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New Castle Political Spat Percolates After Dems' Petition Challenge

By Martin Wilbur

The Democratic candidates for New Castle Town Board are looking to get their Republican opponents thrown off an independent party line for this year's election asserting that the challengers are misleading voters.

The move, on behalf of current councilwoman and supervisor candidate Ivy Pool, incumbent Councilman Jeremy Saland and running mate Jason Lichtenthal, came after the Democrats questioned the validity of many of the 618 signatures collected for Jim Smith, Lauren Levin and Sean Maraynes. Smith is opposing Pool in the supervisor's race while Levin and Maraynes are competing for town council.

Following the late May filing of the petition to create the Team New Castle line and the subsequent challenge, Board of Election commissioners determined on June 14 that 456 signatures were still valid,

38 more than was needed to secure the extra line on the ballot. Most of the challenges were related to issues of legibility as well as allegations of duplicate signatures.

The two sides will now go to state Supreme Court in White Plains on July 16 after papers were served last Tuesday.

Smith said he and his running mates were surprised by their opponents' decision to take the next step and litigate the matter.

"Call me naïve, but I really thought that the election, the campaign, was going to be an all-out battle of ideas," Smith said. "I have some good ones; my opponent has some good ones and the voters will decide that based on what they hear."

Pool said she and her slate are contesting what they deem are 52 duplicate signatures. Since the number in question could potentially decide whether the Republicans are tossed from the Team New Castle line,

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Armonk Bagel Shop, Pizzeria Hope to Reopen Before End of Summer

By Martin Wilbur

Armonk residents and shoppers on the hamlet's Main Street will have to wait just a little bit longer for two popular eateries to reopen following a devastating fire earlier this year.

The Bagel Emporium and Broadway North Pizza, which were forced to close after a late March blaze started in the bagel shop and also affected the pizzeria, are tentatively scheduled to reopen before the end of summer, said North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

The pizzeria, at 393 Main St., has targeted a late July reopening while The Bagel Emporium, located next door at 391 Main St., will likely follow about a month later, he said.

Schiliro cautioned that there can



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The Bagel Emporium and Broadway North Pizza, which have been closed since a Mar. 30 fire, are aiming to be back in business this summer.

always be delays when construction is involved, but that is the current timetable for both businesses.

"These dates can be compressed. It all

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A Day for Smiles



ANDY JACOBS PHOTO

A group of seniors pose together just prior to Pleasantville High School's 115th annual commencement last Friday evening. For complete photo coverage of all of our local schools' ceremonies, be sure to pick up the special graduation section in next week's issue of The Examiner.

State Approves Pot Decriminalization; Debate on Legalization to Continue

By Martin Wilbur

Legalization of recreational marijuana, one of the most hotly debated issues during this year's state legislative session, was temporarily resolved when lawmakers approved its decriminalization last Thursday.

The vote to decriminalize rather than legalize was more of a fallback position, said state Sen. Peter Harkham (D-Lewisboro). There was not enough time to work through the myriad public safety issues but the law addresses the social justice issue, where minority communities have argued they are unfairly punished for minor infractions, he said.

Instead of a criminal offense, people caught with small quantities of

marijuana would be issued a summons for a violation and be required to pay a fine.

"More than 600,000 people in New York State have an arrest record for possessing small amounts of marijuana. The vast majority are persons of color," Harkham said. "The bill we have passed today decriminalizes possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, and creates a process for those who have been convicted of possessing small amounts to have their records expunged or vacated."

Those who have criminal records have had trouble getting student loans and have lost out on employment opportunities, he said.

The legislation establishes procedures

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they decided to follow through in court, she said.

But they also want to call out their opponents for attempting to obscure their record by claiming they are moderate, nonpartisan candidates, Pool said. She said the candidates are longtime Republicans, with Smith having made three donations to President Donald Trump's campaign since the October 2016 "Access Hollywood" tape surfaced, one to the Republican National Committee and another to the campaign of John Faso, a former GOP congressman, in 2018.

"So any idea that he's not affiliated with any political party, the record does not reflect that," Pool said. "I think it's important for somebody who is running for town supervisor to be honest with the residents of this town."

Smith said he has donated to every presidential inauguration since President Bill Clinton, and also made a couple of small donations to Trump, hoping he would become more presidential.

He said that in 2008 he made larger donations to Hillary Clinton's presidential bid and that Trump's performance makes him "no friend of mine and I'm no supporter of his."

"I think I donated more to Hillary Clinton for president than any other candidate in my life," Smith said.

Levin also refuted charges that their



New Castle supervisor candidates Ivy Pool and Jim Smith are at the center of an early election year political fight. The Democrats hope to remove their Republican opponents from an independent line.



motivation was to hide their Republican credentials, saying it is a disappointing ploy to try and gain an advantage.

Getting a second line was essential in hopes of negating some of the inherent advantage of the Democrats appearing on multiple lines, said Levin. The Democrats have also been endorsed by the Working Families and Independence parties.

Pool said those were cross-endorsements, a very different scenario than what the Republicans have tried to do.

Levin, who mentioned that if the two slates were polled on many national issues they would have similar views, said she expected better from their opponents.

"Because of the three lines that they have on the ballot we decided to create a line that represented us and just give us more leverage, candidly," said Levin. "Just something to say this is what we care about, we care about the Town of New Castle."

Saland said he and his running mates are eager to debate the local issues with their opposition, particularly because their campaign and record "is based in the substance and accomplishments that brought us to where we are today."

He and Pool bristled at the attempts made by the town's Republican Committee and their candidates to compare the

Democratic Committee to a Tammany Hall-type political machine. Therefore, claims that they are sticking to town issues is inaccurate, Saland said.

"Out of the gate, the Republicans went on the offensive, attacking the volunteer moms and dads who make up the local Democratic Committee and pushed the farcical yarn of the committee's Tammany Hall-like control over the Town Board and community," Saland said.

Smith said the Democrats' tactic is a likely turnoff to most of the voting public for a town election.

"I just wish that we could be better than that," he said. "What it ends up doing, it frustrates voters, it gets them focused on political issues, which they hate, and not on (town) issues."

He also mentioned that during the petition signing period he crossed paths with Pool at the Chappaqua train station. She assured him in an informal conversation there would be no challenges, Smith said.

Pool denied ever making that statement or anything that can be construed that way. She called Smith's claim "make believe" and "abundantly untrue."

"We're not trying to brand them as Trumpian disciples, we're wanting them to be honest and forthright about their affiliation with the Republican Party," Pool said.



The Pap Test

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Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

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depends on how quickly they're getting things done," Schiliro said. "There's always things that could slow it down, whether it's a contract or an approval, but we've been helping them where we can with the town."

Shortly after the fire, Schiliro had mentioned that town personnel would

do their part to expedite the process for the businesses. It's not just to help the two merchants, but both stores are among the most heavily visited and are in the middle of perhaps the busiest street in the hamlet, helping to drive traffic to downtown. The Bagel Emporium is among the first stores to open each morning while Broadway

North Pizza is one of the last to close each evening, he said.

Armonk Chamber of Commerce President Neal Schwartz said it is difficult to quantify what impact the temporary closure of the two businesses have had on the local scene.

While there are other pizzerias in town that have probably benefitted, he

said, given the hours of operation and the volume of business generated, there has to have been some consequences.

"There's no question that it would have an impact, but it's hard assessing what that was," Schwartz said. "The good news is unlike places where if they left and weren't coming back, that would be different than it is for an awful fire that took out two businesses, so that's why probably I would expect things will be back to normal, whatever normal is, once they open back up."

According to fire department reports, the Mar. 30 fire started in the hood above the grill in The Bagel Emporium, which spread into the roof and affected a portion of Broadway North Pizza. The bagel shop was more heavily damaged, which is why it is anticipated that it will take longer to reopen.

Schiliro said The Bagel Emporium has been coming with its delivery truck in front of the store for several hours on Saturdays and Sundays to hand out one free bagel to each person who stops by. During one recent weekend, about 3,000 bagels were given away.

"They're very grateful for the outpouring of the community," Schiliro said. "We've done everything we can but it takes time. They're getting there."

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for automatic record expungement retroactively and for future convictions; removes criminal penalties for possession of any amount of marijuana under two ounces; reduces the penalty to a \$50 fine regardless of criminal history for possession under one ounce and a \$200 fine regardless of criminal history for possession between one and two ounces; and adds marijuana to the definition of "smoking" under the Public Health Law so that smoking marijuana will be prohibited in any circumstances where smoking tobacco is prohibited by law.

An anti-legalization coalition, Smart Approaches to Marijuana New York, applauded the decision by lawmakers

last week to decriminalize rather than legalize.

"Today New York legislators showed their constituents real social justice isn't contingent on creating an addiction-for-profit industry," said SAM New York President Dr. Kevin Sabet. "By passing reforms like sealing records, reducing fines and ensuring people don't go to prison for possession of small amounts of pot, lawmakers have delivered social justice to minority communities without the threats to public health and safety presented by the predatory commercial pot industry."

Harckham said he expects the legalization debate to be renewed next January for the legislature's next full session. He said Sen. Liz Krueger

(D-Manhattan) proposed a bill late in the session that addresses the public health and safety issues, including \$200 million a year for three years for law enforcement to train officers in drug recognition.

Another important piece is the local opt-out, Harckham said. Each community would be able to place an opt-out referendum on the ballot for voters to decide.

While there was a fair amount of agreement among legislators, there was not enough time to fully vet the Krueger proposal.

"We were getting close to a deal and I think that will be the stepping off place in the budget negotiations next year," Harckham said.



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Chap Crossing Developer Seeks to Fill Remaining Office, Retail Space

By Martin Wilbur

Chappaqua Crossing developer Summit/Greenfield has requested that it be allowed to fill the remaining vacant retail and office space upon completion of road work at the intersection of Route 117 and Roaring Brook Road.

Attorney Mark Weingarten, representing the developer, appeared before the New Castle Town Board last week asking that an amended Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) be issued once the road improvements are finished, which is now scheduled for July 20. Summit/Greenfield's current TCO is set to expire on July 9.

If the board approves amending the TCO, it would allow Summit/Greenfield to lease the still vacant 20,000 square feet of retail and an additional of 250,000 square feet of office space. Currently, they are permitted to fill 100,000 square feet of retail and the other quarter-million square feet of offices.

Weingarten said it is likely that his client will need more time to satisfy other conditions, such as state Department of Transportation permits that are required by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and various paperwork, but the permanent road improvements will be in place, he said.

"The shopping center is operating very well," Weingarten said. "We would like to finish it out. The retail, hopefully they will

all feed off each other and create a better environment than had been started there."

There are no new office tenants at the moment, but having an amended TCO will give Summit/Greenfield the ability to start courting potential tenants, he said.

The building inspector will determine whether the permanent road work is completed to issue the TCO.

A few Town Board members sought assurances that the developer will adhere to the latest deadline.

"I just don't want to see 200,000-plus square feet of office space, 20,000 square feet of retail – I don't know how many stores we're looking at, I don't know what they are – even if they're ultimately going to be there, I don't want to see that intersection in turmoil for some reason, even if it's through no fault of your own, come September and we're still dealing with this," said Councilman Jeremy Saland.

Another board member, Councilwoman Hala Makowska, said she was more concerned about the office space getting filled and its impact than the remaining retail.

Weingarten said unless all conditions are met, no matter how minor, Summit/Greenfield's bonds will not be returned. Furthermore, his client still must obtain site plan approval for the 92 townhomes that would be on the other side of the campus, he said.



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

The area of the still vacant retail space at Chappaqua Crossing. Developer Summit/Greenfield is seeking permission to fill the remaining 20,000 square feet of retail and 250,000 square feet of offices.

The remaining retail will feature Verizon Wireless, Compass Realty, Northern Westchester Wellness Center and Starbucks.

Since the town has limited staff, it needs Summit/Greenfield to take the lead on other outstanding conditions, such as hooking up the walking path to the property's East Village where the townhomes will be built, said Councilwoman Ivy Pool.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the project and its ramifications are too

important for the town to allow any of the conditions to slide.

"In reality, there has been work on it and there will continue to be work on it and we're not going to let anyone off the hook and to imply otherwise is ridiculous," Greenstein said. "It's not going to happen."

The Town Board is scheduled to vote on whether to grant the amended TCO at its meeting Tuesday evening.



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Mt. Kisco Looking at Fall Completion of NWH Intersection Work

By Martin Wilbur

Motorists traveling through Mount Kisco near Northern Westchester Hospital should brace for ongoing delays into the fall as the state Department of Transportation (DOT) works on the intersection reconfiguration at routes 117 and 172.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the DOT met with village officials late last week to get an update on the work, which is snarling traffic during certain times in that area. She expects the work to be done in time for the holiday season late this year despite claims from DOT that it could be finished as soon as the end of summer.

