Last Call for P’ville Sports Pubs Michael’s Tavern, McArthur’s

By Martin Wilbur

There was good reason why last Friday afternoon didn’t feel like a normal lunchtime at Michael’s Tavern in Pleasantville.

It wasn’t because it was almost 2 p.m. and the crowds were clearing out, or that perhaps a lot of patrons had skipped town in advance of the long holiday weekend.

July 1 marked the final day for Michael’s Tavern and its sister restaurant McArthur’s American Grille, two longtime Pleasantville dining institutions. Its doors were closed for good at the end of business last Friday night.

Owner Doug Crossett, who opened Michael’s Tavern, his first restaurant and sports pub, in 1979, said steadily rising food, rent and labor costs and a change in the public’s drinking and eating habits conspired to no longer make it a profitable business.

“People don’t have lunch in bars and restaurants as much as they used to, they don’t have the martini lunch anymore,” Crossett said. “I understand the changes and everything. It’s not a place I want to be.”

Michael’s Tavern, located at 150 Bedford Rd. in the Old Village, was a sports pub-style restaurant where customers gathered for lunch, dinner, after work at the bar or to watch a game on the large flat-screen TVs. McArthur’s, at 14 Washington Ave., and Crossett’s third restaurant, Oliver’s in Katonah, both similar style restaurants, also closed.

He said that he has had an increasing number of opportunities to do consulting work in the food service industry and has launched Crossett Restaurant Consulting. While Crossett, 64, won’t be slowing down too much, it will give him additional free time. On July 15 and 16, Crossett and his sons will complete a continued on page 2

New Castle Officials Urged to Take Steps to Curtail Trapping

By Martin Wilbur

A group of New Castle residents appealed to the town board last week to ask the Random Farms Homeowners Association to halt coyote trapping for 30 days so public education efforts on peaceful coexistence can be renewed.

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County to Appeal Decision on Release of Affordable Housing Videotapes

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County plans to appeal a federal judge’s decision last week ordering videotapes of County Executive Rob Astorino’s depositions be publicly released regarding statements connected to the required public education campaign for the affordable housing settlement.

The June 27 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Denise Cote granted the request made in March by federal Judge James Johnson who has monitored White Plains’ housing settlement with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The county is required to build 750 new affordable units in 31 mostly white municipalities.

However, Astorino has argued that his public comments were to highlight the federal government’s overreach to potentially expand the parameters of the settlement, disregarding his First Amendment rights to criticize the agreement even as the county has continued to meet its annual benchmarks. Westchester must reach building permits for at least 750 units by the end of this year to be in compliance.

The court is also expecting an acceptable Analysis of Impediments (AI), which relates to zoning, be submitted in 30 days so public education efforts on peaceful coexistence can be renewed.

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1,000-mile roundtrip motorcycle trek in less than 24 hours.

“I’ve been doing this six-and-a-half days a week for 37 years,” Crossett said. “My wife and I are partners. I don’t want to say I’m tired because I’m not. I will be consulting full-time.”

He also helped his two sons, Matthew and Robert, get started with their restaurant, Yorktown Grille, in Yorktown Heights.

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer said he found out about the closures from Crossett last Wednesday.

Scherer said that not only were the two Pleasantville restaurants great places to eat and congregate but he called Crossett “a pillar of the community.”

“That’s, obviously, an extraordinary period of longevity in that business when restaurants don’t generally last nearly that long,” Scherer said. “Doug’s done an awful lot of things right. He has benefitted the community in thousands of ways, he’s been very generous to lots of people and lots of organizations and we’re sorry to see him go, that’s for sure.”

Last Friday, a small early afternoon crowd gathered at the bar for the final time, having one last drink together and commiserating about their favorite place.

They also remarked how generous Crossett was toward community organizations.

“It’s very sad,” said Pleasantville resident Rob Nugent. “I’ve been here 20 years and it was here before that. Like I said to Doug before, they were always involved. If you had a charity they would be the first ones to give. I feel like every time I came in here, I would spend a dollar in here, he’d give it back to the community.”

Village resident Patrick Hayes said the restaurants were very family-friendly through the dinner hour but that didn’t detract from the pub atmosphere in the evening.

“We’re definitely very disappointed to see it go,” said Hayes.

Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce President William Flooks said he’s hopeful that other proprietors will find both locations attractive to consider. However, for now, the loss of McArthur’s is a significant blow to Washington Avenue, he said. It was a popular destination for diners looking for something to eat and to be served quickly on their way to or from the Jacob Burns Film Center across the street.

Its departure will also create a third major vacancy on the street, following the closures of the toy store Try & Buy and B & J Cleaners. Flooks said each business appeared to have separate issues that played a role in their closures.

“I would like to think it’s not a domino effect,” Flooks said. “It’s not like it’s a downtrodden street.”

Scherer said he was confident that the two spaces would be filled fairly quickly with new eateries. However, given the length of time Michael’s and McArthur’s were in the community and the easy-going atmosphere for its employees and patrons, the two establishments will be missed, he said.

“They’re comfortable, informal places that are friendly and in many cases there are years-long relationships between people who work there and people who go there,” Scherer said.
P’ville Assisted Living Plan Revised in Hopes of Board Support

By Henry Buckley

Sunrise Senior Living presented a revised version of an assisted living facility plan at the Pleasantville Village Board last week that calls for a single access point to the property and incorporates the community center into the building.

The developer, who is seeking a zoning code amendment for the four-acre parcel owned by the United Methodist Church on Bedford Road, also would construct the 79-unit building into the property’s elevation, making it appear a two-and-a-half-story structure in front and one-and-a-half stories in back. While the number of floors inside wouldn’t change, the previous iteration of the plan was three stories in front and two stories in back.

“We believe this is the best scheme as of now,” said Jerry Liang, Sunrise Senior Living’s vice president of investments and development after being asked about the new access point by Mayor Peter Scherer. “The church has two inefficiently placed entrances. Our conjoined entrance would allow for cohesion in regard to access.”

Since plans were made public last July, Sunrise, backed by the investment group Bedford Road Partners, has appeared several times before the village board. The developer is looking to accommodate officials’ and neighboring residents’ concerns. No formal application has been submitted yet.

Sunrise must first obtain a change from a residential to a commercial zone from the village board before receiving site plan approval from the planning commission to build the facility. A previous application from Benchmark for a structure containing 87 units narrowly failed in its attempt for a rezone in 2014. Liang and project architect Chuck Heath said Sunrise has a successful history of integrating its facilities into residential neighborhoods. Heath detailed the plan’s most recent changes, many of which were made as a result of residents’ concerns.

The last time Sunrise representatives appeared in March, they presented two plans showing multiple scenarios for access points, community center locations and building location and size. The developer has now settled on a hybrid of the two plans.

The latest update calls for a shared entrance for the new facility and the church on Maple Hill Road. Scherer asked if a traffic light would be placed at the intersection of Maple Hill and Bedford Road. Liang said that matter would have to be discussed with the state Department of Transportation (DOT).

Heath said that the new community center will be part of the facility. Previously, plans showed the center built into the church and as a standalone entity. The last significant change concerns the facility’s size and location. In March, the building appeared to be three stories tall and in relatively close proximity to neighboring residences on Maple Hill Road, sparking criticisms from residents.

The new plan contains 79 units using the property’s natural slope to make the building appear shorter.

“We’re trying to get as far away from our neighbors to the rear as possible and maintain as much green view for them as we can,” Heath said. Liang sought support from the neighbors on Maple Hill Road. He expressed hope that the adjustments would help ease their anxiety.

However, Maple Hill resident Bill Stoller, who has strongly opposed the Benchmark application and more recently Sunrise’s pitches, wasn’t impressed.

“I support bringing assisted living to the village but firmly believe this is the wrong location for the project,” Stoller said. “The board encountered a similar plan in 2014 and voted it down; Sunrise’s proposal should follow suit.”

Attorney Sy Gruza posed three questions to the village board. He asked if the developer’s decision to reduce the number of units, move the entrance to Maple Hill Road and include a community center within the structure have improved the proposal’s chances.

“These three questions of ours are the last phase of this process,” Gruza said.

Scherer suggested a future work session to address the developer’s questions. He also inquired about the likelihood of an application making its way to the village sometime soon.

“Although you’ve made significant progress, I remain a skeptic,” said Scherer, who was the deciding vote in Benchmark’s failed rezone request. “That being said, if a formal application is submitted it will receive the fair hearing it deserves.”

When asked for a specific timetable for an application, Heath said it could happen in 60 to 90 days. But Liang then added that “we aren’t yet ready to provide a specific date.”

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some sort of contingency with how to handle these situations? Otherwise, the plan is not sustainable.”

The board directed Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis to research whether a municipality has any standing to call for a moratorium on trapping or if it has the authority to regulate the types of traps used. It also wanted to see if information can be obtained on the locations of traps on private property to dispense to the general public.

Trapping is overseen either by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Supervisor Robert Greenstein, who has been accused by some critics of assisting Random Farms in their request for trapping permits, tried to temper expectations with how much the town can legally do given that the permits were issued for private property and the activity is regulated by state and federal agencies.

“We can do our part with our Coyote Response Plan and educating residents and I think what we don’t want to do, we don’t want people to think that New Castle is a haven for coyotes,” Greenstein said. “This is a problem that’s not a New Castle problem. This is a problem that continues all over the country and all over the state and different communities handle it differently.”

Councilwoman Lisa Katz said while the town’s options are likely limited, officials planned on approaching Random Farms representatives with the plan to bolster education efforts.

“We will take our plan and make sure it is disseminated to their residents, that we get this education out there, that we enhance our education again and kind of move forward from there,” Katz said.

Tensions escalated after it was discovered that a coyote was trapped during the first seven-day trapping period that ended June 20. The USDA confirmed on June 24 that the Random Farms Homeowners Association had decided to pursue a second five-day trapping period but have not disclosed if and when additional traps have been set.

Random Farms resident Julia Burton, who attended last week’s town board meeting, said communication with homeowners within the development has been poor on this issue. She said most of the residents found out of the homeowners association’s decision through an e-mail or Facebook post.

Burton said if a majority of residents in her community felt that this was the right thing to do she would support it, but there was apparently no consensus.

“I feel that the association was kind of hijacked,” she said. “There was no discussion ahead of time. There was nothing.”

Victoria Alzapiedi, the chair of one of two coyote committees that shaped the town’s response plan and an ardent opponent of trapping, said that her “disappointment is so great” because so much time was spent on strategies to avoid what has happened at Random Farms.

“We were so ahead of the curve of what we understand about coyote behavior and about ways to prevent attacks and to prevent any conflict with coyotes,” she said.
Farmers, P’ville Community Send 600 Pounds of Food to the Needy

By Martin Wilbur

It was a happy and healthy holiday weekend for many clients of Hillside Food Outreach thanks to generous shoppers and a roster of dedicated farmers and volunteers.

