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Copperhill Welcomes PGA TOUR

Several PGA TOUR pros were at Copperhill on August 23rd for an event co-hosted by CAA Sports and Mo & Dick Kearns of Copperhill.

Rickie Fowler, Billy Horschel and Keegan Bradley headlined a group of star players that also included Ben Crane, Smylie Kaufman, Jamie Lovemark, Jonas Blixt, Jon Curran, Cameron Tringale and Mike Ballo.

The players were in town for The Barclays at Bethpage.

"It was a great opportunity for us to invite our friends from the PGA TOUR and the golf business to have a relaxing evening and to introduce them to Copperhill" said owner Dick

Executive Chef Greg Kearns delighted guests with a selection of items from his summer menu.

Adding to the fun, SiriusXMPGA-TOUR radio was on site to broadcast the weekly program, On Course, with hosts Brian Crowell and Frank Darby. They interviewed a number of the players and enjoyed interacting with the guests.

Copperhill is Gold!

A special moment was enjoyed by all when Olympic Gold Medal winner Justin Rose joined the group of PGA TOUR stars dining at Copperhill during The Barclays Tournament



week. The 2013 US Open Champion has 7 wins on the PGA TOUR and 8 wins on the European Tour.

With the PGA TOUR scheduled to be at Glen Oaks in 2017, the U.S. Open at Shinnecock in 2018 and the PGA Championship at Bethpage in 2019, Copperhill is sure to be a regular stop for the golf industry in the years











Top, Justin Rose with Greg and Bari Kearns and Mo and Dick Kearns; Billy Horschel interviewed by Frank Darby and Brian Crowell. Second row, from left, Carol Karen, Ben Crane, Mo Kearns, Joel Stock; Rickie Fowler with Brendan & Liam Kearns. Bottom row, from left, Dick Kearns, Mike Ballo, Jamie Lovemark, Jonas Blixt; Keegan Bradley with Joe Zolezzi.

Back to School in the Willistons









September is a wonderful month, not the least because it marks the beginning of a new school year, filled with potential and growth. We have had the chance to share several

articles about the start of a new school year with you in this edition of The Williston Post.

We thought we would also share some photos of just a few of the returning scholars, in this case from St. Aidan's, Searingtown and Northside School.

This is just the start of their annual adventure, and if you have a photo or two of a school event during the year we'd love for you to share them with us.



Clockwise from top, The Searingtown Crew! Theo Vasaka, Tommy Pasqua, Tony Cardone, Rory Woods, Markella Vasaka, Gabby Cardone, and Molly Woods; Emma Cassidy; first day of kindergarten; John and Karen Gordon sending off their daughter Cassie; Lauren and Annmarie

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Williston Day Street Fair

By Lucille Walters

On Sunday, September 18th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Village of Williston Park will host the annual Williston Day Street Fair.

The Chamber of Commerce has sponsored this event for over 30 years.

Originally the Street Fair was held on Willis Avenue but due its popularity it was moved to Hillside Avenue to accommodate the crowds. The Fair is now located on Hillside Avenue starting at Willis Avenue and continuing all the way down to the LIRR.

The Fair provides a great opportunity to showcase our local businesses and for neighbors to reconnect after the summer.

People who were former residents of the Willistons call every year want-



ing to know when the Street Fair is going to be held so they can attend.

The Fair is also a major fundraiser for many of the service organizations in the village including the Boy Scouts, American Legion, Fire Departments, Library, Historical Society, Rotary Club and many more.

This year there will be a Farmers' Market setup on the corner of Hillside Avenue and Nassau Boulevard.

Come and enjoy our classic cars, pony rides and petting zoo, karate demonstrations, D-J, face painting, hula hoop contest, local dancers, amusement rides, R & R bands, giveaways, plus food from our local restaurants and so much more.

This is an Old-Fashioned Street Fair with family fun for all. Mark your calendar and don't miss it!







Telling our readers about special events
like the annual Street Fair
is just one of the reasons that we decided to publish The Williston Post.
We thought we'd share some photos of prior Street Fairs with you.
Those of you who have attended the Fair can be reminded of some wonderful times, and if you've never gone before, or are new to the Willistons since the last one, you can get an idea about the fun to be had.
As Lucille said in the article, though, don't miss it!





Winthrop-University Hospital Celebrates Grand Opening of Winthrop Cardiology Associates' New Facility

Members of Winthrop-University Hospital recently joined with physicians and staff of Winthrop Cardiology Associates (WCA), a Winthrop Medical Affiliate, to celebrate the grand opening of the practice's brand new facility at 212 Jericho Turnpike in Mineola, New York, with a special ribbon cutting ceremony.

