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MR. AND MRS. BUNNY COME TO TOWN



March 19 was the perfect day for Mr. and Mrs. Bunny to come visit the Willistons for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was

beautiful, the children were adorable and parents were treated to a memorable event.

It is wonderful to see how many children who were raised here choose to come back to East Williston and Williston Park and raise their families here as well. As is the case with so many community events, the pictures speak far more than just a thousand words.

Thank you to the East Williston and Williston Park Recreation Committee members for continuing to organize this and so many other great events.

The Committees do so many things for our community, and they pull them off without any apparent difficulty, but anyone who has ever been responsible for doing an event like this, or working on one, can tell you that it is not easy.

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 board meeting, and thank the Committee publicly for their good work. It will mean a lot, and the thanks are well deserved.



AMERICAN LEGION WILLISTON POST 144 AND AUXILIARY UNIT 144 VISITS HENRY VISCARDI HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday March 21st, members of American Legion Williston Post 144 and Auxiliary Unit 144 were invited to give a talk and to demonstrate flag etiquette to the 10th and 11th grade students at the Henry Viscardi High School in Albertson.

Under the direction of Children and Youth County Chairperson Maryann Busa and Williston Chairman for Children and Youth P.C. Frank Busa, Auxiliary Member Diane Karl, who is on the staff at the Viscardi School, met with and had a discussion about the history, proper care and the correct time and occasion to display the Flag of the United States of America.

Under the direction of Ms. Elaine Johnson and Mr. James Haviken of the Viscardi School, members of Williston Post 144 met with the following student classes:

Grade 11
U.S. History & Government:
Isaiah, Alexa , Emma, Patrick, Felix, Nerivette, Alexa, Christopher, Destini, Marcu, Ariel, Kristian, Samuel and Leonard.

Grade 10
Global History & Geography:
Tryese, Mya, Savannah, Jovani, Omari, Jared, Justin, Daisha, Andrew, Shekinah, Noel, Jessica, Peri, Jamar and Della.



Top, Henry Viscard H.S., Grade 11. Bottom, flag folding demonstration by 1st Vice Bob Valentine and P.C. Frank Busa

Commander Robesch opened each session with one of the students leading the class in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This was followed by an open discussion about the history of the flag where the students asked many questions concerning our nation's flag.

In turn, the members of the Aux-

iliary and the Legion asked the students questions about the history of our flag and about the significance of its design.

When the students were finished, 1st Vice Chairman Bob Valentine and P.C. Frank Busa demonstrated the proper way to fold the American flag and Commander Robesch explained

the meaning behind each of the thirteen steps that are taken to fold the flag into the traditional triangle.

When each session was completed everyone joined in a group picture so as not to forget the great time each of us had.



WILLISTON PARK HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

By **Bob Valentine**

The park and play area on the north side of East Williston Avenue in East Williston at the railroad crossing was once home to Schenck's Meat Market.

Some residents may remember the stairs cut into the curb along East Williston Avenue. These were to allow customers to step up to the meat market at a time when traffic along the road was considerably lighter.

This photograph was taken about the time a booster ad was placed in the 1956 Chaminade Year Book "SCHENCK'S Prime Meats & Poultry"

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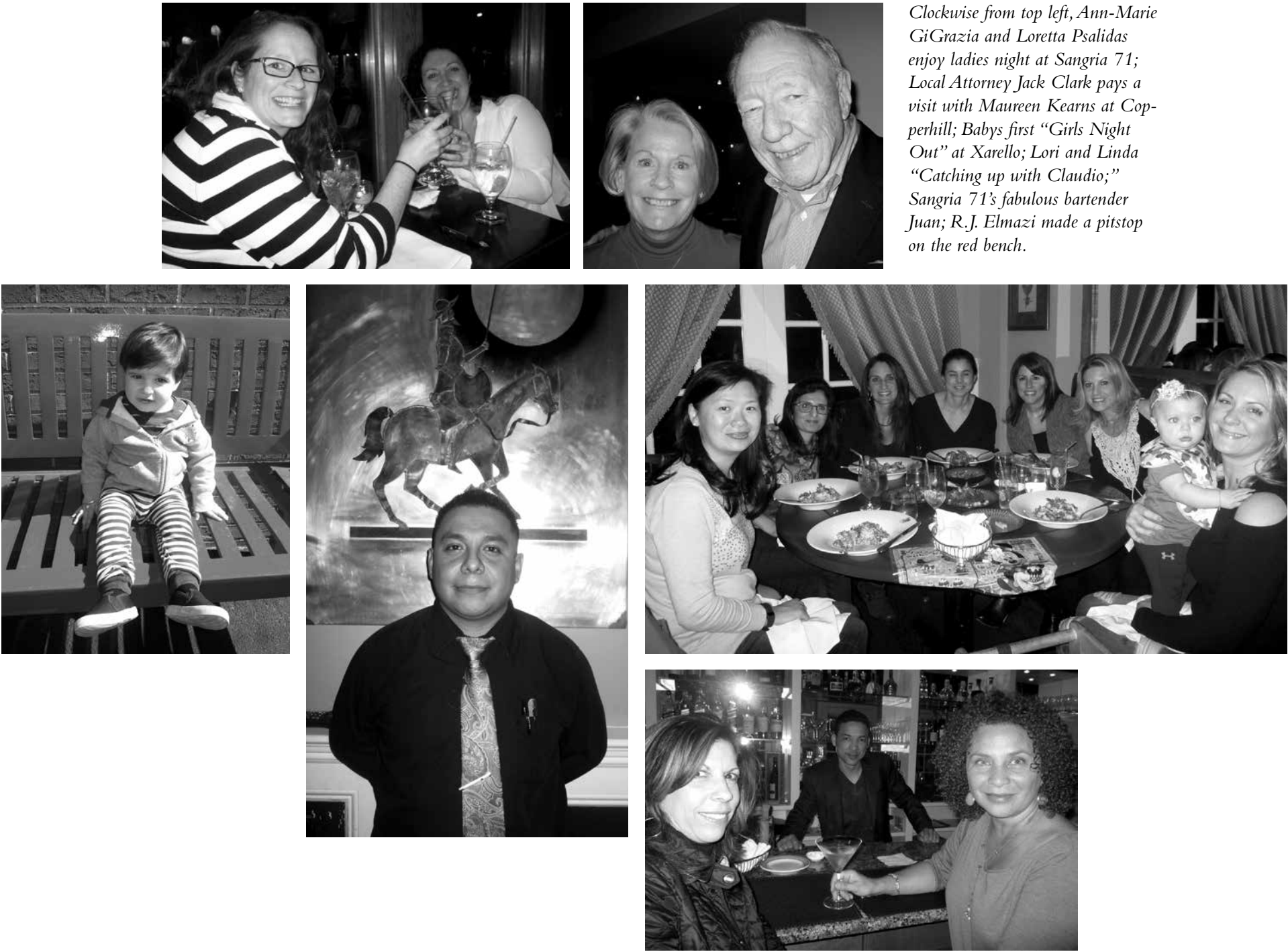
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SEEN AROUND TOWN



