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Stepinac Alumni Present Scholarship Check at Homecoming Game



The Stepinac class of 1963, which included legendary Stepinac alumnus Bob Hyland (back row right) presented a check for \$63,000, to Stepinac President Father Thomas Collins (right), during halftime of the Crusaders Homecoming Game, on Saturday. The \$63,000 contribution represents a two-year endowment pledge for student scholarships. **For more about the undefeated Crusaders and their Homecoming Game see page 14.**

ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTO

WP Council Considers Multimodal Transcenter, Energy Costs

By Pat Casey

Having received the \$1 million funding for a grant from the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) for preliminary planning, design and engineering related to the White Plains Transportation Center area, the Common Council voted Oct. 5 to enter into a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, the company that will be doing the study.

The goal is to complete the process within one year with a review and proposal for a new multimodal transportation center at the site of the current Metro North train station in White Plains to include redevelopment proposals for other properties in the immediate and adjoining area.

The Battle Hill neighborhood, existing bus station and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) included in the Tappan Zee construction

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Greenburgh Town Board to Consider Butterfly Arbor at Nature Center

At its Wednesday, Oct. 14, meeting the Greenburgh Town Board is expected to approve a new Butterfly Arbor at the Greenburgh Nature Center.

According to Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, private donations, not taxpayer dollars, will be used to pay for this new enhancement at the 33-acre preserve, which includes trails, a pond, gardens and a native plant meadow, and currently serves about 80,000 visitors annually. A unique playground was built at the center a few years ago. The town owns the land that the nature center occupies.

The construction of the proposed butterfly arbor, to be situated in the native plant meadow, will include a

natural red cedar frame, designed to suspend butterfly netting when the exhibit is open.

Visitors will be able to view and observe native butterfly species during the summer months. At other times of the year, with the butterfly netting removed, the permanent structure will serve as a focal point for the meadow and an open arbor where visitors can pause to take in the beauty of the nature center.

The size of the arbor would be approximately 36-ft in length, using tree trunk posts of cedar, 12 inches in diameter and 16-ft long.

The arbor is expected to be ready in 2016.

Sleepy Hollow Students Mourn 17-year-old Stabbing Victim

By Pat Casey

Students at Sleepy Hollow High School and members of the community continue to mourn Tahj Robinson, nicknamed Telly, the 17-year-old fatally stabbed Friday night at Barnhardt Park, which has become a popular after-hours Sleepy Hollow teen hang out.

Grief counselors have been on hand over the long holiday weekend and are expected to continue at Sleepy Hollow High School into the week.

The school's Homecoming game, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, was postponed due to the tragedy.

Friends, relatives and others shocked



A photograph of Tahj "Telly" Robinson at the memorial in Barnhardt Park, bears written condolences from former friends.

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plans are all to be considered in the multimodal plan.

Commenting on the funds provided, Councilwoman Milagros Lecuona noted that since New York State has determined that White Plains will be a major part of the BRT plan, additional funds should be provided and included with this study specifically for that purpose.

Mayor Tom Roach said that the property on the city side of the train station was all owned by White Plains and that property on the other side of the tracks was owned by the County and MTA. There are also several smaller sites owned privately.

"We want to develop something more

than just a new train station," Roach said. "We want to create a place that people will come to with open space and retail and other attractions." By entering into discussion with the various property owners an exciting project could be developed.

Roach also noted that entering White Plains via the train was not very exciting because the livelier parts of the city were not in view. The goal is to link parkland as well as to make access to the center of White Plains more enticing.

Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program

Also on the Council's agenda was unanimous acceptance of a Community

Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program through Sustainable Westchester, Inc. that would allow White Plains residents to opt into an energy savings program through the city.

A representative of the program explained that energy billing consists of two parts: the transmission and distribution of gas and electricity and the actual cost of the energy supplied.

In Westchester, Con Edison is both the supplier and distributor of energy. Up to the Oct. 5 vote by the Council, New York State had determined that consumers who did not opt for an alternative energy supplier would default to Con Edison.

With White Plains joining the aggregation program, the default choice is made by the city and will result in a three-year contract with the suppliers chosen by Sustainable Westchester.

A "Brown" energy choice comprised of existing energy supplies and a 100 percent renewable choice will be made available to residents, who can opt to remain with Con Edison if they want.

Letters will be sent to residents and property owners explaining the program in detail with a 20-day deadline for residents to determine what they want to do. If they do nothing, then White Plains makes the default decision.

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by the unnecessary violence that caused the death of a well-liked member of the community gathered at the park over the weekend, leaving flowers and candles and playing the victim's music. "Telly" was a writer and composer of rap music. An impromptu memorial was held with the victim's mother at the location on Saturday evening.

The suspect in the stabbing, Berinzon Moronta, 16, of Tarrytown, was arrested on Saturday morning in Yonkers and charged with second-degree murder. He is being held without bail by Sleepy Hollow Police.

Robinson, a former student at Sleepy Hollow High School, had recently moved to New Jersey. He reportedly was friends with his attacker in the past and the undisclosed argument (possibly over a female) that erupted between the two teens ended with Moronta stabbing Robinson several times. He died at Westchester County Medical Center.

While former friends of the victim continued to gather at the park, residents in the area reported that they had asked police several times in the recent past to clear the park out after dark.



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White Plains Candidates Address Issues at Woman's Club Community Forum

By Collen Fay

On October 7, candidates for the upcoming White Plains Common Council election, Democrat incumbents Nadine Hunt-Robinson, Dennis Krolan and Milagros Lecuona and challenger Republican AnneMarie Encarnacao, as well as Democratic candidate for County Legislative District 5, Ben Boykin, met at the Woman's Club of White Plains for a question and answer session.

Questions were submitted by Woman's Club moderators as well as by attendees. At the end of the meeting, questions were taken from the floor directly. An audience of 65 residents attended the event including White Plains Councilman John Kirkpatrick.

The incumbents were asked what they felt were their biggest accomplishments in the past year.

Councilmembers Hunt-Robinson and Krolan felt that finally voting on the French American School of New York Special Permit and ultimately turning it down was their biggest action.

Councilwoman Lecuona and Legislator Boykin felt passing their respective government budgets had been their biggest accomplishment.

Boykin cautioned that the county budget would be a big issue in the coming year. Because extensive budget cuts are



The candidates from left to right: AnneMarie Encarnacao, Dennis Krolan, Milagros Lecuona, Ben Boykin, Nadine Hunt-Robinson.

threatened, it will be a challenge to save money while preserving services, he said.

The question of transparency in government and requests for information from officials was raised several times. The candidates all stated that if asked they

would be more than happy to turn over whatever information they could, but pointed out that even they were not able to access everything.

Encarnacao stressed the importance of making White Plains attractive to

residential buyers and businesses. She pointed out that the homeless on the streets, the aggressive parking policy of the city, safety concerns, and the many empty storefronts in downtown White Plains made the city less desirable. She reminded members of the council that the needs of the residential community should be addressed, not just the needs of corporations.

All the candidates agreed there should be an analysis and update of White Plains' Comprehensive Plan to make the city a more desirable place to live and work going forward.