More than 600 pounds of fresh produce and other food was collected last Saturday at the Pleasantville Farmers Market during its second Hillside Food Donation Day and distributed throughout the county. Farmers donated 347.5 pounds of food they hadn’t sold by the market’s close while many participating shoppers bought one extra item to donate, adding another 274 pounds to the total.

Steven Bates, the market’s executive director, said with an alarmingly high food insecurity problem in Westchester, which includes the elderly, the financially challenged and those with health issues, the farmers market can supply vastly superior food for Hillside’s 1,600 Westchester clients compared to what they acquire at other facilities.

“This is the best food for them to be eating and often it’s carbs that are on sale,” Bates said. “Their finances are not bringing in the best food for their dietary needs, so whether it’s a diabetic situation or just getting enough food, 5,000 pounds in the calendar year (have been collected) so far.”

On Saturday two large boxes were brought to A-Home residences in Chappaqua and Katonah, Bates said. Hillside’s volunteers were able to truck the remainder of the produce away shortly after the market closed for same-day delivery for their clients.

Along with last Saturday’s efforts, farmers donate food they haven’t sold at the close of each weekly market.

Devin Juros, a 15-year-old Pleasantville resident who launched the Pleasantville Community Garden two years ago at St. John’s Episcopal Church, has been able to grow about 17,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, which has been donated to Hillside since the garden debuted.

“We drive over to Hillside and we weigh everything so we know our poundage and it goes right in, so it goes in a couple of days to people that need it,” Juros said.

Bates said that the farmers at the Pleasantville market have responded because the efforts of Juros and his peers, mainly fellow high school students and other community volunteers, have inspired them. Hillside’s coordination of its deliveries to speedily get the food in the hands of the needy is also outstanding, he said.

“They were really impressed by the effort of Devin and his family and the high school students, the teens,” he said. “There were also impressed by Hillside handling it all.”

Hillside Food Outreach founder and Executive Director Kathy Purdy said many community members don’t realize that the organization needs to buy about 70 percent of the food that it donates to its clients, so the Pleasantville Farmers Market and Pleasantville Community Garden efforts are deeply appreciated.

“We buy food from the Food Bank. It’s for sale,” explained Purdy, whose facility recently moved from Pleasantville to Armonk. “Nobody gets it for free. But then we turn around and give it to the people who need it. So the donations save us a small fortune so you don’t have to buy it.”

Hillside was also accepting monetary donations at the market. It spends between $150,000 and $175,000 a month to buy the food, Purdy said. There are about 1,000 clients in Putnam County and western Connecticut that Hillside distributes to on a regular basis in addition to its Westchester clientele, she said.

Bates said last fall’s first Donation Day was such a success that it needed to be reprised. The next Hillside Food Donation Day is scheduled for the fall, probably in October, he said.

“Farmers are really aware of challenges, of ups and downs and when they’ve got extra and when they see what these guys are doing it makes a connection,” Bates said.

To learn more on Hillside Food Outreach, visit www.hillsidefoodoutreach.org. For more information on the Pleasantville Farmers Market, visit www.foodchester.com.
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Annual Cancer Benefit Hits Home for Chappaqua Swim & Tennis

By Martin Wilbur

As members of the Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club, seven-year-old Max Chwatko and his family had previously participated in Swim Across America to raise money for cancer research, prevention and treatment. This year’s event, scheduled for next Sunday morning at the club on Hardscrabble Road, has entirely new meaning for them. Chwatko’s five-year-old sister Scarlett is receiving treatment for a brain tumor. Next weekend, Max, who attends Roaring Brook Elementary School, has put together a team of about 25 people who will generate donations from sponsors. As of last Friday, his team has raised about $10,000 with donations still coming in. “We went to the event before but it wasn’t as important before my sister got cancer, and then when she got cancer it became very important,” said Chwatko, a member of the club's swim team who is set to swim a half-mile on Sunday. “I just made a team out of my friends that I knew.”

His mother, Robin, said when Max learned of his sister's illness, it was his idea to put together a team for Swim Across America. The fact that the event involves people who are in a similar situation as his favorite places and it would be to help one of his favorite activities at one of his favorite states, has raised $60 million in nearly 30 years, has raised $15 million. The event in Chappaqua is one of those who are more adventurous. The public is invited to participate in the Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club’s Swim Across America event this Sunday morning to raise money for cancer research, treatment and prevention.

Unfortunately, the Chwatkos aren’t the only ones who find themselves with a battle on their hands. There are several other Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club members who have been diagnosed with various forms of cancer within the past year. As a result, this year’s event will take on greater significance for the club and may be a little more subdued, said Carrie Dillon, a committee member for Swim Across America’s Long Island Sound chapter, which Chappaqua’s swim is part of.

Last year, the club’s swimmers, along with money from raffles, a silent auction and donations from local businesses, raised about $70,000, she said. “There are people who we all know and see every day battling different types of cancer,” Dillon said. “In previous years there are people who have extended family members or friends had been impacted by the disease, but over the course of the summer, or the year, there were a few people who were diagnosed.”

For many participants like Dan Levy, coach of the club’s champion swim team, participating in the event is a meaningful way to honor loved ones who have been lost to cancer. Levy lost his sister to colon cancer a few years ago.

“Swim Across America has become a way for me to cope with my grief and also inspire swimmers and even non-swimmers to swim laps for this cause,” he said. “Sadly, everyone has been touched in some way by this horrible disease. It is empowering to come together and do something about it.”

Dillon said it’s uplifting to get children involved, and that it is great to see many of Max’s friends come out early on Sunday morning to participate and support him and his family. “Max is a special case but his peers are inspired to do what they can,” she said. Since 1992, when the Long Island Sound chapter was formed, it has raised about $15 million. The event in Chappaqua is one of eight events within Westchester and one in Rockland throughout July, including a July 30 swim on the open waters of the sound for those who are more adventurous.

The larger organization, founded in 1987 and now with 50 swims scheduled in 14 states, has raised $60 million in nearly 30 years. Dillon said swimmers do not have to be a member of Chappaqua Swim & Tennis to participate or make donations. It is scheduled for 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the club at 1019 Hardscrabble Rd. To learn more or to register, visit www.swimacrossamerica.org.
Mount Kisco Planning Board Approves Bareburger Plan

By Neal Rentz

A Bareburger restaurant may arrive in Mount Kisco as early as this fall.

The village's planning board voted unanimously last week to grant amended site plan approval to allow the gourmet burger chain to move into the vacant structure at 441 Main St., the site of a former Friendly's restaurant.

The main change from the original plan was eliminating two outdoor tables and four seats in front of the building.

The presence of the tables raised concerns from some board members regarding customer safety because the tables and chairs would be too close to the road. The outdoor seating plan continues to include nine outdoor tables with a total of 18 chairs on the southern side of the building.

Patrick McHugh, a project manager for VKS Architects, said Bareburger could open within four or five months. The length of time needed to hire contractors to renovate the building will be a key factor in determining when the restaurant will open, he said.

New Uses for Leisure Living Building Approved

The planning board also voted unanimously for a change of use for the first two floors of the three-story building at 179 E. Main St. that formerly housed Leisure Living.

Applicant Hudson Riley, LLC had been seeking to renovate the building and have general retail use on the first floor. The second floor will be used for professional offices and a therapeutic studio for children with special needs.

Ground floor retail tenants have not been announced.

Ira Grandberg, an architect for the applicant, told the planning board last week access to the first floor will be through the front of the building while those visiting the second floor will use a back entrance.

Last year, the board approved the application from Bedford resident Matthew Tynan to store his personal car collection on the third floor.

Mount Kisco Bans Sale, Display of Drug Paraphernalia

The Mount Kisco Village Board has approved banning the sale and display of drug paraphernalia.

The legislation, passed unanimously at the board's June 20 meeting, outlaws businesses from selling pipes, masks, miniature cocaine spoons and bongs.

Prior to last week's action, there was no provision in the village code to bar the sale and display of the items.

Mayor Michael Cindrich said the sale of the paraphernalia creates a widespread problem. But by passing the proposed law the trustees were taking "a step in the right direction," he said.

Singleton said the building department will be responsible for enforcement. Violators will be subject to fines between $1,000 and $5,000 and/or up to 15 days in jail for a non-corporate offender.

Corporations that run afoul of the law face fines of between $2,000 and $10,000 or up to double the amount of the company's profit from the sale of the items.

Trustee Anthony Markus, who helped spearhead the legislation, said drug paraphernalia is something he and village residents have been concerned about because of the link to drug abuse.

—Neal Rentz
County Health Department Issues Rabies Prevention Tips

Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler recommends residents take a few simple precautions to protect themselves, their families and their pets from rabies this summer.

“Whether your children are at home in their own backyard or roaming through the woods at camp this summer, make sure they know to stay away from wild and stray animals – no matter how cute and cuddly – to avoid possible exposure to rabies and the need for lifesaving treatment,” Amler said. “It’s also a good idea to be sure your pets’ rabies vaccines are up to date because increases during warmer weather, too.

Of the 150 animals that were submitted for rabies testing this year through May, seven were confirmed rabid, including three raccoons, a bat, a fox, a skunk and a cat. In 2015, 41 were confirmed rabid – 16 raccoons, nine bats, nine skunks, six cats and a fox.

To avoid rabies exposure, it’s important to keep creatures like bats out of your home. In most cases, treatment can be avoided if the bat is caught and tested for rabies. But if the bat is rabid, a series of life-saving vaccines must begin soon. Whenever a bat is found in a room with young child, a pet, a sleeping or mentally impaired person, contact with the bat must be suspected, so call the Westchester County Health Department at 914-813-5000.

“Check to see whether your soffits and attic vents are tightly screened,” Amler said. “If a bat gets inside, capture and contain it safely and call the Health Department immediately. That way, if you, a pet or a family member was exposed, the bat can be tested for rabies, which can help you and your family avoid a series of rabies shots.”

What can you do to keep animals away from and out of your home?

- Always make sure doors and windows are secure and any small openings that will allow an animal entrance into your home are closed off.

- Wash the bite or scratch with warm, soapy water.

- Call your doctor or hospital to find out if additional treatment is needed.

- Report the incident to the health department, 24 hours a day, at 914-813-5000. If calling after business hours, follow the recorded instructions for reporting public health emergencies.

What should you do if your pet fights with another animal?

- Wear gloves when handling your pet during and after an encounter with another animal.

- Call your veterinarian and the animal control officer in your community to report the incident.

- If your pet is exposed to a suspect rabid animal, try to keep the animal in sight until the police or a wildlife trapper arrive.

- If your pet bites or scratches someone, confine your animal. Call the Westchester County Health Department immediately at 914-813-5000 and contact the veterinarian for your pet’s rabies vaccine records.

County to Appeal Decision on Release of Affordable Housing Videotapes

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Cote stated in her 33-page decision that ordering the release of the videotaped depositions, which included Astorino’s testimony in court appearances from last year, is an appropriate remedy for the county’s breach of the Consent Decree and is within the court’s discretion.

