

Halloween Season an Economic Boom for Area

by Janie Rosman

Last year's media frenzy around the television show *Sleepy Hollow* is fueling this season's tourism in its namesake village and Tarrytown.

Greater Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce co-president Theresa McCarthy, who tended bar this time last year at Tarry Tavern, said, "We had extra staff, ordered extra inventory, and couldn't keep up with the crowds." She added that the tourism fliers on display in the lobby had to be constantly replaced when the establishment ran out of material.

"Lots of tourists from Europe came in one day, and no one expected the crowds, which we attributed to the premiere of *Sleepy Hollow*," she said.

The Village of Tarrytown secured additional sponsorship for its Halloween Parade (October 25; rain date is October 26). "It's a huge attraction. More sponsors means the village can add more events: additional stilt walkers, entertainment, prizes for best costumes," McCarthy explained. This year, four sponsors are contributing between \$500 and \$1,000 each.

"October is by far our busiest month of the year," Lyndhurst Executive Director Howard Zar said. "Half of the yearly visitation is during that month."



Photo by: Jim Logan

"Jay Ghoul's House of Curiosities" will provide frightful fun at Lyndhurst.

What drives business, Zar explained, is partly Mother Nature, and partly location - Lyndhurst's proximity to Sleepy Hollow.

"People who aren't aware of Halloween come because it's a beautiful time of year, and we get the impact of fall foliage," he said. Because Lyndhurst has the only daytime Halloween event, "it's a big deal, and the site's largest dollar-volume holiday."

Inclement weather is no deterrent for "Jay Ghoul's House of Curiosities:" an indoor event boasts the tag line, "There's a monster in every family!" An acting troupe leads guests through the Halloween-decorated Gothic Revival mansion to the basement. "This year's theme highlights classic movies like *Bride of Frankenstein*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Mummy* and Tippi Hedren, lead actress in Hitchcock's *The Birds*."

Lyndhurst's presentation is unique and unlike the typical funhouse. "The lighting is beautifully spooky, not the stuff from which nightmares are made, and appropriate for kids of all ages," Zar said. There are side exits for kids who are scared and want to leave with their parents.

During the daytime, "Lyndhurst Mansion Tours with a Halloween Twist" features autumnal decorations and a tribute to classic movie monsters. Zar advised buying tickets early; however, some spaces are available closer to the time of the event.

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery began preparing for Hallow-

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\$4.6M Fields, Facilities School Bond Set for Vote in Irvington

by Rick Pezzullo

A much discussed and debated fields and facilities renovation referendum will be decided by voters in the Irvington School District on Tuesday, October 7.

The \$4.6 million bond includes building maintenance projects in all district schools and the installation of artificial turf at Meszaros Field on the Irvington High School/Middle School campus. The \$1.8 million organic product turf and resurfacing of the surrounding Oley Track is the highest ticket item in the bond. \$1.1 million is also being budgeted to place a soil cap and improve drainage on East Field,

which has been closed since September 2012 due to the discovery of non-native fill.

District officials have stressed the work on East Field, which is being monitored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, must be completed regardless of the outcome of the referendum, which will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Main Street School.

It will be the third time in the last eight years that the district has sought approval from residents to fund a turf playing surface. In 2008, a \$6 million field renova-

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SH Special Olympic Team Invited to World Games in LA

by Katy Kachnowski

Over the past two years many in the community have enjoyed being involved in the Special Olympic Games held at Sleepy Hollow High School.

Hosting the games has provided local residents, students and staff the opportunity to witness the dedication and unrelenting spirit of the Sleepy Hollow Pioneer team. Two members from that team, undefeated for the past three years, have received the honor of being invited to attend the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, California.

Felix Veloz and Minquiang Li, the pioneer athletes, and their classmates, Brendan Murphy and Hunter Burnett, are joining forces with students from Brewster High School to create the United States' men's unified basketball team. A unified team consists of both spe-

cial athletes and partners. These integrated teams are designed to help promote friendship, respect and compassion between athletes. Matches between unified teams create



(L-R:) Brendan Murphy, Hunter Burnett, coach Kim Kaczmarek, Minquiang Li and Felix Veloz.

Photo by: Katy Kachnowski

meaningful experiences for both participants and spectators alike. At the Games, this team will compete for a medal against unified squads from other countries around the world.

All four students, as well as Sleepy Hol-

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Construction on New Bridge Begins New Phase

by Brian Conybeare

Construction on the New NY Bridge project has entered an exciting new phase with the installation of pile caps and the first vertical steel sections of the new span's piers starting to rise above the Hudson River.

The team's focus for the past year has been on installing the pilings below the river to form the strong base needed for the Tappan Zee replacement. Now approximately 60% of the pilings are in place and the giant steel tubes are being cleaned out. Once that happens, 300-ton pre-cast concrete "pile caps" are slowly lowered into place and serve as foundation platforms for the bridge's ap-

proach span piers. Dozens of the approach span pile caps will be built and installed between now and the end of the year.

The pile caps—the size of tennis courts—are prefabricated at an offsite facility and resemble concrete tubs with holes at the bottom. Following a thorough inspection, the caps are moved onto barges and transported to the project site.

The project's reinforcing steel, all sourced here in the United States, is specifically engineered to ensure that it can be precisely formed and positioned. In order to protect the steel, it is also coated with a corrosion-resistant layer of zinc through a process called galvanization.

Next, the piles and tubs are fitted with a labyrinth of these steel-reinforcing bars, or rebar. The tightly-hewn network of rebar is then enclosed with up to 750 cubic yards of concrete, from the project's floating batch plants. The resulting composite material, steel-reinforced concrete, combines the strengths of both materials.

The end product: incredibly strong foundations that will support the new bridge well into the next century.

Once the pile caps are in place and inspected, vertical steel rebar cage columns begin to rise overhead. The first of these can now be seen rising about 40 feet above one of the pile caps at Pier 39 near the Tarrytown shoreline.

To learn more check out the "Bridge Rising" video at NewNYBridge.com.

Brian Conybeare is the Special Advisor for the Tappan Zee (New NY Bridge) Project

Photo by: New York State Thruway Authority



First vertical steel sections of the new span's piers

Tiffany Tourism Trail to Open Next Fall in Irvington

by Zoe Kaplan

The Village of Irvington has something exciting to look forward to next fall. In August, the Hudson River Valley Greenway awarded Irvington \$2,500 for the creation of a Tiffany Tourism Trail. The Hudson River Valley Greenway is a program that promotes projects that help improve communities, whether economically, culturally, or environmentally. Irvington hopes the creation of the trail will do just that.

Louis Comfort Tiffany, an Irvington celebrity, will be the focus of the trail. Son of the founder of Tiffany & Company, Tiffany was one of the most prolific artists in the 19th century. He is most remembered for his vibrant glass making and superior design skills. His stained glass windows can be found in the Irvington Presbyterian Church as well as in Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Tiffany spent part of his youth in Irvington, and designed what is now known as the Reading Room in the Irvington Village Hall. This room will become the starting point of the trail.

The Tiffany Tourism Trail will be a self-

guided tour that explores the history of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Whether as an individual or in a group, all can participate in the trail, which will be in the form of an online map. As participants move throughout the trail, they will view the sites of Tiffany's work as well as historical information and photographs. Although the trail will begin in Irvington, it will move around much of the Hudson Valley in order to incorporate numerous sites of his work.

This program, an interesting and exciting journey through Tiffany's art history, will undeniably attract many visitors, not only to Irvington, but throughout the Hudson Valley. Irvington Mayor Brian Smith said he believes the trail will help raise well-deserved awareness to Tiffany's talent, as well as increase economic activity in the region. The Hudson River Valley Greenway's work is just for this purpose: to preserve and bring attention to cultural resources, and to help develop the economy.

According to third-term Village Trustee Constance Kehoe, the trail should be available for use within a year.

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SH Trustee Asked to Resign Denies Allegations by Mayor

by Elaine Marranzano

A Sleepy Hollow trustee, asked by Mayor Ken Wray to resign her post, has denied she violated ethics in pursuing a village housing code change that the mayor alleges benefited her financially. Trustee Evelyn Stupel said last week at a meeting the charges against her were a politically motivated attempt to remove her from the board.

Wray contended at a meeting in early September that Stupel was actively promoting the successful elimination of the 2010 law while she had her house up for sale. The board voted unanimously on July 8 to change the law. However, Wray said he was unaware that Stupel was simultaneously trying to sell her Philipse Manor home at 141 Kelbourne with an apartment above the garage.

According to Wray and Sleepy Hollow Building Inspector Sean McCarthy, Stupel's apartment was not legal. Philipse Manor is not zoned for two-family homes.

"She knew that if the law wasn't changed she would have to bring her property up-to-code before it could be sold," Wray remarked. "She did this quietly and deliberately."

The alleged misconduct occurred when Stupel, a trustee since 2009 who heads

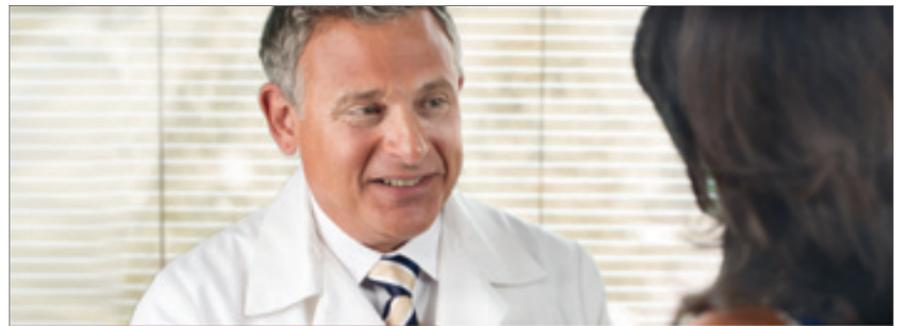
the safe housing committee, proposed to exempt one and two-family homes from a 2010 law requiring that all properties have a current certificate of occupancy to prevent the sale of buildings with illegal apartments.

"The law was intended to focus on larger buildings with more units," Wray said. "People felt they were being victimized by changes in their home that predated their purchase. Quite often people had to pay to have the changes ripped out because they weren't up-to-code."

Stupel contended her apartment was legal and it was 'grandfathered-in' since both the main house and "caretaker's cottage" were built in 1915. "This residence was advertised with the cottage as a legal rental when we purchased it in 1981," Stupel said.

Further supporting her position, Stupel said a "certificate of compliance" was issued by the village building inspector who held the position prior to McCarthy after fire damage to the cottage was repaired. She also produced a letter from McCarthy that stated "an alleged violation of the Village Zoning Ordinance at 141 Kelbourne Avenue was declared unfounded." According to McCarthy, the certificate of compliance simply indicates that repairs were made ap-

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LDC Will Hold Title to GM Site Provided for SH Use

by Robert Kimmel

When General Motors officially turns over its Sleepy Hollow riverfront acreage to the developer, a designated sector will be deeded to a newly created Local Development Corporation (LDC) rather than to Sleepy Hollow - to the village's advantage. A resolution to establish the LDC was approved last month by the village's trustees who, as ex-officio members of its board, will basically control the corporation.

As part of its agreement with Sleepy Hollow giving GM the right to sell the site to a developer, the automaker was to cede part of the 96 acres to the village for its use. That parcel consists of most of the site east of the Metro North rail tracks and a small portion adjacent to Beekman Street.

Having the LDC hold the parcel's title to the land benefits the village in several ways, including future financial savings and responsibilities. In a letter to residents earlier this year, Mayor Ken Wray explained that, "...an LDC could build the proposed new athletic fields and Public Works building on the east parcel at a 20-25% lower cost than it would cost us to do it directly, a substantial benefit to village taxpayers."

The LCD would avoid complying with New York State's much debated century-old "Wick's Law," which mandates that a municipality deal separately with contractors on a building project for plumbing, electrical work, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, general construction work, and the like, rather than hiring a single general contractor. The village would also have to oversee all aspects of the work and handle any disputes that arise. Most estimates show that such an arrangement adds at least 20% to a project's costs.

Financing the building of the DPW structure and athletic fields would be raised by bonds issued by the Local Development Corporation, which would then be paid off from revenue acquired by leasing the facilities to the village. Ultimately, the LDC could cede the facilities back to the village.

Wray also noted that while decontami-

nation of the site has taken place, the village did not want to face problems similar to those that occurred on the nearby former Mallory Battery plant location. It was found to be contaminated based on new pollution standards and that the land, when taken over by the village and the nearby residential areas, required inspection and remedial action. He cautioned that environmental requirements "change down the road," and said the village itself would not be encumbered by future problems should they occur on the GM parcel deeded to the LDC.

The mayor looked forward to a "completely new Department of Public Works facility" on the parcel, and told *The Hudson Independent* that Sleepy Hollow, compared to other nearby communities, has been lacking the type of athletic fields that could be built there for such sports as soccer and lacrosse. He anticipates that GM will close its deal with the developer, Lighthouse Landing LLC, soon after Thanksgiving.

Once the developer takes over its land, tax payments to both the village and the Tarrytown School District will be restored, ending a specially reduced payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) that was established for GM in an effort to keep the production plant operating. However, GM closed the plant in 1996 and had been seeking a developer through most of the following years, only to run into one obstacle after another. Details of its sale to Lighthouse Landing Venture, agreed to several months ago, have not been disclosed. However, it will initially bring annual tax revenue of about \$1 million to the village, rather than the PILOT total of approximately \$140,000 and the School District's revenue will escalate from the PILOT's \$209,000 annual payment to at least \$2 million in taxes. When fully developed, the tax totals will likely increase.

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Tarrytown Chef Reunites with 10 Cyclists Years after Epic Cross-Country Ride



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By W.B. King

It all began on 10-speed bicycles at the George Washington Bridge in the summer of 1981, ending 74 days later at the Golden Gate Bridge. In between, 10 willful teens and two hopeful group leaders traversed America's expanse, overcoming challenges and realizing respective and collective conquests.

For the first time since their journey, the group reunited in Tarrytown last month reliving the adventure. "We hadn't seen each other in 33 years, but once we did we fell back into this tight unit again," said Michael Shanker, a Tarrytown-based Culinary Institute of America trained freelance caterer and personal chef who operates The Flavor Vault.

"We got to know each other as adults—not just reflecting on memories of being childhood kids on this great adventure," added Shanker.

Social media, particularly Facebook, served as the conduit connecting the group which was spread out from Jakarta to Alaska and points in-between. Shanker, the son of famed former New York City United Federation of Teacher's union leader, Albert Shanker, led the effort. After eight months of diligence, he was able to contact all 12 members; however, only 10 were able to make this nostalgic trip.

"Jen Ross, W@tercooler owner, graciously offered the space for our reunion on that Saturday morning at no cost," said Shanker, who added that the group was featured on Good Morning America in 1981. "And Sunny McLean, station manager at Community Media on Hudson, helped us out by taking pictures and videos."

For one group member, the reunion also served as a homecoming. "It was a wonderful weekend. On Friday, I met with three group members who also arrived early and we went for a bicycle ride down by the river, to the lighthouse and up to Philipsburg Manor," said David Lippmann, 50, who grew up in Tarrytown but has called Washington state home for the last 20 years.

"It was exciting because I haven't been active in bicycling for many years, and it was nice to be back in town for a ride," said Lippmann, adding that he was able to visit

(left to right): Dane Kane, Marko Schoeller, Jonathan Matz, Peter Christiansen, Michael Shanker (seated top center), Phil Garrow, Rene Sherman, Joe Alvord, David Fields and David Lippmann.

his parents who have lived in Tarrytown since 1972.

What a Long Strange Trip

Shanker, now 49, was 15 and living in Mamaroneck when he learned about the American Youth Hostel cross-country endurance trip. While he had previously completed shorter bicycle trips in the Berkshires, a cross-country trip, in comparison, was a considerable challenge.

