Greeley High School Protestors Call for McKay’s Resignation

By Andrew Vitelli

Criticizing the district’s response to allegations of sexual abuse by former high school drama teacher Christopher Schraufnagel, Chappaqua parents protested outside the district’s administration building Monday morning and called for Superintendent Dr. Lyn McKay to resign.

“We feel that our district needs new leadership,” said Julia Abitanta, one of the parents who helped organize the protest. “We feel that in the last 15 months the appropriate steps have not been taken.”

Holding signs reading “No Confidence,” “Time for Change” and “New Leadership Now,” around 20 demonstrators stood along the sidewalk as cars passed by on the way to the high school, some honking in support.

“We just decided that we were going old school and taking it to the streets,” said Jane Sheppardson, who along with Abitanta and Heather Laforteza helped organize the protest. “I think a lot of people haven’t had the time or the inclination to follow this or realize really what was going on.”

Schraufnagel was suspended with pay in June 2015 after allegations of inappropriate contact with students emerged. He resigned last September.

Charged a month later, he agreed to plead guilty to 3 counts of endangering the welfare of a child in early August. If accepted by the judge, the plea deal would allow the former teacher to avoid jail time and to avoid registering as a sex offender. He also faces a series of civil lawsuits brought by former students.

The district has faced heavy criticism for its response to the allegations. The board of education and McKay’s administration, parents have argued, responded slowly and failed to communicate with the community.

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Mt. Kisco Planning Board’s Limbo Status Leaves Members Miffed

By Neal Rentz

Four Mount Kisco Planning Board members are angered that they continue to serve while no decision to reappoint them to their posts has been made since last December.

Chairman Joseph Cosentino and Vice Chair Anthony Sturniolo were scheduled to be reappointed to their leadership positions for another year on Dec. 7, 2015, while members Ralph Vigiotti and Enrico Mareschi were expected to be approved for new three-year terms. However, the village board has taken no action during the past nine months.

The issue came to a head at last Monday’s work session scheduled at the request of Trustee Karen Schleimer, who said she wanted to discuss why no decision has been made on the four

The Mount Kisco Village Board met last week with three planning board members who have continued to serve despite failing to be reappointed.

Cosentino, who has served on the planning board for 30 years and attended last week’s meeting with Vigiotti and Mareschi, said the board members have continued to serve despite failing to be reappointed.

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No. Castle Eyes New Plan for Proposed Park in Downtown Armonk

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials are faced with making significant revisions to the plan that would transform a 2.7-acre parcel in downtown Armonk into a park after bids far exceeded what the town was willing to spend.

Town Administrator Joan Goldberg said last week the project will be redesigned for the site referred to as Wampus Brook Park South after bids received this summer ranged between $550,000 and $1 million. Most of the bids were in the $800,000 range, she said.

The property, severely damaged four years ago during Superstorm Sandy, is located at the southwest corner of Bedford Road and Maple Avenue, to the south of Wampus Brook Park.

Goldberg said the town initially began stripping away portions of the project, including the elimination of the 20-space off-street parking area and work related to the property’s brook. That would have decreased the cost to about $325,000. However, the contractor that won the bid was unable to obtain a bond because of the significant change in plans.

“The contractor, the bid winner, was unable to secure a bond for the reduced scope of the project, so that project is being scrapped and is going back to the planning stages so that the rec board can look at it and decide what we can do with the limited funding,” Goldberg said.

In addition to the parking lot, plans...
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In court papers filed in response to the civil suits, the district claimed the injuries suffered by the students were caused by or contributed to by reason of the “carelessness, recklessness, negligence and/or assumption of the risk,” leading to accusations from community members that the district was blaming the students for being abused.

“We don’t feel that the legal strategy supported the community,” said Abitanta.

“I think it was very hurtful to the students in their civil lawsuits against the district,” said Schraufnagel to avoid registering as a sex offender.

“I feel very strongly that I don’t want to be part of a community that takes a predator like this and just sends him off to the next community,” said Burton. “When the plea deal came out, I started paying a lot more attention. I really don’t like the way it’s been managed the whole way.”

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“Sadly, there is a roadmap for this. It has happened in many other districts and there is a way forward,” said Lafortezza.

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Barbara Buxbaum, a mother of two children in the district, said she received an email Sunday saying there would be a protest the following morning.

“What made me come out here is the fact that I care about the well-being of the children in the community, and I want to stand up for them, for all kids here in town and for all families,” Buxbaum said.

“I think we all need to work together to fix these problems.”

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“The families that I represent want to thank the entire community for their continued support, culminating in today’s peaceful demonstration,” said attorney David Engelsker.

Concert to End Gun Violence This Sunday in Chappaqua

The First Congregational Church of Chappaqua will host a concert this Sunday, Sept. 25 as part of The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, a nationwide effort to remember gun violence victims.

Scheduled performers include Dave Buckler, formerly of Survivor, members of the Chappaqua Orchestra, the Greeley Madrigal Singers, First Congregational Church’s Minister of Music Keith Robillard, the church’s Chancel Choir and Cantor Star Trumpeter from Temple Beth El. Local elected officials will also attend.

The event, scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m., is co-sponsored by various organizations, including the Town of New Castle and the Chappaqua Interfaith Council. First Congregational Church is located at 210 Orchard Ridge Rd.

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Q: What is endometrial cancer — and am I at risk?

A: Endometrial cancer arises in the glands of the lining of the uterus. The major risk factor is age; it usually occurs in post-menopausal women between the ages of 55 and 64. Another major risk factor is any condition that produces excess estrogen. Receptors in the uterine lining make it highly reactive to estrogen. Elevated levels of estrogen can overly stimulate receptive uterine cells causing them to grow uncontrollably and turn into cancer. The main cause of elevated estrogen in American women is obesity. A woman who carries extra weight has more fat cells, which store a hormone that converts to estrogen. As a result, obesity puts women of any age at risk for endometrial cancer. Other risk factors include Tamoxifen use, hypertension, familial cancer syndromes (such as Lynch Syndrome), and diabetes.

Q: What symptoms should I look out for?

A: The most common symptom is bleeding after menopause. Non-menopausal women should pay attention to an irregular bleeding pattern: heavy bleeding or bleeding between periods. At the first symptom, see your gynecologist. You will typically have an endometrial biopsy and a pelvic ultrasound. If the biopsy reveals endometrial cancer, see a gynecologic oncologist.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: The main treatment is a hysterectomy to remove the uterus. At Northern Westchester Hospital, robot-assisted surgery is performed on most patients with endometrial cancer. Patients benefit from decreased blood loss and risk of infection, and faster recoveries. Tiny incisions are an advantage for obese women, who are at greater risk for wound infection; while being mobile the next day reduces the risk of blood clots. When endometrial cancer is discovered early, post-surgical outcomes are good.

Q: Can I reduce my risk of developing endometrial cancer?

A: You can reduce your risk by maintaining a healthy weight and exercising regularly. Know your Body Mass Index (BMI), which represents body fat, and strive for under 25. A BMI greater than 30 indicates obesity. And see your gynecologist at the first sign of abnormal bleeding.

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called for two separate lawns for passive recreation, an interior walking path that would have run along the Wampus River, which flows through the land, LED lighting that matches other lights in the area and park furniture.

There would also have been landscaping, including the planting of various species of trees.

Goldberg said it is difficult to predict what plans the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and town board create. It is likely the two boards will collaborate to devise the next plan, she said.

Scraping of the plans is the latest setback to the property since Superstorm Sandy roared through the area knocking down most of the trees that had been on the heavily wooded land. Afterwards, a dog park was proposed by the previous town board but that was met with vocal community opposition.

Discussions then took place over the course of at least two years to turn the land into passive recreation.
Outraged Chappaqua Parents Demand Answers in Teacher Abuse Case

By Anna Young

Infuriated Horace Greeley High School parents demanded to know last week how Chappaqua school officials could have missed warning signs that former drama teacher Christopher Schraufnagel had engaged in inappropriate behavior with students.

Community members who packed the Sept. 13 board of education meeting at the high school were angered that students were subjected to Schraufnagel’s behavior over an extended time period. One speaker even called for administrators and board trustees to be fired or resign.

Many parents protested that since 2011 there had been a vast number of complaints made to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lyn McKay, the high school principal and board of education members about Schraufnagel as well as posts on the Chappaqua Moms Facebook page. They said their concerns were ignored.

“I still need to be convinced I can trust this school board,” Horace Greeley parent Sandra Nohavicka told the board. “I don’t want the school to provide my son counseling after what they neglected to do.”

Parent Keith Sjogren said he became concerned when his son was frequently kept at school until almost midnight during theater rehearsals. Sjogren questioned the board as to who was running the school late at night and why administrators weren’t aware of the situation.

The board did not respond to Sjogren’s comments.

Another parent whose child was directly affected by the alleged sexual abuse, said Schraufnagel forced students to commit their loyalty to theater and weren’t allowed to take part in other extracurricular activities.

“I wanted to complain so many times to Principal (Robert) Rhodes, but my child begged me not to,” the parent said. “My child felt they desperately needed a letter of recommendation from Schraufnagel in order to succeed.”