A snip of the ribbon marked a new chapter for WCA in the beautifully appointed new space, where its roster of physicians will continue to bring each patient a focused and individualized level of care unique to Winthrop.

"Our patients deserve the very best, and this new space, along with our dedicated team, certainly provides this," said Kevin Marzo, MD, Chief of the Division of Cardiology at Win-

"The Division of Cardiology is proud to be a part of this exciting endeavor which will allow us to continue our leadership role as one of the top institutes in New York State for cardiovascular care."

The new facility has 14 exam rooms and offers the newest technologies in cardiovascular care, including state-of-the-art advanced cardiac testing and imaging services.

It also houses Winthrop's latest ini-



Top, staff from Winthrop-University Hospital and Winthrop Cardiology Associates, a Winthrop Medical Affiliate, gathered to celebrate the opening of the practice's new facility. Bottom, the brand new Winthrop Cardiology Associates facility.



tiative within the Division, the Center for Cardiovascular Lifestyle Medicine, which includes its renowned Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and offers safe, medically supervised exercise sessions for individuals recovering from a heart event, as well as a monthly Women-Heart Support Group and complimentary educational programs necessary to detect, prevent and treat heart

In line with the mission of Winthrop, the cardiovascular specialists of WCA are committed to providing high-quality, culturally sensitive and comprehensive health services to the

The following doctors will be seeing patients at this new location: Kevin Marzo, MD: Todd Cohen, MD: Srihari Naidu, MD; Joseph Germano, DO; Jianqing Li, MD; Joshua DeLeon, MD; Jerald Cohen, MD; Frederick Fein, MD; Barbara George, EdD, AGNP-C; Juan Gaztanaga, MD; George Gubernikoff, MD; Nickolaos Michelakis, MD; Justine Lachmann, MD; Praveena Paruchuri, MD; Beevash Ray, MD; and Stephen Green, MD.

U.S. Open Hopefuls Get Their Start at Devlin Park

The Recreation Committee's Tennis Lesson Program at Devlin Park is a longstanding tradition in East Williston.

A reader sent us a photo of a group of young and very enthusiastic students which we'd like to share with you.

As this is being written, the U.S. Open is in full "swing" and it's interesting to think that every player there was once a young learner like these. These young players had a summer full of fun at a game they enjoy and, who knows?

Many thanks to Coach Jayne for her dedication to the program.



Left to right, Michael Sklow, Samuel Salerno, Jimmy Eichner, Bennett DeLisi, Jack Basner, Gabriel Gennaway





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The Gift of Great Teachers

By James Daw

With the start of another school year, it occurred to me that those of us who have gotten where we are because of our education should be duly appreciative of the gift of great teachers.

I realized that I have been blessed with many great teachers, and am also lucky enough to be married to one. Here are several of my favorites.

Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart, who taught the 8th grade at Holy Spirit School in Fairfield, California, told me (and my 8th grade friends) in a broad Irish brogue that, although we thought ourselves to be "invincibly ignorant," she would defeat us. And she did.

At Holy Cross High School I was fortunate to have Mr. Richard Schiliro as my chemistry teacher.

He was also the moderator of the school's Forensic Society, which sponsored the Holy Cross debate team.

I was reluctant at that point to speak in public, but "Doc" as everyone called him, encouraged me to come out for the team. I did and somehow or other I soon found myself going to meetings and practices, and speaking or arguing in front of rooms full of strangers.

Doc was demanding but encouraging. He brought me out of my shell and taught me to think and speak on

my feet while under pressure. I don't know if I would ever have become a lawyer if I hadn't overcome that initial fear, and I would not have overcome my fear without his encouragement.

Professor Arthur Hughes at St. Francis College was a great histoto master the facts and to think like a lawyer.

Dean Joseph McLaughlin taught me what to do in court once I found my way to the courthouse, and Professor Joseph Sweeney taught me that it was possible to be good at the craft



ry professor, who congratulated me when I was accepted into law school and then challenged me to use my law degree to pursue a career in public service. I did, and it was some of the best advice that I ever got.

I had great teachers at Fordham Law School.

Professor John Calamari taught me

of lawyering and still be kind. I tried to live up to their examples when I taught at New York Law School.

One of the best teachers I ever had was the late George Howard, of the Port Authority Police Department, who was murdered on 9/11.