"The Berkshires trip taught me all the things I would need to know and what I would be in for," said Shanker. "While I enjoyed the trip, I didn't get along with all the people in the group like I did with the cross-country group, which made that trip all the more special."

The teen's ages ranged from 14 to 17, with the two group leaders in their mid-to-late-20s. Instead of taking a straight route, they opted for a zig-zag approach—what they called the "roller coaster route," which provided brief entry into Canada. One of the longer days saw the group traveling 161 miles—from Benton, Minnesota to Pierre, South Dakota. In total, they would ride nearly 4,500 miles.

"The people we met were so friendly. They took us in, made us apple pies, let us sleep on their lawn or in their barns," recalled Shanker. "They were very generous but also very intrigued that we were doing the trip."

Throughout the course of the journey, the group only stayed in hotels for three nights, otherwise they camped. For sustenance, they cooked meals with a small stove and made road-side sandwiches. "We had no sag wagon (support vehicle) to carry or assist us," said Shanker. "Most repairs were done on the road, and any major tune-ups were done at bicycle shops."

From South Dakota, the group traveled west through Wyoming, Idaho and across Oregon. When they hit the sand dunes on the coast, they headed south down the majestic California coast eventually reaching

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Federal Grants to Westchester Communities Lost Through Non-Compliance with HUD

by Robert Kimmel

A decisive deadline has passed in the ongoing stalemate that has kept Westchester County from receiving millions of dollars in Community Development Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With the mid-September HUD cut-off date gone by without compliance, hundreds of thousands of dollars, either allocated or anticipated, for projects in the villages of Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington, are returning to the U.S. Treasury for HUD's use elsewhere.

All told, nearly \$23 million in block grant funds has been forfeited by the county for a three-year period because of the dispute with HUD.

The protracted controversy had County Executive Rob Astorino's administration pitted against HUD and the Democratic majority in the county's Board of Legislators. It stems from HUD's charge that Westchester has not complied with the terms of the 2009 settlement of a legal action brought by the federal agency. HUD claimed that the county had not properly completed an "analysis of impediments" to affordable housing in 31 municipalities. Zoning rules and other regulations were cited as possibly discriminating against minorities.

That was refuted by Astorino who argued

that the county had met the requirements and was ahead of schedule in building 750 affordable housing units as part of the settlement. In an effort to break the stalemate and reach compliance with HUD, Democratic legislators, led by BOL Chairman Michael Kaplowitz, had HUD's Federal Housing Monitor James Johnson compile fresh reports on the 31 municipalities originally named as requiring an analysis which dealt with "census and zoning data relating to socio-economic conditions."

Among the 31 communities studied, Johnson reported last month that there were six whose analysis showed that they had "prima facie" evidence of exclusionary zoning. Kaplowitz urged the County Executive to use the report to file an acceptable Analysis of Impediments (AI) prior to the September deadline and avoid the cutoff of grants.

Astorino's response was that home rule by the communities in question would be put at "great risk" were the monitor's report used for an analysis by the county. "To incorporate the monitor's reports into the County's AI would completely undermine the principle of Home Rule since the County would be agreeing to turn over decision making on local zoning to a federal agency," Astorino wrote, also naming seven others reasons for his rejection.

Republican members of the Board of Legislators also rejected the use of Johnson's report, with Minority Leader John Testa calling it "riddled with inaccuracy, inconsistency and injustice." Other legislators blamed the county's congressional delegation for not pushing HUD to release funds for those municipalities not involved in the dispute.

Sleepy Hollow was not among the original communities requiring an "analysis of impediments."

The Town of Mount Pleasant overall got a favorable report by the monitor.

Tarrytown and Irvington also received positive reports by the federal monitor. He cited them as among "...municipalities whose zoning codes have made strides toward promoting integration and providing for multifamily and affordable housing in their communities."

Johnson wrote that, "Tarrytown, for example, has taken meaningful steps to create opportunities for multifamily, rental, and affordable housing development, and its zoning code does not erect barriers to the goal of integrating its minority residents."

"Irvington's zoning code does not per-



petuate racial and ethnic clustering by restricting multifamily or affordable housing to districts with a disproportionately large minority population," Johnson noted. He added that, "Irvington's zoning code also does not disparately impact the countywide minority household population by restricting the development of housing that minority groups disproportionately use."

Sleepy Hollow has lost more than \$600,000 in allocated Community Development Block Grants, even though its zoning or other regulations were never suspect in HUD's views. Tarrytown's loss is expected to exceed \$200,000, and Irvington had plans to use some \$200,000 for a flood control project. Before the County-HUD dispute all three villages had used HUD grant funds for a variety of projects.



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Dean Gallea of Tarrytown is a longtime, local volunteer and an organizer for the Multiple Myeloma Foundation. He is also a prominent activist on behalf of many Westchester County environmental causes. He has been with Consumers Union as a senior engineer for over 40 years; during this time, he has judged high school science contests and supported interest in science and research for area youth. Dean is active with international projects and serves on the board of www.gracecares.org. He has been involved with international peace projects in Santiago, Chile with the B4Peace organization. As a devoted stepfather, he raised two boys; after his wife passed away from cancer, he continued to give unwavering care and attention to his stepsons and his wife's elderly parents. Said Gallea's friends, Zoe Kopp and T. Namaya, "Dean is always willing to help friends and family! He is a one-of-a-kind guy and a dearly valued friend."

Please send submissions about special distinctions, honors, and awards given to local community members or organizations to: thiwatercooler@thehudsonindependent.com

RAISED

Two Sleepy Hollow Manor Garden Club members, Barbara Fina (of Fina Design, LLC Interiors) and Helen Andrew, worked in conjunction with Robert Allen Designs to create a "Coastal Blues" picnic tableau which helped raise \$35,000 to support DIFFA (Design Industry Foundation Fighting Aids) at DIFFA's recent "Picnic By Design" event on August 13 in NYC. With fundraising efforts bolstered by strategic partnerships and unique events showcasing innovation and creativity, DIFFA has mobilized the resources of the design communities and granted over \$40 million to hundreds of AIDS service organizations nationwide. For more information, please visit www.diffa.org and www.finadesign.us.

RECOGNIZED

The New York State Education Department has named The Main Street School and Irvington High School as New York State Reward Schools for High Achievement. "The Department identified 351 schools in 151 districts as Reward Schools. Reward Schools are either schools that have made the most progress or schools that have the highest achievement in the state and do not have significant gaps in student achievement that are not being closed." There are approximately 4,800 public schools in New York State. Congratulations to Irvington students, faculty, and the entire school community on this honor.

Chef

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the Golden Gate Bridge.

"I remember the last night sitting in my tent alone and not wanting the trip to end," recalled Lippmann. "We all grew up together on that trip and had such a good time."

An avid motorcyclist, Shanker recently

began riding bicycles again. Noting that one of the group members recently completed a 1,000 mile ride with his son, Shanker said he may consider longer rides as well. Whether or not the group reunites for another epic journey remains uncertain, but he said of the future: "Anything is possible."

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Police Candidate Caught Up in SH Political In-Fighting

by Elaine Marranzano

In the weeks since four members of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees denied a veteran a job with the local police force, the trustees have hurled accusations of wrong doing at each other, at the mayor, at the police chief and even at the candidate himself.

Mayor Ken Wray described the exchanges as "tiresome, testy, and contentious," while one resident called the situation "an embarrassing mess."

One point of contention is that the trustees who voted against hiring Greg Lobato, a former marine captain who led a military police unit in Iraq, have been reluctant to explain why, saying it would be unprecedented for them to do so.

"People are left to think its petty politics and personal biases," said Trustee Glenn Rosenbloom, who voted in favor of Lobato. "You are not giving them any reason to think otherwise."

Rosenbloom addressed his comments to Trustee Karin Wompa, who voted against Lobato. She suggested they talk in private.

"You are all about private conversations and we are public servants," he said. "People deserve the right to know how you think."

Critics contend some trustees voted against Lobato because they have a problem with his sister, Deputy Mayor Jennifer Lobato-Church.

"I felt it (hiring Lobato) would be a bad addition to the police department because it would show favoritism," said Wompa. "He is the brother of a board member who for the last year has manipulated the staffing of the police department."

Lobato-Church was chair of the Public Safety Committee until it and other committees were disbanded in March. She dismissed Wompa's accusation as without merit.

Trustees Bruce Campbell and Wompa also suggested Police Chief Greg Camp "circumvented" the hiring process and should have less of a say in any new hire.

"I want to make sure that we're not in any way limited to let the chief select who we want to interview and decide on. We've been burned a little bit with going that route," said Campbell.

In accordance with civil service law for new recruits, Camp selected the top three candidates off the local civil service list (meaning the candidates live in Sleepy Hollow) to be interviewed by Campbell, Wompa and Trustee Dorothy Handelman. Campbell said seeking candidates from the civil service list of local residents instead of the county list may have been "a mistake." Lobato was number one on the local list and number 11 on the county list.

"How can you do this to our chief?" asked Sleepy Hollow resident Edna Belanich. "What academy did you go to that

you know more than Chief Camp about interviewing police candidates?"

The board has the authority to hire all village employees, including police officers, making every trustee a "police commissioner," according to Wompa.

"Yes, but in the majority of cases we generally take into account our department head's recommendation," said Lobato-Church.

Lobato was Camp's primary choice to fill one of two vacant positions on the 24-person police force. He would have been hired as an entry level police officer at a salary of approximately \$45,000. The board is now considering hiring an experienced officer from another department, a more expensive option at about \$90,000 a year.

Bond

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tion bond was overwhelmingly rejected by a 3.5 to 1 margin. Two years earlier, a similar proposition was defeated by 47 votes.

Earlier this year, a 10-member special community committee appointed by the Irvington Board of Education extensively studied options for the district's fields and make recommendations. Seven members favored artificial turf over natural grass for Meszaros Field. The committee was unanimous in recommending the replacement of Oley Track and keeping East Field a grass surface. Meanwhile, the committee rejected lighting for Meszaros Field.

If the bond is approved, it is estimated Meszaros Field and Oley Track would be completed by the start of the 2015-16 school year. East Field would not be ready for any action until the 2016-17 school

year. Infrastructure projects in the various schools, which include the upgrading of the HVAC system a Dows Lane and gym roof restoration and conversion from oil to gas boilers at Main Street School, would begin during the summer of 2015 and be completed by the start of the 2016-17 school campaign.

According to the district, the annual debt service to pay for the 15-year bond will be just under \$400,000. However, since \$315,425 in debt is coming off the books at the end of the current school year, the projected tax increase for property owners the first year with a home valued at \$700,000 is \$28. In future years, district officials contend Irvington will be eligible to receive up to 24% in building aid, which would likely offset any tax levy hike.



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Halloween Season

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een last month with a September 13 special night focusing on renowned author Roald Dahl.

"With all the other fun things going on around town, and the second season of Fox's series *Sleepy Hollow*, we are expecting a great season and have hired a few more guides in anticipation," Programs, Tours and Visitor Services Director Christina Orban-La Salle said. "We added more walking tours and increased the frequency of the one-hour daytime tour, 'The Original Knickerbocker,' to appeal to those who might not be able to devote a full two hours to a cemetery stroll."

Its October programs include "An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe, Spooky Stories From Six Feet Under," and "Beyond the Legend: Irving's Ghost Stories."

Castle Hotel and Spa in Tarrytown flourishes in the fall. "We built a package around the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, and we sell tickets to Horseman's Hollow," Castle public relations assistant Brittney Baeriswil said. "Business definitely skyrocketed as a result of *Sleepy Hollow*."

As of mid-September, Baeriswil said only 10 weekend packages (September through November) remain, and 70 additional Blaze packages were sold. "We're thrilled, and we couldn't be more busy."

There's a chance you can "do the time warp again" and see film-favorite, *Rocky Horror Show* at The Tarrytown Music Hall,

if it fits into the weekend concert schedule. Although Executive Director Björn Olsson said the venue isn't "terribly affected one way or the other on Halloween." The weekend is usually good for business. To placate the spirits, Music Hall volunteers decorate the theater. "Right now, it seems like we're looking at a great fall season, Halloween included," Olsson said.

With close to 2,500 people attending *Sleepy Hollow's* renowned Haunted Hayride last year, Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio said the village is anticipating another successful hayride and Beekman Avenue block party October 24 and 25. "Lines began to form at 4 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start," Giaccio said.

"There's lots of expectation about the show, and while the hayride pays for itself, the village tries to break even," he added. This year, \$67,000 was budgeted cumulatively for the event, block party and overtime costs for the DPW and police.

Costs are also offset by sponsors, thus any organization wishing to help fund the hayride can contact the village at 914-366-5105. What's more, the village has added a second event this year:

Horan's Landing will be transformed into a performance venue with a tent and timed shows from Westchester Circus Arts, River-town Artists Workshop, and local storyteller and classically-trained actor David Neilsen that will be sponsored by Hudson Harbor and National RE/sources.

Special Olympics

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low High School teacher and coach, Kim Kaczmarek, are all thrilled to be attending. When discussing the Games with them, their anticipation is palpable. Veloz, who lived in the Dominican Republic before moving to the United States three years ago, is an enormous fan of basketball.

"He's a leader and a role model for the rest of the team," said Kaczmarek.

Li, who was born in China, and relocated to the United States four years ago, will be an asset to the team with his speed on the court. "Since their arrival in the States, both Min and Felix have grown so much," said Kaczmarek. "Their progress has been truly amazing and it has been wonderful to watch them flourish."

Murphy and Burnett, both three-sport varsity athletes, were chosen to be part of the team due to their dedication to the SHADE program. SHADE, which stands for Sleepy Hollow Academy for Disability Education, pairs up students with special needs with other students at the high

school. Kaczmarek selected Murphy and Burnett because of the work they have done in SHADE and the integral part they play in assisting the pioneer team. Both students are just as eager as Li and Veloz.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime," said Burnett. "I couldn't be happier to be a part of it." Murphy added, saying, "It's a huge honor to be a part of this team."

To bond with the team members from Brewster and to meet other participants in the Games, the four boys and Kaczmarek will spend a week in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. There, they will train with other athletes, and learn more about what to expect next summer.

On Saturday, July 25, 2015, the team will enter the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches in the Opening Ceremony. As they participate in this momentous event, they are sure to feel both the reward of their hard work and also the pride that their school and community have for them.

Resign

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propriately and that neither it nor the letter from his office means the apartment was legal.

"This is an egregious breach of public trust," Wray said. "Evelyn should have recused herself from the vote. Instead she

pushed through a law that directly benefited her."

Stupel said it "never occurred to her" to recuse herself from the vote. "I am a volunteer and have done nothing but try in my term of office to make Sleepy Hollow a better place to live. I intend to continue to do so," she said.

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Back to School Stress Weighs Heavily on Some Students

by Krista Madsen

Tarrytown's Katie Smercak should have been enjoying her summer, learning to drive, reveling in just being 16. Instead she was plodding through her AP required reading list, writing essays, and suffering sleepless nights and daily panic attacks.

A few months ago, Smercak, a straight-A student, found out she had failed her Regents exam in chemistry, potentially downgrading her anticipated highest level diploma status just as she was entering the college-critical 11th grade.

"I haven't slept since," Smercak said. "I'm

grumpy and so emotional. I can't find anything that makes me better. I barely think about school without getting a panic attack. I can't go through this year without sleeping."

Smercak, a super-conscientious student, has always had stress surrounding school. Usually she can "manage" it, she said — simply going for a run can get her back on track. Not this time. She is considering therapy, and so far avoiding the side effect-loaded medication one doctor recommended.

Her mother, Lind Porcelli, with whom she enjoys a strong relationship, has faith her daughter will recover but can't help but wonder "What are we, or the schools, doing to our kids?"

Tarrytown Union Free School District Superintendent Dr. Christopher Clouet said he takes the issue of student stress "very seriously." He doesn't think, however, that any one factor (schools, parents, media, you name it) deserve sole blame when "it's just the state of the world we're in. There's a lot of stress on the planet."

