Mt. Pleasant to Crack Down on Columbus Avenue Speeding

By Neal Rentz

Days after a Yorktown woman was killed crossing Columbus Avenue, the Mount Pleasant Town Board and Police Chief Paul Oliva pledged to try and slow down speeding motorists on the road. Three residents at the Sept. 15 town board work session demanded that steps be taken to curtail speeding, which they said has been a longtime problem on Columbus Avenue, a county road.

Yorktown resident Brittany Mastropolo was struck by a car while attempting to cross the southbound lanes of Columbus Avenue near Pat’s Deli in Valhalla on Sept. 11, Oliva said. The driver stopped at the scene of the accident.

Mastropolo, who worked at the Easter Seal Project Explore school at 70 Columbus Ave., was rushed to Westchester Medical Center and died the next day.

Oliva said the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and Mount Pleasant police are still investigating the accident.

“It appears at this time speed was not a factor,” he said. “But we’re waiting for the results of the county police investigation.”

Despite the possibility that speed did not play a role in the accident, three town residents, Deborah Torres, Manika Link-Phillips and John Crupi, told officials speeding has been a problem for years on Columbus Avenue and is a particular danger to students from area schools.

The area between Locust Street and Cambridge Street, near where the recent fatality took place, is the most troublesome stretch, they said.

Torres said it is common for students to walk to Pat’s Deli after school. Drivers often travel at speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour, the posted speed limit, posing a danger to students from area schools.

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The Swiftest of Them All

Somers Middle School eighth-grade cross country runner Ariel Markowski nears the finish line at Sunday’s Risco 5K. Markowski, who turned 13 on Monday, was the fastest female runner for her age group, with a time of 27:06. For the second year in a row, Tim Kuklis, 33, of Mount Kisco was the overall winner, finishing in 17:27.

New Castle Budget Outlook Strong Despite Tax Cap, Legal Costs

By Martin Wilbur

The financial outlook is strong for the Town of New Castle but officials remain wary of limitations caused by the state property tax cap and vagaries regarding certain expenses including litigation.

Comptroller Robert Deary provided the board with a fiscal update last week analyzing where the municipality stood with this year’s budget through Aug. 31.

Deary said that through the first two-thirds of the year, the town has collected 89 percent of its projected revenue, placing it comfortably ahead of pace. That percentage does not reflect known revenue sources that haven’t been received yet, including collection of the second half mortgage tax, the third and fourth quarter sales tax and payments from Cablevision and Verizon.

On the expense side, New Castle was slightly ahead of pace, having spent 61.76 percent of its budget through the end of August, he said. That includes having been forced to pay out about $330,000 in tax refunds because of tax certiorari settlements, most notably to Chappaqua.
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a danger to pedestrians. Speeding is also a threat elsewhere on the road, especially for students who are driven to school by parents in the morning but who walk home in the afternoon.

Crupi said it is common for drivers to drive as fast as 50 miles per hour on portions of Columbus Avenue.

Another problem is the failure of some motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, Torres said.

“I don’t have the answers,” Torres said. “There’s no consequence for speeding.”

Councilman Denis McCarthy said the town board agreed that pedestrian safety issues must be addressed for Columbus Avenue.

Flashing lights for school zones should be installed on the road to indicate how fast a vehicle is traveling in the area, Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo suggested.

Oliva said the town has lighted road message boards, which could be used to alert drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit.

While there has been anecdotal evidence of widespread speeding on Columbus Avenue, it hasn’t been a particularly dangerous site. Oliva said a boy was clipped by a truck mirror while walking in the road about four years ago, but it was a low visibility part of the street and the driver did nothing improper. About 20 years ago, a boy was hit running after a ball that had gone into the street, but he was not seriously injured.

Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said he

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Crossing developer Summit/Greenfield.

Deary said the town has been budgeting $100,000 annually in that line and some years has not needed to use that money.

“We knew that was coming,” Deary said of the tax certiorari. “We didn’t know where the number was going to be, and we talked about that last year as we added $1.4 million to the fund balance, and we would easily be able to withstand that.”

Another difficult challenge for the town has been road department expenses, including for salt, snow removal and road repair.

The town had budgeted $600,000 and was forced to transfer another $400,000 from fund balance. Those figures include anticipated reimbursements from the state’s Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

“I don’t think it’s a surprise to anybody,” Deary said. “We had a very difficult winter with snow removal expenses.”

DPW Commissioner Gerry Moerschell said one budgetary problem municipalities face is that the state negotiates the price for salt, which has risen by double-digit percentages in recent years, but that expense is subject to the tax cap.

Officials also bristled that a municipality is unable to exempt costs from the cap like school districts can. That is of particular importance as New Castle is preparing to embark on improving downtown Chappaqua.

One controversy that surfaced during the Sept. 16 presentation related to legal expenses, particularly the escalating cost of litigation. While the town budgeted

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New Castle in Line for $500G State DOT Grant for Millwood

By Martin Wilbur

After several years of waiting it looks as though pedestrian improvements may finally be on the way for the heart of the Millwood business district.

Earlier this month the state Department of Transportation (DOT) informed New Castle officials that the municipality has been nominated to receive a matching Multi-Modal Capital Project Grant of up to $500,000 to fund the work.

Town Administrator Jill Simon Shapiro said the money will be used for a sidewalk along Route 100 and two crosswalks, including one near Millwood Park, to allow pedestrians to more easily and safely cross the busy state thoroughfare on foot.

There will also be a sidewalk that will go around the A&P shopping center on Station Road and Route 100, she said.

Shapiro said that the money was first earmarked for the town while former state senator Suzi Oppenheimer was still in office. Originally, the town had reached out to DOT in hopes of getting sidewalks for a portion of Route 117, but that idea was scuttled by the agency because it would have required the taking of private property, she said.

After that, town officials switched their attention for proposed improvements for Millwood, Shapiro said.

The money will also help pay for decorative lighting and relocating utility poles, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

Greenstein said the timing of the grant works well as the town is planning on soon completing plans to upgrade its existing business hamlets in Chappaqua and Millwood.

“Timing is perfect as we are currently studying enhancing commercial development in Millwood,” Greenstein said. “Increasing pedestrian improvements will certainly support economic development and enhance community vitality and quality of life.”

Shapiro and Greenstein complimented state Sen. Terrence Murphy to help push the funding through for the town. Shapiro that one of the state’s requirements to receive the money is for the legislator to have first submitted the request must be the one to receive it. Since then, the town has seen two changes in its state senator, forcing the town to navigate through red tape.

Planning Board Eyes Aggressive Schedule on Chap Crossing Site Plan

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Planning Board announced last week that it hopes to maintain an aggressive site plan review schedule for Chappaqua Crossing as the town and applicant are pressed to complete work by year’s end.

Chairman Robert Kirkwood stated that the board’s first meeting in each of the next three months will be devoted to Chappaqua Crossing. In addition, there is a joint meeting planned for next Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Town Hall that will include the planning board, the town board and the Architectural Review Board to discuss various aspects of the application.

The announcement was made to try and involve the community on issues related to site plan review in the final crucial months before an expected planning board vote is scheduled. It is the closest property owner and developer Summit/Greenfield has been to final approval since submitting its first application in 2006.

“We anticipate that there will be a few meetings that we’ll be spending a good deal of time on every one of these issues as you come up with them,” Kirkwood said.

It was also revealed by Kirkwood that the planning board has to issue a findings statement and not just render a decision on the project.

During the past year, Summit/Greenfield’s representatives have stated publicly that there is a finite window for the developer to receive approval or risk losing retail tenants that have been lined up, including the project’s anchor tenant Whole Foods. If approved, Summit/Greenfield will be creating 120,000 of retail space.

However, there have also been issues regarding the shift of up to 32 affordable housing units to the cupola building.

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the Pleasantville Farmers Market. “Food pantries often deal with shelf-stable canned products. Hillside can deal with quick deliveries and storage of fresh foods.”

For the past year, the market and its vendors have been helping Hillside Food Outreach, which was launched 18 years ago, Bates noted.

“They provide interns that would arrive at the conclusion of the markets and go to the six or seven produce farms we have and ask if they had anything they’d like to donate,” he said.

So far this year, more than 6,000 pounds of produce has been donated from farmers to Hillside.

“This is targeting Westchester County, so it’s really from the community for the community,” Bates said.

Kathy Purdy established Hillside Food Outreach out of her home after she saw seniors struggling to get enough to eat.

“My grandmother’s neighbors didn’t have enough food, so I was taking them (for) groceries,” Purdy said. “I did it for about five years, just so it wouldn’t be on my grandmother’s back.”

As word of Purdy’s work spread, others sought her services and the operation grew to become a nonprofit organization. Today Hillside has more than 300 volunteers that home deliver food to 2,500 people throughout Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield counties.

“No one’s more amazed than me,” Purdy said.

The perception of Westchester as one of the wealthiest counties in the nation obscures the fact that there are residents going hungry in affluent communities, she said.

“Because it is such a wealthy place, that makes it even more difficult for people because the cost of living is so much higher,” Purdy said. “It’s difficult for seniors, it’s difficult for low-income people, for (elderly) moms who are alone without kids, or who are disabled. We have a lot of cancer patients who can’t work who are in chemo all the time.”

Produce donated to Hillside on Saturday is delivered on Monday mornings to their clients.

“They’re just thrilled to have fresh produce,” Purdy said. “Our clients have a very difficult time getting fresh food. When they go to a pantry, all that’s available is canned stuff.”

The Pleasantville Community Garden was founded by 14-year-old village resident Devon Juros and his parents at St. John’s Episcopal Church last year.

“We were able to grow and gather about 800 pounds of food last year,” said Juros’ father Devin. “We were able to really expand it with the farmers market, and we’re also growing at Pleasantville High School. We talked about doing something new this year to get more notice in town about Hillside and all the great work they’re doing, because a lot of people don’t know about them.”