I knew George Howard as an instructor at the Nassau County Fire

Academy, where he taught me and my colleagues in the East Williston Fire Department that it was possible to rappel down the wall of a five story building in smoke and darkness without, as he so colorfully put it, "falling to your screaming bloody death."

He taught us to trust our own skills, and those of our fellow firefighters.

Although I encountered him relatively late in life, I have put the confidence that came from his lessons to good use on many occasions since then.

He was a great and good man, with a warm heart and a great sense of humor, and he is sadly missed. God rest his soul.

I regret to say that I did not tell all of these wonderful people how important they were to me at the time. In some cases I just didn't realize it until I grew up.

If there are teachers in your life to whom you owe a debt of gratitude don't leave the debt unpaid.

If you can, look them up and thank them. You will be very glad that you did, because a great teacher is an incomparable gift.

It goes without saying that we would be happy to hear about the great teachers in our readers' lives, and to share those stories here in The Williston Post.

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Herricks Takes Music to the Next Level

Summer Music Program a Harmonious Success

For the seventh consecutive year, the Herricks Public Schools' Summer Music Program was a great success in providing students with opportunities to advance and broaden their musical aptitude. With 101 participants, enrollment has more than tripled since the program's 2009 inception.

During the four week program, fourth through ninth graders received several hours of musical instruction each day. A typical day began with morning chorus sessions, followed by either band or orchestra rehearsals and electives. Small-group lessons offered more one-on-one tutorials and practice time. Students selected their electives based on their interests and goals.

Each of the program instructors were professional music educators,

while current members of the Herricks High School Tri-M Music Honor Society and returning graduates volunteered as counselors. "I love the interaction with the kids and being able to show them music and how it works," said Class of 2016 gradu-

ate Andrew Jacobsen. "It gives them something to work toward and look forward to as they move up." Andrew, who had a successful high school music career that included selection to the All-National Concert Band, plans to bring his talent to the jazz ensemble

at Adelphi University. "It's a lot of fun to work with the kids, to see a difference in the levels they are at and help them improve," said sophomore Kaitlyn Louie.

It helps us learn through the summer," seventh-grader Admar Calavini said of the program. "Usually, people don't practice [during the summer] and this is a fun way to stay with our instruments and make friends."

The program concluded with a final concert performance of two bands, two orchestras and choir ensembles. Small group and elective performances were held in late July. The students involved will now have a musical head start when schools reopen in September. "Just when I think it's the best summer ever it keeps getting better," said Director of Music and Performing Arts Anissa Arnold.



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Williston Park Library News

Moving On:

James Pagano, Youth Services Librarian with more than 15 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Library, has accepted a new position at the Uniondale Library as of August 29th.

James began working at the Williston Park Library as a Page and, over the years, was promoted to the position of Clerk and finally to librarian.

Williston Park will miss him, but we congratulate him and wish him all the best on this new journey!

Local Author Discusses her Memoir at the Library:

On August 4, Barbara Bracht Donsky, a former Oyster Bay resident, spoke at the Williston Park Library about her memoir, Veronica's Grave: A Daughter's Memoir.

Hers was a sad but inspiring story about triumphing over adversity and family dysfunction.

When Barbara's mother disappeared, she was never told that her mother had in fact died, and she was raised as a confused child whose father was intent upon erasing any memory of the mother.

Barbara was forced to keep the secret of their mother's existence from her younger brother, Eddie, and she successfully struggled to keep from being crushed under the weight of family secrets as she came of age and successfully educated herself.

Upcoming Adult Programs:

Tax Exemption Presentation—Wednesday—September 28—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Join Charles Berman as he discusses STAR, exemptions for Sr. citizens and veterans. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Gemini Journey—Saturday—October 1—3pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Enjoy music from this classical duo. There is a \$5 admission fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Ceramic Monster—Tuesday—October 4—6:30pm in the Library. There is a \$20 non-refundable fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Children's Programs:

Tiny Tykes: Pete the Cat—Tuesday—September 20—1:30 pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children ages 3-5. Sign up at the Circulation

Ceramic Witch Hat—Friday—October 14—4:30 pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children grades K+. There is a \$5 non-refundable material fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

Tiny Tykes—Wednesdays—September 21 & 28; October 5, 19, & 26; November 2--10:15-11:15 am OR 11:30-12:30 pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children ages 1 1/2-5 years old. There is a \$45 non-refundable fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.





St. Aidan's CYO Girl's Track Wins at Finals!

The St. Aidan's 7/8 Grade CYO Girls Track Team capped a great season by winning the CYO finals at the Mitchell Field Complex.

