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Senior Project Helps Students In El Salvador

Mineola High School senior Miguel Velásquez spent time in El Salvador recently to visit with and share more than four suitcases full of donated art supplies to students at the Centro Escolar Caserio Upire.

Miguel had previously visited the school in El Salvador because it is the one his own father had attended.

Driven by the school's lack of supplies to engage students creatively, Miguel decided to host a drive for supplies and to personally visit the school, shadowing the teachers there, as part of his senior project.

"It was an eye-opening experience when I first visited the school. It was a wake-up call to really appreciate what we have here," Miguel said. "I'm so thankful for the sacrifices my parents made for me to have an education in America and I felt I needed to support these students in any way I could. I'm grateful to the entire Mineola commu-



nity for their support in donating for these students."

During his time shadowing first through third grade teachers at Cen-

tro Escolar Caserio Upire, Miguel has confirmed his desire to pursue a teaching degree with the intent of working with dual language learners.

He will be attending Adelphi University in the fall, majoring in adolescent education.



Rotary News

POP Officers Give Safety Tips

On June 5th, two POP Officers from the Third Precinct made an informative presentation to the members of the Williston Park Rotary Club.

Officers Michael Costanzo and Jessie Copper from the Precinct's Problem Oriented Policing unit, discussed concerns about burglaries in East Williston and Williston Park, as well as other scams that tend to victimize older residents. In addition to the Rotarians, Mayor Parente from East Williston, and Mayor Ehrbar from Williston Park were in attendance, to raise issues important to their residents.

The Officers suggested several easy and commonsense ways that residents can limit their exposure to burglary. An obvious one is to make sure that your house looks occupied. If you are going to be away, make sure to stop your mail and newspapers, and to keep your lawn tended. Burglars look for tall grass, indicating that a family may be away. Keeping shrubs trimmed around the perimeter of the house is another easy way to deny a burglar a place to hide, as is the use of motion sensor lights.

If you are away, don't publicize your vacation on Facebook, or in other so-



cial media. A photo of you and your family in a foreign location suggests that your house may be an easy target for burglars, and your postings aren't always limited to "friends."

Another criminal scheme involves "mailbox fishing," where a thief will put a sticky substance on the end of a stick or pole and use it to pull up envelopes from mailboxes. The criminals are looking for checks, which they then convert by washing the ink off and putting their own names on the face. They then cash the check. The officers suggested that if you are mailing a check don't put it in the corner mailbox, drop it off at the post office instead. They also suggested using a "pigmented pen" to endorse checks. The ink from these pens can't be



washed off and provides another means of frustrating a mailbox fisherman.

The officers emphasized that residents should call 911 when they see something that concerns them. The call will be sent out to a patrol officer

who will respond. The officers pointed out that, on occasion, a serious incident will coincide with a quality of life issue and in that case the serious incident will be given priority. However they made it clear that a resident's concerns will be taken seriously and will be responded to.

It was a pleasure to hear from these two officers, and to know that the POP program is once again in operation in our Precinct.

A Little Free Library Comes to the Pool

The members of the Rotary Club voted to provide a Little Free Library Stand for the Roger Fay Pool.

The Little Free Library is the world's largest book sharing movement, enabling people to take a book and share a book from a weatherproof stand.

Rotarian Ken Marissael did a fantastic job building the stand for the pool, and Zolezzi Auto Body provided a waterproof paint job so that it will withstand many years of rain, and provide many years of book access to Pool visitors.

Look for a report in next month's Williston Post about the actual installation of the Library stand.

Happy Fathers' Day

The staff of The Williston Post offer our best wishes for a happy and healthy Fathers' Day to our readers!
Nancy Zolezzi, Raymond Haller, James Daw, Mark Ryan, and Frank Oliveri

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The St. Aidan Community Honors Miss Oliver

By **Julie O’Connell**

On Wednesday May 29, 2019, the St. Aidan School and Parish Community came together at The Inn at New Hyde Park to honor Miss Eileen Oliver on her upcoming retirement.

Miss Oliver started her career as a teacher at St. Aidan School and remained there for over four decades. In 1995 she was appointed Principal of St. Aidan School, and at the end of this school year she will retire after 41 years of service to the many students, teachers and families she served.

The celebration included 400 people who joined together in thanking Miss Oliver for her unwavering commitment to Catholic Education. She



was noted to be a teacher and administrator who always had a loving and caring approach to all during her tenure. The school community dedicated a bench, better known as “Miss Oliver’s Bench”, outside both the upper and lower school offices. These benches will allow students for many years to come to sit and remember her incredible legacy.

The St. Aidan School and Parish community, as well as the greater Williston Park community, are grateful to Miss Oliver for her many years of love and dedication. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

The staff of The Williston Post join with the St. Aidan School and Parish community in wishing all the best to Miss Oliver as she begins her retirement.



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East Williston Mayor's Report

By **Bonnie Parente**

The month of May in East Williston saw many successes and celebrations.

Hydrants

We completed our semi-annual hydrant flush with no complications. It appears the flushing did succeed in clearing some issues. With this flushing and the anticipation of Williston Park's water tower renovation nearing completion, we are hopeful for the reduction or even elimination of water issues. Please continue to let the Village office know if you experience discolored water. Immediate and accurate information is the only way to properly address these issues. I thank residents for their patience and cooperation as we've waded through these issues.

Roads

In other news, we have been assured that East Williston Ave. will be paved by the County, hopefully soon. We have scheduled our lead and copper testing for the period between June and September. These elements are tested every three years at the same 14 points every three years. This helps us determine not only level but consistency. We continue to work on street lighting, tree trimming, and keeping our Village beautiful.

Mother's Day

I wish all mothers and mother-figures a Happy Mother's Day. A day does not go by that I do not rely on my own mother's counsel and guidance in my life. I am glad that we set aside a day in May to appreciate our mothers, but I want to shout out to my mom how much I appreciate her every day!

Memorial Day

May also brought us Memorial Day. As I was reminded recently, Veteran's Day is the day to honor all who wore the uniform; Memorial Day is the day to remember those who never made it out of uniform. I



don't know who said those words first but they hit me hard. Mayor Peter Cavallaro in Westbury spoke those words recently and I hoped he would not mind me quoting him. I'm often inspired by Mayor Cavallaro and all the wonderful accomplishments he's made for his community.

Memorial Day in East Williston was celebrated so beautifully. We started with our annual 5k race, organized by the tireless Agnes Kirshner and Caroline DeBenedittis. Over 80 residents participated. The pack was lead by the Keys family, the O'Brien family, and the Theodore family. Big winners were Jack Keys for male runners and Emmie Keys for the females. Sadie and Sandy Keys also ran and came in strong! The O'Brien

family was led by Ciara, Patricia and Caroline and of course the Theodore family led by our fire commissioner's mom Mary Theodore, who also won in the over 60 category.

After the race, a lovely parade kicked off from North Side School with the enthusiastic sounds of Band Director Scott Hoefling's East Williston Middle School Marching Band, Cub Scouts from Pack 8 and Girl Scouts from EW troops in the WARM Association.

The parade ended at our beautiful Village Green. The American Legion and the VFW served as honor guard, and Taps was played by Willets Road buglers. A beautiful rendition of our National Anthem was sung passionately by Sarah Moyal.

Mayor's Award

I presented my first Mayor's Award to an outstanding couple who have been involved in every aspect of this community since they first moved here in 1991, Michelle and David Tanner. I admire their commitment and hard work but also their pride and their passion for the community we live in.

Thanks

I want to thank the EW Fire Department. Throughout May, they responded to numerous emergency calls, served in a safety capacity at the 5k race, marched in the parade, served honor guard at our ceremony, and made hot dogs for all at the Memorial Day festivities. We are a small village and a small fire department, with a large capacity for getting things done.