Juros said volunteers come from groups within Pleasantville and elsewhere.

“We work with Pace University athletics, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, with Temple Beth El in Chappaqua as a mitzvah project for some of their kids, we really work with the larger community that we’re a part of,” he said.

More information can be found at www.pvillagegarden.org, www.hillsidefoodoutreach.org and www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org
Dangers of College Student Drinking Addressed in P’ville Program

By Neal Rentz

Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. seemed to have it all. He was a popular high school student, a star athlete and an actor who performed in school plays.

But Bailey’s life came to a shattering end in 2004, early in his freshman year at the University of Colorado. He was a fraternity pledge who went on a drinking binge as part of a hazing ritual and lost consciousness. Despite Bailey’s being unconscious for hours, no one from the fraternity called for help, and Bailey died.

The circumstances of Bailey’s death and alcohol abuse among college students was documented in the 2008 film “HAZE,” directed by Pete Schuermann, which was screened Sept. 16 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville as part of the first event this school year presented by Pleasantville STRONG. The organization is a Pleasantville community coalition involving the school district, village and police to reduce underage drinking and drug use by local youths.

A post-screening panel discussion and question-and-answer session included Susan Brownbill-Vega, and Dr. Emil Nigro, director of the Phelps Memorial Hospital Emergency Department. Jacob Burns Managing Director Dominick Balletta moderated the discussion.

Excessive alcohol abuse, including binge drinking, competitive drinking and hazing involving alcohol, is a major problem on America’s college campuses. According to the movie, 44 percent of college students binge drink. The documentary includes graphic images of college students who become ill from binge drinking, footage of youths being arrested or treated by EMS, and interviews with experts and Bailey’s family and friends.

The panelists said the film accurately portrayed the seriousness of alcohol abuse among college students. Brownbill-Vega said parents must take an active role to discourage drinking many years before their children head off to college.

Nigro said youngsters must be taught that “alcohol is something that can kill you. This has to be taken very seriously.” About 2,000 to 3,000 Americans die of alcohol poisoning annually, he said.

Morehouse said binge drinking poses serious dangers and is not comparable to an adult having a drink with a meal.

The panelists agreed that if a peer sees a friend impaired or struggling, 911 should be called immediately. Nigro said youths often do not call for help because they are worried about the ramifications, including fears they will get in trouble because they allowed their friend to get dangerously drunk.

“You have to get past that,” he said. T.J. McCormack, director of community outreach for state Sen. Terrence Murphy, said during the Q&A session he was impressed with the power of “HAZE,” in part because McCormack is a recovering alcoholic who has been sober 10 years. He said Murphy is at the forefront to combat underage drinking and substance abuse.

“It was so incredibly difficult to watch,” McCormack said of the documentary.

He recommended that “HAZE” be screened in as many high schools as possible.
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Valhalla Resident Honored for Winning Gold at Special Olympics

By Martin Wilbur

There's no better feeling in the world when an athlete realizes his or her dream by capturing a championship or gold medal in their sport.

This summer Valhalla resident Tom Adimari reached rarified air by winning a gold medal in singles tennis and a silver medal in doubles at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

It was a well-earned accomplishment for someone who has enjoyed playing tennis for more than 20 years and has consistently worked hard to improve his game.

"Playing all these years and then finally being able to get to go, I thought it was a great experience, and it felt so good to win the gold medal besides having a good time," Adimari said.

On Sunday, his accomplishments were recognized by members of the American Legion Adolph Fister Post 1038 in Valhalla during their annual family picnic. Adimari volunteers for 1038 in Valhalla during their annual family picnic.

Adimari was also recognized by local elected officials and the current commander John Creskey. "He really started to focus his energies toward tennis and he got really good and I started coaching him about seven years ago and he was well on his way to a lot of success in tennis," Dina Adimari said. "I could tell how good he was."

His sister, Dina, who has been his coach, said Tom tried playing different sports growing up, but when he picked up a tennis racket something changed. "He waited a long time for this," Adimari's father, said. "I could tell how good he was."

His parents, Annette and Philip, were impressed by their son's determination and victory this summer. Annette said last fall he was so committed he went to Indianapolis for a training session.

"He waited a long time for this," Annette Adimari said. "He's tried so hard. At first I was like stunned. It really hit me and then the excitement kicked in."

Adimari, who has worked in the Robert E. Bell School cafeteria in the Chappaqua School District for about 10 years, has attended North East Westchester Special Recreation in Hawthorne since he was a child for therapeutic programming for the developmentally disabled. His ascent to winning at the Special Olympics World Games has been an inspiration for others, said Janet Riley, the agency's executive director.

"We're so happy that Tom has represented New York, New York Special Olympics and North East in many of his accomplishments," Riley said.

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Obituaries

Dominick Cambriello

Dominick F. Cambriello of Pleasantville died on Sept. 20 at his residence. He was 86.

Cambriello was born on Nov. 11, 1928, to the late Lawrence and Frances (nee Riviezzo) Cambriello in White Plains. He was a retired heavy equipment operator with Con Edison in Eastview.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Carolyn (nee Yazzo) Cambriello, of Pleasantville; his loving children, Carol Ann (John) Mastandrea, Dominick Cambriello, Fran Cambriello (Joe D’Erasmo), Michael Cambriello and John Cambriello; his five cherished grandchildren, Damon (Yvonne) and John (Kathryn) Cambriello; his brothers, James, Salvatore, Lawrence, Jr. and Michael. Cambriello; his five cherished grandchildren, Damon Mastandrea, Denise Bowler, Joanne Mastandrea, Denise Bowler, Joanne

Anthony Taranto

Anthony J. Taranto of Valhalla died on Sept. 14. He was 83.

Taranto was born on Jan. 26, 1932, to the late Giuseppe and Giovannina (nee Ferlazzo) Taranto in Brooklyn. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired self-employed auto mechanic in Brooklyn.

Taranto is survived by his devoted wife, Rose (nee Spadaro) Taranto, of Valhalla; his loving children, Jeanette (Ralph) Jones of Mahopac, Maria (Edward) Rohle of Yorktown Heights and Joseph Rohle of Yorktown Heights; and seven cherished grandchildren, Michael and Nicole Angelo, Christopher, Andrew and Joseph Rohle and Stephanie and Claudia Taranto. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Felix and Joseph Taranto. He was extremely respected and loved by all who knew him.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept. 16. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Sept. 17 followed by interment at Kensico Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, 1 Kids Corner. Valhalla, N.Y. 10595 would be appreciated.

Peter Gilhooly

Peter P. Gilhooly was born in the Bronx on Dec. 10, 1924. A longtime resident of Pleasantville, he was a retired FDNY lieutenant, having worked for the department from 1953 to 1987. He was a World War II Marine veteran, having served in the Pacific theater.

Gilhooly was the husband of the late Agnes. He leaves six children, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Toedy Cioffredi

Toedy G. Cioffredi of Hyde Park, N.Y. and formerly of Thornwood died unexpectedly on Sept. 19. She was 49.

Cioffredi was born on June 5, 1966, to Joseph and Geraldine (nee Desmond) Fortugno in the Bronx. She was a registered nurse working with children at Montefiore Medical Center.

Cioffredi is survived by her devoted husband, Kenneth Cioffredi, of Hyde Park; her loving children, Jessica (Eric); 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home on Sept. 19, followed by burial at All Souls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, 1 Kids Corner. Valhalla, N.Y. 10595 would be appreciated.

Pat Riviezzo

Pat Riviezzo of Thornwood and Delray Beach, Fla. passed away on Sept. 9 at his home in Florida. He was 86.

Riviezzo served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Dominic’s Council.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jo; his two sisters, Edna Marra and Gilda D’Oria; his sister-in-law, Marie Riviezzo; his five children, Ginny, Gail (Vinny), John (Lynn), Patrick (Loretta), Susan (Eric); 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Sept. 14 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 15 at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church in Pleasantville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Rosary Hill Hospit in Hawthorne.

Mary Rodriguez

Mary S. Rodriguez, a lifelong Harrison resident, passed away on Sept. 3. She was 86.

Rodriguez was a loving mom, grandmother and great-grandmother to her two sons, Bill Rodriguez and his five children, Ginny, Gail (Vinny), John (Lynn), Patrick (Loretta), Susan (Eric); 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Sue Perlmutter

Sue Perlmutter of Chappaqua died on Sept. 8 after a long illness. She was 52.

Perlmutter is survived by her husband of 40 years, Marc; her daughter, Dana and her son Eric and daughter-in-law Leslie, all of whom adored her and learned so much from her boundless love and her unyielding passion for life.

A funeral service was held on Sept. 10 at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua. Burial followed at the Sharon Gardens Division of the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

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Great Chappaqua Bake Sale Gears Up With New Promotion

By Martin Wilbur

One of the most successful bake sales found anywhere will bring its fundraising efforts to the next level. While the sixth annual Great Chappaqua Bake Sale will once again share space with the Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival on Oct. 3 at Robert E. Bell Middle School, a new promotion this year will allow local supporters to contribute to the cause the week before any dessert is sold or eaten.

The promotion, “Treats to Beat Childhood Hunger,” partners with 10 area restaurants and bakeries starting this Friday, Sept. 25 through Oct. 2. Of all of the proceeds generated by the sale of a certain dessert at each business will be donated to the money that the bake sale raises.

Great Chappaqua Bake Sale Co-chair Allison Spiegel said extending the reach beyond the day’s bake sales was an important component to continue to exceed the previous year’s total.

For the past five years, the sale has raised more than $78,000 for Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry campaign, including $27,315 last year. Spiegel said the 2014 bake sale grossed the most of any individual bake sale last year for Share Our Strength in the United States.

“Obstacles to see all the people responding and all the businesses that are contributing,” Spiegel said.

