

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

BY JOYCE FARRELL

Bronxville High School's 101st graduating class and their friends and families were thrilled to hear the strains of Handel's "Water Music" from Bronxville High School's Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Matthew Dell, as they proceeded to their seats for graduation on the school's front lawn. A passing shower had briefly threatened to send the graduation inside and quash the possibility of the iconic class photo on the school's front steps. Mother Nature quickly cooperated, however, and the photo and ceremony went off without a hitch.

Mindful that that rain was still a threat, Principal Ann Meyer kept her remarks brief. While all the speakers acknowledged their strong connections to their classmates and to Bronxville, they also had some wise advice. The first speaker, Andrew Henry Doyle, class president, and an artist, emphasized the importance of relationships in our lives in his address to his class. Naturally, he began by quoting an artist, Vincent Van Gogh, who, despite his social isolation, wrote to his brother, "I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." To Andrew this, "sentiment suggests we can look at our connection to others as a form of art; after all, it is an artist's job to connect with the world around them; to observe it, empathize with it, and recreate it. And just



like every other form of art, it is something we need to practice, to experiment with, and seek to perfect." Andrew related that in 1938, scientists began tracking the health and lives of 264 Harvard sophomores for almost 80 years to discover what makes a happy life. The conclusion that they reached – close relationships are what keep people happy.

Molly Molloy Bishop, the President of the Student Faculty Legislature, discussed that in a "Dear Future Self" letter written during freshman orientation to be opened the week of their

graduation, she related the advice of "two of humanity's greatest minds, The Dali Lama and Taylor Swift" to her future self. The Dali Lama's felt that "The purpose of our lives is to be happy." Molly cautioned that although it seems like a basic idea when many are "constantly chasing the next best thing, the newest trend, or the most success, we often forget what we do it all for. Overlooking the true goal behind it all: happiness. Whether that be in your work, or through the people you surround yourself with, make sure to fill your life with things that make

you feel good." Molly felt that the Dali Lama would agree with Taylor Swift's song, Shake It Off. Molly pointed out that though a mean comment or a rough day at school gets the best of us, it's important to remember that nothing lasts forever and sometimes you just do have to shake it off and keep moving forward. Molly also observed that throughout the movie High School Musical, "you see this idea unfold; the characters quickly realize that having one interest, one clear path, and one group of people

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often creates more harm than good . . . These characters find themselves happiest at the end of the story because they are able to branch out and find their own path. Luckily as we enter our collegiate journeys and beyond, we are given the room to explore and find surprising paths of our own.”

Wrapping up the speeches was guest speaker, Matt Harriss, Class of '97, whose mother still lives in Bronxville. He is the Director of Football Administration for the Arizona Cardinals. He, as Molly expressed was able to “branch out and find [his] own path.” Although he was stressing about his future major, first job, and post-college home on his drive to Lafayette College, he convinced himself to ‘take it one day at a time until he found something that would give [him] direction.” Originally intending to major in Economics, Matt graduated with a degree in History and had no idea of what his path in life would be. He applied and was luckily rejected for several internships. Always passionate about sports, even though he played intramural flag football and not varsity football, Matt was surprised when, after being rejected for an internship in the National Football League’s Officiating Office, they hired him as an intern for Football Operations. He was eventually hired as a full-time employee, “embraced the opportunity, continued to learn on the job, and more importantly, didn’t mess it up.” He eventual-



Andrew H. Doyle, Class President

ly worked for the New York Giants, his “team growing up,” and acknowledged that sometimes he was “in the right place at the right time” but doesn’t attribute “all [his] success to luck.” He was “quick to handle the opportunity [he] had as an intern.” He encouraged “all to go through your own process. Enjoy the next chapter of your life. It won’t always be easy, but someday something will inspire and motivate you. Take advantage of that opportunity and follow your passion.”



Bronxville HS Symphony Orchestra



Matt Harriss



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From the Office of the Mayor



BY MAYOR MARY MARVIN

JUNE 26, 2023

Our treasured bookstore has just set up a Go Fund Me page with the hopes of generating revenue in order to continue initiatives that will keep the bookstore going and growing.

So far your generosity, just on a person to person appeal basis, has generated \$50,000 towards a goal of \$150,000. To donate click here to be directed to their Go Fund Me page.

The changes anticipated with this funding infusion include launching an in-store café already in the works; revitalizing the space by removing the drop ceiling to reveal the original pressed tin ceiling and skylight 10 feet above; replacing worn carpet with durable hardwood, installing better lighting and most importantly, promoting in-store events, community partnerships and customer loyalty programs to ensure sustainability.

Events anticipated include more author visits, children's activities, a nexus for book

groups, introduction of monthly new titles and expanding online access and purchase.

The comprehensive business plan calls for an increase in annual revenue of 15% based on similar sized stores with cafés. The café alone should conservatively generate a 5% growth, leaving 10% to be developed through the enhanced programs.

As you may recall, twenty year Village residents, Barbara and Morin Bishop, purchased the 85 year old bookstore just six months before the pandemic struck, virtually eliminating the opportunity for any in-store programs, let alone in store customer purchasing and they have been struggling to recover from this grievous blow ever since.

Let's be honest, no one gets into book selling to make millions so independent booksellers like the Bishops sell books because they enjoy doing so as they are passionate readers with a deep faith in the value of the written word.

Currently, the landscape is bleak for the small independent bookstore as the behemoths completely invade the space. More than one independent bookstore has closed each week since the pandemic and currently 20% of independent bookstores across the country are in danger of closing. But we need not worry about Amazon as it has doubled its net profit year after year to \$5.2 billion compared to \$2.6 billion at this time in 2019. Amazon's Q4 revenue is also projected to exceed \$100 billion for the first time making it one of the very few Amer-

ican companies ever to achieve that alongside only Walmart and Exxon.