"I do anticipate that the public will continue to be inconvenienced and that there will continue to be delays and that's to be expected when construction happens at a major intersection like this," Picinich said.

The DOT undertook the project starting last year to improve safety at the intersection, particularly for pedestrians. New sidewalks, curbs, drainage structures and traffic signal poles have already been installed at the site, said DOT spokeswoman Heather Pillsworth.

She said the next phase of the project, which was anticipated to start this week includes the intersection safety enhancements, new crosswalks and

permanent closure and removal of the slip lanes. Instead, there will be standard right turn lanes.

Then there is also paving striping and landscaping, Pillsworth said.

As part of the improvements, the new traffic signals will feature the latest technology has to offer. It should also provide for a smoother and less congested traffic flow, Picinich said.

Once the work is done, pedestrians will no longer have to summon up as much courage to cross the busy intersection.

"The intersection by CVS is really dangerous and there's not a clean and clear way to get across the street over to the hospital," Picinich said. "So now having the pedestrian crosswalk will make it that much more user-friendly, and even from a bicycle perspective as well."

Last week, the village met with members of its Beautification Committee and the volunteers who have been involved in the adopt-an-area project, Picinich said. The discussions centered on how the new sidewalk, which will be bumped out into where the slip lanes have been located, will be able to accommodate landscaping and plantings, she said.

Once work is finished, it will have been worth the wait, the mayor said.

"When the project is complete, it will outweigh the inconvenience," Picinich



LINDSAY EMERY PHOTO

Crews at the Route 117/172 intersection will be at work all summer and probably a good chunk of the fall before the project is completed.

said. "But there will be congestion and people should continue to seek additional routes when they see that the congestion is highest."

North Bedford Road Work

Crews that have been toiling to finish infrastructure and road work on North Bedford Road are getting close to the end.

Picinich said the project is likely to be done within the month following the installation of new water pipes. Last week

the village was completing the water testing making sure the connections from the laterals were sound, she said.

There are still some other tasks remaining, including the restoration of the sidewalks.

Paving has begun and everyone who has driven most of North Bedford Road has liked what they have seen, Picinich said.

"It looks good, it's a nice drive and everybody's tires will be fine," she said.

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New Castle Police Chief Ferry to Retire After 35 Years With Town

By Martin Wilbur

After a 35-year career with the New Castle Police Department, Chief Charles Ferry will be retiring this week.

Ferry, who has served as chief of the 37-officer department for the past 10 years, said he will be leaving the department on Thursday.

"What I'll miss most is the people, the people that I work with," he said.

Ferry, 62, came to New Castle in

February 1984, transferring from the Tuckahoe Police Department. Over the next 35 years, he has served in virtually every position an officer could hold, starting as a patrolman before receiving promotions to become detective, sergeant, patrol division lieutenant and special services lieutenant.

He took over as chief in June 2009 after the retirement of his predecessor James Baynes.

Ferry said technology and an increase in responsibilities have been the biggest changes in law enforcement.

"When I first started, we were using typewriters and carbon paper," he recalled. "Now we have computers in the cars. Actually, when I first started out, at least in the departments I worked at, we had no computers early on and in Tuckahoe we would ask the county to run the (license) plates for us. Now we have a computer in every car. We have everything at the officers' fingertips."

The other major change in policing has been that every department, regardless of its size, now participates in homeland security to some extent, Ferry said. Years ago, a local police force's key responsibility would be primarily tending to community problems and local crimes, he said.

Ferry said he chose law enforcement because he wanted to work in "a helping profession." He had been inspired after serving as a volunteer ambulance corps member and volunteer firefighter.

The Town Board is expected to name Ferry's successor at this week's meeting Tuesday evening. Councilman Jeremy Saland said the Town Board interviewed the department's three lieutenants, who are the candidates to be the next chief.

Meanwhile, Ferry said he will have plenty to keep him occupied. He plans



New Castle Police Chief Charles Ferry, who has spent 35 years with the department, including the last 10 years as chief, will be retiring June 27.

to spend time with his grandson and indulge in one of his hobbies – amateur photography. He also has an old pickup truck that he's been working on and hopes to fix.

"So I have some stuff to keep myself busy until I decide if I want to go back to work," Ferry said.

Presentation of 'Much Ado About Nothing' in Chappaqua July 19

LawnChair Theatre, Westchester's only traveling Shakespeare company, is back for its 14th season with Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

In partnership with the Rye Arts Center and directed by Rachel Schulte, this classic comedy will be performed outdoors in parks throughout the county, including at Chappaqua's Recreation Field on Friday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults while seniors and students get in for \$10. The show will be performed rain or shine. In case of rain, an alternate venue will be selected.

Director Rachel Schulte has set

Lawnchair's Much Ado in 1940s post-liberation Paris. She is excited to present this show to Westchester County in a way that is unique and provokes the audience to consider the true range of human emotion.

LawnChair Theatre, under the auspices of the Rye Arts Center has brought summer performances to Westchester parks since 2006. The company's mission is to contemporize Shakespeare without rewriting him, and to create community through the arts.

For more information, visit www.lawnchairtheatre.org.

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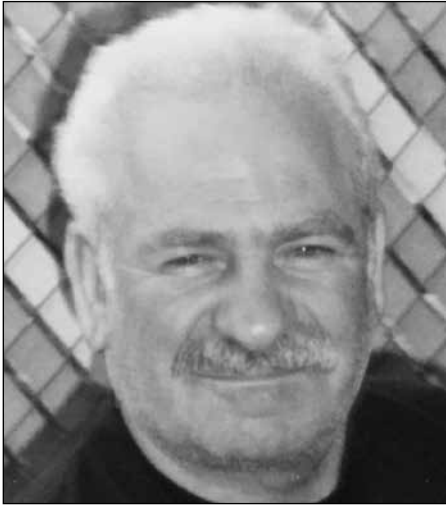
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Obituaries



Vincenzo Lombardozzi

Vincenzo Lombardozzi of Thornwood passed away on June 20 at Westchester Medical Center. He was 73. Visitation by family and friends was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on June 23. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for him on June 24 at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Wilfred Machin

Wilfred “Bill” Machin, formerly of Thornwood, passed away on June 2 in Longmont, Colo. at the age of 89. He was born to Wilfred Machin, Sr. and Janie Machin (née Beckett) on Feb. 24, 1930, in Rockville Center, N.Y. Machin is survived by his son, Douglas (Suzanne) Machin; his brother, Robert (Catherine) Machin; his grandchildren, Kelly (Stephen) Hanrahan, Nicholas (Nicole) Purdy, Daniel Machin, Stephanie (Kevin) Harris and William (Kyle) Machin; his great-grandchildren, AJ, Olivia, Sophia and Charlotte; and his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Vilma (nee Torelli) Machin,

and his daughter, Lesley Purdy. Machin graduated from Pratt Institute and then worked as a commercial artist with his father and brother at W.D. Machin, Inc. in New York City. He married Vilma on June 22, 1951, in Pleasantville. They raised their children in the home he built in Thornwood. Machin was a gifted abstract and watercolor painter who will be particularly remembered for his paintings of Monhegan Island and Cape Cod. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America for 77 years. He was also an avid fisherman and bird watcher and loved to read and tell stories. He particularly enjoyed looking up answers in the dictionary and encyclopedia during dinnertime discussions.

Machin was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He quietly, lovingly and patiently guided his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by example. He showed them how to fish, draw, paint, make newspaper hats and fill the bird feeder. “Gramps,” or “Pop Bill,” will be remembered for his humility, wit, creativity and love. Services were held at Hawthorne Funeral Home on June 21. Interment took place at All Souls Cemetery in Pleasantville on June 22. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Westchester-Putnam Council of the Boy Scouts of America would be appreciated.

Alice Ackerly

Alice G. Ackerly of Hawthorne passed away peacefully at home on June 21 at 99 years old. Ackerly was born in White Plains on Dec. 30, 1919, to the late Walter and Evelyn Knapp. She was a lifelong area resident. She attended Pleasantville public schools, worked at Farrand Controls in Valhalla for 29 years and was a member of the Thornwood Fire Department Women’s Auxiliary. Ackerly loved to travel

and knit and enjoyed sports, including tennis, bowling and her beloved New York Yankees. Her greatest enjoyment of all was spending time with her family. She is survived by her son, Wesley Ackerly; daughter Linda (Emil) Gernert; six grandchildren, Dawn (Gary) Escoda, Carol (Rob) Haims, Emil (Michelle) Gernert, Glen (Patricia) Gernert, Stacey (Doug) Malicki and Matt (Tara) Ackerly; and 16 cherished great-grandchildren, Nicole, Thomas, Matt, Courtney, Tyler, Glen Jr., Ryan, Alexandra, Brandon, Grady,

Shannon, Ava, Matthew, Kayla, Patrick and Alice. Ackerly was predeceased by her husband, Harold, and daughter-in-law Mildred. She was a kind woman who was loved by so many. Family and friends are invited to Beecher Flocks Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Beecher Flocks on Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Interment will immediately follow at Kensico Cemetery.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2016 (for taxes levied in 2015)

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Index No. 3048/2016

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

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding

is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to

have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the **27th day of September, 2019.**

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer

by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: June 17, 2019
Enforcing Officer:
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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SCHEDULE “A”

Index No. 3048/2016

LIEN NO.	OWNER OF RECORD	ASSESSED TO (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD)	SECTION /BLOCK/LOT	LOCATION	AMOUNT DUE*
2016015	Tome, Agostinho Tome, Angie a/k/a Tome, Maria Angelina	Tome, Agostinho	106.8-1-34	60 Ridgeview Drive	\$4,473.44
2016033	Marino, Franco Marino, Anna	Marino, Franco	99.18-4-33	11 Academy Street	\$5,687.28

*Amount due as of October 14, 2016. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.

Mt. Pleasant to Install Solar Panels at Town Hall, Community Center

By Martin Wilbur

The Mount Pleasant Town Board recently approved the installation of solar panels at three municipal facilities that will provide discounted energy to residents who enroll in the program.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said last week there will be solar panels on the roof of Town Hall as well as a carport in the parking lot with panels on top that will also vehicles from the weather.

There will also be solar panels at the community center on Lozza Drive and a carport for a portion of the parking lot that serves the center, the Valhalla branch of the Mount Pleasant Public Library and the town pool, Fulgenzi said.

A third set of solar panels will be affixed to the roofs of the highway department garages.

Fulgenzi said at future date town residents will have the chance to sign up for the program that will not only save them money but help the environment as well.

"Anybody who signs up for the green energy will get approximately a 10 percent discount on their electric bill," he said. "The town's electric bill is really too low to benefit our buildings, so this goes out to benefit the entire grid."

The 25-year lease arrangement between Mount Pleasant and Con Edison Solutions, a green energy division of the utility, will pay the town about \$28,000 a year. While

there is no precise target date, Fulgenzi said he expects the panels to be installed by the end of the year. The highway garage panels will be last because of work currently being performed on the structure, he said.

Another solar project for the town, now being reviewed by the Planning Board, is for Gate of Heaven Cemetery to lease close to 40 acres of its property to Con Edison Solutions for a ground-mounted solar panel array. Between the three municipal locations and the cemetery, about 500 residential customers will be able to receive their power from the panels, Fulgenzi said.

Even better for the town, the portion of Gate of Heaven's land that will house the array would be placed on the tax rolls for the duration of the agreement, he said.

"We anticipate that it's probably going to happen because it's a big benefit," Fulgenzi said. "The cemetery doesn't expect to be using that (land) for 25 years, so it's just vacant and the good part about it is it goes on the tax roll. Now it becomes a for-profit piece of property because they'll be leasing it."

State Approves 3% Hotel Tax

Mount Pleasant officials received welcome news from Albany last week after the state legislature approved the town's request for a 3 percent hotel tax, said Councilwoman Francesca Hagadus-McHale.

Hagadus-McHale said she asked state Sen. Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro)

and Assemblyman Tom Abinati (D-Pleasantville) to sponsor the legislation. It will take affect immediately, according to Harckham's office.

In recent years, towns throughout Westchester that have lodging facilities within have been eager to impose the local 3 percent tax, which goes directly to the municipality's coffers. Under state law, cities can impose the tax on their own but towns need state legislation to be passed by both houses of the legislature and signed by the governor.

Municipalities have been quick to request the tax because in nearly all cases the guests at the hotel are not their residents.

Harckham said with hotels proposed in Sleepy Hollow and at the North 60 development in Valhalla, the tax could eventually provide a significant benefit to Mount Pleasant.

