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The Willistons Start a New Year



From top, East williston Board with The Hon Emil Samuel's and Cathy Samuels; Mayor Tanner swearing in Associate Village Justice Emil Samuels; same swearing in Village Clerk Marie Hausner; Mayor Tanner with Ms. Julia Sinon; EW Village Board with Village Clerk Marie Hausner and Robert Hausner.

The official year for the Villages of Williston Park and East Williston traditionally starts in April with the Organization Meeting, a budget vote and the swearing in of newly elected or appointed officials, and so it was for the two Villages this year as well.

Village of Williston Park Holds Annual Organization Meeting

On Monday evening April 3rd Mayor Paul Ehbar chaired the Village's annual organizational meeting but this year's meeting had a special air to it. The mayor swore in the members of the Village Court and the Village staff in their respective positions for which they have been selected. In addition, the volunteer members of the Historical, Parking, Recreation, Beautification, Pool, Senior Advisory, New Resident, and the Hometown Heroes Committees were sworn in, as were the members of the Neighborhood Watch.

Under the Chairmanship of Ms. Tina Farrell, three military members for whom banners have been placed in front of the Village Hall from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day have now retired from service.

When Mayor Ehbar was informed of this at a Hometown Heroes Committee meeting, he thought that the three retired military veterans, Sergeant Joseph Bernardez, United States Army, Third Class Petty Officer Brian Gayson, United State Navy and Sergeant Erik Redding, United States Marines should be honored for their service to our country. The committee thought that it would be very appropriate to retire each of their banners in person at the Village Organizational Meeting, and to give the banner to the retired veteran .

Ms. Farrell contacted each of the families to invite them to the ceremony at the village meeting. Due to educational commitments only Sergeant Joseph Bernardez and his family was able to attend, but the gratitude of the Village and its residents was extended to these three Hometown Heroes.

The meeting concluded with the recognition by Mayor Ehbar of Ms. Nina McCann's selection to the Woman's Roll of Honor by the Town of North Hempstead.

The East Williston Organizational Meeting

The Village of East Williston also conducted its Organizational Meeting on April 3rd. After holding its annual Budget Hearing, and passing the Village Budget, the Mayor and Board of Trustees reappointed several appointed officials and committee members. Mayor Tanner then swore in Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Associate Village Justice Emil Samuels and Building Inspector Robert Campagna, A.I.A., for additional terms during the coming year.

The Mayor and Village Board also used the Organizational Meeting as an opportunity to recognize and publicly thank Ms. Julia Sinon for donating etchings and a statue of Abraham Lincoln, in memory of her late husband John Sinon. In keeping with the sign on the Village Green, Mr. Sinon was "proud of the place in which he lived" and the Village is, in turn, grateful for Ms. Sinon's generosity.



From top, Mayor Ehrbar with Nina McCann; Sgt. Bernardez with Mayor Ehrbar and Tim and Tina Farrel; Sgt. Bernardez with parents and members of the Hometown Heroes Committee; Banners for Hometown Heroes Sgt Erik Redding and CPO 3C Brian Gayson; EW Building Inspector Robert Campagna with Village Board.

Tzu Chi Foundation to Observe Mother's Day, Buddha Day and Global Tzu Chi Day on Sunday, May 14

By **Pauline Chun**

The second Sunday in May is a very special day for the members of the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, as there are three meaningful occasions that fall on that day: Mother's Day, Buddha Day, and Global Tzu Chi Day. Tzu Chi branches in 47 countries on five continents will hold ceremonies to celebrate these three important occasions.

Our founder, Venerable Master ChengYan said that the month of May is indeed the month of gratitude and filial piety. Venerable Master ChengYan hopes that Tzu Chi volunteers around the globe will hold activities in their own neighborhoods that will cleanse peoples' hearts of ignorance and show the beauty of the Buddhist ceremony. On this day, together, we vow to cultivate the benevolent thoughts of all, and express our gratitude towards the Buddha, our parents and all sentient



beings.

On May 14, Tzu Chi Foundation, Long Island Branch will hold an event to celebrate this Three-in-One auspicious occasion with 450 students of Tzu Chi Academy. It is an event to which we welcome our community residents to join.



The celebration will start in the morning. From 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., there is a Buddha Day Ceremony with an atmosphere of reverence and solemnity. As part of the ceremony, participants will take turns dipping fingers in fragrant water, take the small bud of a flower and hold their palms together with the hope that virtue, spirit and dharma of the Buddha will rest in the participant's heart. We all believe that, as people come together in sincere prayers, good thoughts will resonate.

From 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., the celebration will be conducted with a series of activities to observe Mother's Day and Global Tzu Chi Day. Enlightening activities like tea serving to parents by students, flower arrangements made

for all beloved mothers, and many other fun filled activities will be designed to bring out reverence, gratitude and compassion from the bottom of our hearts.



As always, the program itself is educational and interesting and an opportunity to strengthen the parent-child bond, and to show gratitude to all people in society whose labor and giving make our lives possible.

The accompanying photos from last year's observance will give you an idea as to the nature of the service, and we invite you to see it in person this year.

Community residents are welcome to join, please come to the Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch) located at 60 East Williston Ave., East Williston, New York, 11596 on May 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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A Few Golden Rules for Spring Gardening

Now that the threat of snow seems to have passed and the first flowers of spring have begun to brighten our winter-grey gardens, it's time to take stock and plan your garden activities. Put away the snow blower and make sure that your lawn mower and gardening tools are ready for the season.



- Some of us have already been in the garden, taking stock of winter kill and planning new plantings. But whether you are an inveterate gardener anxious to get those new plants from the plant catalog into the ground or just want to be sure your garden is green and lovely as spring gains momentum, here are some suggestions for your spring gardening.
- Never garden in the rain or when the ground is wet. If you do, you will compact the soil, destroy the soil structure and suffocate roots.
 - Now that your garden is empty and down to the bare bones, you can see where you'd like to plant bulbs that will bloom next year. Draw a rough sketch of your garden and mark the areas where you would like to plant. If you wait until the fall to make your decisions, your garden will be so overgrown that you will have forgotten where you intended to place the bulbs.
 - Continue to remove winter mulches and debris from planting beds and add

- compost to the soil to feed your plants for the season but be careful if you are digging in your perennial bed early in the season. Many of your established perennials will be slow to appear.
- Be patient. Some things can be planted early, such as early season vegetable



- crops and cold-hardy annuals. Early season vegetables could include seeds of peas, carrots and radishes and seedlings of cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli if soil is workable (resembles chocolate cake crumbs but not compacted and muddy).
- Otherwise, it is important to wait until after the last frost warning before planting half-hardy annuals and tender vegetables. In the New York City area, the last killing frost usually occurs between April 20 and 30, and the last frost warning comes around May 15.
 - Start weeding as soon as weeds appear. If you wait until weeds go to seed, you will spend the entire summer weeding. It's a tedious task, so weed often for short periods of time. A half an hour here or there in the evening will be more enjoyable than a lost Saturday afternoon.
 - Inspect your lawn for bare areas and re-seed if necessary and complete your lawn fertilization if it was not done in the fall.
 - Enjoy the fruits of your labors!

News from Wheatley

Wheatley Cybercats Compete at Hofstra

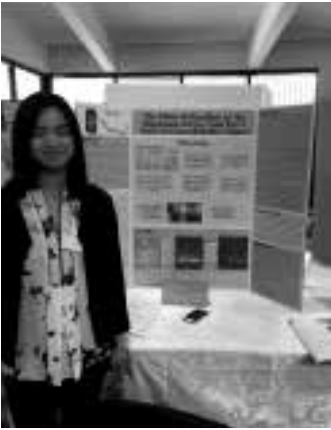
After months of careful preparation, Wheatley's Cybercats Robotics team competed in the 2017 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition at Hofstra. Each year the competition requires that teams design a robot that is able to fulfill tasks, including shooting balls through hoops, manufacturing recycling bins or throwing a Frisbee through a target. This year's task required the robots to deliver fuel units and gears to a steam powered airship. The FIRST Robotics competition requires the participants to design their robot, and to work with other teams in completing the task.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Wheatley has fielded a team in the regional competition for the event. Building the robot, and competing with it, required design elements, production elements and programming expertise. The Cybercats Team was supported by Patrick Hurley and Joseph Fina.

Congratulations to all of the students who worked tirelessly in order to prepare for the competition. The students certainly appeared to be enjoying the competition, and the looks on their faces illustrates an old saying—"do something you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

Wheatley's Litigators Win Again!