Schraufnagel pleaded guilty last month to three counts of endangering the welfare of a child. He had been charged last year with seven counts, including a felony, for allegedly engaging in sexual, verbal and emotional abuse. Schraufnagel, who had taught at the school for 12 years, was suspended with pay in June 2015 and resigned last September.

There have also been multiple civil suits filed against him and the district.

McKay said the district was relying on Shakeshaft’s assessment to make improvements.

However, Horace Greeley parent Barbara Buxbaum countered that an objective third-party investigation should take place that reports to the community instead of the administration.

With school officials pledging to improve regulations and procedures, community members said the safety of students should have been the priority. On four separate occasions, Nohavicka said she contacted Rhodes with her concerns and was promised he would look into it.

“I saw so many red flags and complained to members of the school board,” Nohavicka said.

Trustee Karen Visser responded that what one parent might consider a red flag another might consider as thinking outside the box.

With Rhodes speaking only on the topics of test results and AP exams at the meeting, there was a call for his resignation.

“When you observe a crime and don’t do anything about it, that makes you an accessory,” said outraged resident Will Wedge. “There should be a special election held to replace the whole school board. Dr. Lyn McKay, the principal and vice principal should all hand in their resignation or be fired.”

With district leaders trying to unite the community, some speakers said the lack of urgency to address previous complaints while Schraufnagel was still employed by the district and the board’s refusal to provide information during the investigation has caused more friction.

“This is unacceptable in a community of educated people,” Wedge said. “Somebody has to take responsibility and nobody is.”

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Mareschi, said it appears obvious to him that the board wants to get rid of the current members. Trustees failed to follow policy when he wasn’t invited as chairman to an interview of a potential planning board candidate, he said.

“He wants to get all new members on the board,” Cosentino said of Mayor Michael Cindrich.

The mayor, he said, is reacting to pressure from developers, which is serving as motivation to change board membership, Cosentino told The Examiner. Cindrich accused him of having a “building problem,” Cosentino said, but the mayor “won’t bring me into an executive session” to discuss the issue.

Cindrich denied rumors that he met privately with a potential planning board candidate. One person was interviewed during an open meeting after writing trustees a letter expressing interest, Cindrich explained. He did not recall the name of that person, but no appointment was made.

Cindrich said the village board had sought comments from planning board members after a special task force released its recommendations earlier this year on how to streamline the development approval process. The recommendations have not been formally approved.

When asked why no decision has been made, the mayor said he was not at liberty to discuss the matter.

“Please know all of my actions are in the best interest of the residents of Mount Kisco,” Cindrich said. “There were no illegal meetings. There are sensitive issues that I cannot speak about at this time and defaming innuendo serves no purpose.”

Trustee Anthony Markus also issued a statement regarding the controversy.

“The Village Board continues to insure that the planning board operates in a balanced and efficient manner,” Markus said. “In furtherance of this objective, we have engaged a task force headed by Trustee Peter Grunthal and are continuing to review the task force recommendations.”

Vigliotti, on the board for about 17 years, said he believes the current situation with the village board stems from when the task force made its recommendations and there were negative comments from developers and their representatives about the planning board’s work. The planning board wasn’t given adequate opportunity to respond to the task force’s findings, Vigiotti charged.

However, the planners have always looked out for the village’s interests, he maintained.

“We are just waiting for the ax to fall,” Vigiotti said.

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$15M New Castle Firehouse Vote Eyed for Oct. 25

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle Fire District No. 1 residents will vote on a $15.3 million two-proposition referendum scheduled for Oct. 25 that would expand Chappaqua’s King Street firehouse, improve safety for firefighters and enhance operations.

Board of Fire Commissioners Chairman Christopher Weddle said the district faces a tight deadline to schedule a referendum for the 16,500-square-foot expansion after entering into a contract in April 2015 to buy the adjacent parcel from the owner of the old Chappaqua Animal Hospital. The contract expires unless the district holds a vote within 18 months, or by the end of October, he said.

A New Castle Planning Board public hearing is scheduled for tonight (Tuesday). Final approval is needed to hold the vote.

Weddle said the first proposition will ask for voter approval to spend $2,674,644 and mitigation needed to rid the site of contamination. The original $1.75 million funding will also include demolition and meeting space, a training and storage firefighting standard, he said.

There is also a lack of space for the volunteers to train and for the firefighters’ equipment to be decontaminated, Weddle said. Today, firefighters have cancer rates more than twice the population at large, some of which is related to improper handling and storage of equipment because of space constraints at firehouses across the nation, said project architect Bob Mitchell.

“It’s not an ideal situation,” Weddle said of the current facility. “Moreover, the fires that we see today are not the fires of 100 years ago. People are coming out of burning buildings, they’re not coming out of Chappaqua Meeting House. We’re not talking about wood smoke. We’re talking about plastics and carcinogens.”

On Sunday afternoon, he and Mitchell led the first of two informational sessions at the firehouse to explain the project to the public. According to the plans, the addition would include three deep drive-through bays that would house the largest trucks and allow them to exit onto King Street and return via Memorial Drive. Vehicles currently back in, which interferes with traffic and poses a safety risk to firefighters, Mitchell said.

There would be at least an eight-foot separation between vehicles, the current firefighting standard, he said.

The project would also include office and meeting space, a training and storage mezzanine and a firefighter training area. Mitchell said the building would be more accessible to the public and ADA compliant.

Space would be made for the antique fire trucks and other equipment now being stored at the district’s Senter Street firehouse. The Senter Street property would likely be sold to help defray the cost of the project, Weddle said.

Several residents voiced skepticism whether a nearly 30,000-square-foot facility is warranted in a town like New Castle. Some also the board of commissioners for looking to unnecessarily enlarge the firehouse on the backs of taxpayers.

Along with making it a public building, enticing new and younger members at a time when volunteer departments are experiencing declining membership is critical, Weddle said.

“We need to do something here to have volunteers come into this building, where they feel more comfortable,” he said.

Mitchell said that many modern firehouses appear excessively large, however, the amount of equipment and regulations such as having all firefighters ride inside the cab increases truck size.

He and Weddle stated that the district was looking to build a structure to serve the community for 100 years.

“We try to design buildings that you grow into, not out of,” Mitchell said.

Voters also have the option of having the district buy the land but not authorize construction. However, Mitchell said the cost would likely escalate by several million dollars within five years.

The second informational meeting will be held at the firehouse on Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The Oct. 25 vote would be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the firehouse. More information will be posted at www.ncfd1.org.
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By David Propper

Pound Ridge resident and former town councilwoman Alison Boak earned the Democratic nomination in the 40th state Senate District race after routing Patterson resident Andrew Falk in the Sept. 13 primary.

Boak crushed Falk across the three counties that comprise the district – Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess. She earned 67 percent of the vote to win 4,192-1,120. In Westchester, she earned 67 percent of the vote to win counties that comprise the district –

Second Meeting on Mt. Kisco Downtown Scheduled for Sept. 26

The Village of Mount Kisco has scheduled another meeting with property owners that currently have vacant commercial storefronts as well as other business and property owners interested in the downtown for next Monday, Sept. 26.

The village has scheduled this meeting with the mayor, village trustees, village personnel and the village manager and community stakeholders to continue the discussion from the meeting in July, provide updates on various issues and generate ideas to strengthen the vitality of downtown.

The meeting will be held in the Mount Kisco Public Library community room, located at 100 Main St. at 6 p.m.

The village remains committed to working with property owners, business owners and residents to find solutions to challenges and is dedicated to the betterment of our community.

Those who wish to attend may RSVP by calling 914-864-0001 or by sending an e-mail at villagemgr@mountkisco.org. For those who are unable to attend and would like to share their thoughts, that may be done in writing and sent to the above e-mail address.

Murphy, a former Yorktown councilman is making his first re-election bid for state Senate, having defeating Justin Wagner in 2014.

The 40th state Senate District includes the municipalities of Mount Kisco, New Castle, Mount Pleasant and Pleasantville along with most communities in northern Westchester.

For Falk, the loss is his fourth failed attempt for public office in five years. He ran twice against Steve Katz in the 94th Assembly District in 2012 and 2014, and lost in last year’s race for Patterson supervisor.

Falk will still appear on the general election ballot, having received the endorsement of the Working Families Party. Though he confirmed he’s no longer campaigning, it’s unclear if the party will make the necessary maneuvers to get Boak on the line.

Despite his latest defeat, Falk vowed to continue to push for liberal and progressive ideas.

“My wife and I are running as a ticket together,” Falk said. “We used our campaign to fight for a future where our kids and grandkids will have a chance to have a middle class life. And guess what, starting tomorrow I will keep on fighting for all those things and I hope you will fight with me.”
Obituaries

Alfred Hodge

Alfred W. Hodge Jr., a longtime Hawthorne resident, died peacefully at his home on Sept. 17.

He was 86.

Hodge was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Mount Vernon to Alfred and Ethelyn Hodge. He attended Mount Vernon schools and graduated from New York University in 1952 with an associate in applied science degree. He attended Newark College of Engineering until drafted in 1954. He was sent to Fort Belvoir, Va. and then to Verdun, France until 1956 where he served in the U.S. Army's 23rd Field Maintenance Engineering Company. He was employed as an engineering supervisor by Safe Flight Instrument Co.