Clockwise from top left, Ann-Marie GiGrazia and Loretta Psalidas enjoy ladies night at Sangria 71; Local Attorney Jack Clark pays a visit with Maureen Kearns at Copperhill; Baby's first "Girls Night Out" at Xarello; Lori and Linda "Catching up with Claudio;" Sangria 71's fabulous bartender Juan; R.J. Elmazi made a pitstop on the red bench.



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ELLEN RITZ NAMED TO TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD ROLL OF HONOR

On March 16, 2016, as part of Women’s History Month, the Town of North Hempstead honored thirteen women who were presented with an award during the breakfast in recognition of their commitment to their neighbors and their community by naming them to the annual May W. Newburger Roll of Honor.

This year, the honorees were 13 women from all areas of North Hempstead and are involved in their local school districts, religious institutions, local village government, charities and civic groups. Ellen Ritz, of East Williston, was one of the honorees, whose names are inscribed on a plaque in North

Hempstead Town Hall beside the names of past years’ recipients. Town Clerk Wayne Wink noted his pleasure at being able to “honor 13 extraordinary women who have made a positive impact on the lives of so many throughout the Town of North Hempstead.” As is the tradition, Shirley Romaine

chose a reading to inspire the honorees and guests at the breakfast. This year, Shirley read two poems by Maya Angelou, Phenomenal Woman and Still I Rise. Congratulations to Ellen Ritz for being the recipient of this great honor.



23rd Annual May W. Newburger Womens Roll of Honor honorees with Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Council Members Dina De Giorgio, Peter Zuckerman, Viviana Russell, Lee Seeman and Anna Kaplan, Town Clerk Wayne Wink, Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman and Nassau County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum



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REALITY ROOFING GOES GREEN

On March 16, Reality Roofing hosted their annual Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Networking Event.

The party, presided over by Bob and Bobby Shannon, was a great success.

A smorgasbord of Irish delights catered by Harry's Hilltop on Hillside Avenue was enjoyed by local business people, friends, and family, who were able to meet and connect with Chamber of Commerce members from the Willistons.

All in attendance thank the Shannons for providing such a delightful evening.

As you can see from the accompanying photos it was a memorable time.



***Top row**, beaming hosts Bob and Bobby Shannon; the Shannon Family; Mayor Ehrbar paid a visit to Reality Roofing. **Second row**, Bob and Sally Mitchell with Chamber of Commerce President John Gordon; Mike Pfeffer from Habitat for Humanity, Nancy Layton from Inside Out Design Studio, Karen Wiley from Word Power, Colleen Lovisi and Cay Shannon from Reality Roofing; Bobby Shannon, Laffey Fine Homes Frank Marasco, and Brian Hallinan. **Bottom row**, Ron Doughty from Williston Plumbing and John Marsala from State Farm Insurance; Liam Patterson, Lou Palumbo, Justin Burke, Frank Oliveri*

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Marty Lyons with his wife, Christine, and Bucky Woods from the University of Alabama at 2015's event.



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This is all made possible by water, but we don't always appreciate the fact that only a small portion of the water that we depend upon falls from the sky—most of it is drawn up from underground aquifers that our ever-increasing population depends upon almost exclusively for this all-important resource.

Recently the Williston Park Rotary Club welcomed Matthew Rizzo of Grassroots Environmental Education, who delivered a thought provoking talk on this issue.