There's nothing "mock" about Wheatley's Mock Trial Team this year. On March 29th the team defeated the North Shore High School team in the Nassau County semi-finals, earning a ticket to the Nassau Championship match next week! This is the team's second consecutive trip to the finals! We look forward to reporting on their performance in the finals in next month's Williston Post but, no matter how the judges rule, the team and its members have had a wonderful



run and should be deservedly proud of their showing.

Congratulations to the team members and to their Mock Trial Advisor, Ms. Theryn Gibbons!

For the Prosecution: Attorneys Lianna Golden, Jacob Chimarine,

and Jakob Gilbert; Witnesses Jacob Ribotsky, Caroline Crimmins, and Brooke Schwartz.

For the Defense: Attorneys Andrew Hirsch, Rebecca Sparacio, Jakob Gilbert; Witnesses: Sam Avila-Frank, Brett Katz, and Emily Wang.

Alternates: Adam Rosenzweig, Emily Yagoda, Derek Gilbert, Maggie Carrodo (who also served as Official Timekeeper), Mahesh Pitchayan, and Michelle Raja.

Good luck to the team in the finals!

Wheatley Students Recognized at LISEF 2017!

The Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF) is the local regional organization that sponsors the Intel Division Fair and the JV Fair. The top winners from the Intel Division fair earn a spot at the International Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by The Society for Science and Intel.

This year, Wheatley students submitted 8 projects to the Intel Division fair. In total there were over 450 projects submitted from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The JV Fair provides an opportunity for young scientists to get a glimpse of what science competitions are like; gearing the students up for opportunities in following years to compete at the Intel Division. Wheatley had 6 projects entered in the JV Fair.

Ananya Bansal and Megan Kirschner received honorable mention in the category of Cellular and Molecular Biology and an award from The Society for In Vitro Biology for an Outstanding and Creative Project. The title of their project is Coconut Oil Decreases the Gene Expression of Apl-1 in C. Elegans and APP in Neuroblastoma Cells.

Anne Yan received Honorable Mention for her project titled: The Effect of Nitrulline on the Expression of Dys-1 and Dyc-1 Genes in C. elegans.

Other students who participated were Arvin Jadonath, Nirav Kumar, Rebecca Sparacio, Kavina Amin, Hema Kumar, Rebecca Zeltsman, Kaya Amin, Ilana Nimkoff, Jacob Mohebban, and Derek Gilbert.

The students were supported and encouraged by their faculty advisor, Ms. Mary Alexis Blondrage.

Make a Splash for the Benefit of Children at NYU Winthrop Hospital's Annual Swim-a-Thon

Event set for Sunday, April 23 at Hofstra University's Swim Center

Take the plunge and enjoy a fun-filled morning while raising funds for a worthy cause at NYU Winthrop Hospital's 16th Annual Swim-a-Thon on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hofstra University's Swim Center.

Open to swimmers of all ages, the Swim-A-Thon will once again raise vital funds for the Hospital's Child Life Program, through which certified Child Life Specialists utilize play and education to improve children's understanding of medical procedures; teach relaxation techniques to help young patients cope with illness or surgery; and provide emotional support for the entire family.

To date, the event has raised more than \$400,000 to benefit the Child

Life Program since it was first conceptualized by Ron Marino, D.O., Associate Chairman of Pediatrics at NYU Winthrop Hospital, in 2002.

Dr. Marino, an avid swimmer himself, wanted to come up with a fundraiser that would connect a healthy physical activity with giving back to the Hospital and young patients he adores. Thanks to his passion to help, and the growing support of community members, local businesses and staff, the event has flourished each year.

Dr. Marino is particularly excited about all this community-driven and supported event has helped to achieve for the benefit of young patients.

"Community collaboration strengthens the fabric of community well-being. The Annual Swim-A-

Thon not only supports the mission of the Hospital in so many ways, it also fosters the personal growth of all those who participate," said Dr. Marino. "It's a win-win that is fun for everyone!"

Schools are invited to come in groups, and community members are invited to swim or support a swimmer through a sponsorship pledge. In addition, students can earn community service hours by participating either as swimmers or as volunteers.

Each year, the Swim-a-thon is enhanced by an outpouring of support from the community who donate their time and services to make this a fun, family-centered event.

Participants will enjoy swim coaching by Rob McKeown from South Shore Tri Coach; massage therapy by

Licensed Massage Therapist Denise Cooke, RN; live music by the Mineola High School Jazz Ensemble and Central Beat rock band; crafts provided by Cathy Grossfeld of All About Kids; yoga by Donna Dragani, and more! Saf-T-Swim, Winthrop's proud affiliate in swim training, raising funds and safety, will also join us poolside.

Each swimmer receives a towel and swim cap with registration.

The registration fee for adults is \$20; \$10 for children ages four to 17 and students with a valid school ID.

For more information, to sponsor a swimmer, or to register or volunteer, please visit www.winthrop.org/events or call (516) 663-8275.



Participants at the annual Swim-a-Thon enjoyed a fun-filled morning of swimming while raising funds for the Child Life Program at NYU Winthrop Hospital. Photo Credit: Anne Lucas

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Herricks Middle School Introduces Sixth-Grade Science Fair

On March 22, approximately 40 scientific explorations and discoveries were showcased at Herricks Middle School's inaugural sixth-grade science fair. Students utilized the Google Classrooms platform to submit and organize their ideas, which was followed by the completion of their research and experiments.

Prior to the evening event, open to parents and other guests, students met with panels of educators who served as judges. They described the inspirations behind their topics, their hypotheses, observations, experimentation processes and findings.

Students selected topics based on their own interests, and as a result, a broad range of studies were shared. Categories included biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics. Students investigated plant growth, bacteria, medical conditions, chemical substances, the planets, space travel, colors, energy sources, light reflection, radio waves, electricity and much more.

"I was happy with my results and I had fun doing this," said Ankita Jha, who researched, "Does the Material Affect Conduction of Radio Waves?"

Ryan Samuel explored whether Tumeric is a good preservative. "I knew it had antibacterial and antifungal effects," he said.

Brian Kim and Rushil Saini collaborated on a comparison of solar power vs. batteries. "We chose this because we heard a lot of debate between batteries and solar power, and wanted to see which would be better overall," said Rushil.

Ayesha Patel researched "The Best Cookie." "I like to bake and cook, and saw that there was a category for baking," she said.

The top three projects in each category were presented with awards, and John Jochym was named overall winner for his project, "The Porosity and Permeability of Different Sediments."

Congratulations to the other winners, listed as follows:

Biology

- 1st place - Joseph Collura
- 2nd place - Ryan Samuel
- 3rd place - Tanush Soni

Chemistry

- 1st place - Kevin Jacob & Ashish Jalwan
- 2nd place - Hailey Ko
- 3rd place - Michael Zanetti

Earth/Space Science

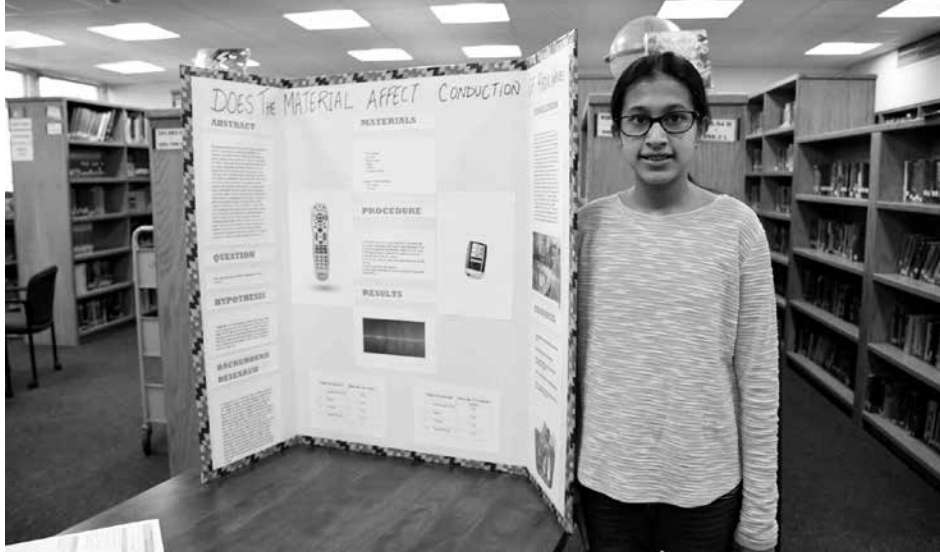
- 1st place - John Jochym
- 2nd place - Raj Patel
- 3rd place - Ricardo Wright

Environmental Science

- 1st - Gavin Lee
- 2nd - Sasha Bhatia
- 3rd - Daniel An

Physics

- 1st - Thomas Zaid
- 2nd - Jacob Abraham
- 3rd - Jarod Chan



Top, Brian Kim and Rushil Saini collaborated on a comparison of solar power vs. batteries. Middle, Ankita Jha presented her research on radio waves. Bottom, Ryan Samuel discussed his findings about Tumeric as a preservative before a panel of judges.

