No. Castle Historian Doris Finch Watson Fondly Remembered

By Martin Wilbur

Lifelong Banksville resident and North Castle Historian Doris Finch Watson, who helped form the town’s historical society and was herself a descendant of the town’s founding family, died at her home last week at the age of 91.

Watson, known by most residents as Dorrie and once the personal secretary to actor Henry Fonda, helped create the North Castle Historical Society at her dining room table in 1971. She served as its president and had been on the board of directors since its inception.

Along with her late husband, William J. Watson, Sr., she ran Finch’s Country Store in Banksville, the fourth generation in her family to operate the market opened by her great-grandfather in 1860. The store is still in business today on Bedford-Banksville Road.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said Watson’s love for the town and for life made her a special person. She was able to tie the history of North Castle to make it relevant for today’s residents because it was important to her to never forget your past, he said.

“Her zest for life and her civic commitment are lessons for us all,” Schiliro said as part of his message to the community.

The longtime Mount Kisco village trustee died on Christmas Eve.

Nearly 100 friends and family members gathered at the Mount Pleasant Public Library for the memorial service.

Murphy Sworn in as State Senator in New Year’s Ceremony

By Rick Pezzullo

New York State Sen. Dr. Terrence Murphy (R,C-Yorktown) was sworn in on New Year’s Day in his hometown in front of hundreds of family, friends and supporters in a packed auditorium at Yorktown Stage.

Murphy, 48, flanked by his beaming wife Caroline and children McKayla, Jack and Kian, took the oath of office from state Supreme Court Justice Mark Dillon for his first two-year term representing the 40th District.

“Being here today, I have to pinch myself. This is unbelievable,” Murphy said. “I’m completely overwhelmed with the outpouring of support that people have shown me. From the bottom of my heart I can’t thank you enough. I will do my best to make you proud and fight for a future to make us all proud.”

A chiropractor and part owner of Murphy’s Restaurant in Yorktown, Murphy handily defeated Democrat Justin Wagner in November to succeed Greg Ball, who opted not to seek reelection after holding the seat for four years. The 40th Senate District covers parts of Westchester, including Mount Pleasant, New Castle and Mount Kisco, all of Putnam and part of Dutchess County.

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community last week about her death. “In her memory, we can be inspired and guided by her core values: personal responsibility, duty, honor and faith. She was a woman of ‘The Greatest Generation’ and an honorable ambassador of North Castle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.”

Watson was born on July 23, 1923, to Walter Sutherlin Finch and Emma H. Miller in Banksville. She was a descendant of Samuel Banks, who in 1695 settled in what later became the family’s home hamlet. Banks was the first person to be buried at the grounds now known as the Middle Patent Rural Cemetery.

During World War II Watson worked in a Thompson submachine gun factory. She graduated from secretarial school, attended Columbia University and worked in the advertising industry. She and her husband, William, were married on Dec. 9, 1947. The couple had three children.

Watson worked for Fonda at his house in Greenwich during the time he starred in “Mr. Roberts” on Broadway in the late 1940s into the early 1950s, said Banksville resident and Landmarks Preservation Committee member Sharon Tomback.

Preservation of the town’s past and how people could learn from its history was one of her deepest passions. “She recognized that you can’t know where you’re going until you know where you came from,” said Armonk resident and longtime historical society member Ed Woodyard.

Appointed town historian in 1993 by then-supervisor Jack Lombardi, she was instrumental in having the East Middle Patent Schoolhouse, the Brundage Blacksmith Shop and the Quaker Meeting House saved and moved to the historical society’s site in Armonk next to Smith’s Tavern.

She was also involved in the establishment of the Bedford Road Historic District in Armonk, and helped lead the efforts to add Washington’s Headquarters/Elijah Miller House and Smith’s Tavern to the National Register of Historic Places.

Landmarks Preservation Committee Chairwoman Susan Shimer said the project of preserving the buildings that were moved to the historic society site on Bedford Road likely would not have occurred without Watson’s efforts. “Dorrie was an indispensible member, trustee and leading light of the historical society,” Shimer said. “Obviously, other people were involved, but without Dorrie I’m not sure what would have happened to that area where Smith’s Tavern sits.”

Woodyard said Watson had an enormous ability to welcome people, work with them and encourage them to participate. Other town residents who served with Watson in various capacities said that when she asked someone to volunteer it was impossible to refuse her. Landmarks Preservation Committee member Susan Geffen said when Watson wanted someone to help out she’d invite them over for tea. “She invited me to her house, she told me what she wanted to be done and you did it,” Geffen said.

Tomback recalled when she and her family moved to Banksville about 30 years ago, Watson was one of the first people to greet them. “She was such a vital part to every single organization until the time of her death that there are huge shoes to be filled,” Tomback said.

Watson served in many other positions, including chairwoman of the Armonk Antiques Show and program director for the Banksville Community House. She was an honorary member of the Banksville Fire Company and helped to fundraise and secure a section of land for the firehouse expansion.

In 2008, Watson was honored with the Historic Preservation Medal from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

She worked as burial director for the Middle Patent Rural Cemetery – a position she held for nearly 50 years until her passing last week.

Watson is survived by her three children, Phoebe and her partner, Drew, of Stamford, Conn.; Walter and his wife, Mary Jane, of Banksville; and Bill Jr. and his wife, Carmel, of Cape Cod, Mass.; and her five grandchildren, Tucker, Casey, Kiley, Samuel and Kimberly.

The funeral service was held at the Bedford-Presbyterian Church yesterday (Monday). Burial services followed the funeral at Middle Patent Rural Cemetery on Middle Patent Road.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Banksville Community House, 12 Banksville Rd., Greenwich, Conn. 06831.
Railroad Parking Lot Fees Proposed to Rise in Mt. Pleasant

By Neal Rentz

The cost of parking at the Valhalla and Hawthorne Metro-North station parking lots in Mount Pleasant appears likely to rise in 2015.

The town board has scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. on a proposal to raise most of the parking fees at the two lots. Fees last rose in January 2013.

The proposal calls for a hike in the annual parking pass for town residents from the current $215 to $235, an increase in the cost of the annual parking pass for non-residents from $500 to $600 and to raise the cost of a seven-day parking pass from $15 to $20 for residents and from $25 to $45 for non-residents.

A yearly student pass for residents ($75) and five-day passes for seniors ($5) would not change.

Councilman Mark Rubeo said the parking fee increases were needed to meet rising costs for maintenance and security, among other expenses connected with the lots.

Following the board’s Dec. 23 meeting, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said Metro-North is proposing to increase the monthly cost of leasing its land from the current $800 to $2,000, but the town will meet with Metro-North officials in hopes of limiting that increase.

Con Edison Suit Settlement

The board also set a second public hearing for Jan. 13 regarding a proposed resolution it has drawn that is expected to avert a threatened lawsuit by Con Edison against the town.

The utility had previously informed officials it was planning to sue Mount Pleasant because the municipality overstepped its bounds in regulating utilities through Chapter 204 of the town code. The state Public Service Commission, not the town, has the authority to regulate utilities, Con Edison has contended.

If the draft resolution is adopted by the town board, it would repeal the portion of the town code regulating utilities. However, it also stipulates that Con Edison would have to pay Mount Pleasant $10,000 for costs associated with the town’s previous inspection of its utility poles. Con Edison would also have to meet with town officials to update them on previous, current and future projects and provide a plan to remove its double and triple poles in the town’s right of way.

The utility would also have to notify the town about work it was planning to do in the right of way, including when there are emergency situations.
Chappaqua Dance School to Offer Class for Special Needs Students

By Janine Bowen

The Steffi Nossen School of Dance in Chappaqua will offer a unique opportunity for children with special needs starting this month.

The school has been hosting classes for children with special needs at its White Plains location for a decade, but will be bringing the program to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua beginning Jan. 15, following several requests from local special education PTAs.

The classes help children with various developmental, physical and emotional disabilities enhance their social skills and improve physical weaknesses, said Judith Ross, Steffi Nossen’s community relations director.

She said the classes aren’t intended to be dance therapy, but are regular dance classes that allow children of various abilities to participate with the help of volunteers and help to improve their coordination, strength and balance in a way that’s more fun than traditional physical therapy.

“It not only gives them a source of satisfaction and fun, but it has helped them with their focus and their social skills and, of course, physically," said Ross. “This is a dance class, an opportunity for kids with special needs to have a class like everyone else.”

