the building that is being renovated that will house two eateries at Mount Kisco Commons at 195 N. Bedford Rd. in Mount Kisco.

Starbucks is no longer in the offing for the site.

The most significant proposed change to the building is for the trash enclosure. The approved plan located it along the building's west side, near the entrances to both restaurants.

"There's a lot of feeling that it would be more aesthetically pleasing not to have trash vehicles along the primary entrance to both Tenant 1's and Tenant 2's spaces," said Alan Pilch, principal at ALP Engineering & Landscape Architecture PLLC in Bethany, Conn.

Urban Edge Properties would like to move the dumpster enclosure to the north end of the building with a gravel path leading to the eastern side so that restaurant staff could access this area out of view. However, without adequate screening from trees, shrubs and partitions, board members are concerned the enclosure would be an eyesore for anyone approaching the corner of North Bedford Road and Preston Way traveling west on Route 117. The updated proposal would largely hide the area.

Planning Board stipulations also require self-closing enclosure doors that restaurant staffers do not prop open.

Other amendments to the plan would add a five-table outdoor dining patio for Tenant 1; the planting of numerous trees and shrubs; a reconfiguration of existing walkways; and removal of three parking spaces to allow for sanitation truck access. Outdoor seating has already been agreed to for Tenant 2.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Hertz said the board would consider the latest changes to the site plan.

## Happenings

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Nefertiti is known more for her beauty than for bringing a fractured Egypt together. What can we learn from how these women ruled? Dr. Cooney shares some illuminating answers. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$45. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**"Aspects of Love."** The Old Mill Singers will present their annual spring concert directed by Peter Frost. Julie Harris Theater at the Clearview School, 480 Albany Post Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 8 p.m. \$15. Seniors: \$12. Children: \$5. Also June 1. Info and tickets: Visit [www.oldmillsingers.org](http://www.oldmillsingers.org). Tickets are also available at the door.

### Saturday, June 1

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** The market is in the heart of Westchester County and centrally located in our beautiful, historic walking village. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" five years in a row from 2014 to 2018. With over 50 vendors and seven nearby parking lots. This week, children can make music with Starlight Starbright Music from 9:30 to 11 a.m., listen to gypsy jazz by La Pompe Attack as part of the music series from 10 a.m. to noon and for health and sustainability, "Nutrition Bits and Bites: Focus on Gut Health" will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note

the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 23. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through November. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.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.

**Vote Like a Girl.** Pay tribute to fearless women past and present at Washington Irving's Sunnyside. There will be art activities, games, music and a parade highlighting the day's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, passed by Congress on June 4, 1919. State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins will visit from 12 to 1 p.m. to talk about how she became involved in public service and will answer questions. Sunnyside, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Irvington. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$16. Seniors: \$12. Children (under 17) and Historic Hudson Valley members: Free. (Prices

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

**Wolves of North America.** Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves as well. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also June 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 23 and 29 at 11 a.m. and June 30 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Hike to the Quarry.** Hear about history and nature during a leisurely hike to this remote part of the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Info:

914-428-1005.

**Coffee and Conversation With State Sen. Peter Harckham.** Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free.

**Open Art Studio.** All supplies are provided to create your own artwork. For children four years old and up; with parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org).

**82nd Annual Strawberry Festival.** The Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be holding this annual event featuring games, food, music, vendors and a petting zoo. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 191 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Petting zoo from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/church-saint-mary-virgin-chappaqua-ny](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/church-saint-mary-virgin-chappaqua-ny)

**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](http://www.addie-tude.com). Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Asian Heritage Festival.** Music and dance, entertainment, vendors and food featuring Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Malaysian and Thai culture. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6

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## Food is One of Travel's Greatest Pleasures

One of the greatest pleasures of being a travel writer is the delectable, exotic and outstanding gourmet foods I get to experience. Yes, food is just as important to me as the historic World Heritage site visits for my writing assignments.

So since you can't visit my favorite restaurants around the world, I've shared some of my favorites around where I live in Hastings-on-Hudson. Michelin Guide includes restaurants that are "Worth a Detour" and the outstanding restaurants I've shared with you are all absolutely worth a detour.

**Bread & Brine.** Located at 19 Main St. in Hastings-on-Hudson, it is unequivocally the best seafood restaurant in Westchester. It's like eating in a seafood shack somewhere on the coast of Maine.