So why is it worth it when it seems so much more convenient to order a book at midnight that someone told you about on your way home from work instead of waiting to call Womraths the next morning? On the very well documented financial front and just reaffirmed by the firms Civic Economics, using the Andersonville neighborhood of Chicago as a template, trading independent retailers for big box chains unequivocally weakens the local economy.

This occurs because while local stores recycle a much larger share of their sales revenue back into the local economy, most of the dollars spent at chain stores immediately leave the community, sending profits back to corporate headquarters or to distant suppliers.

In contrast to national chains, local businesses conduct all management functions on site, spend a higher percentage of their revenue on local labor, spend more than two times as much purchasing goods and services from other local businesses, use local banks, locally hired accountants, attorneys, designers, and advertise in local media. Approximate 28% of all independent bookstore revenue immediately re-circulates in the local economy compared to that of Amazon, which research documents a recirculating rate of 4%. Or as someone said buy books from people who want to sell books and help your town, not colonize the moon. Bookstores pay into state and local taxes that

support our public infrastructure programs. Just a perusal of the Village budget would most certainly attest to that. A book may seem like a small purchase, but whenever you buy locally, you are sustaining your community.

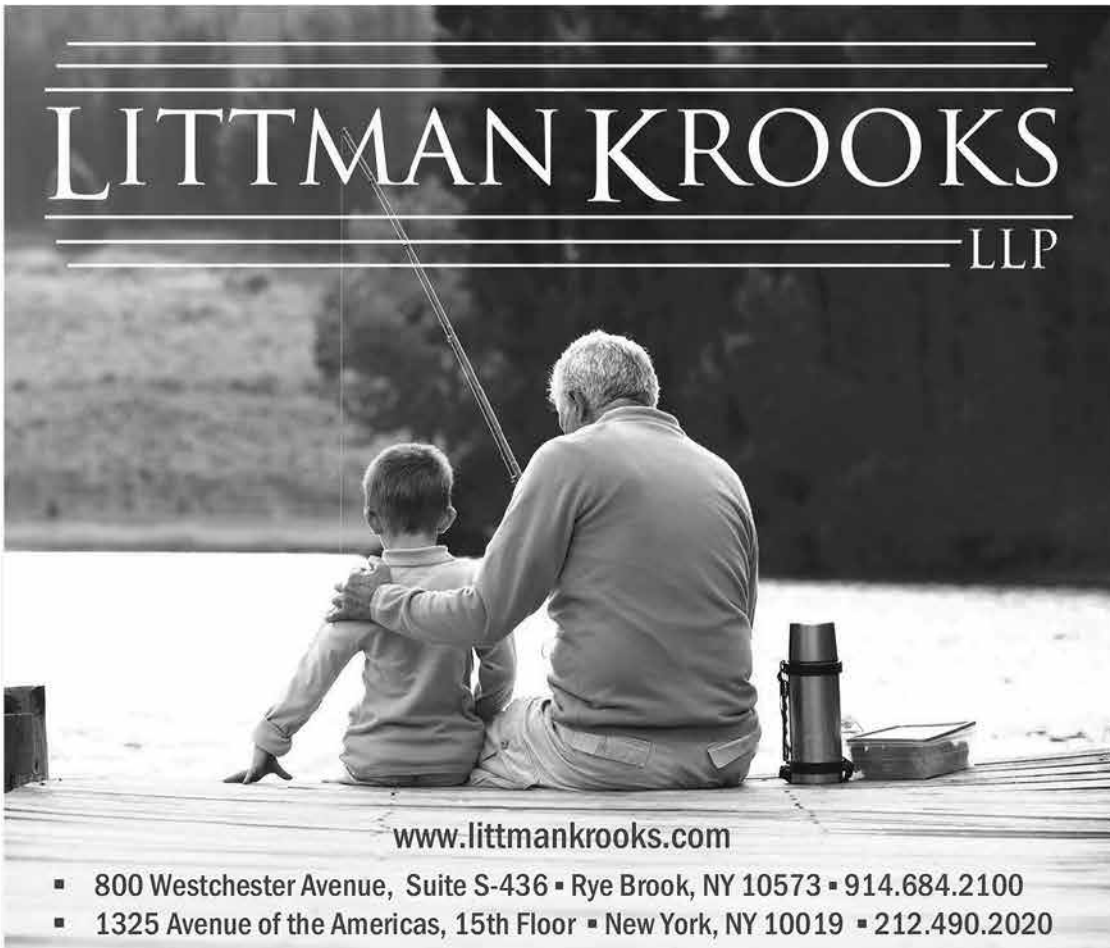
Buying local also means less packaging, less transportation and a smaller carbon footprint and there is no need for two day shipping in cartons when you can pick up your book directly from the bookstore by walking there. Very important to our community in particular, on average charitable giving by local businesses is five times that of chain stores. As you can clearly notice when we have wonderful fundraisers at the schools and churches, the donations are never courtesy of Amazon or even Barnes and Noble.

The hope is that informed people like Village residents will realize the cost and consequences of "convenience" shopping before it's too late.

Equally important is the non-economic benefits to a community like ours. A revitalized bookstore can be a beacon of the core values of our community: creativity, convening with neighbors, civility and just interpersonal contact as we browse the shelves together in search of something, perhaps not yet known, and enjoying the delights of accidental learning and discovery.