Siblings and other family members of children with disabilities are encouraged to attend and participate in the class. Ross noted that the involvement of others is another aspect that separates these classes from the traditional movement therapy, which is usually done on an individual basis. Rather than focusing on exercises, the classes allow different styles of music to dictate movements.

“The music carries the movement,” Ross said. “It makes people want to move, which they need to do.”

The Jan. 15 class, taught by professional trainer, educator and performer Dylan Baker, will be a free trial. Ross encourages families to attend to see if the program may be right for their needs. A class for children in grades 1-4 will be held at 4 p.m., while a class for children in grades 5-9 will be at 5 p.m. If demand is high enough, four additional classes for both age groups will be held each Thursday through Feb. 12 for $100.

On Jan. 17, a separate special needs dance class, open to participants of all ages, will be held as part of the Chappaqua Public Library’s Special Saturdays program. Taught by Steffi Nossen School of Dance teacher Amanda Narciso, the 45-minute free class will begin at 2 p.m.

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Murphy said it was a “team effort” that led him to victory over Wagner and he vowed to be a senator that will be held accountable for his record in Albany.

“You came out in droves. You had your trust in me and I won’t let you down,” he said. “When we all work as a team we can accomplish an awful lot. I stand in awe of the sacrifices we all made and the effort to save this state. If I’m not representing you in the right way, give me a call.”

Murphy said he had been given the opportunity to chair a committee on economic development and would focus on improving New York’s current standing as being the worst business-friendly state in the nation and first in the country in high property taxes.

“I will work to bridge the gap between business and government. There’s no Republican way to fix potholes. There’s no Democratic way. There’s only the right way,” he said, noting he had a “commonsense plan to get taxes under control.”

He also made several references to his late father Jack, a union member who worked for Con Edison for more than 50 years and inspired his siblings and his mother to open Murphy’s Restaurant in his honor in 2006.

“I know my dad would be proud of me standing here,” Murphy said. “My dad taught me the value of hard work and a good beer. I’ll never forget where I came from. It’s a dream come true for me and the opportunity of a lifetime. I will make sure our families are taken care of. When we put our families first we can make this a great community.”
Hawthorne Troop Members Soar to Become New Eagle Scouts

By Martin Wilbur

In what has become an annual tradition, the Mount Pleasant community celebrated three more members of Hawthorne Troop 1 achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday during a special ceremony at the Thornwood American Legion hall.

Gerald Alfieri, Lawrence Gardner and Conor Glendon reached Boys Scouts’ pinnacle by earning the requisite number of merit badges throughout their scouting career as well as completing their Eagle Scout project.

Troop 1 Scoutmaster Edmund Vogel said while each of the three scouts had the same mission on their way to scouting’s highest rank, their personal interests and personalities came through in the projects that they chose. All three honorees had started as Cub Scouts early in elementary school.

“Although the scouting program is the same, each one traveled a different path with the troop,” Vogel said. “This different path is best expressed through their respective Eagle (Scout) projects.”

Alfieri, now a freshman at Keene State in New Hampshire, devised an art project called the “Window of Intentions” at Rosary Hill Home, an end of life care facility in Hawthorne. The project allows a resident, relative or staff member to write a prayer or an intention in a prayer book and thread a colorful piece of cloth through wire mesh with a large decorative wood frame. The back wood panel contains the prayers are then read during daily mass.

Alfieri, who has caroled at Rosary Hill and enjoys working with the elderly, said he knew he wanted his project to benefit the facility after a relative had been a resident there a few years ago. However, communicating to Boy Scout leadership what his plans were and to convince them that it was a suitable project was at least as big a challenge as the work.

“I really think that if you have a good leader who shows you it’s worth it, there’s maybe a lot of work sometimes or you don’t want to do this particular thing, but if you stick it out and have fun, I really think it’s worth it in the end,” Alfieri said of staying with scouting.

Gardner, who as a senior at Westlake High School has been an avid musician and actor in the school’s theater department, renovated the prop storage room over the summer. Working at least five hours every day from late June to mid August, he built shelves and stalls to clean up a disorganized area that is not only used for school programs but also the Mount Pleasant Community Theatre and other outside groups.

He said still being a student at the school helps him appreciate the project, which was a labor of love, even more.

“That was something that I was passionate about and I knew it was going to be a lot of work, but if I wasn't passionate about it, it would have been so much harder than it really should have been,” Gardner said.

Glendon, a freshman at Providence College, made a series of improvements at Stone Gate Park in Valhalla. He built a vehicle barrier, planted bushes and flowers near the entrance and took out overgrown brush to help beautify the town facility.

Although it was hard work, the project was easy to choose having grown up a short walk from the park.

“It’s a couple of blocks away from home and I still see it every day and I’m very proud of the work that me and the troop did,” Glendon said.

Also on hand to honor the scouts’ accomplishments were Mount Pleasant Councilwoman Laurie Smalley, County Legislator Michael Smith, state Sen. Terrence Murphy and the parents for all the scouts.

Cathy Gardner said she links much of what her son has achieved to his scouting experience.

“I've seen such a change in him and it's all because of the leadership of the troop,” she said. “They're wonderful boys--all of them.”

This is the 12th consecutive year that Troop 1 had at least two of its members become an Eagle Scout, one of the most impressive feats in the region. Vogel said holding what has become an annual Eagle Scout Court of Honor never gets old.

“You know why? Because it's youth,” Vogel explained. “Youth keeps it fresh.”

Left to right, Gerald Alfieri, Conor Glendon and Lawrence Gardner of Hawthorne Troop 1 were all honored as Eagle Scouts on Sunday.
Armonk History Lovers Make No. Castle’s Civil War Past Come Alive

By Martin Wilbur

Bits of significant local history can be found almost anywhere, but recently two Armonk residents unearthed little-known information about how North Castle selected its soldiers for the Civil War and where some of them are buried.

Nicholas Cerullo and George Ponder, both members of the town’s historical society and former longtime members of the Landmarks Preservation Committee, have collaborated on a work detailing which members of the community served and how others legally avoided service.

In the basement of Town Hall, Cerullo had been combing through town documents from 150 years ago and discovered lists of Civil War servicemen from North Castle. Ponder told him that he had been doing his own work regarding local burial sites for the veterans and recognized some of the names.

In all, Cerullo, 82, a Korean War veteran, and Ponder, 92, who served in World War II, found 166 soldiers and four sailors from North Castle that had served the Union in the war between the states. Roughly 65 to 75 of those are buried within the town, including 22 at St. Stephen’s Church, Ponder said.

Cerullo’s research also uncovered a newspaper showing there had been $34,000 in payments to the town and bond purchases by residents who bought their way out of serving after Congress passed the conscription act in early 1863. Each municipality had a quota of soldiers they had to supply to the war effort. It isn’t certain what North Castle’s quota was, although Cerullo said he saw one reference to nine soldiers. In the 1860 census, the town had about 2,200 residents.

“Just the question was, they realized (the war) was going to be unpopular and so they began to put stipulations in there, exemptions,” said Cerullo, a retired biochemist and teacher. “The one that sticks out is if you’re a school teacher you’re exempt, if you stammer you’re exempt, if you’re a ferry operator, you’re exempt, a telegraph operator, you had exemptions and then one that you worked out with the town is you could buy an exemption.”

For any white male between the ages of 18 and 45 who could come up with $300 they could buy a substitute soldier for the duration of the war, Cerullo said. Furthermore, for those who had the cash to buy bonds, they would earn 7 percent a year on their money.

Ponder, a retired horticulturist, said initially most Northerners thought the Confederacy was going to be quickly routed and morale was high. But as the Union lost a succession of key battles early in the war, support nationwide to continue fighting began to evaporate.

“I think originally they had all these young lads who thought they could handle this,” Ponder said. “You’d get a uniform, the girls would love it, they’d get out of this sleepy little country town and they get this glorious military career.

“So initially, a lot of people volunteered. But I think almost immediately after Bull Run and other battles, the Confederates were beating the hell out of us and so they couldn’t get volunteers anymore so they instituted a draft.”

The conscription act didn’t sit well with many residents. The sudden intrusion of the federal government into their lives wasn’t welcome.

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Nicholas Cerullo, left, and George Ponder explored little-known portions of North Castle’s Civil War history and the burial grounds of some of its veterans.
this felt outside pressure telling them what to do," Cerullo said. "They had the federal government and Lincoln telling them they had to raise the troops."