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Chamber Receives Grant from the Town of North Hempstead

The Williston Chamber of Commerce is constantly searching for ways to promote local businesses.

Over the last several years the Chamber has worked hard to update the holiday decorations in the Village, and every year it has been able to purchase a number of the lighted 6 foot snowflake silhouettes that residents and shoppers see lining Hillside and Willis Avenues. The Williston Park DPW puts them up after Thanksgiving and they add a festive atmosphere to the streetscape alone Hillside and Willis Avenues.

Over the last several months Executive Director Lucille Walters has been working with the Town of North Hempstead Business & Tourism Development Corporation to receive grants for these and other decorations.

Through these efforts, the Chamber was awarded a matching grant of \$5,535.00 from the Town. The Chamber will also contribute \$5,535.00, which combined, will provide \$11,070 to complete this beautification project in the Village.

At the Chamber's March meeting Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Deputy Director Roy Smitheimer and Councilman Angelo Ferrara presented the Chamber with a check representing the Town's contribution.

Since 1949 the Williston Chamber of Commerce has been in existence as an important link to our business community. Our biggest event is the Williston Day Street Fair which was started in 1978 and has become a wonderful



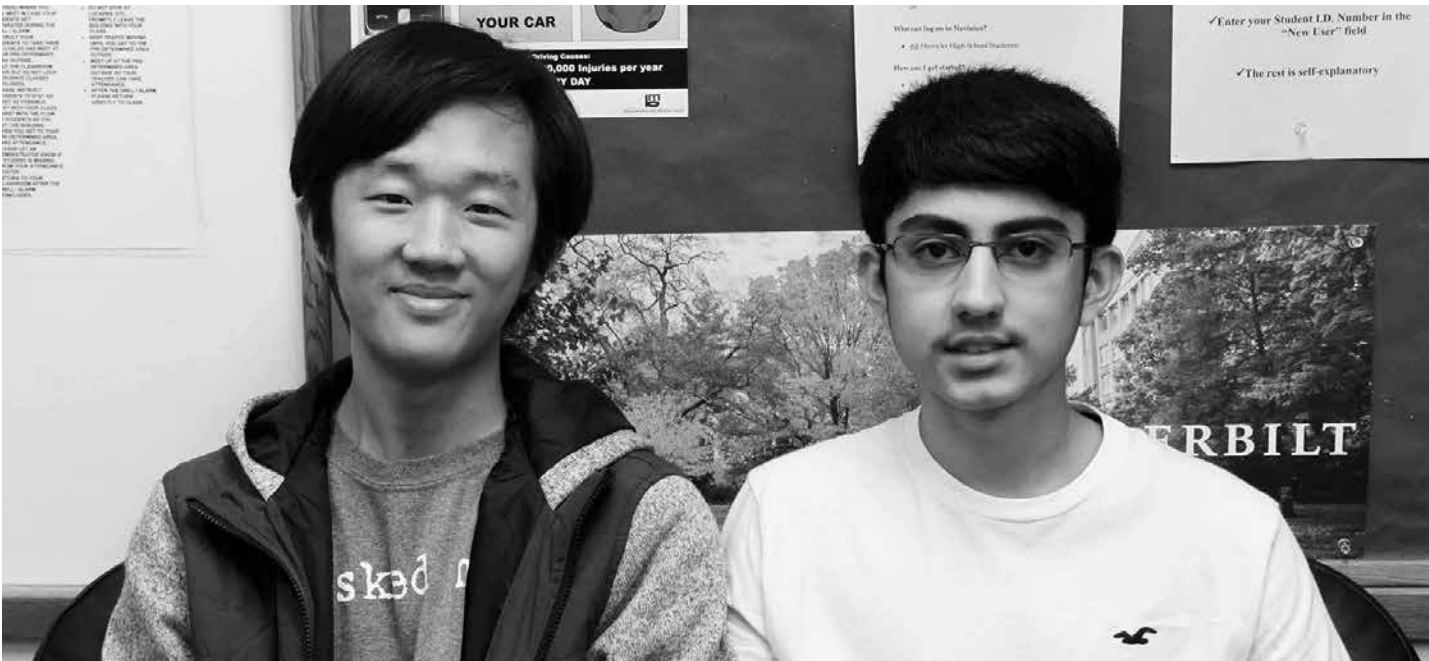
Left to Right; Roy Smitheimer, Deputy Director for Business and Tourism development; Mayor Paul Ehrbar; John Gordon, President, Chamber of the Williston's; Lucille Walters, Executive Director, Judi Bosworth, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor; Councilman Angelo Ferrara.

tradition in the Village. We welcome and encourage all the businesses in our community to join the Chamber. You can visit our website www.chamber-ofthewillistons.com, or call 739-1943 for more information on becoming a member.

Herricks Students Score High Marks in Math Competition

A total of 163 Herricks High School students participated in the American Mathematics Competition 10/12 in February. The AMC is the nation's leading math contest for high schoolers and is designed to cultivate the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem solvers. Students who take the AMC 10/12 have the opportunity to develop creative quantitative thinking skills, which better prepares them to succeed in college math classes.

Alan Chen and Eish Maheshwari qualified for the next level of the competition, the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. Other high scores were earned by Andre Chen, Simon Liu, Andrew Rocco and Alicia Slavitt.



Alan Chen and Eish Maheshwari, two of the 163 Herricks High School AMC 10/12 participants, qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination based on their high scores. Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

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News from the Mineola School District

Mural at the Meadow Drive School

Kindergarten through second-grade students at Meadow Drive School in the Mineola Union Free School District recently completed a mural on the large wall across from the school's cafeteria.

Art, music, physical education, science and library are all celebrated in the mural, which was created by art teacher Jaclyn Altman and visiting artist John DiNaro.

Kindergartners are pictured here with the completed work, but all K-2 students assisted in the painting

Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

Mineola Hosts Rube Goldberg Contest

Mineola Middle School hosted the second annual Rube Goldberg contest on March 11.

A Rube Goldberg Machine (RGM) is a crazy contraption which accomplishes a simple task in the most complicated – and funniest – way possible! Based on the “Invention” cartoons of the famous Pulitzer Prize-winning American cartoonist, Rube Goldberg, actual machines are at the heart of the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. They use everyday items (mostly junk!), they tell a story and, most important of all – they make you LAUGH. This year's contest was to “Apply a Band Aid”!

Working in teams, the Middle School students competed against their peers from 40 schools on Long Island and were awarded a third place overall win.

Teams from Mineola were also awarded the Risk Award, Funniest Step Award, Most Creative Use of Materials Award.

Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District



Lego Maniacs in Mineola

Mineola Middle School Lego Maniacs had an outstanding performance at the LI Robotic Championship.

The team came in seventh place out of the top 40 teams on Long Island.

The team included: Brent Muesig, Lucca Boutin, Brendan Morrison, Andrew Basel, Wesley Tam, Sara Ahmed, Alonso Monroy, Christopher Marquez (missing from the photo), Carolina Guekjian, Mahima Islam and Rafael Solon.

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Celebration in Song at St. Aidan's

The air was festive at the annual Ignis Angelicus Concert, honoring both St. Patrick and St. Joseph, was held on March 19.

In keeping with the traditions for this concert, the audience was treated to a program that showcased the musical talents of the St. Aidan's choirs and soloists in a program that featured songs ranging from familiar Irish ballads to soaring operatic solos from

works by Verdi, Tosti and Rossini. The St. Aidan's Angel Choir charmed the audience with a rendition of Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra, and engaged the audience in an enthusiastic sing-along.

Tenors Gregory Mercer and Daniel Maimone, baritone Brian Goff and soprano Reagan Stone thrilled the audience with their solo performances of Irish and Italian songs. The vocalists

were superbly accompanied by flutist Kathy Battel and pianist/organist Terrence Purtell.

Familiar tunes were enthusiastically enjoyed by the audience including the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore", Brian Goff's rendition of "Danny Boy", and Reagan Stone's soaring solo "Cara Nome" from "Rigoletto".

A highlight of the afternoon was a solo by 90 year old Rosemary Farrar,

a member of the St. Aidan's choir for over 50 years who performed the aria "O mio babbino caro" from Puccini's Gianni Schicchi. It demonstrates once again that music can transcend age.