To start, devour their delicious grilled octopus with chorizo, ceviche or amazing fish tacos. I love the to-die-for overflowing lobster roll. My favorite dish is their rice bowl with mounds of seared tuna, spicy crab, charred avocado, soy egg on a bed of sticky rice sprinkled with furikake, a Japanese seasoning. Order the clam chowder, it's the best you ever had with its melt-in-your-mouth clams. Their fish

is so fresh and delicious you'd think it jumped out of the ocean that morning.

**The Rare Bit.** This Dobbs Ferry restaurant at 23 Cedar St. has "gourmet British fare," which sounds like an oxymoron, but every delectable entree on their dinner menu will enlighten your senses. You'd expect to see Harry and Megan at the next table.

I love their scallop crudo or try their unique Scotch egg (a delicious egg-shaped sausage with soft boiled egg hidden inside). You can taste the steak & stout pie with chunks of steak, mushrooms and potatoes and the light and crispy fish and chips is better than anything I had in London.

From their inventive entrees, to their beautiful presentation of each dish and impeccable service, you'll be sure to leave shouting "God save the queen."

**Harvest on Hudson.** With spectacular vistas of soaring cliffs on the riverfront, this gem, located at 1 River St. in Hastings-on-Hudson, reminds me of the White Cliffs of Dover. Their food is what you'd expect to find in a Two-Star Michelin restaurant. Having lunch on their outside landscaped veranda is

like being transported to Bellagio on Lake Como, Italy.

To start, I love their braised baby artichokes. Splurge and share their spectacular seafood tower of oysters, clams, king crab and shrimps with your significant other. Try their inventive Wagyu Beef Carpaccio with black truffles, parmesan and arugula or baked dates wrapped in bacon and stuffed with gorgonzola cheese.

My favorite entrees are their authentic pastas. If you close your eyes, you'll think you're eating in a quaint little restaurant in Tuscany with mama cooking in the kitchen. Order their fettucine in sea urchin butter and jumbo lumped crab or linguini in white clam sauce with a crown of delicious clams. For you carnivores, you'll love their braised beef shoulder or Hudson Valley Rabbit Scarpiniello.

**Red Hat on the River.** The undisputed queen of Westchester restaurants, it is perched on the Hudson at 1 Bridge St. in Irvington. It's where you'll discover the very inventive and hardy "brasserie



By Richard Levy

comfort menu" selections.

To start, I love their spicy yellowfin tuna tartar or house-made rillettes of classic French duck and heirloom pork confit. My favorite entrees include the Moules Frites "Aux Les Halles." (Prince Edward Island mussels, steamed with garlic, white wine, shallots and red hat frites.) They're as mouthwatering as any devoured in France. Or try the ginger soy-glazed cod or grilled

double cut Berkshire pork chop with its savory apple and country ham pudding.

In the event you should spot me stuffing myself at one of my favorite places, don't hesitate to say hello. Bon appetit.

*Hastings-on-Hudson resident Richard Levy is a former advertising "Mad Man" creative director and now prolific 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.*

### The Travel Maven

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p.m. Free admission and parking. Rain or shine. Info: 914-231-4033.

**"It's Always Fair Weather."** After the success of "On the Town," writers Comden and Green thought of making a sequel that would reunite Gene Kelly and his World War II comrade co-stars 10 years after that fabulous day in New York City. MGM didn't want to hire Sinatra or Munshin again, so Kelly appears with dancer Dan Dailey and choreographer Michael Kidd, who come together only to discover they have nothing in common. Presented in 35mm. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 12 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Drop in for Tech Help.** Receive help with any of your technology devices. PC, Google and Microsoft savvy volunteers will 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. Free. Every Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Origami.** Join Westchester Origami Workers, a regional group of Origami, USA to share models and techniques. Open to all adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Pack Chat for Kids.** This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Also June 8, 15, 23 and 29 at 2 p.m. and June 30 at 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Taconnic Opera Annual Chamber Concert: "The Fathers."** Maestro Jun Nakabayashi, Taconnic Opera's conductor and music director, will again emerge from the orchestra pit to conduct the concert which features the Taconnic