No draft was ever needed for North Castle to make its quota of soldiers, Cerullo said. But as casualties piled up, towns like North Castle were faced with other problems. How could communities support the growing numbers of widows and fatherless children?

Town records show that widows and each child under 12 years old were each provided welfare payments of 50 cents a week. It was later reduced to 25 cents. Presumably children 12 and up, before formal education was prized, were provided welfare payments of 50 cents.

"George had all of these names of people who had been involved and the families and put together a package, which I think is really the heart of what we did," Cerullo said.

Pouder said when he first started his project, the available resources made it laborious to learn about the lives of the Civil War soldiers buried in North Castle. But with online access to a state database as well as ancestry.com, he's uncovering new information on a regular basis.

"(I thought) it would be a great idea to speak for these mute stones and a way to tell a story and make them come alive because if I could do that they wouldn't really be dead because someone would remember them," Pouder said.

In addition to the 22 veterans at St. Stephen's, there are five or six at the old Methodist Cemetery and one at Smith Cemetery. There are about 40 others at Middle Patent Cemetery, Pouder said.

Last month the two men presented the town and the North Castle Public Library with copies of their work that took about three years to complete—not quite as long as the war itself—and two copies of the books to the town's historical society. There will be one copy at both the Armonk and North White Plains branches.

Pouder said he plans to add to what he and Cerullo submitted to the town.

"As we got into this study, what intrigued me were not only the soldiers who wanted somebody to speak for them, but what happened at home with the soldier's family when the soldiers were killed," he said.

For two local history enthusiasts, there were rewards of making local history come alive.

"It's been a lot of fun doing it. I've enjoyed it," Cerullo said. "I've enjoyed it with George and all the difficulties and I have a deeply, deeply fond memory and respect for writers."
**Police Blotter**

**Mount Kisco Police Department**

Dec. 27: Report of a strong-arm robbery on Lieto Drive at 5 p.m. A 49-year-old homeless man who is known around the village was arrested and charged with second-degree robbery, a felony, after demanding money from a subject and stealing his cell phone. The suspect was arraigned in village court and remanded to the county jail in Valhalla. Information about bail was not released.

Dec. 28: A Carpenter Avenue resident was notified by Westchester County police about bail was not released.

Jane 1: Report of an incident of harassment that occurred earlier this morning at Holiday Inn. A 68-year-old Winter Springs, Fla. man who was in town to visit his girlfriend in Ossining and had accommodations, filed a harassment charge at 12:15 p.m. against a bartender at the inn. The bartender had refused to serve him any more alcohol at about 1:30 a.m. because he appeared intoxicated. He denied being drunk.

Pleasantville Police Department

Dec. 27: Report of a larceny at a gas station on Manville Road at 4:06 p.m. A driver pulled up to get gas and told the attendant that he would return to pay. The patron never returned to pay the $37 in gas that had been pumped.

Dec. 28: A 20-year-old Bridgeport, Conn. man was arrested at 4:26 p.m. on a bench warrant out of the Pleasantville Justice Court. The suspect was picked up in Greenburgh.

Dec. 29: A subject arrived at headquarters to report an identity theft at 5:15 p.m. The matter is under investigation; no further information was made available.

Jan. 2: A 29-year-old man was arrested at 12:55 a.m. for driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop on Roma Avenue.

**North Castle Police Department**

Dec. 25: Several reports were received of a possible suspicious subject dressed in all black walking northbound in the roadway on Nannynahgen Road. The responding officer reported at 11:18 p.m. that the woman checked okay and is walking home toward Chappaqua.

Dec. 26: An Evergreen Row resident reported at 9:35 a.m. that she noticed on Dec. 21 that the front license plate was missing from her vehicle.

Dec. 26: A Mead Road resident reported at 12:18 p.m. that her husband has found a small white dog stuck in a storm drain near the house. The responding officer confirmed the dog was rescued and returned to its owner but a summons was issued.

Dec. 31: Complainant reported at 2:26 p.m. finding his 44-year-old brother unresponsive and not breathing at his Kensico Knoll Place residence. The call was successfully transferred to 60 Control.

Dec. 31: Report of an injured deer by a loading dock on North Castle Drive at 5:57 p.m. The complainant stated that the deer appears to have been struck by an arrow.

Jan. 1: An employee of Fortina on Maple Avenue reported at 1:42 a.m. that there is a dispute between two customers at the location. Officers responded to the call; the matter was adjusted.

**Obituaries**

Jean MacGillivray

Jean C. MacGillivray of Chappaqua died at home on Dec. 28. She was 75.

MacGillivray was a loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. She is survived by her husband, David; her daughters, Pamela and Cynthia MacGillivray, both of Chappaqua; her nephew, Geoff, his wife, Christi, and their children Matthew and Lauren Wallat of Perry, Fla.; and her nieces, Rhiannon and Cassidy Cappannelli, of Orange, Conn. She was predeceased by her parents, Edwin and Mildred Carroll, her sisters, Joan Klein and Dr. Cynthia Wallat, and her niece, Suzanne Cappannelli.

MacGillivray was a proud member of the Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps for many years. She retired from the admissions office at Westchester Community College in 1999. Prior to that she worked at Chappaqua Transportation and The County Trust Bank.

Visitation was on Jan. 2 at Beecher-Floons Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A funeral Mass was held on Jan. 3 at Church of St. John and St. Mary in Chappaqua.

Lily Munford

Lily Munford, a longtime Pleasantville resident, died on Dec. 29. She was 90.

Munford was born on Aug. 24, 1924, to the late Otto and Luise (nee Rosenberg) Zucker in Vienna, Austria. She worked as a social worker for the Pleasantville Cottage School in Thornwood.

Munford was predeceased by her devoted husband, Robert Torriero, in 1998. She was also predeceased by her loving son, Jonathan Munford, and her brother, Hans Zucker, and his wife, Ilona Karmel Zucker. She is survived by her son Stephen and his wife, Theresa Munford, her four cherished grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial wake was held at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Dec. 31. Intermment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in her name to St. Jude Children’s Hospital would be appreciated.

David Murden

David T. Murden of Pleasantville passed away on Jan. 1. He was 87.

Murden was born on Sept. 1, 1927, in Mount Vernon to Sheldon K. and Viola (Taylor) Murden. He was a World War II veteran and drummer with the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps in Mount Vernon where he met his wife of 63 years, Ruth (Bicknese) Murden. In 1969, Murden moved to Pleasantville where he resided and raised his family. He worked as a storekeeper at Westchester Community College until his retirement. Murden enjoyed woodworking and carpentry and often built sets and props for the Mount Pleasant Community Theatre.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter Carolyn DePalma of Tennessee; son Richard (Gabriela) Murden of Pleasantville; and grandson Jordan DePalma of Vermont. He is predeceased by his daughter, Jane Marie, and his sister, Jeanne Perry, of Hazlet, N.J.

Visiting hours were on Jan. 4 at Beecher Floons Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. Funeral services were held Jan. 5 followed by interment at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave, Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532 would be appreciated.
P’ville Music Fest Fundraising Effort Halfway to Goal

By Janine Bowen

Fans of the Pleasantville Music Festival have a new opportunity to help make the event possible this year, in exchange for some unique and exclusive perks.

Festival organizers launched a fundraising effort on the website Kickstarter last month, and in just a few weeks have raised about $2,500 of their $5,000 goal. Money raised is intended to show artists that the festival has an eager and excited following and help organizers acquire sponsors and book big-name talent now, while musicians are scheduling their upcoming summer tours.

“We wanted to pick a goal that was reasonably attainable and what we would like to do is try to exceed that goal if we can,” said Matthew Finkelstein, a music festival volunteer.

The Kickstarter campaign continues until Jan. 30.

Finkelstein explained that donors will have access to tickets at the deepest discount that will be offered between now and the event on July 11. A $35 contribution will get the buyer one adult ticket to the 2015 Pleasantville Music Festival while a $70 contribution will ensure access to two tickets.

“If you know you want to go, now is the time to support the festival,” Finkelstein said.

While $35 is the minimum contribution needed to secure tickets, there are various levels of donations that can be made, each with its own perks. Fans can donate as little as $5, which will get you a high five from a festival organizer, or as much as $5,000, which garners 10 adult tickets, two backstage passes, a meet-and-greet with one of the featured bands, an exclusive poster signed by performers and festival merchandise.