The team consisted of Sue Suruthica, Sarah Guglielmo, Jennifer Slattery and Sophia Saleta.

It was an exciting day for all who attended. Their coaches, Laura Darmstadt and Chris Guglielmo are extremely proud of the team!

The St. Aidan's CYO program



provides a wide range of competitive sports opportunities for grade and middle school children.

Visit their website at http://staidanscyo.org for more information.

We look forward to reporting on the teams' activities throughout the upcoming school year.

If you have a child on one of the teams, and have some news to share. please forward it to us at The Williston Post.

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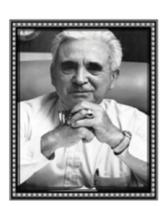
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Eagle Scout Project - St. George's Prayer Garden

Kevin Parente, Jr. is a 15 year old sophomore at Chaminade High School from East Williston.

Kevin, a Life Scout in Troop 200 in Williston Park, recently concluded his Eagle Project. He is an active parishioner at St. Aidan's Parish, and a huge fan of Monsignor James McDonald, and he wanted to do something to benefit the parish.

He decided to convert the overgrown patch of land next to the convent on the corner of Pembroke and Astor Place into the St. George's Prayer Garden, named for the patron saint of the Boy Scouts.

Kevin thanks everyone who donated time and resources.

The generous parishioners of St. Aidan's and his friends and family from all over donated money to purchase new gravel, plants, and other items necessary to carry out the project.

Kevin is particularly grateful for the gracious donation of a 10-yard dumpster by fellow parishioner Mr. Reali from Royal Waste, and the generosity of the entire Venezia family of Venezia's Garden Center in Mineola, who helped cart over the plants, the wood chips, and the gravel, and helped Kevin figure out the best placement for the new plantings, once the space had been cleared and the debris carted away.

Of equal importance was the contribution of Kevin's grandparents Patricia and Louis Santosus, who supplied 2-days' worth of water, gatorade, ice and pizza to a very hard-working crew.

Kevin is grateful for the assistance he received from his fellow Scouts from Troop 200, who were generous with their time and energy. Some of them brought sisters to help out (Erin Morissey and Emily Dodson). Scoutmaster Bob Earley and Kevin's dad, Kevin Parente Sr., worked tirelessly, and Kevin's aunt Patti McCauley, sister Emma, and cousins Jordan, Dylan and Grayson had shovels in hand throughout the brutal heat.

Kevin is proud of the finished proj-





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ect and is looking forward to submitting his accomplishments, hoping to pass his Board of Review for Eagle.

It is now a beautiful garden, which we encourage our readers to visit the next time they pass by St. Aidan's.

We at the Williston Post look forward to telling our readers about the accomplishments and contributions of our local Boy and Girl Scouts, and are particularly happy to tell you about Eagle Projects such as Kevin's.

Congratulations, Kevin, on a job very well done.







Clockwise from top right, Kevin Parente with Msgr. McDonald; the Troop 200 gardening crew; Kevin Parente inspecting the finished project; hard at work, adding topsoil; The St. George's Prayer Garden.

Back to School Backpacks from the Williston Park Rotary Club

For several years early August has been backpack time for the members of the Williston Park Rotary Club, not for a walk in the woods (although many of us enjoy that very much.)

In this case, each August a team of dedicated Rotary shoppers set out to Kohl's to go through their vast inventory of backpacks to select the perfect backpack for many school age children in our Community and the surrounding area.

Growing up, we can all remember that special day when we went shopping for our back to school supplies and our school bag or backpack.

What a wonderful memory for so many of us!

Unfortunately, for many children in our Community a new back to



school backpack would be an impossible dream without some help.

To meet this need this year, as in years past, the Williston Park Rotary

Club made a substantial contribution, supplemented many private donations and purchased 58 backpacks valued in excess of \$2,500.00 to be distributed to local children who would otherwise have to do without.

Along with the backpacks, the Rotarians also provided socks and underwear for the kids.

This project is one of the many community service activities that you support when you respond to a fundraiser sponsored by the Williston Park Rotary Club.

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Real Estate Topics

Real estate is a subject that is very important to all of us.

This month we have received some timely thoughts and advice on the subject of efficiently using the space that you already might have in your home to greater advantage from Christine Lavelle, who is a broker with Coach Realtors on Hillside Avenue in Williston Park.

Find A Little Hidden Space **In Your Home**

If you're feeling cramped for space but lack the resources to add on to your home, there are options.

Consider reorganizing existing space such as an attic or basement. Or, shift space from one room to another.