Long Island's drinking water comes from three major underground aquifers, the Upper Glacial, the Magothy and the Lloyd.

We can lessen the strain on our drinking water supply, by limiting water use and protecting our water supply from pollutants.

The Upper Glacial Aquifer has been too polluted to use as a drinking water supply for quite some time. Currently our water comes from the Magothy Aquifer, which exists from 200 to 800 feet below the surface, in unconsolidated layers of sand, gravel and water that was formed primarily by retreating Ice Age glaciers, many thousands of years ago.

While the aquifer is replenished by rainwater and snow melt, it takes years for rain that falls today to actually reach the aquifer, and we are using water more quickly than it can be replenished naturally.

Mr. Rizzo's presentation was so-

We are using water more quickly than it can be replenished naturally.



bering, but he was quick to point out that there is much that we can do as individuals and as a community to lessen the strain on our drinking water supply, by limiting water use and protecting our water supply from pollutants.

and adjust your sprinkler system to deliver no more than an inch per week. When you do water, do it early in the morning, and never between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., when the sun will be the hottest and when the water that is being used will be evap-

Water Conservation Tips

- Don't leave water running and eliminate all water leaks.
- Purchase water saving appliances and low flow toilets.

Conservation Tips

- Let the lawn grow a bit, to three inches or more, since longer grass needs less water.
- Try to water only once a week

Water Protection Tips

- Use low nitrogen and organic water insoluble fertilizers.
- Dispose unused prescription drugs correctly, not in your sink or toilet bowl.
- Dispose pet waste responsibly.

orated by the heat.

- Use organic products to maintain the lawn, because organic products develop deeper root systems which require less irrigation.
- Get in the habit of not running

water while brushing your teeth, or shaving, and try to reduce shower time to no more than five minutes.

- Run your dish washer only when it is full.
- Do a regular search of your household faucets to look for leaks. You should repair them yourself or have someone in to do it. The savings alone will make up much of the cost of the repair.
- Use low volume toilets and other water-consuming appliances and equipment.

Protecting Our Water Supply

- Never throw pollutants down the drain, or flush them down the toilet. This includes pharmaceuticals which not only pollute the water supply, they poison fish and waterfowl as well. Of course, if you eat fish caught in local waters, then you are consuming these improperly disposed of pharmaceuticals as well.
 - Always pick up pet waste, and never throw it down the storm drain. This includes waste that your pet leaves in the street, and pet waste in your yard, which is included in storm runoff and goes right into the storm drains.
 - Use low nitrogen and organic water insoluble fertilizers. Nitrogen is a major source of algae pollution in our local waters.
- The state of our water supply requires thoughtful action from all of us now, while the situation is manageable.

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SWORN IN

Congratulations to the re-elected and newly-elected Trustees in East Williston and Williston Park who were sworn in at the annual Village Organizational Meetings on April 4th.

Christopher Siciliano was re-elected to another four year term, and former Mayor and Trustee Anthony Casella was elected to a four year term, as an East Williston Trustee. Tony was elected to a Trustee position previously held by Robert Vella, who decided not to run again.







Rob was a mainstay of the Board during his four year term and will be greatly missed by his colleagues and by the Village he served.

Village Justice Joseph Sperber was also re-elected to a four year term.

We should also recognize and thank Ellen Ritz for her participation in the East Williston Village Election. We sincerely hope that she will continue to take part in Village affairs.

In Williston Park, Michael Uttaro and William Carr were re-elected to four year terms as Trustees.

We congratulate all of these dedicated public servants on their successful campaigns and thank them for their service.



Clockwise from top left, from East Williston, Christopher Siciliano, Anthony Casella, Justice Joseph Sperber. From Williston Park, William Carr, Michael Uttaro. East Williston Board recognizing retiring Trustee Robert Vella.

THANK YOU AND YOU'RE WELCOME

OR THANK YOU AND NO PROBLEM?

By Raymond Haller

It seems that today we have adapted a new phrase for “you’re welcome.”

As a child and growing up, you were taught by your parents that when someone gave you something, either physical or material or even verbally in the form of positive reinforcement, your reply was “thank you” or “thank you very much”. Following the “thank you” was the very common and short response “you’re welcome”. And that was pretty much the only response that was expected.

It seems like today’s generation has substituted, “hey, no problem” or just “no problem” instead of saying you’re welcome. It seems like when asking for something from someone in the store, a waitress in a restaurant or just saying “thank you”, your reply is just a “no problem”!

In many cases, I can’t see the reply being “no problem” when I don’t think there was a problem in the first place. Even if you had a problem and the problem is fixed or gets fixed, the gracious “thank you” would have you covered and the simple reply of “you’re welcome” is the expression of gratitude for “thank you” in return. I guess maybe you can fix a problem by not having a problem and saying “it’s no problem!”

At the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee when Jesus turned the casks of water into very fine wine I’m sure his Mother said “thank you, Jesus!” Did he say “you’re welcome?” Who knows, but I doubt that he said “Hey Mom, no

problem” (although that would have been easy for Him to say). I wasn’t there, but I’m sure Jesus looked up to heaven and said “thank you Father,” and God said in reply, “You’re welcome my Son...for you are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Or did God simply say to Jesus, hey, no problem my son!

It just seems that today no matter where you go or no matter who you talk to, the phrase “you’re welcome” is passé. Everything today is just “no problem”.