For contributors who want to stay out of the sun during the summer festival, the first five people to make a donation of $450 can get prime access to the first row of Tent City, along with four adult tickets and a $50 food voucher.

Finkelstein explained that this option will not only allow organizers to better manage the popular Tent City feature, which is typically handled on a first-come, first-served basis, but will give exclusive privileges to those who help make the festival possible.

“One of the things that Kickstarter has allowed us to do is to say that you folks out there that always want to make sure you get a great Tent City spot, if you help back the festival early, you’re going to reap the benefits of giving us more resources and you’ll get a great spot to view it from,” he said.


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For contributors who want to stay out of the sun during the summer festival, the first five people to make a donation of $450 can get prime access to the first row of Tent City, along with four adult tickets and a $50 food voucher.

Finkelstein explained that this option will not only allow organizers to better manage the popular Tent City feature, which is typically handled on a first-come, first-served basis, but will give exclusive privileges to those who help make the festival possible.

“One of the things that Kickstarter has allowed us to do is to say that you folks out there that always want to make sure you get a great Tent City spot, if you help back the festival early, you’re going to reap the benefits of giving us more resources and you’ll get a great spot to view it from,” he said.

Doris Finch Watson Made North Castle a Better Place

For those who love history, it may seem astounding that for so long the mere mention of the word provoked yawns and bored stares from generations of students and even some adults. Maybe it was the way history was taught in school years ago, with the memorization of dates placed high on the list of importance.

Fortunately, over time that has changed. Whether it was the nation's bicentennial in 1976, the emergence of filmmaker Ken Burns who lifted the presentation of history through his documentaries into an art form or new resources via technology, such as ancestry.com, interest in the past has seemingly been on the upswing.

Just about every municipality either has a historian or elders who are relied upon as a valuable resource. In North Castle, there was no better resource to have than Doris Finch Watson, or Dorrie as most referred to her and as she preferred to be called.

Watson, the town historian since 1993, passed away last week in her sleep at 91. It was more than the fact that her roots in the area can be traced back for over three centuries, a descendant of Samuel Banks, one of the founders of the town. It was that she also cared so much about what was happening today and what would occur tomorrow in North Castle, without forgetting about yesterday.

In a five-minute video e-mailed this week by town resident Sam Morell, Watson offered some of her thoughts on the town, her own remembrances and why she believed history is so critical.

"I think it's important because we learn from the past to do things, hopefully right in the future," she said.

In a time when so many people are so busy and some communities beg for volunteers, Watson's list of contributions to the town as a volunteer and a resident are incredibly expansive. Perhaps she is most associated with being the town historian, having helped form the North Castle Historical Society and being a driving force in having several buildings preserved—the East Middle Patent Schoolhouse, the Brundage Blacksmith Shop and the Quaker Meeting House.

But she also made so many other indelible contributions such as raising money so the Banksville Fire Department could buy a piece of land to expand its facility.

For those who had an opportunity to speak with her, one of the most lasting impressions is that she was such a classy lady, without ever being aloof. You made sure to do your best to eulogize properly, almost like crossing paths years later with a sweet old teacher that you had in elementary school--but in a special, non-threatening way.

With all of her accomplishments, there was one piece of unfinished business that eluded Watson and the town. That is saving the deteriorating Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains. It hasn't been from a lack of effort on the town's part or from so many residents, but one of those unfortunate, never-ending bureaucratic entanglements.

Dorrie did so much for the town over her 91 years. Hopefully, sometime soon, everyone who has been involved with the Miller House--and that includes county officials in White Plains--can make sure the house is saved for generations to come.

That would be the best tribute to Watson and her legacy.
know your Neighbor
Daniel Blum, President, Phelps Hospital Center, Chappaqua

By Martin Wilbur

Daniel Blum grew up in a family of doctors and nurses but it wasn’t until he witnessed a real-life drama unfold before him that he knew he wanted to work in health care.

When he was 14 years old, Blum witnessed an EMS crew work feverishly on a man who was stricken with a medical emergency on a Manhattan street not far from where he grew up. That experience didn’t motivate him to make medical school a goal.

“I saw a paramedic come up and basically try and save this man’s life,” Blum recalled. “I think that did it. I wanted to become a paramedic.”

By 1987, that chance experience as a teenager helped him realize his first career goal, working for New York City Emergency Medical Services. He would also become a paramedic instructor.

Last month, Blum, 48, a Chappaqua resident, took his most recent career step. He became president at Phelps Memorial Hospital replacing Keith Safian who recently stepped down after 25 years at the helm. The hospital’s board of directors had appointed Blum to the post earlier in the fall, effective Dec. 1, promoting him from senior vice president, a position that he held for just over five years.

With the title change comes the enormous responsibility of being the person in charge of a 238-bed hospital with some 1,700 employees, including about 500 medical staff members. As senior vice president, Blum developed Phelps Medical Associates, the hospital’s multispecialty medical group, as well as the hospital’s strategic plans and overseeing its clinical and ancillary services.

But with the ever-evolving state of health care, Blum is being asked to call upon all of his 25-plus years experience in the field to help move Phelps forward.

“This job is dramatically different and it’s dramatically different not just because it’s a change of title,” he said.

One of two immediate tasks he faces is to make sure that Phelps’ ongoing transition into the North Shore-LIJ Health System is successfully completed. Within the past year or two, it has become increasingly common for hospitals throughout the region to look for efficiencies and savings and delivering improved care by entering new partnerships and health care systems, Blum said. Phelps is no different as the need to become more creative in delivering those services less expensively but with equal or better quality has never been greater.

A second mission is completing the integration of the hospital’s new Surgical Services Center. Blum said while he worked on that project as vice president, which brings larger state-of-the-art rooms to help better serve the public, it was the most time-consuming task since he arrived at Phelps.

Regardless of how services are delivered, there’s an overriding mission for anyone who works in health care, he said.

“The safety and quality of care,” said Blum, who lives with his wife, who is a nurse, and their children. “I think if I could make sure of one thing I could provide our patients, protecting the safety and quality of care is the biggest thing that we provide.”

Blum, who earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy at NYU, went to the university’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service for his master’s in health care administration.

While still in college he enrolled in the city’s paramedics program, and continued to work as a paramedic for years.

In the mid 1990s, Blum was presented with his first opportunity to enter hospital administration. A position opened up at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Greenwich Village for an overnight administrator, at the time with about 800 beds.

That experience enabled Blum to move on and become vice president at Stellaris Health Network, then vice president of White Plains Hospital. During his various administration positions, Blum became keenly aware about the need to balance quality health care and economics.

During his time at Phelps, Blum has also served as collaborating administrative executive on Phelps’ Graduate Medical Education Committee and as chairman of the board of the hospital’s child care center.

Although his days as a working paramedic are behind him, Blum still serves the public and helps people in time of need.

“I still find there are ways to do that and give back,” he said.
The Restaurant Examiner

Westchester’s Creative Chefs
Chris Hettinger, Cellar 49, Tarrytown

By Jerry Emblinder

Chef de Cuisine Chris Hettinger oversees the food operations at Cellar 49, a restaurant located on the Tarrytown House Estate.

Cellar 49 occupies the cellar of the historic Biddle Mansion, the former home of heiress and philanthropist Mary Lillian Duke Biddle whose family’s American Tobacco Company dominated the tobacco industry for many years.

Hettinger, a Mahopac resident who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park in 1996, joined the estate’s staff in 1997 as a breakfast cook, and after several promotions, was named executive chef in 2009.

He favors the use of Hudson Valley and mid-Atlantic meat, fish and produce and his preference for local, sustainable and organic sources extends to locally caught seafood.

Below is the recipe for his Oscar’s smoked pork chop shown below (Two servings).

1. Ingredients for cheese grits
- ½ cup coarse-grind yellow or white grits
- 1-½ cup water
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¼ pound aged cheddar cheese, shredded
- ¼ pound parmesan cheese, grated

2. Ingredients for Swiss chard
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. fresh Herbs, chopped (thyme, rosemary, chives, parsley)
- Salt and pepper to taste

2. Ingredients for Swiss chard
- 1 bunch Swiss chard
- 2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

3. Ingredients for chops
- 2 each. Oscar’s smoked pork chop (1-¼ inch thick)
- 2 Tbsp. Peach preserves

Instructions for Swiss chard
Add one gallon of water, the cider vinegar, the sugar and salt and pepper to a sauce pot. Bring to a boil. Trim away any heavy stem and wilted pieces of leaves from the Swiss chard. Rough chop the chard into bite-size pieces and rinse in cold water to remove any dirt or sand. Add the cleaned Swiss chard to the boiling water/vinegar/sugar mixture and simmer for two minutes. Remove the chard from the water using a strainer and put in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking process. Strain out the ice water and reserve the Swiss chard.