As technological innovations accelerate, so to does the information overload on our children. Kids are painfully aware of issues near and far from school shootings, Ebola, and unrest in the Middle East, to the uncertain state of their future job prospects.

"They are wanting to find their place in

the world — a natural part of development — but now it's a global society. There's the pressure of competing with kids from Shanghai, Mumbai," Clouet said. "The level of anxiety is considerable."

Smercak, known in the community for being a leukemia survivor and a committed volunteer and fundraiser, dreams of bringing sign language education to third world communities but knows practically that won't happen. "It's what do I want to do to get a job and live comfortably, not what's going to make me happy," she said.

Education itself has undergone a similar shift in focus, away from providing the best learning experience toward teaching to the many tests.

"The times when I'm most busy are before those exams," said psychotherapist Gayle Skovron, who practices out of Rye Brook and in an office facing Sleepy Hollow High School. Recently the vast majority of the youth clients she was seeing from Tarrytown were pulling out their hair.

"There's all sorts of stuff coming into my office at very young ages," said Skovron, citing as young as elementary-aged kids suffering from skin picking, eyelash and hair pulling, teeth clenching and grinding, and, like Smercak, insomnia.

The Katonah psychiatric hospital Four Winds added a unit a few years ago for young

kids — as little as age five — who require inpatient care, meaning they are trying to harm themselves or others. "It's crazy," Skovron said. "There was never a need for that before."

The curse word of the moment is "Common Core" but Skovron pointed further back to the No Child Left Behind act of the mid-'90s, when "teachers were no longer allowed to be creative, so pressured to teach to the test. The level of stress kicked in from the start. 'You have to do well on this for me,' the teachers told their students."

Assessment tests begin in third grade, at an unprecedented length of 60 to 90 minutes. This comes at an age, said Skovron, when the mind isn't emotionally equipped to differentiate between a life-or-death test and a quiz or an assessment. "It's all life or death."

While the elementary assessments aren't the primary basis for promotion to the next grade, Clouet said the negative comparing begins immediately. One student will get the highest score (a 4) while the next who gets a fine score of 3 feels terrible.

For the few parents last year who objected and had their kids opt out, administrators tried to make reasonable accommodations for them in the cafeteria or the library and not do the "sit-and-stare approach," Clouet said.

When it comes to the Common Core organization, Clouet said, much of the anxiety — for principals, teachers, parents and students alike — comes from the uncertainty of the unknown. While Clouet noted that the new standards themselves are "reasonable," he admitted the testing leaves room for "further investigation."

Testing in some form has its place, however, Clouet emphasized. "American kids are capable of doing more than we've been asking them to do. Life is full of tests and at the end of the day it's worthwhile to have a sense of where you're at. We test nurses, doctors, lawyers. It's not bad to learn how to test as long as the pressure is on doing your best and not get this score or else."

Last school year, the New York State Department of Education scheduled the high school Regents tests in such a way that some students in the district had to endure two back-to-back tests. Clouet said administrators tried to ease the burden some with snacks and letting kids take a walk between exams.

Snacks and walks or not, the rigorous testing creates an extremely high-pressure situation. Smercak found she couldn't concentrate under the weight of it and suffers now the consequences of having one "off" day in an otherwise stellar education.

"You can't just say 'chill out,'" Skovron said. "In Westchester, you do have to have SAT prep, you do need special tutoring for your kid if they're going to be a tennis star. In order to stay competitive, that's the unfortunate truth or you get knocked out of the game."

On the other hand, noted Skovron, "You have highly functioning kids who can multitask in mind-blowing ways. There's the flip-side of such extremes. Everything is just trying to adjust as we are evolving more quickly than we have time to process."

Her expert advice? Try not to look so far into the future but instead shrink down time to this week, today, this very moment. In other words: stay present.



Psychotherapist Gayle Skovron
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Bridge View Tavern to Celebrate Fifth Anniversary

by Janie Rosman

Steven Maceyak is living the vision he had three decades earlier of bringing quality and affordable food, beverage and service to his guests. The building he bought on Beekman Street in 1980 became Bridgeview Inn for the next 15 years, until General Motors' departure coincided with an opportunity to open another restaurant at the Washington Irving Marina.

Like his father, Chris Maceyak, he had a dream: to reopen the business his family started in then-North Tarrytown. Dreams come true — next month (November 22), his restaurant/pub Bridge View Tavern celebrates its fifth anniversary.

Recently *The Hudson Independent* spoke with the younger Maceyak about his family's business, its history in the village, and living near the Hudson River.

You were the driving force behind opening the tavern in 2009, right?

I always loved the business, and I was excited by the prospect of owning and operating our family business with my dad. My father had a vision that gave me the opportunity, and I was excited by the prospect of owning and operating it with my dad.

What made you want to revamp it and start anew?

We felt there was a void in the market, and we wanted to create a space where our guests could enjoy world class craft beer, homemade traditional pub food with a twist, house smoked barbeque, and our interpretations of popular ethnic dishes, while enjoying phenomenal views of the Tappan Zee Bridge, Hudson River and the majestic Palisades.



Above: Selection of craft beers at Bridge View Tavern; Right: Tavern's iconic logo on exterior plaque



Photo by: Janie Rosman

Our family is fourth-generation North Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow and was excited at the chance to contribute to Sleepy Hollow's business district revitalization. Above all, the opportunity to own and operate a business with the people I love most sealed the deal.

How do you and your family work together?

It's based on love and respect, with a strict division of labor, responsibility and collaboration when necessary. My father gave me the opportunity as a business person. We respect each other and trust each other to make decisions. I'd take a bullet for him and trust him with absolutely everything, and he does the same with me.

What are you doing differently this time business-wise from the former years?

The only significant difference this time around is our passion for craft beer and the multiple options that 18 craft draught lines

provide. Being a craft beer-centric restaurant and tavern enables us to support small breweries that our both local and beyond.

You mentioned the logo on the address plaque and in the stained glass windows separating the bar from the dining area. Will you keep those?

The original branding and logo will always be displayed, as our views of the bridge and the lighthouse are important aspects of diners' enjoyment. We intend to keep them, but I am certain that we will find a way to incorporate the new design once the new bridge is complete.

What happened to the business during the 1990s that made it close?

GM closed, and my dad had an opportunity to open a larger restaurant on the waterfront, so he launched Windows on the Hud-

son at the Washington Irving Marina. We were sad to leave Bridgeview, but with GM's departure, he felt it prudent to change locations. It turned out to be a smart decision.

There's a 55-seat dining room and 30-seat bar area (with picture-window views of the Tappan Zee Bridge), 13 flat screen televisions, a fireplace, and a new kitchen with a smoker for pulled pork, brisket and ribs.

An expanded kitchen includes a smoker and updated equipment, and an extension and renovation kept the layout the same as the original Bridge View. The great thing is that the layout gives our guests the option of enjoying both a tavern and a traditional dining experience under one roof.

How has business been since you reopened? Since the project began?

Business took off from the get-go. We are appreciative of the support we have received from the river town communities and humbled by response we have experienced from the rest of Westchester and Rockland Counties respectively. Volume has been steady, but we've definitely seen an increase in business due to the bridge project.

Now that the tourist season is underway, we hope for additional revenue during the fall, Halloween, and with the villages' special events and promotions. Promoting the village as a tourists' destination has made a significant impact for most small businesses in the area, and we are grateful for the village's efforts.

About the river...

We've spent a good part of the last 25 years doing business on the water, and it's still magnificent every day. It's almost like having a brand new oil painting presented to you every morning, and over the course of the day, that painting changes.

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On Track Sports Owner Purchases Beekman Ave Properties

by Rick Pezullo

Kevin Kaye, owner of On Track Sports in Tarrytown, purchased three vacant buildings at 64, 66 and 68 Beekman Avenue this summer with the assistance of the Sleepy Hollow Downtown Revitalization Corp. (SHDRC).

The parcels have been vacant since April 2008 when a fire destroyed structures that were located there. Sleepy Hollow Trustee Karin Wompa, president of the SHDRC, decided to focus on getting the properties sold and developed after the completion of the façade grant administered by the SHDRC. Wompa enlisted Jack Ritchie of Rand Commercial Realty to market the properties, along with other sites on Beekman Avenue.

Wompa said Kaye was in the process of determining what would work best on the sites and is open to input from village officials and residents. Sleepy Hollow is currently reviewing its downtown area for development opportunities.



(L-R:) Kevin Kaye with Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio, Trustee Karin Wompa.

New Parkland for Tarrytown Dependent Upon Town Board Vote

by Robert Kimmel

At Tarrytown's most southern border lies a pristine, undeveloped parcel of land whose future status has been the subject of a thorny debate taking place within the Town of Greenburgh. The open space consists of 28.7 woody, wetland acres largely within Unincorporated Greenburgh. Its use as public parkland to be maintained by Tarrytown hinged on a scheduled vote earlier this week by the Town Board.

The board's vote was set to authorize the town to accept a one million dollar donation from the Avalon Bay Communities, Inc. and Robert Martin Corporation, as part of a 2009 confidential agreement between that developer and the East Irvington Civic Association. The agreement stipulated that September was the cut-off month for the deal. The Robert Martin Corporation built the nearby Avalon Green with its 444 apartments off of Taxter Road in East Irvington. The developer also had received approval from the Town this past March to build another 68 rental units for Avalon Green.

The developer's donation was narrowly directed, solely toward having the town preserve all of the land, which includes the purchase, for one million dollars, of the acreage along Taxter Ridge Park belonging to the Unification Church, and which also includes two building lots adjacent to the park. The donation stipulated that any

land purchase had to be adjacent to Taxter Ridge Park. Having freed up the entire parcel for parkland, Greenburgh would then turn over the site to Tarrytown, which has agreed in an acceptance letter to Greenburgh officials, to maintain it and open it to the public. The transaction is presumably aimed at maintaining open space and helping to mitigate effects of the Avalon complex.

However, Greenburgh's Town Board apparently had been unaware of the 2009 deal until this summer. "I would like to emphasize that no member of the Town Board or town officials were aware of the agreement between the Avalon Green developers and the East Irvington Civic Association until recently," Town Supervisor Paul Feiner stated. "We were not influenced in any way by their donation since we were not aware of it."

Asked why the agreement had not been made public sooner, Danny Gold, President of the East Irvington Civic Association, said, "The reason the Town was not told in 2009, when the agreement was signed, was because we knew there would be negative reaction from some residents in the Town. There are a limited number of people who find fault with everything the Town does, including a positive action such as the one million dollar donation." Gold went on to say that, "I'm glad that the agreement was not made public until after the approvals for the Avalon Green development were

made by the Town, so there was no undue influence."

Gold added, that, "The Unification Church has agreed to the one million dollar purchase price, " and he noted that a bill of sale was to be made available. While the Town's Ethics Board last month subsequently gave the deal's late disclosure a green light, indicating there was no ethics violation involved, Gold's concern about a "negative reaction" among some people was confirmed soon after the deal was made public.

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—Town Supervisor, Paul Feiner

The agreement drew fire most vociferously from Bob Bernstein, an East Irvington resident who had lost to Feiner in a past election, and has been one of his leading critics. Bernstein questioned the legitimacy of the donation, and suggested it had influenced the Town's original acceptance of requests made by the developer. Also casting doubt on whether the land was worth the one million for which the Town would buy it, he called for an investigation.

Gold's reaction was that the "The one million dollar donation results in open space being preserved in a heavily congested area in Greenburgh and results in reduced development." Gold's group represents about 325 homeowners whose properties are off Taxter Road in Unincorporated Greenburgh.

"It's unbelievable to me and most residents of Greenburgh that such a positive action results in controversy," he said.

However, among those who sought more information about the contract between the developer and the East Irvington Civic Association was Town Councilman Francis Sheehan who, like Feiner, asked for the Ethics Board's opinion about the deal. Sheehan indicated he was pursuing answers for the full Town Board. In contrast to Feiner's letter to the board, Sheehan posed many broader questions, including whether Greenburgh's giving the parcel to Tarrytown free, after receiving the donation, was benefiting the Town as required in such transactions.

Following the Ethics Board's ruling, and prior to this week's vote, Sheehan said he was studying the Ethics Board ruling, and seeking more documentation that relates to the 2009 agreement.

If the board approves the entire deal in this week's vote, Tarrytown will have new parkland along its southern border adjacent to Taxter Ridge Park with connecting trails and easier access.

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Eerie Silence Greets Police at Halloween Pirate Gathering

by Morey Storck

The calls came in about 4 o'clock, Thursday morning, October 31, so the weird story went. Dozens of police cars were dispatched to the Tarrytown waterfront from villages along the Hudson. The morning light had turned an eerie, ghostly gray. The clamor was deafening, but strangely, it hadn't reached far. There were no arrests, because no one could be found who was causing the disturbance.

Stranger yet, the rakish laughter and swordplay banter also stopped abruptly just before dawn. This was, after all, the 201st annual Halloween meeting of the World Pirate Conference. Spirits had run deep, accusations had run deeper, but actual facts barely layered the surface. Just the mention of Captain William Kidd was enough to evoke a roar of condemnation or a celebratory hoisting of rum.

The discussion focused on the year 1699. The subject was buried treasure. The place was, as Washington Irving describes it: "In the bosom of one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson, at the broad expansion of the river... there lies a small market town or rural port which by some is called Greenburgh, but which is more generally and properly known by the name of Tarry Town."

The overriding question for this ethereal conference was whether or not William Kidd buried his treasure there, at the foot

of Church Street, near the Hudson River shore, between Losee Park and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Or was the bulk of his promised bounty buried somewhere else, perhaps on Gardiner Island, Shelter Island or another island north from there? And, was the notorious Captain even a pirate at all, but rather a luckless privateer, commissioned by the King of England to sail against the French?

The first records of Kidd's adult life date from 1689, when he was a member of a French-English pirate crew that sailed the Caribbean. The crew later mutinied and sailed to the British colony of Nevis. Kidd, now commissioned Captain William Kidd, renamed the ship *Blessed William*, after King William III, and became part of a small fleet assembled to defend Nevis from the French. Kidd and his crew were to be paid with seized French loot. That worked some of the time, and some of the time not so much.

An early example of this was a joint attack on the French off the small Caribbean island of Marie-Galante in coordination with the Royal Navy. From that raid, Captain Kidd was able to stow (in today's terms) 2000 euros worth of booty in his hold. However, the next set of plans called for *The Blessed William* to join another squadron and engage the French in a sea-battle. That did not sit well with Kidd's crew. Privateering, with its promise of gold, silver, silks and jewels provided riches in hand. Very little was paid

for a sinking ship. The angry crew, promptly stole Kidd's ship with the 2000 euros in the hold.

In 1691, Kidd married the twice-widowed Sarah Bradley Cox Oort, an English woman still in her early 20s. After Kidd's death she married again, while continuing to attend each World Halloween Pirate Conference, always heatedly defending her former husband.

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And, so it went for the next several years, sometimes the pirate, sometimes the privateer, but never enough of one or the other to be recognized as an acknowledged swash-buckler of the seas. But, in 1698, Captain William Kidd finally got his big reward. In heavy seas off the Indian coast, Kidd's *Adventure Galley* captured the *Quedagh Merchant*, a 500-ton Armenian merchant ship laden with precious jewels and metals, lustrous silks, sugar and guns. The big question for Kidd: to be the pirate or the privateer. To appease his crew, Kidd kept

the ship and the loot. When that news reached England, Kidd was immediately branded a pirate. However, with that loyal remnant of his crew, plus stealth and skill, he escaped to the Caribbean aboard the re-named *Quedagh Merchant*, the *Adventure Prize*. There he cached the Prize in favor of a swifter sloop.