A bookstore presents a logical location for community interaction and perhaps making

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a reader friend in a meaningful face-to-face way. Bookstores are also never a sad place for a community. Part of the new philosophy of bookstores is to become what is now called a “third place”, not home or work or school, but a critical area for relationship building, exchanging ideas, or just relaxing and perhaps becoming a hub for book clubs, story times, author talks, writing workshops or just sometimes a nice quiet place to be alongside the book you are loving.

Neighborhood bookstores also highlight the work of regional and even very local authors and small presses and will also be a win-dow for display of local events.

We know the pride we all take in all good deeds; as example, our new composting program,

Willson's Wave Pool and All County Pools Open

Patrons can now ride the waves into the summer after Willson's Wave Pool in Mount Vernon and all County pools opened for the season on Friday, June 23.

Last summer, Willson's Wave Pool wasn't able to open due to repairs, which were ongoing throughout the summer and year, however, the spray deck, aqua playground and the slides remained open.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “The opening of this pool brings joy and relief to our community, providing a much-needed respite for children and families during the summer. After last summer, ensuring its successful repairs were done correctly was crucial, as this site offers a safe and enjoyable space where children can swim and play and families and residents can gather – fostering a sense of community and well-being.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: “I'm excited

Park and Read Program Promotes Joy of Reading

Park and Read, a captivating summer read-aloud program aimed at fostering a love for reading in young children, is set to take place in picturesque Westchester County Parks. This engaging initiative, organized by Westchester County Director of Programs and Policies, Childcare and Education Roseanne Finizio, in collaboration with the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival Executive Director Dawn Greenburgh, offers an enriching experience for children aged 3 to 6.

Taking place on weekdays Monday through Thursday, from July 10 to August 10, from 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., the Park and Read program will feature interactive storytelling sessions in both English and Spanish. Experienced and noteworthy storytellers will bring stories to life, creating a vibrant and immersive environment for children and families to enjoy.

The first reader will be Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who said the program is just what kids need as they unwind in the summer: “The Park and Read program com-

doing more recycling, planting trees, reducing our carbon footprint, donating to a charity that needs us or even limiting our tech time. I think the same warm feeling could apply to shopping locally. As you can gather, I feel quite passionate about retaining our local character and ethos via the bookstore. As I said in a recent column, “The Village has many stores, all part of the fabric of our unique small downtown, but some represent more than just a business, an edifice, and represent what a community wants to be. Personally, I cannot imagine our special home without our bookstore. It says something about what we value and hold dear. Our bookstore at 85 years old is iconic, a wonderful throwback, but in so many ways so is our one square mile and perhaps why we treasure it so.”

to welcome residents back to Willson's Waves this summer and I congratulate the staff for an exemplary job on getting the pool and facility ready for the season!

The \$3.3 million project to get the pool ready for the 2023 season consisted of several new elements including pool slab, pool plaster finish, pool grating at the zero entry, pool tile, return and drain piping system, and a new underdrain system was installed to control groundwater. Other improvements include the upgrade of the Spray Deck Feature “dancing waters” and the Ultraviolet Disinfection System. The wave pool has a graduated depth from zero inches to six feet and offers waves up to three feet for six-minute intervals.

All four County-owned pools will be open daily through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; last entry is 6 p.m. Proof of Westchester County residency required; admission fees apply. Parking fees apply at The Brook at Tibbetts in Yonkers.

bines the joy of storytelling with the beauty of Westchester County Parks, creating a magical experience that fosters a love for reading. We are excited to inspire young minds to get lost in the joy of books.”

“As a former educator, I have witnessed the profound importance of reading and the transformative impact of reading to children,” Finizio said. “With the Park and Read program, I am delighted to have the opportunity to foster a love for reading among children and create memorable moments of joy under the summer sun.”

The program schedule is as follows:

- July 10-13: Location: Willson's Woods Park Venue: DeMatteo Terrace Address: 8 Bradford Road, Mount Vernon, NY 10553
- July 17-20: Location: Glen Island Park Venue: Grass area outside of bathhouse (Pavilion 1 held for inclement weather) Address: Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10805
- July 24-28: Location: Tibbetts Brook Park Venue: Grass area in front of the bathhouse

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Bicycle Sundays Continue in July



Check your bike tires, fill your water bottles, and tighten your bike helmets; Bicycle Sundays will continue in July!

The popular Westchester County tradition will extend its season for four more Sundays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30. There is no Bicycle Sunday on July 2.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “Bicycle Sundays is one of Westchester's most popular traditions and I'm excited to bring more Sundays to this year's event. Come on out and ride along the scenic Bronx River Parkway.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Kathy O'Connor said, “Bicycle Sundays is a great family activity and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the extended season!”

Chairperson of the Westchester Parks Foundation, Seth Mandelbaum said, ““The Bronx River Parkway provides a magnificent

setting for the iconic Bicycle Sundays program. We are thrilled that parksters of all ages can come back out in July to enjoy this 13-mile linear route for biking, running, rollerblading, walking and more.”

During Bicycle Sundays, a portion of the Bronx River Parkway is closed to cars from for the exclusive use of bicyclists, joggers, walkers, scooters and strollers. The course runs from the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a round-trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry and exit along the way. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bicycle Sundays is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners, through generous donations from co-presenting sponsors NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester and Con Edison, with Jen's Cycles in Yonkers as the official Bicycle Sponsor.

DMV Launches Online Tool for New Residents

New York State residents with out-of-state licenses can now access the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) online pre-screening service to help them prepare to get their new, New York driver license in just one visit to a DMV office. This new license reciprocity tool will help customers learn if they are eligible for a New York license and to identify what they will need to bring to an office along with their application.