For example, expand a bathroom by taking space from an adjoining bedroom. Look for trapped space in walls that could be opened and used.

If your house has dormers, take advantage of the hidden space with built-in drawers or bookshelves.

The same is true for stairs, there is a lot of wasted space under stairs. Open the area below and gain a few feet of space you can use for bookshelves or add a door or a drawer for hidden storage.

Maybe you prefer an open floorplan which adds more space.

Change the configuration of you walls or if possible remove them. Take two small rooms, open the walls for one large space.

Open a room by opening top half of a wall. Widen the entrance from one





Let in more of the outdoors and natural light by installing a window or by replacing a small window with a larger one. You can have easy access the outdoors, and bring in the fresh air of spring, summer and fall by adding a sliding door to a room that leads to your yard.

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East Williston Library News

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From top, the Library Staff say goodbye to Bobby Schoen; Bobby Schoen; Coast Guard Display

As always, it was a busy and productive summer at the East Williston Public Library. Here are some highlights.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

East Williston's Summer Reading Program, On Your Mark, Get Set, Read, was a huge success with sixty children actively participating in the program and a total of 565 books read!

Congratulations to all the young readers in this program. Many of them were able to participate in the final activity for the Reading Program – a pool party at the Williston Park pool held on August 9.

Story and Craft

The "Story and Craft" sessions held each Thursday during the Reading Pro-

Lisa Mullane led the Summer Reading Program and each of the Story and Craft sessions with a great crew of high school volunteers.

The crafts this year were both creative and fun for the participants!

Lisa is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Library Science and has been a real asset to the East Williston Library. Thank you, Lisa, for doing so much to make the program a success again this year!

Congratulations and Good Luck, Bobby Schoen!

The East Williston Library recently gave a sendoff party for Bobby Schoen, its

Bobby just graduated from Wheatley High School and is heading to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He has been a great employee for the past two years and he was a great volunteer before that.

We wish him well and hope he comes back to work with us next summer!

The East Williston Library Salutes the Coast Guard

As part of a celebration of the 226th anniversary formation of the United States Coast Guard, the East Williston Public Library Friends displayed a pictorial history of Coast Guard Station Jones Beach during the month of August.

This display is courtesy of East Williston resident Alan Reff, Past Division Commander, USCG Auxiliary, with the cooperation of Station Jones Beach.

As the days grow shorter, and colder, the time is right to visit the Library to find a good book or two, to join a book club or discussion, to bring your children (or grandchildren) by for Toddler Story Time or to attend a lecture on a subject that interests you. There's always something going on at your Library, so please

2nd Annual Rotary Club Paella Party Is a Success!











Sangria 71 hosts Jose and Rosendo Fernandez once again provided the perfect venue for a festive summer fundraiser!

Williston Park Rotary Club members Cuqui Arken and the Reverend Christina Van Liew organized the event that brought out close to 100 people and raised thousands of dollars for our local community.

Guests were treated to a variety of fabulous paellas and delicious sangria!

As a community the Willistons are fortunate to have so many businesses that enthusiastically support local charities, activities and service organizations.

Muchas Gracias to all who supported this great evening, and to Jose and Rosendo for being such gracious hosts!









Williston Park Turns 90





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This September will mark the 90th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Williston Park.

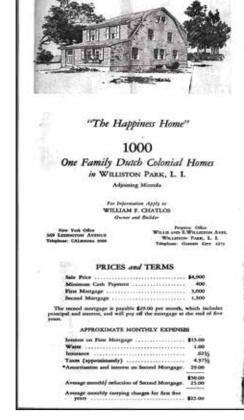
We have been fortunate enough to be able to borrow, and copy, some archival photos from the Village showing celebrations from earlier years.

It is quite a delight to see how much the Village has changed while, at the same time, seeing familiar buildings and places looking much the way they did 50, 75 or even 90 years ago.

We hope that you enjoy this look into the past, and that the photos give you a 100th Anniversary to look forward to!

















Labor Day Remembered

By Raymond Haller

Let's go back for a moment to 1882, the year that Labor Day was first

Depending upon who you talk to it was either Matthew Maguire or Peter J. McGuire, both union members and executives, who first suggested the observance of Labor Day, and no one knows for sure since they both took credit for the holiday.

Whoever it was though, 134 years later we still celebrate the impact of the social and economic achievements of the American worker.

The Industrial Revolution resulted in people working 12 hours a day and seven days a week. Workers were told "if you don't come in Sunday, don't come in Monday." Factory owners employed children under terrible unsafe working conditions, with a lack of fresh air and sanitary facilities and proper opportunities to rest and to eat.