Congratulations to all of our Little League players, coaches, and families. The season is underway and going great. I had an opportunity to stop by the All Star game at Sagamore Field and was overwhelmed by the talent of our young athletes and the dedication of the families enjoying a great night out. Sportsmanship was at its best!

The Village of East Williston presented several proclamations this month, including Eagle Scouts in Troop 200 Aidan Coffey, Kyle Eberlein, Evan Eberlein, and Alex Marchiselli. We also presented to Ms. Eileen Oliver for her 41 years of service to St. Aidan's School. These events are great opportunities to say thank you in and around our community and a great time to pause and reflect at the commitments of the individuals being recognized. It's always an honor to present such proclamations.

I serve with four incredible Trustees who put so much time and energy into their roles. If you run into Deputy Mayor Trustee Siciliano, Trustees Tony Casella, James Iannone, or Raffaella Dunn, please consider a quick thank you. These individuals are working hard every day for the betterment of our Village. I'm so honored to serve at their side.

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Pack 8 News

Renovating a Garden at Willets Road

Pack 8’s Webelos 2 Scouts recently participated in a hands-on community service project, renovating a garden at Willets Road School, which they will be attending this year.



Throughout their time with Pack 8 the boys have learned that good citizenship includes public service. The boys were recipients of the Arrow of Light award, which is the final award in Cub Scouting and is one of the few Cub Scout badges that will be worn by Boy Scouts, even Eagle Scouts. One of the requirements is the Building a Better World Adventure, and Pack 8’s Arrow of Light Scouts have been involved in that Adventure from the beginning, but particularly as they transition to Boy Scouting. As you can see from the photos, not only did the boys do a great job making their school a more beautiful place, but they had a great time doing it, learning that public service is not only satisfying, but fun as well. Great job boys, and great job adult leaders as well!

Bear Cubs Learn to Build a Campfire

One of the great joys of Scouting is camping, and no camping trip is complete without an evening around the campfire. Learning how to build a campfire safely is a necessary skill. Recently the Bear Cubs from Pack 8 had a very successful den meeting at Christopher Morley Park where Bill, from the Sagamore Service Troop, taught the boys to start a fire from scratch with and without matches. By the time the meeting was over, each boy had started his own fire. When the lesson was over the boys were able to enjoy both a campfire, and hot dogs cooked over it. Most campers will tell you that they never taste better, and the Bear Cubs would certainly agree!



Herricks Middle School Quintets Perform At Lincoln Center

Two string quintets from Herricks Middle School were selected to perform in the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center’s Young Ensembles Concert on May 23. Ms. Krista Weis, orchestra director, coached the students prior to their acceptance. The eighth graders selected were William Dai and Christopher Frangopoulos on cello, Brian Kim, Ellie Kim, Jeylin Lee and Liam Tan on viola, and Hailey Ko, Ashley Lam, Kailey Simons, and Katherine Yee on violin. This highly competitive program, consisting of two professional coaching sessions as well as the concert performance, selected only eight chamber music ensembles from the tri-state area to participate. The concert video is available for viewing on the Chamber Music Society’s website or on their YouTube channel.

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Troop 201 Eagles

At a recent Court of Honor on May 19th Ryan Slattery and Peter Cuomo, two exemplary young men from Boy Scout Troop 201, were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to many years of participation, reflected in the numerous merit badges they earned, and examples of leadership which they provided to their fellow Scouts, each of these young men was responsible for planning and carrying out a substantial service project.

Ryan Slattery's project resulted in the improvement of the facilities used by the Herricks High School wrestling team. The project involved building three scoring tables, which the team will now use during tournaments and matches, the replacement of the bulletin board used to post tournament brackets, and making a "Herricks



Wrestling" sign.

Peter Cuomo's Eagle Scout Project involved improvements to the Fern Garden at Clark Botanic Garden. Amenities such as a gravel pathway and border were constructed. In ad-



dition, more than 30 new specimens were planted, and the surrounding garden area was renewed.

The rank of Eagle Scout is an amazing achievement, and these two young men are to be commended for the de-

termination which this milestone reflects, but the rank is not earned in a vacuum. Dedicated adult leaders, and the Scouts' parents, also play a role, and all have reason to be proud of Troop 201's newest Eagles.

Rosary Altar Society Ends The Year With An All American Picnic



On June 3rd the members of the Rosary Altar Society of St Aidan's Church enjoyed an end of the year party—an All American Picnic. It was a wonderful event, with great food and desserts, beautiful decorations, and many raffle prizes enjoyed by all.

The party was also an occasion to install the new officers for the 2019-2020 year. Father Jeff Yildirmaz, who has served as the Society Moderator, inducted the new officers, who are:

President Kathy Kane, Vice President Terry Yatco, Treasurer Maureen Casey, Corresponding Secretary JoAnn Breslin, and Recording Secretary Audrey Lagnese.

As a highlight of the evening, President Kathy Kane was presented with a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother to thank her for her commitment to the Rosary Society.



Fill Your House With the Scent of Spring Plant Dwarf Lilacs by a Window



Lilacs are wonderful garden shrubs. They are quite beautiful, and very winter hardy. The fragrance of lilacs is synonymous with Spring. They remind many of us of cool mornings on the porch, warm afternoons, and the promise of summer. The scent of lilacs coming through an open screened window is a thing to be treasured.

Traditional lilacs, however, can pose problems for those of us who garden on smaller plots, as they are very vigorous, and can grow to be quite large, blocking out windows and requiring aggressive pruning.

A solution can be found, however, by planting dwarf lilacs, particularly the dwarf Korean varieties.

A favorite on Long Island is one known as Miss Kim. It can be trained to grow no higher than 4 feet, so it can be planted by a window, and it flowers quite vigorously. If you plant in an area where it can catch the breeze, an open window will allow your entire house to be filled with the essence of springtime. The flowers don't last all that long, and a hot spell will quickly cause the blooms to turn brown, but while they are in bloom there is nothing quite like them.

Once the flowers fade a quick pruning will encourage growth and blooms for next year. That is the only way that they are finicky—if you wait until late summer to prune away the spent flowers you will prune next year's buds.

Aside from that, however, with relatively little work, once planted, you will have a beautiful and rewarding flowering shrub for many years to come.



Some Thoughts On Memorial Day

By **Lou Theodore**

I would like to introduce you to a very special organization whose mission is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

Honor Flight Network (HFN) is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. It transports our heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their Memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Obviously, time to express thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

I have a first cousin (by marriage) who was one of the few remaining veterans of World War II. His name is Ted Lekas. He served as a Seabee in the Pacific during the war. I would visit Ted and my cousin Nora every time I was on the east coast of Florida, but unfortunately, Ted passed away last year at the age of 93. Lo and behold, I found out that Ted had been earlier honored by the aforementioned HFN. Here is an edited version of Ted's description of that truly exciting event.

“My longtime friend and Westinghouse associate, Roger Ray, asked me if I would like to go on the Honor Flight to visit the World War II Monument. He would be my Guardian and put up the required funds. He would be with me for the entire trip, overseeing my needs and comfort. It was a dream that I thought would never come true and there it was. So after checking with my doctor, I was told to go ahead and enjoy the trip. Roger and I were both excited in anticipation of the trip.

At the Miami International Airport, the general public was thanking me for my service along the

passage way to the plane. We were given breakfast and prepared to board the plane. I would guess about 50% or more of the Veterans (including me) were in Honor chairs (wheel chairs). We were wheeled through the plane ramp to the door of the plane by our Guardians. On the plane the Guardian sat next to the assigned Veteran – in my case, Roger. In my row on the plane was the oldest Veteran on the tour, 100 years old and in perfect health. On takeoff, firetrucks on either side of the lane, with flashing lights and water



cannons, fired an arc of water over the airplane as a salute to the veterans.