“There are so many things to do when you move into a new state and getting a new license is a big one, so we want to make that process as easy as possible,” said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. “The pre-screening service is part of a much broader effort underway at DMV to better serve our customers and achieve our goal of ‘one visit and done’. We have expanded live chat customer service options and made it more convenient than ever to get an appointment in many offices. Nearly every New Yorker relies on the DMV at some point, so we are focused on simplifying the way we do business.”

Customers throughout the state can access this tool through the DMV website at [exchange your out-of-state driver license to determine eligibility and learn what documents](https://dmv.ny.gov/exchange)

they need to bring to the office. All customers who use this tool will be more prepared for their visit.

Anyone with an out-of-state driver license who becomes a resident of NYS must exchange their license for a New York license within 30 days. This rule excludes students who are residing here only while in school.

New state residents might find this a good opportunity to upgrade their license to a REAL ID or an Enhanced ID. The Federal Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID enforcement deadline until May 7, 2025, at which time every air traveler 18 and older will need a REAL ID, or a REAL ID-compliant document, such as an Enhanced License or a US passport, to fly within the United States and to enter certain federal buildings.

Customers will need a NY.gov ID to use this service. After a customer uses the license reciprocity tool, and has their application and forms of proof prepared, they make a reservation at their local DMV office: dmv.ny.gov/offices.

To learn more about the NYS DMV, visit dmv.ny.gov, or follow the DMV conversation online at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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New York Yankees Recognizes Stepinac High School's Participation in the 2022-23 High School Blood Donor Championships Initiative

The 27-time World Champion New York Yankees has recognized Stepinac High School's participation in the 2022-23 High School Blood Donor Championships initiative that helps save lives.

In a letter to Principal Paul Carty dated January 30, Brian Cashman, General Manager of The New York Yankees, said: "Together with the New York Blood Center (NYBC), we are proud to honor the students, faculty and staff who have made more than 1,000,000 blood donations since the inception of the program."

He noted that the unprecedented health crisis— the Covid-19 pandemic— had caused the loss of more than 20,000 high school donations and urged all schools to commit to multiple blood drives to help save lives.

Stepinac, a long-time supporter of the NYBC by sponsoring community blood drives, committed to two blood drives in the 2022-23 academical school year. In the winter drive,

52 donors rolled up their sleeves to donate blood to potentially save 136 lives in area hospitals as each donated pint of blood can save three lives.

The Stepinac spring blood drive ranked among one of the most successful for the renowned all-boys Catholic high school. A total of 88 donors (students, faculty, administration, family members and friends, among others) answered the call to help address blood supply shortages, exceeding the drive's



Matt Gallagher

goal of 70 blood donors. As a result, their donations will potentially help save the lives of 264 area hospital patients.

Hosted by Stepinac and administered at the school's gymnasium, the spring blood drive was held in memory of Luke Gallagher, the brother of Stepinac senior Matthew Gallagher of Yonkers. Matthew suggested the drive be held to honor of his brother who fought cancer courageously before passing away in 2019 at the age of 12.

Commenting on

the large turnout of donors, Matthew said: "My family and I want to thank all the donors who honored by brother's memory in a very special way. I am praying that good things are coming out of this effort."

Stepinac's continuing participation in blood donations, which will resume with the 2023-24 academic school year, will help the critically important cause. As Cashman's letter states: "Cancer patients, accident victims, transplant recipients, burn victims and others in need count on volunteer blood donors to provide the 'gift of life.' Blood cannot be manufactured; healthy people must donate it."

The NYBC notes: "Donating blood is easy and our blood supply relies exclusively on the generosity of volunteer blood donors," adding: "Most people qualify as a volunteer donor." To make a blood donation and learn more about the NYBC, a nonprofit organization that is one of the largest independent, community-based blood centers in the world, visit www.nybc.org.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer Recognizes Area Students with Youth Leadership Awards



State Senator Shelley Mayer awarded 17 students throughout Senate District 37 with the 2023 New York State Senate Youth Leadership Award on Monday, June 12. The NYS Senate Youth Leadership Award recognizes outstanding high school students for excellence in the classroom, athletics, and extracurricular or community activities.

In addition to presenting each student with a certificate for their achievement, Senator Mayer led an open discussion to learn more about each student's work and to allow student leaders to learn from and inspire one another.

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I am pleased to present Youth Leadership Awards to these tremendous students from high schools throughout District 37. We are fortunate to have many hard-working students dedicated to inspiring and leading others. Whether they achieved high marks in academics, gave hundreds of hours of community service, or

led their peers to success, as a community we benefit from their leadership, empathy, and determination every day. As Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, I especially appreciated hearing their stories and learning more about what they have done in their schools and their future plans. I thank Superintendent Dr. Eric Lutinski and the Rye Neck High School for hosting this ceremony."

"We are proud to host the 2023 Youth Leadership Recognition Awards this year. Our five nominees exemplify the quality and character of our Rye Neck student body and we are gratified that they have been recognized by Senator Mayer for their efforts," said Dr. Eric Lutinski, Ed.D., Superintendent of Rye Neck Schools.

Students from Bronxville, Harrison, Rye, Rye Neck, Scarsdale, Tuckahoe, and White Plains were recognized. Each student was nominated by a teacher or school administrator for their outstanding leadership.

Elliott Gray Bates 1930-2023

Elliott Gray Bates of Southbury, CT formerly of Bronxville, NY died peacefully at The Pomperaug Woods Health Center on Thursday June 15, 2023, at the age of 93.

Elliott was born on April 16, 1930, in Bronxville, NY and was the son of the late A. Elliott Bates and Jane Gray Bates. He was predeceased by Marilyn Bates, his loving wife of 55 years on January 18, 2010.