Opera Chamber Orchestra and concert pianist Kessa Medford. This ambitious program will include works by three composers who changed the course of musical composition during their lifetimes: Beethoven, Bach and Haydn. Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco, 605 Millwood Rd. (Route 133), Mount Kisco. 3 p.m. \$27. Seniors: \$20. Students: \$15. Info and tickets: 855-886-7372 or visit [www.taconnicopera.org](http://www.taconnicopera.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge:** Fred Rubino. Fred returns for an encore performance. Come out and see what all the buzz has been about. Also, check him out on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube! Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$30. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Troubadours: The Music of Carole King and James Taylor.** An incredible evening featuring Home Again covering the entire repertoire of the multi award-winning Carole King, performed by Deb De Lucca and in incredible band. Sam Hayman's Sweet Baby James is a masterful tribute to the music of James Taylor. Hayman's uncanny resemblance to James and his astonishing capture of

Taylor's vocal and guitar styles leaves audiences feeling like they've just seen and heard the legend himself and applauding for more. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

### Sunday, June 2

**Early Morning Photo Session.** A special opportunity to photograph ambassador wolves Nikai, Alawa and Zephyr. Guests will also be given access to photograph the center's critically endangered Mexican wolves and red wolves from vantage points not generally available during regular visits. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$100. Space limited; pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**"Funny Face."** You'll smile your way through this musical, shot partly on location in Paris, where a famous photographer (Fred Astaire) transforms a bookish Greenwich Villager (Audrey Hepburn) into the fashion world's hottest model – falling in love with her along the way. With its Gershwin tunes, show-stopping turns by the stars, eye-popping color and a fashion montage sequence shot by Richard Avedon, this is a classic for good reason. Astaire

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF INSPIRED BY JESUS LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/19/19. Office location is Westches-

ter County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **111 North Road, White Plains, NY 10603.** Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC.** THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207.** Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is

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**FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837.** Purpose: Any lawful activity.


**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to **Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127.** The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120.** Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**STYLE MIXX LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469.** Purpose- any lawful acts.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** The name of the LLC is: **Nate The Dog Man, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 02/14/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: **415 South St, Apt 4A, Peekskill, NY 10566.** Purpose: any lawful activity.

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## Saints Contend for No. 2 Spot: Who is Your Favorite?

By Brian McGowan

It's nearing the end of May, and a few lesser-known "dates of fame" in the Irish calendar are soon upon us. The first is the feast day of a truly Irish saint, St. Colmcille (Irish: Chaluim Chille), or Columba, as he may be more commonly known and referred to.

Born in 591 to a noble Irish clan in what is modern-day Donegal, Colmcille was a great-great-grandson of Niall of the Nine Hostages, a famed warrior who ruled as High King of Ireland in the fifth century. From an early age Colmcille demonstrated great promise and studied extensively under some of the great learned men of Ireland. He was ordained a priest and established several monasteries throughout Ireland.

But the warrior within his blood rose up on several occasions and he slew men in battle, a sin that he could not expiate, and to avoid excommunication chose to go into exile in Scotland in 563. He dedicated his life there to converting the Picts of Northern Scotland to Christianity.

A kinsman, King Conall of Dál Riata, whose kingdom spanned both shores of the Irish Sea, uniting parts of Ulster and southwest Scotland, gifted him with the island of Iona, and there Colmcille founded the monastery destined to

become one of the most famous in the world. In his journeys throughout Scotland, he is alleged to have fought and vanquished a water beast in Loch Ness, perhaps the progenitor of the Loch Ness Monster. Over time, he converted many of the Pictish clans to Christianity and established Iona as a major base for Christian missionaries throughout the then-known world.

He stayed involved in Irish affairs for many years while in Scotland, and returned for several visits, founding several additional monasteries, all of which became distinguished centers of learning. His feast day is June 9, and marks the day of his death in 597. In 794, the first of many Viking raids began the end of Iona as a monastic center, but not the influence of its founder, who remains a strong influence in religious observance and thought to this day.

A recent Irish Eclectic column suggested St. Columba as Ireland's No. 2 saint, following St. Patrick, and edging out St. Bridget, or Brigid, the proper



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Irish form of this revered name. A reader suggests that St. Brigid is definitely No. 2, no disrespect meant to Columba.

There is merit to the argument, certainly, so let's give equal time to Ireland's true patroness, St. Brigid of Kildare (Irish: Naomh Brid Cill Dara). Born in 451 in today's County Louth, the

saint shares many facets with the Celtic goddess of the same name. There is debate as to whether she is a Christianization of Brid, one of the most revered goddesses in the Celtic pre-Christian pantheon, or possibly even a chief Druid at the temple of Brid, who converted to Christianity and spent the remainder of her life bringing converts into the Christian religion.