The participating businesses for the promotion, all of which are in Chappaqua, Mount Kisco or Armonk, are Crabtree’s Kittle House, Restaurant North, Le Jardin du Roi, Sherry B Dessert Studio, Quaker Hill Tavern, Ladle of Love, Flour & Sun Bakery, Beacakes Bakery and Breads, Frannie’s Goodie Shop and Tazza Café.

In addition to the upcoming week’s promotion, the bake sale will once again be offering an impressive array of items in a raffle. There are 13 prize packages valued at more than $20,000, including Knicks tickets, club level tickets to a Jets-Giants game later this season, admission to see the New York Philharmonic, dinner at the 21 Club in Manhattan and an entire month of summer camp at Camp Nabby. Raffle tickets are $10 each; camp raffle tickets are $20.

Of course, for the expected several thousand visitors at next week’s book festival who might be looking for something to satisfy their sweet tooth, the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale is still about the brownies, cookies and cupcakes. Spiegel said along with contributions from many area stores and bakeries, legions of local residents will be busy baking in the days leading up to the sale. Those who are volunteering goodies are asked to make at least two dozen for anything they bake.

Spiegel said that for her and co-chairs Holly Blum and Jessica Reinmann, who have seen the sale grow from a small sidewalk gathering on South Greeley Avenue, the results have been gratifying.

“It’s very rewarding for my kids and we’re also helping so many people throughout New York State,” she said. “It just goes to show that every cookie counts.”

For anyone who wants to get involved either to bake or contribute, e-mail thegreatchappaquabakesale@yahoo.com. The public can also visit the sale’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TheGreatChappaquaBakeSale or follow on Twitter @GreatChapBakeSale.

The Great Chappaqua Bake Sale returns to next week’s Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival on Oct. 3. The sale is preceded by a first-ever promotion that includes 10 local businesses.

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County Police/Mount Kisco

Sept. 13: Police responded to the emergency room at Northern Westchester Hospital at 1:47 a.m. on a report that a patient was being disruptive. The patient subsequently agreed to comply with hospital staff.

Sept. 15: A village resident reported at 9:43 a.m. that he was struck by a car coming out of a driveway on Lexington Avenue as he rode his bicycle along the sidewalk on Sept. 11. The man said he did not initially report the incident but decided to do so because he had just learned he had a fractured wrist.

Sept. 15: Officers described seeing two men in gray hoodies run from the scene. Officers agreed to comply with hospital staff.

Sept. 16: Report of an attempted burglary at a travel agency on North Moger Avenue at 3:05 a.m. Police responded to an activated burglar alarm and discovered that the front window of the store had been shattered. A witness described seeing two men in gray hoodies and being able to find the men. Detectives are continuing to investigate.

Sept. 16: An employee of a South Moger Avenue eatery reported at 6:26 p.m. that a teenager on a skateboard was causing a disturbance and interfering with customers trying to enter and leave the store. The teen was gone upon an officer’s arrival.

Sept. 17: A complainant reported at 7:29 a.m. that several items were stolen from her car while it was parked overnight near 239 E. Main St. A digital camera, phone charger, perfume and personal papers were stolen from the car, which had been left unlocked.

Sept. 17: Report of an unattended propane tank left at a parking lot off South Moger Avenue at 11:45 a.m. The item was deemed to be non-hazardous and was removed by the Department of Public Works.

Sept. 17: A Honduran national arrived at the police precinct on Green Street at 2:14 p.m. to report that his passport was missing. The man said he was required to file a police report before requesting a replacement from the Honduran consulate.

Sept. 17: A motorist reported at 3:50 p.m. that his vehicle was damaged by a hit-and-run driver as he exited the northbound Saw Mill Parkway at Route 133. The complainant described the vehicle as a white four-door Chevy sedan that continued north on the parkway.

Sept. 17: A party arrived at a residence on a report that a patient was being disruptive. The patient subsequently was closed and doors were locked.

Sept. 17: At about 11:40 a.m. a report was filed.

Sept. 18: A Port Chester man reported at 2:12 a.m. that his car had been stolen from Cooley Street. A report was filed.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 11: A Wampus Lakes Drive resident reported at 4:24 p.m. that damage was done to the house’s driveway lights caused by the newspaper delivery driver.

Sept. 13: A caller from Equinox gym on Business Park Drive reported at 9:04 a.m. that a male party passed out and fell from his stationary bike in spin class. The call was transferred to EMT Control and EMS was dispatched to the scene.

Sept. 13: A party arrived at headquarters with her grandmother at 1:16 p.m. and reported that since she broke up with her boyfriend on Sept. 2 he has made several threatening remarks. The individual wants to file a report and have an officer talk to him.

Sept. 14: Report of a residential burglary on Nichols Road at 9:46 a.m. The resident stated that he believes his home was broken into and copper was taken from the interior. DePoisitions were secured.

Sept. 15: A party called police at 8:47 p.m. to report she is locked inside DeCicco Family Markets on Maple Avenue. The woman stated she is an employee and when she went to the back room to get her bag, the store was closed and doors were locked. The responding officer and key holder arrived and the matter was adjusted.

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Jamie’s 5K Highlight of North Castle Fall Festival

By Martin Wilbur

On a day that provided the first hint of autumn, North Castle residents celebrated the coming change of seasons while remembering one of the town’s own.

The Armonk Chamber of Commerce held its annual Fall Festival on Sunday at Wampus Brook Park that was complete with music and children’s games and food, plus a pie eating contest and donut and apple fishing.

But one of the highlights of the event took place in the morning – the renewal of Jamie’s 5K Run for Love, a road race that was renamed two years ago to honor 20-year-old Armonk native and cross country runner Jamie Love, who unexpectedly died in early 2013 after behaving an irregular heartbeat.

“He was an amazing young man,” said race director Sean Ryan. “He touched many of our lives in the community. He touched everybody in the Byram Hills cross country and track family.”

After the race, Ryan and chamber president Neal Schwartz presented Love’s mother, Michele, with a bouquet of roses and lauded her and her family for the support they’ve provided to make the event a success.

Overcome with emotion, Love had difficulty putting into words what the high level of support from the community meant to her.

“It’s amazing,” Love said.

A group of Love’s college teammates participated in the race to honor the memory of the Byram Hills High School graduate and cross country star and University of Vermont student. Race winner Aaron Szotka, who graduated in 2014, said Love would have wanted to see his teammates reunited and, of course, participating in a race in the fall.

“We don’t get to see each other all the time and Jamie would really like this,” said Szotka the race winner who clocked in with a time of 18:17. “I really like that, getting to see each other and it’s great under these circumstances.”

Maurie Clark, who graduated in the spring, said he recalled Love, who was a year older, as someone who was a great teammate and took him under his wing.

“He was extremely giving, kind of always looking out for his teammates and extremely friendly,” said Clark, who finished second, 19 seconds behind Szotka.

Eddie Paniccia finished third on the men’s side. Meanwhile, Sydney Durand, with a time of 20:05, won for the women followed by Shannon Duffy and Isabella Vesco. Gifts were handed out for the first three finishers in various age categories.

Schwartz said the Fall Festival, which was renamed from the Cider and Donut Festival, was designed to engage the community and also raise the visibility of the chamber and its members. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the North Castle Library.

The festival and 5K kicks off a big week for the town. Coming up this weekend is the 54th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show at Community Field, a two-day show. In addition, there are special events planned at the library, including a Saturday evening concert at Whippoorwill Hall by noted jazz artist Charlie Lagond.
54th Annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show This Weekend

Named one of “The Elite 100” fine art and fine craft fairs in the United States by Art Fair Sourcebook and among the top fine art and design shows in the New York metropolitan area by Sunshine Artist Magazine, the 54th annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show will continue its long tradition of showcasing a fresh and diverse array of art this Saturday and Sunday at Community Park on Business Park Drive.

Over 185 juried artists from 31 states, Israel and Canada will be featured, including 42 artists new to this year’s show. A broad spectrum of media to suit every taste and budget will be on display, including painting, mixed media, 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. Personal shoppers, who will be available to help visitors find and select art that best fits their taste and décor, will again be offered. There is free parking on site as well as a diverse food court.

On Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., the North Castle Public Library will show a free art-themed film. On Saturday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. in the library’s Whippoorwill Hall, jazz legend Charlie Lagond & Friends will bring exciting new interpretations of contemporary and jazz favorites.

The art show is sponsored by Friends of the North Castle Public Library, Inc., and net proceeds benefit the town’s libraries. Admission is $10; $8 for seniors or those with a coupon. Children under 18 are free. No dogs will be allowed.

New this year for visitors from New York City, Castle Cab Corp. is offering discounted rides (a $10 flat rate) to and from the North White Plains train station, with priority drop off at the entrance. Cabs will be waiting at the station and the show or can be contacted in advance through their app (Castle Cab) or by phone at 914-273-2535.

During show hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days), Castle Cab is offering half price rides anywhere local to and from the venue. The event is rain or shine. Community Park is located at 205 Business Park Drive in Armonk (exits 3/3S off I-684), 10 miles north of I-287 and I-95, five miles from the Merritt and Hutchinson parkways and 20 minutes from the Tappan Zee Bridge.

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

D’Errico Jewelry Hunt Set for This Saturday

D’Errico Jewelry is giving away 15 pieces of jewelry with a total value of close to $10,000 and celebrating Mount Kisco’s small business downtown in its latest treasure hunt scheduled for this Saturday, Sept. 26. Rather than bury the treasures, D’Errico teams up with 15 local Mount Kisco businesses. Each store hides a piece somewhere inside. Through the course of the hunt, D’Errico announces each treasure on its Facebook page, giving clues to the stores where the pieces are hidden. Hunters get the thrill of looking for the treasure along with a chance to experience some of Westchester’s best businesses.