Instructions for grits
Bring 1½ cups water and ½ cup cream to a boil. Add the grits in a stream to the boiling liquid while stirring. Lower the heat to medium and cook grits until done. (Refer to the package information on cooking time as this may vary from brand to brand.) Add the cheeses, butter and herbs until fully incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Plating instructions
While the chop is grilling, melt the butter in a sauté pan until bubbling. Add the garlic and sauté until fragrant. Add the Swiss chard and cook until hot and slightly wilted (about four minutes). Season with salt and pepper. On two separate plates, add the reserved grits in the center. Place the Swiss chard on top follow by the chop. Serve.

Cellar 49 is located at the 26-acre Tarrytown House Estate & Conference Center, 49 E. Sunnyside Lane in Tarrytown. 1-800-553-8118 or visit www.tarrytownhouseestate.com.

Creative, Appetite-whetting Dishes to Savor in Tarrytown

- **Bistro 12.** Grilled octopus on top of escarole. Octopus is grilled for 20 seconds. Prepared with oil and golden garlic. Served as an appetizer or entree.
- **Bistro Z.** Chilean sea bass with diced fennel, butternut squash and purple potato.
- **Cooper’s Mill.** Hudson Valley apple-brined Berkshire pork chop, roasted apple, spicy apple chutney, asparagus.
- **Demeter’s Tavern.** Roast beef, sliced ultra thin, piled high and served hot. This is not your ordinary roast beef sandwich. With cheese, onions and hot or sweet peppers.
- **Equus.** Lobster and cauliflower salad. Truffle vinaigrette dressing (shallot, leeks, truffle oil/juice, champagne vinegar, grape seed oil). A gluten-free option, minus the lobster, is also available.
- **Horsefeathers.** Flounder or shrimp stuffed with Maryland blue crab.
- **Lefteris Gyro.** Aegean platter: Moussaka, pastitsio, spinach pie and gyro. Served with dinner Greek salad, pita bread and choice of French fries or rice.
- **Little B’s.** Bratwurst and half-bacon. Lobster and cauliflower salad with truffle vinaigrette dressing is served at Equus. Sliders are smoked in-house. The bratwurst is served with sauerkraut (cooked down with stout beer), cheese sauce, red onion, pickles, baconnaise spread and house’s chipotle ketchup.
- **Mr. Nick’s.** Chicken Rollatini with broccoli rabe, roasted peppers, fresh mozzarella, marsala sauce.
- **Osaka Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi.** Sushi bar and hibachi.
- **RiverMarket Bar & Kitchen.** Maine mussels in spicy lobster bisque with toasted Italian county bread for soaking up the leftover bisque.
- **Ruth’s Chris Steak House.** "Classic Dinner" entrée: Combination of Chilean sea bass, veal rib chop and choice of rib eye steak or filet.
- **SB&G.** A restaurant name change and a new menu will be introduced in early January, 2015.
- **Silver Tips Tea Room.** Egg Souchong sandwich. Hard-boiled eggs are marinated in Lapsang Souchong tea, which is a smoky black tea, mashed and blended with seasonings, including mustard and chives to create the egg salad. Available as a toasted tea sandwich but not toasted as part of an afternoon tea service. Closes at 5 p.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.
- **Sunset Cove.** Monkfish medallions. Capers, plum tomato, roasted garlic and artichoke over couscous.
- **Sushi Thai.** Roasted Chilean sea bass with three very different sauces: green Wasabi, the most popular (lightly spiced), spicy mayo (hot) and eel (sweet, plum-color).
- **Swagat.** Chicken Madras. Chicken cooked with roasted coconut, mustard seed and hot chili pepper.
- **Sweet Grass Grill.** Roasted Asian jackfruit, mashed potato, lentil, carrot, mushroom.
- **Tarry Tavern.** Profiterole of escargot filled with garlic potato purée and a parsley Beurre blanc. (Uses the classic Pate à choux dough from which éclairs are made.)
- **The Taco Project.** Mexican takeout.
- **The Tapp.** Fig and prosciutto pizza. Red onion, fig goat cheese, mozzarella, black sesame seeds.
- **Twisted Oak.** Chatham cod rubbed with pastrami spice. Ribbons of braised red cabbage, pumpernickel pain perdu, melted Grayre cheese and Thousand Island dressing.

Tarrytown also has two popular diners: Bella’s, which closes at 8 p.m. on weeknights and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and Eldorado West open 24/7.
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The Home Guru

By Bill Primavera

Beauty of Cut Flowers as Part of Décor Lifts Spirits as Well

Ever since our first year of marriage, there’s always been something special to my wife and me about adding fresh cut flowers to our home decorating scheme. To this day, mostly every week when I stop off at A&P to pick up my copy of The Examiner, I look for the special bargains in the flower section.

If I hadn’t become a reporter, then a PR guy and realtor, I know I would have been perfectly happy as a florist because I love coming home, choosing one of the many vases we keep under the sink and making a new and large floral arrangement, challenging myself to have each one look very different from any I’ve made before. Then I place it in the center of our kitchen island that has an overhead light that beams down directly on it where it will be sure to catch my wife’s attention when she returns home from work.

What is it, I wondered, beyond their beauty, that makes fresh flowers so much a desirable part of our interior décor?

I remembered reading about a study that answered this question.

Sponsored by the Society of American Florists and conducted by Dr. Nancy Etcoff of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, that study considered the immediate effects flowers have on mood in comparison to a generic piece of home décor over a period of a week. Those who lived with fresh cut flowers during that period felt an increase in compassion and kindness and felt less negative. They most frequently placed flowers in their kitchen (our favorite spot), dining room and living room where they spend most of their time at home. It was also found that having flowers at home had a positive carryover impact on their mood at work.

Presenting flowers at home doesn’t seem to hurt in the romance department either. According to a 2012 study reported in the Journal of Social Psychology, men who sought to engage women (vernacularly speaking, pick them up) in a shopping mall scored more successfully near a flower shop than they did near a cake shop or shoe store. Flowers are proven scientifically to convey emotion, from our early prom date to that final funereal spray.

I especially enjoy the creative “hunt” aspect to decorating with flowers when I come across special “buys” that look exotic -- beyond the roses, carnations, daisies and mums that you would expect to find -- perhaps a variety of lily that I might never have seen before, laden with buds that haven’t quite opened, full of promise for the beauty that awaits me in the days ahead.

We take special delight in using unusual conveyances for the flowers. We don’t settle for just ordinary vases, but look for other vessels not normally considered for flowers such as antique pitchers, mixing bowls, canisters and vintage milk bottles.

Throughout the seasons, I like to add color, sticking to the yellows and pinks of spring, the oranges and purples of fall and the reds, greens and whites of winter, all etherealized with lots of baby’s breath, which I always use as the finishing halo to most arrangements I do.

There are times when I’m feeling particularly elaborate, such as this past holiday season when I found bargain bunches of flowers as cheaply as $4.99 and bought a dozen of them for a massive and thick Christmas display. I followed that up during New Year’s week with one that was quite delicate, open and loose, with generous spacing between stems, standing straight with the use of a frog at the bottom of the container.

By the way, my favorite trick for having tulips stand straight as a stick in the vase is to place a few pennies in the bottom of the vase. The copper in the pennies make them stand straight...but look for older pennies which have more copper in them.

I’ve just purchased a condo where I have a Juliette balcony high above ground level with no way to just swing open the doors and step outside to enjoy a flower garden. But I have a fabulous idea to have fresh flowers indoors all year long. I’m taking an antique iron urn from the garden of my country home and placing it just inside my balcony windows and, from spring through fall, I will plant a profusion of geraniums in it. During winter, I will fill it with a large bowl of fresh cut flowers. It will be my way of always having the color and mood-lifting energy of fresh flowers indoors all year long.

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By Martin Wilbur

We all have days where we don’t know what to eat or are simply too tired after a long day at work to do much heavy cooking.

Sometimes that void is best filled with a grilled cheese sandwich.