Under the direction of Music Director and Conductor, Dragan Bubalo, the Ignis Angelicus concert was another example of the outstanding music programs that St. Aidan's sponsors each year.



On Saturday April 8th the Williston Park Little League kicked off the baseball season by celebrating 65th Opening Day with a parade through the village followed by a ceremony at Kelleher Field. The parade was led by members of the American Legion Williston Post 144 carrying the colors of our nation, followed by the players and parents from all of the League teams and brought up in the rear by members of the Williston Park Fire Department.

Father Jeff Yildermaz of St. Aidan's said the invocation, that the boys and girls be safe and enjoy the season. Williston Park Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne was honored with a plaque which commemorated his twenty years of service on the Board of the Williston Park Little League, as a coach, an umpire, and as the League



Treasurer. Also in attendance on this wonderful day were Williston Park Mayor Paul Ehrbar, the Honorable Maureen O' Connell, County Clerk (from East Williston), and Angelo P.

Ferrara, Councilman from the Town of North Hempstead. But, as always, the day truly belongs to the players, who brought a joy and enthusiasm to the proceedings that make us all look forward to the season to come.

The staff of The Williston Post would like to thank all those who volunteer their time, and the businesses that support the teams, all of which does so much to make the Williston Park Little League the great success it has been for 65 joyous summers. When you come to a game, look at the sponsors' banners in the outfield. These local businesses, through their support, play a large role in making the season happen, and they can't continue to do that without your support. Keep the sponsors in mind when you do your shopping, and shop locally first.

Play Ball!

Mineola High School Seniors Make the Sweep

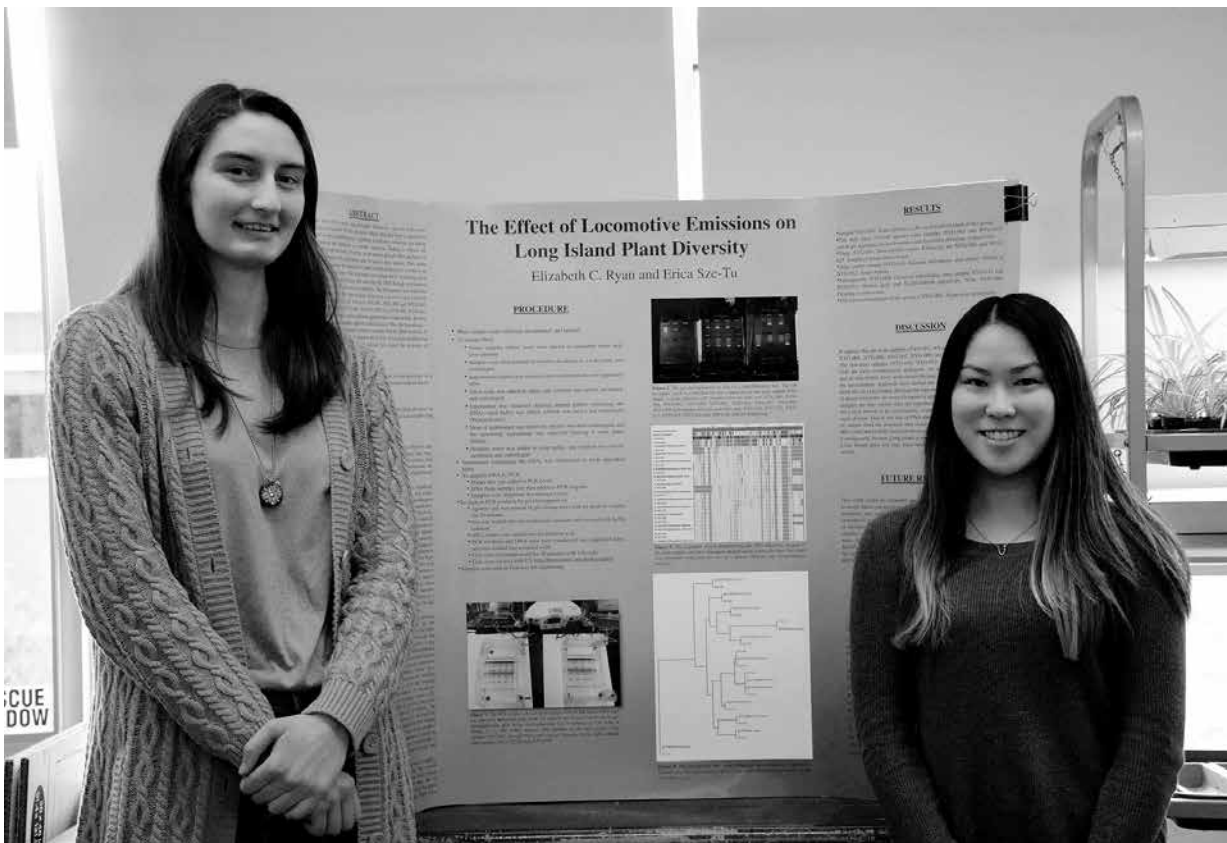
Mineola High School seniors Elizabeth Ryan and Erica Sze-Tu were chosen as finalists in the international science fair, ISWEEEP. The International Sustainable World Engineering, Energy, Environment Project draws hundreds of the brightest STEM-focused students in the world together each year to compete in a fun and collaborative environment and the opportunity to win more than \$100,000 in awards and scholarships.

The competition will include students from approximately 60 countries with projects exploring such topics as renewable energy, sustainable development and medical breakthroughs.

Erica and Elizabeth were chosen for their project, “The Effect of Locomotive Emissions on Long Island Plant Diversity,” which also competed in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. The project, which they have been working on together for the past two years, looks at the effects of diesel emissions on the biodiversity on Long Island.

In May, the pair will compete in Houston, Texas, with the other finalists in this 10th anniversary competition for ISWEEEP.

Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District



Brownies from Troop 1162 Earn the Family of God Medal

Brownie Troop 1162 from the WARM Association recently earned their Family of God Medal at the Annual Girl Scout Sabbath Sunday.

The girls worked on this Project through the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The Project consists of completing assignments from six chapters from a Family of God Workbook. Each chapter consisted of three activities that foster the presence and discovery of God in their daily lives and as members of their own family and the Parish of Saint Aidan. The chapters themselves outline the focus of the Project: I am Special to my Family; I am Special to God’s Family; I Belong to my Family; I Belong to God’s Family; I Can Help my Family; and I Can



Help God’s Family

In addition to their biweekly meetings and scheduled Scout events, the girls dedicated many of their Saturdays and weekdays from November through February to complete this

Project. They worked as a group, and individually with their families. Obtaining the Award involved a tremendous amount of work, and their families were quite impressed with (but not at all surprised by) the girls’ dedication

and commitment to this project.

The girls learned a lot about their similarities and their uniqueness and came together to celebrate each other’s individuality. They learned about their place in their own family and in the community, as well as how they could help others to experience the way that God’s love surrounds us. It was a worthwhile experience for our Troop and for the devoted families of our Scouts.

The award was earned by the following girls:

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Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Return to the Willistons



The weekend of April 8 and 9 provided perfect weather for Mr. and Mrs. Bunny's visit to the Willistons for an Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was beautiful, the children were adorable, and parents were treated to a memorable event.

As is the case with so many Community events, the pictures speak far more than just a thousand words.

But, as is also the case, the story that the pictures do not show is the hard work of the Recreation Committees for the two Villages that made these events, and so many others, possible.

So, when you go to something like the Easter Egg Hunt, be sure that you look for a Recreation Committee member, and say thank you. If you don't see a member at the event, take a few minutes and go to a Village Board meeting, and thank the Committee publicly for their good work. It will mean a lot, and the thanks are well deserved.



Herricks Senior Earns President’s Volunteer Service Award

Herricks High School senior Nae-ha Pathak has been honored with a President’s Volunteer Service Award in honor of her dedication to helping others and making a difference in the world.

This award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have vol-unteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by the Pru-dential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President’s

Council on Service and Civic Partic-ipation.

Nae-ha spent several weeks volun-teering in India at a hospital in New Delhi, as well as a rural health clinic in a developing village area. She also helped to raise funds for the clinic through performances with a dance class in which she is involved. In school, Nae-ha has contributed to the Herricks blood drive efforts, and out-side of school, she has tutored younger children in Hindi.



Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

Herricks Varsity Swim Teams Honored at BOE Meeting



Members of the Herrick’s Public Schools’ boys varsity swim team were recognized at the March 9 Board of Education Meeting for having an undefeated season and becomes Conference Champions. Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

At the Herricks Public Schools’ March Board of Education Meeting, the boys varsity swim team was recognized for having an undefeated season and earning the title of Conference Champions at the Division Swim Championship held in February.