“These statements concern the extent and nature of the County’s obligations under the Decree, including the County’s duty to submit an AI acceptable to HUD,” Cote wrote. “Astorino’s statements also reveal the County’s eagerness to sway public opinion against the Consent Decree instead of implementing the public education campaigns required…”

In her decision, she referenced Westchester’s failure to promote a campaign until 2015, six years into the agreement. Once introduced, the campaign has had shortcomings, consisting of information about affordable units on the county’s website and advertisements on Bee-Line buses and bus shelters throughout Westchester, the judge stated.

Cote also pointed out that Astorino falsely claimed that HUD sought to dismantle local zoning, force the county to build structures that were out of character with the host communities and expand the settlement’s requirements to 10,768 affordable units costing as much as $1 billion.

Last week Astorino spokesman T.J. McCormack said the administration strongly disagrees that the county is in breach of the settlement and will appeal Cote’s decision to release the tapes.

“The record shows that the county has exceeded its annual benchmarks to date for developing the settlement’s required 750 units of affordable housing,” McCormack said. “This would not have happened if the county had not worked cooperatively and successfully with its local municipalities to ensure that both the goals of the settlement were being met and that the due process rights of all parties were respected.”

McCormack said the county has spent about $1.2 million in public outreach, more than double what was required in the settlement. There have been more than 100 activities that have included posters, public service announcements, seminars, town hall meetings and other types of forums involving a wide range of stakeholders throughout Westchester.

He also criticized the ruling because it attempts to limit Astorino’s and other elected officials’ free speech about concerns over an overreaching federal government.

A statement released last Wednesday on behalf of HUD Regional Administrator Holly Leicht said the agency hopes the ruling will help the county promote fair and affordable housing, a key component of the settlement.

“We hope this is a turning point in working with county officials, as we have been with local governments throughout Westchester County, to ensure that residents have a clear understanding of exactly what the settlement means and does not mean for their communities,” Leicht said.

The county must file its appeal by today (Tuesday), according to HUD.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said with six months remaining before the deadline it will be a close call as to whether Westchester will be able to have 750 building permits in place by Dec. 31. Even if the permits are granted, the county must still submit an acceptable AI, a source of contention for the Astorino administration.

At the end of 2015, 649 units had approved financing and 588 building permits or certificates of occupancy were issued.

Sparkling!

Dozens of Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival supporters gathered at Crabtree’s Kittle House in Chappaqua on June 28 for a Sparkle for a Cause fundraiser. Pictured, left to right, are Wendy Nolan, Jane Abbate, Usha Subramanian, Brendan Preston, Johanna Kline, Bitsy Maraynes and Ronni Diamondstein. The Kittle House will donate 30 percent of the evening’s proceeds to the book festival, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Robert E. Bell Middle School in downtown Chappaqua from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
**Obituary**

**Angelina Zappa**

Angelina Zappa, formerly of the Bronx and most recently of East Hanover, N.J., died on June 26. She was 89.

Zappa was born on Jan. 20, 1927, to the late John and Maria (nee Stamati) Dorsa in Civita, Italy. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, John Zappa, in 1985, and by her son, John D. Zappa, in 2004. She is survived by her loving son, Frank (Jennifer) Zappa, of Hawthorne; her daughter-in-law, Marylou Zappa, of East Hanover, N.J.; her seven cherished grandchildren, Cecilia, Isabella, Gabriella, Armand, Angelique, John-Mario and David Zappa; and by her great-granddaughter, Gianna.

**Police Blotter**

**Pleasantville Police Department**

**June 24:** Report of a larceny at 3:42 a.m. The complainant reported that his car antenna was taken but he found it in the bushes.

**June 25:** Report of a disturbance at the village pool on Lake Street at 4:26 p.m. Two subjects, a 53-year-old Thornwood man and a 51-year-old Pleasantville man, were involved in a verbal dispute. The matter was resolved.

**June 27:** A complainant reported at 3:55 p.m. that a fence on Memorial Plaza was damaged sometime overnight. There were no witnesses.

**June 28:** A 20-year-old man was arrested at 3:22 a.m. and charged with petty larceny for a theft at the BP station on Marble Avenue.

**North Castle Police Department**

**June 24:** Multiple callers reported an erratic driver crashing into a guardrail on northbound I-684 and leaving the highway at Exit 3N at 3:55 p.m. The vehicle was described as a red SUV, which sustained heavy damage to the front end. All units advised. The vehicle was located.

**June 25:** An employee at the Sunoco gas station reported at 1:05 a.m. that he was involved in a dispute with a customer who is no longer on the scene. The responding officer reported that the dispute was verbal in nature.

**June 25:** Report of a parking complaint on Whippoorwill Road at 11:21 a.m. Vehicles are parked on the road outside an estate sale creating a potential safety hazard. After the responding officers arrived, the vehicles were removed and the homeowner was cautioned.

**June 26:** An employee at La Quinta Inn reported a dispute between a male and a female in Room 264 at 6:32 a.m. The employee stated that the woman asked the male to leave the room but he refused. Guests asked the front desk to call police after the male was heard threatening the woman.

**June 28:** Report of a brush fire on Round Hill Road at 5:18 p.m. The complainant stated a party is attempting to put the fire out with a hose. Police notified 60 Control, which dispatched the Banksville Fire Department.

**New Castle Police Install Permanent MedReturn Drug Collection Unit**

New Castle residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop-off location at the police department at Town Hall, located at 200 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua. The MedReturn Drug Collection Unit provides a safe, sustainable and secure way to dispose of unwanted or expired household medicines or prescription medication.

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to a 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Among youths 12 to 17 years old, 7.4 percent report non-medical use of prescription drugs. Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone’s responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. Now New Castle citizens won’t have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The collection site is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.

**Arrest Made in No. Castle Check Fraud; Investigation Continues**

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle police arrested one man last week and are expected to charge another subject in connection with the series of fraudulent checks that were cashed against the town’s account late last year.

Ron Bynoe, 28, of South Ozone Park, Queens, turned himself in to police on June 21 and was charged with third-degree grand larceny, a Class D felony, said North Castle police Detective Sgt. Dennis Murray.

Murray said police have issued an arrest warrant for another suspect who is also expected to surrender to authorities. Police have been in contact with the second individual’s counsel, he said.

The investigation into the fraud is continuing. Murray declined to address whether there will be more than two suspects charged or if the theft was part of a larger scam or ring.

From Nov. 30 through Dec. 9, seven checks totaling just over $11,000 were cashed at Wells Fargo, one of the banks used by the town. North Castle recovered $1,272.22 from Wells Fargo shortly after the theft was perpetrated. Last month Town Administrator Joan Goldberg said the bank had informed officials it would reimburse the town for the balance of the money.

Police Chief Peter Simonsen had said previously that the checks used to withdraw money from the town’s account were of poor quality and obvious forgeries. They were cashed despite lacking a second signature, which all town checks are supposed to have.

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France Honors Local WWII Vet With Prestigious Medal

Last month 96-year-old Yorktown resident Vincent Licenziato was honored at the Moses Taylor Jr. American Legion post in Mount Kisco with the medal of Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor. Licenziato, an Army staff sergeant during World War II, was recognized by the Federation of French War Veterans for his service. The medal was created in 1802 by then First Counsel Napoleon Bonaparte to reward service to France. Originally intended for French citizens, the prestigious medal is now shared with citizens of other countries who have displayed talent, courage and dedication. Licenziato was honorably discharged in December 1945 after three years of service during the war. He was part of the Allied Forces that helped liberate Europe from the Axis powers.

“When reading your record, I have been extremely impressed with the battles and campaigns you participated in: Ardennes, Normandy, central Europe, northern France and Rhineland,” Francoise Cestac, an officer representing the French Legion of Honor in the Rhineland, “Francoise Cestac, an officer representing the French Legion of Honor in the Rhineland, told Licenziato at the June 11 ceremony. “You deserved to be recognized by France, so much grateful to the Allied forces for their unforgettable contribution to the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany,” Cestac added. “That is why the French government as a tribute has awarded you with the Medal of Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.”

Licenziato was joined at the ceremony by more than 20 members of his family including his son Vincent; three daughters, Peggy Cremonese, JoAnn Johnson and Carol Licenziato; granddaughter Cynthia Licenziato; and great-granddaughter Alexa Aponte. Members of the American Legion, the Federation of French War Veterans and Mount Kisco Trustee Jean Farber also honored Licenziato at the ceremony.

Nominations Sought for Westchester Senior Hall of Fame

Do you know a senior who is making or has made a positive difference in Westchester County through his or her professional life, volunteer work or both? If so, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino invites you to submit a nomination to the Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, now in its 34th year.

“The Hall of Fame is a special tradition that honors seniors who have given their time and energy to improve the quality of life in their communities or the county at large,” Astorino said. “Don’t miss this great opportunity to shine a light on people who merit special recognition for their contributions.”

Those selected will be inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame at a luncheon on Friday, Dec. 2 in the Grand Ballroom of the Westchester Marriott Hotel.

Nominations are due by Sept. 16 and may be obtained online at westchestergov.com/seniors.

To be nominated, a person must:
- Be at least 60 years old and live in Westchester
- Have made significant contributions to improve life in the county
- Be an outstanding leader or advocate
- Have done professional work that reflects innovative solutions to fulfill unmet community needs

(fif nomination is based on paid professional work)
- Not be a past Hall of Fame inductee (see list of former inductees at westchestergov.com/seniors).

All nominations will be reviewed by a judging committee of past Senior Hall of Fame honorees, members from the Westchester County’s Department of Senior Programs and Services’ (DSPS) Aging Network, the county’s Senior Council and the Older Americans Act Advisory Council.

Gala hosts are the county’s DSPS, Westchester County Parks and the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services.

DSPS Commissioner Mae Carpenter said that seniors have helped Westchester become known for its renowned quality of life. “Today’s older generation molded a way of life that reflects the caring and generosity of its people,” she said.

Submit your nominations online at westchestergov.com/seniors or if you prefer to mail your nomination, contact Rose Cappa at 914-747-0519 or rose@theeventdepartmentny.com. Also contact Cappa to learn how to become a Hall of Fame sponsor or to sponsor a particular honoree.
Mt. Pleasant Sets Hearing for $13M Town Projects Bond

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant residents will have the opportunity next week to comment on the town's plan to borrow $13 million to complete a list of projects that would replace aging infrastructure.

The town board has scheduled a public hearing for its July 12 meeting to receive feedback on the proposals.

"The...repairs and replacements are due to the fact that they are either a requirement or have all exceeded their expected life span by many years and the cost of bonding is historically low," said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "The longer we put off the work the more it will cost us down the road."

Fulgenzi. "The longer we put off the work now...prevent a town-wide water outage," Fulgenzi said. The work would create a secondary water supply source that would provide a town-wide water outage, Fulgenzi said.