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**Editorial**

Greater Police Presence Needed to Curb Rampant Speeding on Area Roads

It seems most drivers when they get behind the wheel of a car will go as fast as conditions will allow for as long as they can.

Drivers treat speed limits on many of today’s roads and parkways not as the law, but as a suggestion, or worse yet, as an annoyance.

It doesn’t matter whether you’re on a winding rural road, the Saw Mill Parkway or the New York State Thruway, there’s usually some driver that needs to go faster no matter how many drivers are already over the limit.

While most of today’s vehicles can handle the roads well enough where speed limits seem outdated, there are reasons for their existence: presumably the limit is the speed where motorists can safely operate their car and not be a menace to others.

It’s an issue worth raising because on Sept. 11 Brittany Mastropolo attempted to cross Columbus Avenue in Valhalla and was struck by an oncoming car. She died the next day.

While police preliminarily believe that speed played no factor in the accident, it is a good time to remind everyone that operating a car can be deadly if not handled responsibly. Today so many people are distracted and multitasking has become so routine that even if a driver is obeying the rules of the road problems can arise. Radios, headsets and cup holders with drinks all conspire to divert more drivers’ attention than ever before.

**Letter to the Editor**

District 3 BOL Candidate Would Govern in Bipartisan Fashion

As a lifelong member of the Republican Party, I write to commend John Diaconis, the Democratic candidate for the Westchester County Board of Legislators, for his civic involvement and thoughtful approach to the issues. As John’s law partner for more than seven years, I can attest to his measured approach when handling contentious issues. John consistently approaches such issues with an open mind and a willingness to engage in constructive dialogue. The efforts by some to portray John as a partisan operative and obstructionist are without merit.

I submit that John has the skills and temperament necessary to deal with the difficult issues confronting Westchester County. I am confident that John will work in a bipartisan fashion with County Executive Robert Astorino in an effort to rein in wasteful government spending at the county level.

Vincent W. Crowe
Pleasantville

**Guest Column**

Ways to Protect Your Small Business from Cyber Crime

Network breaches at corporate giants typically make headlines, but nearly half of small and mid-sized businesses have been victims of cybercrime on America’s Main Street. And “the bigger they are, the harder they fall” doesn’t apply. Big companies often survive to fight another day, but many smaller businesses go out of business within six months of an attack.

“While network breaches at Sony, Target and Anthem grab the spotlight, nearly 44 percent of small businesses have already been affected by cyber attacks,” said Corey Nachreiner, chief technology officer at WatchGuard, a leading cyber security company. “Hackers are zeroing in on your favorite burger joint, the corner hardware store and your dentist. Every small business is a target.”

Small and mid-sized businesses often have limited resources to devote to network security, and typically have smaller safety nets. But four simple steps can help such businesses secure their valuable data and help keep their customers’ information safe.

Software patches: This is one of the most important steps a small business can take. More than 90 percent of Internet exploits leverage old flaws. Take advantage of free software updates from manufacturers to patch your operating system and other applications, and apply firmware updates to your hardware.

Upgrade your protection: Despite sophisticated new cyber threats, many small businesses still rely on basic firewall technology. Advanced security devices include next-generation firewalls and unified threat management appliances that are designed to stop today’s broad array of attacks. What’s more, these technologies are now cost-effective and easy for small businesses to manage.

Strong password policy: Make sure you and your employees use strong passwords, and that the same one isn’t used everywhere. Adopting a password manager for your organization is an easy way to help employees use effective passwords and keep them safe.

Awareness training: All the defenses in the world may not prevent an employee from making a silly mistake. Train your employees on Internet safety so they’re wary of attachments or links in e-mails, even if they seem to come from people they trust.


Don’t become a statistic. With small steps, you can better protect your business against cyber threats.

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Claire Gilvar, Founder of Booked Parties, Chappaqua

By Martin Wilbur

Sometimes it’s obvious for parents where to celebrate their child’s birthday party. Other times, they may be at a loss to find somewhere unique that their son or daughter would enjoy sharing with friends and family.

This summer Claire Gilvar, using her expansive professional expertise and the very practical experience of being a mother of two young children, launched Booked Parties, a website birthday party resource.

Users of the site, www.bookedparties.com, which now lists more than Westchester businesses and venues, can also book parties through the platform, entitling them to a 5 percent discount with the participating business.

“As a parent myself, I want the resource because I thought it would be used by parents like me,” said Gilvar, a native of Sheffield, England. But the seed for Booked Parties was planted.

Sheffield, England. But the seed for Booked Parties was planted. Gilvar creates what she describes as “a Chappaqua family.”

However, parents in the United Kingdom typically don’t spend as much money on parties as many of their American counterparts, said Gilvar, a native of Sheffield, England. But the seed for Booked Parties was planted.

After four years of military service, Gilvar participated in a yearlong page program for CBS, where college students and graduates worked for minimal pay and gain experience in a variety of departments. Gilvar was placed in the news department and later landed a fulltime job as the personal assistant to former anchor Dan Rather for six years. At the time, she had no idea who Rather was.

“I was lucky to have gotten the evening news gig as a page, and you were guaranteed so many hours because it might be morning til nighttime. So I was guaranteed lots of hours and I think I made a good cup of coffee,” said Gilvar, who moved to Chappaqua from the city with her husband Adam three years ago.

Down the road, Gilvar hopes to expand Booked Parties beyond Westchester. She continues to sign up new businesses while others reach out to her.

This month Gilvar has organized a toy drive through Birthday Wishes, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that provides birthday parties for needy children. Seven of Booked Parties’ businesses, including Club Fit in Briarcliff Manor, DeCicco’s in Armonk, World Cup Gymnastics in Chappaqua and Westchester MMA Fit in Mount Kisco, are collecting gifts. Donations needed include Target, Wal-Mart and Toys ‘R Us gift cards, new and unwrapped toys for children up to four years old and sports equipment. Donations are accepted through Oct. 3, including at the Chappaqua Children’s Book Festival. More information is available at www.bookedparties.com.

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Kaitlyn Corbett
Nuclear Engineer

Kaitlyn Corbett has always called New York home. Born and raised in Buffalo, she earned her degree in nuclear power engineering at SUNY College of Technology and moved to Peekskill to start her career at Indian Point. Safety is the single most important mission for Kaitlyn and her 1,000 colleagues at the plant, and it’s been the focus of her years of study and training in the nuclear ower industry. Every day, engineers are graded on their performance by inspectors from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC recently gave Kaitlyn and the team at Indian Point its highest safety rating — for the fifth year in a row.

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Westlake Student Writers to See Works Performed in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

This Friday is going to be a special night for seven Westlake High School students.

Writings from the students, including plays, short stories and poems, will be performed at the White Plains Performing Arts Center’s (WPPAC) “Page to Stage: High School Edition.” Eleven actors in the center’s theater company who are mostly professionals will interpret and bring the students’ work to life.

The show will be directed by Philip Cutrone, artistic director for WPPAC’s The Nakid Stage. He has also acted in many of its productions, including “Death of a Salesman,” “Mister Roberts,” “A Christmas Carol” and the regional premiere of “The Little Mermaid.”

He has also directed several Westlake High School plays, which is why he originally was approached about the project by Westlake English teacher Janet Matthews.

The seven students are enrolled in Matthews’ half-semester creative writing course, Creative Writing, Word Play and Form. She said the pieces that have been selected and rehearsed by the theater company are based on their potential for stage adaptation.

An added twist for the evening is that the students have no idea which of the 26 submitted pieces have been chosen. Each student wrote about three or four works with at least one from each writer adapted for stage.

“They don’t know what will be performed,” said Matthews, who successfully pressed school officials to offer the creative writing course at Westlake for last year. “It’s going to be very interesting.”

She said the show will demonstrate to students how their work can be interpreted by someone else. Matthews often instructs her students that they should keep the reader in mind when they write.

“I always tell my students, you’re not writing for me,” she said.

The half-semester course is open to students in grades 10-12. An advanced course for those who took last year’s class and are now juniors and seniors has been added.

Students whose writings will be performed said they are excited and nervous about Friday’s event. Senior Kiera Torpie said she was attracted to Matthews’ class last year after spending part of her summer two years ago traveling in Ireland as part of a National Geographic tour for students. Torpie wrote about what she saw and has developed an interest in travel writing.

“I write a lot about personal experiences,” said Torpie, who plans to continue writing after high school.

“Page to Stage: High School Edition” starts Friday at 8 p.m. at the White Plains Performing Arts Center, located at 11 City Center. General admission tickets are $5 and include a reception following the show. Tickets may be ordered in advance by calling 914-328-1600 or visiting www.wppac.com. Tickets may also be bought at the door.

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P’ville’s Arc Stages to Unveil Next Stage With ‘LOVE/SICK’

By Arthur Cusano

Arc Stages in Pleasantville will kick off its fall season with John Cariani’s “LOVE/SICK,” the debut production for its professional company, The Next Stage.

The company’s aim is to present edgier content that can reach a wider audience than its previous works. The production stars Katie Hartke, Caroline Smith. It is directed by Stephanie Kovacs Kinsolving, David Lanson and Collin Cohen, a member of the Arc Stages executive board.

“This is the first real production on the main stage,” Cohen said of the production. “LOVE/SICK” is a one-act play that explores the intricacies of love and loss. Set on a Friday night in an alternate suburban reality, the story delves into the pain and joy that comes with being in love.

“The play is a melding of reality and a hint of something magical that makes it truly compelling and exciting to watch,” Cohen said. “It keeps you on the edge of your seat.”

The play is the follow up to Cariani’s critically acclaimed and widely performed “Almost Maine.”

“It is, if not the most produced play in America, it’s one of them,” Cohen said.

Also an actor, Cariani is currently starring as Nigel Bottom in the Tony-nominated “Something Rotten!” on Broadway. Cariani had previously worked with Arc Stages on other projects, Cohen said.