The team is coached by Sarah Bove, who was named conference coach of

the year.

The Herricks Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fino Celano congratulated these out-standing student-athletes and Coach Bove for their determination, athlet-icism and excellence throughout the season.

“Hears” To You: Over One Billion Teenagers And Young Adults At Risk Of Hearing Loss - Prevention Is Key

By Carolyn M. Genna, AuD, FAAA

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 1.1 billion teenagers and young adults are at risk of hearing loss due to the unsafe use of personal audio devices, including smartphones, and exposure to damag-ing levels of sound at noisy entertain-ment venues such as nightclubs and sporting events.



Noise-induced hearing loss is 100 percent preventable.

With the pervasiveness of person-al audio devices and noisy venues, it is imperative for teenagers and young adults to actively monitor and mitigate

potential hearing hazards.

Once you lose your hearing, you can’t get it back. Hearing loss has po-tentially devastating long-term conse-quences for physical and mental health, education and employment.

WHO analyzed the listening hab-its of 12 to 35 year olds in mid and high-income nations around the world and found that nearly 50% of those studied listen to unsafe sound levels on personal audio devices and about 40% are exposed to damaging levels of music and noise at entertainment venues.

Approximately 15 percent of Americans between the ages of 20 and 69—or 26 million Americans—have hearing loss that may have been caused by exposure to noise at work or in lei-sure activities.

As many as 16 percent of teens (ages 12 to 19) have reported some hearing loss that could have been caused by loud noise, according to a 2010 report based on a survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If you suspect that you or your child has been exposed to unsafe levels of noise, making an appointment with an audiologist for a baseline hearing



assessment is recommended. Your au-diologist can also provide you with in-formation on hearing protection and conservation that will help preserve and optimize your hearing over your lifetime.

Heed the warning signs of hearing loss and get regular hearing check-ups.

WHO recommends that the high-est permissible level of noise exposure in the workplace is 85 dB up to a max-imum of eight hours per day. Many pa-trons of nightclubs, bars and sporting events are often exposed to even high-er levels of sound, and should there-

fore considerably reduce the duration of exposure. For example, exposure to noise levels of 100 dB, which is typical in such venues, is safe for no more than 15 minutes.

Dr. Carolyn Genna maintains her audiology practice at 99 Hillside Av-enue # H, Williston Park, NY 11596 and can be reached by telephone for an appointment at (516) 873-9742.

The staff of The Williston Post is grateful to her for the insights and ad-vice that she has shared with our read-ers over the years.



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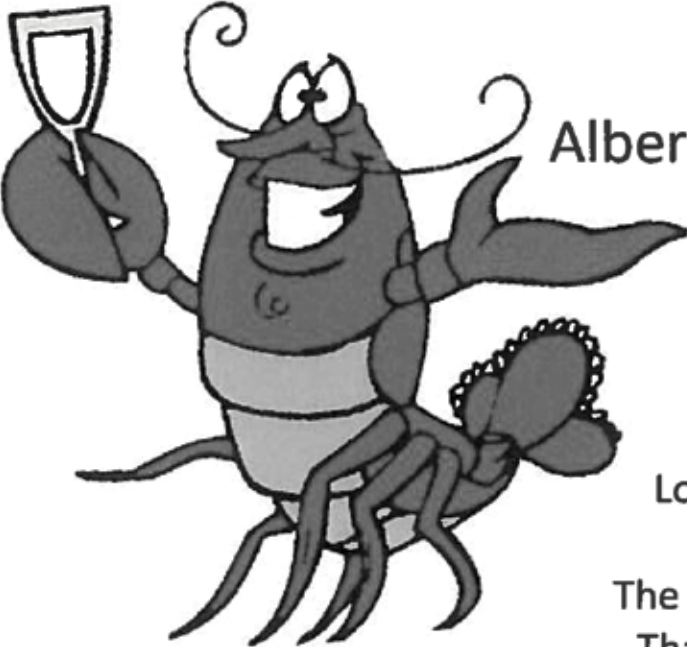
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News from the Schechter School

Schechter school of Long Island hosted a Family STREAM Fair for preschool and elementary school aged families, bringing together students’ scientific research projects, pre-engineering activities, a “Maker Space,” and “Estimation Stations” filled with dozens of mind-bending puzzles.

A newly designed “Maker Space” had all the materials necessary for children and adults to think out of the box to build bridges, towers, boats and rockets using straws, marshmallows, craft sticks, spaghetti, index cards, newspapers and many other every-day household items.

Over 300 people attended, and more than 20 high school student-volunteers were on hand to assist the little ones and their parents.

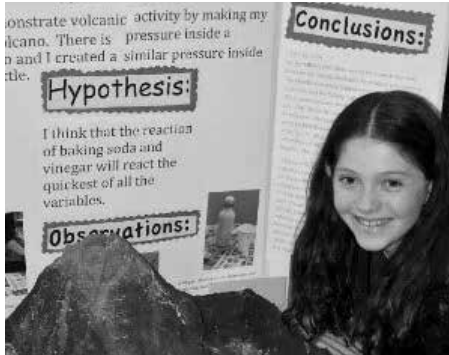
“We want our students to be a part of the solutions to challenges that humanity and the earth face” said Sandi Swerdloff, principal of the Schechter School of Long Island’s Lower School. “Armed with an outstanding STEM education and the moral and ethical teachings embedded in our faith-based curriculum, our students will grow up ready to repair the world. It starts here at the lower school when they are very young, continues on through our middle in our award winning E2K Math, Science and Engineering programs, and then in our high school Sci-Tech engineering, computer science and



scientific research programs tracks.”

Said Elaine Benlevi, parent of a third grader, “Part of what makes this day so special is the fact that the children got to explain their project to other parents, teachers, their friends and siblings of their friends. The children were so proud, so knowledgeable and so eager to share – it was truly a treat for us parents.”

Dr. Cindy Dolgin, Head of School says, “STEM has recently become



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a popular term in education, but at Schechter LI, we have long been emphasizing creativity and entrepreneurial thinking, intertwined with our Science, Technology Engineering and Math curriculum. Incorporating the arts and original research has bolstered the quality of our curriculum. Schechter’s Family STREAM Day, gave all the grades and all the parents a taste of what we are accomplishing at the cutting edge of quality education.”

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County Clerk Speaks at Williston Park Senior Citizens Meeting

Nassau County Clerk Maureen O’Connell recently joined a meeting of the Williston Park Seniors Group at Clinton G. Martin Park in New Hyde Park to speak with members about the services the Clerk’s office provides to residents including the processing and maintenance of the County’s land and court records.

Another service discussed was the recording of Veteran Certificate of Release and Discharge (DD-214) papers free of charge.

As an incentive for veterans to take advantage of this service, Clerk O’Connell talked about the Nassau Veterans Recognition Program which offers them discounts at participating businesses throughout Nassau County



for recording their discharge papers. The Clerk’s office also accepts and processes passport applications. Clerk O’Connell urged residents with travel plans to make sure they have their passport in place.

Left to right, Neil Fucci, Hugh Forde, Nassau County Clerk Maureen O’Connell and Jack Alfonso

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Sixth Annual Interfaith Seder Brings Together Students for Cross-Cultural Exchange

Eighth grade students from the Schechter School of Long Island and St. Aidan’s School came together yesterday for our 6th Annual Interfaith Seder at the Schechter Upper School.

These young men and women made matzoh together and the students from St. Aidan’s had the opportunity to learn all about the Passover Seder, the Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of Passover.

Ms. Sami Gubin explained to all the students the history of Passover from its Biblical start to how its tradition has been kept to today. The students shared foods from a traditional Seder plate, including matzoh and grape juice. The students from Schechter shared traditional stories, prayers and songs with the St. Aidan’s students.



There was an open discussion among students about each of their religious celebrations, which allowed the students to forge a connection of mutual understanding and respect. Ms. Julie O’Connell, the newly appointed Assistant Principal at St. Aidan’s, expressed her thanks to their wonderful neighbors at the Schechter School and expressed the hope that the beautiful and now traditional In-

terfaith Seder between the schools will continue for years to come. We at The Williston Post express our thanks to both Ms. Cindy Dolgin, Head of School at the Schechter School of Long Island and to Ms. Eileen Oliver, Principal of St. Aiden School and the 8th Grade teachers from both schools for their work in developing and continuing this Williston Park tradition.