As I look back, “thank you” and “you’re welcome” went together like peanut butter and jelly, Oreo’s and milk, and spaghetti and meatballs.

I remember always getting a birthday card from my Grandma every birthday which contained a fresh and crisp one-dollar bill. I would always remember to give her a big hug and kiss the next time I saw her and say “thank you” so much at which point she hugged the stuffings out of me and said “you’re very welcome my darling”.

Now that I think of it, it would be quite comical if she did say to me, “Hey, it’s no problem”. But this was never the case growing up. Growing up was a big enough problem to begin with.

So, the next time I’m in the card store, I will have to pick up a pack of “no problem cards” so I can convey my appreciation for what somebody did for me.

I guess it’s just something to think about. You needn’t thank me, it’s no problem!!!!

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We took our 9th graders into New York City to learn about the story of Aladdin. Our students met with Disney Teaching Artists to learn some of the dance choreography to the musical. Afterwards they enjoyed the matinee performance all the while paying close attention to the parallels between the musical and the story of Purim. The mythical towns, the king and queen's costumes, the rise of the grand vizier and of course stepping up to save the day.



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ternoon of traditional, familiar and operatic musical performances by outstanding soloists, the St. Aidan's choir, the St. Aidan's Bells and Chimes choir, the St. Aidan's Angel and Celes-

tial choir—all under the direction of Dragan Bubalo, conductor.

The program opened with a performance of the Irish national anthem by tenor Greg Mercer.

Audience members were humming along with the familiar "Danny Boy" and "Come Back to Erin" performed by baritone, Brian Goff, and were delighted as Brian joined tenor Daniel Maimone for a memorable rendition of "Fields of Athenry".

All the Irish eyes were certainly smiling as the audience enjoyed a variety of pieces performed by the chorus and choirs. Who can resist "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra" and "An Old Irish Blessing"?

Top, The Angel Choir Dressed in Green; Bottom from left, Reagan Stone, Brian Goff on the Fiddle, Rigoletto at St. Aidan's.



The program turned to celebration of Italian music in honor of St. Joseph featuring music from Francesco Tosti, Giuseppe Verdi and Ernesto DeCurtis.

The audience thrilled to the solos by tenor Daniel Maimone and Reagan Stone.

In a dramatic and virtuoso performance Reagan Stone, Melissa Escobar (soprano), Greg Mercer (tenor) and Brian Goff thrilled the audience with a

quartet performance from Rigoletto.

Creativity was clearly visible in the staging of the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" as the chorus devised a clever substitute for the anvil. (Anvils are a scarce commodity in the Willistons!)

No musical performance of this caliber can be staged without outstanding accompanists and conducting.

Kathy Battel (flute) and Terrence Purtell (piano/organ) provided the backdrop for the solos and choral works and Brian Goff showed off his talent as a violinist as well.

Congratulations to Dragan Bubalo and all the performers for another St. Aidan's hit performance!



From top left, The Handbell Choir, Brian Goff and Daniel Maimone perform Fields of Athrry, The Performers Take a Bow, Getting Ready Up In The Choir Loft.

ST. AIDAN GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHES REGULAR SEASON 9-2

The St. Aidan Girls Middle School Basketball team capped off a great regular season with 9 wins and only 2 losses. The girls honed their skills and developed team chemistry by practicing hard for four days a week from November through February. Their dedication earned them a playoff spot in the Catholic Middle School League where they lost in the semifinals to St. Agnes Cathedral School, the eventual champion. Their success is quite amazing since the team consists of nine 7th graders and only one 8th grader. Congratulations girls on a great season!



L-R: Abby, Kaelan, Emily, Gia, Colleen, Brianna (Captain), Gabby, Jillian, Natalie and Casey.

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MIKE MASTERS INDUCTED INTO THE LONG ISLAND SOCCER PLAYER HALL OF FAME

On March 5, 2016, Mike Masters from East Williston was inducted into the Long Island Soccer Player Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2016. Mike had a brilliant career as a player at Wheatley, which won a State Championship while he was there. He also played club soccer for the Hicksville Americans, and went on to star at Williams College where he was a member of two ECAC Championship teams while playing for the Ephs. He was the third highest goal scorer in Williams College history, and was a three time All New England and All American selection.

After graduation, Mike played professionally for several teams, including the Long Island Rough Riders, and was a member of the 1995 team that won a national championship. In addition, he played for Colchester, in the U.K., where he was the first American player to score a goal at the fabled Wembley Stadium.

Appropriately for a former Rough Rider, in his remarks Mike referenced Theodore Roosevelt's famous "man in the arena" speech. President Roosevelt spoke of the man "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause." Mike went on to say that "in our game, The Beautiful Game, we did not enter the arena alone. Our teammates, our coaches, our family and friends all gave us the encouragement to fight . . . ; the fortitude to strive valiantly when quitting was so appealing; and the courage to dare greatly when facing uncompro-

mising challenges."

He concluded his remarks with a wonderful tribute to his parents, which speaks volumes for his character. "Lastly, for the hours spent on the sidelines, for the miles in the car getting to games and practices, for the numerous holiday weekends sacrificed for soccer tournaments, and for always believing in me, my deepest gratitude is reserved for my Parents. Thank you doesn't seem enough, but Thank You. I love you both."