Currently, the only hotel in town is the Comfort Inn & Suites on Route 9A in Hawthorne.

Quite a Lineup

Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge 535 honored four area firefighters at the organization's 2019 First Responders Appreciation Awards Dinner on June 12 at the American Legion post in Armonk. The honorees, from left to right starting second from left, were First Lieutenant William Sullivan Jr. of the Port Chester Fire Department, White Plains firefighter Richard Constantino, former Armonk Fire Department Chief Mitch Sime and Buddy Shultz, who also served in Armonk. Sime has 62 years of service in Armonk followed by Schultz with 52 years. Sullivan has served in Port Chester for 50 years.



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County Police/Mount Kisco

June 18: A Gregory Avenue resident reported at 11 p.m. that it appeared someone had entered his apartment while he was out. It was determined that the fire department had made entry earlier in the night due to an activated fire alarm.

June 19: Three men were arrested at 9:26 p.m. following a traffic stop on Kisco Avenue. Officers initially observed a vehicle being operated unsafely on Maple Avenue and followed it into a parking lot on Kisco Avenue. An odor of marijuana was detected inside the car and the occupants were detained. The driver, a 22-year-old Bronx man, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs and aggravated unlicensed operation, both misdemeanors, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. He was booked at the Green Street precinct and released on his own recognizance pending a July 11 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

Two passengers, a Yonkers resident and a Bronx resident, were found to have outstanding warrants and were also arrested. The Yonkers man was taken into custody on an NYPD warrant accusing him of failing to answer a summons in the Bronx. The Bronx man was taken into custody on a warrant issued by

Westchester County Court in connection with a domestic violence case.

June 20: Police responded to North Moger Avenue at 4:06 a.m. on a report of a domestic dispute. A resident reported that her boyfriend damaged property during the dispute and left. An investigation is continuing.

June 20: A resident contacted police at 3:08 p.m. to report that a bicycle stolen from him recently was outside the Mount Kisco Public Library. Officers reviewed security video and detained a library patron who was seen arriving on the stolen bicycle. The bike owner, who had not reported the theft, declined to press charges but left with his bicycle.

June 20: A caller reported at 4:21 p.m. that the rear bumper of her car was damaged when another motorist sideswiped her car on North Bedford Road at Knowlton Road. The other vehicle, a tan Chevy Impala, fled the scene.

June 20: Report of a domestic dispute on Barker Street at 5:53 p.m. Officers determined that the father-son dispute was verbal in nature only.

June 21: A real estate agent reported at 12:09 p.m. that a sign she had placed in front of a commercial property in the vicinity of Barker Street and Valley View Terrace was vandalized overnight with spray paint.

June 21: Police responded to Armonk Road at 12:54 p.m. after a box truck clipped some power lines. The incident caused the power lines to sag but not fall. Con Edison was notified to respond to make repairs.

North Castle Police Department

June 14: An officer reported finding a license plate in the DeCicco & Sons parking lot at 9:11 a.m. The dispatching officer contacted the registered owner who will come to police headquarters to pick up the plate.

June 14: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 4:29 p.m. to report finding golf balls on his property, believing they're from his neighbor.

June 14: A Gene Curry Drive resident reported at 10:15 p.m. that smoke is coming from her washing machine. The call was transferred to the county Department of Emergency Services for dispatch of the Banksville and Armonk fire departments. The responding officer confirmed a fire in the washing machine. The fire was extinguished by firefighters and the residence was cleared.

June 15: A complainant reported at 4:54 p.m. that she had an estate sale and allowed someone to take an \$800 rug to see if it fits in their home. The complainant stated that the party is refusing to return the rug of pay for it. The desk officer spoke with the other party involved and the matter was resolved.

June 15: A caller reported being in a verbal dispute with another party on North Broadway at 8:55 p.m. The caller stated that he made a comment to the other party about locking his dog in his vehicle. The other person started screaming at the complainant and his children. The responding officers stated

that the matter was adjusted.

June 16: Report of stalking at 3:11 p.m. The complainant reported at headquarters that her ex-boyfriend will not stop texting and calling her. Copies of text messages were provided to the desk officer via e-mail. The complainant was provided copies of past reports regarding similar incidents between her and the ex-boyfriend. She was advised that this department would follow up on the complaint, but that she should also go to Family Court tomorrow morning.

June 16: Report of a squirrel in a bedroom at a Carolyn Place residence at 11:44 p.m. The squirrel was unable to be located.

June 17: Report of a black bear sighting behind a Rose Hill Drive residence at 10:41 a.m. The responding officer reported the animal fled into the woods behind the residence. The area will continue to be monitored.

Pleasantville Police Department

June 18: Report of a missing person in Mount Pleasant at 1:50 a.m. The party was located at their residence a short time later.

June 18: A 30-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested on Marble Avenue at 9:42 p.m. following a traffic stop. He was charged with circumventing an interlock device.

June 20: Report of a larceny on Academy Street at 6:22 p.m. A woman's purse was taken from a vehicle. The matter remains under investigation.

June 21: Report of a larceny in the Manville Road municipal parking lot at 8:28 a.m. A box where the public pays to park was damaged. The matter is under investigation.



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Active Shooter Training to Be Widened for County Employees

Westchester County is offering additional active shooter training for its employees and conducting updated security reviews of its buildings and facilities as ordered by County Executive George Latimer following a mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Building several weeks ago.

The county, which has previously trained hundreds of employees and members of the public in Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), will offer another training session to employees in July. CRASE focuses on strategies and skills that can be used to survive if an active shooter event occurred in their place of work or other public venue.

Since the Virginia Beach tragedy on May 31, county police have reviewed all past security surveys conducted at

county buildings and facilities. That review has helped the police to prioritize the order of the newest round of security assessments.

Latimer instructed Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason of the Department of Public Safety and Commissioner Hugh Greechan of the Department of Public Works and Transportation to work together to ensure that any needed security upgrades are promptly implemented. Security upgrades can include new safety protocols and additional cameras, doors, locks or other physical enhancements to make a building or facility more secure.

Gleason said Westchester police have reviewed law enforcement intelligence from the Virginia Beach incident to assist the department in the current security review of county facilities.

New Castle Ponders Regulations Overseeing Food Trucks in Town

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle may want in on the food truck craze.

Last week the Town Board discussed the possibility of amending existing laws to address the days, hours, locations and how long a food truck proprietor may operate in a specific location, among other issues.

There is also the possibility that the town could allow food trucks to park at or near special events, such as the summer concert series at Recreation Field, or also have a food truck festival.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the town needs to update its laws to regulate an industry that is growing increasingly popular. Currently, there are few restrictions, with a 30-minute time limit for trucks without a permit, said Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis.

The town would also have to determine whether to permit the trucks in a public right of way, he said.

“We’re not against food trucks but regulating them like other towns have done,” Greenstein said. “With the onslaught of food trucks, it’s not unreasonable to regulate them.”

Councilman Jeremy Saland said allowing the trucks, including in downtown Chappaqua, could help drive people to the hamlet. The board agreed that officials would need to receive feedback from shopkeepers, particularly those operating restaurants and other food establishments.

“You can create some excitement downtown to have that space where people can gather,” Salad said. “You can really draw people downtown. It would be a real boon.”

Councilwoman Lisa Katz also suggested that the town could also consider marking a designated area where food trucks can gather, creating a food court of sorts. That would make the collection of trucks more permanent and might not create as much competition for the brick and mortar operations, she said.

Greenstein said if the town were to consider a new law governing food trucks it would have to make sure it would not directly compete with restaurants.

“There’s no question that food trucks are great for events,” he said. “If I



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Food trucks, like some of those seen at last month’s Food Truck Festival in Mount Kisco, could be coming to New Castle if officials can successfully regulate their operation.

was a restaurant (owner), I wouldn’t appreciate a food truck stopping in front of my store for half an hour during dinner time. If I was a restaurant owner, I wouldn’t be very happy.”

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2015 (for taxes levied in 2014)
PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Index No. 3313/2015

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

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than

the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day of redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the **27th day of September, 2019.**

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or answer: In the

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event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: June 17, 2019
Enforcing Officer:
MARY SCHWARTZ,
Village Treasurer

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Column

Time to Celebrate Your Community No Matter Where You Live

By Quint Studer

As I go about my work of helping communities revitalize and reinvent themselves, I often get to see the best of America and I'm reminded that the foundations that built this country are still just as important today.

It's long been said that America is all about rugged individualism, and that is true to some extent. Yes, being as self-sufficient as you can be is an admirable trait, but it only takes one so far. People need people in order to really live, and nowhere is that true than in communities.

Back when our ancestors landed on our shores, they didn't head off into the woods to build a log cabin singlehandedly. No, they banded together in small communities. They worked together, struggled together, cried together and celebrated together. They shared what they had when they could – and expected others to do the same for them when they needed help.

Early Americans had to live this way. Otherwise, they would never have survived in this unfamiliar, unforgiving land.

Today, something very similar is happening. We're in the middle of a massive community revitalization movement. Across America, cities and towns of all sizes are looking to reinvent themselves after a long, hard recession and several chaotic decades that turned

their world upside town.

For many communities, globalization and technology reshuffled the deck. Much like our forebears, people found themselves lost in uncharted territory. Jobs disappeared. Unemployment skyrocketed. Infrastructure crumbled. Once-bustling downtowns deteriorated. Young people moved away in search of better lives (and who can blame them).

Now, we've collectively decided to look homeward. We've decided to bring our communities back from the brink. And we're not doing it as a nation of rugged individuals. We're doing it in small, tight-knit groups as we embrace the spirit of cooperation, collaboration and partnership.

Community leaders, business owners and citizens are deeply engaged and working together to breathe new life into our downtowns. We're encouraging entrepreneurs to start new ventures. We're choosing to eat, drink, play and shop locally. We're showing up at street festivals, volunteering and supporting the institutions that feed, educate and heal our community.

As I look to communities that are thriving, one thing is certain – we are still the land of opportunity. People are finding they can still start a business, make a living and provide jobs to others. While a strong local government is part of every vibrant community, in most cases private

industry is the backbone. Thriving local business communities lead to long-term prosperity.

So here's what I believe: real independence is about working hard, playing hard, building strong relationships with family and friends and being happy in the place we've put down our roots. It's about choosing the kind of life we want to live. For the most part, this can exist only in the context of community.

This Independence Day, I hope you'll take a moment to be grateful for your community and reflect on what you might do to make it better. Get involved. Find a cause that speaks to you. Share your ideas. Join together with likeminded neighbors and work to make something happen.

The spirit of community is the spirit that built America. And it's what will rebuild us as we work together to create our future.

Quint Studer is author of "Building a Vibrant Community" and founder of Pensacola's Studer Community Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the community's quality of life and moving Escambia and Santa Rosa counties forward. He currently serves as the entrepreneur-in-residence at the University of West Florida. For more information, visit www.vibrantcommunityblueprint.com or www.studer.org.

Letter to the Editor

A Letter in Support of New York State Government – Really!

I write in praise of our New York State government leaders. Where other states pass laws that force women to endure unnecessary pelvic exams (Missouri) and government-forced pregnancy (Alabama), our elected officials improve the health of New Yorkers.

- They passed the Reproductive Health Act and Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act, two laws that mean a New York woman

controls her own body – not politicians, not insurers.

- They set up a Maternal Mortality Review Board to find out why New York ranks 30th in the U.S. with too many mothers dying.
- They passed the Boss Bill and now a New York woman gets to decide what contraceptive to use, not her employer.

By these measures the leaders of the

state Senate, state Assembly and the governor make New York a healthier place to live.

I personally thank them for keeping politics out of my medical exam room. I urge you to thank them, too.

Kate Permut
Scarborough

Food Allergy Epidemic: An Escalating Problem

Some 32 million Americans are now living with food allergies, according to new data published by The Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open and Pediatrics.

This equates to roughly one in 10 adults and one in 13 children (or about two in every classroom). What's more, over 50 percent of adults and 42 percent of children with food allergies have suffered a severe food allergy reaction such as potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis.

Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), the largest private funder of food allergy research in the world, recently commissioned a state-by-state report analyzing the rise in diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016. The results illustrate the gravity of this growing epidemic, with a 377 percent increase nationwide.

Advocates say that the increasing prevalence of food allergies demands action and escalates the need for new treatments and diagnostic tools that save

lives and help alleviate the burden of this disease. To that end, FARE's "Contains: Courage" campaign is seeking to raise a historic amount of money for research and education efforts. To learn more, visit foodallergy.org.

Food allergies are at epidemic levels. However, new treatments and greater awareness promise to change the lives of millions of Americans.