The American worker refused to be taken advantage of any longer as unions were formed and, after much struggle, labor laws were enacted to protect workers, and to improve their lives.

One of those improvements was time off on weekends and holidays.

This past Labor Day Weekend was, for many, the fruit of the hard work and courage of those early

Labor Day will be a memory when you read this issue of The Williston Post and I'm sure that most people know the true meaning of Labor Day.

However, to most of us, it marks the beginning of an end—it signifies the end of summer, the beach, barbecues, vacation and warm evenings in the backyard. For many kids it's time to say goodbye to all the friends at the pool, and to make sure they gather their email address and texting numbers.

Labor Day can also mark a beginning. It means back to school, and the adventure of a new school year for many families with children, and for those who teach them.

It is the time when parents start gathering school supplies, new lunchboxes,

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and new pencils and notebooks while picking up new textbooks for the school

Summer clothes are put away, and fall clothing is brought out of storage, or purchased new. Sports schedules are posted on the refrigerators, fall sports begin, and life gets busy in a hurry.

continuation of their education. They await the surprise of the new roommate, or perhaps begin to plan for professional or graduate school, and dream about the lives they will make for themselves after

For others, Labor Day signifies the time that plans are made to drive south to Florida or to some other warmer destination, to begin to enjoy the sun and a "second summer."

Just as the Montauk daisies bloom in the fall, a new season and a new beginning awaits.

The temperature starts getting cooler and the days get shorter and the ice cream man fades into the sunset.

The joys of Summer will soon be a memory but the joys of Fall will be here to replace them, and a new chapter in life will emerge.

Labor Day signifies many things, but we should always remember that the real meaning of Labor Day is that it honors a moment in time when working people fought for dignity, the chance to earn a decent living for their work, equal pay for equal work, and

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the right to work in a safe, clean environment. The holiday also honors their continuing struggle for these things.

At the same time, in large part because of the opportunity for leisure that those working people earned for us, it marks an end to one set of fond memories and the beginning of another.

And, of course, this Labor Day we can all wish a Happy 90th Birthday to the place that has been the home to so many fond memories, and the birthplace of so many more to come, our own Williston Park.

comed new staff to the district with a three-day orientation program that challenged their teamwork, collaboration and support for one another through a high elements obstacle Older students are off to college, either for their first year or for a Adventurous teachers, administra-

tors and faculty members navigated three challenge courses in the Her-

ricks High School courtyard.

While safely harnessed in, participants were suspended at the height of a telephone pole, where they employed balance and hand-eye coordination skills to walk a tightrope. Attendees also tackled a ground-level course with a partner by climbing over logs and helping the other reach the top of

by the company Visionary Adventure,

who were on-site to securely suit up and instruct staff members through the vertical playpens.

Herricks' New Staff Goes Above and Beyond

"As I'm watching the staff work together, I think this experience has made me trust and rely on my colleagues when I need it," said Malori Steinhauer, a family and consumer science teacher at the middle school.

"This experience has boosted



my confidence level to push my students forward," said Lauren Zubovic, who teaches the fourth grade at Searingtown School. "If they can't do something or say they can't, I'll put them in the right mindset to remind them that they can accomplish any-

administrators, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fino Celano encouraged participants with cheers, applause

and high-fives as they completed the

"While developing our staff members' connections with one another, the elements course also enhanced their ability to empathize and relate to how many students feel when they are challenged and put outside their comfort zones," he said.

In addition to the physical chal-

with welcoming remarks.

Bus tours familiarized attendees with the district's layout, and individual school building orientations acclimated them to their assigned locations.

"It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic and dedicated group of individuals," Dr. Celano said. "We're looking forward to a successful school



lenge activities, the orientation provided sessions and presentations that focused on technology use, professional development opportunities, pupil personnel services and special education, business office procedures and the Annual Professional Performance Review process. Dr. Celano, along with members of the Board of Education, administration, Herricks Teachers Association and Parent Teacher Associa-

tions, greeted the new staff members



From left, Joseph Caruso (from East Williston) and Tara Krinsky, physical education and health teachers at Herricks High School; Herricks Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Rutkoske received support from fellow administrators as she tackled the high elements obstacle course; Herricks High School Assistant Principal Bryan Hodges, Denton Avenue second-grade teacher Carol Manning, high school French teacher Kari Schiano and Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Rutkoske: Malori Steinhauer, a family and consumer science teacher at Herricks Middle School walked the tightrope as part of the district's high elements challenge course.