Kidd returned to New York a wanted man. He remained in hiding until betrayed by nervous associates who felt guilt by association was enough to put their lives and fortunes in jeopardy. He was lured into Boston by the promise of clemency and on July 6, 1699 was arrested and placed in Stone Prison. A year later, Captain Kidd was tried in England for piracy and murder and found guilty on all counts. He was hanged, twice, on May 23, 1701. On the first try, the rope broke. There are stories surrounding the second try. A body was left to hang in an iron cage over the River Thames as a warning to future would-be pirates.

But what of the treasure, the booty, the loot? Flesh is cheap, but gold, silver and precious jewels are forever. Was the bulk of the treasure buried and later uncovered on Gardiner's Island, or is it still planted somewhere in the surrounding area of Oyster Bay, or Shelter Island, or just maybe at the foot of Church Street in the bosom of one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson River? We'll just have to wait for the next Halloween World Pirate Conference.

Inquiring Photographer

by Alexa Brandenburg

"What do you like or dislike most about Halloween?"



Anne Rosenthal, 71
Tarrytown

"What I like most is that adults, as well as children, can become a different person for a day."



Athena Bing He, 45
Tarrytown

"I have to buy so many candies for the store. It's unbelievable how many kids come by, and they look so cool."



Darrell Reimer, 41
Tarrytown

"I don't like dressing up but I like the kids' candy."



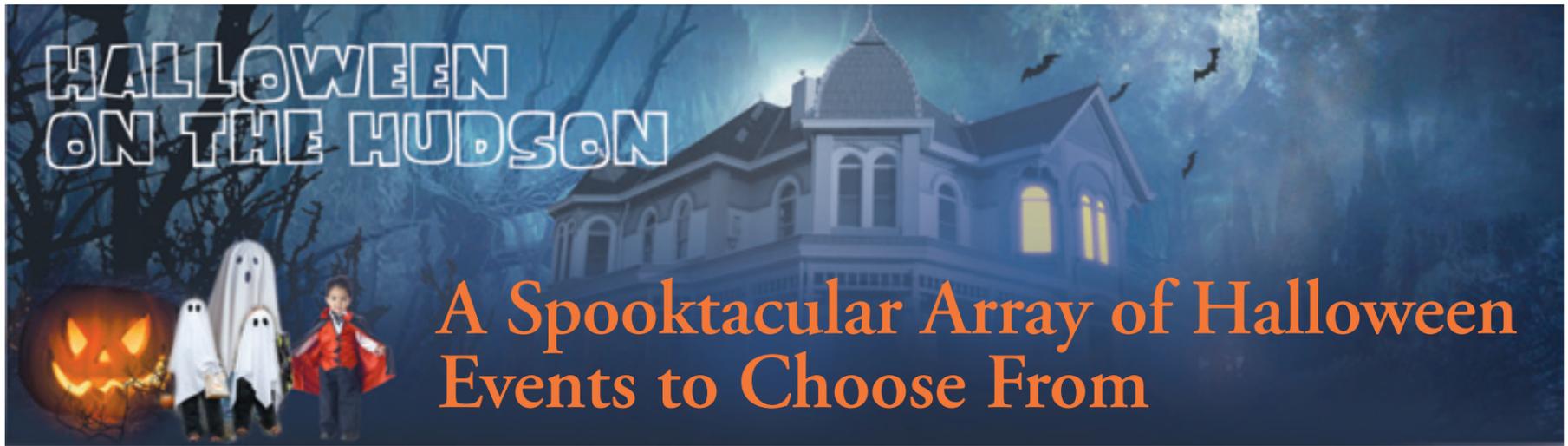
Dario Hammond, 11
Tarrytown

"The only thing I don't like is that after 10 o'clock it's over and when I knock on doors people say, 'Go Away!'"



Jhoana Segarra, 32
Tarrytown

"What I like most is the outfits, and what I dislike most is the mischief."



by Rick Pezullo

There is no shortage of ghoulish and ghostly events scheduled this Halloween season for residents and visitors to enjoy in the immediate area. The thrilling lineup includes:

Horseman's Hollow

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this 13-night interactive haunted attraction at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow was inspired by Washington Irving's macabre tale *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Recommended for ages 10 and up, the hair-raising show features professional actors and state-of-the-art special effects. Dates are October 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and November 1. Tickets are \$20 (\$25 on Saturdays). Admission by advance purchase timed ticket. www.hudsonvalley.org.

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze



More than 100,000 visitors last year marveled at the more than 5,000 illuminated, individually carved Jack O'Lanterns at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson. A new creation this year is a life-size pumpkin version of the Headless Horseman and a giant cake in celebration of the event's 10th anniversary. Spooky music plays throughout the wooded walkways, orchards and gar-

dens. Dates are October 4-5, 10-13, 16-19, 23-31; November 1-2, 6-9, 14-16. Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$25 on Saturdays), \$16 for children 3-17 (\$20 on Saturdays). Admission by advance purchase timed ticket. www.hudsonvalley.org.

Irving's 'Legend'

Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk offers a dramatic storytelling of Washington Irving's classic tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, featuring the Headless Horseman, Ichabod Crane, Brom Bones, and Katrina Van Tassel, flavored with live scary music by Jim Keyes in the historic, candlelit setting of the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow. Performances last about 45 minutes. Dates are October 4-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and November 1. There are three performances each evening and seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for children un-

der 18. www.hudsonvalley.org.

Dinner With the Dead

Monday, October 27 at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. The Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, celebrating its 165th anniversary, and The Historical Society, celebrating its 125th anniversary serving Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, team up to bring a decidedly un-haunted event featuring a delicious dinner by the bite, sharing in the company of several special guests who have left their "final" resting place to join guests for an evening of revelry. visit www.dinnerwiththedead.org.

Scarecrow Invasion

October 10-31. Daily, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lyndhurst. Walk among hundreds of scarecrows representing characters from the past, present and future created by local elementary and intermediate students.

13th Annual Village of Tarrytown Halloween Parade
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GRISLY KIDS
 The Riedel Dance Theater and Pace Conservatory of Dance unveils tails from the crypt, inspired by stories of Stephen King, graphic novels by Neil Gaiman and t.v. shows by Joss Whedon with something twisted and delightful for all ages: sparring twins, a picnic of doom, a corps de ballet of menacing tweens, and more!
 TICKETS & INFO: www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org

THE CALL OF CTHULHU
 Actor/Storyteller David Neilsen brings H. P. Lovecraft's mind-bending tale of forbidden knowledge and cosmic horrors to life in this one-man show of madness and terror. Will you dare to answer the Call? Sanity not included. Or guaranteed.
 TICKETS & INFO: www.neilsenparty.com/cthulhu.html



October 1 - 31

SLEEPY HOLLOW CEMETERY: Free maps for a self-guided tour to eight major gravesites, including Washington Irving's, are available at the cemetery office or at the south gate, adjacent to the Old Dutch Church. The cemetery gates are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stone rubbing is not permitted.

WASHINGTON IRVING & THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW TOURS: Trace the footsteps of Ichabod Crane and learn more about Mr. Irving every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Reservations required. E-mail tours@sleepyhollowcemetery.org or visit www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org. Also Oct. 27-31 at 2 p.m. & Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.

LANTERN TOURS: Visit the tombs of Washington Irving, a Revolutionary War general, industrialists Andrew Carnegie and William Rockefeller and others during this popular two-hour tour at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on various evenings throughout the month. Reservations required. E-mail tours@sleepyhollowcemetery.org or visit www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org.

"THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UNUSUAL" THEMED TOURS: Saturdays and some Fridays at 7 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Reservations required. E-mail tours@sleepyhollowcemetery.org or visit www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org.

"MURDER & MAYHEM" THEMED TOURS: Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Halloween night at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Reservations required. E-mail tours@sleepyhollowcemetery.org or visit www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org.

OLD DUTCH CHURCH AND BURYING GROUNDS: On weekend afternoons from noon to 3 p.m. take a one-hour guided tour of the church and churchyard and visit the final resting places of Dutch settlers some of whom were the inspiration for the fictional characters in Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." A self-guided iPad tour is also available. Stone rubbing is not permitted. Call 631-4497 or visit www.odcfriends.com.

DAYTIME HALLOWEEN-THEMED MANSION TOURS: From noon to 5 p.m. Thurs. and Mon. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri. - Sun. visitors learn about how Halloween customs developed in Victorian times and view special objects at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Call 631-4481 or visit www.lyndhurst.org.

October 4-5

GREAT JACK O' LANTERN BLAZE: This Halloween event features more than 5,000 individually hand-carved, illuminated pumpkins. Discover a breathtaking display of gourd-filled Jack-in-the-Boxes, shrunken Little Monsters, a giant sea serpent and more at Van Cortlandt Manor, Croton-on-Hudson. Times vary by evening. Advanced tickets a must. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org. Also Oct. 10-13, 16-19, 23-31; Nov. 1-2, 6-9.

HORSEMAN'S HOLLOW: Walk the haunted trail, stumbling upon scary scenes of a town driven mad by the Headless Horseman, and then negotiate the Horseman's Lair where a party is being thrown in his honor and heads will roll at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. Advance tickets required. Times vary by evening. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org. Also Oct. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 & Nov. 1.

IRVING'S 'LEGEND': Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk offers a dramatic performance of Washing-

ton Irving's classic tale, flavored with spooky organ music by Jim Keyes, in the Old Dutch Church in Sleepy Hollow on the hour from 5 through 8 p.m. Advance tickets required. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org. Also Oct. 10-12, 17-19, 24-2, 31 & Nov. 1.

THE LEGEND BEHIND THE 'LEGEND': From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. listen to ghost stories, hear live musicians, be awed by a bevy of magicians, puppeteers and a spooky mime scarecrow plus other kid-friendly Halloween activities at Sunnyside in Tarrytown. Call 631-8200 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org. Also Oct. 11-13, 18-19, 25-26, 31 & Nov. 1.

October 7 - 28

"MONSTERS ON MAIN STREET": See five classic horror films at 7 p.m. on selected Tuesdays and Sundays at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 631-3390 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

October 8

CRAFTERNOONS: At 3:45 p.m. children 8-12 create Halloween luminaries to brighten up October nights at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

LEGENDS OF THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW: A special Halloween presentation at 7 p.m. by Jonathan Kruk at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

CALLING OF SPIRITS: The ghost whisperer James Van Praagh performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

October 10-12

HARMLESS HALLOWEEN HORRORS: At 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. enjoy Halloween tales fit for your youngest family members at Hudson Valley Writers' Center in Sleepy Hollow. Call 332-5953 or visit www.writerscenter.org. Also Oct. 17-19, 24-26, 31 & Nov. 1.

October 11-31

SCARECROW INVASION: From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, walk among some 400 scarecrows created by local elementary, middle and high school students at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Call 631-4481 or visit www.lyndhurst.org.

October 11

SCARECROW MAKING: 10:30 a.m. at Patriot's Park in Tarrytown. Just bring old clothes to stuff your scarecrow and string to tie it together; the Recreation Dept. will provide frames and straw. Call 631-8347 or visit www.tarrytowngov.com.

October 12

FALL FESTIVAL: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy scarecrow building, pumpkin carving or painting, cider making and much more at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

October 14

STORIES AND CRAFTS WITH KEVIN: At 4 p.m. children ages 4-8 make candy coffins to hold their Halloween treats at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

October 15

WINDOW PAINTING: From 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. children in grades 2 to 5 are invited to paint

Halloween windows on Broadway in Tarrytown, starting at the CVS store. To register call the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce at 631-1705.

October 16

AFTER DARK CABARET: At 9 p.m. RAW presents a series of spooky, macabre, comedic performances at the River Grill Rooftop Bar in Sleepy Hollow. Seating limited. Purchase tickets at www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org.

October 17 - November 2

"JAY GHOUL'S HOUSE OF CURIOSITIES": From 6 p.m. visitors will be guided through the eerily lit and decorated mansion by a staff of spooky servants and meet a strange family at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. Closing hours vary. Call 631-4481 or visit www.lyndhurst.org. Also Oct. 25-27, 31 & Nov. 1-3.

October 17

HAPPY THIRD FRIDAY HALLOWEEN: From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Halloween spirit is glowing in Tarrytown. Come to Main St. & S. Washington to celebrate. Call 631-8347 or visit www.tarrytown-thirdfriday.com.

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October 18-19

OLD DUTCH FEST: From noon to 5 p.m. enjoy bratwurst, apple cider or pumpkin ale on the Headless Horseman Picnic Grounds, explore the legendary Burying Ground and church at the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow. Call 631-4497 or visit www.reformedchurchtarrytowns.org. Also Oct. 25-26, 31 & Nov. 1.

October 18

SLEEPY HOLLOW HALLOWEEN 10K RUN: Leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the Morse School, Pocantico St., the course takes you through Historic Sleepy Hollow's treasured sights. Costumes encouraged. There will be music and kids' activities. Proceeds will benefit the RTR Outreach Fund. Call 773-209-7789 or visit www.rivertownrunners.org.

HALLOWEEN TALES FOR TOTS TO TWEENS: At 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. April Armstrong tells stories in the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow. Visit www.reformedchurchtarrytowns.org. Also Oct. 25 & Nov. 1.

RAG-A-MUFFIN PARADE: The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Patriot's Park in Tarrytown, travels south on Broadway and then proceeds to the Main Street Firehouse where the party begins, featuring an exciting DJ as well as refreshments. Call 631-8347 or visit www.tarrytowngov.com.

HARVEST HAYRIDE/HAUNTED HAYRIDE: Starting at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively in Mathiessen Park in Irvington. Bring the whole family and enjoy music by the Nashville Drive Modern Country Band, horse and wagon rides and refreshments. Last ride at 8:30 p.m. Call 591-7736 or e-mail mdepaoli@irvingtonny.gov.

October 20

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFTS: At 7 p.m. make last-minute Halloween masks with Karen Ringen at

the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

"THE HISTORICALLY ANNOTATED LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW": At 7 p.m. Village Historian Henry Steiner speaks about his book at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

October 21

TEEN HALLOWEEN CRAFTING: With Phyllis Ger at 3:30 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

October 24

CHILDREN'S DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREATING: From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. including a Halloween party at Morse School in Sleepy Hollow. Visit www.sleepyhollowny.gov.

BLOCK PARTY: From 7 to 11 p.m. on Beekman Ave. in Sleepy Hollow. Activities include music, bouncy castles and refreshments. Visit www.sleepyhollowny.gov. Also Oct. 25.

"NEVERMORE": A visually stunning circus-theater adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" at 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. at Horan's Landing in Sleepy Hollow. For tickets visit www.westchestercircusarts.com. Also Oct. 26 at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

HAUNTED HAY RIDE: It leaves from the Village Hall at 28 Beekman Ave. between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., goes through the historically celebrated Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to Douglas Park, where scary things will happen, and returns to Beekman Ave. Call 366-5100 or visit www.sleepyhollowny.gov. Also Oct. 25.

October 25

THE GRISLY KIDS: An All-Hallows Dance Revue: Presented by the Riedel Dance Theater at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for ages 6 and up at Horan's Landing in Sleepy Hollow. Purchase tickets at www.rivertownartistsworkshop.org.

GHOST LEAF PAPER LANTERNS: At 1 p.m. celebrate the spirit of Halloween by creating ghost scenes from fall leaves and flowers at RiverWalk Center in Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit www.teatown.org.

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October 26

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Food for Thought

Fall Bounty in Our Local Fall Farmers Markets

by Linda Viertel

October is harvest time for our Hudson Valley farmers, who are bringing their produce, cider, dairy products, meats and poultry to our farmers markets in great profusion. There is no better season to shop locally. After months of planting, hoeing, weeding, feeding cattle and chickens, and pruning fruit trees, our farmers are providing us with a panoply of fall bounty that should not be missed. Luckily for our river towns, we have three markets to choose from, each providing an array of baked goods, fresh seafood, spices and charcuterie in addition to home-grown, farm-raised items.