“When we did “Almost Maine,” he came and did a workshop with us and the cast here and it started a relationship,” Cohen recalled. “He came and did playwriting workshops with us during our summer program, and he’s just an amazing and generous guy with a deep heart.”

Cariani later agreed to join Arc Stages’ advisory board, and offered “LOVE/SICK” to them to perform while he tinkers with it. He has assisted with the production as an adviser, Cohen said.

Arc Stages formed when the Chappaqua Drama Club and Pleasantville’s Little Village Playhouse merged in 2011. The new facility opened at 147 Wheeler Ave. three years ago.

The group already has a community stage and an educational stage that have been used for numerous productions. It also hosts various classes and workshops.

“We want people to feel like this is their artistic home,” Cohen said.

“LOVE/SICK” opens this Friday at 8 p.m. and runs weekends through Oct. 11.

Visit arcstages.org for tickets, call 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Briarcliff Manor Garden Club Fall Fundraiser Set for Oct. 21

The Briarcliff Manor Garden Club will be holding its annual Fall Fundraiser on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 20 boutique vendors to kick-start your holiday shopping with and a lovely country club luncheon, including gratitude, with views of the Hudson. There will also be a floral presentation by well-known floral designer Daniel Meyers and raffles.

Tickets are $50 per person. Please send a check written out to BMGC, PO Box 210, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510.

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The Appealing Features of the Arts and Crafts Style House

For a politician, Westchester County Legislator John Testa says he’s too sentimental about most things, particularly his hometown of Peekskill where he was born and raised and particularly his Arts and Crafts home, which has been in his family since 1940.

“I am the fourth generation of my family here in town,” Testa said, “and I have moved only two blocks from the home in which I was born when I acquired this house in 1984, where my two great aunts had formerly lived.”

Built in 1928, the modest three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath, 1,400-square-foot house became Testa’s renovation project for some years. When asked to what extent he worked on the house, he answered, “Everything possible! It has been totally redone, from the heating system, converting to all natural gas, electricity, plumbing, restoring all the windows, the roof and the renovation of every room.

“Fortunately, I was young and had the knowledge of how to do it. I should say that my wife, Nancy, was a partner in the various projects we have done on the house and has lived through quite a bit of upheaval as major renovations were in progress. We raised two great children, John Jr. and Katy in the home, who also lived through and helped with the projects.”

Today the home stands as a testament to a great period in American architecture, which comes under the category of Arts and Crafts. But many people are not quite sure what the characteristics of the style are.

The Arts and Crafts movement evolved around the turn of the 20th century as a backlash against the fussy style of the Victorian era, instead subscribing to a more natural aesthetic and traditional craftsmanship. While Testa’s house is modest on the scale of homes produced during this period, it was also the very upscale purview of such great artisans as Gustav Stickley and William Morris and it characterizes much of architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s work.

The Arts and Crafts style is said to be driven by clear design guidelines, refreshing honesty and pure in spirit. Some consider the movement most closely identified with wood as its single most important element. While oak established itself as the iconic wood of the style, Testa’s interior decoration reflects, while its exterior has been fully restored from its substantial, characteristic front porch to its shingles, painted in a rich grey.

The home sits on a 50-foot by 140-foot corner lot facing a park across the street, which served as a training camp for the New York Jets when he was a child.

“What an experience it was to be walking out of my backyard and seeing Joe Namath working out on that field,” he said.

At the time, Testa would come to his aunt’s home to help with various projects, “so you might say that I’ve been working on this house all my life,” he said.

Considering that Testa served as Peekskill mayor for three terms, from 2002 to 2007 and is now in his third term as county legislator, it is surprising to hear that “I was never really interested in politics. I have always been a school teacher, in the Peekskill and Lakeland school districts, teaching both technology and social studies,” he said, “and came into politics as a natural kind of progression, serving first on Peekskill’s Conservation and Parks Advisory Board and the Peekskill Zoning Board.”

After teaching for 33 years, Testa retired two years ago to devote more time to public service and to enjoy his home.

“I’m so happy to see that Peekskill is getting back to public outreach,” Testa said. “Private investment is coming back, along with historic preservation and new residential developments. I see a bright future for Peekskill as a great place to visit and to live!”


To engage the services of The Home Guru and his team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.
By Colette Connolly

If there’s one thing that most parents have in common, it’s having to endure the bickering that can take place between siblings in the backseat of a car.

Three local inventors have solved that dilemma by creating Divide Your Ride, a patent-pending innovative new product from their newly found company, Peaceful Rides.

The co-creators -- founder and CEO Eric Lebowitz; Peter Linder, chief operating officer; and Shelly Cohen, director of marketing -- are the brains behind Divide Your Ride, which has been designed to ensure peace, quiet and personal space for backseat passengers.

Lebowitz, a Mount Kisco resident, teamed up with Linder, his childhood friend, and Cohen to put into action an idea that they’ve been kicking around for close to 30 years.

During the company’s 18-month development phase, the partners conducted extensive market research and found there were no other products on the market that replicated what they had in mind.

Linder explained that numerous prototypes were created, but none were up to their aesthetic and safety standards. “We pondered, debated, created, tested and retested until we ultimately developed a unique and compelling product that achieved our goals,” Linder said.

The easy-to-use divider is a lightweight product that can be installed in most cars, vans, SUVs and pickup trucks that are fitted with a rear seat, Lebowitz explained. Divide Your Ride comes with magnets and adhesive strips as well as J-hooks, which hold the divider in place at the top.

“Safety was our number-one priority,” Lebowitz added, referring to the product’s rounded edges and the nontoxic inks and other natural materials that went into its production.

No tools are necessary to install or remove it from a car seat.

“We also wanted Divide Your Ride to be portable, collapsible and lightweight for ease of use and storage, so we topped it off with a closure strap,” said Linder, who studied engineering in college.

When not in use, Divide Your Ride can remain in the car and takes up minimal space, he added.

Parents are not the only customers the company is targeting. The partners believe the product can also meet the needs of the new ride-sharing economy.

More and more people in metropolitan areas are giving up their cars due to the expense, pollution, congestion, parking and other challenges that are endemic to driving in big cities.

As a result, Lebowitz said shared rides, carpooling and car services like Uber and Lyft are an ideal follow-up market for the company. “We are totally excited about this product,” said Lebowitz. “We haven’t met anyone yet who has said this is a terrible idea.”

The divider is currently available through the company’s Kickstarter page, which can be found on the company website, www.peacefulrides.com.
**Being Proactive About Ovarian Cancer Could Save Your Life**

If you have a family history of breast, ovary or uterine cancer, or have a genetic predisposition, you have a greater risk of developing ovarian cancer. Unfortunately, most women who develop ovarian cancer do not have risk factors. The good news is that ovarian cancer is relatively uncommon, with 21,290 annual cases in the United State compared to 132,700 cases of colon cancer.

Most women have no symptoms during the early stage of the disease, when the cancer is confined to the ovaries. However, sometimes women with ovarian cancer experience symptoms such as weight gain, feeling bloated, experiencing a change in eating habits – such as feeling full sooner than normal – changes in bowel habits, abdominal pain, pain when urinating or pain during intercourse. Because these symptoms mimic more common conditions, they are often ignored.

If you have a worrisome symptom for several weeks, see your primary care physician or gynecologist. Ask specifically about ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer is typically detected by an imaging study such as a pelvic ultrasound or CT scan. Physical (pelvic) exam is also helpful. A woman showing signs of ovarian cancer nearly always requires surgery and often requires chemotherapy. The earlier a diagnosis can be made, the better the prognosis.

At Northern Westchester Hospital we treat ovarian cancer using a multidisciplinary approach that includes multiple specialists and extensive supportive services.

The bottom line? Be aware of abnormal symptoms that persist and make sure they are evaluated by your doctor.

Dr. Iris Wertheim is director of the Gynecologic Oncology Program at the Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center at Northern Westchester Hospital. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology in the specialties of obstetrics and gynecology and gynecologic oncology. She has been recognized as a Castle Connolly Top Doctor, Best Doctors in America and received a Top Doctor Award from Westchester Magazine.

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**Steffi Nossen to Offer Free Week of Dance Classes at Open House**

Experience the joy of dance at the 78-year-old Steffi Nossen School of Dance during the school’s Free Week of Dance Open House from Sept. 28 through Oct. 3. Try unlimited age and level appropriate classes and experiment with a new technique or rediscover an old favorite.

The Steffi Nossen School of Dance holds classes in White Plains and Chappaqua. It offers a program of core classes in modern, ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop for children three years old through their teens and a full complement of level-based technique classes in modern, ballet, contemporary and jazz. Moving Wheels and Heels, an adaptive class for dancers with physical, developmental and emotional disabilities, will hold its own open house on Jan. 28. Wheelchairs are welcome.

Try any of these classes, available Monday through Saturday, at the school’s studios at the Music Conservatory of Westchester on Central Avenue in White Plains, across the street from the County Center, and on Mondays at The Church of St. Mary the Virgin at 191 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua.

For additional information, including class descriptions, schedules, faculty bios or to reserve a spot, call 914-328-1900 or visit www.steffinossen.org.

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**Northern Westchester Hospital, LiveOnNY Partner to Save Lives**

Northern Westchester Hospital announced today that it will join forces with LiveOnNY and serve as an enrollment center for the first-ever Organ Donor Enrollment Day on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Community members can register to be an organ donor on that day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Northern Westchester Hospital’s main campus in the lobby of the Wallace Pavilion, located at 400 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco, or at the hospital’s Ambulatory Care Center at Chappaqua Crossing, at 480 Bedford Rd. in Chappaqua.