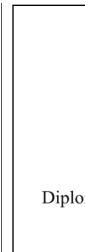
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the obstacle. The outdoor learning area was built

thing they put their minds to." Alongside new staff members and







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Our Garden Pad - The Crops of Summer

The "Farm to Table" movement that is currently gaining momentum with restaurants in the U.S. has come to the Willistons in the form of neighborhood gardens at Clark Gardens.

Frank Oliveri, Larry Kane and Manny Lopez are the "farm hands" for their own vegetable garden and are reaping the rewards of their labors helped along by abundant sunshine and the occasional thunder shower.

Early harvests from the garden include cucumbers, string beans and pool ball squash – with the promise of vine ripened tomatoes and fresh eggplant to come.

There is nothing more satisfying than picking and eating vegetables that you have grown and enjoying them cooked or raw on the evening's dinner table.

As you can see from Manny's basket in the photo, the crops have been well worth the work.

Consider joining the trend next spring with a vegetable garden at home or take advantage of the Clark Garden neighborhood garden program.

It's a great opportunity to grow your own delicious and healthy food, and to meet interesting people while you work.

If you're already a backyard farmer in the Willistons, and would like to show off your crops, please send us some photos which we will be happy to share with our readers.









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Top, Manny Lopez with the fruits of the gardeners' labor; Middle row, Italian Giant and Cherokee Tomatoes on the vine; Bottom, Cherry Tomatoes will make a great salad.

Language and Art Connection Cultivates Creative Learners in Herricks

The Herricks Public Schools hosted two summer camps that focused on language with a connection to the arts

A language immersion summer program provided opportunities for students already enrolled in the language immersion program to keep their skills sharp and acquire new knowledge.

Another summer camp, geared toward English as New Language (ENL) learners, served as a jump start for the year ahead.

Both camps were held from August 16th through 25th.



Clockwise from top, Director of World Languages,
Language Immersion & English as a New Language/
ESL Francesco Fratto discusses, in Spanish, pieces that
are displayed at the Nassau County Museum of Art;
Students in the Language Immersion Program painted
works of art after learning the colors and other related
vocabulary words in Spanish;
After studying the works of Frida Kahlo, students in

After studying the works of Frida Kahlo, students in grades 4-7 created their own self- portraits.





Photos courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

The language immersion program was based at the Denton Avenue Elementary School, while the English as New Language program took place at Searingtown Elementary School.

Director of World Languages, Language Immersion & English as a New Language/ESL Francesco Fratto identified an opportunity to foster a greater interest in language as it relates to other subjects and decided to incorporate the arts into the study of language.

The two programs encouraged students to broaden their language competencies while also learning about art history, art media and famous artists.

The students completed writing assignments about artists, colors, materials, styles and other aspects related to the topic, and created their own masterpieces inspired by their studies.

At the same time, students practiced vocabulary and communicated with one another in their second languages.

The language immersion students explored the arts in Spanish, while those in the ENL program did so in English.

As an exciting and educational highlight, both camps participated in two visits to the Nassau County Museum of Art, located in Roslyn Harbor.

The first trip presented a preview tour, while the second incorporated a greater use of language through a gallery discussion.

"The goal was to use art to elicit language," Mr. Fratto said. "The connection to art puts an engaging new twist on programs that, in the past, were just refreshers."

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Caring for Our Pets

Treating Pancreatitis

East Williston Veterinarian Dr. Victor LaGinestra has sent us some useful advice about a very serious topic—pancreatitis.

Pancreatitis

The pancreas is an organ attached to the small intestine close to the stomach and liver. The major function of the pancreas is to secrete digestive enzymes.

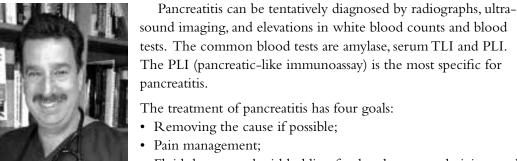
These enzymes are stored in an inactive form but when they enter the intestine, they are activated, allowing them to break

Pancreatitis develops when the digestive enzymes are activated in the pancreas itself, with resultant pancreatic autodigestion

There are multiple causes of pancreatitis. Some of the most common are:

- Obesity:
- High fat meals;
- Hyperlipidemia (high fat levels in the blood);
- Drugs;
- Viruses and parasites, and;
- Trauma either during surgery or blunt force (traffic accidents).