Irvington's Wednesday farmers market features not only prepared foods such as Dough Nation's wood-fired pizza, prepared to order, Talim Felafel Shack's artisanal hummus in a variety of flavors, and True Food's organic salsa and salads, but also fresh produce from several fine growers whose stunning vegetable arrangements overwhelm. Obercreek Farms offers micro-greens, lettuces, Asian mixes, plus kale, radishes, chard, the season's last cherry and heirloom tomatoes and so much more. Obercreek's organic produce packs a taste wallop not to be forgotten. Nancy MacNamara's Honey Locust Farm House raspberries sell out almost immediately (so don't miss them), as do her, peppers and

home-made ice tea. Shoppers can dine at the market or take home Indian food from Chutney Masala or Calcutta Kitchen, Rockland Roots' strawberry shortcake, or delicately smoked saucisson (sausage) from Larchmont Charcuterie, made without any chemical additives and smoked in the traditional French manner. Live music delights as customers stroll from vendor to vendor.

Tarrytown's Saturday market has hit a home run by bringing in Fishkill Farms, whose certified Eco-apples, beautiful produce filled with taste and texture, and Good Eggs – taste like no eggs you have ever sampled before. Mead Orchards' cider is as welcome as ever, along with a large variety of squashes, and fall fruits. Pura Vida Fish and Bread Alone are back, staffed by Down to Earth Markets, so customers can still purchase the freshest seafood and bread – giving Tarrytown's market much-needed shopping variety.

Freedom Craft's 100% hand-made beer and Tuthilltown Spirits Farm Distillery's artisanally crafted bourbons and whiskey's add a new and popular dimension. They'll be at the market on October 11 and November 8. And Brookside Farm brings in grass-fed pasture-raised meats plus delicious eggs from free-range hens. A variety of tasty baked goods from Nana's Kitchen and Meredith's Country Bakery provide a morning snack or dessert treat to bring home.

The Phelps Thursday Farmers market's rotating vendors have been complemented by the healthful and delicious additions of Soha Yogurt (try the "Everything Bagel" topping to go with), Talim's Felafel Shack, Mrs. D's Mediterranean Delights and Wave Hill Breads – voted best in Connecticut. Other vendors may include the Penny Lick Ice Cream Cart for a market treat while you are shopping, Clean Ridge Soap, the Samosa Shack and Honey Locust Farm House. Phelps Hospital believes in providing fresh, whole foods, healthy snacks and dietary information for its staff, visitors, patients and nearby residents – a welcome addition to our river towns farmers market scene.

All these markets bring our residents the best seasonal vegetables and fruits in our region. Fall is the time to enjoy squashes, root vegetables, apples and pears, home-made cider, broccolis and bok choy, kale and carrots. As the cool weather arrives, starches turn to sugar, and those of us who shop at farmers market get to taste the difference. Many other vendors are available at these three local markets, so take the time to see for yourself, chat with your local farmers and friends, listen to the music, and take in true community spirit while supporting local farms. As the weather turns cooler and the leaves begin to change, there's no better time of the year to enjoy our farmers markets.



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Sleepy Hollow Football Team Starts Season 2-1

by Kevin Brown

The Sleepy Hollow Headless Horseman fell to 2-1 after a tough loss against Section 1 foe Rye 38-21 in a hard fought battle at home. The two highly rated teams entered the game 2-0 with both having expectations of going undefeated for the season.

The Hollow Horsemen had good reason for high expectations. The season opened on the road against longtime rival, the Ossining Pride. Sleepy held up their end of the tradition by battering their opponent, 55-27; the third straight year that SHHS came out on the winning end.

The way in which the Horsemen won, had Westchester football fans abuzz and put Section 1 opponents on notice. Hollow played a nearly flawless game sporting a strong running game, a creative passing game, stellar special teams play and dominance at the line of scrimmage. Joey Good, Senior Quarterback and Co-Captain, put in a masterful performance going 14 of 22 for 203 yards. But it was his command on the field that was a pleasure to watch for the Hollow faithful. Mixing in ball fakes, run fakes, and misdirection, Good sprayed the ball all over the field especially to favorite target Daniel Chevere, who had seven catches for 118 yards and two TDs. Hollow fans cheered on new kicker Matt Darazio, who made five of six extra points in his debut, and Jr. starter Wendell Brand, who notched three interceptions in his first game as starting cornerback.

Week 2, Hollow hosted Nyack in the pouring rain in Sleepy's pre-turf mud pit. It was impossible to show off speed for

either team and efforts to throw the ball were relatively futile. Simply holding on to the ball was challenging so it turned into a game of smash mouth football with neither team yielding big plays. The Horsemen prevailed 18-14, winning a game with their defense for the first time in recent memory. The front four shut down Nyack's vaunted running game and the linebackers swarmed to the ball doing a masterful job of gang-tackling. The game was won on a crafty play call by Coach Steve Borys in which Good handed the ball to Chevere on an end-around but he pulled up and tossed a beautiful pass for a touchdown and a lead that they never relinquished.

Hopes were extremely high in Week 3 against the pre-season #1 pick Rye. Mike Fortugno, Jonathan Gomez and Ariel DeJesus have been solid and productive in the running game. Good-to-Chevere has become one the most dangerous combinations in the Section. The defense has been stout and disciplined and special teams play was at a very high level.

Sleepy opened the game by driving the length of the field and taking a 7-0 lead followed by a three-and-out for the D. Then the mistakes crept in. Sleepy botched a snap on a punt and gave Rye the ball on the 15-yard line which they quickly converted to seven points.

Brown University-bound QB Andrew Livingston and receiver Tim DeGraw from Rye had been the top tandem in Section 1 play last season but had been quiet through Rye's first two wins. Hollow was



Photo by: Julie Larsen Maher

Quarterback Joey Good has led the Horsemen to a promising start.

doing a decent job stopping the run, so Rye decided to take to the air. That was not good news for Hollow fans as the two connected on a 56-yard and a 72-yard touchdown over the next two quarters.

With 26 seconds in the first half left, Sleepy marched 80 yards and scored on a Good to Mike Morales 15-yard touchdown toss to take the halftime lead 21-17.

The second half was all Rye. Rolling double coverage onto wide receiver Daniel Chevere seemed to baffle the Horsemen. With all receivers covered, Rye blitzed repeatedly, breaking down the line of scrimmage. Good spent the half scrambling looking for somewhere to throw. Rye scrambled out of the Hollow with a 38-21 win. "We just have to stay focused and take it week-by-week. It's a long season and we expect to make a deep run in the play-offs. I have complete confidence in our guys to stay focused and compete every day in practice," Good said, showing that he had understood the importance of shaking the game off quickly.

Senior leadership is a hallmark of this Sleepy Hollow team with eight seniors who have played together for years all being named co-captains. "This game result will help us the rest of the way. We know where we have to work even harder to strengthen our team's play, Chevere told me. "We learned a lot from that disappointing loss. It will definitely help us improve for the rest of the season, Felipe Valdez-Munoz echoed.

Please check the www.thehudsonindependent.com for results of the Hen Hud road game played after press deadline.

Sleepy Hollow JV Squad off to a 2-2 Start

The future of Sleepy football has gotten off to a mixed start under Coach James Yancy. Isaac Newland debuted as QB and smacked rival Ossining 42-14. The team followed up the big victory with a tough 16-15 loss to Nyack. Rebounding, the JV squad pummeled Ardsley 38-14. The

Sleepy Hollow High School Football Schedule

10/2 vs Harrison at Harrison High School

10/11 vs Lakeland High 3 p.m. Homecoming Game at Sleepy Hollow

10/17 vs Panas 7 p.m. at Walter Panas High School

fourth game was a tough one as Newland dislocated his shoulder and Rye dominated. 47-12. Sean McCarthy will take over as JV QB going forward.

Wolfpack Football off and Running

Wolfpack Flag Red opened with a 21-21 tie against Ardsley followed with a 21-0 win over North Yonkers. Wolfpack moved to 3-0 with a 28-0 win over Valhalla.

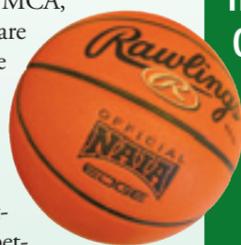
Wolfpack Flag Black: Opened with a 14-7 win over Ossining and then held tough to beat Dobbs Ferry 28-21. Wolfpack beat Armonk 28-21 in Game 3 to also go to 3-0.

Wolfpack 3rd & 4th opened with a 12-0 loss to Valhalla and then lost to Westlake 13-6 in a hard fought battle.

Wolfpack 5th & 6th opened with a 25-0 win over Ossining followed by a 37-22 win over Dobbs Ferry. In game 3, Wolfpack dominated Westlake 30-14. Ben Good, Harrison Halesworth, Dylan Nelson, James Welch, Jake Zednik and Kevin Sullivan all showed that the future of Sleepy Hollow Football is bright indeed.

Tri-County Basketball League Tryouts, Sign Ups Scheduled

The Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Rec Departments, The YMCA, and TNT Basketball are pleased to announce that Tri-County Basketball will be back this season with up to six youth travel teams. The Tri-County Basketball League offers competitive basketball teams for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Players selected for these teams will play against youth from Westchester towns and neighboring counties. If you live in Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow or Pocantico, or live within the school district, you are eligible to try out and must attend the grade appropriate try-out time. If you cannot make the try-outs below, please email Todd Smith at toddsmith914@gmail.com.



Tryout Date:
October 11, 2014

Tryout Location:
Washington Irving School

5th Grade Boys	8:30-10 a.m.
6th Grade Boys	10-11:30 a.m.
5th/6th Grade Girls	10-11:30 a.m.
7th Grade Boys	11:30-1 p.m.
8th Grade Boys	1-2:30 p.m.
7th/8th Grade Girls	11:30-1 p.m.



Local WWII Vets Honored by Trips to D.C. Memorial Sites

by Robert Kimmel

Among a group of World War II veterans heading to Washington D.C. this month for special tributes are three long-time residents of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. The three will be leaving Westchester Airport, October 18 for the nation's capital, as part of a regional, eight county group participating in the sixth Hudson Valley Honor Flight.

The Hudson Valley organization sponsoring the event is a chapter of the Honor Flight Network, which, "...recognizes American veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington to see their memorials at no cost." The veterans will also be celebrated at a "Meet and Greet" gathering at Westchester Community College on October 5.

Senior of the trio on this month's Honor Flight is Armando "Chick" Galella, 93, born in what was then North Tarrytown, and well known for his various services to the community. Galella was in the Army Signal Corp at Hickam Field in Hawaii when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He went on from there to engage in the battle for Okinawa, and saw service in Saipan. When he ended his five years in the Army, Galella had achieved the rank of Battalion Sergeant Major. He also had won a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in a combat zone.

The trip to Washington with his fellow veterans will bring back memories, Galella said, but added that, "I don't know how many of our Pearl Harbor survivors will be there, because I don't think that there are too many of us left." He added that he was "proud to serve my country," and that he had "great respect" for those who had volunteered to serve. He was 17 when he enlisted.

Galella's volunteering did not stop with his military service. He was a volunteer fireman for decades and had become Fire Chief in Sleepy Hollow. He was a Village Trustee and Deputy Mayor. More recently he was given an honorary title of Fire Commissioner. "I think you have to give back what God gives you," Galella said. "I think I have a purpose in life, to help other people."

Above: Armando "Chick" Galella during a Veterans Day ceremony in Tarrytown.

Photo by: Sunny Mclean

"I am absolutely looking forward to it," said John Raniolo of the Honor Flight to Washington on which he will also be traveling. Born on Cordlandt Street in then North Tarrytown, he enlisted in the Navy and saw action with the 7th Fleet.

"I didn't leave the town until I was 17," he said, "and couldn't wait until I could get into the service." His ship was in the Battle of Okinawa and he took part in river patrols in the vicinity of Shanghai, China. He will be 88 this month, and said he had visited many of the Washington sites, but still eagerly anticipates the trip, on which he will accompany by one of his three sons, Dr. Robert John Raniolo, a surgeon in Sleepy Hollow.

"I love this country," Raniolo said in recounting his service time and the years that followed. He said his parents were immigrants, and "we were poor, but I have done so well."

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—"Chick" Galella

The third local veteran on the trip, Robert Conco, also served in the Navy, enlisting, "as many of the young fellows in my neighborhood did, and I followed suit," he said. During the war, Conco served in the Navy in the South Pacific, as his ship took place in a number of island battles. He described the Honor Flights as "a very nice gesture." He has called Tarrytown home for more than 40 years, and has been a local commander of the American Legion and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This month's departure from Westchester Airport is the first from that facility and the sixth for the Hudson Valley's organization. "We are looking forward to providing a flight closer to home for our Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and southern Connecticut veterans," explained Becky Boone, the organization's Executive Director.

Veterans on previous flights have described the trip as "unbelievable," particularly in regard to the receptions they have received by enthusiastic crowds at the airports and departure routes.

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Local Residents Showcase Talents at Bridge Art Shows

by Janie Rosman

Several Westchester artists were featured at the September 5 opening of the Bridge Art Show in Nyack. Tarrytown residents Bill and Mary Murphy were standing near the back of the room when the presentation began. “We got there at about 6:30 p.m., and it was mobbed,” Bill Murphy said. “And then I heard my name.”

Given the huge turnout at the grand opening for “Bridging the Waters,” the 2014 New NY Bridge Art Show at Nyack Outreach Center, they thought it best to stay where they were instead of making their way through the crowd.

Murphy earned Best of Show for his acrylic on muslin entry “Farewell Old Tappan Zee Bridge,” painted from a picture he took last winter, and bordered by Tarrytown’s Heritage Frame & Picture Company, Inc.

“Acrylics dry almost immediately,” he said, noting that, while it took a few days to paint, he spent more time depicting the water, which is frozen ice. “I also have photographs from when we lived in Irvington, which is a different view.”

As a former scenic artist for movies, television and Broadway, Murphy had the chance to work in a variety of mediums that included, paintings, illustrations, and signage. Since painting and drawing came naturally throughout childhood, “I kept pursuing it,” he said.

One day he would be painting a 40 x 200 foot cyclorama (for the 1994 film *Baby’s Day Out*), and on another day he would be painting lettering on a window for the movie, *The Producers*.

Plus, he said, retirement now affords him more time to do what he loves most: paint.

“As you can tell, the quality of the art work is truly incredible, and it was difficult to choose because there was so much talent on display both in Tarrytown and in our Nyack Community Outreach Centers,” New NY Bridge special project advisor Brian Conybear said. Designed as a way for art to bridge the river and bring the two communities together, the show “has worked better than we could have imagined.”

Special thanks went to ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam, Rockland Center for the Arts (RoCA) board member and Visual



Photo by: Janie Rosman

Tarrytown resident Bill Murphy won Best of Show for his painting of current bridge.

Quality Panel member Rob Fellows, and Naomi Vladeck of Rivertown Artists Workshop, Ken Burns of the Nyack Art Collective, and Rockland Center for the Arts Executive Director Julie Ramos.

Conybear credited Public Outreach Administrator Andy O’Rourke for being the shows’ driving force, as well as Visual Quality Manger Heather Sporn, and gallery owner Lawrence Hultberg. “They worked tirelessly to mount this entire show,” O’Rourke said. “I can’t tell you how much work went into it, but each piece was placed with love and care and a lot of thought.”

Very special thanks went to Community Outreach Team members George Paschalis, Dan Marcy, Dan Garcia and Masis Par-seghian.

Tarrytown resident Dhiru Gajjar’s gel pen and color pencil drawing “Earth Love the New NY Bridge” — detailing the project site, construction workers, river, and Rockland shoreline — tied for Runner-up with “Imagination’s Journey,” created from a 1932 edition of *Roddy’s Complete Geography* by Pennsylvania artist Jodi Harvey-Brown.

“I’m retired two and one-half years and have been doing art from childhood,” the Indian native said. “My mother and father were cabinetmakers and didn’t attend school, yet they put me through school and educated me.”