Hodge enjoyed archery, fishing, flying gliders and playing pinocchio. He had a great sense of humor and was loved by all and will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him. He was a proud, active honorary member of the Bavarian Club Edelweiss where he held many positions and enjoyed many dear friends, especially the folk dance group. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne.

Hodge is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Edith (Schoen), who he married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Scarsdale; his daughters, Elicia (Tom) Briggs of Valhalla and Jennifer (Arvid) Johanson of Hawthorne; four granddaughters, Melanie (Joseph), Jacqueline, Danielle Briggs and Lauren Johanson; and two sisters, Judith of Arizona and Patricia of Connecticut.

A funeral service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Rosary Hill Home of Hawthorne.

Paul Sarli

Paul J. Sarli of Patterson and formerly of Hawthorne died on Sept. 16 at his residence.

He was 88.

Sarli was born on Oct. 25, 1927, to the late Frank and Rose Sarli in White Plains. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired custodian with the Harrison Central School District.

Sarli was predeceased by his devoted wife, Nora (nee Albohn) Sarli, in 2009, and by his brother, Michael Sarli. He is survived by his loving children, Paul, Jr. (Cheryl) Sarli of Patterson, Sharon (Dennis) Pollack of Garrison and Carol (Ronald) Cooper of Thornwood; one sister, Rose Boniello, of New Rochelle; one brother, Frank Sarli, of Highland, N.Y.; six cherished grandchildren, Adrienne Hempel, Robin Stoutenburg, Daniel Cooper and Matthew, Stephen and Brittany Sarli; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept 19. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne today (Tuesday) at noon followed by entombment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel would be appreciated.

Pair Charged With Selling Heroin to Undercover Cops

TA task force comprised of county and local police officers and FBI agents arrested two men on Wednesday following a six-month investigation into heroin sales in Westchester and Putnam counties.

Neil Mena, 30, of Hatting Place in the Bronx, was arrested at home on Sept. 14 and found to be in possession of a loaded 9-mm pistol and an ounce of heroin. He was hit with the federal charges of narcotics conspiracy and possession of a firearm in connection with a narcotics conspiracy.

Richard Almaraz, 42, of Catskill Avenue in Yonkers, was also arrested at home and found to be in possession of heroin and cocaine. He was charged federally with narcotics conspiracy.

Undercover officers made numerous purchases of heroin in Yortkown, Mount Pleasant, Mahopac and Yonkers. In addition, undercover officers made two separate purchases of loaded handguns in Yonkers as part of the investigation.

Almaraz served 21 years in state prison for second-degree murder before being released on lifetime parole last year. Mena has served time in federal prison and was on federal parole for narcotics and weapons charges.

–Martin Wilbur

Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

Sept. 7: A 22-year-old Pleasantville woman was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court. The woman, who was transported from the Westchester County Jail, faces multiple charges, including assault.

Sept. 9: A 55-year-old Scarsdale man was arrested at 7:22 p.m. and charged with second-degree criminal contempt for violating a temporary order of protection.

Sept. 10: A 19-year-old Roslyn, L.I. man was arrested at 12:35 a.m. and charged with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana following a traffic stop.

Sept. 11: A 23-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 1:33 a.m. for disorderly conduct after screaming obscenities and shoving someone outside the Thirsty Scholar Pub on Bedford Road.

Sept. 11: At 2:06 a.m., a 35-year-old Pleasantville woman was arrested at the BP gas station on Marble Avenue and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief, petty larceny, second-degree obstruction of government administration and resisting arrest.

Sept. 11: A 19-year-old Melville, L.I. resident was arrested at 3:41 a.m. and charged with third-degree assault following an incident at the Thirsty Scholar Pub on Bedford Road. The victim sustained injuries.

Sept. 16: A 21-year-old Brewster man was arrested at 12:30 a.m. and charged with indecent exposure after urinating in a public parking lot.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 9: Report of menacing at the school on Old Orchard Street at 12:06 p.m. A 16-year-old male was having a violent episode in Building 2. The responding officers reported that an injured party is in the rear of the building, but the situation is under control.

Sept. 9: Report of a 17-year-old experiencing a seizure in Room 209 at Byram Hills High School at 6:41 p.m. The party was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Sept. 10: A fire department pager dispatched EMS on a call at 9:53 a.m. regarding a 60-year-old woman who fell from a horse on Mead Road. The responding officers reported that the injured party was being transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by ALS.

Sept. 13: A woman arrived at headquarters at 2:16 p.m. to report an incident of fraud. She stated that she believes her new debit card was taken from her mailbox and used to withdraw funds from the Bank of America in Armonk and New York City.

Sept. 13: A Byram Ridge Road resident arrived at headquarters at 3:41 p.m. to report identity theft and fraud with her Bank of America debit card.
By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board unanimously agreed last week to extend the lease agreement for the municipally operated pool on Greenway Road for next summer.

Board members renewed the lease with the Anita Louise Ehrman (ALE) Recreation Center, Inc. for a third year following a preliminary report that outlined how operating expenses were in line with projections and membership totals remained strong.

“The goal is to make the pool from an operation standpoint run at around break even,” said town Supervisor Michael Schiliro. “You might be a little bit under, you might be a little bit over. But that was one of the things the Budget Advisory Committee looked at for us about five or six years ago.”

Matt Trainor, superintendent of recreation and parks, said the pool generated about $219,000 in revenues this year compared to $213,000 in 2015. Revenues reflect mainly membership and guest fees.

Total expenses, including the roughly $116,000 licensing fee, reached $300,589. However, total pass holders ticked up slightly, from 1,477 to 1,494 people.

Although expenses to operate were significantly lower, the town was still able to replace some chairs and install two new canopies, Trainor said.

“If you keep up with that stuff it lasts,” he said.

Family memberships were virtually unchanged, with the town selling 450 this year compared to 452 last summer. However, total pass holders ticked up slightly, from 1,477 to 1,494 people.

Different membership levels included town residents, nonresidents and nonresidents who live in the Byram Hills School District. Board members were pleased with the town’s support of the pool, which led them to quickly commit to 2017.

They had an October deadline to make their decision. Last year, the board didn’t renew the lease agreement until January after officials asked ALE for more time to analyze the numbers.

“I actually thought the numbers would fall off a little bit, but we seemed to have two pretty solid years under our belt,” Schiliro said. “So it shows the support from the town.”

“It’s a lovely setting,” added Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto. “Great job.”

However, not everyone was pleased with the town’s decision. Armonk resident Ann Dantzig, who has previously quizzed the board about why the town would operate the pool after the nonprofit ALE Recreation Center ran into fiscal difficulties following its renovation, said she was concerned that another operator such as Rocky Ledge Swimming Association in North White Plains might look for a similar arrangement.

Before Dantzig spoke, North White Plains resident Anthony Futia mentioned that Rocky Ledge may also be experiencing fiscal issues.

“If you bailed out this pool up here in Armonk, there’s no reason why the taxpayers down in North White (Plains) shouldn’t expect you to bail that pool out, too,” she said.

Schiliro denied that the town’s decision to operate the Armonk pool is a bailout, saying it was a conscious decision by officials to retain it as a valuable service. There has been no overtures regarding Rocky Ledge, he said.

Starting in 2012, a private organization led by Armonk resident Joseph DiMauro operated the pool before the town took over operations last year.

Town Attorney Roland Baroni said under the current agreement between North Castle and ALE, the town must make a decision whether it wants to acquire the pool by the fifth year.
Mt. Pleasant School Officials Support Proposed North 60 Biomed Project

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant School District officials announced support last week for the $1.2 billion North 60 biomedical project being proposed for Valhalla.

Fareri Associates LP is looking to build the project on the Grasslands campus, developing 60 acres of county-owned property and an adjacent 20-acre tract owned by the company next to Westchester Medical Center.

Neil DeLuca, a project consultant, said the Board of Legislators hasn’t voted on a lease for the 60 acres owned by the county. A 12-vote supermajority is needed to approve the proposed 99-year lease. DeLuca said Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) wants to have county lawmakers vote on the lease by about Nov. 15.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said the proposed lease is currently being discussed by the Board of Legislators’ Infrastructure Committee. It will also be reviewed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Projections of $9 million in property taxes would be generated annually by North 60, with most of the new revenue going to the school district.

DeLuca said he was seeking input from school district officials about what they would like to see in the proposed Life Science Center, a museum to encourage healthy lifestyles among youths. The aim is to create a museum “children can benefit from,” he said.

DeLuca said the developer also wanted to work with the schools to create science curriculum that would prepare students for biomedical research jobs, the types of positions that would be housed at North 60.

If the county lease is approved it would take the Mount Pleasant Planning Board about two years to complete its environmental review, he said.

The project is expected to create about 4,000 construction jobs and another 8,000 jobs at the site once built.

Board of Education President Chris Pinchiaroli said he supports North 60 because it would add no additional students to Mount Pleasant while generating more property tax revenue for the district.

“I’m happy to support you in any way I can,” he told the developer’s representatives.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney said she was willing to have discussions with the developer, including ways to tailor science curriculum.