The time passed quickly and we reached Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) Washington, DC in two and a half hours. We boarded deluxe tour buses and headed for the World War II Memorial. Our four bus convoy had police car escorts front and rear with sirens and flashing red lights.

The WWII Memorial was a wonderful sight. At one end, off in the distance, stood the Lincoln Memorial and at the other end stood the Washington Monument. It was explained that the WWII Memorial is not only dedicated to the veterans but to the entire population of the United States of America for their contribution of tireless labor to produce the arms and equipment to support our fighting men. There was so much to see as we toured.

The bronze portrayals along the walls of the walkways of the Memorial of everyday life in America was depicted as well as some historical events.

Then we chose to see the Korean War memorial. All this time Roger was doing all the navigating of my Honor chair. It was a long walk from the WWII memorial to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and then about 100 yards to the Korean Memorial. There were (19) life sized stainless steel figures (each covered with a tan substance) that appear to be on patrol in Korea in what could be

enemy territory. You could read their facial expression of alertness, fear, and readiness in a hostile climate. There is great detail in every item down to the weapons they carried. There is a black polished granite wall along one side of the soldiers displayed that had etched faces and scenes into the surface. These were copied from actual unidentified photos of soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen.

Next we boarded our buses and headed for the Women's Memorial. It was explained to us that if we wanted to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown we must make the stop at the Woman's Memorial a brief rest stop. All agreed. In the building there were a number of displays depicting all the services women performed during the U.S. military experiences. Overall, the Women's Memorial seemed to occupy a large area, and deservedly so.

Back on the buses, we started on our way to Arlington Cemetery to witness the changing of the guard. There was an area for the Veterans and their Guardians, who were provided reserved front row advantage. I cannot begin to describe the ceremony and precision that took place but can say it was perfection to the last detail.

We boarded the busses for the trip back to the airport. During the flight we were served dinner, followed by a 'Mail Call'. Each person's name was called and an 8" x 10" bulging envelope was given to each veteran. There must have been over 100 pieces of mail in the envelope from relatives, friends and unknown citizens wishing us well and thanking us for our military services in WWII.

On landing at Miami we were again saluted with the airport fire engines and the arch of water from their water cannon and flashing lights. We were home at last. Inside the airport we passed through security and passed the longest line of welcoming citizens, politicians, military personnel of every rank. Most surprising was the number of young children present. They stood in a double line which we passed through the center. The cheers and handshakes made us all proud to be respected in this manner by those who thanked us so openly. As we exited the building, the final salute was from a group of men and women playing the bagpipes. The emotions were high at times within each veteran. I'm sure we all had the remembrances of the men we left behind and how proud they would have been of our America and its citizens who cared."

Closeout thoughts on Memorial Day follow. For me, I often get a feeling of elation when I hear the national anthem. I give thanks for being an American. God bless America and those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

You can visit the author at www.theodorenewsletter.com or *Basketball Coaching 101* on Facebook.

An Afternoon Of Smiles For East Williston Seniors

The May meeting of the East Williston seniors was a celebration of Memorial Day. Over 35 seniors wore their red, white, and blue and were treated to an all-American picnic – hot dogs, chips, watermelon and donuts. The only thing missing were the ants!


While enjoying their delicious lunch, Mark Brier, a Long Island comedian, entertained the audience

with his stand-up comedy routine. Seniors laughed at the nostalgic jokes of yesteryear ala Henny Youngman, Jackie Mason, Rodney Dangerfield, and many others. A fun afternoon was enjoyed by all.

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American Legion Williston Post 144 Memorial Day 2019

This Memorial Day American Legion Williston Post 144 held their 63rd Annual Post Everlasting Services and Parade.

This year the key note speaker at the Everlasting Service was our own Nassau County Clerk Ms. Maureen O’Connell.

Commander James Randle chaired the Post Everlasting Service for members and special invited guests starting at 9:00 A.M. sharp.

Parade Marshal Past Commander Jack Afonso with his staff supervised the parade through the Village of Williston Park to Village Hall where Mayor Paul Ehrbar was the key note speaker for the Village’s Annual Memorial Day Program.

Members of Williston Post 144 and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1688 preceded to the Williston Park Fire Department and the Village of East Williston to participate in their Memorial Day Services.

This year’s Co Chairmen of the program were Past Commanders Donnato Sassano and Frank Busa with 1st Vice Commander Robert Valentine as the Program Coordinator.



Williston Park Public Library News

By Donna McKenna, Director

The summer promises to be a busy one at the Williston Park Public Library, and here are some of our regular programs, and don’t forget the Summer Reading Program.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend the Kick-off celebration on Wednesday, June 26th from 1-3 pm in the Library!

Adult Programs:

Reiki—Thursdays—June 20—6pm in the Library. \$10 p/per person, p/session. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Book Discussion—Wednesday—June 26—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Copies of The Marriage of Opposites are available at the Circulation Desk.

Author Appearance—Thursday—June 27—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Join author Deborah Burns as she discusses her memoir Saturday’s Child, about growing up with an unconventional mother. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Ceramic Snail Lantern w/Tea Light—Tuesday—July 16—6pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. \$15 material fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Children’s Programs:

Story Time for Tots—Thursdays—20; July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15—11am in the Library. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Baby Start—Wednesdays—June 19—9:45-10:45am in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children ages 6-17 months. \$15 registration fee. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Sign Language for Babies & Toddlers—Wednesdays—July 3, 31; August 7—10:30-11:15 in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children 3 months-5 years old. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Stuff an Alien—Wednesday—July 10—11:30am in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children of all ages. \$15 each. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

For more information visit our website at www.willistonparklibrary.org, or contact us by E-mail at willistonparklibrary@yahoo.com

East Williston Library News

The Circus Comes to East Williston

On June 5th, school was out and the Circus came to town.

The National Circus Project provided a noontime program of juggling, plate spinning, balancing (tables on the chin, for example), comedy, and clowning.

The Remarkable Renaldo, and Little Lou, had the audience of children, parents and grandparents laughing, clapping and occasionally gasping with amazement at their talent.

You can learn more about these talented performers by visiting their website at circusrenaldo.com.



Cake Wars!

On June 6th the Village Meeting Room was the venue for Tween Cake Wars. Teams of young bakers created delicious masterpieces from themes provided by judges. It doesn’t really matter who won—as you can see from the photos everyone had a great time, and the cakes certainly looked delicious.

Save the Date for Summer Reading

Come to the Library during the week of June 17-22 to sign up for the high point of the Library’s summer activities, the 2019 Summer Reading Program. The theme this year will be A Universe of Stories, and it promises to be an amazing adventure.



Dick Kearns Receives Honorary Doctorate

Dick Kearns of East Williston was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters at St Bonaventure University's 159th Commencement on May 19th.

A 1972 graduate and longtime benefactor of the university, Dick Kearns is a former member of St Bonaventure's Board of Trustees. He is a recipient of the University's Gaudete Medal, one of the University's highest honors. The recipients are



chosen through their demonstration of joy and service that exemplify the life of St. Francis of Assisi. He has also been named Alumnus of the Year by the University.

Dick is a retired Pricewaterhouse Coopers partner and the former Chief Administrative Officer of Zurich Insurance Group. He currently serves on the board of directors of Zurich North America.



Since 2013, Dick has sponsored the annual Kearns Global Business Lecture Series in connection with the School of Business. The Lecture Series brings industry leaders to campus to demonstrate to the School's students the need to think globally as they prepare for a career in the contemporary business world.

Founded in 1858, St Bonaventure is the nation's first Franciscan university. In 2019, it was named the best value in New York State and #2 in the North by U.S. News and World Report.