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Mt. Kisco Approves Permit for Mountain Avenue Cell Tower

By Sean Browne

The Mount Kisco Village Board approved a special use permit for the construction of a 114-foot cell tower on Mountain Avenue that is expected to improve cell service in the area and emergency communications for the MTA.

The tower will replace the existing 86-foot tower on Mountain Avenue. All four major cell phone carriers will be included.

The board approved the special use permit by a 3-1 vote. Trustee Karen Schleimer was the dissenting vote while Trustee Peter Grunthal was absent.

Approval of the permit pleased David J. Kenny, attorney for Crown Castle. Kenny said Crown Castle had addressed all of the comments, concerns and requests posed by village officials and residents.

"Since our last meeting we have responded to all of the consultants' comments including revising the drawing and the reports," Kenny said. "Most importantly we revised the design of T-Mobile to be more aesthetically pleasing."

Kenny also noted that the tower will not only help the MTA, but will address Mount Kisco's cell service needs. The town is able to Four cell phone carriers will be available at that location while being aesthetically pleasing.

Michael Musso, a consultant for the applicant, said Crown Castle's handling of the application was thorough.

"I was very (happy) to see the responsiveness to the questions that we asked and the questions that others have asked," Musso said. "I really feel that the application is complete right now."

He also noted that no trees will have to be cut down during construction to accommodate the tower.

The assurances was enough for the board to approve the application and grant Crown Castle the special use permit.

"I think this is a demonstration of how working with partnerships to get from one place to another can be very effective," Mayor Gina Picinich said. "I think that this is a fine example of how government can actually get stuff done efficiently and effectively provided that we have the right partners to work with."

Mount Kisco Okays Village Code Change for Renewable Energy Financing

By Sean Browne

The Mount Kisco Village Board voted unanimously last week to repeal and replace Chapter 61 of the Village Code to allow mainly commercial property owners to simplify reimbursement for the installation of renewable energy.

The state's new Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program will allow the nonprofit Energize NY to be able to work directly with owners of commercial, nonprofit and some multifamily buildings to borrow money to cover the cost for clean energy systems.

Until now, the owner would borrow money for the improvements and be reimbursed through the municipality's tax bills. Once the new process goes into effect, the municipality will no longer be involved.

Officials applauded the change for being more efficient.

"This current one is even more in our favor than the previous one," Deputy Mayor Jean Farber said. "This is very positive for the town."

Trustee Karen Schleimer had a few concerns about the legislation at the public hearing earlier this month. However, she was on board with the change last week.

"Clearly this takes the burden off of the village and this is a much better law for the municipality," Schleimer said. "It is a step forward for sure."

Village Manager Edward Brancati said at the board's July 8 meeting the municipal agreement between Mount Kisco and Energize NY will be amended to accommodate the change.

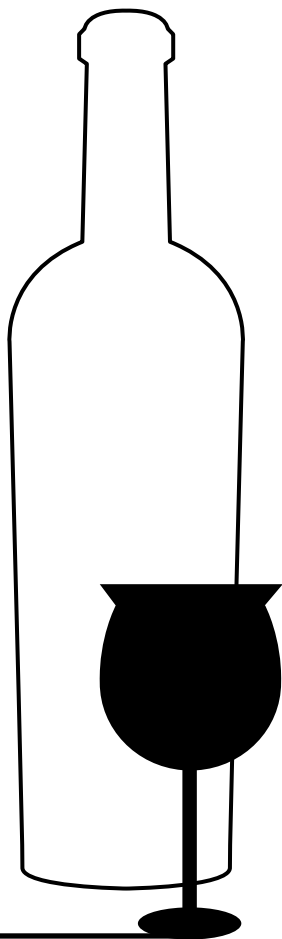
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Ex-P'ville Resident Writes Book on Surviving an Internment Camp

By Martin Wilbur

Many Americans have become increasingly aware that the internment camps held tens of thousands of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

William Reese Hamilton experienced more harsh conditions – across the Pacific Ocean.

As a young boy, Hamilton, his parents and two older brothers were among more than 3,000 Americans who were held for about three years at the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, comprised of mostly foreigners who had worked in the Far East prior to the outbreak of World War II and hailed from the countries that would fight against the Axis powers.

"I think we hear a lot about Japanese internment camps in the States because it's our morals that are at stake but the Japanese never owned up to what they committed," Hamilton said. "The level of brutality and cold-bloodedness, it's unimaginable what they put people through."

Hamilton, a former Pleasantville resident, has recently written a historical novel based on his experiences at Santo Tomas between the ages of 6 and 9 years old. On Monday evening, he led a discussion about his book, "Wonks," at The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville.

Born in Hollywood, Hamilton spent nearly all of his early years in Asia. His father worked for Citibank and was placed



William Reese Hamilton's historical novel "Wonks," which was released earlier this year, is based on his experiences in a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines as a young boy.

in Peking (now Beijing). After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Chinese recommended that many of the country's foreign workers, particularly Americans and the British, relocate to the Philippines. Hamilton and his family went to Manila.

But shortly after New Year's 1942, the Japanese occupied Manila and transported aliens from enemy nations to the University of Santo Tomas, including Hamilton and his family. They were interned, with up to 50 prisoners crowding many of the school's

classrooms, he said.

Despite his youth, Hamilton remembers many of his experiences. Initially, there was optimism they wouldn't be imprisoned for long but those hopes were quickly dashed with the Americans' early defeats in the Pacific.

"There was belief we'd be rescued very quickly (but) after the fall of Corregidor and Bataan it was clear to everybody, we were going to be there a long time," Hamilton said.

It turned out to be three years. The prisoners erected shanties and experienced deteriorating sanitary conditions. As the war dragged on and with Japan facing fierce battles, food became scarce.

"We were down to rice soup...with the quantity of about a slice of bread a day," Hamilton recalled. "By the end of January before our liberation, we were losing up to five people a day due to starvation."

Hamilton's father wilted to 95 pounds and his mother was down to 85 pounds. The U.S. Army liberated the camp on Feb. 3, 1945, and they wouldn't have been able to last much longer, he said.

In late March, the Americans put the former prisoners on military aircraft to bring them back to the United States.

"We got to San Francisco and I thought we had died and gone to heaven," Hamilton said.

The family was then transported to

Chicago and spent that summer at a relative's farm in Vermont to complete their recuperation.

Although fraught with challenges, Hamilton said he had an easier time than his brothers transitioning back into school and a normal life. The family settled in Upper Saddle River, N.J. where he stayed through his high school graduation. Hamilton then joined the Army, serving in counterintelligence in Germany.

After his military service, Hamilton was a high school teacher in New Canaan, Conn. for seven years before embarking on a career in copywriting and advertising. He and his family lived on Bedford Road in the Old Village from 1980 to 2000.

In his later years, Hamilton has devoted himself to writing, with his work having been published in an assortment of periodicals.

He said he has been able to look back at those years in Santo Tomas as a source of inspiration. But not everyone was so fortunate. Hamilton remembered having friends who were orphaned; his brothers and parents were lucky to have survived as a family.

"It's something you look back on," he said. "It's not a torment; it's a base of courage. When times are tough you say 'I remember when times were really tough.'"

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The Weekly Feature from Entergy

Mt. Pleasant Chamber to Introduce Valhalla Summerfest on Sunday

By Martin Wilbur

Mount Pleasant residents and businesses have a new and fun experience awaiting them this Sunday.

That is when the first Valhalla Summerfest is scheduled to take place along Broadway, the hamlet's main thoroughfare, from Cleveland Street to Legion Drive. The street will be closed for the duration of the event, which is from 3 to 7 p.m.

Tom Milliot, the president of the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the event, wanted to get Valhalla involved in the chamber's activities and to try and bring the town together. When chamber of commerce representatives reached out to merchants in the hamlet to brainstorm ideas on how the organization can promote their businesses, the idea for a monthly event came up, similar to Armonk's Third Thursdays.

"It's really geared toward helping the local downtown merchant," Milliot said.

The family-friendly fair will feature a kid's zone with games and activities, sidewalk sales from local merchants, food and music. The School of Rock Bedford House Band comprised of talented students from the music school's program will perform throughout the day.

Milliot said the chamber chose Sunday for the Summerfest because it is the one day of the week where the county's Bee-Line buses don't come through the hamlet. Plus, a weekday late afternoon and early evening would have caused issues with commuters getting off at the Valhalla Metro-North station across the street, he said.

On Sunday, there is plenty of parking at the train station lot.

"We thought Sunday was a family day and it is a family day," Milliot said. "You can bring your kid and listen to the music, have a good time and a slice of pizza."

The other Valhalla Summerfest Days



The first Valhalla Summerfest, a monthly Sunday celebration of the hamlet, begins this weekend.

are July 28 and Aug. 18. A fourth day is Oct. 6, which will be in conjunction with the Valhalla Fire Department's open house. The fire department is supporting the chamber for all of the days, Milliot said.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the Summerfest is an excellent idea that should help draw people to Valhalla's downtown.

"We wanted to bring some attention to the hamlet," Fulgenzi said. "We have Mount Pleasant Day in Hawthorne, that's in August, and that kind of separates Valhalla. We have visitors from Valhalla that get up to it but we want to focus on the hamlet of Valhalla because it's sort of off the beaten path from Hawthorne."

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By Pat Casey

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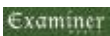
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Confessions of a Compulsive Weeder

It never fails. I'll be in a rush to meet a client, dashing to my garage across my parking area, covered with crushed bluestone, and I'll spy a tiny fleck of green peeking through the gravel. Another weed. I must stop to pull it out.

When I bend over, I drop my car keys, my glasses fall out of my shirt pocket and, if the weed is deep-rooted, like a dandelion, my hands get dirty, requiring that I return to the house to wash them after the deed is done.

Or I'm coming home late, exhausted and I notice that nasty grout weed has all but consumed a clump of perennial geraniums. It's getting dark but there I am, stooped over again, releasing those delicate flowers from the clutches of that hostile invader.

Worse yet, we might be entertaining guests on our patio and in my peripheral vision I detect another unwelcome visitor in a nearby flowerbed. Nonchalantly, I'll push myself out of my glider, perhaps in the middle of a sentence, and conduct an enemy attack without missing a beat. Annoyed, my wife later tells me that I must not have been giving full attention to our guests.



Yes, I confess. I'm a compulsive weeder.

When I first discovered the joys of gardening as a youngster, it was all about planting annuals and seeing quick results. But by the time I was in high school, perhaps in dealing with my impetuous nature, I found that I equally enjoyed pulling weeds to help ease those first bouts of post-adolescent anxiety.

My weeding addiction became full blown as an adult when I moved to Westchester from the city and my responsibilities were upgraded

from a small square patch of earth in front of my house to a verdant acre-and-a-half lawn and garden.

At the same time, I had started a new job and commuted a long distance every weekday to report to a boss who was the Mr. Hyde personality of all time. My weeding activity was especially intense during that period. Every time I yanked a weed, it was as though I was vicariously yanking his head bald, even though he was already bald.

Let's not think that I need intervention, I would say that there are good compulsive habits and this might be one

of them.

Rather than considering weeding a chore or even therapy, it can be approached as an art, complete with its own techniques and disciplines, as I first learned many decades ago when I read a joyous book called "The No-Work Garden" by Ruth Stout, sister of the detective fiction writer Rex Stout.

Recently, I was reminded of the healing art of weeding when I discovered that the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series now features an edition "For the Gardener's Soul" by Marion Owen. In her blog at www.plantea.com, Owen says that weeding can be a pleasant "Zen-like" experience, and I agree.

She also writes that regular weeding in the garden is like regular vacuuming in the home. We probably don't like either chore, but it's essential to a successful garden.

Considering that a single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds, and that those seeds arrive through a multilevel attack from the air, rain runoff and bird droppings, weeding would seem to be a losing battle. But there are preventative measures that can help diminish sprouting weeds.

1. Uproot the offenders and place them in the compost pile before they go to seed.

2. Mulch, mulch, mulch. A three- to four-inch layer of mulch applied between plants or garden rows can slow down, or in many cases, prevent the regrowth of weeds.

3. In the spring, after preparing the soil for planting, let it set for seven to 10 days. Then work the surface of the soil with a hoe. This will slice off the newly emerged weed seedlings. If you have time before planting, let the soil rest another week or so and hoe again.

4. Cover the soil for a short while with black plastic, but don't leave it on for more than a couple of months because the soil needs air and water to remain healthy.

5. Use those vertical barriers, such as wood, metal or heavy plastic edging to prevent grass and weeds from encroaching from lawn to garden.

Be mindful of what William Shakespeare wrote: "Sweet flowers are slow and weeds make haste."