Another major project would be the installation of a new 24-inch water main from the water tanks to the distribution system at Columbus and East Stevens avenues, costing between $3.3 million and $3.6 million. The work would create a secondary water supply source that would prevent a town-wide water outage, Fulgenzi said.

Other proposed projects include improvements at the Deerfield Lane sewer pump station, projected to cost from $800,000 to $1 million; replacement of the deteriorating highway department roof and related improvements at that facility for $1.1 million to $1.35 million; buying a new stump grinder and other recycling equipment for $1 million; and renovating the parking area, sidewalks, drainage roof and windows at Town Hall along with completing interior building work for $870,000 to $1,044,000. The town will receive 50 percent reimbursement for the new recycling equipment from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Fulgenzi said.

There are also a series of smaller projects planned that would be funded through the borrowing. The hearing will be part of the board's regular meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. at town hall.

Mt. Pleasant celebrates opening of state-of-the-art lobby

By Caroline Silpe

Not even the pouring rain could dull the excitement surrounding the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating Phelps Hospital’s new lobby last Monday.

Doctors, administrators, elected officials and community members joined with Northwell Health, the network that Phelps belongs to, outside the main entrance of the Sleepy Hollow hospital to celebrate the new $3 million upgrade.

At 101 years old, David Rockefeller, the patriarch of the family that donated a large portion of the money toward founding the original hospital in 1955, joined the festivities.

Hospital representatives said the lobby is not only a conventional seating area but a symbol of the hospital’s future. The facility combines comfort with privacy, creating a safe environment for those who need it.

“What the new lobby does is it connects two major parts of the hospital,” said Dr. Richard Peress, a member of Phelps’ Board of Directors. “The lobby is the new focal point between the two carrying us into the future."

Two years ago Phelps demolished its old lobby to build a state-of-the-art MRI center, leaving it without a main seating area.

The new space offers a fresh environment for patients and their families and staff. It provides smaller, more intimate seating, new work areas, meditative spaces, meeting facilities, charging stations and restrooms.

The hospital partnered with a local entrepreneur to create a new cafe, further connecting the hospital with the rest of the community.

The team behind the project aimed to make the area more personal and intimate.

“As some people get a call that is unexpected,” said Phelps President and CEO Daniel Blum. "They drop everything and they come here in a terrific panic, in a moment of need. It’s our job to think about those moments for the people we serve and create an environment that is not only safe, but is nurturing and caring and considers their perspectives and positions that they find themselves in."

As for the impact on the rest of the hospital, the lobby marks the beginning of a greater Phelps, Blum said. Construction of a new cancer center will start in early fall, continuing to serve the needs of area residents.

“You will be seeing a lot more of Phelps in the coming weeks, months and years,” Blum said.
Editorial

A Few of the Very Special People That Make the Community a Better Place

So often this page is used to find fault, whether it be government, elected officials or institutions. There’s always a time and place for constructive criticism, but this week the space is reserved for praise.

Specifically, there are residents, businesses and organizations that are going the extra mile, and sometimes way more than that, to make their community a better place to live and work.

There are so many people involved in volunteer efforts for so many causes and organizations – you can start off with any volunteer fire department and ambulance corps – there wouldn’t possibly be enough room to fit all of the outstanding community members who go out to help for no tangible reward.

For now, though, let’s focus on the people and entities who are featured on these pages this week.

First, kudos to the Pleasantville Farmers Market, including the farmers who donate any excess produce and other food every week, so some of the 1,600 needy Westchester clients of Hillside Food Outreach have food that’s fresh and of high quality on a regular basis.

Last fall and again on Saturday, the market organized a food donation day where visitors were encouraged to buy one item to add to what the farmers contributed. Between the farmers and the patrons, 621 pounds of food were donated to Hillside.

You can’t mention the village’s farmers market without pointing out the work that 15-year-old Pleasantville High School student Devin Juras has done. Juras and his family created the Pleasantville Community Garden in 2014, and has grown and given away about 17,000 pounds to Hillside.

This Sunday, the Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club will be hosting one of eight Swim Across America events scheduled for this month throughout Westchester. The organization, which expanded into the area nearly 25 years ago, raises money for cancer research and treatment.

The difficult part about this year’s event at CST, is that several of its members have been diagnosed with various forms of cancer, hitting very close to home.

Everyone involved with the effort is at the pool by 6:30 a.m., or shortly afterwards, on a summer Sunday, which alone marks serious dedication.

Special praise goes out to seven-year-old Max Chwatko, a swimmer at the club, who organized his own team this year and so far has collected $10,000. His younger sister is being treated for a brain tumor and for a young man to organize a 25-person team under such circumstances is extraordinary.

Last week it was sad to hear that Doug Crossett, the owner of Michael’s Tavern and McArthur’s American Grille in Pleasantville, was going out of business after 37 years.

Patrons and officials familiar with Crossett agree that the establishments were fun places to visit, but quickly pivoted to point about how his generosity to community organizations was unsurpassed.

To those mentioned this week and to everyone who makes their community a better place, a big thank you to all of you.

Ways Students Can Use Summer Vacation to Prepare for the Future

Is your family thinking about the skills and experience your child needs for college and future success? The majority of college admission officers recommend that students start preparing before or by ninth grade. Yet, more than half of middle level students haven’t started prepping for college, according to statistics from the National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

Experts say that summer is the perfect time for children to get ahead in building skills and experience for the journey to and through college and lifelong success.

“It’s never too early to start building your future,” said Jonathan Mathis, director of the National Honor Societies. “The down time during the long vacation can be an ideal opportunity to make progress working toward this goal.”

As part of “Honor Your Future Now,” an NHS and NJHS campaign to encourage students to prepare now for college and success beyond, the National Honor Societies are offering the following advice to families with college-bound students:

• Don’t Wait: No matter what grade your student is entering in the fall, encourage extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities that foster well-roundedness.
  • Be a Leader: Encourage participation in leadership programs to learn important skills like resourcefulness, problem-solving and cooperation. Becoming a strong leader early can help your student throughout college and his or her career.
  • Build Character: Teach your student about the importance of demonstrating high standards of honesty, integrity and showing respect toward others. Building strong character can serve as the foundation for future success.
  • Give Back: Suggest joining volunteer projects that your student is passionate about, and emphasize the importance of being active in and giving back to your community.
  • Find a Voice: It’s important for your student to understand his or her role and rights as a citizen. Take advantage of this election year to talk with your child about the political process and why it’s critical to get involved.
  • Be There For Your Child: Getting to and through college can be daunting for students, but teaching the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship can help children prepare for college and beyond. Involved parents can make a lasting positive impact.
  • Understand Finances: College costs can be overwhelming. It’s never too early to start planning. Spend time with your child this summer researching what need-based and merit-based financial aid options are available. Talk to your child about putting some of the money earned through jobs or received as gifts into a savings account, such as the 529 plan.

More tips and resources for parents and students can be found at HonorYourFutureNow.org.

Between the sun and fun of summer, help your child spend time now preparing for college, career and a lifetime of success. It’s never too early to begin thinking about a successful future.

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By Martin Wilbur

Perseverance has been a key factor in helping Joseph Cvelic attain much of what he has achieved in life.

That quality has largely been learned through his years in Boy Scouts. Although the 15-year-old Valhalla resident didn’t join until fourth grade, which can be considered fairly late compared to some youngsters, he will be involved when it counts the most.

Early last week Cvelic completed his Eagle Scout project nearly three months before he begins his junior year at Fordham Prep in the Bronx. With the help of other scouts in Valhalla Troop 1, he built four wood bookshelves, each 40 by 44 inches, which will keep the books neatly organized at the James Gargano Senior Center in Sleepy Hollow.

“I wanted to help the seniors because when we got there we actually looked around to take some measurements and stuff, and books were all over the place,” Cvelic said. “This would be a perfect spot to build a bookshelf and help them out.”

Although it won’t be until next June or September when Cvelic is officially honored with scouting’s highest rank, he was determined to complete his Eagle Scout project before he began what promises to be a very busy junior year, which includes the start of the college search process.

Cvelic must still complete a stack of paperwork and earn two more merit badges.

Even after being in Boy Scouts for a while, Cvelic wasn’t sure how long he might remain. However, seeing many of the older boys in Troop 1 reach Eagle Scout served as the best motivator for him to stay.

“At first, I really didn’t know if I was going to make it that far because it’s a really big step and it took a while to make that commitment to go there,” he said. “But once I reached first class and second class, I really started to take it seriously.”

Cvelic’s quiet determination to succeed was something his parents, Joe and Margie, noticed during his first year in scouting.

His father recalled Joseph’s initial Boy Scout camping trip in the Adirondacks during the summer between fourth and fifth grade. Most scouts’ first time camping in the woods and dealing with the elements is a trying experience, even though there were parent troop leaders and older scouts helping.

It was his son’s reaction at the trip’s conclusion that stood out for his father.

“He was so determined to go back, and I think after that second year of camp, that was it,” Joe Cvelic said.

His mother, Margie, has credited friends, family and the community as a crucial support system for Joseph. His sister, who just graduated college, was a Girl Scout.

“We just always taught our kids pick one thing if you wanted a sport, but always do something to give back because I was a Girl Scout growing up,” Margie Cvelic said.

For Cvelic, challenging himself has practically become second nature. At about the time of his confirmation at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Joseph told his mother that he wanted to take the test to see if he could be accepted to a Catholic high school.

From grades K-8, Cvelic attended Valhalla

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Pleasantville’s Back 2 Zero Set for Big Gig at Music Festival

By Emily Whelahan

This weekend promises to be the biggest moment in the music careers of Niko Emanuilidis, Dan Barone, Alex de Chaves and John Wallis.

They are members of the ‘90s alternative rock-inspired band Back 2 Zero, launched by Emanuilidis, 22, and Barone, 23, in 2008 when they were in ninth grade.

On Saturday, they are playing at the Pleasantville Music Festival, their most important and visible performance to date. That’s a big deal for Emanuilidis, a moment in the music careers of Niko Emanuilidis, John Wallis, Alex de Chaves and Dan Barone.

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Mt. Kisco Native Devoting Himself Fulltime to Music Career

By Emily Whelahan

Drew Bordeaux began studying music in the first grade when he began taking violin lessons.

Throughout his childhood, the Mount Kisco native studied at The Music Conservatory of Westchester in White Plains and the Hoff-Barthelson Music School in Scarsdale. Bordeaux also plays viola, keyboard, guitar, bass, saxophone and drums.

“You discover Green Day and then you get a guitar and you’re like ‘Oh, okay this is what I want to do,’” said Bordeaux, 33, who will be taking the stage on Saturday at the Pleasantville Music Festival.

The Harvard educated Bordeaux earned a psychology degree while studying in Cambridge, but when he wasn’t hitting the books, he was performing on the streets around Harvard Square. He credits that time with helping him become a resourceful musician, learning what type of music resonates with people.

“It was the time when I really started to figure out what I thought set me apart or made me different as a guitarist,” he said.