Serenaded With Thanks

The Golden Apple Chorus sang “Feeling Groovy” to the Mount Pleasant Town Board at its Sept. 13 meeting to thank the town officials for allowing the group to use the tower room in town hall over the summer. The local chorus was founded in 1969.
Area Children’s Cancer Organizations Help Fund Breakthrough Study

By Martin Wilbur

Three nonprofit organizations dedicated to fighting children’s cancer have partnered to help fund the first phase of an immunotherapy study in hopes of finding groundbreaking treatment for children with brain tumors.

The Chappaqua-based A Kids’ Brain Tumor Cure Foundation, the Ty Louis Foundation of Carmel and Solving Kids Cancer in Manhattan have collaborated to donate more than $180,000 toward this clinical trial under the direction of Dr. Ira Dunkel of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The trial is expected to begin with 36 children by early next year.

Amy Weinstein, executive director of A Kids’ Brain Tumor Cure Foundation, said the study will test the safety and efficacy of using checkpoint inhibitors on children. Checkpoint inhibitors are drugs containing certain antibodies that attack cancer cells. The approach has shown success in fighting other types of cancers, particularly melanoma and Hodgkin lymphoma.

This is the first time this is being used in children with brain tumors. Treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation continue to be used on the patients, but with little progress.

“The goal is to give these researchers the funding they need to try their ideas out,” Weinstein said. “The challenge facing the research community is funding and we want to help them and we want to help them with their ideas.”

The trial will be conducted in six of the world’s top cancer centers: Sloan Kettering, Dana Farber/Boston Children’s Hospital; Johns Hopkins/Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Great Ormond Street Hospital in the United Kingdom, Institut Curie Research Centre in France and Children’s Hospital Colorado, Weinstein said. It may be expanded to more hospitals later on.

Launching this innovative study with the help of some of the biggest cancer institutions is a breakthrough for not only the three organizations but for pediatric cancer research. Cindy Campbell, founder of the Ty Louis Campbell Foundation and the mother of Ty who died in 2012 at four years old from an aggressive brain tumor, said seeing a breakthrough for some of the biggest cancer institutions is critical for increasing quality long-term survival,” Dunkel said.

In this study, children will be treated with an approach leveraging two agents, an anti-PD1 antibody (nivolumab) and another antibody targeting CTLA-4 (ipilimumab), according to a joint release form the three foundations. This combination has been highly effective in several high-risk adult cancer trials.

The hope is that children with malignant brain tumors will have will have similar results while reducing the toxicities that the children typically receive from chemo or radiation treatment.

A sign at last September’s Wildcats Spirit Fundraising Day at Westlake High School, which raised money for the Ty Louis Foundation. The foundation has recently partnered with A Kids’ Brain Tumor Cure Foundation of Chappaqua and Solving Kids Cancer to spearhead the funding for a groundbreaking clinical trial to treat children with brain tumors. The trial run is set to begin early next year. This year’s Wildcats Spirit fundraiser is Sunday morning at Westlake.

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Editorial

Mt. Kisco Village Board’s Handling of Planning Board a Serious Misstep

It’s understandable why four members of the Mount Kisco Planning Board would be upset by failing to be reappointed by the village board. Despite three members having served from 17 to 30 years, trustees apparently haven’t had the decency to tell them why they remain in limbo. Chairman Joseph Cosentino and Vice Chair Anthony Sturniolo were never formally reappointed to their leadership roles for 2016. Members Ralph Vigliotti and Enrico Mareschi where not reappointed to new terms.

Meanwhile, there they are, each expected to show up to the twice monthly meetings to make important decisions for the village, in some cases against high-powered attorneys and applicants. It puts the members in a bad position, when regular applicants or their representatives know that the board doesn’t have the full confidence of town government.

The argument isn’t whether the village board should necessarily retain the current members. There are no jobs for life, even in a volunteer capacity. Trustees, if they want a fresh board with new ideas and a new direction, have every right to thank the current members for their service when their terms expire and seek other candidates.

But by all accounts they have failed to do that. Instead, the village board has dodged questions about its inaction and hasn’t leveled with the planners either. They deserve that much.

Who knows, maybe because village government has been such a closely-knit lieedom in Mount Kisco for so long that volunteers are hard to find. Regardless, it’s wrong, and it’s no way to treat volunteers, especially if you hope to attract people to serve in the future.

Letter to the Editor

League of Women Voters to Provide Info on New Firehouse Vote

On Oct. 25, 2016, New Castle residents in Fire District #1 will be asked to vote on a $13.5 to $14 million bond referendum to expand the existing Bedford Road firehouse. The League of Women Voters of New Castle believes that information and community engagement is critical in making an informed decision on such an important matter, especially since it will affect the taxes for approximately 3,100 households.

We were dismayed at the short timeframe and lack of information provided to the community about this vote. It is our understanding that the Board of Fire Commissioners will be adopting a resolution regarding the bond at a special meeting to be held on Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Bedford Road firehouse.

The purpose of this letter is to notify residents how they can become informed voters:

• Attend an information session at the Bedford Road firehouse on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

• Read the materials posted on the Fire District’s website: www.ncfd1.org/PublicFiles.php?uSI=106617111


The League of Women Voters of New Castle hopes to hold an information session. We will publicize the venue, date and time once it is determined. Check the league’s website at www.lwnewcastle.org for more information.

To determine if you are in Fire District 1, check your tax bill or call the New Castle tax office at 914-238-4773.

We have requested that the Fire Commissioners provide easier access to voting by:

• Offering expanded hours instead of the typical 6 to 9 p.m. timeframe

• Providing adequate staffing to support voter turnout

• Providing opportunities for absentee ballots

However, it is unclear whether this will be possible. Please visit our website, www.lwnewcastle.org, where we will continue to provide up-to-date information on the bond referendum as we receive it.

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Guest Column

National Preparedness Month: Tips to Get Your Family Ready

While most people don’t like to think about worst case scenarios, giving them their proper consideration can ultimately offer peace of mind.

September is National Preparedness Month and it is a great time to get your home and family ready for a range of emergencies. Here are three steps to take.

Stock Up

Every home should contain a supply kit that includes a surplus of nonperishable food items, as well as fresh bottled water. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends one gallon per person in your household per day for three days.

FEMA also recommends that the kit include prescription medications for everyone in the family, personal hygiene items, a flashlight, extra batteries and matches, among other items. For a complete list, visit www.fema.gov.

Free Yourself of Your Phone

While we all know that smartphone technology and other mobile devices offer us useful information, in an emergency scenario these devices may lose their signal or their battery life. Stay prepared and informed no matter what happens with wearable technology that is not at the mercy of a cell phone tower or a battery that needs to be recharged every few hours.

For example Casio’s PRO TREK PRG300 timepieces feature functions like an altimeter, compass and barometer (great for staying aware of changes in temperature or air pressure). They also deliver this information hands-free, which can be useful any day of the week but extra valuable in an emergency.

Get Insured

Is your home and property properly insured? Know what your homeowners insurance covers and determine whether it is sufficient to meet your needs. For example, homeowners insurance policies do not typically cover flooding, which requires separate coverage. Learn more about your home’s primary risks and get covered now, before it’s too late.

No one has a crystal ball that can see into the future, so to best protect your family and your home, get prepared for everything. This article is printed by permission of statepoint.net.
Paul Petrone
CPA/Certified Financial Planner
Briarcliff Manor

By Martin Wilbur

Paul Petrone and his wife Sandra had decisions to make about their Social Security as they were approaching retirement age. Even though Petrone, 70, is a CPA and certified financial planner, he quickly realized how little he knew about the topic. So he started researching, speaking with experts and educating himself on the strategies that would help them maximize their benefits.

“It’s gotten so complex and complicated,” Petrone said. “Now they have two sets of rules and two deadlines. That’s why people are making these mistakes and losing a lot of money.”

With myriad rules regulating Social Security, Petrone recognized there are plenty of people who could use help navigating the Social Security minefield.

Through acts of Congress, this year has seen the end of two loopholes, the file and suspend strategy for people born after Apr. 30, 1950, where one spouse would file upon reaching 66 years old and immediately suspend payments. As a result, one spouse would be eligible for a benefit and wait until 70 to start collecting while the other payment and watch it increase 8 percent annually.

Also eliminated was the restricted application for anyone who didn’t reach 62 by Jan. 1, 2016. One spouse, usually the one who had the lower benefit, would claim their spouse’s benefit, receive half of it and see their future Social Security payments increase 8 percent a year until 70.

With these changes, Petrone held free Social Security educational workshops at libraries throughout Westchester, first in his home community of Briarcliff Manor, then branching out to Ossining and Somers. In October, he returns to Ossining and later in the month he’ll lead two workshops at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library.

“One of the things that has happened, which is another reason why I’ve continued to do these workshops, a lot of baby boomers and younger people didn’t reach 62 by the end of 2015, so based on what I told you, if they wanted to delay until 70 (to receive Social Security payments), that’s going to be the best way for them to maximize Social Security payments.”

As a certified financial planner, Petrone specializes in helping people with Social Security and retirement income strategies. He assists retirees and people who plan on retiring tap into as many different sources of income as possible, finds ways to have the income last longer and advises on tax planning. He neither advises on types of investments nor sells products.