Good News: K's Auto Repair Is Back In Business

As many of our readers know, and as we reported in last month's edition of The Williston Post, the terrible fire in Mineola last month destroyed the building where K's Auto Repair had been located for 40 years. We recently received good news from the owner, Kevin Thomas, which we would like to share with you.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department and their mutual aid partners from the Williston Park, East Williston, Garden City, Garden City Park, Carle Place, New Hyde Park, Manhasset-Lakeville and Stewart Manor Volunteer Fire Departments for their heroic efforts in combatting the fire which took K's Auto Repair on the night of March 2nd and 3rd

through Saturday March 4th. The conditions facing the volunteers were terrible, but the firefighters never gave up. Although my business could not be saved, their heroic efforts prevented the fire from destroying



neighboring businesses. Most important, of course, none of our heroes was injured despite the fact that Chief Clark of Mineola said that it was one of the biggest fires he had ever faced.

To my longtime loyal customers and friends, thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and kind offers of support after the devastating loss of my business of 40 years. I have been truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from the community. I am happy to tell you that I have found a new location and am back in the business of providing quality auto repairs to the community. Please visit me at my new location at 263 East Jericho Turnpike (next to Dunkin' Donuts) in Mineola. My phone numbers remain the same: 516-248-0213 and 516-248-5546, and I look forward to hearing from you, and to serving your auto repair needs for many years to come.

*Happy Passover and Blessed Easter
Kevin Thomas*



Easter Services at St. John's Lutheran Church

Here is the schedule of Holy Week Services at St. John's Lutheran Church:

Maundy Thursday (April 13): 7:30pm

Good Friday (April 14): 7:30pm

Easter Sunday (April 16): 10:15am

St. John's is a place where God's grace abounds. We all need grace and God gives it to us in abundance. Come worship with us and hear the Good News of Easter--"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (Job 19:23-26).

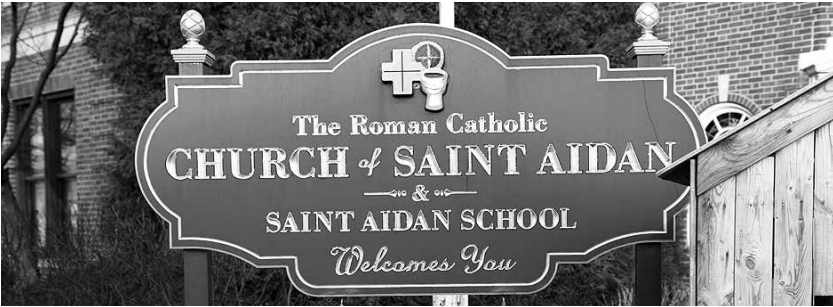
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An Easter Message From St. Aidan's

Dear Friends:
When I was a small child I always looked forward to the opening words of the Easter Sunday Mass: "I arose and I am still with you." It just said so much about the splendor of the Resurrection. Jesus came back just as he had promised and the world was redeemed. All things were made new in Christ and He was with us. That is still true today! Whether we realize it or not God is always with us--no matter the situation.
May you have a beautiful Easter and know that we at St. Aidan's are always here to help you in any way we can. You are always welcome here.
Happy Easter!
Monsignor James M. McDonald





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All school groups, Girls Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts
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and all residents are invited to join us.

Please email Village Hall (boardsecretary@villageofwillistonpark.org)
for questions, information or to register your group.

Thank you!



"Together We Will Continue To Make a Difference"

Caring for Our Pets

Heartworm Disease in Dogs

By **Victor LaGinestra, D.V.M.**

Many dog owners are giving heartworm pills or heartworm topicals to their dogs in order to prevent heartworm disease this summer.

For those of you who are unclear about the nature of this disease and its prevention, I will give you a quick ex-



planation.

Heartworms are long, thin worms that live in the heart and lungs of dogs. They are similar in size to a very thin piece of spaghetti, and are easily transmitted from infected dogs to uninfected dogs by mosquitoes.

For example, if a dog in your neighborhood has heartworms, the female worms in the infected dog's heart release microscopic worm larvae called microfilariae. These microfilariae in the blood are sucked up by a mosquito

when it bites the infected dog.

If that same mosquito then bites another dog the microfilariae are injected into the healthy dog.

There are multiple stages of the disease but ultimately, within about 6-7 months after the infected mosquito bite, there will be new adults releasing more microfilariae into the bloodstream and organs of the previously

healthy dog.

When you give the heartworm preventative monthly, you are killing the larvae in the early stages and therefore the dog will never end up with adult worms in its heart and lungs.

Adult heartworms can live for years and cause inflammation of the blood vessels of the lungs, which ultimately causes reduced blood flow and the clinical signs associated with chronic cardiopulmonary disease.

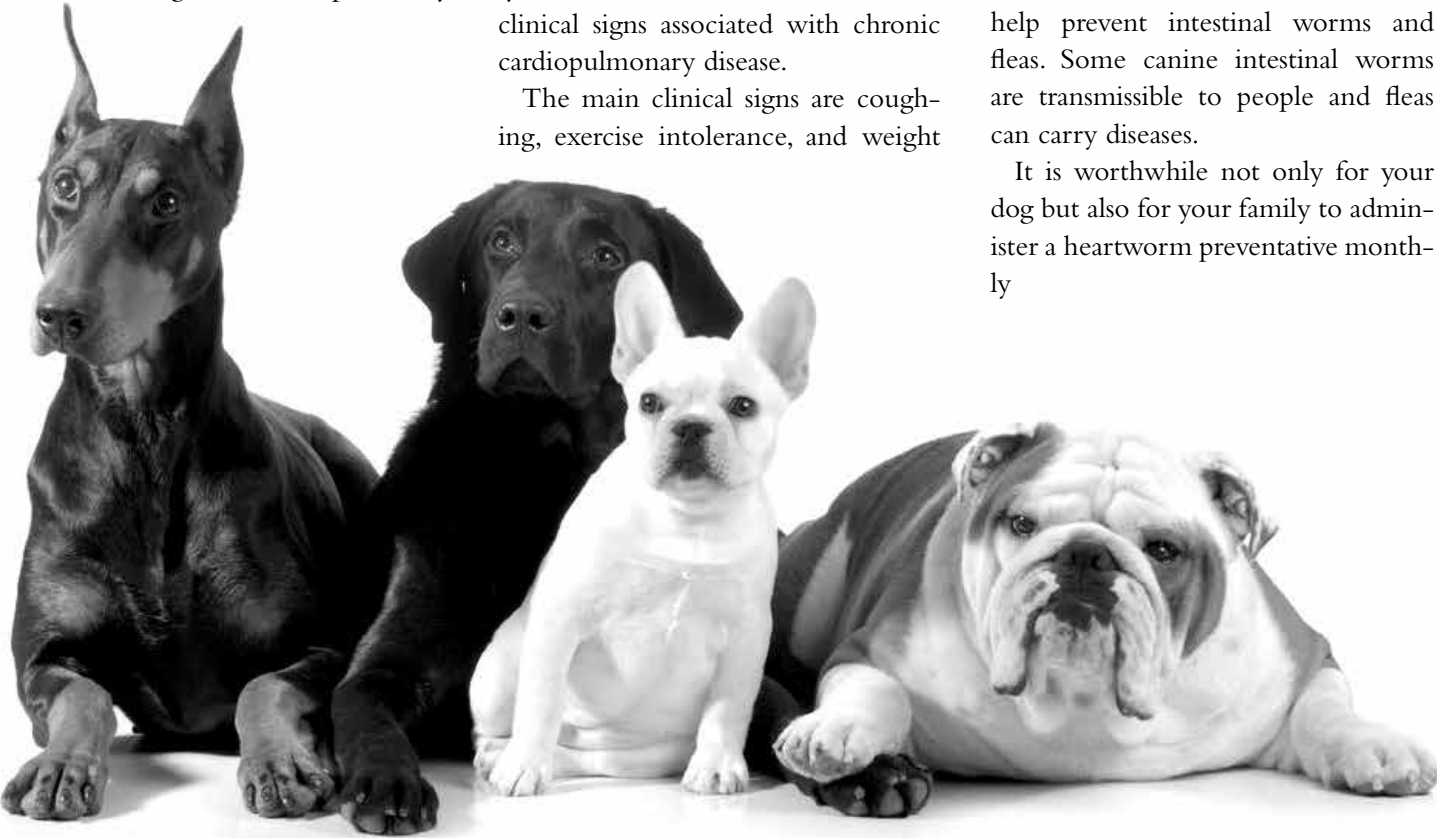
The main clinical signs are coughing, exercise intolerance, and weight

loss.