Bordeaux said his sound is inspired by new wave and ‘80s rock, with a blues influence, mainly because his father constantly played B.B. King music.

For the past nine years, Bordeaux, a Fox Lane High School graduate, had been the CEO of a small business analytics and consulting firm, while pursuing his music on the side.

The self-proclaimed weekend warrior musician has built up a long list of credits and connections being part of the Hudson Valley “jam circuit.”

Bordeaux has played with Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders, The Track, The Fred Savages, The Geoff Hartwell Band and his own band The Drew Bordeaux Group. He currently plays with a band called The Cavalry in addition to performing solo.

He played violin on Marc Von Em and Steve Chizmadia’s most recent recordings. Bordeaux even opened for American Idol alum and recording star Chris Daughtry at the Paramount in Huntington, L.I. last year.

Bordeaux typically plays local venues in Westchester and New York City, including Lucy’s in Pleasantville, 12 Grapes in Peekskill and The Bitter End in Greenwich Village.

Bordeaux would play three to five shows every week even while working days. He also began to amass an extensive amount of equipment to create his own recording studio.

Recently, Bordeaux decided to leave his job to pursue his music fulltime and to get more involved in music production for both himself and friends.

“If not now, when?” he said.

Bordeaux has a huge appreciation for local music, or homegrown talent, as he calls it homegrown talent, and for the opportunities Westchester offers its residents to play and perform. He said without the music department at Fox Lane, his formal training at local conservatories and or even the fife and drum core he was a member of as a teenager, his music career wouldn’t have been possible.

“We live in a place that allows for the development of creativity and still does,” said Bordeaux. “I just feel responsible to carry that on in whatever ways I can.”

He certainly has given back to the community that helped jumpstart his career. He works with violin students and was a judge for the Pleasantville Music Festival’s Battle of the Bands this year, which offers young, local talent an opportunity to perform at the event.

The festival will be among the bigger opportunities for Bordeaux, with a chance to connect with others in the industry. Bordeaux’s younger sister, Selena, will even be playing a couple of songs with him.

“I want this to be special. It’s going to be a carefully crafted set,” he said.

Bordeaux plans to release new music next month, based off of his set at the festival.

The musician looks toward the future with the hope of making the next couple years as creative as possible and to focus on his role as an entertainer.

“It’s not how many notes I can play, but how much fun people were having while I was playing them,” he said.

Drew Bordeaux is scheduled to perform at the festival at 3:55 p.m. on the Chill Tent Stage. He will also be playing at North Star restaurant in Pound Ridge on July 14 and the Founders Room at the Paramount on Long Island on July 21.
Music Festival Helps Cement P’ville’s Status as Cultural Hub

By Emily Whelahan

Since its inception in 2005, the Pleasantville Music Festival has been an event that many in the community have pointed to with a source of pride. A wide array of musical performers, including some top-shelf talent, have graced the stages at Parkway Field over the years.

The impact of the annual festival, scheduled for this Saturday at Pleasantville’s Parkway Field, isn’t only felt by the business that it generates. The municipally-run event also serves as a marketing tool for the roughly 7,200-resident village.

“It puts us on the map culturally,” said festival Executive Director Bruce Figler.

While the festival isn’t much of a money-maker for the village on its own, it does raise the visibility of Pleasantville, said Village Administrator Patti Dwyer.

“It enhances our image as a destination for people to enjoy outdoor opportunities, music and their friends and family,” Dwyer said.

In addition to making visitors more aware of Pleasantville, the festival has given many Westchester bands an opportunity to perform before thousands of people.

This year several Pleasantville natives will be on the festival’s three stages. One of the two Battle of the Bands winners, Back 2 Zero, is Pleasantville based and Zack Feinberg of The Revivalists is from the village.

During its 12-year history, the festival has become one of the most popular fixtures on the village’s calendar. Organizers have recognized the artists that can be attracted to Pleasantville while generating a strong turnout.

“ twee gotten better and better at determining who folks want to see,” Figler said.

This year’s festival will feature 15 bands on the three stages. On the Main Stage are Guster, KT Tunstall, The Smithereens, The Revivalists, The Annie Minogue Band and Indigo King, who along with Back 2 Zero, is one of the Battle of the Bands winners, a competition that festival organizers held during the spring to identify emerging local talent and give them an opportunity to perform.

Those who attend this year’s festival can look for some minor changes. Figler said to expect a bigger tent city, an area where people can rent spaces to put up tents. There will also be a larger chill tent and more vendors. In order to accommodate more festivalgoers, there are plans to push the main stage closer to the fence on the Marble Avenue side of the field.

The festival also features a Kid Zone with rides and amusements from Funtime.

Food and drink is a big part of the experience. There will be the Captain Lawrence Beer Garden with food from Walter’s Hot Dogs and George’s Soulaki.

The Vendor Village will feature Abas Rainbow Kitten Surprise, 1 and 3:55 p.m.

Lineup and Schedule for the 2016 Pleasantville Music Festival

Tri State Ford Main Stage
Indigo King, 12:25 p.m.
Amy Minogue Band, 1:35 p.m.
The Smithereens, 2:55 p.m.
The Revivalists, 4:30 p.m.
KT Tunstall, 6:05 p.m.
Guster, 8 p.m.

The Capitol Theatre Party Stage
Amanda Ayala Band, 12 p.m.
Rainbow Kitten Surprise, 1 and 3:55 p.m.
Wild Adriatic, 2:20 and 5:30 p.m.
Morning Joe Music, 7:10 p.m.

Party Line Rentals Chill Tent Stage
Back 2 Zero, 12 p.m.
Don Dileo, 1 p.m.
KT Tunstall, 2:20 p.m.
Drew Bordeaux, 3:55 p.m.
Side Saddle, 5:35 p.m.
Aztec Two-Step, 7:10 p.m.

Friday for $40 for adults and $25 for seniors (62 and up) and students (12-21 years old) at the Pleasantville Recreation Center at 48 Marble Ave. adjacent to the field or at www.pleasantvillenmusicfestival.com. The recreation center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online sales will be subject to the Ticketmaster fee.

Tickets are also available at the gate on Saturday but will cost $55 for adults. Seniors and students will also get in for $25. Children under 12 are admitted free but must be accompanied by an adult with a ticket.

‘Sounds of Summer’ Music Documentary Series Returns to the Burns

By Neal Rentz

It has become a beloved local summer ritual like fireworks shows, outings to the beach and barbecues.

The seventh annual “Sounds of Summer: New Music Documentaries” series returns to the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville tomorrow (Wednesday) for the first of 22 programs during the seven-week engagement that runs through Aug. 25.

The series features films that explore a wide variety of music genres performed by artists from around the world.

The series opens with “Roll Up! Deconstructing Magical Mystery Tour: Multimedia Presentation” presented by Scott Freiman, who Jacob Burns programmer Andrew Jupin described as a “Beatles expert.”

Jupin said the opening night program, which will be reprised on July 14, explores the 1967 British television film starring, written and directed by the Fab Four. Freiman, who has presented programs at the Burns before, will include an analysis of songs from the film. A reception will follow on opening night.

On July 13, the audience will be treated to a surprise. Jonathan Demme, director of “Stop Making Sense” and “Neil Young: Heart of Gold,” will be showing his next music film. The film center is not allowed to release the film’s name in advance.

Despite the series title, Jupin said all the other films have been shown before. This year’s series features “Purple Rain,” the 1984 film with Prince, which will be screened on Aug. 12 and 16.

Another recently deceased music legend, David Bowie, will be featured in “Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars,” the 1973 concert film made by renowned documentary filmmaker D.A. Pennebaker. The concert featured in the film was the last performance by Bowie’s fictional alter ego Ziggy Stardust.

A question-and-answer session with lifelong Bowie fan Rita Houston will follow the screening. Houston, who helps shape the musical direction at WFUV, hosted tributes to Bowie last spring at Radio City Music Hall and Carnegie Hall.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org for more information, including ticket prices and the full schedule.
Mt. Kisco Fuses its History, Natural Resources to Create Walking Trail

By Neal Rentz

History and nature may appear to be two disparate subjects but don’t tell that to Harold McCartney and Jim Gmelin.

McCartney, Mount Kisco’s village historian, and Gmelin, who’s heading a subcommittee that is taking an inventory of the village’s natural resources, have worked together to bring a new attraction to residents.

The village’s Historic/Nature Trail #1, the start of the Mount Kisco Historic Nature Trail Project, opened about a month ago. The project is being overseen by the village’s historical society and its Conservation Advisory Council (CAC).

“Since Mount Kisco is a walking town just by its current infrastructure, a very unique area, we, the CAC and the Mount Kisco Historical Society, want to take it to the next level and create this greenspace where hopefully, if we have our way, you’ll be able to stay in greenspace 90 percent of the time for six miles,” McCartney said.

Gmelin said the idea for the trail originated last year with the start of work on the village’s natural resources inventory, which is a survey of animal and plant life.

“Mount Kisco has certain natural things,” he said. “All of the elements that are natural to us as a geographical unit.”

Gmelin said the village wanted to know the extent of its natural resources for when for when officials are ready to revise its Comprehensive Plan. Gmelin said he and McCartney met early last year to work on the project in conjunction with the survey work, which is nearly finished. The subcommittee is being assisted by Steve Ricker, head naturalist at Westmoreland Sanctuary.

A major component of the village’s history and natural resources are the two key streams that run through it – the Kisco River and the Branch Brook – both of which feed into the Croton reservoir.

To protect and expand its water supply, New York City explored land to its north in the 19th century. The city claimed land around waterways through eminent domain, including land around the two streams, which included businesses and farms, McCartney said.

The city maintained those areas until 1885 when the village reclaimed the property, McCartney said. The greenspace formerly owned by New York City makes up parts of the new trail.

Trail #1 starts on Sarles Street and is about two miles long. The CAC and historical society would eventually like to connect it to Kisco Mountain, the 460-foot hill that overlooks the village, McCartney said.

A second trail of about 200 yards will be located near Lieto Drive and is scheduled to open in about two weeks, McCartney said. The goal is to eventually have a six-mile trail, he said.

Most of the land is dedicated as conservation easements to the village.

Along the trail is the site where the Spencer Optical factory was located off what is now Route 117. The areas featured self-sustainable farms, which used water power from the Kisco River that runs through where Leonard Park is located, McCartney said. In 1847, the Central Railroad began transporting travelers from New York City, transforming Mount Kisco from a farming town to an area that became accessible to city residents, he said.

As a result, different industries sprouted in Mount Kisco. In 1874, James and John Spencer moved their optical factory from New Haven, Conn. The facility was “the largest most technology advanced optics factory in the world,” with the brothers holding 36 patents and employing about 200 people, McCartney said.

The factory ran on water power. At the time the area was home to a cotton factory and a needle factory.

In 1888, Spencer Optical left the village. A pond in the area was drained because of a fear it would attract mosquitoes carrying malaria, which forced the company to lose its source of power. The brothers relocated the factory to Newark, N.J.