Despite Social Security being much maligned and the threat of the fund going bankrupt by 2034, Petrone said it is the first and most important tool in any retirement plan. By then, a worst-case scenario could see beneficiaries hit with a 25 percent cut as people in the workforce support the retirees. That assumes Congress does nothing for the next 17 years, unlikely since lawmakers just closed two loopholes to save millions, he said.

“What I like about (Social Security) is you get it every month, you spend it, you look in your bank account next month, it fills up again,” said Petrone, the father of two grown children. “You spend it and it just keeps on filling up for the rest of your life. There’s really no other investment like Social Security.”

The son of a delivery business owner, Petrone grew up in Yonkers where he had his father’s trait of being proficient with numbers. He went to Iona College to study business administration and pursued accounting.

After graduation, Petrone worked for a mid-sized Wall Street firm, left for a period to help his father’s business when his dad had a health issue.

Meanwhile, he credits his wife with urging him to return to school to obtain his CPA.

Petrone, who moved to Briarcliff in 1975, building his own house, then hooked up with a small firm in Port Chester, where he became partner in seven years working mostly with business clients.

“What was good about it, a CPA is independent and is really working for the client,” he said. “It wasn’t like I was out there looking to sell products. I was there to help the people.”

Upon leaving the firm, Petrone studied to become a certified financial and specializes in retirement income planning.

“To me it’s a million dollar decision because we’re talking about money over your lifetime,” Petrone said.

Petrone will lead his workshops at the Ossining Public Library on Oct. 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. and at the Dobbs Ferry Public Library on Oct. 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees are offered a complementary consultation.

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A broad spectrum of mediums to suit every taste and budget will be on display, including painting, mixed mediums, printmaking, drawing, pastels, sculpture, photography/digital art, wearable art and fine crafts.

This year's show will feature free guided tours, emerging artists and fun-filled, kid-friendly activities. It will once again offer free personal consultants trained in fine art and home design, who will help visitors find and select art that best fits their taste and decor.

There is free parking onsite and a diverse food court.

The North Castle Public Library will present free events for the public to enjoy as the weekend approaches.

On Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m., classical pianist Janine Knox de Nigris will perform. On Friday, Sept. 23, the film "Beltracchi: The Art of the Forger" will be screened with commentary by LIU professor Valerie Franco. That program begins at 7 p.m.

The following evening, Sept. 24, jazz legend Charlie Lagond & Friends will be performing at 8 p.m.

The Art Show is sponsored by Friends of the North Castle Public Library, Inc.

Tickets are $12; $10 for seniors or with coupon. Children under 18 get in for free. No dogs are allowed.

For further information, as well as discount coupons, visit www.armonkoutdoorartshow.org. On the day of the show, call 914-806-6307.

Community Park, at 205 Business Park Drive, is located near Exit 3/3S off I-684.

The Armonk Outdoor Art Show, considered one of the top art shows in the metropolitan area, returns this weekend to Community Park in Armonk. About 185 artists are expected.
Top Talent on Hand for Shortz’s P’ville Crossword Fundraiser Tourney

By Andrew Vitelli

Three years after New York Times crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz moved to Pleasantville he hosted the first Westchester Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

The event has become a nearly annual tradition, and after missing last year, Shortz was back last Friday evening for the 19th annual tournament at St. John’s Episcopal Church. It raised money for The Pleasantville Fund for Learning.

“There are a lot of crossword contests around the country. This is one of only two local ones that I attend,” Shortz said after handing out the trophies. “The talent is great. The top players will finish in the top 5 to 10 percent in the national championships, so they’re good solvers.”

Close to 50 crossword enthusiasts participated, with Norwich, Conn. resident Glen Ryan capturing the title. The tournament was held in four rounds, with the winners of the first three rounds facing off on giant poster board puzzles on stage for the finale.

In the championship round, Ryan topped New York City’s Ken Stern and Connecticut resident Jan O’Sullivan to win his first Westchester tournament.

For each round, players were given 20 minutes to solve the puzzle, with the puzzles increasing in difficulty. While awards were given based on how quickly contestants finished, accuracy was paramount. A perfect puzzle trumped one with a single mistake regardless of the time taken to finish.

“It’s a long drive to get here, but it’s nice,” said Ryan, who finished first in each of the four rounds and completed the final puzzle in 8 minutes, 53 seconds. “It’s a small crowd. It’s not like ACPT (American Crossword Puzzle Tournament), where you have 500 people in a room.”

Many of the contestants, like Ryan, were veterans of competitive tournaments such as ACPT, the oldest and largest puzzle tournament in the country that was founded by Shortz in 1978. Others were Westchester residents whose only competitive crossword puzzling comes at this tournament.

“It’s just a local event that’s so much fun, and it’s something special that we do every year,” said Pleasantville’s Liz Mahaffey, who teamed up with her stepfather, Bill Glass, to win the award for top Pleasantville resident. “You get all the best people here. To watch these people do this at this level and to have a local element to it, too, is a lot of fun.”

The tournament’s four judges represented some of the most accomplished members of the crossword puzzle world. Rye Brook resident Miriam Raphael, the winner of the 1979 ACPT who captured the 90-and-over category in this year’s tournament, was joined by 2016 ACPT winner Howard Barkin, Cold Spring resident Casey Julia and crossword constructor Mike Nothnagel, the head judge at ACPT.

“It’s fun. It’s a different vibe,” Nothnagel said of Friday’s competition.

However, the talent was strong and competitive.

For many, the tournament’s host was a big part of the draw. Shortz, a ping pong champion and table tennis center director, was the subject of Table Tennis Center, was the subject of the 2006 documentary “Wordplay” and is the puzzle master for National Public Radio’s “Weekend Edition Sunday.”

“It’s Will Shortz, who is like the Mick Jagger of crossword puzzles,” said Mahaffey. “I moved into Pleasantville (six years ago) and my stepfather is a huge crossword fan. We were thrilled that Will Shortz lived in this town and that this was happening here.”

Shortz was originally asked to host the tournament by The Pleasantville Fund for Learning, which supports children’s education in the town. It raised money for the 19th annual tournament at St. John’s Episcopal Church. It raised money for The Pleasantville Fund for Learning.

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Sometimes it takes someone else to articulate the lifestyle differences we experience that are more in the northern reaches. For the real estate agent, we are told, it also requires a different kind of communication with buyer clients who are moving from the city.

"Remember, you’re not just selling a house, you’re selling a lifestyle, you’re selling the whole community and what it offers," we were told recently by Jason Wilson, newly appointed vice president, regional director of operations at William Raveis Real Estate, when he visited our office in Yorktown Heights.

"For those who can’t afford the tonier communities within a half-hour to the city, an exchange of time in commuting, say 15 or 20 additional minutes, can buy as good a lifestyle, but that requires a different kind of selling by realtors with their buyers," he said.

"We must share with our clients that, here, we get more home for less money, and at the same time, we get all the facilities and services of the community," Wilson continued. "Here, there’s a bigger difference in the way we connect with our neighbors. In lower Westchester, it might be more through private clubs, while further north, it’s more through community activities, sports and the schools."

Wilson has lifestyles experience on both sides of what he calls "the big divide," Route 287, which bisects Westchester. Born and raised in Yonkers, he moved to Yorktown Heights in 2002 and has lived there since. But six years ago, he took a real estate management position in Scarsdale while continuing to live in Yorktown.

"So I know the difference with the way people connect in different communities," he said. "Here, we meet at the school football games and town pools to hang out with friends and family. South of the ‘divide’ it’s a different social setting. Here we have big, special events that bring the community together like in my town of Yorktown, for instance, we have the largest Relay for Life in Westchester, the Firefighter’s Carnival, the San Gennaro Festival and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival and Street Fair. "And don’t forget, we can do apple picking right here, and when I tell people that, they think I live way upstate."

Wilson further listed great shopping as an advantage further north, with special stores like Turco’s and nearby, the largest shopping center in Westchester, the Cortlandt Town Center.

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By Andrew Vitelli

Eve, the Virgin Mary, Marilyn Monroe and Lassie will all be on stage at Arc Stages in Pleasantville starting this weekend to help tell the story of a woman facing workplace harassment.

"The Apple and Other Slip-Ups," a musical written by Adam David Cohen and Kevin Laub, will open on Friday for the first of seven performances over the next three weekends. The show is a production of Next Stage, Arc Stages' professional theater company, and features 10 stories of historical women, both real and fictional, to tell the story of a woman who is being harassed at work.

"It's an electric show in the sense that the journey of a woman finding her identity is very strong," explained director Stephanie Kovacs Cohen. "In this show, the arc to empowerment is a wonderful thing to watch."

Cohen and Laub began writing the show 12 years ago, inspired by a relative of Laub who faced similar harassment in her workplace.

"That woman never got to speak up about it," said Cohen, who wrote the music for the show while Laub penned the script and lyrics. "By letting that story be told on stage, she has a voice now, in this show, hopefully."

The musical stars Brooklyn-based actress and musician Christine Cornell, who plays the woman coping with a hostile workplace as well as the 10 iconic women, beginning with Eve. Cooper Grodin, a Manhattan native, portrays Cornell's tormentors both in the workplace and in the historical scenes. When Cornell plays Eve, for example, Grodin is the snake.

"It's a director's dream to have actors who respond so creatively and with imagination to difficult material," Kovacs Cohen said. "They're absolutely fearless."