A chemistry and biology major, Gajjar sat in the back of his class drawing when he didn’t like the subject. While he apprenticed for his father after graduation, he said, “My

heart does art. My father told me to use my heart in whatever I do. Learning to draw is by (my) heart and (my) brain combined.”

His enthusiasm soared when he heard about the bridge art show, albeit four days before the deadline for entries. “I was crossing the bridge on a Bee-Line Bus on July 27, and I got the idea what to do,” he said. “But, I could not focus, and the next day passed. On the morning of July 29th, I got an idea at 3 a.m. and couldn’t sleep.”

One hour later, he said, after sketching, “It all came to me,” and by late afternoon on July 31, he made the deadline and came in Runner-up.

Recognized on September 12, at the Tarrytown Outreach Center, were Rockland artists Heather Leigh Douglas (Best of Show for her mixed media encaustic painting “On the Road to Extinction”), Jamey Jackson (First Runner-up for Bridge Builders,” his acrylic painting of four construction workers), and Adam Glickman (Second Runner-up for his black-and-white photograph “View from Piermont”).

“The talent was truly impressive in all the pieces,” Visual Quality Panel member David Aukland said. “More powerful was the range of insights and interpretations for the single topic of our bridge.”

The show continues through October 31 at the Outreach Centers, 142 Main St., Nyack, and 2 N. Broadway, Tarrytown. Both are open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Evening with Anne Frank’s Step-Sister Scheduled

by Alexander H. Roberts

Anne Frank, whose famous diary is recognized as one of the most poignant accounts of the Holocaust in World War II, and Eva Schloss were childhood classmates. Both ended up at Auschwitz concentration camp. While Miss Frank perished, Mrs. Schloss survived. The two became inextricably linked when Frank’s father married Schloss’s mother after the two lost their respective spouses at Auschwitz.

On Tuesday, October 28, Mrs. Schloss will share her experiences as the childhood friend and step-sister of Frank, including accounts of the publishing of Anne’s famed diary. The presentation will take place at the Double Tree in Tarrytown at 7:30 p.m. and will be suitable for teenagers. Families of all faiths are invited to attend. Holocaust survivors from all over Westchester have been invited and will be recognized in what is expected to be one of the largest events of its kind and most significant, as the passage of time claims the remaining witnesses to the attempted genocide of Europe’s Jews.

The Westchester Jewish Council has joined with Chabad Houses of Westchester as sponsors of the event. Tickets are available at: www.chabadrt.org.

In 1938, Germany invaded Austria, causing many Jewish families to flee Austria to avoid persecution. Among the emigrants was eight-year old Eva Geiringer, who with her mother, brother, and father

moved first to Belgium and then to Holland, where one of her neighbors was a German Jewish girl of the same age.

The two girls became friends and playmates (though, as Eva would say many years later, the girl was “much more grown-up and mature than me”). They passed the time by skipping, playing hopscotch and marbles, and drinking lemonade that the girl’s mother prepared.

Ultimately, both girls and their families were deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Later they would become step-sisters.

Eva survived her concentration camp experience and made her way to England, where she married Zvi Schloss and raised three daughters. She worked as a studio photographer and ran an antique shop.

Since 1985, Schloss has devoted herself to Holocaust education and global peace. She has recounted her wartime experiences in more than one thousand speaking engagements. She has written two books and has had a play written about her life. In 1999 Eva signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration along with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the niece of Raul Wallenberg, a legendary figure who rescued thousands of Jews in Budapest.

Ticket prices are \$36 at the door, \$30 in advance and \$15 for students. A VIP package featuring a private reception with Eva Schloss prior to the event is also available.

Sleepy Hollow Looks to Revise Zoning in the Downtown

The Sleepy Hollow Downtown Revitalization Committee has announced the Village has retained the services of BFJ Planning Consultants to do a comprehensive review of the Village’s commercial zoning district. The purpose of the plan is to prepare for future growth and to identify and attract businesses needed in the downtown to serve all local neighborhoods while supporting an economically diverse community.

On October 20 at 7 p.m. the residents and business owners are invited to join a public workshop discussion. Requested to join in the conversation are merchants, property owners, the planners and elected officials to identify key zoning issues and opportunities and solicit ideas about the revised zoning. The discussions will be held at the firehouse, 28 Beekman Avenue. Spanish translation will be available at the workshop.

Obituaries

Samuel Gordon, 87

Samuel Gordon, a longtime resident of Tarrytown, died September 21. He was 87.

Born in St. Mary, Islinton, Jamaica, Mr. Gordon retired after a long career working for the Town of Greenburgh. In addition to being a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, he will always be remembered as being one of the most avid Yankee fans ever. He is survived by a very large and loving family, including his wife Mary (Hull), six children, 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

Anna Ciccone, 87

Anna Ciccone, a long time former Tarrytown resident, died September 23 in Deerfield Beach, Florida. She was 87.

She was raised and educated in Tarrytown. She was an Administrative Assistant for Bayer Corporation for many years. She later moved to Deerfield Beach.

Frank O'Brien, 75

Frank O'Brien, a resident of Irvington, died August 30. He was 75.

Mr. O'Brien was a well-known entrepreneur having been a contractor for many years as well as having been the proprietor of the former O'Brien's Taverns in West Nyack and Sleepy Hollow. He was also a well-known musician who had a band called the Irish Dragoons.

He was the past president of Division 11 Tarrytown Ancient Order of Hibernians, past president of the County Board of the AOH, a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Elmo Council #318, a member of the Davis Players and the Irish Arts Forum of Rockland.

Mary Galgano, 80

Mary G. Galgano, a resident of Tarrytown, died September 2. She was 80.

Born in Tarrytown, she had retired from the Peekskill office of Catholic Charities where she had been a social worker and administrator for many years. On August 20, 1983, she married Francis X. Galgano in St. Andrew's Church in Syracuse. The couple then lived in Sleepy Hollow for many years before moving to Tarrytown about a year ago.

Mrs. Galgano was proud of her volunteer work at Phelps Memorial Hospital where she served in the transport department. She was a member of the Sleepy Hollow Seniors and the Tarrytown Seniors. She was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and she had been a mem-

ber of the Parish Council at Transfiguration Church.

Agnes O'Neill, 90

Theresa Foley O'Neill, who lived most of her life on or near Main Street in Irvington, died September 8 after a short illness. She was 90.

She attended Irvington schools and graduated from Irvington High School in 1941. After graduation, she went to work in McCreery's Department Store in New York City and then to Anaconda Copper where she worked until the time of her marriage to Kevin O'Neill on April 27, 1957. Four children in three and a half years followed. She returned to work in 1966, first as a bookkeeper at Immaculate Conception Church, and sales clerk at Wanamaker's Department Store. She moved on to Sarah Lawrence College and finally Dinaco, where she worked until the time of her retirement. She also worked at the polls as a Democratic Election Inspector until she was well into her 80s.

A few of her favorite things: Knitting, Jimmy Dorsey, Breezy Point, Vodka Tonics, The Alibi, The New York Yankees, Casablanca, Benny's, Jigsaw Puzzles, Irish Music, Good Jokes, Windham, Maria Von Trapp's Wedding Dress, Quilting, Irvington Seniors Bingo Tuesday, Lord and Taylor, Immaculate Conception, Hummels, Saratoga Race Track, Traveling, Sam's and Irvington.

Edward Fiala, 94

Edward Francis Fiala, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, formerly of N. Tarrytown, died September 10. He was 94.

He was a proud WWII Army Air Corps veteran. He lived and worked most of his life in North Tarrytown as a postman. He is survived by his beloved wife, Grace; loving children, Judy Fiala, Susan Glashoff, her husband John and Edward J. Fiala and his adoring grandchildren, TJ, Brianne, Robert, Matthew, Amy, Johnny, Erich and Caroline.

Charles Cross, 72

Charles H. Cross, a resident of Tarrytown, died September 14. He was 72.

Born in Manhattan on June 19, 1942, he was the son of Charles H. and Eleanor Thieme Cross. On July 16, 1977, he married Dana Castoro in Brooklyn. He is survived by his wife and his daughters Caroline Chattaway of England and Courtney Cross of Croton. He is also survived by his granddaughter Felicity Chattaway and his brother John Cross of Branchburg, NJ.

The SleepyHollowShorts 30-Sec Film Fest Wants YOUR Submissions

Enter to win two VIP tix to the Haunted Hayride!

The Rules: submit no more than 30 seconds of footage, filmed at least partially in our fine village of Sleepy Hollow. Upload your short film to YouTube or Vimeo.com and tag it SleepyHollowShorts so we can find it. That's it! Deadline is extended to October 10.

Info: <http://sleepyhollowink.com/sleepyhollowshorts> See: <https://www.facebook.com/SleepyHollowShorts>

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What's Happening

Wednesday 1

"A WINTER'S TALE": At 2 p.m. movie with Colin Farrell at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

VIETNAM WAR PRESENTATION: At 7 p.m. local war historian Michael Buitekant speaks at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Thursday 2

MAKING SENSE OF THE CIVIL WAR: At 9:30 a.m. Margaret Carrel introduces a five session series which begins on Oct. 23 at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcconthehudson.org.

NATURE MATTERS: Protecting Our Forests: Presentation at 6 p.m. by Dr. Mark Weckel at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

HUDSON VALLEY WRITERS CENTER BENEFIT GALA: At 6:30 p.m. with special guest Mookie Wilson and Mark Morganeli's Jazz All-Stars at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown. Call 332-5953 or visit www.writerscenter.org.

COMEDY NIGHT: Dave Attell performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday 3

BODIES IN THE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: At noon discussion of "The Winter Queen" by Boris Akunin at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Saturday 4

GEM HUNT: At 11 a.m. (ages 6-7) and 2 p.m. (ages 8 & older) learn about local gems and crystals and take home a geode at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

SAT PRACTICE TEST: For Juniors and Seniors from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Sunday 5

HARVEST FEST: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy hayrides, food-crafting activities, farm demonstrations, live music and more at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Tickets required. Call 366-7905 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

YOUNG ARTIST SERIES: Pianist Anna Han performs at 2 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

ALIEN INVADERS: At 2 p.m. learn about the plant and animal species which invade our lawns, lakes and forests at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

CONCERT: At 2:30 p.m. Crossing Musical Boundaries with piano, vocal, bass and drums at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Monday 6

FOCUS ON POVERTY: At 7 p.m. discussion of Barbara Ehrenreich's "Nickel and Dimed" at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

TOWN HALL MEETING: At 7 p.m. with Assemblyman Tom Abinanti at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Visit <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Thomas-J-Abinanti/>.

Tuesday 7

"WORDS AND PICTURES": At 3 p.m. movie with Juliette Binoche at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Wednesday 8

THE ROAD AHEAD: At 2 p.m. Gemma Maver discusses planning for your senior years at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

TEEN CRAFTS: At 3:30 p.m. origami paper design with Juliane Biro at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION ROUNDUP: Hear from state and county elected officials about critical environmental issues at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Program co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Call 723-3470 or visit www.newyork.sierraclub.org/LHG.

"OBVIOUS CHILD": At 8 p.m. this romantic comedy will be screened at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew, followed by a discussion. Call 845-353-2568 or visit www.rivertownfilm.org.

Thursday 9

ANDEAN WIND INSTRUMENT MAKING: Family workshop for grades K-7 at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Sign-up required. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION: At 7 p.m. the Warner Library Book Group discusses "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

THE UNKNOWN PALISADES: At 7:30 p.m. historical interpreter Eric Nelsen brings the story of the Palisades to life at the Dobbs Ferry Library. For reservations call 646-670-3947 or e-mail compagnisabella@optimum.net.

Friday 10

"BEST OF" FILM SERIES: "Boyhood" will be shown at 8 p.m. at Irvington Town Hall Theater. Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Saturday 11

ECO FAIR: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Patriot's Park in Tarrytown sponsored by TEAC (Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council). Entertainment and education for the whole family.

FAMILY FUN DAY: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy music & storytelling, arts & crafts, face painting and much more at the Tarrytown Music Hall. No tickets required. Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

"THERE AIN'T NO TIN IN TINTYPES": At 2 p.m. Elinor Stecker-Orel presents a two-part slide-illustrated program on the early history of photography at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org. Continued on Oct 18 at 2 p.m.

ROCKTOBERFEST: Food, beer and live music from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Matthiessen Park in Irvington. Call 591-7736 or e-mail mdepaoli@irvingtonny.gov.

THE ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE: At 2:30 p.m. pain/stress management workshop with Carol Strozger at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 to register.

CONCERT: At 2:30 p.m. pianist Robert Rachlin celebrates the American musical theater at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

Tuesday 14

CHAMBER MUSIC: At 11 a.m. the Hudson Valley Music Club presents works for flute, oboe and piano at Dobbs Ferry Woman's Club, 54 Clinton Ave. Call 591-6851.

TEEN CRAFTS: At 4 p.m. beaded earrings with Joan Lloyd at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

NETWORK FOR PARENTS OF GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN: At 7:30 p.m. share communal wisdom, ask questions, celebrate successes at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jcconthehudson.org.

Wednesday 15

"THE GRAND SEDUCTION": At 2 p.m. movie with Brendan Gleeson at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

MURDER & MAYHEM MYSTERY BOOK GROUP: Meets at 3:30 p.m. to discuss "The Ice Cream Shop Detective" by Ronnie Levine at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

CELEBRATE "ITALIAN NIGHT": At 7 p.m. Doug Ferony sings with full orchestra at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Thursday 16

WARNER'S WINNERS: At 6:30 p.m. this book club for grades 4 and above discusses "The Fourteenth Goldfish" by Jennifer Holm at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. To sign up call 631-7734 or e-mail pcohn@wismail.org.

MATISSE: Modern Master: At 7 p.m. slide lecture

by Suzanne Altman at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

OSSINING LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: At 7 p.m. discusses "Honorable Justice: The Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes" by Sheldon M. Novick. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK CLUB: Meets at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

CONCERT: Brett Dennen presents Water Colors: A Special Acoustic Evening at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday 17

HARVEST FAIR: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union Church of Pocantico Hills. Call 631-1041. Also Oct. 18, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. & Oct. 19, 12 noon - 4 p.m.

FALL FAIR: Annual festival for all ages at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church and San Marcos Mission, Tarrytown. Call 631-2074 or visit www.christchurchny.com. Also, October 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"BILL BOWERS: IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING": Special Town Hall benefit event at 8 p.m. at Irvington Town Hall Theater. Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

CONCERT: Martin Sexton performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday 18

BOOK SALE: Friends of the Library will hold its fall book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org. Also Oct. 19.

WORK DAY AT RIVERWALK PARK: Help clean and restore RiverWalk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the bottom of West Main St. in Tarrytown. Call 419-7229 or visit www.frw-ttwn.org.

SLEEPY HOLLOW STREET FAIR: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Beekman Ave. sponsored by Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce. The Fair will include "The NY Lottery Scratch Off Board" to benefit The Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. Call 631-1705.

PUPPET SHOW: John Tartaglia presents Imagin-Ocean, a magical undersea adventure at 2 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

UNDERAGE BAND: Children aged 9 to 12 perform from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Christ Church Fall Fair in Tarrytown. Call 772-5087 or e-mail Hal.inc42@gmail.com.

READERS RULE BOOK CLUB: At 4 p.m. readers in grades 1-3 talk about "Jack Drake, Know-it-All" by Andrew Clements at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. To sign up call 631-7734 or e-mail pcohn@wismail.org.

AUTUMN GALA: At 7:30 p.m. the Clocktower Players present "The Wiz in Concert" at Irvington Town Hall Theater. Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

SENIORS

SENIOR BENEFITS INFORMATION CENTER: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. a representative from the Medicare Rights Center is on hand at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call 631-7734. To ask questions outside regular counseling hours call 269-7765.

SENIOR VAN: Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, a van is available for seniors who need transportation. Call the Tarrytown Village Hall at 631-7873 or the Sleepy Hollow Recreation Dept. at 366-5109.