Heartworm disease can be treated, but it is expensive, dangerous, and the course of treatment does not reduce many of the pathological changes that will have occurred in the heart and lungs of your infected dog.

Many heartworm preventives such as Heartguard, Sentinel, Revolution, Trifexis, and Advantage Multi also help prevent intestinal worms and fleas. Some canine intestinal worms are transmissible to people and fleas can carry diseases.

It is worthwhile not only for your dog but also for your family to administer a heartworm preventative monthly




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Msgr. James McDonald to be Honored at 2017 St. Aidan Golf Outing

*May 1st Outing at Wheatley Hills Golf Club
Celebrates Pastor's 50 Years as a Priest*

The St. Aidan's Golf Outing Committee is pleased to announce that Monsignor James McDonald will be the honoree at the Annual Golf Outing on May 1, 2017 at Wheatley Hills Golf Club in East Williston.



Monsignor McDonald is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest this May and the outing will provide a chance for parishioners, school families, community members and others to share in this wonderful Golden Jubilee.

"We are thrilled that Monsignor McDonald has agreed to be this year's honoree," said St. Aidan Principal Eileen Oliver. "In addition to being a beloved pastor and outstanding priest, Monsignor McDonald has been a steadfast supporter of Catholic Education. His leadership and partnership has ensured the vitality and strength of St. Aidan School, keeping it one of the most solid faith-based educational choices in the region."

"We encourage everyone to support the Golf Outing in some way in order to pay tribute to Monsignor McDonald and support Catholic Education in our community," said Golf Outing Chair Tony Santos. "For those who don't play golf, please consider attending the Golf Outing Dinner or taking one of the wide varieties of sponsorships available for the event."

The cost of the Golf Outing is \$300 per golfer or \$1,100 per foursome which includes brunch, 18 holes of golf, lunch and beverages on the course and dinner.

The cost of the dinner only is \$125

per person. The dinner, which begins at 5:30 p.m., will feature a cocktail hour, full buffet, raffles as well as silent and live auction items.

A "Golden Sponsorship" celebrating Monsignor's 50th Anniversary as a priest is available for \$50 and will list the individual or business name in our dinner program.

Alumni Sponsorships listing the name and class year of St. Aidan Alumni are available for \$20.

The annual outing which has sold out in the past several years, benefits PACE (Parents Acting for Catholic Education) in its ongoing efforts to support the work of St. Aidan School, so you will want to book your foursome early.

Additional information and details on other major sponsorships are available by visiting: <https://staidanschool.ejoinme.org/myevents/golfouting2017>

Those interested in more information may also contact Tony Santos at staidangolf@yahoo.com or by phone at 646-220-0540.

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Good Friday – 12 noon – 3 pm
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Art at the East Williston Library

East Williston Library patrons are familiar with the monthly displays of art and collectibles to be found in the lobby of the Village Hall.

The Friends of the Library are particularly pleased when they can present the art work of students from our local schools, and in March and April this year they were able to present works from students across the entire age spectrum, from North Side School school students just starting out to a Wheatley Senior who presented a study of mature work of a particularly gifted young artist.

Michael Contrastano—"Art Through My High School Years."

East Williston resident Michael Contrastano a Senior at Wheatley displayed some of the artwork he has created during his high school years. Michael only started creating art during his sophomore year, and pursued art seriously during junior year. He enjoys working in all art media, with a preference for drawing, painting and photography.



Michael's inspiration comes from his life at home. He has trained himself to pay attention to objects within his line of sight, and to use them to create visual images in his head. He has trained himself constantly to think in composition and to start off with a basic idea influenced by his stylistic choice and then to step back and look at his initial work to see what could make it even better. He continues to refine the piece until he has produced something that he thinks will be compositionally sound and that will resonate with the viewer.

When Michael looks at someone else's work, he tries to determine what drew him to the work, and then dives into the subject matter itself. He does this because he likes to analyze the artist's process to see how the artist thought the placement of their subjects would affect how the viewer perceives the work of art.

Michael plans on attending art school in New York City in the Fall, and he hopes to work in fine arts and in editorial artwork in the future.

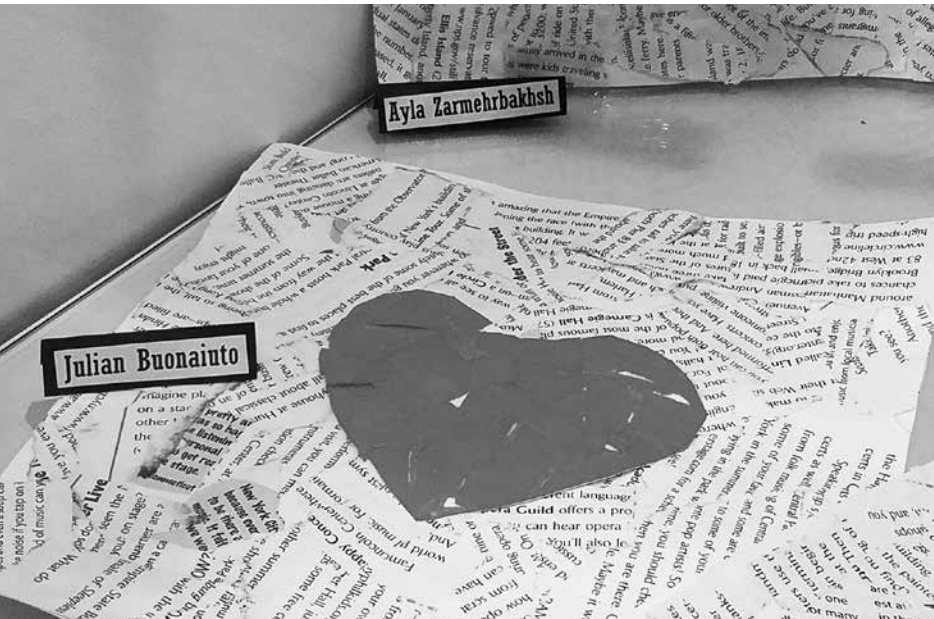
North Side Students Explore New Art Media.

The East Williston Library Friends invite you to come view the children's work on display in the lobby of The East Williston Village Hall during the month of April.

Students at North Side Elementary School have been busy exploring New Art Media this year in art! The project included Fiber Arts, CD and cup weavings; a Collage entitled Upcycling with Love, and Painting; and a watercolor project inspired by abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky!

The young artists whose work is on display are Sammy Reiss, Emma Liu, Derek Edelstein, Colin Aquilina, Evie Claus, Jaden Kwon, Faith Wong, Wyatt Keys, Jakob Schweitzer, Nancy Sethi, Joseph Martina, Raina Shah, Dylan Christman, Ethan Shin, Anna Han, Brianna Ciccotto, Julian Buonaiuto, Ayla Zarmehrbakhsh, Aaron Shin, Michelle Kelly, Zachary Goldberg, Savannah Laurino, Sophie Christmann, Luke Bacic, Miranda Fabiszewski, Coulter Ibanez, Mackenzie Sparacia, Morgan Doan, Maksymilian Janus, Aanya Patel, Monique O'Connell, Jordan Fitoussi, James Kasparian, Zachary Gilbert, Caroline Azzara, Adele Yousefzadeh, Ava Silva, Elena Rivera, Armaan Sheikhlol, Olivia Gismondi, and Mackenzie Sparacia,

Thank you Mrs. Kiki Kyrou for sharing your students' work!



Matt DeLuca and Aislinn Oliveri Collaborate on The Music Man at the Landmark Theater in Port Washington

The Community Synagogue Theater Company will present The Music Man at The Jeanne Rimsky Theater at The Landmark 232 Main Street in Port Washington. Performance dates are Thursday, April 27, 7:30 PM; Saturday, April 29, 7:30 PM; Sunday April 30, 1:30 PM and 5:30 PM.

The Music Man is a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical that was made into an Academy Award winning film and is considered to be one of the classics of musical theater.

The story follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band, this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef.

His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian.

The score is filled with wonderful tunes including "76 Trombones", "Being in Love", "Till There Was You", "Wells Fargo Wagon", and the show-stopper "You Got Trouble". Director Matt DeLuca states "The Music Man is a masterpiece. It is quintessential musical theater and you won't want to miss this production!"

Director Matt DeLuca and Choreographer Aislinn Oliveri are very busy rehearsing the actors and working with the production staff of The Music Man.

Recently, Matt and Aislinn were the creative team behind the very successful run of Seussical at Mineola High School. When asked about choreographing Seussical, Aislinn said "watching my students express themselves and grow into such wonderful actors, singers and dancers is such an honor but, most of all, the passion they have for this art changes my life."