The issue of homelessness was of great concern to many residents at the forum. Audience members said that people from homeless shelters are bussed into White Plains (as well as Yonkers and New Rochelle) during the day. And that even though there are several homeless shelters in White Plains, including the recently re-opened Open Arms men's shelter on the Post Road, that shelter only accepts people with no medical problems and they can only stay for 45 days.

One member of the audience said that budget cuts in past years have reduced available services for the homeless and so there are fewer options available to them.

Parking and traffic control are also major issues for residents.

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Open Arms Men's Shelter Reopens with Expanded Facilities

By Arthur Cusano

The Open Arms men's shelter reopened Thursday after a \$6.4 million renovation that will allow it to help more Westchester men in need.

The facility, located at 86 East Post Road in White Plains, has provided shelter for homeless single men since 1989. It is run by Lifting Up Westchester, a non-profit organization founded by Grace Church of White Plains. The shelter, like its sister facility, Samaritan House Women's Shelter, are run through a contract with the Westchester County Department of Social Services.

Open Arms will now be able to service 38 men in temporary housing, in addition to the emergency overnight shelter located on the lower level.

The shelter has helped thousands of county men get back on their feet, such as Ricardo Sandoval, a former alcoholic and drug abuser who came to the Open Arms shelter in 1992.

"I got involved in a program of recovery because there were pieces of myself I couldn't stand anymore," Sandoval told a crowded room of people on hand for Thursday's ribbon cutting. "They say that when the pain gets too great, you'll change - and that's what happened to me."

Sandoval said he eventually got his life together with the shelter's help, and got a job through the Local 53



White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and County Executive Rob Astorino listen to testimonials during the Open Arms Men's Shelter ribbon cutting ceremony last week.

Carpenter's Union.

"I have a pension today," Sandoval said. "It's unbelievable that a person with my background could stand here with a pension."

Lifting Up Westchester Executive Director Paul Anderson-Winchell said people who have been in an institutionalized setting, such as prison or a rehabilitation facility, often lack basic life skills such as cooking, cleaning and budgeting. The Open Arms facility

has single rooms to help them learn self-reliance, he said.

"They'll have the opportunity to move from congregate care dorms to single rooms so they can practice living on their own, and gain some of those experiences," he said. "It's also why we plan to start a wide array of life skills training programs now that we finally have the space to do it."

Anderson-Winchell said the city and Mayor Thomas Roach had been a vital

partner with the facility through the renovation process, while keeping the services open to those who needed them. He also credited the White Plains Police outreach team for getting people in need of help off the streets.

Operations manager Ada Raiford has been with Grace Church and Lifting Up Westchester for 38 years, when services were provided out of a little bookstore on Main Street by four volunteers. She said the new facilities were a giant leap from those humble beginnings.

"In the back of that store there was a big room, and 19 guys slept downstairs on cots," Raiford said. "We had a small kitchen to make food and a microwave. Now we feel like Moses, like we made it to the Promised Land. He couldn't make it, but we did."

Lifting Up Westchester purchased the building from the insurance company that leased them the space last year using a \$5.7 million state grant from the Office of Disabilities and Temporary Assistance to purchase the facility. The Leviticus Fund provided a \$133,000 loan, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York's Affordable Housing Program provided a grant of \$507,000. Shelter residents were housed at other locations in the city while the construction took place.

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Gordon Parks Foundation Features Renowned Life Magazine Photographer

By Arthur Cusano

The Gordon Parks Foundation in Pleasantville is featuring a new exhibition, "A Harlem Family 1967," by the late Westchester resident and acclaimed Life magazine photographer.

Parks, who died in 2006, was best known for his photographic essays for Life magazine. He was also a musician and writer and directed the 1971 film classic "Shaft" and several other major motion pictures for television and the big screen. Parks lived in Greenburgh from the 1940s through most of the 1970s.



Ellen Crying, Harlem, New York, 1967

The exhibition, last displayed in 2012 in Harlem, will be the foundation's second show in its exhibition space at 48 Wheeler Ave., which opened earlier this year. The



The Fontenelles at the Poverty Board, Harlem, New York, 1967

GORDON PARKS PHOTOS

exhibit's photographs were taken by Parks in 1967 while on assignment for Life and depict the daily life of the Fontenelles, a 10-member family living in a Harlem tenement.

"This story came as a response to the race riots that were erupting throughout the country in 1967; there were over 100 of them," explained foundation archive assistant Brigid Slattery. "This particular story came at the end of (them) and Life

wanted a response from the magazine to readers explaining why these riots were happening. Gordon Parks, the first and only staff photographer for Life that was black, answered, 'Racism and poverty.'"

"Gordon immersed himself in their lives for a period of time," said foundation archivist Amanda Smith. "He would go to their home and document how they were living at home and follow them in their daily lives as they walked around Harlem

or went shopping."

The pictures, along with an essay authored by Parks, were featured in a special section of the March 8, 1968 issue of Life that focused on race and poverty entitled "The Cycle of Despair: The Negro and the City." One well-known photo shows the mother, Bessie, appearing before a city poverty board.

"Gordon had a way with his subjects where he would make them feel really comfortable with his presence and he developed a relationship with the family after the story was published and throughout his life," Smith said. "When the story was published, there was such support from Life's readers that they provided money for the family to move into a new house."

The exhibition, which also consists of a screening of Parks' documentary film "Diary of a Harlem Family," will be on view throughout the fall.

The foundation was created and run by the Kunhardt family of Chappaqua. It has partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to present an online exhibition of "A Harlem Family 1967." The book, "Gordon Parks: A Harlem Family 1967," was published in 2012 and is available online through the foundation's website at www.gordonparksfoundation.org as well as at the exhibition space.

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Identity Theft. On October 9, the complainant went to police headquarters to report a past fraud. He said he had received two letters from a company called United Merchant Services informing him that his account was past due in the amount of \$539.18. The complainant reported that he never opened an account with this company and did not owe them money. When the complainant telephoned United Merchant Services, he was told that they that they had an application from him on file for credit card processing. United Merchant Services sent the complainant a copy of the

application. The complainant's personal information was on the application and an old bank account number was listed. The complainant also saw a signature on the application, and recognized the handwriting belonged to a person he had done business with in the past. The complainant believes that person now works for United Merchant Services and fraudulently used his identity to open up an account.

Petit Larceny. On October 8 police officers responded to the area of Stop and Shop at 610 White Plains Rd. for a report of a larceny. Communications advised

that a male was fleeing on foot through the parking lot with store management following him. Upon arrival the officers observed an employee from Stop & Shop standing on White Plains Rd. He stated the male was last seen walking on Benedict Avenue towards Tarrytown. Officers then canvassed the area. They observed a black male walking on Benedict Avenue and were advised that he was the male that had stolen the groceries. The male was stopped, identified, placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. The stolen property was returned to the store and photos were taken. The suspect was booked.

replied: "Yeah are you okay?" She then walked away and got into her own vehicle described as white Suburban with NY license plates She began to drive away, heading out of the parking lot and towards White Plains Road and then made a U-turn and headed back towards the parking lot where the complainant was still sitting in her car. The unknown female passed by the complainant again at which time no pictures were taken but the complainant did ask what she was doing. The unknown female replied with a mumble. Vehicle of unknown female is not registered to the party involved.