Traditions differ and there is likewise a store of legends depicting her birth, early years and subsequent life as a holy woman. In 480, she founded a monastery at Kildare, the site of a shrine to Celtic Brid. Under her leadership, Kildare emerged as a center of religious learning and education. Her feast day is Feb. 1, the date of her death at 72 years

old, at the monastery she founded in Kildare, a day which, coincidentally, is also the Celtic feast of Imbolc.

Call it a tie? Colmcille (St. Columba) or Brigid (St. Bridget)? Cast your vote at [brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com).

There is another important festival date approaching – Midsummer Day. Celebrated on or near the longest day of the year, the summer solstice, Midsummer Day is often celebrated on June 24, which became known with the advent of Christianity as St. John's Day for St. John the Baptist.

The observance actually begins the evening before, June 23, St. John's Eve, showing its roots in the Celtic concept of a day lasting from sunset to sunset. This day is marked in many parts of Ireland by building roadside bonfires, with accompanying song and dance.

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### Irish Eclectic

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(with his sister Adele) starred in the 1927 Broadway musical of the same name. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 12 and 5 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Albanian Heritage Festival.** Music and dance, entertainment, vendors and food. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

**Westchester Pride Workshop: The Art of Runway Walking With Twiggy Gucci Garçon.** Pose. Turn. Strut. Stance. Attitude. A workshop in the art of runway walking and vogue, led by FX Pose choreographer, LGBTQ youth rights advocate and runway icon Twiggy Pucci Garçon, along with ballroom artists Milan Garçon and Mermaid Garçon. Dr. Tavia Nyong'o, professor of American Studies at Yale University, will join the House of Comme des Garçons for a pre-workshop conversation about the history of runway in the New York ball scene. A program co-sponsored by The LOFT LGBT Center and is being held in conjunction with Westchester Pride. Attendees will have the opportunity to demonstrate their

newfound runway skills on the outdoor Pride Festival stage following the workshop. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 1 p.m. Free. Reservations encouraged. Info and reservations: Visit [www.artswestchester.org](http://www.artswestchester.org).

**Merestead Park Afternoon Hike and House Tour.** Join County Legislator Kitley Covill and park staff for a house tour and trail hike. Includes visiting a neo-Georgian country mansion built in 1907 and 12 additional outer buildings on the 130-acre property with woodlands and rolling fields. Merestead is the former estate of Mrs. Margaret Sloane Patterson and her husband, Dr. Robert Lee Patterson Jr., a prominent New York City orthopedic surgeon. Walking shoes or boots are recommended. Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Reservations suggested. Info and reservations: 914-995-2804 or 914-864-7317.

**Wildlife Conservation.** Spend time with an expert naturalist and discuss a wide range of conservation issues and some of the measures being taken to reduce their effects. Meet some of the animals that are affected by these issues and learn about their lives in the wild. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore

Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

**Piano Recital.** A recital by the students of Meg Hill. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 4:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Local Nursing Scholarships.** The Lions Clubs of Mount Kisco, Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Somers are hosting this event featuring dinner and dancing. All proceeds will be applied toward nursing scholarships. Catering by Casa DiLisio. American Legion Hall, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$20. Children (12 and under): \$7. Entire family: \$50. Checks should be made payable to Lions Nursing Scholarships. Info: Contact Ray at 914-217-2870.

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

**"Damn Yankees."** Based on the 1955 Broadway hit of the same name and featuring an almost identical cast (with Tab Hunter taking over the lead role), this is a baseball-flavored take on the legend of Faust: A long-suffering Washington Senators fan is given the chance to help his team win the pennant in exchange for his soul. Ray Walston is exceptional as the Devil, and Gwen Verdon, his assistant, sells her sexy demoness part. The Oscar-nominated score by Jerry Ross is electric. And don't miss Bob Fosse in a cameo with Verdon. Part of The Films of Stanley Donen series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).



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of Org. filed with Sec. of State 04/11/2019. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process Tracy Arce and Carlos Reyes, 234 North Ave New Rochelle, NY 10801. PURPOSE: Any lawful business.