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P'ville Fund for Learning Delivers \$50G in Grants for School Programs

By Martin Wilbur

The Pleasantville Fund for Learning (PFLL) last week awarded 11 grants totaling just over \$50,000 to pay for new and innovative programs at all three Pleasantville School District buildings next year.

Joan Jacobsen, co-chair of the nonprofit organization as well as its Grant Committee, said the awards typically go toward novel programs that teachers propose which are not funded through the district's annual budget.

"If they want to do something a little different, do something that is really part of the curriculum, then they'll write a grant to be able to fund these components and bring out a new, innovative approach to what they're learning," Jacobsen said. "So it always ties back into the curriculum, and this is where the principals come in. They approve all of the grants that are submitted."

The organization also wants to see the district have the ability to sustain whatever programs are created, a significant factor in the decision to approve a grant request, she said.

A \$50,728.31 check was presented last Tuesday to the Pleasantville Board of Education by the PFLL. It marked the second year in a row where its grants topped \$50,000, Jacobsen said.

The money raised is derived through



Pleasantville School District staff and faculty responsible for submitting the 11 grants totaling just over \$50,000 for new educational programs for the district.

several fundraising events throughout the year as well as donations from the community and the district's PTA, she said.

"Our mission is to give back as much of the funds that we can back into the schools, so we've seen an uptick in the fundraisers and an increase in the volume of grants that have been submitted," Jacobsen said.

This is a listing of the 11 grants present this year:

1. It's All Greek To Me, Bedford Road School, \$2,534.04. For 160 new togas for second-grade students and teachers. The togas are used during a celebration of Greek culture which comes at the end of the grade's Greek mythology unit.

2. Mobile Hydroponic Garden, Bedford Road School, \$1,826.76.

Allows for the purchase of microscopes, magnifying glasses, a mobile cart and other supplies to be used in the hands-on study of plants. The garden will show students new, environmentally friendly ways of growing plants. Older students will be using the microscopes to examine plants in more detail.

3. Learning Centers with iPads, Bedford Road School, \$18,613.59. (Co-funded with a \$9,300 donation from the school's PTA). For the purchase of 30 iPads and supplies for the kindergarten team, which will be used by students independently and collaboratively in small group activities. The project will help support learning in kindergarten literacy, writing, math, science, art and computer science content areas.

4. Alternative Seating, Pleasantville Middle School, \$2,086.20. To provide 12 Sit-to-Stand desks to be used by the eighth-grade modified and general education Social Studies classes. The desks will allow students to stand during instruction, which has shown to increase attentiveness in class and provide a nondisruptive outlet for natural movement.

5. Narrative Writing, Pleasantville Middle School, \$660. For books to help support the teaching of narrative writing techniques in the seventh- and eighth-grade ELA classrooms. The books will be used as

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Tuesday, June 25

Summer Reading Kick Off: Magic and Comedy With Jim McClenahan. Be prepared for a real laugh riot! North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Bird Finder Binoculars. Make your own binoculars and use them to look for birds! For children four years old and up. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Terrarium. Recycle old soda bottles and create your own beautiful terrarium. For youngsters 10 to 15 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday (except June 25). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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.

"Yesterday." An advance screening of this film, which closed out the Tribeca Film Festival with its world premiere on May 4, where it received a two-minute standing ovation. In this film, Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent. The Picture House Regional Film Center, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Seniors, students and members: \$12. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Wednesday, June 26

Bridge Group for Advanced Players. Are you good at bridge but you'd like to get better? Come learn from the masters. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. to noon. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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.

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.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

New Castle Recreation Summerfest. End the school year with a bang! A fun day for all children in town and their families. Includes bounce rides, food trucks, music, yard games and a special performance by local band Alien Paradox. New Castle Recreation Field, 200. S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 11 to 1:30 a.m. Free admission.

Pelvic Floor Health: Beyond Kegels in the Chair. Educational and experiential, this workshop will empower women with a new awareness of their pelvic floor. Come learn the anatomy and physiology, the weakness, dysfunctions and techniques to relax, strengthen, balance and maintain optimal health. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 to 1:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

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. (except July 4) 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.

Dementia Conversations. This program offers helpful tips to assist families with difficult conversations related to dementia including going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal

and financial plans. Primarily for those who have a family member or close friend beginning to experience Alzheimer's or another type of dementia. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 800-272-3900.

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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Concert Series: Asaran Earth Trio. The group will be performing stories and songs from around the world. Fountain Park at Village Hall, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Series continues every other Wednesday evening through Sept. 18. Info: Visit the Mount Kisco Arts Council's Facebook page or on Instagram.

"Mostly Martha." Martha (Martina Gedeck) is a single woman with a single passion: cooking. The chef at a popular restaurant, she has no time for anything – or anyone. But when her young niece and a soulful Italian sous-chef enter her life, mounting tensions of new relationships and romance start to simmer. This terrifically funny, heartwarming German film pairs perfectly with a delicious tasting menu crafted by Pubstreet's Executive Chef Mogan Anthony in the Jane Peck Gallery after the film. Presented in 35mm. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$40. Non-members: \$50. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Art Series: Philip Wilson Steer. Born in 1860, Steer was one of the leaders of impressionism in England in the early phase of his career and is considered an important link between the English and French impressionists. A respected landscape artist who also created incredible images of the sea, Steer has influenced generations of artists. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Thursday, June 27

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while

enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except July 4). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Lifeline Theater Music Program. An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 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 July 4). Info: Visit www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html.

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 (except July 4). Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.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 (except July 4). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.org.

National Theater Live's "Small Island." Andrea Levy's international bestselling novel comes to life in an epic new theater adaptation. The play follows three interconnected stories: Hortense yearns to make a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as a company of 40 actors present this timely and moving tale of compassion, bravery, loss and dogged optimism. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Know the 10 Signs. A program that offers typical age-related changes, common warning signs of Alzheimer's, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis and the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources. Atria Woodlands, 1015 Saw Mill River Rd., Ardsley. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 800-272-3900.

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. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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A Perspective on the Evolution of the American Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

The wine industry in the United States is thriving.

Consider this: The number of wine producers is growing, over 10,000 at last count; the amount of wine being produced is at a record high, and now ranks fourth in the world; the amount of wine consumed annually is at a record high, and now ranks first in per capita consumption.

The environment for this rising influence of American wine throughout the world is due in no small part to the emergence of gentleman (and lady) farmers and producers. Recent advances in technology and techniques, in the vineyards and the wineries, have culminated in new, high quality wines in every wine shop in the country.

And investors and entrepreneurs are staking claims throughout the United States, notably in California and more specifically in Napa Valley. For the last four decades, new wineries have been popping up in Napa Valley at an historic rate. And many have succeeded.

Yet the wine industry in the United

States is quite young when compared to other wine regions around the world. Wine has been produced in the Middle East for 6,000 years. Its roots in Western Europe date back to the Roman Empire, more than 2,000 years ago.

In the United States, the wine industry has peaked and ebbed several times since the first grapes were planted in Florida and California a mere 400 years ago by French Huguenots and Spanish monks, respectively.

A number of factors contributed to the fluctuations in wine's popularity. I've begun to think about the wine industry in an historical sense, rather than focusing on the boundless agricultural and economic aspects of winemaking. I decided the subject of this week's column would be a broad-brushed insight into the pioneers of Napa Valley winemaking.

Despite the legacy of early wine producers, the United States wine industry does not have the deep, sustained longevity of Western Europe. Legacy in the United States is rarely deeper than two generations. By contrast, in France, Italy and Spain, family wineries have been plying their trade for six, and sometimes more than 10 generations. The Antinori family has been continuously making fine wines for 26 generations, since 1385.

In the United States, winemaking

began in earnest in the mid to late 19th century. The wave of European immigrants to California, notably Napa Valley, in pursuit of a better life, brought with them generations of winemaking heritage. And they were modestly successful.

The next wave of winemakers, in the early 20th century, discovered the unique terroir of the Napa Valley. Pioneers like the Mondavi family, the Gallo brothers, Georges de Latour and Louis P. Martini

introduced wine lovers to high quality wines and refined winemaking techniques. Americans began consuming wine as never before.

Then a tsunami hit our shores. In 1920, Prohibition shut down the wine industry for 13 years. Decimated, it would not fully recover for nearly 50 years.

The most recent wave of winemakers to Napa Valley comes from all walks of life and with a broad range of experience. This new breed includes wealthy individuals who made their fortunes in other industries and became enamored with wine. Many considered wine as a means to be one with nature, escaping

the capitalist trappings of mainstream society. Others considered wine as the ultimate trophy, and a winery the pinnacle of bragging rights.

One of the prime differentiators over the years is the investment required to

own and run a winery. In Napa Valley, the cost of prime wine property can be as high as \$300,000 per acre, compared to a more affordable \$100 in the late 1800s. Very few aspiring entrepreneurs, or the progenitors of pioneers, will be able to

create, or sustain, a longstanding legacy.

Whether considering wine as a vocation or an avocation, today's California wine industry is a far cry from that of its early settlers.

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You Heard It Through the Grapevine

A Mediterranean Sojourn Abroad: It's All Greek to Me!

By Brian McGowan

My wife and I just returned from a week in a country that claims justifiable bragging rights as the birthplace of Western Civilization. I am speaking, of course, of Greece.

Who doesn't know of the Parthenon, the Acropolis, ancient Athens and the Spartan's stand at Thermopylae? The ancient Greek gods are equally familiar – Zeus, Apollo, Aphrodite, to name a few.

Our guide, George, a native Greek with a degree in the ancient culture of his homeland, regaled us throughout the week with a fabulous blend of history and mythology as we roamed the Dodecanese Islands, ventured into Turkey and explored the Greek heartland.

But wait, isn't this a topic beyond the scope of a column whose focus is all things Irish? What

possible connection could there be between Ireland and Greece?

Several, as a matter of fact. To begin with, there's the case of the Irish monks in the Middle Ages and the role they played in saving that very civilization that the Greeks began, the Romans enhanced and the dark times following the fall of Rome threatened to extinguish.

There's also the missionary tradition, beginning particularly with Saint Paul, in whose footsteps our particular tour group

strode. Like St. Patrick among the Irish Celts, Paul brought Christianity to this ancient region, and found ready converts wherever he trod.

There's the food, which is largely based on a diet of lamb meat, cooked to perfection in savory stews. I felt right at home. There's the music, lively, spontaneous and ideal for dancing. My feet were constantly tapping out a rhythmic beat. Street performers of bouzouki and accordion music were ever present, smiling for all, whether or not a donation filled the cap that was always ready to receive a few coins in exchange for a listen. I could have been on Grafton Street or at a seisiún in New York.

Sadly, it is a history of oppression that most broadly paints a parallel path between the two countries. George related the sad history of his land as it struggled following

the fall of Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire to the Ottomans in 1453. For almost 400 years, the Greeks were, in George's words, "occupied" by the Ottoman Empire. He described the plight of the Greeks under Ottoman rule: little, if any, educational opportunities; discrimination in employment, keeping the native Greeks at the very bottom of the economic ladder; and a systematic rooting out of Greek culture, causing many of the best and brightest to leave

and the lower classes they left behind pushed further and further into the hardscrabble mountains of the interior.

Wholesale efforts abounded to convert the Greeks, largely Eastern Orthodox Christians, to Islam that their oppressors practiced. Every injustice suffered by the Greeks was mirrored in the Irish experience, with the exception that the Irish suffered 800 years of it, while the Greeks suffered it for less than half that time.

Resistance, as in Ireland, never ceased, and in 1821 the Greeks began a serious rebellion against the Ottomans, which would succeed in the establishment of an independent Greek state in 1829. In this effort they were roundly supported by none other than Great Britain, which lent men, material and naval might to the cause of Greek independence. Clearly, the interests of the British Empire favored a friend in the Aegean Sea, while they continued to put an imperial foot on the neck of their neighbor across the Irish Sea.



By Brian McGowan



Throughout our trip I sought out any evidence of a cultural affinity, and found it in the warm-hearted nature of our hosts, who live life to the fullest, with a boisterous voice raised at any and every occasion of note, and a rousing chorus of "Ooohah!"

Perhaps I found it also in a millennia-old stone carving in Corinth, pictured here, that to my mind's eye strongly resembles any of the animal motifs found in the texts and illustrations of the monastic Irish books of old.

So as the Greeks say, "Kali ola!" "Good every time!"