Suspicious Incident. On October 5 officers took a walk in report concerning a suspicious incident. The complainant reported that she was sitting in her car when an unknown female described in her early 20's, blonde hair, wearing sunglasses, began taking pictures of the complainant and the inside of her vehicle. The complainant asked the female if she was "okay" and the unknown female

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Citizens expressed concern about the aggressive parking tickets being issued, not only for overtime notices but for parking over the line or parking too far from the curb. Exorbitant fines accompany these tickets and it was felt the program was discouraging people from shopping downtown.

Encarnacao suggested a residential parking pass for all White Plains residents that would allow them to park downtown for a specified period of time. Hunt-Robinson reminded everyone that the city does have a permit, which allows parking in certain garages during specified hours in the evening and on weekends.

A question was asked regarding the impending installation of red light cameras at various intersections. Krolan explained that the intent of the cameras was safety, not revenues. Encarnacao said that if you aren't running a red light, you have nothing to be worried about.

The council members present said there would be adequate investigation into appropriate locations for the cameras.

Some attendees questioned why traffic lights on certain streets in White Plains are not synchronized. Hunt-Robinson explained that while synchronization

cuts down on exhaust fumes, it might encourage speeding.

Questions were also asked regarding the allocation of more open space and plans for a Veterans Park.

Lecuona mentioned her experience in urban planning and said she had drawn up a plan for a Veterans Park on Tarrytown Road on a tract of land designated for that purpose 17 years ago. Krolan pointed out that the new transportation hub being developed in White Plains would likely include this area and so plans for the park would need to be incorporated into that.

A question was asked regarding the new mechanized garbage/recycling trucks. It was noted that it is difficult for many disabled and elderly people to put the new containers to the curb. Council members said this issue is being looked into but in the interim suggested getting help from a neighbor or family member and referred the individuals to Aging in Place for help.

The election will be held November 3. The three Democrat incumbents from the Common Council and Republican candidate are competing for three seats. Boykin is running unopposed for the County District 5 seat.

Open Arms Men's Shelter Reopens with Expanded Facilities

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The facility has been expanded from 12,000 to 16,000 square-feet, and now has a separate dining room, an industrial kitchen and an elevator to make it fully handicapped accessible. The second floor has 10 single occupancy rooms, and an eight-bed dorm space. On the new third floor, which had been used by the insurance company prior to the purchase, there are four-bed and two-bed rooms. Other improvements include a new common area and new bathroom/shower facilities.

Grace Church Senior Warden Walter Simon is a Lifting Up Westchester board member and like Raiford, has been with the Lifting up Westchester from the beginning. He said what started out as an activity for the Grace Church congregation is now a \$10.2 million non-profit corporation that runs two homeless shelters, support programs for seniors, children, and the developmentally disabled, a summer camp, and permanent housing programs.

"As we grew, we realized the church couldn't afford to fund the whole program, but by creating a 501(c) (3) (non-profit) corporation, we could get private funds, corporate donations and government funds," Simon explained. "We changed the name because it's not a church organization anymore, it's not a community center, and we service all of Westchester."

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said places like Open Arms are necessary in a

place like Westchester County, where the cost of living is among the highest in the nation.

"We live in a county where you don't have to stumble too hard to find yourself without a place to live if you don't have a family safety net," Roach said. "We're talking about places where a studio apartment costs \$2,500 a month, and that's not something that can happen for someone living paycheck to paycheck and suddenly the job isn't there or something happens to their health."

County Executive Robert Astorino also attended Thursday's event, and announced the day to be the first ever Westchester County Homeless Awareness Day. He said the county was aggressively attacking homelessness. He said the homeless student population was down 38 percent, and that in the past two years 329 previously homeless veterans had been placed in permanent housing.

"We now have a functional zero homeless population of veterans in Westchester," Astorino said.

Astorino said that as nice as the renovated facility is, the county didn't want people there any longer than they needed to be.

"This is temporary shelter," he said. "We want them here for a very short period of time and to get them into permanent housing and back on their feet and into a healthy, productive life. But as long as they are here, they're going to be treated great."

Oncology Massage Therapy and Cancer Care Support, Mt. Kisco

By Colette Connolly

There's something profoundly comforting about Susan Balamaci's new practice in Mount Kisco.

Oncology Massage Therapy and Cancer Care offers the kind of serene, cozy environment that is a godsend to cancer patients who are looking to restore their bodies from weeks, months or sometimes years of treatment.

A board certified medical-surgical registered nurse and a licensed massage therapist with advanced training in oncology massage therapy (OMT), Balamaci's gentle demeanor is perfectly suited to this work, a labor of love for this Cross River resident.

Balamaci pursued general massage therapy to help family members deal

gentle touch, reflexology and other therapeutic body treatments for cancer patients that were provided through a grant.

Balamaci wanted to offer massage therapy in greater depth, specifically tailored to oncology patients, and it was then that she began to think about opening a private practice but without the clinical feel cancer patients are all too familiar with.

Since opening in August, Balamaci's space could pass for anyone's home – reclining chairs, soft and attractive lighting and beautiful art work. There's even a wig stand in her treatment room. Patients can

client's unique circumstances and medical history.

Modifications such as reducing pressure, positioning for comfort, slowing pace and adjusting rhythm, among other strategies, are crucial to ensuring that patients receive the best experience possible, Balamaci said. Having patients lie on their sides supported by pillows and towels is often the best position for the therapy.

"Knowing how to modify and how to adapt is key to doing this work, and that's where medical knowledge comes into play," said Balamaci, who is licensed in New York and Connecticut and nationally certified by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

She said research on this relatively new holistic form of therapy shows it can make a difference in the lives of cancer patients. A recent study conducted by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center involving about 1,300 patients over a three-year period showed that 52.2 percent had reduced anxiety; 40 percent had less pain; 40.7 percent reported less fatigue; 30.6 percent experienced reduced depression; and 21.2 percent had less nausea.

Leading cancer care hospitals that promote OMT include the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, the

Mayo Clinic, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and John Hopkins University.

In addition to massage, Balamaci also teaches guided breathing and mindful meditation instruction based on the teachings of Herbert Benson, a pioneer in mind/body medicine.

"I want my patients to leave here with ways to stay relaxed and to be able to manage their own emotions, a toolbox if you will, for managing stress and the swirling emotions of this journey," said Balamaci, who graduated from the CT Center for Massage Therapy in 2004.

"When I have a patient who slept through the night for the first time in weeks or a patient who no longer wakes up with nightmares, then I know that I've done something positive, as small as it may seem."

Balamaci has begun a "Pay It Forward" fund to help those who cannot afford the cost of her therapy by inviting community members (who do not have cancer) to receive massage, donating 50 percent of their fee to the fund, to make the therapy as accessible as possible.

Such treatment is not typically covered by insurance and patients pay privately for her services.

The practice is located at 131 E. Main St., Suite 212, in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-589-3226 or visit sbalamacioncologymassage.com.



Susan Balamaci offers comfort to cancer patients at her massage therapy practice in Mt. Kisco.

more effectively with illness. She was later inspired to transition to nursing.

"My vision initially was to become a holistic nurse," she said.

A career at Northern Westchester Hospital helped fulfill that dream and Balamaci found herself working for the hospital's Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center as an integrative medicine nurse.

While working full-time at the hospital, Balamaci realized the benefits of Reiki,

have a cup of tea after their treatment and read the inspirational books on a nearby shelf.