The staff of The Williston Post congratulate Dick Kearns on this well-deserved honor. It is delightful to see him surrounded by his proud and loving family in the accompanying photos.

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New Principal Announced For Meadow Drive

At its May 9 meeting, the Mineola Board of Education unanimously appointed Sara Ortiz as principal of Meadow Drive School, effective July 1, 2019.

She will be replacing retiring principal Dr. Sue Caryl Fleischmann.

With more than 13 years of education experience, Ms. Ortiz has been with the Mineola Union Free School District as an instructional leader since 2016. While in this role, she designed and delivered bi-weekly professional development workshops across all five schools, enhanced Mineola's Integrated Curriculum, and led a team of educators in developing Badge Books for kindergarten students this year.

Ms. Ortiz earned her Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from Wesleyan University. She has two Master of Science degrees, one in elementary education from Pace University, and the other in educational leadership from Brooklyn College.

"I am excited to be continuing my career as a principal here at Meadow Drive School," Ms. Ortiz said. "Mineola is a truly unique district and I am honored to continue working with this community, its students and this group of educators. I look forward to welcoming students and their families in the fall."



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Photos courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

Wheatley Collects Bikes For People In Need



Wheatley's Environmental Action Committee (EAC) recently undertook a project to provide used but serviceable bicycles to people in need of basic transportation throughout the world.

Under the guidance of EAC advisor Steve Finkelstein, and working in collaboration with Port Washington High School/Port Fest, Manhasset Green Club, and BikesForTheWorld.org, an impressive 109 bikes were collected. Thirteen members of the EAC and other Wheatley students, plus three Manhasset students and several adult volunteers, collected, processed, and loaded the bicycles for storage in a shipping container at Wheatley that is dedicated to the project.

In addition, the project raised \$380 toward shipping costs that will be used to ship the bikes to locations in Asia, Africa, or Latin America where they will provide necessary transportation to schools, work, markets, and health care once the project reaches its goal of collecting 200 bikes.

Photo Courtesy of The Wheatley Way

Board Of Education Honors Herricks Students

The Herricks Public Schools recognized many students at the May 23 Board of Education meeting.

Students from the middle and high schools who have excelled in the National History Day State Competition were honored, as were high school students who contributed to board of education Meetings.

Herricks students triumphed at the National History Day State Competition on April 29, and several will now advance to the University of Maryland for the National Competition from June 9-12. The Board and Administration presented certificates to Aarya Agarwal, Selina Chiang, Karan Kaknia, Grace Kim, Maggie Lau, Tiffany Leo,

Sanjana Lodha, Abhinav Goyal, Aditya Lodha, Prameet Shah, Dheyala Simrin, Gurvir Singh, Emily Wei, David Xiang, Celeste Zhang, and David Zhang as they prepare for the next level. Elana Keller, Austin Kim, Kaitlyn Louie, Rohit Multani, Bhavesh Patel, Kathryn Ritchie, and Christopher Soo were commended for serving as Student

Representatives who attended Board of Education meetings throughout the 2018-19 school year.

At an earlier Board of Education meeting, held on May 9, the District honored valedictorian and salutatorian Eish Maheshwari and Sahith Vadada.

Photos courtesy of Herricks Public Schools



Board of Education member Jim Gounaris, Bhavesh Patel, Kaitlyn Louie, Board of Education President Juleigh Chin, Christopher Soo, Austin Kim and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Finn Celano.



Herricks students, pictured with members of the Board and Administration, were honored for advancing to the National History Day national level.

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Memorial Day in East Williston incorporates several beloved traditions, and this year a perfect late Spring day was the backdrop for the observance.

Every year early rising runners participate in an annual 5K race, and this year over 80 runners took part. The race went off without a hitch thanks to the assistance of many volunteers and the organizing skills of Caroline DeBenedittis and Agnes Kirshner. Big winners were the members of the Keys, O’Brien, and Theodore families. Jack Keys and Emmie Keys were the male and female overall winners. The O’Briens won the family award, and Mary Theodore was the winner in the over-60 category.



Memorial Day In East Williston



Next came the traditional parade through the streets of the Village, starting at North Side School. Marching music was provided by the Middle School Marching Band, led by Band Director Scott Hoeftling. The enthusiastic Cub Scouts of Pack 8, and Girl Scouts in the WARM Association were impressive to watch and, as always, the members of the East Williston Fire Department, and their beautiful antique truck (the first motorized fire engine owned by the Village) were in attendance.



The parade ended at the Village Green, where there was a solemn observance of the reason for the Day. Reverend Marcus Tillery delivered a stirring invocation. Our veterans from American Legion Post 144 and the VFW provided an Honor Guard, and Taps was movingly played by buglers from Willets Road School. The Star Spangled Banner was beautifully sung by Ms. Sarah Moyal, and Memorial wreaths were set in recognition of the sacrifices of so many American heroes over the years.

Mayor Parente presented the Mayor’s Award to Michelle and David Tanner, in recognition of their almost 30 years of service to the Village. Finally, there was the distribution of race awards, an always eagerly-awaited part of the celebration.

Beautiful weather, great traditions, community involvement, all in all, it was a perfect day in a beautiful place.



East Williston Recreation Presents An Evening In Mexico

The East Williston Village Green is a perfect setting for a summer tent party, and the evening of June 1st proved that when the Green temporarily took residents to an evening in Mexico.

Under the tent there was great food, good friendship, and dancing under a beautiful sky. It was a great way to start the summer.

Many thanks are owed to Stephanie Keys, Kristen Kritman, and all of the members of the Recreation Committee for doing the hard work that makes events like this happen.





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Fordham Street May Crowning

On Monday, May 20th, Fordham Street residents held their 28th May Crowning. A May Crowning is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May, and recognizes Mother Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The honor of actually crowning Mary goes whenever possible to a recent First Communion recipient. This year's Communicant was Robert Joseph Lovdahl of Broad St. Readers and participants included local youngsters Julia, Iris, Janelle, Lucas, Charlie,

Gabriella and Kayla. The Ceremony was again graciously hosted by Ginny and Bob Corkhill and Maria and Rob Crowe.

We're all looking forward to 2020 and our next May Crowning.



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Iphoneous Distractious

By Raymond Haller

It is quite apparent that man has recently evolved an added appendage. While one hand remains free, the other is clutching an electronic device, the cell phone or the iPhone. This technology has, for the most part, made unbelievable advancements in our world as we know it. You can find these advancements in the medical field, financial markets, business operations, manufacturing operations and most common today in our own households. While this technology is a wonderful advance, it is also creating havoc in our society. I wonder what a visitor from the pre-smartphone era would say about our new social rules and culture which increasingly center around a small electronic device. We are actually talking to more people but these interactions are less frequently face-to-face. We are constantly in contact with our parents, friends, business or office, and with people in general via an electronic device. Please don't get me wrong, these devices can be a good thing, however, they can also cause terrible distractions which can cause great harm to their users. I grow concerned that we are not paying attention to our surroundings because we are too busy texting as we walk. I call this condition iPhoneous Distractious. Young and old are walking and not watching where they are going because they are gazing at a screen. This is true even when people are crossing the street—it's almost as if they are trusting to luck to make it across to the other side. People are driving their cars with an iPhone attached to the dashboard, or on their laps, while talking and texting. This inattention causes weaving between lanes, slowdowns when people aren't paying attention to changing traffic lights, and many other inconvenient or hazardous issues. The most ridiculous and dangerous situation that I have ever seen in recent days was a gentleman driving his car westbound on Jericho Turnpike while drinking a cup of coffee and, at

the same time, smoking a cigarette. When the light turned green, his cell phone must have rung, and he was trying to drive his car drink his coffee smoke his cigarette and answer his phone, all at the same time. I would've loved to take a video of this with my cell phone but then that would make me the biggest hypocrite of all. Have you ever been stuck in traffic waiting for a green arrow or a green light and the driver of a car in front of you is texting on the phone? Before you know it the light is no longer green, and you are stuck for another light cycle. Yes indeed, that can light my fire. Everyone is familiar with the railroad crossing between East Williston and Williston Park, and the traffic backups that are a part of daily life on Hillside Avenue. The worst of the problem is on the Williston Park side of Hillside Avenue traveling east, because the traffic is merging from two lands to one. During the rush hours, particularly in the afternoon, many people are frequently stuck in traffic and not paying attention because they are apparently catching up with messages and texts. Some of these people do not seem to realize that they are actually sitting on the railroad tracks and that they will be in great danger if a train were to come. I wonder if it has gotten to the point that we must erect signs which state the obvious for driver safety such as: MAKE SURE YOU CLEAR THE TRACKS BEFORE YOU CROSS! and DO NOT MERGE ON THE TRACKS! Such signs might not be necessary if motorists were paying attention to the road. But they frequently aren't, so we just need to think more and, perhaps, text less.