Every 18 hours a New Yorker dies waiting for an organ transplant. Although studies show that 9 out of 10 New Yorkers support organ donation, only 25 percent are registered donors, the lowest percent of any state in the nation. To help change this, Northern Westchester Hospital will join LiveOnNY and many others for New York’s inaugural Organ Donor Enrollment Day. This event has one goal: enroll as many willing New Yorkers as possible as organ donors in a single eight-hour day. One organ donor can save up to eight lives.

“Organ donation is a sensitive topic for many, but the fact is, too many New Yorkers die waiting for a life-saving organ transplant,” said Joel Seligman, president and CEO at Northern Westchester Hospital. "If you support organ donation, I encourage you to come to Northern Westchester Hospital on Oct. 6 and enroll.”
Brainstorming Your College Essay Best Way to Distinguish Yourself

Don’t leap before you look. Don’t talk before you think. And don’t write your personal statement before you brainstorm.

The personal statement, or college essay, can be the difference maker in determining the success or failure of your college application. If your metrics (i.e., your GPA and your standardized test scores) are even close to the median scores of your target school’s admits, and if you’ve made an effort to engage the world outside of the classroom through your extracurricular or summer activities, then your personal statement can go a long way toward getting you a “yes” over other applicants with equal or better credentials. So it might be worth putting some quality time into thinking about what you want to write before you try writing it.

If you are committed to telling a particular story – say, you want to highlight your resilience and strength of character by discussing your experience with a lifelong disability – then your brainstorming should focus on how best to write that narrative.

But if you’re like most of your peers, you may only have a vague notion of what to write about. You’ve probably never thought about the sum of the parts that make you who you are because you’ve been too busy being you. And you’ve probably never taken the time to reflect upon the sum of your life’s experiences because you’ve been too busy experiencing them.

If this is your starting point, then here are some hints to help you to get started:

1. Your initial goal should be to identify three or four different life stories that you can use in your essay. Your life has been filled with people, places and things that have influenced your choices, your attitudes and your personality. Which experience is most memorable? Which one set you on a particular course of action? Which one changed the course you were on? Which one led you to grow or to evolve in an unexpected way?

2. List the qualities that define you. What words or phrases describe you? What makes you different from others? What do you like about yourself? Why would you want to be friends with someone like you? List as many of these qualities as you can think of.

3. Connect your life stories with your defining qualities. Make a chart. Put a life story at the top of each column and list the qualities best illustrated in the telling of each story underneath. Don’t worry if the same qualities appear in more than one column.

4. Pick one story and try explaining it before you try writing it. Sometimes your best choice is obvious just by looking at your chart. Sometimes it isn’t. But if you can’t explain your essay to yourself or to someone else – verbally or in a few short written sentences – then the chances are that you won’t be able to write it in 650 words. Remember, you’ve given yourself other options. Look at your chart and try another.

5. Welcome close friends and family members into the process. Sometimes another set of eyes and ears can make a huge difference in keeping you sane, on track and productive while you brainstorm. Don’t deny yourself the benefit of someone else’s perspective, especially if it’s coming from a person you trust.

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Best of the Eagles Concert to Benefit Justin Veatch Fund Oct. 9

There aren’t many people who don’t love the music of The Eagles. That’s why The Justin Veatch Fund has decided to bring Best of the Eagles to the Paramount Hudson Valley on Friday, Oct. 9 for a fundraising concert.

Six star musicians from central New Jersey make up the band, playing the music of the Eagles in perhaps one of the most exciting tribute shows in America. Their vocals and harmonies are so true-to-form that if you close your eyes you’ll think they really are The Eagles.

The band features Jerry Steele on guitar and pedal steel, John Bushnell on rhythm and slide guitars, Joe Vadala on guitar, Dave “Squigg” Biglin on keyboards, Marc Hoffman on drums and Dave Carta on bass. All six contribute to the vocal harmonies, and have performed on stage with the likes of Emmylou Harris, Art Garfunkel and Steve Howe.

The upcoming concert also presents a number of benefit shows on tour and in the studio.

“We are also thrilled to have recruited Steven Wright-Mark to produce our opening act,” said Wright-Mark.

Wright-Mark is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and producer who has three solo CDs in release. He is currently playing with rising country artist Jessica Lynn and her band both on tour and in the studio.

“The Justin Veatch Fund is a terrific organization that does important work, and it has already been my pleasure to play a number of benefit shows on their behalf,” said Wright-Mark. “I’m particularly excited about getting to work with the incredibly talented young musicians who have been studying and honing their craft at the fund’s stellar workshops. I can’t wait to see and hear this band blow the roof off the Paramount.”

Entergy, Park Ford of Mahopac and Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 21 of Peekskill are the concert’s main sponsors. All proceeds will go toward Justin Veatch Fund music programs for teens and annual scholarships presented in June. Tickets are $25 and $35 and can be purchased at the Paramount Hudson Valley box office.

Since 2009, the fund has awarded 16 scholarships starting with one per year and gradually expanding to four.

The Justin Veatch Fund is a 501(c)3 organization and recognized New York State charity formed in 2009 following the death of high school senior Justin Veatch from an accidental drug overdose. Jeffrey Veatch, Justin’s father, travels around the region delivering a multimedia talk titled “A Message from Justin,” which addresses the issue of substance abuse among youth. Justin’s story is also told in the documentary “Whispering Spirits,” which premiered last November at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

Chelsea Clinton Book Signing at Chappaqua Library Sept. 30

Chelsea Clinton will be signing copies of her book, “It’s Your World: Get Informed, Get Inspired & Get Going,” at the Chappaqua Public Library, at 195 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

The event is a joint program with The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville and the library. Admission will be limited to individuals or families who buy at least one copy of “It’s Your World” from The Village Bookstore in advance or at the library during the event. Admission will be controlled by wristband (one per family), handed out at time of purchase. Purchases from other sources will not allow admission.
**Tuesday, Sept. 22**

**DIY Locker Magnets.** Is your locker just a boring, dull uninspiring piece of metal? Then decorate it with customized metal magnets. Get the supplies, time and space to do it. Just bring your imagination. Everyone welcome. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

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

**Soup’s on Session at McArthur’s.** Rebecca Haviland. Weekly Tuesday night entertainment features a performance by Haviland, a Westchester native. McArthur’s American Grille, 14 Washington Ave., Pleasantville. 9 p.m. Info: 914-773-4281 or visit www.mcathurshusamerican.com.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23**

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

**Zumba Fitness.** Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. $20. Every Wednesday. 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.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

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

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills in the library. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

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

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

**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. 1 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 30. Info: 914-237-3887.

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

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

**After Death the Tongue Keeps Talking: Crime and Culture in Mexico.** A panel discussion providing multiple perspectives to contextualize Teresa Margolles’ work within a larger socio-political framework. Experts in a variety of fields will explore how Margolles’ practice responds to societal structures, political practices, cultural mores, gender relations, and criminal activity prevalent in Mexico. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 p.m. $10. Purchase College students, staff and faculty and Art Circle level members. Free. Info: 914-251-6785 or www.neuberger.org.

**Art Series With Professor Valerie Franco: Johannes Vermeer.** More than just the painter of “The Girl with The Pearl Earring,” Vermeer was one of the major game changers of the Dutch Golden Age. His use of light and presentation of ordinary subject matter, mainly daily life and genre paintings, left tremendous images of daily life. (Complements the Sept. 25 screening of “Tim’s Vermeer” to coincide with the 54th Annual Armonk Outdoor Art Show. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**REPAIR Community Group Meeting on Racism in Westchester’s Rivertowns.** The Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes’ Action on Inclusion and Race (REPAIR) community group will meet to address racial bias and bring healing and justice to our society. It is currently focused on the Westchester Rivertowns but will be working with Westchester County agencies and representatives. Tarrytown’s Christ Church-San Marcos, Ackerman Hall, 43 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-366-6134 or e-mail rvojanneizizo@gmail.com. Also check out https://www.facebook.com/groups/RivertownInclusionAndRace.

**Thursday, Sept. 24**

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

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

**Storytime Playgroup.** Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

**Public Information Meeting: Construction of the Saw Mill Parkway Over Kisco Avenue.** To educate residents, businesses, local officials and agencies about the upcoming construction activities, including closures and detours. A presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session with state Department of Transportation representatives and the contractor. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-282-6175.

**Steve Earle & The Dukes.** This Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter returns to Tarrytown in support of their 2015 release “Terraplane.” A protégé of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Earle quickly became a master storyteller in his own right, with his songs being recorded by Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Travis Tritt, The Pretenders, Joan Baez and countless others. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. $38, $48 and $58. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.com.

**Friday, Sept. 25**

**The Business Council of Westchester Political Leadership Speakers Series.** State Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan will discuss his leadership role in last year’s state budget and outline his conference’s plans on key economic development issues facing Westchester and the state that the legislature will be working on during the next session. Crowne Plaza, 66 Hale Ave., continued on page 24
The Millennial Generation Rises in Wine Influence

By Nick Antonaccio

Much has been written about the life and times of the Millennial Generation. They are unique in the history of our nation. Yet, almost paradoxically, they are the most informed and least financially secure generation.

Whether measured in economic, financial or social terms, their lifestyle and stature differs significantly from that of other generations alive in the United States. While each generation stamps its imprint on our culture and values, this generation has come of age during a period of great financial, political and technological turmoil. They wield great influence in the post-Great Recession economy, yet personally suffer from the changing landscape of this same economy.

Who are these up-and-comers who will influence and lead our nation into the future? In many ways, they differ significantly from many of their predecessors. The Greatest Generation (born 1901-1924) grew up in the midst of worldwide conflict and economic turmoil; an atmosphere of political and financial insecurity prevailed. The Baby Boomer Generation (born 1946-1964) grew up in insecurity prevailed. The American Dream became increasingly illusive for many.