Congratulations, Mike Masters, for a great career. Your family, friends and hometown are very proud of you.



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This checklist will help you target the areas that need maintenance so you can get your chores done quickly, leaving you time to go outside and play in the sunshine.

- Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris. Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil. Spring rains can cause yard flooding, which can lead to foundation flooding and damage. Also, when water pools in these low areas in summer, it creates a breeding ground for insects.
- Use a screwdriver to probe the wood trim around windows, doors, railings and decks. Make repairs now before the spring rains do more damage to the exposed wood.
- From the ground, examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter. If your home has an older roof covering, you may want to start a budget for replacement. The summer sun can really damage roof shingles. Shingles that are cracked, buckled or loose or are missing granules need to be replaced. Flashing around plumbing vents, skylights and chimneys need to

be checked and repaired by a qualified roofer.

- Examine the exterior of the chimney for signs of damage. Have the flue cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep.
- Inspect concrete slabs for signs of cracks or movement. All exterior slabs except pool decks should drain away from the home's foundation. Fill cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk. When weather permits, power-wash and then seal the concrete.
- Remove firewood stored near the home. Firewood should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground at least 2 feet from the structure.
- Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage. Turn the water on and place your thumb or finger over the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe inside the home is damaged and will need to be replaced. While you're at it, check the garden hose for dry rot.
- Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.
- Check your gas- and battery-powered lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for summer use. Clean equipment and sharp cutting blades will make yardwork easier.

ALLISON MARS AND JOSEPH VIRGILIO ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mars of Williston Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Mars, to Joseph Virgilio, son of Drs. Irene and Stephen Virgilio of East Willison.

Ms. Mars, a graduate of Fordham University, is a Senior Account Executive for A.L.C. at 10eleven showroom and owner of Darie's Diary. Mr. Virgilio graduated from Hobart College and is a Physical Education teacher and Athletic Coach in the East Williston School District. Both families are members of St. Aidan's Church and hope to set a date for the wedding by year's end. We wish the couple a lifetime of love and happiness!



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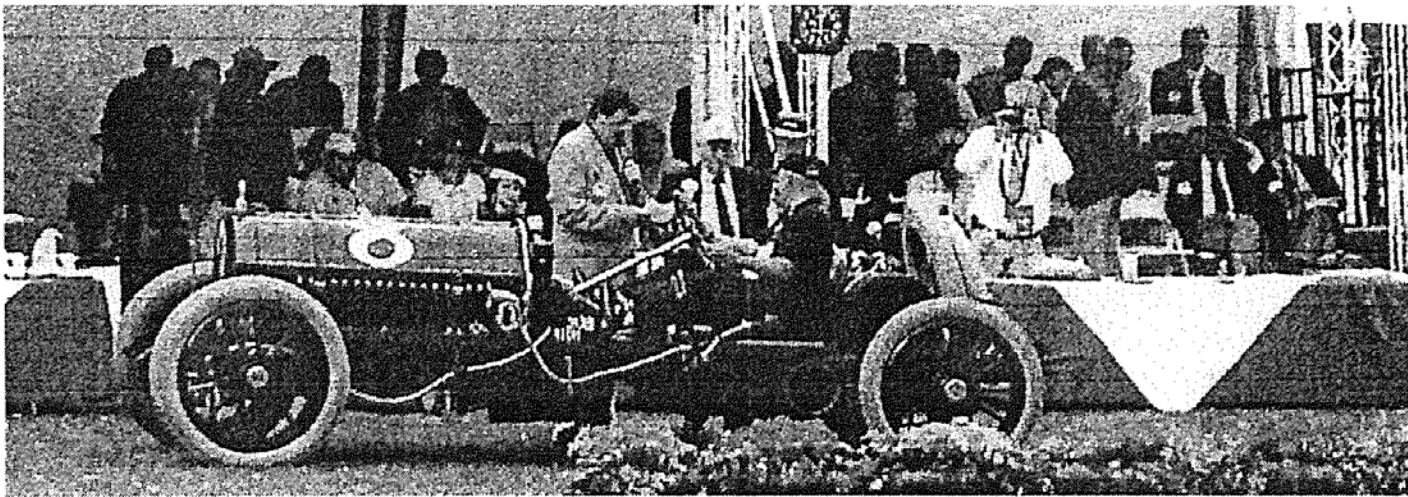
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Events are scheduled throughout the weekend, including a career panel on Friday, individual class events Friday evening and Sunday morning, and event throughout the afternoon and evening at Wheatley on Saturday.

Imagine what it will be like to walk through the same halls you walked in



high school, find your old locker, meet up with people from your old soccer team, or those you tried to whip in tennis.

Did you appear in the same high school production, perform in a concert on the same stage?

Locations will be set aside for all kinds of meet and greets. See some of your teachers, club mentors, and maybe even your guidance counselor.

For those of you who attended the 50th Anniversary celebration, you

know how exciting it was to walk around the halls, reliving your high school years, meeting up with your old friends, making new friends, and seeing your teachers and principals.

Some of you may have missed the opportunity the last time around, but can make it this time.

Some of you were only a few years out of school back in 2006, but now would like to take part.