HOT LUNCH: Available Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$2.50 donation at Knights of Columbus Hall in Tarrytown. Call 631-2717.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

43 Wildey St., Tarrytown, 631-0205

SENIOR FLU SHOTS: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. by appointment, Oct. 14.

COMPUTER CLASS: Tuesdays (please call).

MEMOIR WRITING: 1 p.m. Oct. 14 and 28.

YOGA ON THE CHAIR: 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

ART WORKSHOP: 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

TAI CHI: 11 a.m. Thursdays.

SENIOR CANTEEN: informal social group, 1 p.m. Thursdays.

MOVIES: 1 p.m. Fridays.

BRIDGE AND CARD CLUB: 1 p.m. Fridays.

Hudson Valley Pastoral: Lunch and a Horse Race

Come to Rockwood Hall in support of Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve Autumn Race: a hot lunch will be served under a tent in a setting that is pastoral -Hudson Valley at its very best with sheep grazing nearby (attended by their shepherd) and athletic horses to see at the hunter pace. All funds go to preserving the park's beautiful trails and carriage roads. Vendors and a raffle, plus miles of beautiful trails to walk will enhance the day.

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014 - Rain or Shine

Pace: 8 am till 1pm

Lunch: 11am till 1:30pm at Rockwood Hall

Free parking: available in the New York Life parking lot - enter from the Rockwood Hall access road

Go to www.friendsrock.org and click on Events for tickets and more information.

Please purchase before October 15.



Oct. 29: "Belle" the movie at Warner Library in Tarrytown. Movie at 2pm.

CHAMBER MUSIC: At 8 p.m. violinist Alexey Semenenko performs with pianist Ina Firoza at Sleepy Hollow High School. Call 861-5080 or visit www.friendsofmusicconcerts.org.

Sunday 19

HUDSON VALLEY PASTORALE: Lunch and a Horse Race: Pace from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rockefeller State Park Preserve in Sleepy Hollow. Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rockwood Hall. Visit www.friendsofrock.org.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: At 2 p.m. meet majestic birds of prey at the Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale. Call 723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

LIGHTHOUSE ILLUMINATION WORKSHOP: At 2 p.m. join educators and artists to create lanterns from reflective materials at the RiverWalk Center in Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow. Call 762-2912, ext. 110 or visit www.teatown.org.

WESTCHESTER PHILHARMONIC: Concert at 3 p.m. features conductor Jaime Laredo and violinist Bella Hristova at Purchase College on Anderson Hill Rd. Call 682-3707 or visit www.westchesterphil.org.

Monday 20

OPEN HOUSE JAZZ AND BAGELS: At 10:30 a.m. listen to Glenda Davenport and Hiroshi Yamazaki at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Reservations required. Call 366-7898, ext. 146.

Wednesday 22

"THE YOUNG VICTORIA": At 2 p.m. movie with Emily Blunt at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

"LIFE ITSELF": At 8 p.m. this documentary about the life of film critic Roger Ebert will be screened at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew. Call 845-353-2568 or visit www.rivertownfilm.org.

COMEDY NIGHT: "World's Worst Mom" Lenore Skenazy performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Thursday 23

LGBTQ 101: Workshop for teens at 7 p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

DANCE CLASS: At 7 p.m. beginner Salsa and Latin dance instruction for ages 11 and older at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

CONCERT: Mary Chapin Carpenter performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Friday 24

TEEN VIDEO GAME NIGHT: From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

CONCERT: The Marshall Tucker Band performs at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Saturday 25

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT WEIR TOUR: At 2 p.m. descend into the original 1842 brick tunnel in Ossining and learn its history. Call 646-303-1448 or e-mail skelsey@aqueduct.org.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR FOR PARENTS: At 2 p.m. learn how to get financial aid for your child's education at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

CONCERT: At 8 p.m. Chris Huff performs at Irvington Town Hall Theater. Call 591-6602 or visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Sunday 26

POETRY READINGS: At 1:30 p.m. prominent local poets read from their work, facilitated by Dr. George Kraus, at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 478-3585 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

JAZZ CONCERT: At 2 p.m. the Gerry Malkin Quintet performs at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Monday 27

JEWISH HUMOR IN ISRAELI MOVIES: At 10:30 a.m. Bill Costanzo presents a selection of cinematic moments at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 478-3585 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

CHAMBER MUSIC: At 1 p.m. the Hudson Valley Music Club presents the Decoda Oboe and Strings Ensemble at Dobbs Ferry Woman's Club, 54 Clinton Ave. Call 232-5916.

TECH FOR KIDS: At 6 p.m. fun and techy activities for grades K-3 at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Sign-up required. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

LGBTQ 101: Workshop for adults at 7 p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

CABARET ON THE HUDSON: Series debut at 8 p.m. featuring D.C. Anderson, Adam Shapiro, Karen Oberlin and Sean Harkness at Irvington Town Hall Theater. Visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Wednesday 29

"BELLE": At 2 p.m. movie with Emily Watson at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

VIETNAM: At 7 p.m. local photographer Deborah Lee Cohen presents her trip to Vietnam at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

CONCERT: The Jayhawks perform at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Thursday 30

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID: At

7 p.m. workshop for parents and young adults at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

BALLET: At 7 p.m. Andrea Elam performs at the Ossining Public Library. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

Friday 31

CONCERT: The Mavericks perform at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Call 877-840-0457 or visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org. Also Nov. 1.

Saturday November 1

DECADANCE THEATRE: This Brooklyn hip-hop dance company performs at 8 p.m. at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. Call 412-5120 or visit www.riverarts.org.

Sunday November 2

"COPING WITH THE DEMONS OF WAR": At 12 noon Art DeLevie discusses his book at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. Dairy luncheon provided. For reservations call 631-1770 or e-mail adulter@tba-ny.org.

CONCERT: The Helderberg Madrigal Singers performs at 4 p.m. at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

Ongoing

HISTORY OF OPERA: Viva Verdi: Thursdays Oct. 2 - Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. with Susan Grunthal at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

FOCUS ON NATURE 2014: Oct. 1 - 23 at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

UNFOLDED STORIES: A Jewish Film Series: At 7:30 p.m. on October, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 at Woodlands Community Temple, White Plains. Call 366-7898 or e-mail lois.green@jccontheudson.org.

DANCE ON FILM: Oct. 24 - 30 at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"SOUTH PACIFIC": Through Nov. 30 at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. & show at 8 p.m. Call 592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

MASTERPIECES OF POLISH CINEMA: Through Oct. 16 at Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. Call 747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

ART EXHIBIT: "Surreal, but REAL" paintings by Edward Stotsky at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

ART EXHIBIT: "A Fresh Start", paintings by Helen Elliott, on display at the Irvington Public Library. Call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

ART EXHIBITS: 'Creative Cairns' by Renee Kilbride Edelman and 'Horizons' by Howard Robinson on view at the Ossining Public Library. Reception Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. Call 941-2416 or visit www.ossininglibrary.org.

"SEVEN BELLS FOR STONE BARNs": Original sound art exhibition through Nov. 2 at Stone Barns Cen-

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ter for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

IRVINGTON FARMERS MARKET: Every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Main Street School parking lot. Visit <http://irvingtonfarmermarket.net>.

FARMERS' MARKET AT PHELPS HOSPITAL: Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from the 755 Medical Arts Building in Sleepy Hollow. Call 366-3937.

TARRYTOWN FARMERS' MARKET: Open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at Patriots' Park. Call 923-4837.

OSSINING DOWN-TO-EARTH FARMERS' MARKET: Open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all year at Spring and Main Sts. Call 923-4837.

FARM MARKET: Stone Barns Center's produce, meat and eggs are on sale Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 630 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills. Call 366-6200 or visit www.stonebarnscenter.org.

MAH JONGG: Play Mondays at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. Call 631-1770 or e-mail adulter@tba-ny.org to ensure there are enough players for a game.

YIDDISH: Read, learn and sing on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

MEN'S CLUB: Meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Meetings have varied speakers and are open to the public free of charge. Call 366-7898 or visit www.jccontheudson.org.

TORAH STUDY: Rabbi Holtz leads a class Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. No previous knowledge required. Call 631-1770 or e-mail adulter@tba-ny.org.

CHESS CLUB: The Warner Library Chess Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org.

"WARNER TECH": Sign up for a one-hour individualized session on e-mail, downloading e-books or audiobooks, and using online library resources and databases at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. Call 631-7734 for appointment.

USED BOOKS: Friends of the Irvington Library is partnering with Curious-on-Hudson Bookshop, 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry to offer used books year round. Proceeds go directly to the Library. Call 412-8393 or e-mail friends.irvingtonlibrary@gmail.com.

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Irvington Will Choose Right Path for its Future

To the Editor:

On October 7, I will vote "yes" on Irvington's school fields and facilities bond. I believe the bond reflects the very best of our village: We had a thorough review of all four schools' infrastructure needs, a period of public comment to discuss the pros and cons of this comprehensive proposal, and a unanimous vote to approve by our board of education.

I urge all Irvington residents to educate themselves by visiting the school district website, which details the bond's cost-effectiveness and energy savings. I also urge anyone seeking additional sources of information about the proposed GeoTurf field to understand where that information is

coming from. See something on a flyer or website that confuses or upsets you? Ask where that info is coming from, and if you don't understand the answer, you can easily look up the website's domain registry at domaintuno.com and contact its owner.

Most importantly: contrary to what the headlines may say, Irvington is not "divided." We are a bunch of hard-working parents who are learning the facts about a bond that will affect all four schools and every child in the district for years. If every parent with children in the district goes to the polls (Main Street School, October 7), I am confident that Irvington will choose the right path for our future.

Rob Firpo-Cappiello

Irvington Bond Referendum is a Smart Plan

To the Editor:

The upcoming October 7th Irvington School bond referendum is about a commitment to the vitality and value of our schools. The bond pays for needed fixes to all four school buildings, adds energy efficiency measures, and repairs our failing athletic fields. The school district, with input from residents, has put together a smart plan that will have negligible tax impact (because it is timed to replace retiring debt) but significant financial benefits. It cuts costs via energy savings. The district will likely receive a 24% reimbursement from the state. Finally, with the 15 year bond, the cost is shared with future residents who will also benefit from the infrastructure projects.

A lot of thoughtful effort went into developing the bond. To help inform voters, a group of Irvington residents established a

new website to provide a resource for learning about the bond -irvingtonunitedforeducation.org. The website has photos of the fields and facilities in need of repair and testimonials from town residents explaining why they are voting "yes." Irvington United for Education, or IUE, was created this summer by a group of Irvington residents interested in fostering a positive, transparent, community-building conversation using detailed and factually correct information. You are invited to be a part of it. We welcome you to visit the website where you can learn more about the issues. We believe that the bond is vital to maintaining the excellence of our school district and keeping our village a wonderful place to raise a family.

Sincerely,

Erik C. Oley

IUE Board Member

Rehabbing Irvington Fields Less Costly than Artificial Turf

Dear Editor:

As the Irvington School District's bond referendum vote approaches, we continue to hear about "overuse" of the District's athletic fields. It is important not to confuse the current situation, where the East Field has been closed for several seasons, with projected field usage after the East Field is brought back on-line. As a rationale for artificial turf, we are being told that field usage over the entire "system" exceeds what is "reasonable" for four grass fields. The implication is that if Meszaros Field becomes plastic, the other grass fields will no longer have to be overused. But according to BOE projections posted on their website, the proposed Geo-Turf field will be used to its maximum capacity of 50 hours per week right from the day it opens. Overuse of Geo-Turf seems inevitable if we want any students to get more playing time. Unfortunately, overuse of a Geo-Turf field is actually worse for field conditions than overuse of a grass field – the plastic grass blades get bent and cannot be straightened. The warranty for the field, such as it is, will be voided by overuse. Even with the East Field in play and Meszaros being used 51 hours

per week, the BOE still projects field usages of 38.5 – 48.5 hours per week for Upper Dow's Lane and 41.5 hours per week for Lower Dow's Lane – considerably above their own benchmark of 30 hours per week for "reasonable" use of grass. So according to BOE numbers, installation of artificial turf will not in fact relieve the "overuse" of Dow's Lane grass fields.

A more critical analysis of available field usage numbers suggests that as long as the East Field is back in the system, four grass fields in good condition can sustain the District's programs. It turns out that the key words are "in good condition" – it's not that the fields are being overused, it's that they're being under-maintained. If our fields are rehabbed and start a new life with healthy, weed-free grass and whatever other amendments to soil, drainage or irrigation are needed, the overall cost to our wallets and our world will be less than putting down a plastic rug.

Sincerely,

Ann Acheson

Note: I was one of three members of the School Board's Fields Committee who voted against artificial turf.

Unfortunately, Grass won't Cut it in the Long-Term

Dear Editor:

As a parent, daughter of retired community members and Irvington schools alumni, I am in support of the Irvington School Facilities and Fields bond. Our schools need to become more energy efficient, which is clearly better for our students and the tax payer's pocket in the long run. Currently, the "East Field" is closed and the main campus "Meszaros Field" and Oley track are over 25 years old and are failing. I strongly support the proposal of changing the Meszaros field to organic in-fill turf. It seems like coming up with a long-term solution for our field shortage in this district is the proverbial can that gets kicked down the road for future generations. We as a community, have a wonderful, welcoming group of residents who either directly or indirectly get benefits from our excellent school system. The huge hole for both the students and residents is a field system that will work in our rainy climate.

Every kid should be able to get outside, breathe fresh air, participate in PE class and absorb some vitamin D. 11 to 18

year olds should not be cooped up in a hot gym because it may have rained two days ago and the field is closed. I've been here through the past attempts to provide a natural grass surface on the four district fields and have seen the disappointing long term results. In fact, we have less fields in our system now than we did back when we had about 30% less students! If we are going to invest our community's money in a field system, I would like to know that it will still be fully functional in 10 - 15 years in our wet and snowy climate. Having an artificial turf surface at the campus means that ALL students get to exercise outside for the majority of the school year.

I know how much time and energy community members gave digging into the research and the thoughtful discussions and debate which resulted. I know from listening to these debates that we just cannot get that reliability and longevity, unfortunately, with natural grass. For all of these reasons I support this bond and will be voting yes. Please join me on October 7th.

Sincerely,

Keira Munigle Smith

Passage of Conservative Irvington Bond is Necessary

To the Editor:

A few years ago, my sons tried the Irvington wrestling clinic, offered in conjunction with the High School coach. Walking into the Main Street School Gym on that first night was quite an experience. The kids, parents, coaches...everyone was green. It was like being in a parking garage. Sitting under those HID lights for over an hour was unsettling, and I walked out with a headache.

The upcoming bond vote addresses this situation, replacing the parking garage lighting with energy efficient and better light quality LED lamps. Items like this pack a double punch - creating a better environment for our kids to work and play in, and providing us energy savings over the long term. And this is just one item that the bond is funding. Roof repair, HVAC repair, boiler conversion from oil to gas, new entry vestibules – these items all address needed repairs with an eye towards increasing our energy efficiency and decreasing our energy costs.

As an architect, I know from experience that delaying this work creates bigger, more expensive projects down the road. A roof kept past its recommended life expectancy not only increases the chances of leaks, it increases the chances of more serious dam-

age. Aging boilers become less efficient, break down more often, and are more expensive to fix. It's been 14 years since the school raised money for facilities work, a long time for deferred maintenance. We are lucky the list of items being addressed is relatively small.

That 14 year span makes the timing of this bond a necessity, but we should also be aware that it's been well planned financially. Not only will we reap financial benefits down the road, but by combining fields projects with needed building upgrades, the field work becomes eligible for state aid. That means that 24% of the cost of the new field and the East Field restoration will be reimbursed. That's around \$700,000 in aid. That couldn't have happened if this work had been separated into two separate bonds.

This bond is not glamorous. It's straightforward, conservative, and very necessary to maintain our facilities in the best possible way. For us to continue to offer a competitive, widely respected education in Irvington, our facilities have got to be able to support our programs. We need to come together as a community and vote YES for the bond on October 7 2014.