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Canadian, as his ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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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 (except July 4). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org

DIY Egg Carton Ocean Scene. Celebrate the return of summer and head to the beach with your own awesome ocean scene. All ages. (Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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 (except July 4). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Transforming Yards and Landscapes. Learn about ways you can support wildlife and chat with other likeminded folks. The Native Plant Center will be among the organizations brought together by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester for this interesting get-together to talk about native plants, birds, pollinators and health yards. Bring your tasting glass. Captain Lawrence Brewing Co., 444 Saw Mill River Rd., Elmsford. 5 to 8 p.m. \$10. RSVP required. Info: E-mail fcwc@fcwc.org. RSVP: Visit <https://form.jotform.com/91537217330149>.

The Omer Quartet. The quartet returns for its final performance of its yearlong residency which included classroom-based instruction and performance clinics in Caramoor's educational outreach program and concerts in Caramoor's fall and spring seasons. First Prize Winner in the 2017 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, the Omer presents the world premiere of a Caramoor-commissioned quartet by Gabriella Smith, whose work has recently been performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov's "Yiddishbuk" and Brahms's lighthearted and cheerful Third String Quartet. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. \$26 and \$42. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Summer Concerts in the Park. The Town of Mount Pleasant will host the first of seven Thursday night concerts. Tonight, The Saints will be performing. Preceded by student opening acts. Carroll Park, James M. Carroll Park, 202 Kensico Rd., Thornwood. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mtpleasantny.com.

Evening Howl for Adults Only. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology,

biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a spread of wine and cheese. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with Ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves, too. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

"Mother of George." Danai Gururia (AMC's "The Walking Dead," "Black Panther") and veteran actor Isaach De Bankolé ("Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai," "White Material") star as newly-wed Nigerian couple Adenike and Ayodele. Following the joyous celebration of their wedding, complications arise out of their inability to conceive a child – a problem that devastates their family and defies cultural expectations. That leads Adenike to make a shocking decision that could either save her family or destroy it. Acclaimed director Andrew Dosunmu and Academy Award-nominated cinematographer Bradford Young capture the nuances of this unique and fascinating culture by creating a beautiful, vibrant and moving portrait of a couple whose joys and struggles are intimate and universal. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Happy Together Tour 2019. Sing along to the soundtrack of the 1960s and '70. The Happy Together Tour returns with six headline artists who delivered the biggest hits of the era – The Turtles, Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night), Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Buckingham, The Classics IV and The Cowsills. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$58 to \$128. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Gladstone Hollow the Farm Play. Two-time Emmy Award Winner Dorothy Lyman will present this powerful play about three generations of women who gather in the Catskills over a long weekend to decide the fate of their family farm. The six-character play is comprised of an ensemble cast that includes Lyman, Eric Bryant, Meredith Handershan, Thea McCartan, Frank Shiner and Jeanne Lauren Smith. It is a funny, heartwarming and at times a gut-wrenching story. Directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater & Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also June 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and June 30 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org. Tickets are also available at the box office.

Friday, June 28

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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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Social Night. Join young adult friends for Select Human Services Friday Night Social. An unstructured social format which includes pizza, dessert and DJ entertainment. In an effort to secure Direct Support Professionals, registration closes the day before each event at noon. Select Human Services, 17-19 Marble Ave., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8 p.m. \$25. Info and registration: Contact Linda Tibaldi at 914-741-6300 ext. 118 or ltibaldi@selecthumanservices.org.

Friday Night Film Series: "The Last Laugh." This road movie stars Oscar winner Ed Harris as a once famous bad-boy photojournalist who asks his son, a busy executive, to join him on a road trip from New York to Kansas to process his last rolls of Kodachrome film before the sole remaining lab closes and those captured moments are gone forever. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Robyn Schall. Schall is returning to headline. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Saturday, June 29

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" six years in a row from 2014 to 2019, with over 50 vendors and eight nearby parking lots. This week, there's creative LEGO fun with Marwan Shouery of I LUG NY from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the music series will feature Cajun, bluegrass and country tunes by The Fiddler and the Crossroads from 10 a.m. to noon and the health and sustainability program features Nutrition Bits and Bites "Focus on Spices" 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. 16. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

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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.

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.

Color Theory Meets Pigment Reality. Painting is all about mixing color, so why not have fun with it? This in-depth workshop takes the mystery out of color mixing. Experience color intuitively, and that's how color mixing and color theory should be experienced as well. Learn how to blend colors and control drying time in a relaxed atmosphere. Make your painting sessions more enjoyable by knowing just how far you can push your paint. All you need to bring are your favorite brushes, paper palettes, an open mind and lunch. Led by Roy Kinzer. For anyone 16 years old and up. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Members: \$86. Non-members: \$95. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

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

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 July 6, 13 and 20 at 11 a.m. and June 30 and July 7, 14, 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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Tech Center Graduates 450 Students in Class of 2019

Future engineers, nurses, fashion designers, chefs, graphic artists, builders, environmental scientists, physicians and physical therapists graduated Tuesday from the Career and Technical Education Center at Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES in Yorktown.

In all, 450 students from 18 local school districts graduated from more than 40 programs of study including Advertising Art & Design, Animation and Motion Graphics, Baking and Pastry Arts, Automotive Repair,

Law Enforcement, Sports Medicine, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Construction Electricity, to name a few.

"We're here to celebrate the accomplishments and outstanding work of the students of the Career and Technical Education Center," said District Superintendent Dr. James Ryan. "I am fully confident that you are well prepared. It has been our distinct pleasure to work with all of you."

Mahopac's Stephanie Felizardo, Tech Valedictorian and a graduate of the Child Development and Education

program, said "Without my experience at the Tech Center, I don't know where I would be. We will be not one, but two steps, ahead of all of our peers in the workforce and college thanks to what we learned here."

Putnam Valley's Joshua Uchetel, Tech Salutatorian and a graduate of the Construction Electricity program, told his fellow graduates "having the right mindset makes all the difference." Uchetel said he was filled with anticipation for the next stage of his life, and urged his peers to "follow your



Mahopac's Stephanie Felizardo delivers the valedictory speech at the Tech Center graduation for the Class of 2019 on June 11.

Registration for Summer Reading at Mt. Pleasant Public Library Underway

Join the big kickoff event at the main library in Pleasantville for the Children's Summer Reading program this Friday, June 28 at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Don't miss this action-packed and educational alien adventure that combines an amazing intergalactic story with science experiments to bring it to life.

Children can register and pick up their reading log, MPPL Flyer, and add their name to the wall of readers. Starting Friday, children can begin logging every 15 minutes they read, earning hours they can use to trade for prizes. Before the end of the program they will turn in their logs and will be entered to win a grand prize.

For students entering grades 5-12 in September, the library has a young adult summer reading program. Participants create an online account, log their minutes read throughout the summer and are entered to win weekly prizes. At the end of the program they are awarded raffle tickets based on the number of minutes they have read and any challenges they have completed. Those tickets are then entered into the grand prize drawings, featuring gift cards, movie tickets and books.

This year the Mount Pleasant Public Library is happy to announce an adult summer reading program. Read books,

write reviews, attend programs and enter to win one of three grand prizes featuring books, movie tickets and gift certificates.

The library thanks this year's sponsors of the summer reading programs: the Valhalla Lions, the Jacob Burns Film Center, The Village Bookstore and the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library.

All reading programs run from June 28 through Aug. 16. Register online at www.mountpleasantlibrary.org, by phone at 914-769-0548 or at the main library located at 350 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville or the branch library at 125 Lozza Drive in Valhalla.

dreams and find your path."

Other students who participated in the ceremony included Troy Bates, a Law Enforcement graduate who led the pledge of allegiance; Matt Holic, who sang the National Anthem; and Jalissa Pugh and Grace Claffey, Cosmetology graduates who read the closing poem.

Finally, Career Academy Principal Stephen Lowery encouraged students "to persevere when life hands them setbacks because that is the only way to succeed."

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Van Gogh's Starry Night Craft. Recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" by gluing shapes onto a piece of construction paper. The shapes will already be cut out for the children. For children four to seven years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

Children's Painting Class. Recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" by gluing shapes onto a piece of construction paper. The shapes will already be cut out for the children. For children six to 12 years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Family Concert: Decoda. A collective of dynamic young classical musicians, Decoda puts on an interactive performance based on the music from a lost ballet about the highs and lows of the circus. Explore thematic elements and listen for Prokofiev's subtle humor and insistent rhythms.

Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 1 p.m. \$8 and \$16. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Summer Reading Kick Off Aliens. Kick off this summer's reading theme, "A Universe of Stories," with "Aliens: Escape from Earth" presented by ScienceTellers. Don't miss this action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects. It's totally out of this world! The show is geared toward children four to 12 years old but is suitable for all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.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. Info: 914-666-8041 or 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 30 and July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11 a.m. and July 6, 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

StoryStage: Pros(e) of Pride. Some of the region's most masterful raconteurs will share true personal tales of struggle, laughter, loss and triumph on their way to celebrating Pride. The evening, which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the launch of the modern LGBT+ rights movement, features an all-star lineup including Moth champions, RISK! regulars and celebrated authors. Stepping up to the mic will be Kevin Allison, host and founder of the RISK! show and podcast, Donna Minkowitz, author of "Growing Up Golem" and winner of a GLAAD Media Award, Calvin S. Cato, named one of the top Queer Comics of Color to Watch by "Time Out New York," and Colin Wilhm, Moth StorySLAM champ and producer

of Catfish and the Peabody- and Emmy Award-winning documentary "The Jinx." Beer, wine and pies will be available for purchase. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. Doors open at 7 p.m. Event at 8 p.m. \$25. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Amanda Anne Platt & The Honeycutters. Lyrically driven, this group blends old-school country roots attitude with their shared influences of rock and folk. Performing along with Platt, The Honeycutters are Matt Smith on pedal steel and Stratocaster, Rick Cooper on bass, Josh Milligan on drums and harmony vocals and Evan Martin on keys and Telecaster. With special guest Monica Rizzio. Common Ground Coffeehouse at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester, 25 Old Jackson Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson. 7:30 p.m. \$20 and \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.commongroundconcerts.com.

BUIKA. Grammy-nominated for Best World Music Album in 2018 and named one of the world's "50 Great Voices" by NPR, Spanish singer BUIKA captivates audiences all over the world, regardless of language. Her genre-transcending music is heavily influenced by flamenco, imbuing

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United Way to Honor LPGA Foundation Board Member in Mt. Kisco

Hilary Tuohy, past president of the National Board of the Executive Women's Golf Association and a top-notch golfer, will be this year's honoree at the United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Day of Golf & Tennis. The event will be held Sept. 26 at the Mount Kisco Country Club.

Tuohy, a Harrison resident and originally from Northern Ireland, led the organization which is now LPGA Amateurs through a transition that reversed declining membership and ultimately led to a merger with the LPGA in April 2018. In her job as a financial adviser for Lumina Financial Consultants, she works to empower women through financial education.

She has an MBA in finance from Queen's University in Belfast and earned her undergraduate degree in financial services from University College Dublin.

Tuohy has dedicated much of her time to causes that promote inclusion and equality, serving on the boards of My Sister's Place as well as the LPGA Foundation.

"Hilary is an amazing person and



Hilary Tuohy will be honored by the United Way of Westchester and Putnam in September at the Mount Kisco Country Club.

a terrific golfer," said Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of the United Way

of Westchester and Putnam. "Not only is she a competent leader dedicated to empowering women, but she is someone who cares about the advancement of others. We are very fortunate that she has agreed to lend her time and talents to the United Way as this year's honoree for our Day of Golf & Tennis."

Raised in the small village of Moy in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, Tuohy said the political strife in her homeland during her childhood helped to shape her outlook on life. She credits her mother, who she refers to as "Mum," with her success, adding that her family mantra was always "I'll try" and never "I can't." Her mother also impressed upon her the value of education and the need to advocate for others.

"I learned that one of the best ways to change mindsets is through education and enabling people to get exposure to different experiences," Tuohy said. "Ideally everyone should have access to the same opportunities in life regardless of their circumstances."

Tuohy said she was recently drawn to

the United Way because of its work to level the playing field.

"I was impressed by the breadth of services which they provide locally in each community where they operate to help address the roots of poverty through early literacy, financial stability and access to community resources through their 2-1-1 helpline," she said.

With a golf handicap of 10, Tuohy is a skilled golfer, who with her husband, Mick, has played on courses around the world. Some of her favorites include Manele Golf Club in Lanai, Hawaii; Tralee in County Kerry, Ireland; and The Ocean Course in Kiawah Island.

The only thing Tuohy loves more than golf is travel, having visited Europe, the Far East, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America. She has also traveled extensively throughout the United States and enjoys planning trips to her homeland for her friends.