Balamaci, who has completed advanced training in OMT and is a Preferred Provider of the Society for Oncology Massage (S4OM.org), said this type of massage supports the body rather than challenging it. The process is an adaptation of classic Swedish massage techniques and acupressure that are tailored to each

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A Thank you Letter from The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley would like to thank the over 1,300 participants who gathered on Sunday, Oct. 4 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in White Plains. The goal of the Walk was to raise awareness and funds to help combat Alzheimer's, a disease that will claim the memories and lives of over five million Americans this year. A record-breaking \$350,000 has already been raised and as donations continue to be accepted through the month of November, that amount is expected to grow even larger. Our thanks to Congresswoman Nita Lowey, a longtime advocate for Alzheimer's support, New York State Assemblyman, David Buchwald, Thomas Roach, Mayor of White Plains, and

Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Board Chairman, Neil Klar for their contributions to the opening ceremony. Thank you to D.J. Gatsby whose music provided a spirited backdrop for the day's purpose and festivities. Enormous thanks to Walk Director Terry Kean who worked tirelessly to create an event that she lauded as "shattering previous fundraising totals." The team from Byram Hills High School topped the donations chart with a staggering total of \$32,500. Thanks as well to their cheerleading squad for greeting participants so rousingly as they crossed the Walk's finish line. Other top fundraising teams for the Walk were GRF-NY, Team SQUAD, The "A" Team, The High Rollers and Dottie's Girls. We also

thank the remarkable volunteers who so generously gave of their time and helped the day run smoothly and joyfully. The White Plains event was the third of five Hudson Valley Walks to End Alzheimer's with another taking place in Pomona on October 11th and the last on October 18th in Carmel. We hope that the success of the White Plains Walk is an indication of what lies ahead. Our thanks again to everyone. For information about our upcoming Walks, to contribute or simply learn more about Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association please visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

**-Michele Muir, Vice President,
Marketing & Development, Alzheimer's
Association, Hudson Valley Chapter**

Free Flu Shots Offered to Westchester Residents

The Westchester County Health Department will give free flu shots to residents by appointment at vaccine clinics in White Plains and Yonkers this month and next month. Choose among these three locations and schedule a visit:

Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the County Center in White Plains: Go to <http://health.ny.gov/Go2Clinic> and click on Westchester or call 995-7425.

1st and 3rd Fridays at the health department clinic in White Plains, 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m., call 995-5800.

2nd and 4th Fridays at the health department clinic in Yonkers: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., call 231-2500.

Flu shots are recommended for everyone over six months of age, with rare exceptions. People most at risk for complications from the flu include pregnant women, adults age 65 and older, children under the age of five, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities and anyone who has certain

underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

To avoid spreading the flu, cough or sneeze into your elbow and wash your hands with soap and water frequently. If you do get a respiratory infection, stay home until 24 hours after your fever subsides to avoid spreading your germs. Clean surfaces you touch often, such as doorknobs, water faucets, refrigerator handles and telephones. Get plenty of rest, exercise and eat healthy food.

Obituaries

Anthony Fedele

Anthony F. Fedele, a West Harrison resident, died October 11 at the age of 88. He was born in New Rochelle to the late John and Julia Fedele.

Anthony served in the Army Air Corp from 1945-1947. In 1953 he married Louise Eye.

Anthony worked in the Highway Dept. for the Village of Ardsley for over 20 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Ardsley American Legion. He also was a craftsman, avid photographer and excellent cook.

Besides his wife Louise of W. Harrison, he is survived by his children; Toni Fedele of Scarsdale and Julie (Ralph) Forgione of W. Harrison. Also surviving are his grandchildren; Jessica, Lindsey, Dale, Shayna and Alexa and his three great grandchildren. Anthony is predeceased by his children James Fedele and Lillian Williams and his sisters, Rose Carlini and Ann Fedele.

Visitation is Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home Inc., 491 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

Service, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 85 Harrison Street, West Harrison.

Eleanor Coldrick

Eleanor "Nancy" Coldrick, 73, died on October 9 after a prolonged illness. She was born October 1, 1942 in Bridgeport, CT, and grew up in White Plains. It was there that she met her husband, Daniel

Coldrick, who she married on May 30, 1964. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Breslin. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children and their spouses, Patricia and Daniel Desmarais of Sudbury, MA, Karen and Michael Volo of Sudbury, MA and Heather and Daniel Coldrick of Wappingers Falls, and her eight grandchildren Natalie, Daniel, Abby, Charlie, Sean, Jack, Emily and Connor. She also leaves her siblings and in-laws, as well as many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. with Fr. Thomas Collins officiating at the Chapel of the Divine Compassion, 52 North Broadway, White Plains.

Anthony Ciaramella

Anthony Ciaramella, a White Plains resident, died peacefully at his home with his wife at his side on October 6. He was 98 years old.

Anthony was born November 7, 1916 in Philadelphia to Nicholas and Annunziata Ciaramella.

Anthony served in the Army Air Force during WWII and worked as a barber for many years.

On October 23, 1966 he married his wife Ann Mondello. Anthony is survived by his wife Ann of White Plains, his brother Silvio and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers Jack and Arduino Ciaramella and his sister Rosa Porrino.

Evelyn Dearman

Evelyn M. Dearman peacefully passed away October 6. Born in Brooklyn on January 19, 1926 to parents August and Frida Graf, who predeceased her. Evelyn was raised in Elmsford and graduated for Alexander Hamilton High School in 1944, soon after she married her late husband George (Cully) Dearman and moved to Valhalla, where she raised her family and then relocated to White Plains. Evelyn spent 56 years of her life working as a secretary/bookkeeper for Henry F. Rabb Plumbing and Heating in White Plains and continued on after the company was sold. She is survived by her daughters, Lorraine (Robert) McKeever and Joan (Jesse) Palinkas as well as grandsons Christopher McKeever and Aaron Palinkas. Evelyn will be deeply missed.

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Report: Real Estate Market Robust in Westchester, Putnam

During the last quarter of the year, any prospective homebuyer can tell you that it hasn't been a sure thing that you can get the house you've set your cap on.

In today's market, if a house is priced right and is in good condition, it doesn't last long on the market. Further, we've seen the return of multiple offers and bidding wars as buyers have returned to the game and inventory has remained tight.

According to a report released last Thursday by the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR), which reports on real estate sales in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange counties, home sale volume in this region continued to be rigorous. There were moderate price changes through the third quarter, representing an increase of 15.2 percent in home sales over last year's third quarter results.

Specifically in Westchester, the sales of single-family homes increased during this period from 1,935 units to 2,065, or 6.7 percent. Sales of condos jumped significantly from 330 units to 403, a 22.1 percent increase, while co-ops jumped 13.5 percent, from 481 to 546 units.

In Putnam, sales were more dramatic with single-family homes increasing 18 percent (233 to 275) and condos increasing 51.9 percent (27 to 41).

The rapid pace of sales all year long and into the third quarter put some downward pressure on the supply of available properties posted with the Multiple

Listing Service (MLS). Westchester experienced a 4.3 percent decrease in inventory while Putnam declined 2.1 percent.