Musical direction of the show is by Marcus Baker and consists of 10 songs with short scenes, each flowing into the next.

"They are connected by the theme of the boss and the secretary, and the secretary's journey of finding her empowerment," Kovacs Cohen explained. "It's wonderful when it happens at the end, and it's funny along the way."

While Laub and Cohen began writing the story more than a decade ago, Friday's performance will mark the first full production of the show. It will run on weekends from Sept. 23 until Oct. 8, with performances at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday and one matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. While there is some strong language, Kovacs Cohen said, there is nothing inappropriate for a teenager.

"I like to tell the people in this community that this is an incredible night out," Kovacs Cohen noted. "It's a great ladies' night out."

Tickets are $36 for adults and $28 for seniors and students. For tickets, call 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Christine Cornell and Cooper Grodin star in "The Apple and Other Slip-Ups" at Arc Stages in Pleasantville.
Mount Kisco to Host Treasure Hunt 2016 This Saturday

Diamonds, gold, sapphires and pearls. This year’s fourth annual Mount Kisco Treasure Hunt 2016 on Saturday, Sept. 24 will have all that and more, including new locations, greater challenges and a wider variety of prizes.

Stores, restaurants and businesses throughout Mount Kisco’s downtown will hide D’Errico’s trademark small, glossy white shopping bags somewhere in their stores. Starting at noon, clues will be posted on D’Errico Jewelry’s Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/derricojewelry, until 4 p.m. To make the hunt more challenging, participating stores will not be announced until their clues are released. Each bag will contain a tag identifying the prize the treasure hunter has won.

“Mount Kisco has a great downtown,” said Richie D’Errico, the jewelry store’s co-founder and co-owner. “We’re doing our treasure hunt to show off that downtown and reward our customers for their loyalty.”

Treasures featured in this year’s event will include a stunning, black and white diamond pendant worth $2,575; a white gold sapphire and diamond eternity band worth $1,350; a yellow gold and sapphire diamond ring worth $675; and pearl drop earrings worth $475. The hunt also features its first male fashion piece, a Casio G-Shock watch.

Other changes this year include:
- Prizes will be at D’Errico’s store at 159 E. Main St., not in the boxes. D’Errico’s trademark white boxes will still be hidden in selected stores, but they will contain a tag telling winners the prize they won, rather than the prize itself, as in the past.
- Timing will be very important. Anybody who comes in with a box before the clue for that box has been released, will be disqualified.
- Courtesy will also be important. If any stores complain about treasure hunter behavior, that prize will be removed from the contest.
- Winners can get only one prize per family.

Images of this year’s treasures can be found at https://www.facebook.com/derricojewelry. For more information, call Richie D’Errico at 917-805-4184.

Looking for a Sale

Shoppers in Mount Kisco turned out in droves last weekend for the chamber of commerce’s annual Sales Days. The two-day event offered some great buys for customers browsing along South Moger Avenue, Shopper’s Park and the promenade. Vendors included Siegel Bros., a new wine and spirits shop that is opening in the village this fall.

Top Talent on Hand for Shortz’s P’ville Crossword Fundraiser Tourney

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education through grants for teachers’ programs not funded through the school budget.

“One thing that’s nice about this fundraiser is that almost all the other fundraisers for the fund tap Pleasantville people, so it’s the same people again and again being asked to give money,” Shortz said. “Here we bring in people from all over.”

Winners Saturday also included Finn Vigeland in the 25-and-under category, Brian MacDonald in the Rookie category and Keith Kitchen and Emily Zocchi in the doubles category.

Shortz has only missed two Pleasantville tournaments in 20 years. Last year he was working on a project at Indiana University, while in 2000 he was busy hosting the World Puzzle Championship. He plans to keep the local tradition going in future years.

“We’ll do this as long as I’m around,” Shortz said.
Chappaqua Merchant Commissions Public Art Mural on Property

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle is in the midst of planning to upgrade and beautify downtown Chappaqua. With the backing of one merchant, an artist took matters into his own hands this summer to create a striking new piece of public art.

Last Saturday, sherry b dessert studio on King Street officially unveiled a 30-foot by 19-foot mural completed this summer by Keiran Brennan Hinton on the back wall of the building owned by the store’s proprietors, Sherry and Jeff Blockinger.

Sherry Blockinger, who has made room for artwork on her store’s interior walls, thought it was time to have some work done on the exterior. She contacted Katonah Museum of Art (KMA) curator Elizabeth Rooklidge for assistance.

“I have kind of always in the back of our minds (asked) what can we do with this wall?” Blockinger said. “She was great about doing some research about finding an artist.”

That artist turned out to be Hinton, a Toronto native who graduated from Pratt Institute and most recently earned his graduate degree at Yale University’s School of Art. He also has been part of the eight-artist group exhibit at KMA, Onsite Katonah, a show featuring experimental works that opened in July and continues through Oct. 2.

Hinton said he thought a continuation of some of his work that has been hanging inside sherry b dessert studio, albeit on a much larger scale, would make for an appropriate mural. Using latex house paint he bought from Chappaqua Paint and Hardware, he used bright, eye-catching colors that appear to change in different light. Hinton started July 11 and finished most of the work in a month.

During the past month he has applied the finishing touches to the mural.

“I wanted it to relate to the work that I had been doing before, which is domestic interior spaces, which are hanging in this space, which is like an extension of that,” Hinton said.

There were two challenges Hinton encountered – working on a large space and dealing with the summer heat – made worse when the sun was beating down. On a couple of the hottest days he took off, but was determined to finish within a month

Hinton’s previous largest works is what is hanging inside the dessert bar, but he quickly caught on to the large space concept.

“It actually was a great opportunity, he said. “I was nervous about it beforehand, but when I started I got into it.”

During the summer, Hinton also had the chance to create a new ice cream flavor with Blockinger – a form of pistachio – and she got to try her hand with the brush.

When Blockinger reached out to the museum, Rooklidge said she knew exactly where to turn. Yale School of Art has produced some outstanding artists, and the first artist’s work she looked at was Hinton, who coincidentally was going to be part of the KMA exhibit. Rooklidge said Blockinger’s appreciation of art has turned into a positive for a working artist and the museum.

“I think we got very, very lucky that sherry b was connected to the museum,” Rooklidge said. “So really, you guys expanded our outreach doing this project and we are very happy.”

For those wishing to view the mural, sherry b dessert studio is located at 65 King St. in Chappaqua.
Happenings

Tuesday, Sept. 20


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 Sept. 20 and 27. Info: 914-273-3887.

Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive program is for anyone trying to navigate their way through the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65 years old, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Fox Senior Center, 198 Carpenter Ave., Mount Kisco. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome. Pre-registration requested. Info and pre-registration: 914-231-3236.


Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave, Chappaqua. 7:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented groups as it connects 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 Kisco, 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@urowrella.net or just drop in.

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, love-inspiring, stick movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

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

Senior Health and Wellness Fair. Northern Westchester Hospital will be hosting this fair featuring pharmacists, dietitians, yoga instructors, nurses, doctors and many more who will be on hand to share their expertise and advice and conduct health screenings. Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Margaret Ribaudo, RN, at mribaudo@nwhc.net.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement and euphoria of drumming. Using lightweight drumsticks called Riptix, you’ll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscle groups, and toning muscle. This 15-minute workout is 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 and Saturday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Learn from orthopedic surgeon Jason Ribaudo, RN, at mribaudo@nwhc.net.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

What’s New in Knee Replacement? Many have reached the age where the knees are giving out and knee replacement is becoming increasingly common. Learn from orthopedic surgeon Jason Hochfelder about new technology and advances in knee replacement, including robotically-assisted procedures. Phelps Hospital’s boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3100.

Art Series: Wolfgang Beltracchi and the Business of Art. In anticipation of this year’s Armonk Outdoor Art Show, there will be a discussion on the unique artwork of Wolfgang Beltracchi. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

“Votes for Women: Examining the Woman Suffrage and Anti-Suffrage Movements Through Political Cartoons.” Join Dr. Susan Goodier, a professor of New York State History and Women’s History at SUNY Oneonta, presents this informative and entertaining presentation. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Eastchester. Katonah Village Library’s Garden Room, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail LWV.BLNS@gmail.com.

“Audrie & Daisy.” A documentary of the story of two underage girls who went to parties, drank alcohol, passed out and were sexually assaulted by guys they'd thought were their friends. In the aftermath, both girls discovered that the crimes were documented on cell phones. Video and pictures were passed around, their stories made national news and their lives were changed forever. Followed by a QA with filmmaker Jon Shenk. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis, Culture & Human Rights series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Sept. 22

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 continued on page 24
Breakfast at Armonk’s The Beehive is Well Worth the Wait

By Jerry Eimbinder

Breakfast is taken very seriously at The Beehive in Armonk. Without question, the best French toast I have ever tasted is its Brioche French Toast. Peter Ladis, one of the restaurant’s owners, said that it’s baked in the oven.

Served seven days a week, the Brioche French Toast includes fresh fruit, macadamia nuts and raspberry sauce. On a recent visit, the accompanying fruit was sliced strawberries and blueberries.