In his early years Elliott attended school in Bronxville and then enrolled at The Kent School in Kent, CT, graduating in 1948. He was very active in sports playing football and baseball, excelling at both. During the summers from 1940 to 1949 Elliott attended Camp Dudley in Westport, NY. He always said that Dudley taught him values that guided him throughout his adult life. After graduation from Kent, he joined the class of 1952 at Williams College, where he was a member of The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. In 1951, he enlisted in the Army to be a part of the Korean War effort. He attended Officer Candidate School and then served in Korea where he was a 1st Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Unit. He received a Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service and was honorably discharged in 1953. After his tour of duty, he then returned to Williams to complete his education, graduating in 1955.

Elliott and Marilyn married on August 6, 1955, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where Marilyn was from and then settled in Bronxville where Elliott started a career in the personnel area at New York Trust in NYC. In 1960 a job offer from Wells Fargo Bank relocated the family to Menlo Park, CA where they lived for 12 years enjoying the beautiful weather and meeting many lifetime friends. In 1972 Elliott accepted a position in the executive placement field in

New York and he and Marilyn along with their three daughters returned to Bronxville. He retired in 2000 from Wright Associates, an executive outplacement firm. In 2007 Elliott and Marilyn moved to Heritage Village in Southbury, CT.

In retirement, Elliott continued to be an active sportsman playing tennis and golf and always stayed true to his California sports teams. He had an amazing ability to make friends and was so wonderful at keeping up with friends from his childhood. Whatever his cares, he never lost his sense of fun, and was always ready to keep the party going. He was a true gentleman, with elegant, old-school manners and a sense of chivalry.

Elliott is survived by his three daughters Betsy, Leslie, and Jennifer, sons-in-law Claude and Edward and grandchildren Matthew, Stacey, Kimberly, Karen, Gray, Cameron, and Bailey. He loved his family and was an incredible Father and Grandfather. Always taking the time to talk things out and help. His cheerful outlook, kindness and big smile will forever be remembered.

Elliott's family would like to thank the staff at Pomperaug Woods and Trinity Hospice for their outstanding care and compassion. The fellowship shown by the congregation at the Church of the Epiphany and Reverend Marston Price were an important part of Elliott's life in his later years. In addition, a heartfelt thanks to Nancy Tobin for her love and friendship.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 11:30 at the Church of the Epiphany, 276 Main St. N, Southbury, CT.

The burial will be private. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Dudley, Inc. 126 Dudley Road, Westport, NY 12993.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com.

Bronxville Middle School Moving Up Ceremony

Bronxville Middle School Eighth Grade Moving Up ceremony highlighted student voices reflecting on how far they've come, the excitement of how far they'll go, and gratitude for the support from their families and school community.

"I'm so excited to see where our journeys will take us in high school. If middle school is any indication, I think we're all going to become extraordinary people," said Charlotte Haller. "My wish for us is that we can all do our best in everything, be kind to each other, and be grateful for the amazing people in our lives. Enjoy the special high school moments as they happen."

"Growing up is defined in the dictionary as the advance to maturity. Today I'm going to tell you growing up is more than just an advance, it's a long process that we started in middle school," said Anton Schmidt. "Growing up is an important part of becoming a person, and responsibility is an important part in becoming an adult. Thank you for guiding us in the long process of growing up."

"These past three years have been the longest, yet shortest years of my life and I've learned so much and gained numerous life skills," said



Eleanor Fahy. "We have found ourselves in situations that require perseverance, leadership, and most importantly, kindness. And we had lots of fun along the way."

"For me, this will always be the class of resilience. One of the many definitions of the word is the ability to withstand and recover from difficulties to display toughness in times of adversity, which these students have truly exemplified," said Mr. Mercoira. "We started an adventure that was the 2022-2023 school year, and what an adventure it has been. Always know that one of the biggest honors I'll ever have is saying that I was your principal. Middle school is symbolized by a bridge that takes you from those young days of elementary school to the amazing world of high school, and in the middle of all that is your time with us."

Registration Open for Second Westchester Pickleball Tournament



Pickleball is back by popular demand! Registration is now open for the Westchester County Parks Pickleball Tournament to be held on Saturday, July 29, at 9 a.m. at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Catch the craze! Pickleball is becoming America's fastest growing sport, and we are proud to offer tournament play to Westchester County residents. So grab your paddle and come join us at the new pickleball courts at Tibbetts Brook Park."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "Following the tremendous success of our first pickleball tournament held earlier in June, we are thrilled to offer a second competition to Westchester residents."

The mixed doubles tournament is open to men and women, levels 2.5 to 3.0 and 3.5 to 4.0 (no beginners please). Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The fee is \$30 per team, with a maximum of 12 teams. Deadline for registration is Friday, July 14. For more information, or to register, call (914) 231-4645 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Tibbetts Brook Park is located at 355 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704.

First Grader Ava is Principal for the Day at The Chapel School!

On Wednesday, May 31, First Grader Ava was Principal for the Day at The Chapel School. Her day consisted of welcoming students on car line, running a Fire Drill, reading to her sister's preschool class and signing an executive order granting her class a non-uniform day. She handed out Workers of the Week before making important announcements and helping select pictures for a social media post and this press release. Ava won this opportunity at the 2023 Gathering of Friends Roaring 20s GALA on March 24.

For more information about The Chapel School, visit www.thechapelschool.org.

The Chapel School's NEW Principal, First Grader Ava, greets friends at drop off and reads to her sister's preschool class as part of Gathering of Friends Roaring 20s Gala!



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Calendar of Events

Farmers Market
Muscoot Farm
51 Route 100, Katonah
Every Sunday through
November 9, 9:30am to 2:30pm
 The weekly farmers market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 20 local vendors each week. Vendors vary every week and updates will be available on muscootfarm.org.