Leah Caro, president of the Hudson Gateway Multiple Listing Service and Bronxville Real Estate, commented on the last quarter as "holding steady with the modest increase in sales in Westchester and with prices not becoming too overbearing for purchasers to stay in the marketplace."

Of particular interest to Caro was the significant increase in condominium sales.

"Condos and particularly co-ops took the hardest hit during the recession, in the double digits," she said, "and the fact that they've rebounded now is indicative that there are first-time purchasers moving out of rentals and jumping into ownership. At the same time, those condo sellers can be buying into a single-family home."

"When we see that all segments of the marketplace (are) showing an improvement, it means health in the real estate market," she continued. "When one segment over-performs or underperforms another, it shows that something is out of balance."



By Bill Primavera

"As in the last quarter, I talked about the 'tale of two inventories.' Homes that were priced well got multiple offers and sold well, while homes that were overly ambitious in their pricing did not sell and are coming off the market. Maybe those owners had the luxury of time to have the market catch up to the price they're seeking. Because of that, we are seeing inventory levels that are pretty stable. I think the number of sales looks good."

Although the region's inventory has been trending downward as a result of strong market activity, it has not shrunk so much or so rapidly as to put a crimp in the continuing market improvement, according to the HGAR report.

Further, there doesn't appear to be so much of a decrease as to generate significant upward pressures on prices. In fact, there were price decreases in some market sectors.

In Westchester, for instance, the third quarter median sale price of a single-family house was \$676,500, representing a price decrease of \$6,000, or nearly 1 percent, from last year. In contrast, Putnam's \$335,000 median price rose \$15,000, a 4.7 percent increase.

The closed real estate sales reported here largely reflect successful marketing and showing activity that took place during the spring and early summer months of 2015. At that time there were

favorable conditions for a healthy market, including stable mortgage interest rates in a tight range around an average 4 percent for a 30-year conventional loan. Rates were even lower from other mortgage products.

Also in that period, acting as a confidence-building factor for prospective homebuyers, unemployment rates were decreasing and new jobs were generally increasing. HGAR's overall assessment of the report was that "our local regional real estate market has had a good run and remains poised for more as conditions permit."

Caro projects that there may be sustained momentum through the fourth quarter and advises sellers that anyone coming out to view homes between Thanksgiving and New Year's "are not folks who have nothing to do. I would advise sellers to keep their homes on the market during the fourth quarter," she said, "because they'll be inconvenienced less in that there are fewer buyers out there, but those folks who come out tend to be real buyers rather than lookers."

Bill Primavera is a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc., the longest running public relations agency in Westchester (www.PrimaveraPR.com). His real estate site is www.PrimaveraRealEstate.com, and his blog is www.TheHomeGuru.com. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

The 2015 Wine Harvest: Early Reports From Around the World



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week's column focused on the threat of climate change on wine harvests. Regardless of which side of the argument one espouses – the reality vs. the perception of global warming – it is clear that recent harvests have been impacted by warming weather patterns in most of the grape-growing regions.

Over the past decade, growing seasons have generally lengthened, providing longer hang-times for grapes once they reach maturity. The end result is bountiful harvests and riper fruit.

My empirical mind has attempted to deal with the effects of recent weather patterns. My aesthetic mind has dealt with the comparative quality of recent wine vintages. My conclusions? Let's peek into the 2015 harvest across the major wine regions of the world to assess the impact of weather on this vintage. There is talk that 2015 will be a classic wine year.

In the United States, the focus at harvest-time is invariably California. Accounting for over 90 percent of domestic production, it is understandable that, as the California season goes, so goes

the entire domestic wine industry.

In spite of a warm season, the yields in California's vineyards have decreased from previous years. That other factor in climate change, available water for irrigation of crops, has loomed large. However, this appears to be a boon for this year's vintage. Yields are estimated to be a whopping 30 percent lower than in each of the last three years. As water became scarcer during the growing season, grapevines struggled to produce fruit. Counterintuitively, the resulting smaller crop is more concentrated in flavor and taste. Why? The energy of each grapevine has been focused on the small crop this year, which is expected to result in a stellar vintage.

As for the other 10 percent of wine produced in the United States, harvests in two of the larger wine producing regions, Washington and Oregon, look promising.

In Washington, yields and quality of its signature grape, Cabernet Sauvignon, are at historic peaks. A warm late summer allowed grapes to be harvested a full month earlier in some cases, escaping the annual threat of overnight frosts at

harvest time that can wreak havoc on grape yields.

In Oregon, 58 percent of vineyard plantings are Pinot Noir, a notoriously fickle and weather-sensitive grape. The hottest year on record in 2015 resulted in earlier-ripening grapes, with high yields and historically high concentrations of fruit and tannin. If you're a Pinot Noir fan, get ready to enjoy world-class wine from this vintage.

Closer to home, a warm, sunny summer with very few rainy days has made for pleasant vacationing on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley – and the potential for one of the best harvests in recent history.

In Europe, the 2015 vintage has the potential to be one of the best vintages of the past 50 years, perhaps matching the much-heralded 1990 and 1982 vintages.

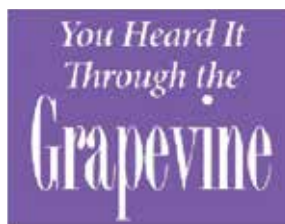
After a disastrous 2014, Italian winemakers are reveling in high yields and excellent quality due to a warm summer and ideal levels of rainfall. Prosecco sales are at all-time highs in the United States, severely straining available supplies and causing winemakers to tap the mandatory "Harvest Reserves"

from prior years.

France is experiencing mixed results. Mother Nature has wielded a double-edged sword. The weather has been generally favorable, but the Burgundy and Champagne regions have been punished with summer hailstorms at the peak growing periods, destroying significant portions of maturing crops.

Bountiful yields and high quality are the hallmarks for many wine regions in 2015. Is this the result of several favorable years of excellent weather or the portent of wines exceedingly high in fruit, but unimpressive complexity and structure? Stay tuned as we build a trend line over a 20-year continuum.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.





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Tuesday, Oct. 13

Tuesdays at Dorry's gathers "conversation partners" weekly for informal table talk. This week Mitch Polay will talk about what he learned in China about brutality on the Asian front during World War II. There is no charge. Just come and order your food from Sylvia and enjoy the discussion and the company. Please join us. No reservations are needed. 6 to 7 p.m. Food ordering starts at 5:30 p.m. Dorry's Diner, 468 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains; 914-682-0005.

WPCNA Monthly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting of the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations (WPCNA) will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Education House, 5 Homeside Lane, White Plains. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Paul Fried, our new Superintendent of White Plains Schools. Several Board of Education members have accepted our invitation to participate on the Education Panel, as well as PTA Co-Presidents Martha Lichtblau and Gina Cipriani LaPlaca. After their introductory remarks, we plan to open the meeting to audience Q & A, so please bring your questions for Dr. Fried and our panel.

Breast Cancer Awareness: Journey of a Lifetime: Staying Positive Through Cancer 7:30 to 9 p.m. at JCC, 999 Wilmot Rd., Scarsdale. Authors Deb Ebenstein and Geralyn Lucas will share empowering stories about surviving cancer with resilience, courage, optimism and humor. Dr. Subuhee Hussain from

White Plains Hospital will be moderating the conversation. Tickets are \$10. Call the JCC to purchase tickets at 914-472-3300 ext 0.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

White Plains Outdoor Market. Fresh food and produce from local farmers, plus specialty items; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Court Street between Martine Avenue and Main Street, White Plains

TILI Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White Plains; 2 to 4p.m.