The new trail also includes the location near the hospital where 5,000 French troops camped during the Revolutionary War, McCartney said.

Temporary blue ribbons on trees serve as markers for Trail #1. Once the full trail is opened, there will be self-guided tours with wooden stands that will have scanning strips for iPhones to pull up history, a photo and information about the natural resources of the area, McCartney said.

Gmelin, said the completed trail system will have wooden disks so walkers will be able to follow it.

There is a common thread for the programs provided by the village’s CAC and the historical society, including the trail project, McCartney said.

“The foundation of all of our education has to do with the land and the water,” McCartney said. “That’s a lead into history. It’s a lead into the natural world that you see around you. So all of our education on these historic trails is based on the geology and the water flow.”

A map of the trail can be seen at www.MountKiscoHistoricalSociety.org.

Fire-Based Acts Show Scheduled for Philipsburg Manor This Weekend

By Jerry Eimbinder

“A Night on Fire,” a one-hour program of fiery acts and feats of skill set to music, will be conducted this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow.

The performers are members of a troupe called “A Different Spin,” who met as students at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie and began performing professionally in 2006.

The show includes flame-wielding, fire-juggling and fire-eating acts, dancing and sword combat. Stunts, family friendly humor and a pre-show musical warmup by Jim Keyes accompany the high-energy excitement.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, July 8 at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at 8 and 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 10 at 8 p.m.

Refreshments will be offered by Blue Pig of Croton and will include homemade ice cream.

Tickets are $22 for adults and $16 for children 17 years old and under. Members of Historic Hudson Valley receive a $5 discount per ticket. Tickets are available at www.huudsonvalley.org.

Historic Hudson Valley, a nonprofit education and preservation organization, owns and operates Philipsburg Manor. Other Historic Hudson Valley events include The Great Jack O’Lantern Blaze, Horseman’s Hollow and LIGHTSCAPES.

Philipsburg Manor is located at 381 N. Broadway (Route 9) in Sleepy Hollow. For more information, call 914-366-6900.

Right: Fire jugglers at “A Night on Fire” perform at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow this Friday through Sunday.

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Almost 30 years ago, my wife and I decided to install carpeting in the central hallway, staircase and second-floor landing of our home. We must have been feeling particularly flush at the time because we chose the best quality, deep-pile nylon carpeting we could find.

Why nylon instead of wool? Because we were convinced by the carpet retailer that it would last forever, and in our na""ve youth, we expected everything, like ourselves, to last forever.

To add to the expected comfort of treading across the thick pile, the carpet store owner introduced us to the idea of adding foam padding beneath the carpeting. As a result, every person visiting our home for the first time always commented on the extravagant experience of walking across it. The hardness of surfaces underfoot occurred to me as a topic when I was viewing a YouTube interview of Russ Tamblyn, who appeared in the film version of “West Side Story.” He related how difficult it was on his joints to dance on the cement sidewalks of New York City. In a way, I related to that as well, because, as the years passed, I find that my feet, ankles and knees are more aware of harder surfaces when I encounter them, especially if it involves standing for extended periods of time.

Fellbusch advised that many factors are involved with selecting the right flooring for an area, depending on the traffic it receives. When I asked about choices for a “softer” surface, Fellbusch asked a question in return: by softer, did I mean soft to the touch or to the feel? To the feel, I responded. “I want to know what’s easier on the joints,” I said.

That understood, Fellbusch gave me excellent advice she gives to an older customer seeking a soft but supportive carpeting choice. “For an older person seeking comfort, I recommend a synthetic hair padding beneath the carpet,” she said. “It’s not ‘bouncy’ but it’s resilient. It’s comfortable but easier to walk on. You’re not going into the carpet, but across it. In the bedroom, however, something softer can be chosen because it’s not high traffic and customers may want something to sink their toes into.”

I then asked about what can be done to make hardwood floors more resilient. Fellbusch responded that wood flooring already has its own resiliency, but that it can be enhanced with the addition of rosin or tar paper between it and the surface below to make it a little more comfortable.

Where we spend most of our time standing is in the kitchen, and historically that is where many homeowners have chosen to install the hardest material of all—ceramic. But that is changing. When it was time for us to install a new kitchen floor, it was over a surface that was more than 100 years old and very irregular. We had wanted a checkerboard tile pattern, but were advised that our flooring was too soft to support tile. As it was, Fellbusch suggested a new subfloor installation to even out the surface, topped by a high quality vinyl.

“A lot of people like ceramic for the kitchen but you can have a similar look with high quality vinyl, which is very flexible, either with the grout line designed into the tile or with acrylic grout,” Fellbusch said. “It’s more comfortable and easier to clean. Further, it reduces the possibility of either breaking things by dropping them or having the tiles themselves crack.”

And sure enough, once installed, my wife and I found that it was very comfortable to stand on.

Getting older can have its challenges, but with little tricks about easing into it, like doing our joints some good with smarter flooring choices, we can soften the journey a bit.

For more information and advice about flooring needs, you can contact Absolute Flooring, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, by calling 914-245-0225.

Wood & Fire Pizza
Pleasantville

By Colette Connolly

Taking the traditional pizza concept to a new level and putting a modern twist to regular Italian fare is a concept that five businessmen, each with a diverse background in restaurant management, have helped create in Pleasantville.

Wood & Fire Pizza opened its doors a year ago with a Neapolitan wood-fired pizza oven as its focal point. It replaced A’Mangiare, which had been a Pleasantville fixture for close to 20 years.

Freddy Dolgetta, A’Mangiare’s owner, is one of the five partners who devised the Wood & Fire concept, which aims to combine authentic Neapolitan-style cuisine using a wood-fired pizza oven and combine it with homemade pasta and traditional Italian specialties.

The other partners include Franco Carenzo, the proprietor of Mezza Luna in Scarsdale; Mike Ferrara, who worked as a teenager for Dolgetta at A’Mangiare in Bronxville and managed several restaurants in Florida; Gerry Petraglia, the owner of the Station Café & Grille in Hawthorne; and Warren Katz, who brings construction expertise to the partnership.

Customers can choose a variety of pizzas that are cooked in an 800-degree wood-fired oven every three minutes. Ferrara said the pizza dough is prepared using imported Caputo “00” flour, a silky, ultra-milled Neapolitan flour that is commonly used in pizzerias in Italy. There are at least 20 types of pizza to choose from, including the classic, marinara and margherita pizzas. For those with a more adventurous palate, there’s the Bianca & Tartufo pizza, which consists of ricotta, mozzarella and parmigiano reggiano cheeses with sautéed spinach and truffle; the Brussels Sprout (shaved Brussels sprout, mozzarella, pancetta and egg); and the Wood & Fire pizza, consisting of homemade burrata, marinated cherry tomatoes, fresh garlic and basil.

Customers can choose from an array of different toppings for an additional $2 each. Toppings include meatballs, pepperoni, mushrooms, peppers, onions, sausage, artichokes, fresh tomato and spinach. A gluten free or whole wheat pizza is available for an additional $3.

The restaurant is more than a pizzeria, however. Wood & Fire lives up to what the partners had envisioned, said Ferrara, which is to provide customers with “good quality food and great service.”

Ferrara said the concept has been so successful in Pleasantville that they decided to open a second restaurant in Del Ray, Fla. He said the intention is to expand the brand across the country.

At its Pleasantville location, brunch specials include the Three Eggs One Yolk, comprised of egg whites, vegetables, arugula, pesto and an egg yolk; Jumbo Shrimp Benedict, consisting of grilled prosciutto, poached eggs, crispy capers and homemade hollandaise sauce; a pancetta egg and cheese pizza, waffles and burgers.

A wide selection of salads, paninis, cortini (side dishes), piattini (small plates) and pasta dishes are also available. Adding to Wood & Fire’s appeal is a 1,500-square-foot expansion that turned what was once an eight-person bar into an area that accommodates up to 30 people. There is also an expansive outdoor patio.

The restaurant has a variety of dinner specials each night. There is Margarita Mondays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Happy Hour Monday through Sunday, from 4 to 7 p.m., includes 50 percent off every pizza, and Wind down Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., features half-priced bottles of wine for every selection at $100 or less.

Wood & Fire Pizza is located at 59 Marble Ave. and is open Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call 914-747-2611.

Chappaqua Business Donating to Newtown-Sandy Hook Foundation

By Martin Wilbur

When Chappaqua’s Claire Gilvar launched Booked Parties last year it was a tool to help parents plan their children’s birthday parties by providing lists of vendors and venues throughout Westchester.

This spring Booked Parties expanded into Fairfield County, Conn., the first step of a slow expansion throughout the metropolitan area, said Meryl Lefkowitz, director of marketing and development for the company.

Whenever they will be heading into a new area, Lefkowitz said they look to support an organization that also supports children.

In recent years in Fairfield County, one of the many child-centered organizations is the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, Inc. Its mission is to devote itself to address the needs of families in the area who have been dealing with issues that arose from the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012.

“We felt like we really wanted to support their mission and help the community, even though it’s been some time since the tragedy, because there’s so much that needs to be done,” Lefkowitz said.

Toward that end, until the end of July 10 percent of Booked Parties’ proceeds from their work will be donated to the foundation.

Lefkowitz said two other organizations will be partnering with them to help the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation. Share Your Wish, which operates a gift exchange for givers and recipients, will match Booked Parties’ 10 percent donation through the month.

The second partnership is with an outfit called Mabel’s Labels, which provides labels for children’s clothing, sports equipment and school supplies.

For each Booked Parties contribution, Mabel’s Labels will contribute 30 percent of its proceeds to the foundation.

The goal is to help the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation while increasing the visibility for these organizations and help familiarize the communities with the work that they do.

Most of all, as mothers who are concerned for the safety of children, the foundation does important work, Lefkowitz said. It oversees the Sandy Hook School Support Fund, which provides mental health and wellness resources to hundreds of traumatized and grief-stricken children and adults.

It also supports various services and organizations serving the community.

“It’s a great organization,” Lefkowitz said. “They are wonderful people doing great work and we just wanted to give them the recognition and the help that they so, so deserve.”

For more information about the Newtown-Sandy Hook Community Foundation, visit www.nshcf.org.

‘Summer Party on the Pier’ Fundraiser at Playland Next Week

The Westchester Parks Foundation, formerly known as Friends of Westchester County Parks, will host an evening “Summer Party on the Pier” fundraising event next Friday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at Playland.

This event comes after the 40-year-old organization changed its name last month to better reflect its mission and reach a wider audience. Joanne Fernandez, the Westchester Parks Foundation board chair, said the summer gathering is a way for the organization to greet the community and enjoy the season.

“We are thrilled to host this new summer celebration at one of Westchester’s County’s most iconic parks,” Fernandez said. “We want to bring back amazing memories at Playland and invite everyone to come experience the park while supporting an organization that helps preserve the more than 18,000 acres of parkland throughout the county.”