Free Summer Concert Series
Bronxville Pops Concert Band
July 5, 12, 19, 27 at 8pm
 Concert Band marks their 49th year performing under the stars at The Bronxville High School. Bring a chair and blanket. Enjoy traditional concert band music. Donations are respectfully requested. The Bronxville Pops Concert Band, PO Box 284, Bronxville, NY 10708



Tour/Q&A of our 12th Biennial Alexander Rutsch Award Winner Haley Hasler Solo Exhibition with Alexandra Rutsch Brock
Pelham Art Center
151 Fifth Avenue, Pelham
July 11, 2023 from 6-7PM

Alexandra Rutsch Brock (daughter of the celebrated and successful late Alexander Rutsch), will be giving a tour and Q&A of our current exhibition: "The 12th Biennial Alexander Rutsch Award Winner Haley Hasler Solo Exhibition." If you missed our opening reception in May, this event, which coincides with the exhibition, will be a fun opportunity to learn more about the fabulous figurative painter, Haley Hasler. Her vivacious, highly-detailed, flower-filled self-portraits are booming with life, joy, and all of the elements in between. Stop in and enjoy a summer evening with Alexandra as she explores the dynamic body of works by Alexander Rutsch and Haley Hasler. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For further information visit pelhamartcenter.org



Nature walk
Sunday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.
Lenoir Nature Center 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

Rain date Sunday, July 23. Pre-register with Debbi: turlan@optonline.net. In case of postponement, you will be notified by email at least an hour in advance.

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site
897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550 914-667-4116
www.nps.gov/sapa

(These are live programs at the site, and we welcome and encourage in-person attendance, but some of them will also be offered as livestreams through shared platforms. Please register for the livestream through our website, under Calendar. No reservations required for in-person attendance at the site)

Sat., July 8, 1 PM. Dr. Michael Crowder, Public Historian at the Institute for Thomas Paine Studies, at Iona University, will explore the theme of African Americans and the American Revolution.

Tuesday, July 11, 10 AM to 4 PM. George Washington Tuesdays. Beginning today, and on subsequent Tuesdays in July and August, we will be pleased to welcome General George Washington as a special guest and tour guide. Learn about the history of the site and the American Revolution from his Excellency, portrayed by experienced living historian Michael Grillo.

Sat., July 15, 1 PM. Sue Tozzi, St. Paul's volunteer, presents the story of her research into the materials that were utilized in the production of the new exhibit, "The Emergence of a National Historic Site".

Sat., July 22, 1 PM. Professor Donald Johnson, a historian, and scholar from North Dakota State University, explores themes from his book "Occupied America: British Military Rule and the Experiences of a Revolution"

Be sure to email your upcoming virtual or live events to:
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What's Happening at the Bronxville Public Library

Adult Summer Reading Bingo
July 1st - August 31st

Join us for the Adult Summer reading Bingo challenge. Expand your horizons by reading books in specific categories. Complete a row of Bingo to receive a small prize and receive an entry to win the grand prize. Stop by the Reference Desk to sign up or email us at bronxvillelibrary@gmail.com

Adult Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

This month we will discuss, NW by Zadie Smith.

Matinee Movies
Wednesday, July 12

Showing in the Yeager Community Room at 1:30 p.m., The Awful Truth



Adult Craft Program
Thursday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.

Artist Erica Soto will lead us in making a summer beachscape acrylic painting. No experience necessary. All materials will be supplied. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins on June 22nd: Stop by or call the Reference Desk at (914) 337-7680 ext. 824



The First Ladies of Comedy
Friday, July 14, 3:00 p.m.

It's really a man's world according to the bookers and talent agents but some women did manage to open the door with Phyllis Diller credited to be the first real woman standup comic. Women were held back. But there were others before her including Moms Mabley and Jean Carroll. Joan Rivers and many others have followed in this highly competitive field. This event will take place in person in the Yeager

Community Room located on the lower level of the Library.



The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern
Monday, July 10, 3:00 p.m.

Everyone loves the Impressionists but many don't know that the artists and their works were initially reviled by the critics and rejected by the public. The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern tells the compelling story of how this beloved art movement was born and why it flourished. We will see some of your favorite paintings and some that will be new to you.

For more events, visit bronxvillelibrary.org

Park and Read Program
Promotes Joy of Reading

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(Catering Hall held for inclement weather)
 Address: 355 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

- July 31 - August 3: Location: Saxon Woods Park Venue: Grass area adjacent to children's playground (Pavilion held for inclement weather) Address: 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605
- August 7-10: Location: Kensico Dam Plaza Venue: Grass area outside of office Address: 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, NY 10595

The Park and Read program welcomes children accompanied by a guardian and admission is free. Pre-registration is not required; however, participants must adhere to the Westchester County residency rules.

"The Chappaqua Children's Book Festival is thrilled to partner with Westchester County Parks for this initiative. By bringing literature to the heart of nature, Park and Read aims to create a memorable summer experience for children while encouraging the practice of shared reading at home," Greenburgh said.

For more information about the Park and Read program, email RFinizio@WestchesterCountyNY.gov or call (914) 995-2501. More information can also be found at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/park-and-read>

The Chappaqua Children's Book Festival is an annual event held in Chappaqua, that celebrates children's literature and authors. With a mission to inspire a love for reading and learning, the festival brings together authors, illustrators and families for a day filled with literary activities, book signings and storytelling sessions.

Creating a Special Needs Trust for a Niece or Relative



BY: BERNARD A. KROOKS, CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

It is important to have a Special Needs Trust (SNT) as part of your estate plan if you have a child with a developmental or other disability. But what if you have a niece

or other relative (or anyone else you care about) with a disability for whom you'd like to leave some money in your will? Should you create a special needs trust for your niece (whom we will call Sally)?