Douglas O. McClure

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Letters

Complete Information is Needed to Make Decision on Irvington Bond

To the Editor,

Thank you for publishing both sides of the Irvington Schools Fields debate. I truly welcome seeing both sides of the issue. However, what disturbs me and borders on insulting me, is that conclusionary and aggregate numbers quoted are without any backup documentation. Am I so stupid that I can't read a comparison matrix? Will I not understand the issues to be flushed out? Hmmm. I don't consider myself much different from the constituents of this district, since I'd say for the most part, many of the people can understand and review the conclusions of the detailed "studies" done by the committee and the refuting information presented by the opposite side. When I see "\$50,000 a year in savings" where did that result come from?

It's like those "idiot lights" that were showing up in car dashboards for a while. What were the data inputs? What formulas were used? And what were the arithmetic calculations used? I can't take those numbers seriously at face value without examining the supporting metrics. Numbers don't lie...only people do. And I'm not saying anybody is lying, but why not give us the background information and calculations and let us see the substantiation?

Here's what I would like to see:

1. the data used, both historical and present

2. current usage: by that I mean who uses the fields, for how long, with how many people, and how often

3. current care of the field: by that I mean what is being done to maintain the fields...if something is being done also tell frequency and extent...if nothing, then say "nothing is being done." Give me information that I can validate and recalculate.

4. the numbers used to calculate the bond amount: how much is needed, how long it will last, why the calculations were made that way - i.e. what is the reasoning behind those numbers.

5. cost to the taxpayers of this district.

Somehow \$28/yr doesn't make sense to me. And with inflation - truly calculated and not by the current governmental ratios that have glaring omissions - how can it possibly lessen over time and not increase over time?

I may not be a tax specialist, or a mathematician (I did get 98 on each of my HS math regents in the last century, before "common core"), but who knows? Maybe we need to know some arcane algorithm in order to understand this process for calculating the costs!

6- health issues, both pro & con, for the artificial turf. For my part, I'm becoming more and more "back to the earth" because of the long term negative effects of items that were deemed "safe" when I was a child. I instinctively can't believe that artificial turf doesn't have a negative effect somewhere recorded. And where are those school districts with the artificial turf? Why aren't they named specifically? (OK, here it comes....) Are they in neighborhoods where parents aren't as educated as ours, or their income medians are different from ours? It's a known fact that governments take advantage of poorer neighborhoods....Anyone remember Love Canal? And please, don't think I'm saying we're better, or richer or...whatever expletive you choose to use. Just watch the movie, *Waiting for Superman*.

Anybody who knows auditing will recognize this as a basic operational review.

I'd like to see ALL of the DATA and All of the calculations and comparisons done. Call me old fashioned, but I'd like to make the decision myself. I don't need someone to tell me how to run my life or whom to vote for. Why should I be told how to vote in relation to my children without the full background story?

So, if you really think it will only cost \$28/yr and then less in each succeeding year, come see me. I have a bridge in Brooklyn I'd like to sell you....Great Deal!

Beatrice Block-Iaconetti

Irvington Board of Education Has "Chutzpah"

To the Editor:

I recently encountered a certain event here in Irvington, my beloved village, that prompted me to react in three words: "This is Chutzpah!" When I noticed that it triggered a couple of eyebrow lifts to unusual elevations, I attempted to elaborate but quickly realized that no other word can do justice here.

So, what does one do? One googles. Surprisingly, the definitions were abundant:

1. "Showing personal confidence that allows one to say/do things that may seem shocking to others"

2. "Overstepping the boundaries of accepted behavior"

3. "Unmitigated effrontery"
What initiated this scholarly research?

Well, back in 2006 the Irvington School Board had us vote on hauling 25 tons of plastic (aka artificial turf) and spreading it as a plastic carpet over Meszaros Field. The community voted it down. Two years later, the school board tried to get us to buy artificial turf a second time and again we voted it down, this time overwhelmingly. Now, in 2014, the Irvington School Board is trying yet again to force on us a suspect product we do not want.

Well, that's MY definition of Chutzpah. It is time to embrace natural grass and stop with the plastic blades, this time for good.

I'll vote NO on October 7th.

*David Lerer
Irvington*

Sleepy Hollow Police Controversy Raises Questions

To the Editor:

Re: "*The Hudson Independent*" Vol. IX No.9 "Veteran Snubbed for SH Police Job Ignites Controversy".

I have no further information regarding the August 12 meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees other than the column in your September 2014 edition. Returning from an absence in safe Mexico, however, you can imagine my dismay, disgust and shock to read that a Trustee, whom I voted for to represent my "municipal interests", had to request a police escort to return to his residence.

Trying to explain events in Ferguson to Mexicans, I pointed out that the vast majority of troublemakers were from out-of-town, thus I found your statement "Veterans, mostly from outside Sleepy Hollow, packed Village Hall in protest..." disturbing. Whenever I have addressed the Board, protocol necessitates that I state my name and residence in the Village, so events on 12 August leave me with several questions that should be promptly and publicly addressed.

1. Should meetings of the Board, when public from the village is invited to address the Board, be open to non-residents of our village? Given events on 12 August I suggest such Board meetings should be open only to residents of the village, except by specific request of a majority of the Board.

2. Given the apparently disruptive, and evidently threatening nature of the 12 August meeting why did our Mayor, as presiding officer, not request non-residents, regardless whether or not they wished to address the Board, to leave the meeting voluntarily or be escorted from the premises?

3. Should sensitive hiring discussions be held in an open/public session instead of an executive session as Trustee Wompa requested?

Other residents are interested in early clarification of these questions in order that we can have renewed confidence our Board is deliberating matters in an orderly manner.

*Respectfully,
Chuck Lankester*

Y's Masquerade Ball Ticket Winner!



The winner of September's YMCA Masquerade Ball contest is Joanne Hohenstein of Tarrytown. Her correct entry was drawn at random by youngsters in Daycare and After School programs at the Family Y's Early Learning Center at Tappan Hill School. Ms. Hohenstein correctly answered the question, "How long has the Family YMCA at Tarrytown existed. The answer: 111 years. She will receive 2 tickets to the Masquerade Ball, Friday, Oct. 17 at the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor.

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Family YMCA's Early Learning Center Benefits from Masquerade Ball

By Robert Kimmel

Dating back more than a thousand years, masquerade balls have had an illustrious history, sometimes the lavish affairs of royalty, and often the offshoots of the carnival season, pageants and the partying of the elite. But it is with a benevolent mission that the Family YMCA at Tarrytown will be holding its sixth annual Masquerade Ball this month.

The Ball, Friday evening, October 17, at the Trump National Country Club in Briarcliff, is aimed at raising funds for the Y's new Early Learning Center at Tappan Hill. Opened in 2013, the Center offers daycare and a variety of after school services, and also provides assistance to many youngsters whose families would not be able to afford the cost.

Whether in detailed costume or formal wear, attendees at the Masquerade Ball will be enjoying a festive evening, with dancing and an anticipated delicious dinner. The evening also includes entertainment and a silent auction. Those attending have a wide choice for costume motifs this year. They may either dress as old time radio characters, people in the news, or former famous newsmen. Lacking a costume, formal wear will do.

The event includes the presentation of the Y's Laurance S. Rockefeller award to the founders and Board of *The Hudson*

Independent, and its parent company, the Hudson Valley News Corp. In announcing the award, the YMCA defined recipients as having "...made significant and lasting contributions of talent and treasure to the Family YMCA at Tarrytown and other community-based organizations that serve youth and families in the Hudson Valley, and who is a leader in public health, education, recreation, environmental conservation, historic preservation or community development." *The Hudson Independent*, "... has had a significant impact on the businesses, health issues, and cultural events of our community," it continued.

Praise for the sponsors of the Masquerade Ball came from the YMCA CEO, Gerry Riera who said, "Their commitment to helping local underserved children makes this event possible." The sponsors include Abbott & Price, Allan Block Insurance, Linda Giuliano, Marshall & Sterling, Sadie McKeown and Nick Singman, Premiere Business Innovations, Paycor, National Resources, All American Fitness, Tarrytown Honda, EF School, and Koch Group, Cleaning Systems, Jill & Gerry Riera, and NU Fund. Sponsorships are still available, according to Barbara Turk, a Y Vice President. She is reachable at 914-418-5562.

Tickets to the event may be obtained at the Y, or through the Y's website at <http://www.ymcatarrytown.org/>

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The Accordion Collection Scrapbook

by Marcie Cuff

Any slice of earth, big or small, is home to a hodgepodge of beings—enterprising and intertwined—a microcosm of the surrounding ecosystem. Whether you go trekking in New Caledonia, visit a nearby Westchester park or just step into your backyard or garage, you can find biological novelty. Interesting stories are all around you, if you can spot them. Surprisingly, the earth remains a little-known planet. In fact, the majority of its species remain undiscovered. While some unknown creepy critters inhabit exotic places like undersea hydrothermal vents, some of the yet-to-be seen ones are likely right in front of you.

Fall is a good time to pay attention and collect interesting stories. Before the winter cold sets in, polish your powers of observation and to consider all the things living with you—the moth haunting your attic, the mold creeping in your shower, the spider lingering under your basement stairs. Give them your complete attention. The diversity around you will be quickly revealed. Even a seemingly unimpressive clump of withering grass will uncover a motley

crew—mosses, beetles, worms, centipedes, pill bugs—all are visible if you look closely enough. It's time to train your mind to pay attention. It's time to be a naturalist — to explore this rich and mostly unknown world—and hunt for signs, gather data,



carefully document, and decipher nature's clues. Embrace the mystery of the world's communications. A muddy paw print, a downy feather, a gash in a rock, a teeny cylindrical hole, a piercing birdcall—each detail tells a story of an earth that's much wilder than it looks.

Fall is the perfect time to collect a variety of everyday small objects and study them—vivid fall leaves, sand from abandoned beaches, snapshots of heart-shaped

rocks, sketches of animal tracks, bark rubbings, tiny worm-shaped twigs, animal fur—and keep them snugly in one place in a handmade collection scrapbook. An organized assortment of natural things can help you notice patterns and details and can help shift your way of thinking.

To a naturalist, an accordion collection scrapbook has limitless possibilities. Its multiple pockets can hold small odds and ends—all can be safely stored separately but together. Be sure your collected things are not living things—unless they are seeds that you plan to plant next spring. Categorize the items by color, shape, and texture. Take notes next to each on time, location, and weather

conditions. Tag everything appropriately. It will help you recall what you collected and observed, and will remind you to pay attention. Soon you'll find that every place holds a million stories. Look for them. Be amazed. Genius is everywhere.

Marcie Cuff lives in Irvington and is the author of the book "This Book Was a Tree" (Perigee/Penguin) and author of the blog Mossy (<http://mossymossy.com>).

Accordion Collection Scrapbook Materials:

Heavy-duty unused envelopes
Paper glue
Wooden ruler
Paper hole punch
Narrow satin ribbon

Project Steps:

Step 1. Gather the materials. Determine the number of envelopes (or "pages") to be included in your scrapbook. You will need an odd number, anywhere from three to nine will work perfectly.

Step 2. Adhere envelopes together by licking and reinforcing with glue. Place the flap of the first envelope on the bottom front of another envelope, leaving a tiny flea-sized separation between each envelope where they connect. Burnish them with a wooden ruler to assure a good seal. You will eventually have a "chain" of connected envelopes. Allow everything to dry for several minutes.

Step 3. Add a ribbon closure. With a paper hole punch, make a hole in the top flap of the last envelope. Find the center of the ribbon and pass it through the hole.

Step 4. Fold the envelopes like an accordion along the existing front flap folds. Wrap the ribbon around in opposite directions and tie to secure.

You can easily convert your accordion collection notebook into a simple plant or leaf press. Some of my favorites to press are ferns, broad grasses, herbs and fall leaves. To do this, simply cut pieces of scrap felt slightly smaller than each envelope and insert two felt pieces into each envelope—these will absorb moisture during pressing. Insert your collected freshly cut flora, making sure they don't touch one another. Place your flora-filled notebook underneath a heavy stack of books for several weeks.

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Our Neighbors

Sleepy Hollow's Aubrey Hawes is Dedicated to Local Causes

by Dorothy Conigliaro

Aubrey Hawes isn't a man to let the grass grow under his feet. A busy and productive life has taken him from his childhood home on the North Shore of Massachusetts, later to Manhattan and, finally, to Sleepy Hollow where he and wife Sylvia have lived and raised a family since 1974.

His wide-ranging career began at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where his degree in Government led him to an unlikely job at Saatchi Advertising, working for his first client there, Chase Bank. He moved on to Procter and Gamble where, he said, "I actually learned marketing. P&G essentially created modern day marketing for consumer products."

Now a seasoned advertising professional, Hawes was instrumental in creating ad campaigns for Chase (*You have a friend at Chase Manhattan*), and onto other ventures in the business and advertising sector. Looking back, he writes of his subsequent career moves: "Moved onto Warwick Welsh & Miller to sell beer ... specifically on the Piels Beer account with spoke persons 'Bert and Harry,' a famous campaign in its time. After a couple of years I was recruited by Wells Rich Greene to head up the TWA account ... 'Up Up and Away - TWA' and Bran-

niff Airlines '*The End of the Plain Plane' and 'Flying Colors.'*" Mr. Hawes had worldwide responsibilities for Braniff, establishing a network of advertising agencies in Europe, South America and Asia. It was his job to convince clients about the need to establish global brand positioning, a universal marketing plan and advertising campaign.

In his worldwide ventures, he also recognized the need for inter-agency cooperation, and initiated a global conference to achieve those goals. Hawes and key people from his agency met with their counterparts from Asia, Europe and South America, resulting in a team spirit with respect among all involved.

Having done work for Chase Manhattan at two agencies, he was at last hired by the bank itself in 1981 as Corporate Director of Advertising. Although expecting to stay a few years and move on (he was there for 18 years), he remembers "I quickly identified many opportunities to help improve the brand image of the bank and to attract new business." It was a global responsibility

and, he said, "I was able to leverage my international airline experience."

At Chase, Hawes was the brainchild behind many marketing initiatives, along with the dedicated people on his staff, whom he expected to "work hard, enjoy their work, and to think outside the box."



Aubrey Hawes

Under his watch, he developed sports marketing (including sponsorship of the Women's Singles at the U.S. Open), golf tournaments, and cultural sponsorships featuring such luminaries as Martha Graham (in Tokyo), the Three Tenors (in Buenos Aires), and Tony Bennett (at the Guggenheim). The resourceful Mr. Hawes took on many challenging projects, but apparently he

was up to the job. He oversaw market research for the bank, including its major art collection (which he used in staging special exhibitions), and The Chase archives, utilized by Ken Burns in his documentary, "New York." The bank was responsible for underwriting the Burns program.

Not one to rest on his laurels, he was a member of many advertising boards, and

also began working with not-for-profit community organizations. Upon moving to Sleepy Hollow in 1974, he became involved in local causes as "a way of giving back and saying thanks for all that I have and have experienced." He feels that community involvement creates a sense of belonging, and he has done so for such organizations as Kendal on Hudson, Phelps Hospital, the Historical Society, the Hudson Valley Writers Center (where he serves on the Gala Committee), the Rotary Club, the Elizabeth Mascia Child Care Center, the Family YMCA, and WNET/13 Advisory Board of Directors – to name a few. The Day Care Center will honor Hawes and his wife in November, and he is a past honoree of both the Y and the Writers Center. Serving on his very first board, Windham Child Care, he was able to affect a balanced budget "for an organization that had been significantly in the red."

Now, what does he do in his "spare time" you may ask? He visits with his daughter, her husband, and his grandsons in Ossining (where his daughter is running for mayor), and his son who lives in New York, editing documentary films. He and his wife travel frequently and enjoy theater and playing bridge. His plans for the future? "More of the same!"



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