With admission, guests will receive wristbands to enjoy all of the rides at the amusement park, food and an open bar at Playland’s Tiki Bar with live music followed by fireworks. The event is from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Playland is located at 1 Playland Parkway in Rye. Live music will begin at 8 p.m. and fireworks will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are $100 per person with all proceeds going to the Westchester Parks Foundation. For more information, call 914-231-4600 or visit www.wpf.org.
Tuesday, July 5

Drop-in Tech Help. Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Also July 12, 19 and 26. Info: 914-273-3887.

Wednesday, July 6

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership meeting for service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi at 303-929-7203 or e-mail julie@eurobella.net or just drop in.

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. $20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. RSVP required. Info and registration: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

Learn to Read Music. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantsanlibary.org.

Wonderful Wednesdays: Global Rhythms. Roberta Halpern is back by popular demand with this music program for children five to eight years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantsanlibary.org.

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 Pleasant Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday; Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantsanlibary.org.

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

Wonderful Wednesdays: Global Tots. Roberta Halpern is back by popular demand with this music program for children two to four years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantsanlibary.org.

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning by playing group games. Phelps Hospital’s boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountpleasantsanlibary.org.


Art Series: Nicolas Poussin and Intro to the Summer Art Series Lectures. In honor of Bastille Day, we’ll look at the work of several French artists including Nicolas Poussin during the next few weeks. Born in June 1594, Poussin was one of the most important artists of the French Baroque style. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua (next to Town Hall). 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mysciencelep.org.

Breast, 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.

The Beach Boys in Concert. The iconic sounds of The Beach Boys will fill the County Center. Led by Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, listen to all of their biggest hits. Presented by Hostytime Entertainment. Westchester County Center, 19 Central Ave., White Plains. 8 p.m. $82, 92, and $102. Info and tickets: 914-995-4050 or visit www.countycenter.biz.

Thursday, July 7

Bridget for Beginners With Joel Goren. Classes for beginners who want to learn the basics of bridge. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. Free. Also July 14 and 28. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastilelibrary.org.

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: $12. Every Wednesday. Info: E-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.


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Bridge for the Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Player. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 p.m. Free. Also July 14 at 3 p.m. and July 28 and 2 p.m. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastilelibrary.org.

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Juniper to Reopen in New Location With New Menu

By Jerry Eimbinder

Alex Sze’s restaurant Juniper in Hastings-on-Hudson is relocating to a new and larger location in the town at 19 Main St. Renovation at the new site is underway with the reopening expected in October.

Sze said a new contemporary American menu will be introduced. ‘Tacos on Hudson, a Mexican restaurant, opened a month ago at Juniper’s former location at 575 Warburton Ave.

Juniper is moving into part of the space vacated by former tenant The Prime. Bread and Brine, a seafood eatery and oyster bar will be opened in November by Sze and partners in the remaining space.

The Prime served burgers, traditional bar fare and steaks, seating 80 patrons in its dining room. Another 30 seats were available in the bar area, and at least 25 more outdoors on the front patio when weather permitted. The bar area had standing room for about 40 people.

Sze opened Juniper, a compact, 28-seat eatery with an open kitchen, in January 2010 when he was 27 years old.

His parents owned a Chinese food take-out business in New Haven, where his mother ran the kitchen and his father was in charge of the front of the house. Sze didn’t work a day in his parents’ business while growing up because his mom wouldn’t permit it.

When his sister left for college, she wasn’t around to prepare snacks or occasional meals. Out of necessity, he developed a modest interest in food preparation, and by age 12, was a fan of “Great Chefs, Great Cities” and other television food shows. He occasionally tried a recipe from the shows but was more interested in bike riding and running, and, as he grew a little older, in tennis, hiking and kayaking.

He attended Hamden High School outside of New Haven, and received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut in 2004, majoring in biology. But unsure about his career path, he decided to take a year off to consider other possibilities, including work in the food industry. He moved to Washington, D.C. and visited top restaurants looking for an entry-level job.

After several unsuccessful attempts to find work, he stopped by Citronella just as an opening had surfaced for a pastry chef helper. Celebrity chef/owner Michel Richard interviewed him and Sze walked out with a job offer despite not having had an appointment or even bringing a resume. During the next three years he moved from station to station, advancing from vegetable garnish to meat roast and eventually to seafood.

Rye’s La Panetière to Serve Annual Bastille Day Celebration Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

Celebrated every year on July 14, France’s equivalent of America’s Independence Day is Bastille Day. Many restaurants throughout France serve special meals on the holiday.

Bastille Day commemorates the storming of the infamous prison on July 14, 1789, during the reign of King Louis XVI, generally considered as the start of the French Revolution.


“When La Bastille fell, food was very scarce,” he added. “Parisians improvised civic dinners with tables in all the streets. The rich brought roasts and expensive wines; the poor brought stews and cheeses and the sounds of accordions invited the crowd to dance.”

His restaurant will pay respect to Bastille Day with a festive dinner and optional wine, and French melodies provided tableside by a strolling accordionist.

Two choices are offered for the entrée: roasted tenderloin of veal or thyme-scented saddle of rabbit. The prix-fixe dinner, to be served from 4 to 9:30 p.m., is priced at $85 per person with optional wine pairing costing an additional $50. The regular dinner menu will also be available.

Loupiac will answer questions about the food from guests, wine from aficionados and Bastille Day from history buffs.

La Panetière is located at 530 Milton Rd. in Rye. For more information, call 914-967-8140 or visit www.lapanetiere.com.
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Storytime Group. Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.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. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.org.

Get Your Game Face On. Make your own natural homemade face scrub, mask and moisturizer. For children 11 years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

The Armonk Chamber of Commerce’s First Thursday. Come to Armonk for music featuring the classic rock band Lawless, fun activities, food and drink, raffles and lots of sales and offers from merchants. Main Street and downtown Armonk. 5 to 9 p.m. Info: Visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.org.

Friday, July 8
Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group. Receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully care for someone with dementia. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Mindfulness and More. One of a series of fitness classes. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Free. Also July 15, 22 and 29. Info: 914-769-2021.

Gardening and Cooking: Companion Plants. Learn how to use vegetable “buddies” to create a more bountiful harvest. Certain plants situated together in a garden help each other to promote hardiness and fend off pests. Companion plants often complement each other in cooking as well. In this workshop, learn the basics of using companion planting techniques. Then see and taste the results of a related cooking demonstration. Everyone will take sample recipes and handouts, plus inspiration to try them at home. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or northcastlelib.org.

Dance Party for Parkinson’s Summer Series. A partnership between the Steffi Nossen School of Dance and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, this is a movement class based on the internationally acclaimed Dance for PD program. The program was developed in a collaboration between the Mark Morris Dance Group and Brooklyn Parkinson’s Group to address the needs of people with Parkinson’s. No dance experience necessary. Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s Adult Fitness Center, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 5 to 6 p.m. Series: $96 for individuals; $160 per couple. Class drop-in rate: $15 for individuals, $25 per couple. Fridays through August. 25. Info: 914-328-1900.


Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Drop-in rate: $12. Every Friday: Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amy@gmail.com.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo. For over 50 years, South Africa’s Ladysmith Black Mambazo has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with their uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves and charming onstage banter. With a deep respect for both their cultural and personal history, the group is ever-evolving with an eye toward their long musical legacy.

Low-impact Zumba
Zumba With Amy
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Saturday, July 9
Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted “Best of Westchester” in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time. This week, local musician Sarah Browne performs for the music series. Meet the Animals. A fun and informative program that allows you to get up close and personal with the animals of Muscoot Farm. Easy to navigate. Muscoot Farm, 51 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also July 16, 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

Creative Coloring for Adults. If you’re an adult looking for a relaxing, fresh and new activity that will help bring stress relief to your busy life, try this new coloring class. Drop in anytime. Materials provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. $12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

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. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Faith, Food and Friends. A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.emanuelsec.org.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Kristina Koller Trio. With a hat tipped to New York’s musical renaissance, Chappaqua Station welcomes local and international musicians to the historic train station. Think intimate lounge setting, with an eye toward their long musical legacy.


Polish Heritage Festival. A musical entertainment and dance event with poetry readings, health and educational exhibits and activities for children. There will also be vendors who will be selling traditional arts and crafts and ethnic foods. Bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free parking and admission. Info: 914-231-4033 or visit westchestergov.com/parks.

Historic Mansion Tour. Visit Merestead, Westchester’s own version of Downton Abbey, a 1907 Georgian mansion, and find out who lived there and why it is important. Merestead Estate, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Info and reservations: 914-447-7497.

Opening Reception for “Wild Bees of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve.” Paula Sharp and Ross Eatman have conducted a two-year project photographing and identifying bees at the preserve and neighboring Stone Barns. Their dazzling photos will be on display at the gallery accompanied by scientific and descriptive information. Meet these dedicated artists and conservationists. Rockefeller State Park Preserve Gallery, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Parking: $6. Exhibit continues through Aug. 7 during gallery hours, every day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: Contact Audrey Leeds at proleeds@aol.com.

Meet the Animals. A fun and informative program that allows you to get up close and hands on with some of the center’s live animals. Program concludes with feeding the birds of prey. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: $5 per person. Non-members: $8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.


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Summer Camp Still Tons of Fun for a Counselor-in-Training

Returning a few years after my previous column in The Examiner, Greetings from Camp, I wanted to update my new experience and time back at my favorite place, Camp Wayne for Girls, which is now where I work.

Camp has always been a place close to my heart, where I’ve grown up for the past eight summers of my life. I’ve learned new things, met new people and kept the same best friends I truly call my sisters by my side.

Until it ended, I loved the camper experience. While last summer we sobbed about not being able to sit with each other at meals or not walking from activity to activity with each other, we approached the coming seven weeks with a smile. CIT summer would be a change – for the better.

A CIT, or counselor-in-training, is (fortunately) not yet loaded with the heavy responsibilities of a full-time counselor, and (unfortunately) not treated the same as a camper, either. While campers go to day-to-day activities, we decide on a specialty and commit to it, similar to a half-time job. We work for three periods and participate for two periods. We also eat meals with a lower camp bunk, so we’ve assigned the youngest age groups who may need help cleaning up, pouring their own drinks or going to the salad bar by themselves.

The first week of my CIT summer has come to a close, and I love everything about it. While there is more responsibility, there’s also more room to make our own decisions.

Throughout the day I work at the waterfront as a lifeguard with three of my best friends. We watch the little kids, help out on the ski dock and get in some laps when we can. My favorite part about being at the waterfront is how different every day is. Some days, I’m helping girls who are afraid of the lake get over their fear by swimming with them. Other days, I’m sailing and trying to keep the boat afloat.

On the simplest days, I lifeguard the swim instruction or the water trampoline but each offers a new experience. Just the other day I was helping a boating counselor with a large group of skiers, throwing them the ski rope, offering advice and giving them pointers on how to stay up and get all the way around the lake.