Noonday Concert. Grace Pianist Ning Yu has performed throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Praised by the New York Times for her "taut and impassioned performance", Ning has appeared at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and the Museum of Modern Art. She has given dozens of world premieres, including music by Terry Riley and Michael Gordon. She will play music of Chopin, Liszt, Ligeti and Chin; 30-minute free concert begins at 12:10 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at the intersection of Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains.

Candidates Forum. League of Women Voters of White Plains will hold a Candidates Forum at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Ave. at 7 p.m. This year the Forum is being co-sponsored by the White Plains Public Library, the White Plains Council of Neighborhood Associations and the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP. The Forum will give attendees the opportunity to hear candidates for County Legislature and for White Plains Common Council present their perspectives on issues facing the White Plains community and will give audience members a chance to ask questions of candidates, submitted in writing. The election for Common Council is contested, with four candidates running for three seats. The candidates are: Milagros Lecuona, Dennis Krolan, Nadine Hunt-Robinson and AnneMarie Encarnacao. The County Legislator elections are uncontested. The candidates are: Benjamin Boykin 5th District and Alfreda Williams, 8th District.

Thursday, October 15

Mammos and Manis: A Girls' Night Out at the Beauty Bar, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bloomingdale's, White Plains, Cosmetics, Floor 1, White Plains. Join us for a night of beauty that will be both fun and informative. A reservation fee of \$25 entitles you to hors d'oeuvres, cocktails,

and goodie bags – and is also redeemable on your cosmetics, skincare, or fragrance purchase. From 6 -6:30 p.m. there will be a brief panel discussion about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and 10 percent of all purchases from this event will be donated to White Plains Hospital's Cancer Program. Too busy to make an appointment for your annual mammogram? No problem; make one onsite and receive a special gift. Reservations required. Please email Stephany.sanderson@bloomingdales.com.

Friday, Oct. 16

Yesterday: The Beatles Tribute. See the spectacular Beatles tribute show that rocked the casinos of Vegas and Atlantic City. Founded by John Lennon performer Don Bellezzo, the group has performed all over the world appearing on five continents wowing Beatles fans far and wide. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Gullotta House Inaugural Charity Masquerade Gala. Gullotta House, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by Matthew Gullotta, a lifelong Westchester resident and survivor of various hardships from childhood through adulthood, is devoted to bringing relief to families in the area facing difficult times. Proceeds from this event, featuring music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, prizes and more, will go toward helping families through the Gullotta House. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, 8 to 11 p.m. \$45 in advance. \$60 at the door. Info and tickets: 914-525-0744 or visit www.gullottahouse.org.

WCC Friday Night Film Series: "The Reader." In post-war Germany, teenager Michael Berg becomes ill and is helped by Hanna, a stranger twice his age. Michael recovers from scarlet fever and seeks out Hanna to thank her. The two are quickly drawn into a relationship. Hanna loves being read to by Michael. As Hanna's past is revealed, Michael uncovers a secret that impacts both. Includes a brief introduction to each film, film notes, refreshments and discussion. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m. Screening at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors (60 and up): \$10. Info: 914-606-6716.

Saturday, Oct. 17

TILI Shed. Take It or Leave It recycling at Gedney Yard, 87 Gedney Way, White

Plains; 9 a.m. to noon.

Breakfast With the Hawks. Join us for breakfast at the Hawkwatch, timed to take advantage of near peak Broad-winged Hawk migration. Perfect for families; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Co-sponsored by Westmoreland Sanctuary. The Hawkwatch platform, Arthur Butler Sanctuary, 265 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Bedford Corners. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Jeanne Pollock at 914-519-7801 or e-mail jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education.

Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday (except Oct. 25) Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

The Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia. A breathtaking kaleidoscope of thrilling folk dance choreography, athleticism, stunning costumes and energetic music, this is a remarkable production for the entire family. The female dancers are noted for graceful movements while the male dancers perform remarkable jumps. The company's popularity is growing every year with new admirers marveling at the troupe's bright, vital talent. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Seniors and students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit sunywcc.edu/SmartArts.

Gailfean: Traditional Irish Traditional Music. Gailfean features All-Ireland winners John Whelan, Brian Conway and Máirtín de Cógáin and renowned musician Don Penzien. Each of these artists has recorded extensively. Expect a lively enthralling journey through the history of the Irish Diaspora with this Bonny Bunch of Roses. First Baptist Church of White Plains, 456 North St., White Plains. 8 p.m. \$20 in advance. \$25 at door (credit cards not accepted). Info and tickets: Contact Joshalyne Estrada at 914-949-5207.

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Paul Prudhomme, One of America's First Celebrity Chefs, Passes at 75

By Jerry Eimbinder

World-famous Chef Paul Prudhomme died on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the age of 75. He was considered by many in the food world to be its first celebrity chef — he popularized New Orleans food, received numerous awards, hosted television shows, wrote bestselling cookbooks and invented blackened redfish.

James Beard Foundation President Susan Ungaro issued a statement upon hearing about Prudhomme's death. "As our Foundation is about to celebrate the many great chefs and cuisine of New Orleans this weekend, we will miss and mourn the passing of the great Paul Prudhomme," she said. "He was one of our country's first, best-loved celebrity chefs and had a huge influence on America's love for his home city and its exceptional food scene. New Orleans' loss is also America's."

Prudhomme became a key player in the elevating of restaurant chefs to superstardom status after he and his wife K. Hinrichs Prudhomme opened K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen in the French Quarter of New Orleans on July 3, 1979. One of his employees in those early days was a 20-year-old kitchen trainee named Emeril Lagasse.

As colorful as he was creative, Prudhomme could capture your undivided attention with his wit, personality and smile just as easily as he could please your pallet with his southern Louisiana cooking.

I had lunch with him at a Chicago food-industry convention in early, 1995. At that meeting, he described how he had been pranked by Dom DeLuise, a comedian



World famous chef Paul Prudhomme died on October 8.

and film/television actor bearing a striking resemblance to Paul. Both were bearded, both weighed over 300 pounds, and frequently wore white caps.

Prudhomme related that on a recent evening, DeLuise had stopped at the restaurant and was mistaken for Prudhomme by several customers. Graciously, he thanked them for their patronage and said, "Your meals are on the house tonight" — then he left.

Prudhomme said he was at a total loss to understand why customers at four or five tables insisted their bills had been "comped" until DeLuise visited and confessed the following day. From that day, his staff had instructions to be on the lookout for DeLuise.

A couple of years before our meeting in Chicago, Prudhomme's 48-year-old wife K lost a seven-year battle with a rare form

of cancer. She died on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1992 — more than 1,000 people attended the funeral.

Prudhomme set up a kitchen in a tent on the funeral home's parking lot and his staff cooked foods that K had planned for her funeral — blackened ribs, blackened prime rib, jambalaya, chicken and dumplings, and macaroni and cheese with tomatoes.