When we arrived at The Beehive for a Sunday breakfast, some discouraging sights caught our attention: a long line of parked cars extended well past the restaurant and its two parking lots. Across the street, there was an even longer line of cars parked on pebble stone shoulders. A sizable crowd had gathered outside the restaurant’s entrance, and there was a long waiting list of names.

A pleasant young hostess wearing a full-length black evening gown assured that the waiting time would be no more than 20 minutes. Fifteen minutes later, we were seated.

The Beehive originally opened in Armonk in 2006. After an 18-month closing for renovation in 2009, it reopened in December 2010 with a breakfast menu that included the Brioche French Toast and Classic Eggs Benedict, which are still on the menu and priced today at $11.50.

Menu selections also include Belgian waffles ($7.95); a triple stack of buttermilk griddle cakes ($8.95); eggs any style with hash brown potatoes and toast ($7.95); optional accompaniments are Applewood smoked bacon, ham or two plum curd sausages for an extra $3.50; and eggs and breakfast tostada.

The extensive breakfast menu features more than 20 items. Fresh fruit, macadamia nuts and raspberry sauce. On a recent visit, the accompanying fruit was sliced strawberries and blueberries.

Breakfast choices are considerable and customizing is cheerfully accepted by an attentive wait staff.

Breakfast cocktails, priced at $8, include mimosa, poinsettia, martini made with vanilla crème-flavored vodka, wine and orange juice and the “Beehive Famous Bacon Bloody Mary,” which includes a strip of bacon.

Children’s breakfasts (for kids 12 and under) cost $6.95 and include juice, milk or chocolate milk, plus a choice of cheesy scrambled eggs, Silver Dollar pancakes or French toast.

The family-owned restaurant is operated by Executive Chef Peter Modroukas, his wife Anne, their children Valerie Ladis and Dean Modroukas and Valerie’s husband Peter Ladis. At least one family member is always on the premises and most can be found there on Sundays.

The original Beehive opened in Mount Vernon in the 1940s by Peter Modroukas’ uncle Louis Tiglias and closed in the 1970s. A photo of the original restaurant hangs on a wall near the front door.

Some of the current offerings, including Uncle Louie’s Moussaka, are based on family recipes or are holdovers from the original restaurant. Peter Ladis said. Uncle Louie’s Moussaka – béchamel, meat sauce and feta crumbles – is one of the restaurant’s most popular dinner dishes. It is currently on the weekday lunch menu and at dinner.

Oktoberfest celebration

The Beehive will celebrate Oktoberfest on Oct. 21-23 with a special menu featuring German specialties. Among the dinner entrées will be sauerbraten with potato gnocchi, braised red cabbage and house-made apple sauce ($21); a combination of knockwurst, bratwurst and bockwurst called “drei-wurst” with beef, pork and veal sausage, served with sauerkraut and warm German potato salad ($21); veal wiener schnitzel, pounded thin and breaded, accompanied by potato gnocchi and braised red cabbage ($23); and a smoked double-cut pork chop called kassler with apricot-raison port wine reduction, mashed potatoes, red cabbage and apple sauce ($23). The entrees come with soup or salad.

Shake Shack to Offer Oktoberfest-Inspired Menu Starting Friday

By Jerry Eimbinder

Shake Shack at the Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers will celebrate “Shacktoberfest” from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, featuring Oktoberfest-inspired burgers and shakes.

Items to be served include a hamburger topped with flat-top Usinger’s cheddar-stuffed bratwurst from the griddle, accompanied by crispy ShackMeister ale-marinated shallots and ShackSauce ($7.59) and a Bavarian-style soft pretzel topped with spices and priced at $2.99 (add $1 for cheese sauce).

A 25-ounce Shacktoberfest commemorative take-home “bier” stein will be available for $10, with refills offered at $7.69.

Two shakes will also be on the menu at $5.79 each: the Apfelstrudel Shake (apple strudel and cinnamon-sugar shortbread and topped with whipped cream) and the Black Forest Chocolate/Cherry Shake topped with whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.

Shake Shack, which opened in July, operates 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It is located at 2090 Mall Walk on the northern side of the property, facing the north parking lot and the Cross County Parkway.
LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1005 LECTURES, LLC
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is 1005 LECTURES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”)
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on April 18, 2016. THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Westchester. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 23B Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose. Dated: August 26, 2016
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE KRELL GROUP LLC. Arts of Org. filed SSNY on 8/23/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designates agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and mail to 144 Stone Meadow, South Salem, NY 10590.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PINK PULSE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 11, 2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designates agent as LLC upon whom process may be served and mail to 340 South Street, Yonkers, NY 10701.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REVALIZER DIVERSIFIED OPERATIONS, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2016. Office loc: Westchester County - 119 Pondfield Rd., Suite 924, Bronxville, NY 10708-0924. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designates agent as LLC upon whom process may be served and mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JENN MANN INTERIORS, LLC. ARTS. OF Org. filed with SSNY on 07/07/2016. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designates as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jennifer Mann, 11 Oneida Street Rye, New York 10580. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYRIE CLEANING SERVICE, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/26/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designates as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Erika Da Cunha, 13 Bent Avenue Apt. D, Port Chester, New York 10573. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District (the “District”) that a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District be and the same is hereby called to be held in said District in the Westlake High School Gymnasium, Westlake Drive, Thornwood, New York on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition: Shall the Board of Education of the Mount Pleasant Central School District be authorized to (1) reconstruct various District buildings and facilities, including infrastructure and site work improvements, construct and reconstruct athletic fields and courts, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus, at a maximum cost of $39,621,180, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed $39,621,180, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due? The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. Personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall vote whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Any voter who has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years or is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, also is eligible to vote at this meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person may register to vote during regular school hours on any week day not less than five (5) days preceding the voting date between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York. The register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood, New York and will be open for inspection immediately upon its completion by any qualified voter of the District from during regular school hours on each of the five days prior to the vote, except for Saturday, October 15, 2016 and Sunday, October 16, 2016. Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or on or prior to October 17, 2016, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 18, 2016. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each business day during school hours until the date of the vote. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. Dated: August 31, 2016, Mary Beth Mancuso, District Clerk
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on January 24, 2016. Off. Loc.:134 Alta Avenue, Yonkers, NY, Westchester County. SSNY has designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail any notice is: WADSWORTH GLOBAL LLC, 134 ALTA AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful act.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TECH-FINANCE VENTURES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State on 08/03/2016. Office location: Westchester County. Secretary of State designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 14 Harwood Ct, Suite 220, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
Master Storyteller Kruk to Bring History to Life in Bedford Cemetery

By Andrew Vitelli

It’s been 237 years since Bedford Village was burned to the ground by British forces during the American Revolution. This Friday, master storyteller and local history buff Jonathan Kruk will bring this past back to life at the Ferris Family Burial Grounds in Westmoreland Sanctuary.

“There’s a bit of betrayal, salvation, patriotism,” Kruk said of the story of the 1779 Burning of Bedford, which he will tell through the eyes of Daniel Ferris. “It really reflects the tenacity of the early settler of Bedford.”

Kruk will bring his dramatic flair to the burial grounds on Friday afternoon, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., for “Every Stone Tells a Story,” a free event sponsored by Westmoreland, Friends of Bedford Burying Grounds and the Bedford Historical Society. Kruk will be dressed in 19th-century garb as he tells the audience about Banastre Tarleton, James Holmes and the intrigues and betrayals the region experienced during the Revolution.

“The people in Bedford suffered terribly. In those days Bedford, after White Plains, was the largest population in Westchester,” Kruk explained. “I think many don’t know, and it’s important because it reminds us where we came from. It gives us a map to show what people wanted to build.”

The cemetery is located within Westmoreland’s 125-acre Wildlife Management Area, across Route 22 from the rest of the sanctuary, and was recently restored in a joint effort by the sanctuary and Friends of Bedford Burying Grounds. While Westmoreland primarily focuses on environmental education, Director Ann Paul said the event will showcase a natural intersection between the site’s beauty and its history.

“I think one of the most interesting things is how old the gravestones go back and how different life really was back then,” said Paul, noting the young ages at the time of death of many of those buried in the cemetery. “We really take for granted our modern conveniences, and that goes to medical care.”

Kruk, a Cold Spring resident who grew up in Katonah, said he’s been fascinated by local history since hearing a lecture by an elementary school teacher and local historian when he was 12 years old.

“That really planted a seed, which then 10 years later after college, began to grow first as an interest in folklore, mythology and literature, and then into a career as a storyteller,” Kruk said. “I feel kind of tailor made, ready to go, to share these stories with a passion that only a local boy can have.”

Kruk, who incorporates music and theater into his storytelling, has been called the “best storyteller in the Hudson Valley” by Hudson Valley Magazine. He said the surrounding woods will provide a perfect backdrop for his trip back in time, as attendees will be able to picture a world without cars, cell phones and skyscrapers.

“They’ll see rolling hills with wildflowers, meticulously made stone walls. It will provide a respite from the world we know today,” Kruk said. “It will be like drawing back a curtain to the 19th century.”

While Ferris’s story will be at the heart of the program, Kruk will tell stories of various Bedford residents from the Revolutionary period. Members of the Friends of Bedford Burying Grounds will answer questions about the grave markers, Kruk added.