Although I’ve already gotten a little sunburned on my shoulders, it’s really nice to be outside in the sun for most of my day. And the best part of the job is that it doesn’t feel like I’m working. It’s fun.

Part of CIT summer is taking plenty of trips off-campus – to water parks, a few college visits and a four-day trip to the beach. These trips are sometimes with the age groups a year or two below us, and sometimes just special CIT trips. Either way, they’re fun new adventures and a privilege we love.

We recently had a two-day trip to a water park and shopping center. We celebrated one of our birthdays and had a fun-filled two days even away from camp.

I think watching the younger bunk is the best part. I requested to have Inters in Bunk 1, so those are the youngest girls, including day campers as well. Two of my other friends, Amanda and Julia, eat meals with me, and during staff meetings we hang out together and watch the children. We play card games and paint nails with them and they love doing our hair. They’re really sweet girls and can always make us smile. When we walk by them during the day, they run and give us hugs. We’ll even see them while we’re working when they come to our specialty.

Having had a great first week, I’m sure the fun won’t end here. We soon begin helping with camp tours, and the evening activities we cherish will resume.

Here’s to a summer’s worth of accidental sunburns and laps in the lake.

Chappaqua resident Molly Alexander will be a junior in September at Horace Greeley High School and has entered the next phase in her camping experience as a counselor-in-training at Camp Wayne for Girls in Preston Park, Pa. She will update how her summer is progressing with two more reports from the camp.

By Molly Alexander

Monday, July 11
Bird Walk. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.walkwithmillerwivesofhudson.org.

Knitting Group. Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Storytime. For children of all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Young Explorers Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: $9 per child. Non-member: $12 per child. Also July 18 and 25. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Adventures in Art. A new story time for children five to eight years old where children enjoy a story, learn about an artist and participate in a hands-on art project. Led by the library’s own Miss Debbie, Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 p.m. Free. Mondays through Aug. 8. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.mountpleasantsanlib.org. Registration is also available in person at the library.

DIY Balloon Rockets. Make them and race them. All ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0310.

Look Good...Feel Better. A workshop that teaches beauty techniques to women undergoing cancer treatment. Includes that teaches beauty techniques to women undergoing cancer treatment. Includes aesthetic consultation with a professional stylist and a makeup consultation with a cosmetologist. Attendees can take home a complementary wig and makeup kit donated by cosmetic companies. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3315 or 914-366-3421.

Zumba Class. Open to all. Drop-ins welcome; no membership needed. PXF, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. $10 a class. Every Monday. Info: Contact Amy Olin at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Telephone Support Group for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer. This Support Connection group offers the opportunity to share information and experiences with women across the country who are living with breast cancer. Share information and experiences. Confidently discuss concerns and gain support from others who understand from the comfort of home. Open to women nationwide living with recurrent, advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer. 8 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, July 12
Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantsanlib.org.


Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Better Breathers Club. A monthly interactive support group for people with breathing disorders, sponsored by Phelps and the American Lung Association. Participants who use oxygen may switch to the hospital’s supply during the meeting. Light refreshments served. Phelps Hospital’s Pulmonary Lab, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3712.

Point Insurance Reduction Program Defensive Driving Course. This state-approved six-hour course saves drivers 10 percent on liability and collision portions of their auto insurance premium for three years and removes up to four points from the insurance. Will be offered once or twice a month throughout 2016. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 to 9 p.m. $55. Seniors and military personnel (active or retired): $25. Next session: July 26. Info and registration: 646-413-3295 or visit www.drivercourse.net.
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SWAN GRAPHICS, LLC ARTS OF ORG. filed SSNT 6/22/15. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to: 29 North Greenwich Road, Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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The 2016 Tour de France is in full swing. The first two of the 21 stages began last weekend at Mont-Saint-Michel in northwest France (near Normandy) and will conclude at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on July 24.

Although I am not an avid biker (my engagement is leisurely weekend bike riding on county trails), I still follow the Tour de France as a spectator, if not an aficionado. I must admit my interest has waned since the (now disgraced) glory days of Lance Armstrong’s dominance. I now follow the race as much for its cultural intrigue as for its competitive intensity.

The landscape, the spectators along the route and the signposts for famous wine cities and towns, all combine for a unique television/tablet experience.

The Tour de France is emblematic of the French joie de vivre. In every town along the route, the locals celebrate the Tour with picnic banquets of food, cheese and wine. The momentary distraction of the bikers passing through their towns enhances the conviviality of the daylong party.

One of the most popular, and grueling, professional sporting events in the world, there are 198 riders, representing 22 countries, at the start of the race. The course covers 2,088 miles in four countries and passes through miles and miles of vineyards. While predominantly in France, it also traverses the Spanish and Andorran Pyrenees and the Swiss Alps.

In 2016, for the first time, local wines of France are being showcased at each stage of the event. This focus was not the promoters’ original plan. However, wine producers in Languedoc were threatening to protest, and even block, the roadways of the race in their southwestern region. They already received the attention of French politicians and the public last month when they commandeered wine tanker trucks coming into France from Spain and spilled thousands of gallons of wine into the road, protesting bulk foreign wines being permitted into the country (see my earlier column). The French wine showcases are meant to appease them.

The route, and the local grapes, begins in Normandy, wending its way south into the western Loire Valley (home to Muscadet, Vouvray and Chenin Blanc), then Spain and Andorra along the Pyrenees. Back into France, it traverses the Cahors (Malbec) and Languedoc (blends of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre) regions. Next, east along the Mediterranean countryside into Provence (Rosé). The route then heads north, up the Rhone Valley (many blends, including Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the Southern Rhone and Syrah in the Northern Rhone) and the steep, arduous Mont Ventoux.

After passing through Jura (Chardonnay), there is a brief ride into Switzerland, before turning west again, heading toward the foot of Mont Blanc. The bikers eventually pass through the outskirts of the Champagne region, for the first time in Tour history. The final stage is the celebratory ride into Paris along the Champs-Élysées.

Interested in celebrating the Tour de France with the above wines produced along the route? Visit your favorite local wine merchant for their recommendations. I have received samples of several representative wines from a public relations firm and will share my notes with you next week.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted 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.
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Supreme Court of the State of New York Westchester County**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by NOTICE OF PROCEEDING IN REM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ELEVEN OF THE FORECLOSURE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW BY THE VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO

**Index No.: 2513-15**

Please take notice that on the 31st day of May, 2016, Robert Wheeling, Village Treasurer of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Enforcing Officer”, of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, hereinafter, the “Tax District”, pursuant to law filed with the Clerk of Westchester County, a petition of foreclosure against various parcels of real property for unpaid **Town and County taxes**. Such petition pertains to the following parcels:

- 69.51-2-2-122 Lorraine Smario
- 69.56-2-7 J&D & Lynn Broughout
- 69.64-4-1 The Hearth at Mount Kisco LLC
- 69.72-4-8 James H. Lee, Sr.
- 69.75-1-3 Roswell D. Regan
- 69.75-1-7 Robert & Siobhan Zaniewski
- 69.80-4-2 Carmele & Vincenza Cambarei
- 69.81-3-2-1 Constance Boshore
- 69.82-1-4 Unknown Owner
- 80.23-1-5 Ricardo & Maria Rodriguez
- 80.23-4-15 James H. Lee, Sr.
- 80.25-3-20 Peter Komar
- 80.33-3-2 Joseph & Ray Saroken
- 80.33-6-6 Peter D. Komar
- 80.34-17 Unknown Owner
- 80.40-3-3 Charles Boehmer
- 80.55-1-2-1/4 Radio City Ventures, LLC
- 80.56-1-4 Linda Lucadamo & Daniel Dimarino
- 80.56-3-15.1 Spencer & Co., Inc.
- 80.57-2-8 Carmine Conte
- 80.57-4-11 Carmele & Vincenza Cambarei
- 80.64-1-22 Joseph Oliveri
- 80.72-4-18 Unknown Owner
- 80.80-1-15 Unknown Owner

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

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

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

**Right of Redemption:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payment shall be made to Joann Cerretani, Receiver of Taxes for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco, 101 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York, 10549.

**Last Day for Redemption:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 31st day of August, 2016.

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

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

**ENFORCING OFFICER:**

**Robert Wheeling,**

Village Treasurer, Town/Village of Mount Kisco

**Whitney Singleton**

Attorney for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco

120 East Main Street

Mount Kisco, New York 10549

914-666-4400
Senior southpaw Tom Cosentino fires a pitch during a Wildcat home game.

Justin Angeles readies to hit a backhand return during a match at first singles.

James Gorman moves the ball up the field in the Wildcats’ easy win over Haldane.

Anthony Sardo receives recognition after scoring the 200th goal of his varsity career.

Antonia Perino scampers toward third base in a Wildcats’ home victory.

The Wildcats’ Kristin Pierce stays ready at third base.

Daniella Mulvey hits a long drive during the Wildcats’ annual softball invitational.

Distance runner Manny Corona competes in the state qualifying meet at Arlington High School.

Kiera Donnelly gets ready to send a shot on goal vs. visiting Ardsley.

Senior Steven Brunetto clears a hurdle during the Class B championships in late May.

Mike Hernandez takes a big lead off first base.

Senior Owen Peterson controls the ball in a midseason home game.

Senior southpaw Tom Cosentino fires a pitch during a Wildcat home game.
Senior standout Frankie Vesuvio waits to bat in the on-deck circle during a midseason home game.

Jackson Harrower lines up a putt during the second round of the sectional championships at Fenway Golf Club.

Anthony Russo fires a pitch to the plate in the Bobcats’ home game vs. Rye.

Infielder Hayley Croke throws to first base trying to complete a double play.

Mia Vettoretti gets set to fire a shot on goal vs. visiting Pelham.

Sam Mayers heads for the finish line in the 100 at the state qualifying meet.

The Bobcats’ Alex Sapone runs the bases.

Infielder Hayley Croke throws to first base trying to complete a double play.

Jaime Cantu controls the ball in a home game vs. Pelham.

Carly Schwartz competes in the hurdles at the Class B championships up in Beacon.

Matt Grotta moves into position to unleash a shot toward the cage.

Sam Mayers heads for the finish line in the 100 at the state qualifying meet.

Bobcat senior Kate Khouri works her way toward the cage during a midseason home game.

Ally Steffen hits an approach shot in the sectional golf championship at the Whippoorwill Club.

Senior first baseman John DiMarco sends the ball down the left-field line.
FOCUS ON
Mount Kisco Little League Baseball

Spencer Grayson bats during Mt. Kisco’s home game vs. Bryn Mawr from Yonkers.

Joseph Valvano fires to the plate during a 9U travel team game last week at Leonard Park.

Nate Getman throws a pitch in last Wednesday’s 9U game at Leonard Park.

Mt. Kisco first baseman Tyler Renz takes a break in the infield during a pitching change.

Second baseman Zach Goldman throws to first base trying to complete a double play.

Mt. Kisco shortstop Danny Spolansky moves toward second base in anticipation of a throw.

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