First, understand that you have no obligation to leave money to Sally. However, if you really like her and want to help, that is absolutely your choice. Nevertheless, one thing you should certainly not do is leave Sally money outright, especially if she is receiving, or expected to receive, means-tested government benefits now, or in the future. If you do leave her money outright and she is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid, she will lose those benefits. SSI and Medicaid are means-tested government benefits programs that have strict income and asset requirements.

Moreover, if her disability affects her ability to manage money, you might also have triggered a court proceeding called guardianship.

Of course, these same rules will also apply to Sally's parents if they leave her money outright. In fact, if they fail to do proper estate planning, all of Sally's public benefits are likely at risk.

If Sally's parents have already created during their lifetime an SNT for her, you might consider leaving money to that trust. You'll need to get the name of that trust and the trustee so that your lawyer can draft the appropriate paperwork to make this happen. If Sally's parents' estate plan includes a testamentary (one created in a Will) SNT, it may be possible to leave your gift to that trust, but only if Sally's parents die before you since that is likely when the SNT will be created. The SNT won't exist before their deaths.

If you prefer, you can take matters into your own hands and create your own SNT for Sally as part of your estate plan, although this will likely make your estate plan a little bit more expensive. The SNT can be created during your lifetime or upon your death. If you create it during your lifetime, then Sally's parents can also leave money to this trust and not create their own trust.

Our discussion can be applied to any relative or person in your life. There are no requirements or limitations on who you can set up a trust for. In fact, the person does not have to be disabled. However, if they are receiving means-tested government benefits, then you have to be especially careful in how the trust is drafted so that you do

not cause this person to lose their benefits. The key to ensuring that these trusts accomplish their objectives is to select the proper trustee. The trustee is responsible for making appropriate and timely distributions pursuant to your wishes, which are generally expressed at the time the trust is created.

Creating the SNT is just one step in the process; you also need to be mindful of beneficiary designations.

For example, you create an SNT for Sally and also name her as beneficiary of your retirement account. Unfortunately, Sally will inherit the funds in your retirement account and not the SNT. Thus, frustrating the entire purpose of creating the SNT.

Keep in mind that drafting an SNT is not easy. It is important for you to work with an attorney knowledgeable and experienced in this area. A good place to start is the Special Needs Alliance (www.specialneedsalliance.org). The Special Needs Alliance is an invitation-only national organization dedicated to assisting individuals with special needs and their families.

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Officers Graduate from Westchester County Police Academy

Sixty-one recruits graduated last month from the Westchester County Police Academy and are headed off to work at 19 law enforcement agencies in Westchester and beyond.

The new officers, who completed 21 weeks of training at the police academy in Valhalla, received their diplomas before a packed house at the SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center.

County Executive George Latimer, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and Acting Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor presented the graduates of the 155th Session of Basic Recruit School with their diplomas and congratulated them for mastering the physical and academic demands of the Academy.

Latimer told the graduates that their willingness to serve their communities and put themselves in harm's way was not just a job but a higher calling. He noted that our nation marks Memorial Day this weekend and he compared their courage and commitment to those who gave their lives serving our nation in the armed forces.

"We send you out into the community to do something a majority of people can't do. We thank you for the service you will provide to your communities and the people of Westchester."

Raynor encouraged the graduates to pay as much attention to their emotional well-being as they will to their physical fitness.

"In this line of work you may eventually see and deal with some unimaginable horrors and find the need to decompress. Fortunately law enforcement professionals are paying more attention to officer wellness. No longer is there a stigma attached to a person who seeks emotional support. In fact, across the country, we are beginning to recognize that officer wellness is equally as important as officer safety."

The new officers and their departments are:
Westchester County: Jake Barbara, Christopher Duffy, Matthew Laccetti, Sean MacDonald, Francisca Menaez, Tyler Smith, Brian Walsh.

Bronxville: Kevin Iglesias.

Carmel: Matthew Valente.



East Fishkill: Jason Bailey, Duresa Berisha.
Eastchester: Daniel Krippel, Nicholas Scala, Michael Schur.

Greenburgh: Tyler Weir.

Lewisboro: Charles Mule.

Mamaroneck Village: John Paul.

Mount Pleasant: Michael Theriault.

Mount Vernon: Angeline Ballesteros, Virginia Beauvoir, Jimmy Bosque, Kyren Braunskill, Brian Familia, John Fiumefreddo, Brandi Mason, Sheila Miller, Alphonse Piliero, Michael Sabatino, Liridone Tetaj, Maximillian Ward, Ra-Mel Williamson.

New Rochelle: Juan Santiago.

Ossining: Robert Cregier, Christian Mosqueda.

Port Chester: Michael Guerrero, Alan Novoa.

Rye Brook: Amber Meagher.

Scarsdale: Ainsley Brown, Anthony Gallindo.

SUNY Optometry: Ryan Luu.

White Plains: Martin Loane, Joseph Maniscalco, Amanda Patterson, Kaitlyn Scully, Anthony Volpe.

Yonkers: Faith Anker, Nicholas Antenucci, Faith Berry, Jean Cabral, Julio Castillo, Keven Cochran, Robert Gebo, Sharnel Hill, Jeffrey Knanishu, Kendell Luquis, Joseph Nolan, Vincenzo Puliano, Timothy Riordan, Tiffany Roman, Angelique Sarro.

Yorktown: Gino Argiro.