Brothers Greg and Nathan Kramer tapped into that sentiment last June when they opened Melts, a gourmet grilled cheese restaurant on Bedford Road in Armonk in the same space that had previously been occupied by two different burger joints.

“We figured it’s a good-sized space, it’s easy enough for (my brother) and I to work in the beginning and who doesn’t love grilled cheese?” said Nathan Kramer, a chef for 20 years at restaurants from Connecticut to California who handles Melts’ kitchen chores while Greg takes the orders and tends to the register.

“It’s family friendly, it’s kid friendly, it’s really everybody friendly,” Nathan added.

While the classic American cheese on white sourdough bread accounts for about two-thirds of its sandwich sales, Melts has about 10 other specialty sandwiches that all look like grilled cheese, but with the brothers’ own spin on some popular staples.

There is the Wisconsin Patty Melt, featuring ground beef, Wisconsin cheddar, applewood bacon, crispy fried onions and barbecue sauce. Other choices include the Reuben (pastrami, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, Russian tartar sauce and pickles on rye bread) and The Pork (barbecue pulled pork, Vermont aged white cheddar and pickles with cabbage slaw).

For those who like spice, there’s The Heat, which includes wild mushrooms, pickled jalapenos, cherry peppers, goat and mozzarella cheeses, parsley pesto and mayo.

The Tuna Melt contains melted Vermont sharp cheddar, sliced tomato and avocado on multigrain bread.

The common denominator is that all of the sandwiches have melted cheese, said Greg Kramer, who spent the past 15 years in the building construction materials industry in California before returning to New York to help his brother. He considers what they serve to be comfort food.

“Our Philly isn’t like what you would find in Philadelphia,” said Greg Kramer. “It’s our version of a Philly that’s like a grilled cheese.”

Nathan Kramer said the idea for Melts arose because he wanted to open his own business but didn’t want to work the seven days a week that’s often required to operate a full-service restaurant. He noticed that a few grilled cheese specialty shops had succeeded in Manhattan, but there were none in Westchester.

“It’s a small town but I think there’s still potential for it to do pretty well,” Nathan said. “It’s just a matter of getting the word out inside the town.”

So far that strategy seems to be working. Local social media sites have praised Melts and it has proven to be a big hit among diverse clientele, whether it be the lunchtime crowd from nearby offices, students after dismissals from Crippen Middle School down the street or local families.

Greg Kramer said aside from fresh, high-quality food, the price and the portion size have received raves. None of the sandwiches are more than $7.95. For $2.50, a patron receives a heaping portion of French fries—not frozen but freshly cut potatoes—that could feed at least two people. Tater tots, barbecue potato chips or roasted Brussel sprouts are also always on the menu. Or on a cold winter’s day you can get tomato basil soup made daily to go with a sandwich.

For a mom or dad who may be watching what they eat, a classic Caesar salad or a green salad topped with chicken, tuna or a burger is available.

With 10 indoor seats and outdoor seating in warm weather, patrons can eat in or take out. The brothers hope to be able to add a counter with stool seats in the future. At some point they also hope to be able to hire staff to add more days.

Melts is located at 144 Bedford Rd. It is open Tuesday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 914-219-5995 or visit www.meltsny.com.
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. 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.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix™ and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. $20. Every Wednesday. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

Mother Nature’s Story Time. Enjoy winter days at the center with nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts during this six-week program. For children two to four years old with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: $50 per child. Non-members: $90 per child. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Info and pre-registration: www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Mommy Meet Up. Whether it’s your first child or your fifth, this program is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For newborns birth to eight months old and their moms. Romperee Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School & Kindergarten 160 Hughs Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday (except holidays). Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

Knitting Club. Come learn to knit, or if you already know how, bring your current project and enjoy a visit with other knitters and crocheters. Beginners should bring a pair off size 5 or 10 straight knitting needles and skien or worsted weight yarn. Open to knitters and crocheters 10 years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Meets every Wednesday. Info: 914-666-8041.

Wednesday Night Bingo. Regular bingo tickets and specials available for sale. Includes coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Hot dogs and soda for sale. Holy Rosary School, 180 Bradhurst Ave., Hawthorne. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 7:20 p.m. $2 (for one card). Extra game cards may be purchased for $2 or $3 each along with a few specialty games. Every Wednesday.

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

Thursday, Jan. 8
Pleasantville Garden Club Meeting. Sandy Morrissey, keeper of the bluebirds, will discuss “Plants Which Attract Birds to Your Garden.” Much of the credit for the local resurgence of bluebirds in recent years goes to people such as Morrissey, an avid gardener and president of the Bronx River-Sound Shore Audubon Society and founder of its Eastern Bluebird Project. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. General meeting at 9:15 a.m. Presentation at 10:30 a.m. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillegardenclub.org.

Let Your Yoga Dance Classes. The popular Kripalu noon dance class is now in Chappaqua! Combines easy dance, gentle yoga and great music. Come join this non-competitive, heart pumping and joyful experience. Drop-ins welcome. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. $20 per 75-minute class. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-238-8974 or email claudia@yogadance@gmail.com.

Story Time Playgroup. Join Miss Debbie for a story, music and playtime with toys and books in this new program. Children and a parent or caregiver can spend special time together and make new friends. For children six months to four years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Meets every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or visit www.mountpleasnantlibrary.org.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Every Thursday. Info: 914-864-0130 or visit www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Manhattanville School of Business Open House. This program will provide an overview of Manhattanville’s graduate business programs, adult undergraduate programs, advanced certificates and what to expect when applying and enrolled. Prospective students can meet with program directors, admissions staff, financial aid staff and representatives from student services. There will also be a panel discussion featuring current students, representing each of Manhattanville’s graduate business programs. Reid Castle at Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:15 to 8 p.m. Free. (There will be a $75 application fee waiver for attendees.) Registration required. Info and registration: e-mail mwvmllleedu@ business.

Zumba Fitness Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 7 to 8 p.m. $15 a class. $29 for four classes. $55 for eight classes. Meets every Thursday. Also Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: 917-215-1720, e-mail AddietudeDance@gmail.com or visit www.Addie-tude.com.

"Match." In advance of its nationwide theatrical debut, there will be an advance screening of this new film starring Patrick Stewart. The film’s writer and director, Stephen Belber, will be on hand after the screening for a discussion and Q&A led by critic Marshall Fine. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. $12. Seniors and students: $10. Members: $6. Info and tickets: Visit www. thepicturehouse.org.

Friday, Jan. 9
Zumbal Gold. Try this low-impact approach to Zumba for the older active adult and baby boomer with the same sweaty, fun-filled cardio workout in an easy learning environment. Ongoing classes; drop-ins welcome. Addie-tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. $12. Four- and eight-week cards available. Meets every Friday. Info: 914-747-0808 or email instructor at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 10
Pleasantville Farmers Market. The market moves indoors featuring vendors with winter-grown produce along with a variety of meats, cheeses, breads and prepared foods. Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday through May 9. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.com.

Mount Kisco Farmers Market. St. Mark’s Church, 85 Main St., Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit https://www.facebook.com/MtKiscoFarmersMarket.

Blood Drive. Whole blood and red cells units will be collected from qualifying candidates. Donors from all towns are welcome to lend their help boost blood supplies which often lag over the holidays. Walk-ins accepted. Emanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info and appointments: 800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org/donateblood.

Gan Shabbat. A monthly program of children’s Sabbath services for nursery school-age students and their families featuring an interactive introduction to Shabbat songs, stories and prayers. A kid-friendly Kiddush of refreshments follows each service. Bet Torah, 60 Smith Ave., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-666-7595.

Winter Wonderland Hike. A hike to enjoy the fresh, crisp air. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Adult Learner Information Day. Dedicated counselors will answer questions about the Bachelor’s Degree Program for adults. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty and students and talk to academic and financial advisers as well as complete required testing and apply for admission. The College of New Rochelle’s Sweeny Student Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11 a.m. Free. Registration required. Registration: Info: 914-654-5528, visit www.cnr.edu or e-mail smr@cnr.edu.

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 in January. Info: www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.


Friday, Jan. 9
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Mount Kisco Farmers Market. St. Mark’s Church, 85 Main St., Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit https://www.facebook.com/MtKiscoFarmersMarket.
A World Famous Restaurant is the Victim of Holiday Foul Play

My wife and I have been fortunate over the years to enjoy high-end travel destinations and the sophisticated restaurants that thrive nearby. Several of these destinations and restaurants have been in the wine regions of several countries, notably France, Italy and the United States.