No matter what your reason, whether this will be your first time attending an anniversary celebration, or you have been waiting to be a part of another one, please take a moment to register on the website that has been set up: wheatleyalumni.org.

You will find a link to the 60th Anniversary celebration, and can easily register using Paypal, and pre-order the meal you would like for Saturday evening, catered by Ben's Deli.

You can also purchase a Commemorative t-shirt or class photo at the same time, or get information about special hotels rates in the area for any siblings or friends from out of the area. Please encourage them to attend.

Remember, there may not be another celebration until the 75th, so plan to be a part of this weekend.

If you can't attend for some reason,

and you are not getting alumni association e-mails, please take a moment to go to the website and send an e-mail to give us yours. We are working off old lists, so if you need to have your e-mail updated, or give us contact information for old friends that we

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POP OFFICERS RETURN TO THE WILLISTONS

For many years, the Willistons were fortunate enough to have Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Officers assigned to our Community through the Third Precinct.

Abandoned as the result of budget issues, the POP Program has been reestablished in the Third Precinct, bringing with it the dedicated Officers that the Program has traditionally provided.

We recently had the opportunity to meet two of the officers assigned to the Third Precinct, Officers Todd Atkin and Jesse Cooper, at a meeting of the Williston Park Rotary Club.

The purpose was to introduce themselves to members of the Community, and to give some timely advice about securing our homes against burglaries. Officers Atkin and Cooper will be giving lectures and holding meetings throughout the Precinct, and will be providing us with information that we



will, in turn, pass on to our readers.

Accompanying this article is a copy of a handout provided to us by the Officers—some common sense tips for making your house into a harder target for burglars. We are sure

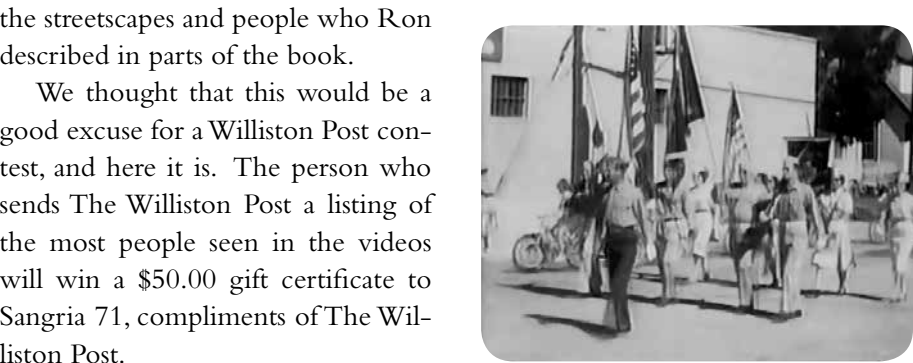
that you will find it useful.

Many thanks to Williston Park Mayor Paul Ehrbar for setting up the meeting, and welcome to Officers Atkin and Cooper.



GO BACK IN TIME TO 1960...

Win a \$50.00 gift certificate to Sangria 71, compliments of The Williston Post.



Take a trip back to the early 1960's without leaving your computer desktop by visiting Williston Park Archival Films on Youtube.

Remember Galvin's Esso station on Willis Avenue, or guess where the Williston Masonic Lodge was, and what's there now. See pictures of Roger Fay, Msgr. Birmingham, Rev. Henry R. Kupsh, Carl del Vecchio, John D. Caemmerer, our Veterans, Boy Scouts, firefighters and many, many more Willistonites.

It couldn't be easier. Go to Youtube and type in "Williston Park Archival Films."

You will see 1960 – 1963 Part One and 1960-1963 Part Two, both by Ron Baumbach, former Williston Park resident and author of The Last Walk on Our Block, excerpts of which have been published here in the Williston Post. The films will give you a chance to see

the streetscapes and people who Ron described in parts of the book.

We thought that this would be a good excuse for a Williston Post contest, and here it is. The person who sends The Williston Post a listing of the most people seen in the videos will win a \$50.00 gift certificate to Sangria 71, compliments of The Williston Post.

Entries can be by emailing your list to contest@thewillistonpost.com or by U.S. mail or personal delivery to our office at 328 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, New York, 11596.

All entries should use the following format, and include the place in the video where the person you have identified can be found, by referencing the position in the video by minutes and seconds.

For example:

Marching in parade – baton twirler—hair color if possible (some of the film is in black and white) – Coleen Pickering 16:28.

All entries should be delivered on or before May 1, 2016, and there is a limit of one entry per reader (but not per family).

Good luck, but win or not, we think you will enjoy doing this.

ST. AIDAN SCHOOL LENTEN SPAGHETTI DINNER HELPS TO FEED LONG ISLAND'S HUNGRY

On Thursday, March 3, 2016 St. Aidan School hosted a Lenten Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish (OLMM) in Wyandanch.

Almost 200 guests, comprised of St. Aidan School families, parishioners, and members of the Mineola Junior Fire Department stepped up for the cause and showered OLMM with their generosity.

It was a heartwarming event with young and old gathering together for the needs of others.

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In the spirit of Lenten generosity, guests gave \$5 each for the simple meal of pasta and bread and brought with them a non-perishable food item for the OLMM pantry.

Noelle Campbell, a representative from OLMM was overwhelmed with the generosity of St. Aidan's.