Table Hopping with Morris Gut

WINGS FLY AT TUCK'D AWAY -- Chicken Wings are plentiful all over Westchester, but you must try them at Tuck'd. Wings fly out of the kitchen here. They come with a choice of 15 wet or dry sauces. Michael Cuzzo operates the friendly tavern that offers delightful comfort foods and reasonably priced Happy Hours. Additional specialties include Fried Calamari; Honey Chicken Wedge; house made Turkey Chili; juicy Burgers; Baby Back Ribs; and Make Your Own Mac N Cheese. Happy hours: Monday - Friday, 3-6 p.m. Saturdays to 5 p.m. Unlimited Wings & Beer Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m., \$30. Weekend Brunch. Seasonal outdoor seating. Tuck'd Away Bar and Grill, 90 Yonkers Ave., Tuckahoe. Phone: 914-222-9162. tuckedaway90.com

BACKYARD OPENS AT MAGNO'S GRILL -- It's alfresco time at Magno's Grill in New Rochelle. Look for their special Surf & Turf: Filet Mignon with portobello, Port wine sauce & Lobster Tail stuffed with crabmeat, shrimp, scallops in scampi sauce. This talented group also serves Jurassic Tomahawk Steaks, and a fine version of Parrillada, hearty mixed grill with chimichurri sauce. Chef/owner Angelo Magno joined forces with his family at his own 60-seat spot featuring fine versions of Ital-

ian and Argentinean classics. Additional house specialties: fresh Empanadas, Chicken or Veal Parmigiana, hearty Paella, and hefty Pork Osso Buco. Cocktail bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Municipal parking nearby. Reservations accepted. Magno's Grill, 108 Centre Ave., New Rochelle. 914-235-0008 opentable.com/r/magnos-grill-new-rochelle

JACK'S TO OPEN JILL'S IN MAMARONECK -- Shane Clifford, proprietor of popular Jack's Bar & Kitchen, a modern Irish American tavern in Eastchester, has a new restaurant in the works in Mamaroneck. Shane and his team are currently renovating the former Baby Dukes space (some may recall it as Lum Yen). It will be called Jill's. If Jack's is any indication, Jill's will be serving up a winning combination of gastropub specialties with pizzazz, along with a good dose of hospitality. They hope to open by September. Jill's is located at 100 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. from Harbor Island Park.

(Morris Gut is a restaurant marketing consultant and former restaurant trade magazine editor. He has been tracking and writing about the food and dining scene in greater Westchester for 30 years. He may be reached at: 914-235-6591. Email: gutreactions@optonline.net)

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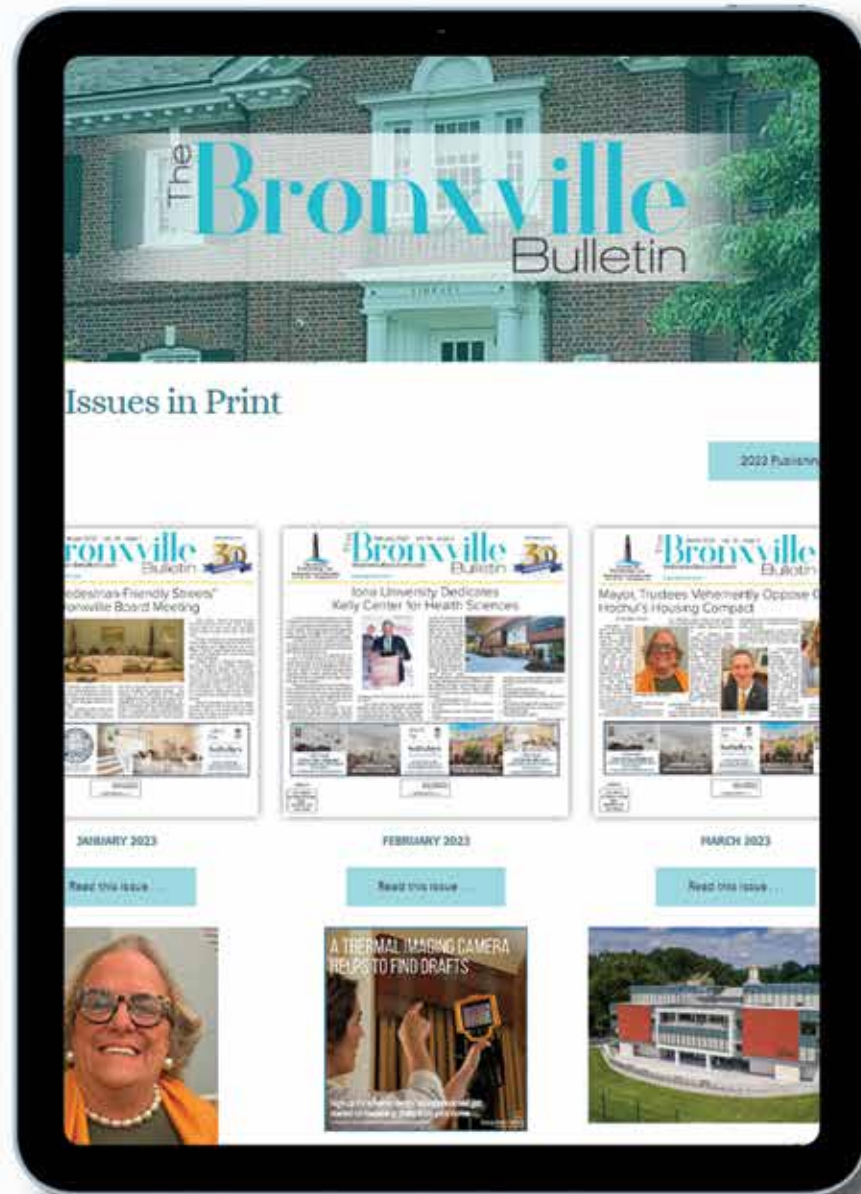
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