The event, held at 21 Old Post Rd. in Bedford, requires a short hike into the cemetery. In the event of rain, it will be moved to Westmoreland Sanctuary’s Museum at 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd. While the event is geared toward families, younger children could be scared of some of the tales.
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. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Bedford Hills Farmers Market. Come down and stock up for the weekend. Fresh picked produce and flowers, handmade soap, bread, cheese, lobster rolls, stunning bracelets and live music. Bedford Hills train station, 46 Depot Plaza, Bedford Hills. 4 to 7:30 p.m. Every Thursday. Info: Visit the Bedford Hills Live Facebook page.

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.mountkiscolibrary.org.

A Reading and Conversation with Claudia Rankine. Rankine, a critically-acclaimed and bestselling poet, will be the college’s 2016-17 Roy and Shirley Durst Distinguished Chair in Literature, presenting numerous programs throughout the academic year, including readings and workshops. Purchase College’s Humanities Theater, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6550.

Janine Knox deNigris Piano Recital. Pianist Janine Knox de Nigris, who attended SUNY-Purchase College Conservatory of Music as a scholarship student, has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe as a soloist and collaborative pianist. After releasing her first solo album, “Inspired Journey,” she debuted solo recitals at Carnegie Hall and Steinway Hall. She performs frequently with members of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-380-3500.

Friday, Sept. 23
Zummi With Amy. Low-impact Zumbar 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 oln.amyj@gmail.com.


Junior Cooks. The art of cooking and baking will be introduced. Children will prepare, cook and eat their own creations through hands-on experiences. All math, reading and language arts skills will be enhanced through the cooking process. For children in grades 3-5. Mount Pleasant Town Hall Tower Room, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Valhalla. 4 to 5 p.m. $125 for eight sessions. (Thursdays through Nov. 10). Info and registration: 914-742-2310 or visit www.mtpl easantny.com.

The Apple and Other Slip-ups.” Arc Stages opens the second season of its professional company with the premiere of this production which depicts 10 important women in history – real and imaginary – beginning with the mother of all slip-ups: Eve and her forbidden fruit. The musical travels forward through time, showing key moments from the lives of women such as Joan of Arc, Pandora, the Virgin Mary, Rapunzel and Lassie. Arc Stages, 141 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: $36. Seniors and students: $28. Also Sept. 24 and 30 and Oct. 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and Oct 2 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Practice Tai Chi at Mount Kisco Public Library with Larry Atille. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday. Info: 914-787-5000.
Neck Strengthening Reduces Concussion Risk in School-aged Athletes

About 250,000 emergency room visits by youngsters under 19 are precipitated by sports-related concussions and non-fatal traumatic brain injuries in the U.S. each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The benefits of a physically active lifestyle are unquestionable, including weight management, increased strength, endurance, flexibility, improved self-esteem, confidence and emotional stability. But student athletes are also at greater risk for concussions. Young athletes are more prone to concussions than their adult counterparts, and often experience a greater degree of severity in the initial and long-term negative effects.

In recent years, an increasing number of students have been drawn to participate in school and community sports. Increased awareness about the importance of staying active and pursuing a healthy lifestyle, proposed cuts to physical education classes in many school districts and increasing college tuition fees result in greater competition for sports-related scholarships, have all contributed to a growing student athlete population. As the number of participants increases, so will the number of sports-related concussions, prompting the need for development of effective concussion prevention programs.

To date, areas of research relative to concussion prevention have focused on three general components: Production of improved helmet technology, expansion of helmet use in a greater number of sports and rule changes to help avoid head trauma. Despite advances in technology and the introduction in sports other than football in recent years, helmets have fallen short in reducing exposure to concussions. A helmet’s primary function is to reduce skull fractures. Cutting edge helmets have improved the ability to diffuse direct, external fracture-causing forces on the skull, yet do little to combat acceleration and rotational forces, the primary components producing concussions. Recent rule changes, such as “heads up tackling” in football, are a good example of a neck isometric is placing pressure, staying in place without any movement for five seconds. Relax and repeat 10 times.

The same technique can be applied to the opposite side of the head, the front and back. Starting with one to two sets of 10 repetitions is a good starting point, while working up to three sets in each direction can be an ultimate goal. As with any game, rules are sometimes broken, whether inadvertently or intentional. Therefore, the need to pursue other avenues of research to identify a concussion prevention mechanism that is cost-effective, easy to implement and accessible is paramount.

More recent research demonstrates that neck strengthening may be the answer. A study by Christy L Collins and R. Dawn Comstock, published in the Journal of Primary Prevention in June 2014, collected data on 6,704 student athletes playing boys’ and girls’ soccer, basketball and lacrosse. The study demonstrated that athletes with the weakest necks experienced the largest number of concussions; those with the strongest necks sustained the fewest.

"Smaller mean neck circumference, smaller mean neck to head circumference ratio, and weaker mean overall neck strength were significantly associated with concussion,” the study stated.

It also showed that even a minimal one-pound increase in neck strength can reduce concussion risk by as much as 5 percent.

Research regarding the benefits of a stronger neck is now present, yet is there a protocol to follow? Researchers are working on it.

A starting point for any student athlete can be execution of manual resistance exercises such as neck isometrics. An example of a neck isometric is placing one’s hand on the side of the head, just above the ear. While sitting with good posture and neck alignment, gently apply pressure with the hand to the side of the head while the head resists the applied pressure, staying in place without any movement for five seconds. Relax and repeat 10 times.

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g geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. 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.mountkiscolibrary.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 its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

“Hidden Narratives” Opening Reception. A group exhibition blending printmaking and technology with kiln-glass. Featuring Erin Dickson, Jeffrey Sarmiento and Kathryn Wightman. Bullseye Resource Center New York Gallery, 115 Hoyt Ave., Mamaroneck. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 10. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Info: 914-835-3794 or visit www.bullseyeglass.com.

Music Lesson Open House. Bring the family to tour the facility and meet staff. Children can join in some music activities and take home free music goodies. Special offers for registration. Rosehill Music Academy, Rosehill Shopping Center, 660 Columbus Ave, Thornwood. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-747-2585 or visit www.rosehillmusic.net.

Faith, Food and Friends. A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.emanueelelc.org. “Louis and Ella.” A musical tribute to the great icons of Jazz, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. Featuring Trent Armand Kendall and Natasha Yvette Williams in the title roles. This musical celebration reunites the Architect of Jazz” and “The First Lady of Song” for one magical night. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 7 p.m. $29. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Awakening: The Daisy Jopling Band. Extraordinary violinist Daisy Jopling will be performing a one-of-a-kind show presenting a wide variety of musical genres including classical, rock, reggae, pop, gypsy violin and Irish folk. Joining Jopling on the stage will be special guests Rob Evan (lead singer of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra) and Broadway star Joni Lanza. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 7:30 p.m. $25, $35 and $50. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Ariel String Quartet. This young, internationally acclaimed Israeli quartet performs widely in Israel, Europe and North America. It astonishes audiences with its performances of complete works from memory. Founded 16 years ago, they recently debuted at Carnegie Hall, a remarkable achievement for an ensemble so young. Westchester Community College’s Academy, Rosehill Shopping Center, 660 Columbus Ave, Thornwood. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wcc.auburn.edu/smartarts.

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What to Do in the Event of an Unfinished Bottle of Wine

“What can I do with an opened bottle of wine if I don’t finish it?”

I was asked this question – again – the other day, so I decided to make it the topic of the week. We all have encountered this dilemma, although some more often than others. The good news is that you have several viable, reliable choices.

First, a bit of background. Wine begins to change as soon as the cork is removed from the bottle. Some wines improve when exposed to air; the aromas and flavors that have been tightly confined since bottling are released when they come in contact with oxygen. The longer you can slow down the oxidation process, the longer the wine will retain its freshness. There are three ways I recommend.

First, tightly cork the unfinished bottle and place it in the refrigerator. Cold temperatures induce a wine coma, slowing oxidation. White wines are a natural for popping in the fridge, since we tend to drink them cold; red wines are a bit more of a challenge, but if you take them out about 20 minutes before consuming, they will reach the proper drinking temperature.

A second way to preserve wine is to remove the oxygen that resides in the empty portion of the bottle. There are several methods to accomplish this. One is to transfer the wine into a smaller vessel, less area for oxygen to reside equals slower oxidation. An empty 375-ml half-size wine bottle is ideal. Better yet, decant a portion of the wine into a smaller vessel and pour to the top leaving no air space before, not after, you consume it. This method will preserve wine for up to a week.

A third method is by utilizing modern technology. There are several gadgets on the market that successfully remove oxygen from the bottle. One is Vacu-Vin. It consists of a reusable rubber stopper and a pump; simply place the stopper in the bottle neck and work the pump until you feel resistance. You’ve created a vacuum seal. I’ve used it and can confirm it works. This method will preserve wine for up to a week.

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On to the second way of dealing with an unfinished bottle: recycle it. Simply incorporate the wine into a favorite marinade recipe or use it to infuse rich flavors into sauces and soups. Wine can also be used as the base for a vinaigrette salad dressing. Let your imagination be your guide.

The next time you’re tempted to force yourself to consume that last drop of wine in a bottle – stop. There are many ways to extend your enjoyment of wine without compromising your blood-alcohol level.

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