Deacon Frank Love Memorial Scholarships Awarded At St. Aidan

Deacon Frank Love was a distinguished member of the Rotary Club of Williston Park. Deacon Frank was devoted to the parish and to the school, and when he died the members decided to honor his memory by joining with his wife Mary Jo, and other members of the Love family, to institute a scholarship for 7th grade students at St. Aidan School. On June 12th, members of the Rotary Club joined school Principal Miss Eileen Oliver in presenting this year's Deacon Frank Love Memorial Scholarship Awards to Catherine Pizzardi and William Morrissey. Many of us at The Williston Post knew Deacon Frank, and fondly remember his joyful approach to life and the encouragement he gave to young people in their faith and in their academic pursuits. We congratulate this year's Frank Love scholars, and look forward to hearing more from them as they advance through the coming school years.

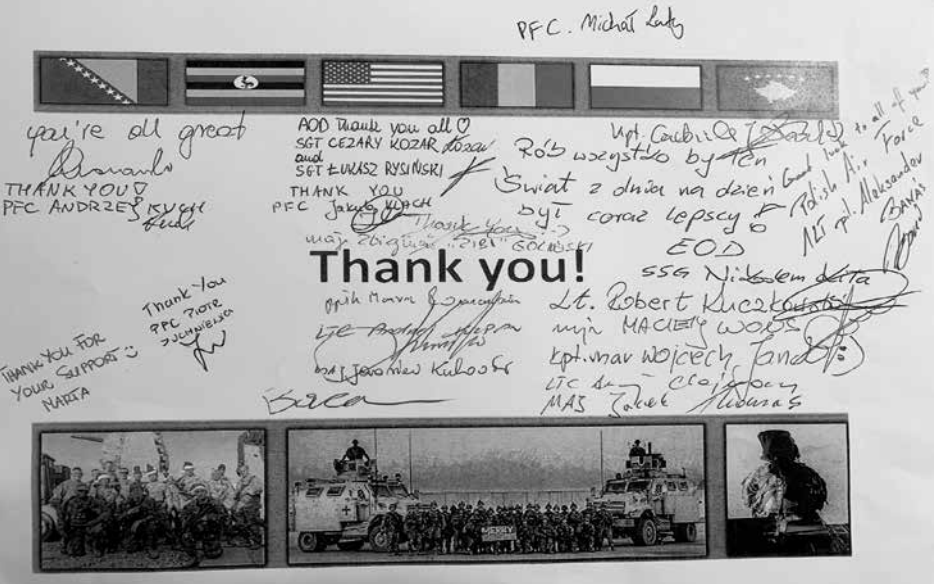


East Williston Scouts Give And Receive The Gifts Of Gratitude

In 2018 the boys of Pack 8 took part in a Gifts of Gratitude Project, which originally was intended to deliver small gifts to an American Military unit in Afghanistan. The unit was special to the boys because one of the servicemembers in the unit, Sgt. Kelsey Eckhoff, is a daughter of the famous "Mrs. E," who works in the North Side School Cafeteria. In addition to the boys' contribution, members of WARM Association Girl Scout Troop 1849 made cards and contributed items for the soldiers. It turned out that Sgt. Eckhoff's unit was serving with Polish Special Forces, Romanian Special Forces, and a Ugandan Security Team. None of these soldiers was able to receive anything from his or her home country and, as a result, Kelsey's unit shared the gifts received from far-off East Williston with their international comrades in arms. The Polish soldiers in particular were delighted, and made a wonderful thank



you card which was sent back to the East Williston Scouts. Happily, Sgt. Eckhoff was able to come home and, on June 3rd she met with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts at the Community Church of East Williston to tell them all about their remarkable gift, and how much it meant to brave soldiers fighting far away from home. Sgt. Eckhoff gave each Scout an American flag patch similar to the ones that American soldiers exchange with their foreign comrades after they do joint missions. She also brought the thank you poster, and each Scout got a copy. Sgt. Eckhoff will return to Afghanistan with an official Pack 8 t shirt, and the thanks of a lot of very grateful scouts.



The Poetry Corner

While looking at the stars one night

While looking at the stars one night,
Without the presence of moon or light,
I had time to let my mind wander,
To happy things which I could ponder.

Pups are born into this world,
For many a loving boy and girl,
And deep within a puppy's heart,
Is love of man right from the start.

To cuddle and jump and run,
Is simply a dog's idea of fun.
And welcome you home when gone for a while,
Warms the heart of an adult or child.

Some get a chance to share their joy,
By doing Therapy for girl and boy.
Training and temperament are required,
To see if the dog is truly inspired.

Service to the sick, it has been said,
Benefits both the provider and those sick, in bed.
One is good and two is better can be seen,
When a dog joins the human team.



A love that can be kept by one,
Or shared with a stranger's daughter or son.
For dogs who are eager to go out to greet,
They share their love with those they meet.

Softly spoken, "You made my day",
Is what you hear patients frequently say,
And in replying with humor leavened,
The dog is simply working its way to heaven.

One very sick patient had the very same breed,
Though the march of time caused emotions to recede,
But emotions ran high when fate and folly,
Discovered the TD's name was also Molly

Whether in a hospital, hospice or nursing home,
TD's insure no one is ever alone.
Bringing their love to those that wait,
Challenges all to contemplate.

We all need love to shore-up our soul,
Which is simply a Therapy Dog's goal.
If we take time to think it through,
This love can be shared by me and you.

- Ron Saporita



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Physical Education Honors For Director and Teacher In Mineola

Two individuals in the Mineola Union Free School District have been recognized with awards from the Nassau Zone of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

District Supervisor for Athletics, Physical Education and Health Ralph Amitrano was chosen as a recipient of the 2019 Physical Education Director Recognition Award. Meadow Drive’s physical education teacher Christine Gayson was selected as a recipient of the 2019 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award. Both were selected based on their extraordinary contributes to students, their school district and the community.

Mr. Amitrano and Ms. Gayson will be honored at the organization’s Professional Recognition Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Monday, June 10, at the Angello Alumni House in Garden City. The District congratulates both Mr. Amitrano and Ms. Gayson on these awards.



Mineola’s Ralph Amitrano and Christine Gayson have been recognized with awards from the Nassau Zone of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Photos courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

The Dimas Family would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe July 4th Holiday to all in our Community

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Saint Aidan School Students Honor Our Veterans

By Frank Oliveri

On Tuesday May 21st the students of St. Aidan School held their annual Memorial Day Program to salute the veterans in our community.

This is always well attended by members of the community, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1688 and American Legion Williston Post 144.