After graduating from The College of William and Mary with a degree in



Clockwise from top, Matt DeLuca, Director, Michael Janover, Musical Director and Aislinn Oliveri, choreographer; Matt and Aislinn; the cast

Theater, Matt DeLuca became an elementary school teacher in Mineola, where he has stated that he has been blessed to not only teach amazing kids, but to have the opportunity to direct many shows. This is his first time directing for the Community Synagogue Theater Company.

Aislinn and Matt first met when he cast her as Abigail in The Crucible and since then they have become friends and colleagues collaborating on the Mineola High School musical for four years. Matt said "having the opportunity to work alongside Aislinn and watching her brilliance touch the lives of so many is one of the highlights

of my entire career." About life in the theatre Matt went on to say that "I truly believe there is something magical about live theater. I have witnessed first-hand how lives are changed when people come together to create a work of art."

Aislinn Oliveri went to Wagner College and majored in theater performance. After graduating from Wagner, Aislinn returned to school to pursue her master's degree in Educational Theater at Adelphi University. "Being a part of a theater production is so much more than learning lines, music or a dance; you become family" stated Aislinn. "Theater brings togeth-

er so many different elements of the arts. Actors bring life to the stage, allowing their creativity and expression to shine."

Come see the magic that Matt DeLuca and Aislinn Oliveri create in The Music Man on the Landmark Stage on Thursday, April 27, 7:30 PM; Saturday, April 29, 7:30 PM; Sunday April 30, 1:30 PM and 5:30 PM.

To order tickets, visit www.Commsyn.org or go to The Landmark Theater Website, www.landmarkon-main.org Regular tickets are \$28.00 and premium seats are \$44.00.

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Boy Scout News

Williston Scout Troops 200 and 201 have geared up for a busy spring of fund-raising to support their Troop activities and contributions to the community, and are proud that a member of each Troop is actively pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout.

Troop 201 Pancake Breakfast

On March 26, the boys and parents of Troop 201 hosted a pancake breakfast at the Albertson Firehouse. The purpose was to raise money to help pay for a trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch, a place of over 140,000 acres of wilderness in the



Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico. Every chair in the room was filled as the community came out in great numbers to support the project and to enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bagels, juice, and coffee on a rainy Sunday morning. A trip to Philmont is the experience of a lifetime, and it's good thing to see boys who are eager to go and who are also willing to raise some of the money to pay for it. We look forward to being able to report about the trip itself this summer here in The Williston Post.

Scouts Pursue Eagle Rank

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout requires significant effort and dedication on the part of the Scout. An Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, some are required of all Eagle Scouts and some are elective. The required badges include first

aid, community service, national and world citizenship, cooking, personal fitness, emergency preparedness, camping, family life, swimming, hiking or cycling and personal management. An Eagle Scout must also show leadership in the troop, perform community services and plan and execute a leadership project helping a non-profit, church or town.

Kyle Schultz from Scout Troop 201 has selected a leadership project to help restore the foyer of the Science Museum of Long Island in Manhasset. This non-for-profit organization offers enrichment science activities during the school year and school vacations and is housed in a historic building dating back to the early 20th century. Kyle is raising funds to help with the materials, supplies and tools required for the restoration project, aimed at returning the foyer of the building to its original beauty.

Bobby Dodson from Scout Troop 200 is raising funds for his leadership project to help refurbish the campsite at Christopher Morley Park. As bushes and



trees have grown over the years, the fire pit of the camp site is now too close to the woods so that sparks could cause a brush fire. Bobby will work to return the fire pit to the original state, clean up any fallen trees and install a new picnic area so that the campsite can provide a much safer camping experience for younger scouts.

Good luck to the Boy Scouts as they pursue this prestigious scouting honor!

Two Exemplary Willistons Women Are Honored

The Willistons can be proud of two exemplary women from our Community who were recently honored by the Town of North Hempstead by being named to the 24th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor on March 29 at the Clubhouse at Harbor Links in Port Washington.

Rose Repke

Rose Repke of East Williston is 97 years old. When she moved to East Williston she opened a travel agency, but volunteering became her passion. She spent 20 years working at Covenant House in Manhattan devoting her time to counseling runaway teens. She also spent 18 years at St. Aidan's working with teenagers. After September 11, 2001, she went into the city to help feed and clothe many of those involved in the rescue effort. She has also served as a Spiritual Companion at St. Francis Hospital for over 20 years. She became famous for helping heart pa-



Left, (L to R) Council Member Peter Zuckerman, Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Rose Repke and Town Clerk Wayne Wink at the 24th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor; Right, (L to R) Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Nina McCann, Council Member Angelo Ferrara and Town Clerk Wayne Wink at the 24th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor

tients at St. Francis ring in the New Year by visiting them with the proverbial "hats and horns," in addition to being a weekly visitor.

Nina McCann

Nina McCann is the Director of Marketing and Business Development at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana LLP. She is a former Board member of the Public Relations

Professionals of Long Island, a member of the Hispanic Public Relations Association – New York Chapter and serves on the Paralegal Advisory Board of Nassau Community College. She volunteers at resume and interviewing-technique workshops at the Bronx H.S. of Science, Nassau Community College and Hofstra University. In addition, she has spoken on panels and

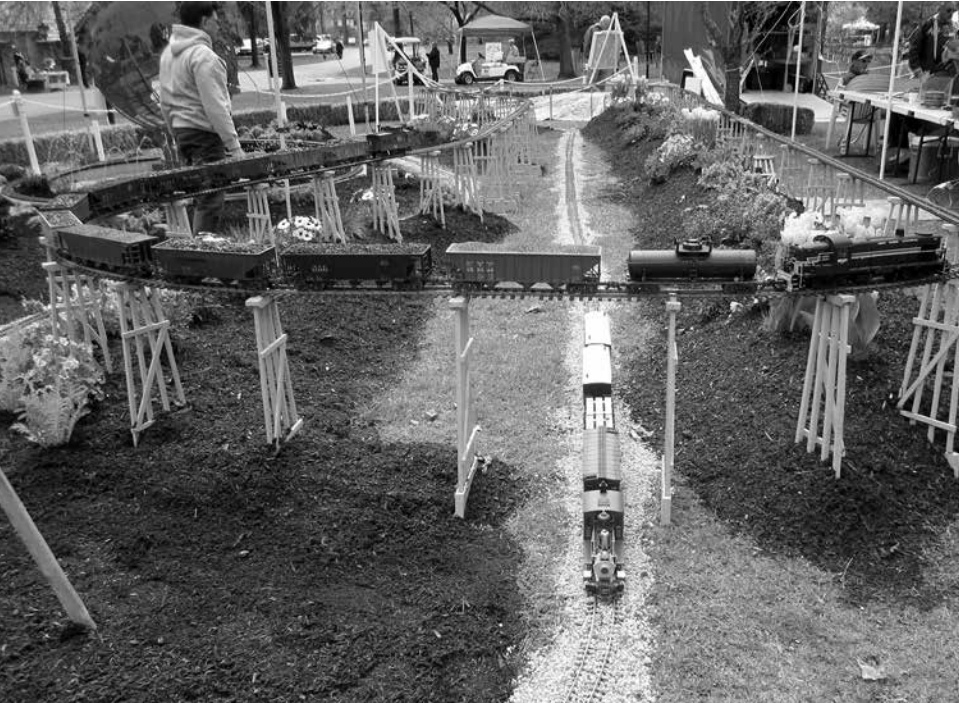
one-on-one to students through Hofstra's PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) program and Long Island Latino Teachers Association (LILTA).

The Williston Post joins the Town of North Hempstead and the Villages of East Williston and Williston Park in congratulating these outstanding women!



Clark Botanic Garden to Hold Model Railway Show

The Clark Botanic Garden and the Long Island Railway Association will hold their 1st Annual Model Train Show at the Garden on Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Williston Park Library Hosts New York Times Best Selling Author

On Thursday, March 30, the Williston Park Library hosted Laura Schroff who discussed her new book, *Angels on Earth: Inspiring Stories of Fate, Friendship and the Power of Connections*.

Laura's first book, *An Invisible Thread* is the true story of how a chance connection between herself and a young panhandler in Manhattan changed both of their lives for the better, forever.

After *An Invisible Thread* was published in 2011, readers from around the country and world began sharing with Laura their own stories about how chance encounters with strangers have changed their lives.

Laura's new book, *Angels on Earth* is the collection of those stories. The book illustrates the power of simple connections and our ability to enrich the lives of others who are in need of compassion, charity and acceptance. The lesson taught by this wonderful book is that random acts of kindness can make us all angels on earth.



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