Whenever we see one of these destinations in the news, it rekindles our fond memories of the unique times we enjoyed. But every so often, these destinations are in the news for less than glorious reasons. So it was last week. The French Laundry restaurant, deep in the heartland of Napa Valley, was burglarized.

We were patrons when the owner and chef, Thomas Keller, first opened the restaurant in 1994 to critical acclaim for his (at the time) innovative approach to menu offerings, eclectic ingredients and groundbreaking food preparation. The restaurant has earned the coveted top ranking from the dining review arm of Michelin (three stars, one of only nine destinations are in the news for less than our fond memories of the unique times and restaurants have been in the wine industry).

The vacant restaurant was broken into on Christmas Day. How did they enter? The thief (or thieves) clumsily smashed open the door to the wine cellar, splintering the lock and the door. "They spoke not a word but went straight to their work. And filled all their stockings."

What did they flee with? Precious wine, valued at over $300,000, according to the Los Angeles Times. And not the first wines they could grab, but specific bottles from a specific high-end winery.

These facts had me thinking it was an inside job perpetrated by one or more knowledgeable burglars.

However, when I saw the story, my first thought was Whoa! What a collection." This surely ranks with the most expensive and expensive restaurant cellars in the United States. Even an average price of $300 per bottle for the higher-end wines would equate to about 1000 bottles – and this would represent just a portion of the cellar contents. Reading further, Keller confirmed that only 76 bottles were missing. That is an average value of nearly $4,000 per bottle. Additional details began to emerge.

The list of stolen bottles read like Who's Who of high-end wines, many of which are rarely on a restaurant wine list, unless you're a three-star Michelin restaurant serving $295 dinners. And did I mention that this expansive and expensive cellar caters to a capacity of only 62 seats at The French Laundry? This is a striking example of rare, quality wines at a rare, quality restaurant.

The list of individual wines is dominated by the most expensive bottles in the world: Domaine de la Romanée-Conti from the French Burgundy region (60 bottles), the most valued bottle of which is estimated to be worth $15,000. The American cult wine Screaming Eagle is also represented on this now infamous list, as are several bottles of Dom Pérignon, a French cult Champagne.

Here the term "valued at" refers to retail pricing. The prices on a restaurant wine list are typically marked up two to three times over retail (and for rare wines even higher), which if this is the case for The French Laundry list, would catapult this theft to grand proportions.

Certainly Keller will recover from this tragedy – and most likely more quickly than I.

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Monday, Jan. 12

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Local Hockey Teams Start the New Year With Mixed Results

By Cutler Klein

As winter vacation came to a close, all four local high school hockey teams hit the ice yet again. It was quite the wild weekend, with everything from double-digit wins to tight, intense contests. Here’s a look at how the Northern Westchester squads fared as 2015 got underway at the Brewster Ice Arena:

Horace Greeley

It was a tale of two Quaker squads this weekend. Greeley (6-4) started off its weekend with a rough 5-3 defeat Friday afternoon at the hands of the Somers/North Salem Sabers. Trailing 4-1 going into the third period, the Quakers climbed back into it with goals from Garrett Katchis and Sam Whitehouse. However, they couldn’t solve Sabers goaltender Tim Henning again, and Somers eventually tacked on an empty-net goal.

The Quakers applied the early pressure and held possession for most of the first period. But with 35 seconds remaining in the period, Somers captain Luigi Olinto was awarded a penalty shot and made the man rushes to take a 3-0 lead. The Quakers did have a three-minute power play opportunity, but couldn’t cash in. Greeley captain Sam Mishkind eventually put the Quakers on the board late in the second, but Somers struck back just 31 seconds later to regain its three-goal advantage.

The first two periods looked very sloppy for the Quakers. Greeley assistant coach Bruce Perlowitz said that Greeley’s inconsistency is nothing new. “We’ve been an up-and-down team all year long,” Perlowitz said. “We don’t really know what we’re going to get when the game starts. We seem to know what we’re going to get later in the game, but not when the game starts.”

Greeley was able to outshoot the Sabers in the third period by 10 shots, but it wasn’t enough. The Quakers finished with 34 shots on goal, but Perlowitz said that squandered opportunities ended up coming back to bite them. “We had quality scoring chances, but we actually missed the net,” he said. “That really hurt.”

Following the loss, Greeley rebounded in a big way on Sunday night, torching the Lakeland/Panas Rebels by a score of 17-3. The Quakers found the back of the net early with goals from freshmen Dillon Rusiecki and Ming Zheng. But the Rebels struck back quickly with back-to-back goals on senior goaltender Matt Solnick, making his first-ever start in goal. “That first goal early got in my head a little bit,” said Solnick, admitting he became a little rattled. “That’s why the second goal happened right after. After that first period, I gathered myself, and I think I was much stronger for the rest of the game.”

Greeley finished out the first period with goals from Mishkind, Nick Sloan and Scott Jakubowicz. The barrage was on from there, as the Quakers sent 87 shots on net throughout the entire game.

The Quakers found offense from some unusual sources. Sophomore Nick Sloan had a hat trick, and youngsters Zheng and Rusiecki found the back of the net. Senior Sammy Attia had three assists, all in the third period. The veterans also got on the
Pace Women’s Team Runs Past the Chargers in the Second Half

By Monica D’Ippolito

After being knotted up at halftime on Friday afternoon, the Pace University women’s basketball team stepped up defensively. The Setters held Dominican College to its lowest point total for a half this season and secured their fourth straight victory.

“I think we did a nice job on defense today,” Pace junior forward Yuni Sher said after the team’s 61-43 home win at the Goldstein Fitness Center. “I think that says a lot about Coach’s plan for defense. I felt in the first half we were in and out of it, and in the second half we really executed it. I think the biggest key was execution in this game.”

Dominican (5-9) came out with a 2-2-1 full-court press, which stalled the Pace offense in the first half, but after reassessing their strategy at halftime, the Setters had no more issues beating the pressure, which allowed their offense to come alive over the final 20 minutes.

“Second half, we were attacking more aggressively against their full-court pressure and then it was leading to better passes,” Setters coach Carrie Seymour said. “We were getting off the dribble a little bit against the zone; it was opening up better shots than we got in the first half.”

Both teams shot poorly in the first 20 minutes, with the Setters hitting just 35.7 percent from the field and the Chargers sinking just 34.5 percent.

“The basic message at halftime was that we needed to pick up our energy,” Sher said. “Energy needed to be higher, and we were playing kind of slow and that’s not our game.”

The message seemed to get through to the Setters, who were tied at 28-31 apiece with the Chargers at halftime. Sher scored on a layup 40 seconds into the second half and the Setters never lost the lead the rest of the way. A 3-pointer by new transfer Christina Rubin capped an 18-2 run that gave Pace a 53-36 advantage with 7:33 remaining.

Pace held Dominican to only 15 points in the second half, limiting the Chargers to just 28 percent shooting from the field. The Setters also forced 21 turnovers for the game, which converted into 22 points.

“It all started on defense,” Pace’s Gabriella Rubin said. “We started getting steals, we started moving the ball faster, we pushed it up the court and we scored. The momentum was there and our energy was high because we were getting steals.”

Sher led Pace with 16 points on 7-for-12 shooting and seven rebounds, while Margo Hackett finished with 13 points and eight rebounds.

“I think, going into every game, my biggest goal is to outrebound my opponent,” Sher said. “I was able to get my first few offensive rebounds. I kind of took advantage that they weren’t blocking me out so much, and I was able to finish today, which was nice.”

The Setters, now 7-6, defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 64-61 in overtime Sunday on the road to extend their winning streak to five games. Rubin finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Sher added 13 points and 11 boards, as Pace climbed above the .500 mark for the first time all season.

“We play together all the time,” Gabriella Rubin said. “We always play pickup on the same team and I know what she likes to do. She knows what I like to do. We communicate without communicating, basically. Just got to look at each other, really.”

Meanwhile, Gabriella Rubin is quietly having a great freshman season thus far. Tied for the team lead in points with senior Margo Hackett and averaging 12.3 per game, she’s also providing just over four rebounds and three assists a contest.

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Against Dominican, Christina Rubin finished with six points in 15 minutes. But in her second outing, at St. Thomas Aquinas Sunday, the Staten Island native ended up with 12 points in 28 minutes of action.

“I’m looking forward to getting to know each of the girls’ games,” said Christina after Friday’s victory, “and how I can make them better and how we can win.”