The program started with students Sean Lanigan, Cameron Mahmood and Andre Shamlian as Flag Bearers present our Nation’s Colors for a salute to our nation’s flag. The program continued with a welcome by Ms. Kaitlin Wing, and was followed by a series of topics presented to the audience:

- Prayer for America by Miss Oliver,
- Memorial Day by Ava Lucie,
- World War II by Elizabeth Mignardi,
- The Korean Conflict by Emma Martins,
- The Vietnam War by Brooke Hoffman,
- Desert Storm by Annie Nutley, and
- War on Terrorism by Ashley Dellolio.

A rendition of “Hero” was given by Erin Dormer and the St. Aidan Celestial Choir, and Miss Oliver closed the ceremony with a beautiful “Prayer for Veterans”. The students from Class 6-1 then gave out handmade cards honoring St. Martin of Tours, the Patron Saint of Soldiers, to all the veterans.

This year’s program was a very special one, as Miss Oliver will be retiring at the end of this school year but will remain active in our community. Ms. O’Connell has already been given the position of Principal of St. Aidan School, starting on August 1st.



Above, left to right, P.C. Frank Oliveri, Miss Oliver, Commander James Randle, P.C. Frank Busa



Mineola Participates In “There Ought To Be A Law” Contest

Students from Mineola Middle School recently participated in a contest offered by Assemblyman Edward Ra to engage students in the legislative process and New York State government.

Through the “There Ought to be a Law” activity, fifth grade students learned about the steps in which a bill becomes a law and then used that knowledge to consider and then propose ideas that are important to them. Mineola had many finalists who will be honored May 23 at the Garden City Library where they will receive a citation honoring their accomplishment. One grand prizewinner will be selected to receive a plaque.

The district congratulates the finalists: Luca Bernardes, Mary Bonet, Daniela Casey, Madeleine Christianson, Dylan Coutore, Sydney Grimm, Noemia Livorno, Chloe Patalano, Julianna Reilly, Emily Souza Antunes. Their teachers, Ms. Kopp, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Amzler, Mrs. Henton and Ms. Rojas, were also honored.



Mineola Middle School students recently participated in the “There Ought to be a Law” contest.

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North Side Chorus Concert

On May 31 an audience of parents, grandparents, siblings and teachers was treated to a delightful concert put on by North Side third grade students.

The performance was a mixture of song and dance, and was wonderfully entertaining.

Music teacher Edward Lattari has done a wonderful job of encouraging these young artists to create beautiful music, and the results were certainly evident in this concert.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the performance, particularly the young singers and dancers.

Photos courtesy of the East Williston School District



Wheatley Student Baymen

Wheatley's College Regional Studies Class makes an annual end-of-year trip to Oyster Bay where students have the opportunity to explore the Bay's environment, and learn about its history as a fishery by meeting and working with long-time Baymen, Fred Menges and Bill Fetzer.

During this visit, our bay explorers experienced the hard work of a Bayman's life by working with clam rakes and tongs, and setting traps for eels, lobsters and crabs. work with clam rakes and tongs and setting and hauling traps for eels, lobsters, and crabs. They also had the opportunity to sail aboard the 1883 restored oyster sloop, Christeen. While on the sloop students conduct marine biology experiments with plankton, horseshoe crabs and many other types of marine life.

The students also had the opportunity for a second voyage of exploration on Long Island's waterways by going fishing for striped bass on the charter fishing ship Dolphin out of Freeport Harbor.

The students worked with the captains and the crew to learn and understand the profession of fishing. It is a



terrific hands-on learning experience as well as a great time is had by all. Students continuously state that these experiences of exploring Long Island's maritime firsthand is a highlight of their senior year, and it is very easy to imagine why.

Photos courtesy of The Wheatley Way.



"Hears" To You: Artificial Intelligence - The Latest And Greatest In Hearing Aid Technology

By Carolyn M. Genna, AuD, FAAA

To put it simply, artificial intelligence (AI) is technology that is programmed to solve complex problems with self-generated, intelligent solutions in much the same way that a human would.



The technology is able to "learn" from experience and to be able to adjust itself in complex situations. You may have heard of AI in self-driving cars, smartphones, and in smart home devices, but did you know that hearing aids are also being created with AI?

AI has revolutionized the hearing aid industry and has brought a wide array of capabilities to the technology that helps you hear.

Hearing aids built with AI can detect and evaluate your environment and learn what sounds you wish to

focus on.

For example, when seated in a noisy restaurant with a friend or spouse, hearing aids with AI can soften crowd noise and amplify the voice of your tablemate.

For areas that you frequent, the hearing aid will remember your preferred settings and automatically turn them on when you enter one of those locations.

Some features built into AI hearing aids released in 2018 include step trackers, a cognitive tracker, language translation, and fall detection.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "deaths from unintentional injuries are the seventh leading cause of death among older adults, and falls account for the largest percentage of those deaths". When sensors in the hearing aid notice the wearer has fallen, they will automatically contact a friend or family member.

Newer models of hearing aids may also connect to other smart devices so you can benefit from TV and computer streaming, doorbell notifications, smartphone notifications, and even turn on lights when you put them in.

The world of AI in hearing aids is quickly expanding, and may well be the answer for you.

If you are suffering from hearing loss, or think that you might be, please contact us at (516) 873-9742 to schedule your complimentary hearing screening and consultation.

Herricks Harry O'Neill Flag Day Memorial 5K Run and Fun Run

June 15th 2019

Presented by Herricks Athletic Boosters www.herricks.org/abboosters

Proceeds from the race will go towards scholarships for athletes and support Athletic Boosters programs for students.

Time: 5K Run/Walk 8:30 AM. Fun Run 10:00 AM.

Location: Herricks High School (100 Shelter Rock Rd, New Hyde Park, NY)

Registration: Pre-Registration until 4/8/19

Late mail-in or on-site 6/16/17 (4:00PM-7:00PM) & 6/17/17 (7:00 AM to 8:00 AM)

Race Fees: Adults \$30 ; Military/ First Responders \$25 ; Students (18 and younger) \$20 Fun Run \$10

Awards: * Top 3 Overall Male and Female * Top 3 Masters Male and Female * Top 3 Military * Top 3 First Responders * Top 3 Male and Female in each age group * Medals will be given out to all fun run participants and 5K children under 10. * Penguin Award for last 5K Finisher

Categories 5K run: 14 & under, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69, 70 +

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Packet Pick-up: Friday June 14th, 2019 - 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Herricks High School Comfort Station. Saturday June 15th, 2019 - 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at Herricks High School Comfort Station.

Timing provided by USA Timing, Inc.

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Mail in registration form (reverse side) and check (made out to the Herricks Athletic Boosters)

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St. Aidan's Middle School Baseball Loses In Semi-Finals To Kellenberg

By Ken Solosky

The St Aidan's Stallions finished their spring season at 3 wins and 3 losses, seeding them 6th in the Catholic League Middle School playoff bracket. On Monday, May 20, the Stallions faced off against 3rd ranked St. Christopher's of Baldwin at Seaman's Neck Park in Seaford. The Stallions were eager to avenge a regular season loss and came superbly focused and ready. In a thrilling upset, St Aidan's beat the third ranked St. Christopher's team by a score of 6-4. Mike D'Angelo recorded the complete game victory, striking out 8 and allowing 5 hits. Every Stallion contributed by getting on base or making a good defensive play. Jake Grimm stole home for the lead run and a great game was played by Christian Murphy, Sean Lanigan, Joe and