For more information on the golf outing, to become a sponsor or sign up for a foursome, visit www.UWWP.org/golf, call 914-997-6700 ext. 753 or e-mail fbutcher@uwwp.org.

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her singing with a raw and powerfully emotive sound. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$78. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or www.caramoor.org.

"The Matrix." In a dystopian world conquered by machines, the human race's reason for existing is to act as bioelectric batteries that power an artificially intelligent system known as The Matrix. Defying the odds, a few humans have gained the ability to unplug from the system. Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne), Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) and the rest of their team are entrenched in the fight when they meet Thomas Anderson (Keanu Reeves), a faceless office worker by day and hacker by night, who just may hold the key to toppling The Matrix once and for all. Part of the Summer Late Night Series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9:15 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Sunday, June 30

"Thoughts for a Lost Friend." A moving drama by playwright Richard Cirulli centered around two aging baby boomers, united after 40 years of denials and fears, who are seeking closure over the loss of a friend in Vietnam. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 p.m. \$20. (Tickets can be purchased at the door.) Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Star-Spangled Mystery. In this presentation, author Marc Ferris relates the fascinating hidden history of our national anthem, punctuated by live musical renditions of the song's original version and other tunes considered for anthem status. Ferris, author of the acclaimed book "Star-Spangled Banner: The Unlikely Story of America's National Anthem," has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, CBS This Morning and many other major media outlets. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration requested; drop-ins welcome. Info and registration: 914-769-0548.

Opening of "The Edge Effect." The Edge Effect describes an ecological phenomenon in the border area between disparate habitats, such as a meadow and a forest, which results in exponentially greater biodiversity. The Katonah Museum of Art recognizes that a museum creates a similar environment where works from artists with diverse backgrounds and locations are brought together to foster dialogue and spark creativity. Just as a border area is teeming with life, an exhibition can be a fertile place of ideas and images. This juried exhibition includes works in all media and subject matter submitted by artists throughout the U.S. and 13 countries. Awards will be granted to the top three submissions. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 2 to 5 p.m. Adults: \$10. Seniors and students: \$5. Children (under 12) and members: Free. Exhibit continues through Sept. 22. Museum hours

are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-232-9555 or www.katonahmuseum.org.

Author Talk. "Escape from Dannemora: Two Escaped Killers, Three Weeks of Terror, and the Largest Manhunt Ever in New York State" by Charles A. Gardner will be discussed. The book focuses on the narrative of a well-publicized prison break in upstate New York in 2015 looking at the culture of a prison town and the people that call it home. It's also a cautionary tale of prisoners waiting for the right moment to make their escape, looking to exploit weaknesses in the system. Followed by a book signing. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Valhalla Summerfest. Explore downtown Valhalla with live music, local food and fun. Presented by the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. Broadway (at the gazebo), Valhalla. 3 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit www.mtpleasantchamberofcommerce.org.

New York Baroque Incorporated. American mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux has a rich history with Caramoor, having first come to the attention of New York audiences and critics with her performance in Rossini's "La Cenerentola" in 1996. Now, for the first time since 2009, she is back in the Venetian Theater with the dynamic, conductor-less period-instrument orchestra, New York Baroque Incorporated. Genaux's incredible command of

coloratura shows off the vocal athleticism and emotional prowess which has made her one of the top operatic singers today. Come for this rare U.S. appearance by the mezzo-soprano in arias by Handel, Vivaldi and Hasse. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. \$15 to \$87. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

"Do the Right Thing." A 30th anniversary screening of Spike Lee's groundbreaking film set during one hot summer day in Brooklyn's Bed-Stuy Do or Die neighborhood. It cemented the Lee's status as a socially engaged, fearless filmmaker. Following the interactions between a group of neighborhood resident, with a staggeringly talented cast, the film tracks the rising tensions along racial fault lines when locals start demanding a black person's photo be added to the (Italians only) Wall of Fame at Sal's Pizzeria, an argument that ultimately explodes violently into the streets. With new 4K digital restoration and a 5.1 surround DTS-HD Master Audio soundtrack. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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instructional models to showcase narrative writing for students at all reading levels to study this writing style.

6. Memoirs of Diversity, Pleasantville Middle School, \$1,500. (Co-funded by the Pleasantville Middle School PTA and the Pleasantville Hiawatha Masonic Lodge.) The grant will purchase books to support the teaching of eighth-grade narrative writing through exposure to different cultures, ethnic backgrounds and religious beliefs found in these novels. The novels are intended to serve as a model for personal storytelling and inspire eighth-graders to think more broadly about the world around them.

7. Ukuleles: Let's Get Jammin', Pleasantville Middle School, \$3,732.17 (in partnership with the Pleasantville Middle School PTA). For 36 ukuleles, 10 guitars, cases and other supplies for use by seventh- and eighth-grade music students. The instruments will enrich and enhance the general music program and foster a love of music and curiosity for making music with the ukulele.

8. Weather Station: Let Data Analytics Tell Our Story, Pleasantville Middle School, \$9,500 (in partnership with the Pleasantville Middle School PTA). To

pay for the installation of a live weather station, which will be used by all students in their study of weather and data science. The weather station will allow students to analyze, visualize and share data across all grades through the study of weather and real-time data collection.

9. 3D Printing in the Digital Age, Pleasantville High School, \$5,952.09 (in partnership with the Pleasantville High School PCO). For two new 3D printers to be used in the new 3D printing class and

in the Makerspace initiative in the school's library. These printers will be used to promote creativity and collaboration.

10. Hydroponic Farming, Pleasantville High School, \$1,164.50 (in partnership with the Pleasantville High School PCO). For supplies to create a hydroponic garden. This gardening system will complement the school's existing garden program and for the exploration of environmentally friendly plant growing techniques.

11. iPads for Athletes, Pleasantville High School, \$3,157.96. To pay for the purchase of two iPads to be used by the athletic department to model correct techniques for students and provide students with feedback. The iPads will also be used for adaptive PE for demonstration purpose for students who are visual learners.

For more information about the Pleasantville Fund for Learning, visit www.pffl.org.

County Reaches Deal With Starbucks to Provide Public With Prices

The Department of Consumer Protection has entered into an agreement with Starbucks over the retailer's failure to provide prices on a number of their drink offerings at Westchester County locations.

County law requires a seller of consumer goods to provide the buyer with the selling price of all consumer goods offered for sale. Consumer Protection inspectors recently visited 19 locations throughout Westchester and found each of them not properly

listing prices.

"We reached out to Starbucks to discuss our item pricing concerns when identified by our inspectors," said Westchester's Consumer Protection Director Jim Maisano. "After positive negotiations, we were pleased that Starbucks worked with us and agreed to ensure that prices for all their products sold at Westchester locations will be properly displayed. We thank Starbucks for their quick action on this very important matter

and appreciate their donation to the Greyston Foundation."

Under the agreement that was reached on June 18, Starbucks has agreed to pay a \$4,500 settlement to the county and make a donation of \$4,500 to the Greyston Foundation, Inc., which will benefit the Greyston Bakery in Yonkers. The bakery has been recognized for its work in rehabilitating former inmates.

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leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or drop in.

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.

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.

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.

ZUMBA Gold. Keep your brain sharp, build stamina, socialize, laugh and have fun. Come for this new two-part series of ZUMBA Gold classes with Amy Olin. Beginners welcome. No dance experience required. For active older adults. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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.org.

Expand Your Universe Art Workshop. Various medium will be used to create projects that will encourage imagination while having fun learning about paint and colors. Different surfaces and experimenting with art tools will be tried to see what the results might be. This week, combing and brushing with paint will be explored. Wear

old clothes or a smock. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday through August there will be a different medium used to create projects. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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

Open Mic Comedy. This is where the comedians come out to work on new jokes, change old jokes or just experiment with words that they just learned. This is not a traditional comedy show. The performers can say and do whatever they want, and we believe in giving the artists a space that they can be bold, creative, daring, insulting and controversial if they choose. No waiter or bar service in the showroom. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: Visit www.lucysloughlounge.com.

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County Announces This Summer's Free Concert Lineup at Playland

Playland Park will be all about fantastic music this summer when classic rock bands, tribute acts and local artists bring their talents to the stage.

"The season's lineup offers music of all varieties," said County Executive George Latimer. "Everyone will enjoy hearing the songs live and onstage, from classic rock and Motown to funk, soul and big band. Arrive early, grab a good spot and get ready for a terrific time."

The lineup for this summer's concerts at Playland is:

- **Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.: Tramps Like Us.** A renowned Bruce Springsteen tribute band, brings The Boss's New Jersey beat to the Long Island Sound.
- **Sunday, June 30, 3 p.m.: School of Rock 2019 Summer Tour.** Features performances from musicians ages 12 to 18 from Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.
- **Sunday, July 14, noon: Latin Palooza.** Highlights Longe, Penelope Robin, Strings 'n' Skins, the Playland DJ and Gennesa & the Selena Experience.
- **Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.: Voyage, A Journey Tribute Band.** This band

has a lead singer who has been called a ringer in looks and sound for Steve Perry.

- **Saturday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.: Brandi & the Alexanders.** A soul, funk and rock group, brings its tunes from its base in Brooklyn.
- **Friday, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Jessie's Girl "Back to the Eighties" Tour.** Get out the leg warmers, fingerless gloves and neon brights. Be there when the band, which bills itself as the "world's greatest '80s tribute band," performs stunning renditions of favorites by Prince, Madonna, Bon Jovi, Michael Jackson and more.
- **Saturday, Aug. 11, 3 and 5:30 p.m.: Dr. K's Motown Revue.** There's sure to be dancing in the aisles to its upbeat, pop-influenced style of rhythm and blues.
- **Friday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m.: Amish Outlaws.** With over 25 years of performing classic rock, the Outlaws' set list includes music from the likes of Johnny Cash, Jay Z, Lady Gaga, Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Pitbull, Elvis Presley, Luke Bryan and Dropkick Murphys.
- **Saturday, August 31, 7 p.m.: Jessica Lynn.** A native New Yorker

treats Playland to her country set list.

Admission to the concert area is covered in the park admission price; no additional concert fee is charged. Parking fees are in effect for all entertainment.

Playland's famous fireworks light up the sky every Friday, from July 12 to Aug. 30 at 9:20 p.m., with special holiday shows on July 4 and 5 at 9:30 p.m. Fireworks can be viewed from inside the park or for free on the boardwalk outside the amusement park complex.

Finally, don your dancing shoes when the Playland Orchestra plays on the boardwalk for free on July 12, 19, and 26 and Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. (Shows will break for fireworks at 9:20 p.m.)

Times for all shows are posted at the park and at PlaylandPark.org. Follow on Facebook (Playland Park Westchester County), Twitter (@Playland_Park) and Instagram (@PlaylandParkOfficialPage). Follow the conversation at #HeyCoaster and use the Snapchat filter while in the park.

Playland Park is on Playland Parkway, Exit 19 off I-95, in Rye.



Yorktown's Jessica Lynn, a budding country music star, will be featured in one of eight concerts that are scheduled for the stage at Rye Playland this summer.

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

The Old College Try. Many high school seniors have graduated this month and will be heading off to an institution of higher education in the fall. To salute those graduates, the quiz this week will test your knowledge of trivia about colleges and universities.

1. **At what university do graduates receive an oak sapling at commencement?**
A) Stanford University B) University of Hartford C) Elon University
2. **What is the nickname for the University of California - Santa Cruz athletic teams?**
A) Fighting Artichokes B) Banana Slugs C) Geoducks
3. **How many schools make up the Ivy League?**
A) 6 B) 7 C) 8
4. **What university, dubbed Catholepistemiad, was established in Detroit in 1817?**
A) University of Michigan B) Michigan State C) Wayne State
5. **The oldest university fire department in the United States is located at what institution?**
A) University of Chicago B) Boston University C) Notre Dame
6. **Which university has the world's largest Amelia Earhart collection?**
A) Kansas State B) Purdue University C) University of Dayton
7. **Founded in 1780, Transylvania University is the oldest university in which state?**
A) Kentucky B) Tennessee C) Indiana
8. **In 1996, which Muppet was the commencement speaker at Southampton College on Long Island?**
A) Kermit the Frog B) Fozzie Bear C) Miss Piggy

ANSWERS:
1. C. The tradition dates back to 1991.
2. B. Mascot, Sammy the Slug is "UCSC's biggest and slickest fan."
3. C. The eight are Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, & Yale.
4. A. Established as Catholepistemiad, or University of Michigan, in 1817, the University moved to Ann Arbor in 1837.
5. C. The fire department, established in 1879, now has 16 full-time firefighters.
6. B. The Purdue Research Foundation purchased the plane for the ill-fated mission around the world.
7. A. Transylvania means "across the woods" in Latin.
8. A. Kermit was awarded an honorary doctorate in Amphibious Letters for contributions to environmental awareness and education.