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# Inspired By the Beauty and Bounty of Nature's Synergies



By Nick Antonaccio

If it grows together, it goes together. We're moving into the height of the growing season here in the Hudson Valley. I visited the Pleasantville Farmers Market this past weekend and was smitten with the array of farm-fresh produce, dairy products, organic meats and other culinary components that tantalized my home-chef's palate. The spring offerings are especially appealing to me. Yes, in several weeks, beautiful tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and berries will be abundant at the market. But there is a special attraction to the market as we come out of the doldrums of late winter into the vibrancy of spring. A cornucopia of greenery, be it lettuces, peas or asparagus or highly seasonal offerings such as ramps, spring garlic and fiddlehead ferns, provide inspiration after the profusion of flowering spring shrubs I admired on my short journey to the market. Of course, my wine-centric mind immediately segued to the wines being offered. This week Fjord Winery was

featured in a stall next to its Hudson Valley neighbor, Neversink Farms. I began to focus on a theme for a meal. If it grows together, it goes together. My palate began to salivate as I meandered from stall to stall, picking up fresh greens along the way, staples for a spring garden salad to pair with a Fjord Rosé. If it grows together, it goes together. This farm- and vineyard-to-table practice has been evolving for millennia. Early man's trial-and-error approach to farming and winemaking became intertwined with the culture and traditions of societies across the globe. Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans cultivated grapes and produced wine as an accompaniment to meals prepared from indigenous crops and local cattle, hogs and lamb. The Romans developed and refined food culture in each land they conquered. They sought to plant grapes that were compatible with local crops. These are the symbiotic practices that are sustained today. When I travel abroad, I'm impressed with the seeming coincidental compatibility of certain food dishes with regional wines. How many of us have marveled at how well Chianti pairs with local tomato dishes or bistecca alla fiorentina in Tuscany? Or Barolo and Barbaresco wine with the

hearty game and fowl dishes of Piedmont? Or remember enjoying a light seafood meal in Provence with a locally produced Rosé? None of these ethereal pairings are coincidental. They evolved over centuries of experimentation and refinement. If it grows together, it goes together. Here in the United States, we've come full circle in the last hundred years. Until the late 20th century the farm-to-table diet was common; as global trade evolved and modern transportation methods emerged, our palates expanded well beyond the local farm. The abundance of food ingredients grew exponentially and year-round availability of produce from across the globe became the standard. Fresh berries in the dead of winter? No problem. Cargo ships and planes delivered fresh South American strawberries to our doorsteps every day. However, over the past 25 years our focus and sensibility has changed. Now, we seek out local foodstuffs whenever possible. We are supporting local farmers and winemakers, who are gaining a foothold in the marketplace – and the carbon footprint of their products is much smaller than that of imported food sources. The United States is a mosaic of ethnic

diversity – in our culture and our cuisine. Recently, winemakers have taken this diversity into the vineyards. Indigenous grape varieties of distant wine regions have been acclimated to the American terroir, retaining Old World charm but expressing themselves with a new freedom not found in their native lands. Next week I'll explore this recent phenomenon as it has manifested itself in California and the American Northwest. California now grows many international food ingredients and produces wines from many international grapes. Local wines and food have become the new international standard for the farmlands of central and northern California. In the meantime, I'll be heading to the Pleasantville Farmers Market this weekend for another experiment in pairing local food products and wine. Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at [nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com](mailto:nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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## THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz – By Edward Goralski

**Themeless.** Often the word quizzes will have a theme or topic to tie them together, such as underused words. This week the quiz does not have a theme. The quiz is composed of some words that have not made their way into recent quizzes, but could help expand your vocabulary. Well, I guess that could be a theme after all.

1. **multitudinous** (adj.)

A) having several meanings      B) occurring in stages      C) very numerous
2. **epicure** (n.)

A) a connoisseur      B) a memorable event      C) a work of art
3. **abjure** (v.)

A) to harm      B) solemnly renounce      C) exempt
4. **cormorant** (n.)

A) an overabundance      B) a greedy person      C) a circle of light
5. **appetence** (n.)

A) intense desire      B) an inexperienced hire      C) a nonelective position
6. **suspire** (v.)

A) to suspend indefinitely      B) figure out      C) sigh
7. **peregrination** (n.)

A) a telepathic message      B) freedom from fault      C) a long journey
8. **consanguineous** (adj.)

A) based on mutual consent      B) related by blood      C) attracting attention

- ANSWERS:
1. C. Existing, occurring, or present in very great numbers; very numerous

2. A. A person who cultivates a refined taste, especially in food and wine; a connoisseur

3. B. To solemnly renounce; disavow

4. B. A greedy person, from the voracious water one

5. A. Intense desire; strong natural craving; appetite

6. C. To sigh; utter with long, sighing breaths

7. C. A journey, especially a long or meandering one

8. B. Related by blood; kin



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