She returned home not only with a check for over \$1,300, raised through donations and a 50/50 raffle, but also with a car packed with food and supplies for their busy pantry.

All the food for the evening was donated by local merchants.

A warm thank you to BJ's Wholesale Club, Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Aidan #1577, Gino's Pizzeria, Girl Scout Troop #1591, King Kullen in Garden City, Mineola Fire Department, NY Ravioli, Panera Bread, and Stop and Stop, in New Hyde Park for supplying all the ingredients for the delicious pasta dinner.



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On Friday, March 4th, 2016, Bear scouts from Cub Scout Pack #201 visited the Williston Park Auxiliary Police to fulfill an advancement requirement.

The boys learned what this volunteer police organization does for the community and received a “hands on” demonstration of the equipment the Unit uses.

It was certainly a pleasure to have them as visitors. They were enthusiastic, and quite interested in learning about the work of the Auxiliary Police.

Perhaps some of them will return to the Auxiliary Police as volunteers in the future.



L. to R., Sgt. Tranchina and the Cub Scout Bears from Pack #201, Andreas, Brad, Bryan, Vincent, Brandon, Bill and Eric.

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CHAMBER MEETS AT XARELLO FOR BREAKFAST



Top row, from left, Liam Patterson, Maureen Corrigan, Eileen Devaney, Lucille Walters; Middle row, left to right, Mayor Ehrbar; Reverend Christina, Evelyn Atanas, Kay Derby, Sally Mitchell, and Rita Hesse; Mark Hogan, guest speaker from The New York Mets Group Ticket Sales.



From left, Chamber President John Gordon with Xarello owners John & Claudio; John Gordon



By **Raymond Haller**

Tuesday morning was not like any other Tuesday morning, Chamber members knew it was Breakfast at Xarello. That's right, the Williston Park equivalent of Breakfast at Tiffany's. As members scrambled for a parking spot, we entered the newly transformed Xarello, so familiar to many of us as the Ivy Cottage. The new room is beautiful, and the tables were set to

perfection, with the delicious smell of fresh coffee wafting throughout the restaurant and a beautiful and delicious breakfast buffet just waiting to be enjoyed. We were greeted by Chamber Treasurer Maureen Corrigan, Chamber Director Lucille Walters and the owners of Xarello, Claudio Peralta and John Alexopoulos. President John Gordon had a short agenda but introduced Mark

Hogan, Group Sales ticket manager for the New York Mets organization. The Chamber members enjoyed the breakfast buffet prepared especially for them. The delicious food inspired more than one Chamber member to express the thought that we should meet at Xarello every month. The meeting was concluded at approximately nine fifteen in the morning and Chamber members applaud-

ed the Xarello owners, Claudio and John for a wonderful breakfast which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Their hospitality was off the charts, and we look forward to meeting there again. While I think of it, if you haven't had dinner at Xarello there's no time like the present to discover this wonderful new restaurant on Williston Park's Restaurant Row! Claudio and John will make you glad that you stopped in, believe me.

ALL I WANT IS A HORSE...

By **Raymond Haller**

The inevitable Christmas question to our children is "what would you like for Christmas?" I suppose, depending upon time, the prevailing fad and the child's dearest hope the answer could range from an Xbox 360 to a puppy dog, or maybe even a horse. Throughout his childhood growing up here in Williston Park, when Frank Galalis was asked by his mom and dad what he would like for Christmas or his birthday his only response was "a horse." At the time it probably appeared to be a little far-fetched and unattainable, like wanting to be an astronaut, but Frank's boyhood dream was to own his own horse, not a rocking horse but a real live horse. Frank always had a love for horses, and in his early childhood right through his teens he took riding lessons and en-



joyed being around horses. Frank is now in his early 60s and has made his lifelong dream come true. I'm sure that you are thinking that he certainly doesn't keep his horse in his garage in Williston Park and you are right. Frank boards his horse up in Brookville near Northern Boulevard and visits his horse almost every day. I had the opportunity to visit Frank and his horse up in Brookville. At a boarding stable there Frank has been taking care of his horse, riding and feeding him, and grooming him

to perfection. Frank's horse is a Nakota horse, indigenous to the Northern Great Plains and developed by the Lakota Sioux nation, the famous tribe of Sitting Bull. The English translation of his Lakota name is Pretty Boy, and he certainly is. Pretty Boy is approximately 2 1/2 years old, and was purchased from a farm in Linton, North Dakota. He is actually a direct descendant of the horses that were used by the Lakota in the Battle of Little Big Horn. Nakota horses were bred

to be calm for use by the children and elders while at the same time being high spirited so that they could be used to hunt bison or in warfare. There are only about 800 Nakota horses alive today. So Frank's childhood dream has come true. When Frank purchased Pretty Boy he also became a member of the Nakota Horse Conservancy, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving these unique horses for generations to come. Frank is not only enjoying his beautiful horse, he is also helping to preserve its future. Thanks Frank for sharing with me your childhood dream and I hope you have many more years of fun and enjoyment with Pretty Boy...truly a beautiful, beautiful animal. You can read more about the Nakota horses at www.Nakotahorse.org

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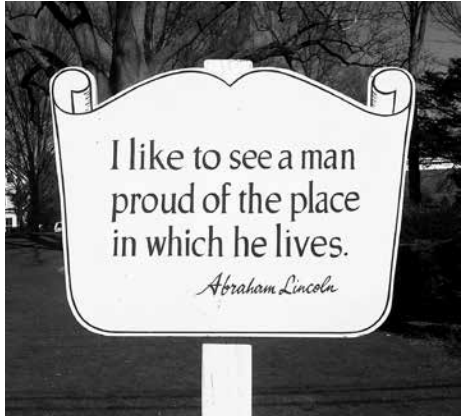
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CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Williston Post congratulates the Village of East Williston on the 90th anniversary of its incorporation as a Village.