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Cardinals Defeat the Dodgers to Win KLBS Championship

The Cardinals won the KLBS youth softball championship game on Saturday at Rasor Field in Katonah, defeating the Dodgers in a high-scoring 18-10 affair.

Brooke Buatte helped power the Cardinals big offensive performance, with six RBI and three hits, including a pair of monster doubles.

Cardinals head coach Vic Buatte noted how his players found their way in the playoffs, despite a 4-6 record in the regular season.

"The Cardinals are a talented and resilient group of girls who struggled to put all the pieces together during the regular season but would never give up," Buatte said. "After losing the last five games of the season the girls came together as a team putting up 32 runs

in the last two games against two very talented teams to win the championship."

It was the Dodgers who won first-place in the regular season, with an 8-2 record. In an age division with sixth, seventh and eighth graders, the oldest division in the league, Dodger head coach Steve Grasso mentioned how impressed he was with the performance of his team, made up of 10 sixth graders and just three older players.

"It was an incredible experience to watch the youngest team in the league not only compete but go on to have the best record in the regular season," Grasso said. "We lost in the final game but each and every girl contributed during the season to make it a year they will remember for years to come."

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Samantha Reder of the Dodgers pitches in Saturday afternoon's championship game in Katonah.



Dodger first baseman Maggie Grasso makes a tag in front of the bag during the championship game vs. the Cardinals.



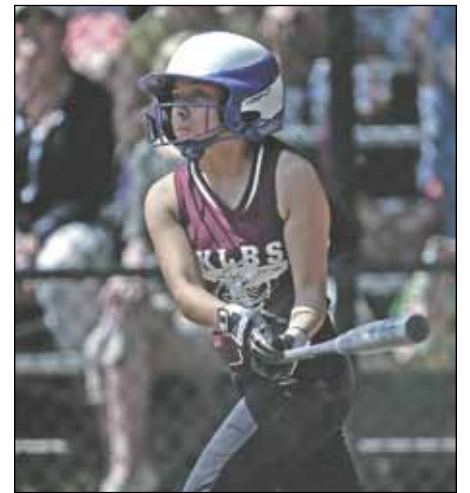
Samantha Donnelly of the Cardinals fires a pitch to the plate during Saturday afternoon's KLBS championship at Rasor Field.



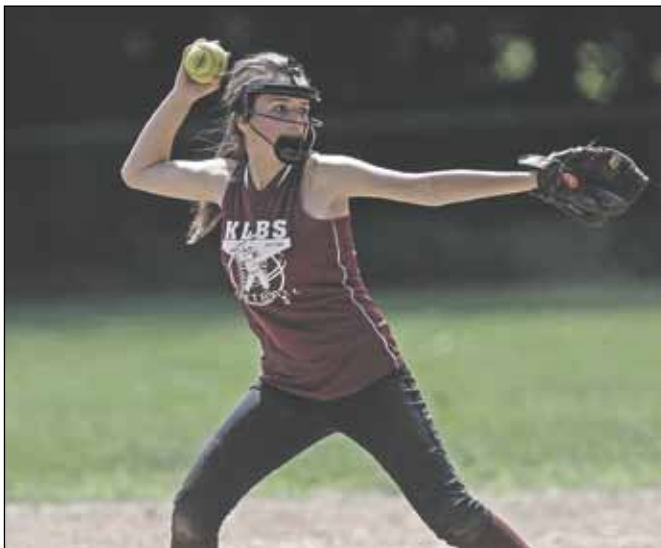
The Dodgers' Maddie Stone scampers back to second base after taking a big lead in Saturday's title game.



The Cardinals' Brooke Buatte, who had three hits and six RBIs, runs to third base in Saturday's title game.



The Cardinals' Caroline Cerna sends a pitch out toward left field in the 18-10 win over the Dodgers.



Cardinal infielder Ioni Slavkin throws to first for an out during Saturday's championship game.



Dodger shortstop Francesca Valente reaches for a soft line drive in the KLBS title game vs. the Dodgers at Razor Field.



Grace Barbera of the Dodgers swings the bat in the KLBS title game.

Angels Win Nail-biter, Edging Out Royals for Crown; Strong Defense on Display

The KLBS Angels squeaked out a narrow championship game victory on Saturday, beating the Royals in a fierce 1-0 battle of second and third grade softball players at Rasor Field in Katonah.

Angels coach John Foote cited the play of Elise Templeton, who made two key outs in the first inning with the bases loaded to prevent the Royals from scoring. It was only fitting that Templeton was the one to close out the game by tagging out the base runner at first, Foote noted.

"The Angels had a great season from start to finish," the coach observed. "The girls were great teammates to one another and really worked hard to improve in all facets of the game throughout the season. During the

regular season, scoring runs was a strength of the team. So to watch them play a clean game defensively to win a close and thrilling championship game was wonderful to see."

Royals coach Michael Hopkins was proud of his players, predicting big things ahead for the budding athletes.

"The championship game was truly a great battle between two teams with smiling faces on a beautiful day for softball," Hopkins said. "A defensive gem by both teams kept the score at 1-0 throughout with unbelievable plays on both sides of the ball. The Royals may have ended their season with a loss, but the future is bright for the young KLBS girls who got better every game this year."



The championship winning Angels display their trophies proudly.

Undefeated Rockies Triumph in Come From Behind Fashion; Champs of 4th and 5th Grade Division

The KLBS Rockies capped off an undefeated regular season with a pair of post-season come from behind victories to secure the division championship.

In the semifinal playoff game the Rockies staged an incredible rally. Down a half dozen runs in the bottom of the final frame, the Rockies plated seven to win 11-10, besting the A's. That win advanced the Rockies to Saturday's championship game at Rasor Field in Katonah versus the Diamondbacks, where the 4th and fifth graders again trailed earlier in the matchup but marshaled another comeback, this time triumphing 8-6 to earn the top prize.

Carys Cooper led the Rockies on the mound and in the batter's box in the decisive game. Her multi-hit

performance at the plate featured three RBIs and she also pitched two innings, surrendering just one run. Cooper then handed the ball off to Evangeline Santos who shut the opposition down in relief.

"Our girls exemplified teamwork, grit, sheer determination and resiliency..." Coach Kirk Santos remarked.

Diamondbacks Coach John Foote, for his part, cited the fight his squad displayed all spring.

"Even though the Diamondbacks came up short in the championship game, the team competed hard all season long," Foote said. "The coaches are proud the team, and each girl contributed to a very successful season."



The playoff journey for the Rockies included a pair of exciting come from behind triumphs.



Mount Kisco's Frank Salvatorelli slides safely into third base during the team's 8-2 win over John Jay last Sunday at Leonard Park.



John Diorio came on in the sixth inning to close out the win.



Starting pitcher Frank Salvatorelli delivers for the Mount Kisco Chiefs.

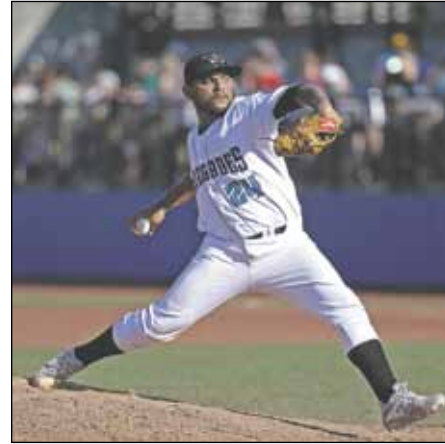


Sam DeMarco laces a hit to left field.

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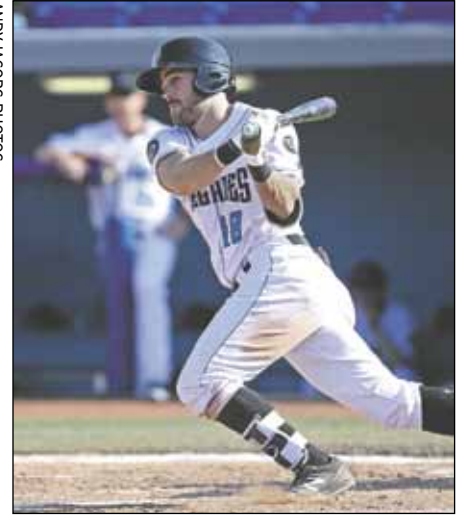


Hudson Valley first baseman Carlos Vargas waits for a pickoff throw that hits Aberdeen base runner Jaylen Ferguson. The ball caromed away and Ferguson wound up on third base.



Renegades starter Edison Gonzalez fires a pitch during Sunday afternoon's 5-1 victory over the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

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Hudson Valley outfielder Hill Alexander had three hits and drove in two runs in Sunday's home win over Aberdeen.



Greg Jones of the Renegades is tagged out by Aberdeen second baseman Jean Carmona on a steal attempt in the first inning on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium.



The Renegades' Pedro Diaz runs toward third base in the second inning of the 5-1 win over Aberdeen.



Renegades shortstop Nick Sogard tracks a pop fly in Sunday's home victory over the Ironbirds.



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Hudson Valley's Greg Jones, the first-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2019 MLB Draft, races down the first-base line in Sunday's game.

Impressive Debut



Pleasantville distance runner Adriana Catalano earned a second-place medal in the Freshman 2-Mile Race at the New Balance National Championships in Greensboro, NC last week. Her time of 10:58.66 established a new school record.

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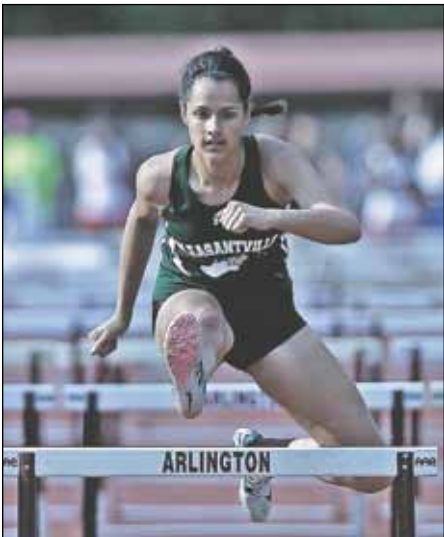
Pleasantville senior Danny Melillo delivers a pitch during a game at Briarcliff High School.



Lauren Drillock prepares to send a shot at the goal in a victory over Eastchester late in the regular season.



The Panthers' Jake Coleman dodges his way to the front of the cage during a home game early in the season.



Isabelle Kapoor competes in the 100 hurdles at the State Qualifier Meet at Arlington High School.



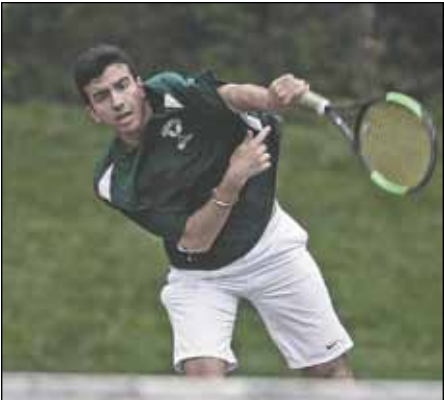
Aidan Lynch runs in the 3200 at the Section One state qualifier a few weeks ago.



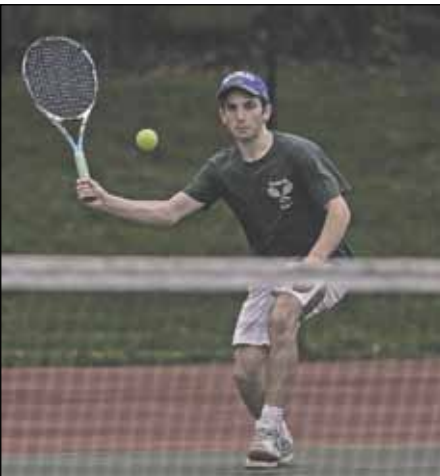
The Panthers' Grace Capko sets her sights on the back of the cage as she races up the field with the ball.



Panther pitcher Ashley Rosen delivers to the plate in a home victory over the Westlake Wildcats.



Panther first-singles player Mark Indriolo serves the ball in a home match against Croton-Harmon.



Senior Dan Wallen moves forward to put away a forehand volley in one of his matches at second singles.



Matt May searches for open teammates as he controls the ball in the Section One, Class D championship game.



Brendan O'Neill runs the bases in a game at Parkway Field late in the season.



First baseman Alexandra Broege awaits a pitch during a midseason home game.



Panther lacrosse All-American Jack Howe gets set to fire a shot at the cage in the sectional final vs. Briarcliff.

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