The Millennial Generation is loosely defined as anyone turning 18 years of age since the dawn of the new millennium (born 1982-2000). They are at the forefront of modern technological advances (the iPhone and comparable smartphones didn’t exist until 2007) and at a crossroad of economic fortune and the decline of personal wealth.

Yet this generation persists and succeeds in the world of wine appreciation. It has permanently changed the way we perceive wine, evaluate it and purchase it. As consumers, they have embraced technology as a direct means to expand their knowledge and appreciation of wine. With the new tools of the 21st century, they can a) seek out opinions and expertise (blogs and phone apps); b) access massive banks of Internet data; c) offer their opinions of individual wines to their peers through social media; and d) instantaneously share opinions with other like-minded consumers (text messages and Twitter). No longer do 20th century wine critics command unilateral respect and influence; it is the young consumers who are evolving as the go-to source for the latest wines to seek out – or to avoid.

Have any of these millennials, among the oldest of whom are in their early thirties, risen to the top of the American wine world? The latest edition of one of the preeminent wine magazines, The Wine Enthusiast (www.winemag.com), with editorial offices and a retail showroom on North Bedford Road in Mount Kisco, has scoured the American landscape in search of “tastemakers” under 40 years old.

Be they sommeliers, bartenders, importers, winemakers or wine directors, these professionals, many of them millennials, are at the forefront of a sea change in Americans’ attitudes about alcoholic beverages. This profile provides excellent insights into the attitudes and ideologies of a generation weaned on the traditions of their elders yet setting new ground in creating their own unique focus.

But, for all of the optimism exuded by millennials as they adopt and adapt new technology and social values, there is a dark undercurrent lurking. The lingering effects of the Great Recession loom large in their future. Consider these facts: unemployment levels remain high among recent college graduates; outstanding student loan debt weighs heavily on their financial success and wealth building; fewer can afford to own homes; and they are delaying marriage and starting families.

As a result of these dichotomies, many millennials have “Champagne taste and a beer wallet,” as my late mother was given to state. The Millennial Generation is poised to become the largest generation in American history. The question yet to be answered is the impact of their social and economic tenets on the future profile of the American culture.

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### THERE’S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

**Finnegan’s Wake**. The quiz words this week come from “Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life” by William Finnegan. The book, which recounts Finnegan’s global surfing pilgrimage, is part memoir, part adventure story and part social history. You may never find the perfect wave, but you may find a perfect word to add to your vocabulary.

1. **amalgamate** (v.)
   - A) to improve
   - B) bewilder
   - C) combine

2. **benighted** (adj.)
   - A) limited to one occasion
   - B) having an advantage
   - C) suggestive of dreams

3. **exaction** (n.)
   - A) uncontaminated
   - B) unrestrained
   - C) undiscovered

4. **untrammeled** (adj.)
   - A) an instance of bad luck
   - B) a minor occurrence
   - C) disloyalty

5. **infelicity** (n.)
   - A) to indulge a desire
   - B) move into open space
   - C) make ineffective

6. **debouch** (v.)
   - A) an instance of bad luck
   - B) a minor occurrence
   - C) disloyalty

7. **oneiric** (adj.)
   - A) to indulge a desire
   - B) move into open space
   - C) suggestive of dreams

8. **skeg** (n.)
   - A) surf conditions
   - B) a fin on a surfboard
   - C) a careless surfer

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Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginners. Ladimax Sports & Fitness, 1 Commerce St., Valhalla. (The Cliffs complex). 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Drop-in rate: $10. Every Friday. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

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

Friday Night Films: “Tim’s Vermeer.” This 2014 documentary directed by Teller of Penn & Teller fame, follows Tim Jenison as he attempts to solve one of art’s greatest mysteries: how did 17th century Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer create such magnificently photo-realistic works a century-and-a-half prior before photography? Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Pleasantville Fund for Learning Auction and Dance. Includes live music from a traditional Oompah Band, plus a DJ and authentic German food and beer and an array of amazing auction items. Traditional Oktoberfest dirndl or lederhosen or warm casual fall attire. To raise money for the Pleasantville Fund for Learning. Law Park Pavilion, Briarcliff Manor. Noon to 11 p.m. $125 person. Info and tickets: Visit www.pfl.org.

“LOVE/SICK” Arc Stages in Pleasantville will present this John Cariani production for their professional company, The Next Stage. The Next Stage premiered earlier this year and will focus on showcasing new, innovative work by a wide variety of exciting and talented authors. The production is the follow-up to Cariani’s critically acclaimed “Almost Maine,” and is a one-act play that explores the intricacies of love and loss. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults: $36. Seniors and students: $28. Also Sept. 26 and Oct. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m., Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Come experience the largest farmers market in Westchester, the one voted Best of Westchester 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With over 55 vendors, seven nearby parking lots and creative weekly programming, it’s a delicious good time every Saturday. This week the Shovel Ready String Band performs at Music @ the Market, Kiwi Country Day Camp is at the Kids’ Event and participate in an apple tasting event. Pre-registration is open for the annual apple pie contest on Oct. 10. Rain or shine. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Brining locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Featuring about 40 vendors weekly. Also includes music, children’s activities and a food demonstration. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

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


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

New Castle Community Day. The Rotary Club of Chappaqua presents this annual program featuring food, games for children and service organizations informing the public about their mission. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix® and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the whole body. TADA Nature Outreach Dance Arts, 131 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 11:45 a.m. $20. Every Saturday; also Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: Contact Peggie at 914-960-4097.

Orientteering. Search for hidden flags by using only a map and a compass. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Discovering the Hidden Kingdom. Discover the fascinating world of yeast, mushrooms and mold and how you can grow your own pizza toppings at home. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: $5 per person. Non-members: $8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.


The ITHT Tune-Up Chorus. Kicking off the Irvington Town Hall Theater season, this event offers music lovers the opportunity to gather together and sing their favorite songs with complete abandon, regardless of ability. Pop-up choruses are the newest rage for joyous and artistic expression surfacing in cities across the country. Sing songs from artists such as Sam Smith, Ed Sheean, Kelly Clarkson, Taylor Swift and more under the leadership of conductor Doug Winters. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. $20. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Brazil Meets Jazz. White Plains Jazz Fest 2015 presents this concert featuring the internationally renowned Brazilian Trio of Heitor Alves (piano), Nilson Matta (bass) and Duduka Da Fonseca (drums); with Maucha Adnet (vocals) and Mark Morganelli (flugelhorn). Brazilian Trio is a masterful amalgamation of musician/composer/arranger friends dedicated to perpetuating the artful blend of Brazilian classical music and jazz. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Advance sale: $20 and $30. Day of event: $25 and $35. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.


Celebrating Leonard Bernstein. Celebrate the opening of Copland House’s seventh season at Merestead, and the 25th anniversary of the passing of Leonard Bernstein in a program featuring rarities and a treasured classic by the charismatic and irreplaceable maestro with mezzosoprano Rachel Colloway and baritone Christopher Burchett. They will be joined by pianists Michael Barrett and Michael Boriskin for a rare performance of Bernstein’s last major work. Merestead. 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 8 p.m. $50. Friends of Copland House: $40. Info and tickets: 914-788-4659 or visit www.coplandhouse.org.

The Emerson String Quartet. One of the world’s foremost chamber ensembles, will open Friends of Music Concerts’ 2015-16 season with a program that includes works by Beethoven, Shostokovich and Brahms. Sleepy Hollow High School’s Kusel Auditorium, 210 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 8 p.m. $30. Students (18 and under) free. Info and tickets: 914-861-5080 or visit www.friendsofmusicconcerts.org.


Sunday, Sept. 27

The Knights and Yo-Yo Ma Family Concert. One of the most famous musicians, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, comes together with the electrifying collective The Knights in a partnership that demonstrates the passion for fostering groundbreaking collaborations and projects. Visitors are invited to come early to wander the beautiful and historic house and grounds of Caramoor. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 1 p.m. $15 and $30. Info and tickets: Visit www.caramoor.org.

Westchester Land Trust Hike. Come for an inspiring hike and walk on the nature trails that wind their way through its flagship preserve -- the Westchester Wilderness. Walk/Zofnass Family Preserve. The preserve contains extensive wetlands and majestic woodlands with rare wildlife, plants, dramatic rock formations, soring tulip trees and dozens of species of birds. Sturdy footwear strongly encouraged. Hikers of all abilities welcome; children under five years old not recommended. Zofnass Family Preserve, Upper Shad Road trailhead, Pound Ridge. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 914-234-9626 ext. 22 or e-mail joan@westchesterlandtrust.org.
Seafood Abounds as Equus in Tarrytown Introduces Fall Menus

By Jerry Einbinder

Four fall menus with lots of intriguing and imaginative seafood dishes were introduced this week at Equus at the resplendent and internationally acclaimed Castle Hotel & Spa in Tarrytown.

The fall menu lineup consists of à la carte lunch and dinner menus, a five-course, $85 prix-fixe dinner menu and a prix-fixe three-course, $58 Sunday brunch menu.

An abundance of seafood dominates the four French-inspired menus and many items exhibit deft touches of the kitchen's creativity.

For example, an innovative dinner menu dish includes octopus prepared four different ways – tempura, grilled, burgundy style and red wine stewed. The dinner menu has scallops and grouper as appetizers, and as a main course a distinctive "oil bath swordfish" (a blending of bok choy, Tomatillo jam and black bean Diable sauce). Roasted lobster with leek pudding and jumbo shrimp with blue cheese orange sauce round out the seafood on the dinner menu.

Not to be outdone, the lunch menu has tempting seafood dishes including crab cake Benedict and grilled octopus with halloumi cheese, artichoke and honey mint sauce. An unusual offering is lobster BLT (bacon, chopped romaine lettuce and tomato) accompanied by rouille mayonnaise on brioche. Other lunch options include salmon with green cabbage sauce, swordfish and tuna tartare.