Pace University forward Yuni Sher pulls down a rebound in Friday’s victory over Dominican College.
Late 3-Pointers Lift the Westchester Knicks to a Victory

By Monica D’Ippolito

The Westchester Knicks regrouped from a devastating last-second home loss last Friday by defeating the Iowa Energy 108-104 just 24 hours later at the Westchester County Center.

“Before the game, we had a great conversation with the team about not quitting and understanding that life will present opportunities for you to quit, but you have to make a choice to go,” Whitted said. “The thing is, you have to go all in together, and if one guy takes the circle it affects us all. So I think everyone stood in that circle strong before that game and really understood that we really have to stay together for the full 48 until the buzzer goes off.”

Westchester (7-12) needed to stand together for 48 minutes against an Iowa team that would not go away. The Knicks trailed through most of the first and second quarters, but gained control of the game late in the third with a bucket by Ron Anderson Jr. that put them up 73-72 with just over three minutes to go.

The Knicks’ Thanasis Antetokounmpo propelled Westchester in the third quarter, scoring nine points and creating the highlight of the night. Antetokounmpo negated what would have been an easy Iowa layup with a block from behind and then stole the ensuing inbound pass, taking the ball coast to coast and earning a trip to the foul line.

“He’s learning he can affect the game in multiple ways,” said Whitted about Antetokounmpo. “He doesn’t understand that his speed and his energy in terms of getting the ball down the floor and at times managing the floor is just as great of an asset as scoring the ball. He’s starting to grow and continue to pick up the little things that will separate him from the pack.”

Iowa soon answered with a Jarrid Famous layup, leading to a Knicks timeout. When they returned to the court, point guard Andre Barrett fed Galloway, who again connected on another trey from nearly the same spot, all but clinching the victory with 34 seconds to go.

“We have to be locked-in in games, continue to work on and what we can take to these next games,” Ginyard said of the victory. “It’s not something you necessarily continue to celebrate, but to recognize what we do well and what we didn’t do well, and just to see what we continue to work on and what we can take on to these next games.”

I think, as the season goes along, he will continue to get better.”

Leading 81-77 entering the fourth quarter, the Knicks slowed down the pace and made sure to get their big players some touches inside, leading to numerous trips to the foul line, where they finished the day 30-for-37.

“I felt like we were able to get post touches to Ron (Anderson Jr.), Marcus (Ginyard) and Thanasis,” Whitted said. “Percentages started to come up and then we weren’t relying on the jump shots. Sometimes we allow that to dictate everything for us, where tonight we were able to put the ball in the post and give ourselves an opportunity to get higher percentage shots, which created a better defensive balance.”

With just over a minute to play, the Knicks’ Langston Galloway stole a pass in the middle of the floor and soon got the ball back, draining a jumper from the top of the key for a 3-pointer that gave the Knicks a 101-94 cushion.

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“I got off a screen and I got an open look and I knocked that one down and got another look, I think the next possession, and knocked it down,” said Galloway. “So I just got to continue to be aggressive and it’ll come. I mean, as a shooter, you always have to be locked-in in games, continue to find ways to score the ball. I got a few opportunities when I was wide open and I knocked down some shots.”

Mad Ants Friday night at 7 pm, would then sink six of eight free throws in the waning seconds to secure the win, ending its three-game losing skid.

Galloway led the Knicks with 17 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter. Antetokounmpo finished with 12 points and five rebounds, while Orlando Sanchez ended up with 14 points and 12 rebounds. But it might’ve been Ginyard’s performance off the bench that helped Westchester the most, as the 28-year-old former North Carolina Tar Heel provided 15 points and six rebounds.

“Hopefully, we can continue to keep this in the back of our minds,” Ginyard said of the victory. “It’s not something you necessarily continue to celebrate, but to recognize what we do well and what we didn’t do well, and just to see what we continue to work on and what we can take on to these next games.”
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Mount Pleasant struck back quickly with a following the winter break. The Bobcats were playing their first game were coming off of a 5-1 victory against Bobcats (1-6) by a score of 3-2. The IceCats Saturday and took down the Byram Hills the trek north to Brewster Ice Arena.

However, I'm not going to tell my players to stop playing. What should we do, play keep-away?

Mount Pleasant vs. Byram Hills

The Mount Pleasant IceCats (6-2) made the trek north to Brewster Ice Arena Saturday and took down the Byram Hills Bobcats (1-6) by a score of 3-2. The IceCats were coming off of a 5-1 victory against John Jay-Cross River 24 hours earlier, while the Bobcats were playing their first game following the winter break.

Matthew Behar got the scoring started early in the first period for Byram Hills, but Mount Pleasant struck back quickly with a goal from Oscar Marchi, his third in two games. IceCats head coach Josh Isenberg said Marchi has been a key player lately. “He's been great,” Isenberg said. “Not only has he been a great leader on the ice, but he's been a great guy off the ice. He's a big kid, and hard to knock off the puck.”

Byram Hills re-took the lead with less than a minute to go in the first period on a goal from Joe Rocco, only to have the IceCats knot it up again with six seconds left in the frame with a tally by Greg Kramer. The second period was scoreless, but Kramer beat Byram Hills goaltender Grace Lunder early in the third period, and that was all they needed. Despite the victory, though, Isenberg was not happy with his team's performance. “I was a little disappointed,” he said. “Our kids were looking past this game. We had a little more talent than them, but we had to fight for everything we got.”

Byram Hills head coach Andrew Cloherty noted that his team had been undefeated when scoring the first goal until last night and saw some good things from his players. “Our team was resilient,” he said. “We continually scored, and had two leads in the game.”

But according to Cloherty, there was also plenty for the Bobcats to learn from in this contest. “Two of the three goals we gave up were in the last minute and first minute of periods,” he said. “Any hockey player knows that those are the worst times to give up goals.”

The IceCats hope to keep their hot streak going into the new year, and begin to focus more on themselves, rather than the opponent. “Byram Hills played a good game, but I think with our talent it should have been an easier game,” Isenberg said. “We need to be more consistent playing our game and not worry about who the other team is.”

Despite the tough loss, the Bobcats are looking forward to a strong January. “We've got a young team,” said Cloherty. “and we're hoping that the second half of the season, we can fix some things. We've had four one-goal losses, and we can turn them around into one-goal wins.”

Fox Lane

The Foxes (0-5) were missing a few familiar faces this weekend, for a number of reasons. Junior forward Thomas Tenney, who has been a scoring machine for Fox Lane thus far, was away at a recruiting event in Colorado. Matthew Leader, Ryder Beitzel, A.J. Crawford and Tanner More were all suspended for their roles in fights during the December 21 loss to Greeley. Fox Lane head coach Scott Miele was also suspended for leaving the bench in a brief brawl with the Quakers.

Without most of their top talent, the Foxes fell to Somers/North Salem 9-0 on Sunday night. Somers found the score sheet early and often, with multi-goal games from RJ LaSpina and Max Tytla. The Foxes saw an opportunity to give depth players a chance at some ice time and rotated in lots of different players throughout the game. After facing 25 shots in two periods, Fox Lane standout goaltender Abbie Ives, exhausted from playing for travel teams and needing a rest, was replaced in net.

Despite the lopsided score, assistant coach Kenneth Freitag was happy with his team's play. “I think we played a heck of a game,” he said. “We played guys that hardly ever touch the ice. They (the Sabers) didn't dominate us the whole game, but they dominated the scoreboard.”

The Foxes may now be losing another key because, early in the third period, s Kirk Atkinson delivered a hard check into the boards to Somers forward Olivia Hale. He was thrown out of the game and a suspension may be forthcoming.

“It was an unfortunate event,” Freitag said. “We don't promote dirtiness on this team. It was an unlucky hit. He should have slowed up and he didn't. It's part of the game.”

The Foxes did find out a lot about their depth players, and will look to improve ahead of their big rivalry showdown against Byram Hills this Friday.

“I learned that I can trust some players that I wasn't sure I could trust,” Freitag said.
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The Fox Lane Sports Boosters Club is sponsoring our 2nd, 24 hour Bowl-a-thon fundraiser. You won’t want to miss out on the event of the New Year. Check-in begins at 8:00 am followed by bowling at 9:00 am, Jan. 24 until 9:00 am, Jan. 25, 2014 at Grand Prix NY, 333 N. Bedford Rd, Mt Kisco.

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