He was born on July 13, 1940 in Opelousas, Louisiana and was the youngest of his family's 13 children (10 boys and three girls). His family farmed on borrowed land, paying the landlord one-third of the profits it received from raising and selling sweet potatoes and cotton. Prudhomme said, "My father spent 42 years farming, following a pair of mules."

He began to help his mother prepare meals when he was nine years old. Because the kitchen had no refrigeration, he was at his mother's side as they dug up roots and vegetables, slaughtered animals, and cooked meals on the stove.

When he was 17, he left home and spent 12 years traveling around the country learning about different cuisines before returning home.

He and K met when they worked at the Maison Dupuy Hotel in the French Quarter. From 1975 to 1979, he was the Executive Chef at Commander's Palace in New Orleans.

In its early days, K-Paul's was tightly occupied by tables seating 62 people and the bar. Daily, many customers stood in line outside; this caught the attention of tourists who assumed the food had to be

good. Today, with the restaurant's capacity to seat 200 and possessing an indoors waiting area, the once landmark outdoors line exists no more.

Prudhomme launched a very successful company in 1983 selling spices, sauces, rubs and related products.

His first of nine cookbooks, the 352-page "Paul Prudhomme's Louisiana Kitchen," was published in 1984, and it introduced a generation unaware of Louisiana's Cajun and Creole cuisine to jambalaya (sausage, chicken, onions, bell peppers, celery, tasso, tomatoes, jalapenos, garlic, sauce and rice — a staple of Cajun cooking).

Other dishes to gain fame were blackened redfish, seafood gumbo, Cajun "popcorn" crawfish etouffée, turtle meat soup, blackened prime rib, and sweet potato pecan pie.

In 2006, Prudhomme received Bon Appetit magazine's Humanitarian of the Year award for providing free food to recovery workers and displaced residents following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Prudhomme was noticeably unhappy when redfish was declared an endangered game species—a ruling commonly believed to be influenced by the demand for blackened redfish at his restaurant. (It was K-Paul's most popular dish.) "I had to stop serving it when the law was passed," he said. "What bothered me most was that cooks who left us continued to offer it elsewhere—they just don't mention it on their menus."

K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen is located at 416 Chartes Street, New Orleans, LA, 504-596-2530.

Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown to Offer Red Barn Bakery Wares

By Jerry Eimbinder

Red Barn Bakery will begin operating a "pop-up cafe" in the Carriage House at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown shortly. The new eatery will be open during events and guided tours taking place on each week on Thursday through Sunday.

Lyndhurst events include the daytime "Scarecrow Invasion" and the nighttime "Jay Ghouls House of Curiosities." The theme for this season's House of Curiosities program is "Lyndhurst, the Disenchanted Castle."

Red Barn Bakery wares will vary but will typically include such organic items as savory tart with roasted wild mushroom, tomato and kale; veggie hand pies with lentil, kale and carrot or white beans, leeks and Heirloom tomato. Also to be offered are gluten-free macaroni and cheese and soup varieties such as carrot



The Lyndhurst Mansion

and ginger, or lentil, carrot and kale along with crispy bread.

"Gluten-free pumpkin donut muffins, seasonal scones, muffins, decorated

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Lyndhurst is a National Trust for Historic Preservation site. It is located at 635 South Broadway in Tarrytown, 914-631-4481, www.lyndhurst.org/programs-2/halloween-at-lyndhurst-2015.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORKCOUNTY OF PUTNAM-RABBI ISRAEL MEYER HACHOHEN RABBINICAL ;SEMINARY OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, - against - LARKSBURG CEMETERY CORPORATION, Defendant. Index No. 1425/2015 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of Trial The basis of venue is: Location of the real property subject to judgment in this action To the above named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated: July 22, 2014 White Plains, New York NOTICE: The nature of this action and relief sought is: (i) Quiet title, pursuant to Article 15 of the New York State Real Property Actions & Proceedings Law ("RPAPL"), to: (a) a ±46.8 acre parcel of land, located in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York, also identified on the Town of Putnam Valley's Tax Map as Parcel 85.13-1-29, and commonly known as the Nathan Property ("Lot 29"); and (b) a ±20 acre parcel of land, located in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York, also identified on the Town of Putnam Valley's Tax Map as Parcel 85.13-1-33, and commonly known as the Larksburg Cemetery ("Lot 33," collectively with Lot 29, the "Subject Property"); and (ii) Damages, as a result of Defendant's tortious slander of Plaintiff's title to the Subject Property, including, but not limited to: (a) special and actual damages, including reasonable attorney's fees expended in order to clear title, as well as additional future expenses and damages not ascertainable at this time, and will be proven at trial, which Plaintiff will continue to incur until such time as the cloud on Plaintiff's title to the Subject Property has been removed; and (b) punitive damages in such amount as will sufficiently punish Defendant for Defendant's willful and malicious conduct and as will serve as an example to prevent a repetition of such conduct in the future. If you do not serve a notice of appearance or demand for a

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Making Strides Walk: 9:30 a.m., Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. Walk with White Plains Hospital's team HOPE to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and White Plains Hospital's Cancer Program at the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk. For more information or to sign up for the walk as part of the WPH team, call 914-681-2703 or sign up for the team at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/WPHTEAMHOPE2015>.

Monday, Oct. 19

My Second Home Open House: Family

Services of Westchester, Inc. (FSW) invites members of the community to attend an open house at My Second Home-White Plains, on any one of three days—Monday, Oct. 19, Tuesday, Oct. 20, or Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free memory screenings conducted by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America will be available on October 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. My Second Home-White Plains, modeled after FSW's award-winning program in Mt. Kisco, is a social model adult day care and intergenerational program designed to help families who are caring for older adults in Westchester County.

Ongoing Events:

Scared by the Sound. Zombies, ghouls and ghosts eagerly await you around every corner as "Scared by the Sound" Haunted House returns to Playland Park in Rye. Visitors are invited into the 10,000-sq.ft. haunt, which features a Crypt Walk, the Haunted Wine Cellar, Creepy Morgue and Tunnels of Doom. Experience the dual vortex tunnels, Claustrophobia Squeeze, and much more. In addition to some all-new scenes and enhanced favorites, both first-timers as well as annual visitors are sure to be spooked. The attraction is open weekends through October 31. Hours for "Scared by the Sound" are Fridays 8 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 7 to 10 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 29, 8 to 11 p.m. Light refreshments and beverages will be available for sale each evening.

Admission is \$16. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Go to scaredbythesound.com to purchase tickets online by credit card and to download a \$1 off coupon. In-park ticket purchases will be by cash only (ATM onsite). Call (914) 906-0818 for general information and corporate and group sales. The event is not recommended for children under 10, whether they are alone or with an adult. People with medical conditions or those adversely affected by strobe lighting or fog attend are advised not to attend. The event is handicapped-accessible. "Scared by the Sound" is held rain or shine. Parking for the attraction is free. Please note that the park's amusement rides will not be open. Enter the attraction area near the Fountain Plaza entrance.

Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry Celebrates 5 Years

The Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry will host a celebration on Monday, Oct. 26 at the CV Rich Mansion in White Plains. The event will include food provided by Caperberry Events, wine, soft drinks and a great silent auction and raffle. Proceeds from the event will go towards the pantry's "Help Feed Our Pets" program which enables the pantry to keep an adequate supply of pet food on hand. The Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry is located in rented space at the

Ridgeview Congregational Church in White Plains. Since its beginning in January 2010, the pantry has distributed more than 187,301 pounds of free pet food to needy families in the area. "It's been a wonderful experience to help families that are struggling to make ends meet keep their family pet(s) at home," said Susan Katz, Founder & President. "We all are volunteers, enabling all funds we raise to be used directly for pantry operations and programs,"

she added.

The pantry presently serves 300 families each month from throughout its service area, which includes Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, feeding 774 animals each month.

The pantry has been recognized throughout the region by organizations such as the ASPCA as a prime resource to help individuals and families provide proper nutrition for their pets and

service animals despite economic hardship and/or limited fixed income. Through the efforts of the Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry, many pets have been saved from being surrendered to shelters or rescue groups.

For more information about the Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry and the event, e-mail at hvpfoodpantry@aol.com or call 914-907-3433. The pantry's website is www.hvpfoodpantry.org.

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complaint within the applicable time limitation stated above, a judgment pursuant to RPAPL Section 1521 and/or N.Y. C.P.L.R. Section 3215 may be entered against you, by default: (i) declaring Plaintiff's claim to the Subject Property, and/or declaring you to be forever barred from asserting any claim to the Subject Property, and/or directing that any instrument purporting to create any such estate or in-

terest in the Subject Property be delivered up or cancelled of record or be reformed of record as the facts 2 may require, and/or awarding possession of the Subject Property; and (ii) granting an award of damages in connection with the tortious slander of Plaintiff's title to the Subject Property. **Dated: July 22, 2014 White Plains, New York ZARIN & STEINMETZ By: David S. Steinmetz Jody T.**

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..... EXAMINER SPORTS

Stepinac 5-0, Beat Cardinals 43-21, in Homecoming Game Win

By Albert Coqueran

On Saturday, Stepinac High School Football commemorated their Homecoming Game, by paying tribute to the alumni of the Classes of 1965 and 1990. It was the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1965 and the 25th Anniversary of the Class of 1990.



Crusaders senior wide receiver Jesse Brown was injured at 3:44 of the second quarter and taken out of the game. However, Brown (right) returned three minutes later to make a sensational leaping catch in the end zone for a touchdown with 49 seconds left in the first half.

The Crusaders celebrated Homecoming Day, by beating a quality Cardinal Hayes High School team, 43-21, at Stepinac High School. The win over Hayes (3-2), was the Crusaders fifth straight victory this season, as they remain undefeated at 5-0.

The Crusaders scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, as their defense held the Hayesmen scoreless to seal the game. In fact, the Crusaders defense that had two crucial red zone stances in the game, scored two of the three fourth quarter touchdowns for Stepinac.

Crusaders Malik Crawford, who had a stellar day running on offense with 13 carries for 120 yards, also played an efficient game on defense and special teams. In the fourth quarter, Crawford recovered a fumble on a kickoff on the 28 yard-line of Hayes. Crawford then helped the Crusaders capitalized on his fumble recovery by scoring on a two-yard run.

Another defensive



Stepinac Head Coach Mike O'Donnell (center) has led his team to a 5-0 start this season, after beating Cardinal Hayes, 43-21, on Saturday. The Crusaders have won 15 of their last 16 games since the beginning of last season. The Crusaders only loss in their last 16 games came in the inaugural New York State Catholic High School Football Championship Game.



The Stepinac Cheerleaders play an intricate role in the Crusaders crowd enthusiasm and team motivation. The Crusaders cheerleading squad is assembled from various high schools, including Maria Regina, Cardinal Spellman, Holy Child, Edgemont, Sacred Heart and Saunders High Schools.



ALBERT COQUERAN PHOTOS

Stepinac quarterback Tyquell Fields puts the Crusaders ahead, 7-6, as he reaches for the pylon and squeezes over the goal line on a 10-yard run in the second quarter. The Crusaders went on to celebrate their Homecoming Game, with a 43-21 win over Cardinal Hayes, on Saturday.

gem came in the fourth quarter when Crusaders safety Jaychar Howell stripped

"Our defense is good, they always help us out, they get a lot of turnovers,"

acknowledged Crusaders quarterback Tyquell Fields, who completed 12 of 22 passes for 122 yards and carried the ball 10 times for 36 yards and two touchdowns.

Stepinac's win over Hayes is the Crusaders fifth straight win this season against no losses. The Crusaders have won 15-of-16 games dating back to September 6, 2014. The only loss Stepinac has suffered since the beginning of last season was in the inaugural New York State Catholic High School Football Championship Game at the end of last season.

"Obviously it is always

great to keep winning but you cannot lose sight about what is going on, we have a lot of football still to play. We are going to keep plugging away and working hard," said Stepinac Head Coach Mike O'Donnell.

Hayes receiver Raheem Wilson of the ball, which was recovered by teammate Devonte Myles, who ran 84 yards for a touchdown.



Stepinac junior wide receiver Brandon Gasparre (center) leaps high in the air and celebrates after catching a six-yard pass for a touchdown in the Crusaders, 43-21, win in their Homecoming Game.



The Stepinac Crusaders huddle in unison with Homecoming football alumni, before they beat Cardinal Hayes High School, 43-21, for their fifth straight win this season. The Crusaders are 5-0, and remain undefeated thus far this year.

..... EXAMINER SPORTS

Westchester Knicks Hire Mike Miller as New Head Coach

By Albert Coqueran

The Westchester Knicks, the NBA Developmental League affiliate of the New York Knicks, will open their second season at the Westchester County Center, against the Maine Red Claws, on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. The Red Claws are the NBA D-League affiliate of the Boston Celtics.

The Westchester Knicks will be led this season by new Head Coach Mike Miller, who was introduced to fans during a free open house seat selection event held at the County Center, on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Miller succeeds Kevin Whitted, who was fired with four games left in the 2014-15 season. The local Knicks compiled a disappointing 10-40 record last season and missed the playoffs in their inaugural year.

Miller comes to the Knicks after working two seasons (2013-15) as an assistant coach with the Austin Spurs, the NBA D-League affiliate of the San Antonio Spurs. Miller helped the Austin Spurs clinch the Southwestern Division Title with a 32-18 record last season.

"I am honored and excited to join the Knicks family. It is a great time to be part of this organization. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be the Head Coach of the Westchester Knicks," said Miller.

Miller's coaching experience spans 25 years. Before joining the Spurs organization, he was an assistant coach



PHOTO COURTESY WESTCHESTER KNICKS.
The Westchester Knicks General Manager Allan Houston (left) introduced Mike Miller (right) as the team's new Head Coach, during a free open house seat selection event on Tuesday, October 6.

for the University of California, Riverside for two years (2012-13) and led Eastern Illinois University as their Head Coach from 2005-2012. Miller also spent five seasons as an assistant coach with Kansas State University (2000-2005).

Miller began his Head Coaching career with Texas State University. During his six years (1994-2000) at the helm,

Miller led the Bobcats to the Southland Conference Championship and an NCAA Tournament bid in 1997. He was named Southland Conference Coach of the Year for his efforts in 1997.

"Mike brings a wealth of experience in coaching and developing players and he will be a great leader for us as we look to evolve and advance our team into the

future," said Westchester Knicks General Manager Allan Houston.

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