Jon Anthony Panero, Lucas Abrusci, C.J. Galanga, Matt Forte, Bailan Fagan, Jack Willoughby, Nikita Mullen and Justin Meskill. On Friday, May 24, the Stallions faced the number one ranked Firebirds of Kellenberg at Tully Field in New Hyde Park. The Stallions played a fierce and competitive game but ultimately dropped the semi-final game by a score of 10-4. St. Aidan's big hit was a bases loaded double by Sean Lanigan that plated three runs. The other run was driven in by Mike D'Angelo. The Firebirds of Kellenberg were kept in check by the Stallions' defense, highlighted when Nikita Mullen, playing left field, pegged a perfect throw to shortstop Mike D'Angelo who in turn fired the ball to home where catcher James Rosselon made the tag throw-

ing out the Firebird runner. Other excellent defensive plays were made by Joe Panero and Sean Lanigan. Justin Meskill, Sean Lanigan, James Rosselon and Tom Nutley all had hits for the Stallions. Kellenberg Firebirds Manager James O'Brien was impressed by the never say die Stallions. "In both games we played this season, St Aidan's never quit and I had to throw my best pitchers. Even against my best, St Aidan's kept playing hard and stayed right in the game." Commenting on the season, Field manager Kenny Solosky summed it one word, "Fun". He went on to say that "of course we wanted to win it all but as coaches we have a lot of goals and objectives- namely having fun, helping to improve our players and let-

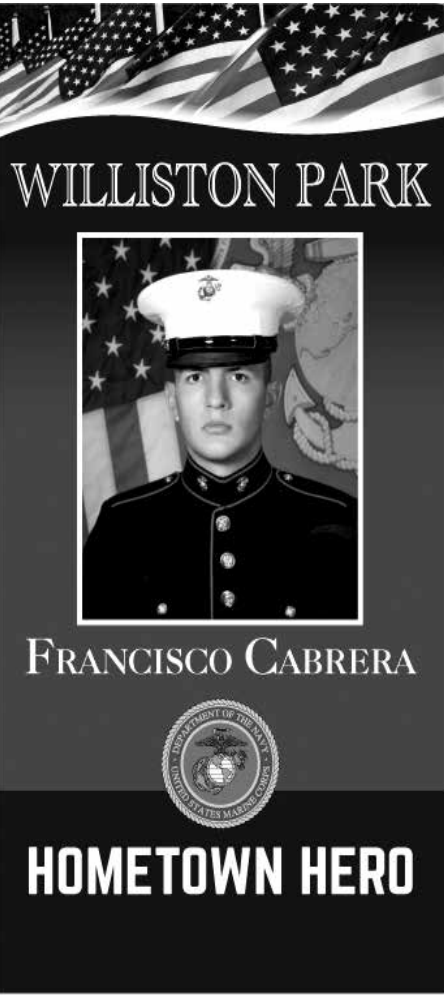
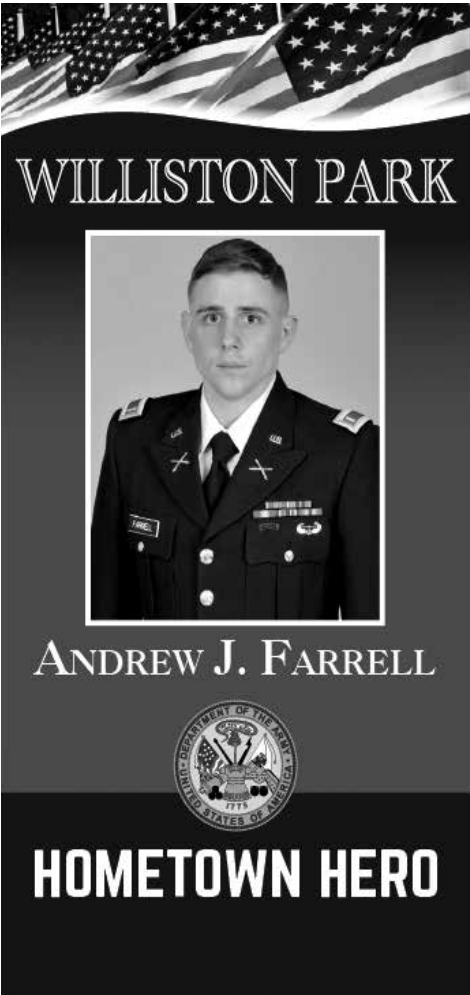
ting them learn about the great game of baseball- Mission Accomplished." The members of the 2019 St Aidan's Middle School Baseball Team; Christian Murphy, Sean Lanigan, Mike D'Angelo, Joe Panero, Jon Anthony Panero, James Rosselon, Jake Grimm, Tom Nutley, Lucas Abrusci, Matt Forte, C.J. Galanga, Justin Meskill, Nikita Mullen, Eddie Olsen, Bailan Fagan, Jack Willoughby, and Andrew Marotta. The team coaches were Ken Solosky, Kenny Solosky and Patrick Solosky. The St. Aidan's Middle School baseball team known as "The Stallions" plays in the Catholic Spirit League. The league is school based, and only utilizes wood bats in order to prepare the players for the Catholic High School League.



The Williston Park Hometown Hero Committee Helping Veterans And Honoring Local Service Members

The Williston Park Hometown Hero Committee would like to extends its gratitude to the many residents who participated in our first U.S. Soldier Care Package collection. Thanks to Village Trustee Billy Carr, and Tara McPartland Bridges of the Williston Park Recreation Committee, we were able to collect 6 large boxes of items to send our soldiers during the Annual Williston Park Easter Egg Hunt. One of our local soldiers is currently serving with the United States Army National Guard in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan. This unit provides Blackhawk helicopter medical evacuation support to United States and allied forces, and is vital in saving lives throughout the region. Our soldier sends his heartfelt gratitude for the well wishes and support. Items sent will be shared with all members of his platoon. We wish them all a safe return and thank them for their unwavering dedication and daily commitment of service.

In addition, this year we are proud to have two new honorees for the Hometown Heroes Flag Program from Williston Park. Francisco Cabrera enlisted in the Marine Corps March of 2018 and reported to Parris Island South Carolina for recruit training that following September. Upon completion of recruit training and earning the title United States Marine he attended the Infantry Training Battalion at the School of Infantry (SOI) East, at Camp Geiger in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Francisco Cabrera completed training as an 0311 Rifleman and from there was attached to the Marine Corps Security Forces and went on to continue training with the Marine Corps Security Forces Training CO. in Chesapeake Virginia. There he trained in guarding assets vital to national security, responding as a member of a Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team



(FAST). Francisco Cabrera is currently assigned to the MCSFB Kings Bay in St. Mary, Georgia. 1st Lt. Andrew Farrell, was commissioned as a lieutenant and Field Artillery Officer in the United States Army in May of 2017 after graduating from the SUNY Brockport ROTC program. Upon completion of Basic Officers Leaders Course School in February 2018, Andrew attended Ranger School, and earned his Ranger Tab in June 2018. He is currently assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to work with the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault. Andrew works as a Fire Support Officer in 3-320 Field Artillery Battalion for 1-187 Leader Infantry Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Rakkasans. The Committee members thank the residents of Williston Park for being such a supportive Village to our United States troops, particularly those who come from the Village or are facing hardship and danger overseas.

Support our HOMETOWN HEROES

The Hometown Heroes Program honors our neighbors actively serving in the United States Armed Forces. If you would like to honor a family member currently serving active duty, information and applications can be found at Village Hall or at villageofwillistonpark.org.

SEND A CARE PACKAGE

In addition to banners, this year we are accepting donations to distribute care packages to our soldiers. This program is all possible through the generous donations from our local residents, businesses, and organizations. Please make checks payable to the *Incorporated Village of Williston Park*, and bring or mail to *Village Hall* with the information provided below. Thank you for your support of those who bravely serve our country today.