Although there are no residents with us who were here at the beginning, we do have some familiar artifacts to remind us of that earlier time.

The bell on the Village Green hung in a bell tower very similar to the elevator tower on the Village Hall, and was



used to call out the Fire Department at the time East Williston was incorporated.

Soon after incorporation the Village purchased its first gasoline powered fire engine, which answered many calls before being sold off as obsolete.

After many years in an upstate New York apple orchard, that engine was found by a former member of the Fire Department and restored to its current state by Joe Zolezzi, the late Jim Cashin, and other volunteers.

We look forward to being able to observe the Village Centennial in the April 2026 edition of The Williston Post.





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MAY IS POPPY MONTH

By Ray Haller

Buy a poppy...wear a poppy...share a poppy and show a Veteran you really do care.

This year's American Legion Williston Post # 144 Poppy Chairwoman is Sally Mitchell.

Sally will be out and about the Willistons placing poppys and donations cylinders in businesses and storefronts all over town. And of course, she will also be spreading the word about the significance of the poppy in the lives of our Veterans.

The poppy was associated with Veterans' Day since it was first observed as Armistice Day in 1919.

Many people today are unaware of the significance of the poppy, but its prominence as a symbol is the result of Canadian military physician John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields.

The poppy emblem was chosen because of the poppies that bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I, and their red color seemed an appropriate symbol for the bloodshed of trench warfare.

Now the poppy is distributed to observe Memorial Day, in May.

When you see a Veteran, be sure to say thank you. Wear a poppy proudly, just as proudly as our Veterans served

in the military just for your freedom.

You can wear it knowing that your donation and all of the donations collected through the poppy program will be used to help our veterans in hospitals and veterans homes all over the United States.

The Williston Post congratulates Sally Mitchell on her new position as Poppy Chairwoman.

The late Elaine Oliveri held the position for many years and did an outstanding job.

We wish Sally all the best and thank her for taking on this important project.



Poppy Chairwoman Sally Mitchell

RYAN SHANNON COMPETES IN EASTERN ZONE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP

Ryan Shannon of East Williston was one of ten swimmers from Long Island Express selected to represent Metropolitan Swimming at the Eastern Zone Championship hosted in Webster, New York on March 24-26.

Metropolitan Swimming has over 10,000 registered athletes participating on more than 80 clubs in the portion of New York State south of Albany, including the counties of Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk and the 5 boroughs of New York City.

These Metro swimmers came out on top against All-Star teams from Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Connecticut, Mid-Atlantic, Maine, New Jersey, Niagara, and Potomac Valley.

All of the swimmers representing the Metropolitan Zone at the Eastern Zone Championships are the top 2-3 fastest age group swimmers in their events within their Zone.

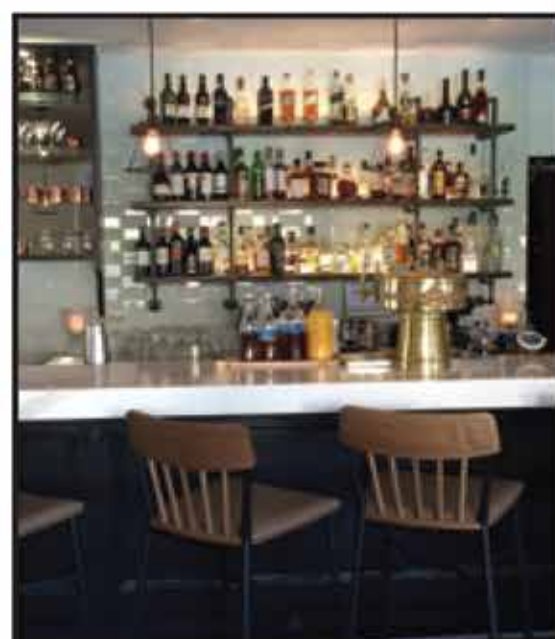
Within USA Swimming, the Zone Championships feature the top regional swimmers who qualify within their



designated Zones: Eastern, Central, Southern and Western.

Ryan competed in the 11-12 boys 200 yard Backstroke (11th place), the 11-12 boys 200 yard Freestyle (6th place), the 11-12 boys 500 yard Freestyle (17th place) and was selected to compete on the 11-12 boys 200 yard freestyle relay that came in 2nd overall.

Clockwise from top, Ryan with some of his team mates from Long Island Express that qualified to participate in the Eastern Zone Championships on behalf of the Metro Zone. From left to right, William Swartwourt, Ryan Shannon, Jake Newmark, and Justin Whang; Ryan in the water getting ready to start the 11-12 boys 200 yard backstroke race; Ryan with Olympic Swimmer Chloe Sutton.



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