The a la carte dinner menu has appetizers starting at $15 and entrées ranging from $27 to $39.

Prix-fixe menus are available for dinner (five courses, including a pair of appetizers and four different entrées at $85 per person) and Sunday brunch (three courses at $58 per person). Tax and gratuity are additional.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE READY NETWORK LLC filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/11/2015. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is the designated agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Winslow Rd, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Sports

Quakers Edge Mamaroneck to Earn Their First Victory

By Andy Jacobs

After starting the 2015 season with a pair of lopsided losses on the road, the players on the Horace Greeley football team desperately needed a win to lift their sagging spirits.

“We go for a month,” head coach Tim Sullivan was saying late Saturday afternoon about the Quakers’ daily practice and workouts, “and not having a victory to hold your hat to, it’s hard to maintain that enthusiasm.”

Sullivan knows he won’t have to worry about a lack of enthusiasm in the days ahead because his Quakers had just scored a couple of fourth-quarter touchdowns and held on to defeat Mamaroneck 16-13 before a large and appreciative Homecoming Day crowd.

Quarterback Jake Cohen scored from a yard out on the first play of the final period and workhorse running back Matt Nagler added a four-yard TD run with just over a minute remaining that all but clinched the outcome as Greeley prevailed in a must-win situation. And after yielding 79 points in the first two weeks, the Quaker defense kept the Tigers off the scoreboard until early in the fourth quarter.

“Well, you know, it was a defensive battle in the first half,” said Sullivan, whose team collected a safety on a botched Tiger snap in the second quarter to grab a 2-0 lead at intermission. “It was nice to see. I thought the defensive game plan was great and the defense came up to play. That gave our offense enough time to get moving.”

It was a big defensive play that finally led to the game’s first touchdown. The Quakers had already been forced to punt twice in the third quarter when senior cornerback Liam Walker stepped up to provide Greeley with a big lift. His interception with 2:16 left in the period gave the Quakers the ball back at the Mamaroneck 23-yard line.

On third-and-six, Cohen passed to Paul Seham for a first down and gave Greeley the ball back at the Tiger 17. After making his second interception of the game late in the third quarter vs. Mamaroneck.

The Quakers’ second touchdown. “Games are never in the bag. It always comes down to the last minute, last second. So it’s nice to be able to go up two scores at that point.”

Mamaroneck managed to make the final touchdown on the game’s final play, a short pass to the right flat to Genovese, who reversed field, broke some tackles and slalomed his way past the goal line.

For Sullivan, it was a bit disappointing that his defensive unit couldn’t keep the Tigers out of the end zone as time ran out.

“We felt his knee was down,” he said. “But, exactly, you have a great defensive stand all game long and then you let up a touchdown like that at the end. But that’s gonna happen in that kind of situation.”

Nevertheless, the Quakers were able to walk away with their first win in the post-Ciego era and suddenly have a bit of momentum heading into Friday night’s clash at Mahopac.

“Our team’s got life now,” said Sullivan. “So we’re looking forward to Mahopac.”
Briarcliff first-singles player Sam Simpson lines up a backhand return in last week’s home match vs. Pleasantville.

Katya DiDonato of Briarcliff concentrates on a forehand return during her match at second singles last week.

Laura Chapman of Pleasantville prepares to smack a backhand return in her match at second singles vs. the Briarcliff Bears.

Steve Brunetto of Westlake heads for the finish line at last week’s home meet.

Pleasantville’s Olivia Ashton gets set to hit a forehand during her match at first singles last Wednesday at Briarcliff.

Valhalla’s Jackie Gonzalez gets to the ball just before Briarcliff’s Hanna Feuer in Friday’s 6-1 Viking victory.

Valhalla’s Lauren Kreder moves the ball across the field during the 2015 Booster Club Field Hockey Tournament at Briarcliff High School.

Alyssa Dolan of Valhalla moves the ball down the right sideline as Briarcliff’s Sofia Marcellino gives chase. The Vikings scored five unanswered goals in the second half to win 6-1.

Valhalla’s Julia Keough controls the ball in the second half of the Bears’ first-round game vs. Valhalla at the annual Booster Club Tournament.

Westlake’s Austin You is on his way to a first-place finish at last Wednesday’s cross country meet against Pleasantville.
Pleasantville’s Danaiya Simmonds competes at last week’s cross country meet vs. host Westlake.

Greeley’s Matt Neuberger drills a shot on goal in the Quakers’ 4-1 win over Mahopac on Saturday.

Westlake’s Marianna Leone moves the ball up the field in last Wednesday’s 3-1 victory over visiting Sleepy Hollow.

Juliana Castellano of Westlake searches for an open teammate as she moves across the field during last Wednesday’s game.

Julia Gontijo dribbles the ball across the field in Westlake’s 3-1 home victory over Sleepy Hollow.

Tirod Behbehian was the top finisher for Pleasantville in last week’s meet at Westlake.

Eleanor Caston of Westlake races after the ball in last week’s home win vs. Sleepy Hollow.

Westlake’s Amber Lulanaj boots the ball in the second half vs. the Headless Horsemen.

Above: Max Ferman of Greeley boots the ball down the field in the second half vs. visiting Mahopac this past weekend.

Left: Westlake’s Brenda Servin (left) and Mary Ann Murray run together in last Wednesday’s cross country meet vs. Pleasantville.

Horace Greeley’s Greg Ginsberg watches his shot head toward the goal in the Quakers’ 4-1 victory over the Indians.
Fox Lane Suffers First Loss at the Hands of Ketcham

By Arthur Cusano

Fox Lane's two-game winning streak ended Friday night at home at the hands of Roy C. Ketcham High School, as poor defense and costly errors helped put the Indians ahead early on their way to a 30-13 victory.

Indians senior running back Tai-sean Dodd was a major thorn in the Foxes' side throughout the game, starting with a 70-yard run for a touchdown in the opening minutes of the game and following up with 65- and 30-yard touchdown runs later on.

Fox Lane back Tanner More ran in a touchdown from the 8-yard line near the end of the first half to tie the game, but a blown punt recovered by the Indians for a safety early in the second half and a touchdown reception by Ketcham's Aiden Foster put the Foxes in a hole they never got out of. Two turnovers by the Foxes only added to their woes.

Fox Lane quarterback Kevin Downes completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Hunter White with 3:30 to go in the fourth quarter, but the following two-point conversion attempt sailed out of bounds. An interception by the Indians essentially sealed the Foxes' fate with 44 seconds left on the clock.

Fox Lane head coach Bill Broggy stepped away from the football program three years ago to spend more time with his family. His first two games back against Lakeland and Suffern had been big wins, but Broggy said his team simply didn't respond to adversity on the field and that there were no excuses for the subpar performance.

Fox Lane quarterback Kevin Downes rolls out in the first quarter of Friday's game looking for an open receiver against the Ketcham Indians.

“We had some breakdowns in our defense,” Broggy said. “We lost the integrity of our defense in certain places on those big (Ketcham) runs. We just weren't fulfilling our assignments.”

The Foxes, according to Broggy, don't have the kind of explosive offense that could offset two turnovers and a safety.

“We can't spot them 16 points and then try to come back,” he said. “That's just not our football team. We're just not capable of that.”

Broggy said his team needed to get back in form before going on the road to take on a hungry White Plains team still looking for its first win.

“We were just not our football team,” he said. “That's the last two games, we just didn't have the kind of explosive offense that could offset two turnovers and a safety. We're just not capable of that.”

Fox Lane back Tanner More ran in a touchdown from the 8-yard line near the end of the first half to tie the game, but a blown punt recovered by the Indians for a safety early in the second half and a touchdown reception by Ketcham's Aiden Foster put the Foxes in a hole they never got out of. Two turnovers by the Foxes only added to their woes.

Fox Lane head coach Bill Broggy directs the Fox Lane football team in Friday's game vs. visiting R.C.K.

“Since the last two games, we just didn't

Bobcat Bomber

Byram Hills senior quarterback Lou Filippelli threw for 345 yards and three touchdowns, but the Bobcats fell to host Lakeland 25-22 on Friday night. Still seeking their first win of the season, the Bobcats play at Spring Valley this coming Friday evening.

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The Wildcats’ Ryan Duffy celebrates after catching a second-quarter touchdown pass in the 40-0 home win over Putnam Valley.

Anthony Sardo of Westlake runs for a long touchdown during the Wildcats’ lopsided victory over visiting Putnam Valley on Saturday afternoon.

Westlake’s Jason Kalle returns a punt for a touchdown in the second quarter of Saturday’s 40-0 rout of Putnam Valley.

Westlake quarterback Tom Castro carries the football in the first half of Saturday’s game vs. the Tigers.

Friday night’s showdown with Nanuet was a disappointment for coach Tony Becerra and his Pleasantville Panthers.

Freshman quarterback Jack Howe throws a pass in Pleasantville’s 27-7 loss to visiting Nanuet at Parkway Field.

Pleasantville’s Ryan Drillock tries to slip past the Nanuet defense during Friday night’s game, won by the Golden Knights.

The Panthers’ Ian Esliker returns a kick in the third quarter of Friday night’s game vs. Nanuet.

Try-out registration is now being accepted for the 2015-2016 Byram Hills Junior Bobcats travel basketball teams. Try-outs are open to all boys (3rd – 8th) and girls (4th – 8th) that reside in the Byram Hills School District. The intent of travel basketball is to provide more skilled basketball players with the opportunity to progress their skills in a more competitive, yet still positive and constructive, environment. The basketball season takes place between the end of October to early March. The try-out fee before September 21 is $30 per player. To obtain the complete try-out schedule or to register on-line please visit www.jrbobcats.org or contact us at byramjrbobcats@gmail.com
Fox Lane QB Kevin Downes Scrambles Out of Trouble in Friday's Clash with RCK

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