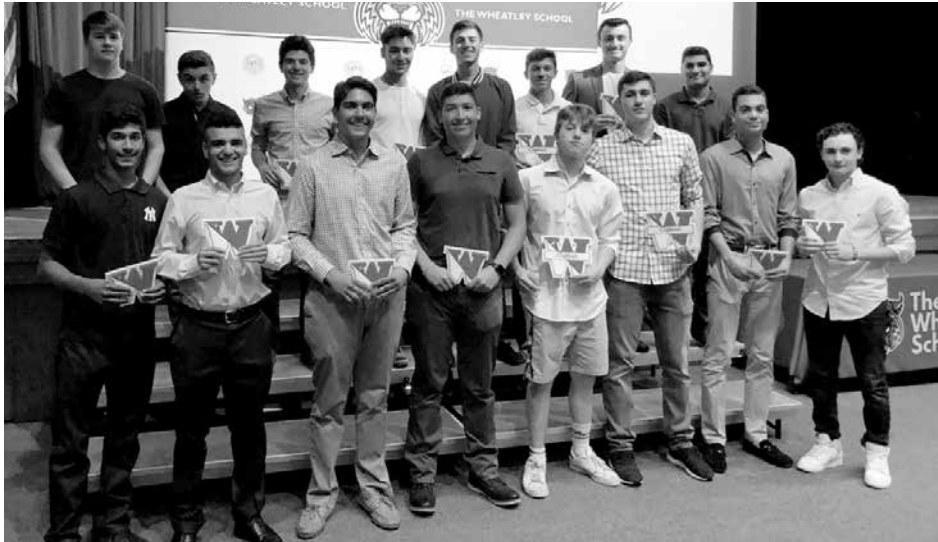
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Wheatley Recognizes A Great Spring Sports Season

Sports Awards Night

Recently, the Athletic Department at Wheatley recognized the achievements of the school’s student-athletes at the Spring Sports Awards. Below is a list of the Athletic Department’s Special Award winners along with the award they received:

- Mo Schneider Scholarship – Charlotte Goldbaum and Matthew Kreitzer
- Roslyn Little League Award – Charlotte Goldbaum
- Walter Wathey Award – Cecilia Jozef
- George Glaser Award – Julia Braito
- Senior Scholar Athlete Award – Jamie Ryan and Andrew Sivin
- Senior Athlete of the Year Award – Samantha Rothstein and Nicholas Tagios



NYSPPHSA Scholar-athlete Teams and Nassau County Level Award Winners

This year all of Wheatley’s spring athletic teams were named as NYSPPHSA scholar-athlete teams! These teams include varsity softball, varsity baseball, varsity boys tennis, varsity girls lacrosse, varsity boys lacrosse, varsity golf, varsity girls track and field and varsity boys track and field.

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPPHSA honors those teams whose members combine athletic achievement with scholarship. To receive scholar-athlete team recognition with a certificate, the team’s average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. Wheatley’s student-athletes, teams

and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. An excellent job by all of our student-athletes!

Wheatley Tennis Player Receives All-State Honors

Karan Amin who played in the NYSPPHSA Boys Tennis Quarterfinals at the National Tennis Center and finished the season with a tie for 6th place in New York State while receiving All-State honors.



The Chamber Corner Hawthorne Service Center

By Frank Oliveri

The Hawthorne Service Center, located on Willis Avenue between Hawthorne and Pembroke Streets in Williston Park is a service station which is a cut above all the rest.

I have been going there for 3 to 4 years to have my vehicle checked out and serviced, and have always received first rate service at a fair price.

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Williston Park Recreation Sponsors An Afternoon At Belmont

In what has become a tradition, the Williston Park Recreation Committee began its summer of great activities with its 9th annual Day Out at Belmont Race Track.

Over 225 people from Williston Park and surrounding areas gathered at the Top of Stretch to enjoy a great day of racing, sunshine and fun. As always, a very good time was had by all.

Hats off to the members of the Recreation Committee for the great work they do in arranging for these events. Be sure to save the dates for their upcoming open air concerts at Kelleher Field—Hell or High Water on June 29th, Five Stone on July 20th, and Three Sheets on August 9th, all at 7:30 p.m.

Pack your wagons, bring your coolers and enjoy music under the stars with your neighbors.



Troop 1177 Silver Award Project Brings Dignity To The Homeless

Six girls from Girl Scout Troop 1177 spent a beautiful summer weekend raising money for their Girl Scout Silver Award Project, which they call Hygiene for the Homeless.

They conducted a bake sale in front of Saint Aidan before the 5:00 and 7:30 masses on Saturday, and before each mass on Sunday. Recognizing the terrible conditions and many hardships which homeless people must endure, they thought to make what they characterized as a “small difference” in their lives, by using the money they raised to make hygiene packets consisting of toothpaste, soap, gloss, shampoo, and conditioner to be distributed to the homeless.

In fact, people who work with the homeless recognize that the inability of homeless people to obtain these hygiene products is a major problem for them. In providing these packets of necessary hygiene items that most of us take for granted the girls will do much to bring dignity and a small amount of comfort to the very unfortunate among us.

It is wonderful to see such sensitivity and thoughtfulness in these young people. Patricia, Maggie, Shannon, Gianna, Annemarie, and Riley, as well as their adult leaders and families are to be commended for this project.

(And, by the way, the brownies were delicious!)



East Williston Little League 2019 All Star Teams

The East Williston Little League 10U, 11U, and 12U teams were recently chosen and met for team pictures at Richard Camp Field.

We look forward to writing about their tournament season, and wish them much success, and even more fun, as they play this summer.

Go Wildcats!



10U Wildcats



11U Wildcats



12U Wildcats

Seen Around Town

A Speedy Visitor

Christian Lavelle was in East Williston visiting his grandparents, Mike and Christie Lavelle over Memorial Day weekend, and had the opportunity to run in the annual little runners race at Devlin Field.



A Baseball Souvenir

Joey Caruso was awarded a game ball after a recent EWLL game. He looks like a boy who clearly enjoys the game and we look forward to writing about his exploits as an All Star in future editions of The Williston Post.



Words Of Wisdom

These are some words of wisdom posted on one of the backstops at North Side School in East Williston, but they certainly apply to all youth sports.

They are a good reminder to step back and enjoy watching your kids, and other peoples’ kids, as they enjoy playing a game. They will become grownups, and their lives will become serious, soon enough.



Dartmouth Street kids waiting for the Memorial Day parade to pass by.

Girl Scout Troop 1117 Members Have A Busy Spring

“Stuffed Animals for Love” What We’ve Been Up To

The past two months have been busy for the girls involved in this Girl Scout Silver Award project.

41 boxes of “furry friends” have been sent to the various service organizations we’ve been working with, including “The Teddy Bear Brigade”, “Gifts for Kids”, the “Humane Society”, and “S.A.F.E.” (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies) in Ohio, Michigan, and Florida. The Florida chapter of S.A.F.E. had advised the girls that their donations were sent to Romania. We are now international!

To help cover the cost of postage, the girls hosted a bake/chocolate sale after Masses at St. Aidan on April 28. We would like to thank Father Jeff for allowing us to set up our goods and everyone for their generous support. The leftover cookies were sent to a navy unit stationed in Cuba. We hope they enjoyed the treats.

The Bristol Assisted Living Home



in Massapequa is the latest recipient of our decorated bears. One of our kind donators made the connection for us and were very happy to accommodate their needs. We hope the bears put a smile on the faces of our senior citizen friends. If anyone knows of any other facility which could use some “furry friends”, please call Carol as 516-414-2213.

Over the summer, we will be working on bears for the October “Special


Friends” dance hosted by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. We plan on dressing all the bears in Halloween costumes which should be fun!

On June 22, we are planning a garage sale to help with expenses. The sale will be at 30 Prospect Street, Williston Park from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please stop by and check out our offerings.


Thank you!

Alyssa, Lily, Sofia, Sofija and Caitlyn





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