Pancreatitis can also be idiopathic, that is resulting from an unknown cause. Whatever the cause, however, the usual clinical signs of pancreatitis are vomiting, anorexia, abdominal pain, depression, fever and diarrhea.



sound imaging, and elevations in white blood counts and blood tests. The common blood tests are amylase, serum TLI and PLI. The PLI (pancreatic-like immunoassay) is the most specific for

The treatment of pancreatitis has four goals:

- Fluid therapy and withholding food and water, and giving medications by injection to prevent further pancreatic secretions, and;
- Early recognition of serious complications and intervention (shock, cardiac arrhythmia, kidney failure, pancreatic abscesses).

Once the patient is able to eat without vomiting, highly digestible low fat diets are recommended.

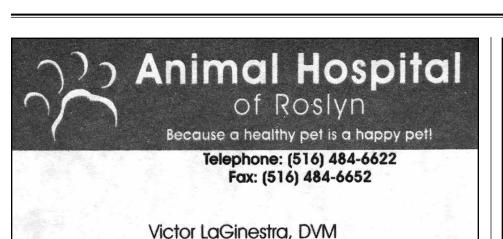
The prognosis for a patient suffering from pancreatitis is variable and depends on the severity and duration of the disease, the extent of pancreatic necrosis, and the occurrence of complications. Most animals recover in 3-14 days after a single uncomplicated episode, as long as high fat foods are avoided.

The most successful treatments occur when there has been quick intervention in the form of aggressive fluid therapy and withholding food and water.

Dr. Laginestra practices at the Animal Hospital of Roslyn, 212 Mineola Avenue, Roslyn Heights, and can be reached there at 516-484-6622.



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Mineola UFSD Welcomes New Teachers

New teachers were welcomed in an orientation at the Mineola Union Free School District prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year.

During the program, they were given the keys to a successful school year with students, as well as a sense of the Mustang culture.

The purpose of the orientation was to acquaint the new teachers with the expectations and core values of the district, as well as introduce them to the technologies and resources available to them and their students.

Welcome to the following individ-

Hampton; Daniela Cavalieri, Speech; Lucy Guzman, Elementary Dual Language; Lisa Krawciw, Elementary; Nick Tonini, Physical Education; Jillian Vento, Special Education; Carina



Above, New teachers are pictured in front of the bus prior to their tour of the district. Photo Courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

Waldman, Bilingual Psychologist. Jackson; Damaris Ramirez, Elementary Spanish Spkr.

Meadow; Katelyn Schmidt, Elementary Science; Natalia Vattuone, Elementary Dual Language.

Middle/Meadow; James Durso, Phys Ed; Michelle Martins, Speech Teacher. High; Jeffrey Appelbaum Librarian; Joseph Denniger, Bio/Chem/Special Ed; Kuri DiFede, Computer Science; Elizabeth Gerner, Math/Special Ed; Jamie McAndrew, SS/Special Ed; Michael Oliveri, ELA/Spec Ed; Irina Renner, ELA/Spec Ed/ENL; Chris Toomey Music-Band Teacher; Kimberly Vrabel, Earth Science/Special Ed; Andrew Woolsey, Technology; Karen Woolsey, 6 Math/ENL; Aislinn Oliveri, 6 Theatre

Herricks Grad and Partner Create a **Wonderful Getaway - Ecce Bed and Breakfast**

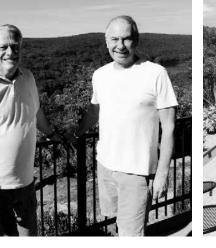


Herricks grad Alan Rosenblatt and longtime partner Kurt Kreider have opened a bed and breakfast in Barryville, New York in a beautiful and hospitable spot.

Situated on a bluff overlooking the Upper Delaware River, ECCE (pronounced et-chay, Latin for "behold"), boasts spectacular views of the Catskill and Pocono Mountains and is located only two hours from the Willistons, 90 miles north of New York City.

Great for nature lovers, ECCE is the perfect location for birders, hikers, white water rafting, or just chilling with a good book.

The property even boasts a sculpture garden with works by local artists.



Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is a great daytrip as well.

The rooms are immaculate and offer many amenities, homemade appetizers on the patio overlooking the Delaware River, outstanding breakfasts, super snacks, flat screen TVs, gourmet coffee, and late night chocolates at bedtime.

need and are the consummate hosts!

You can learn more about ECCE, or book a reservation, by visiting their website at eccebedandbreakfast.com. Fall is a great time to explore the beauties of upstate New York, and ECCE is a great place to explore from.

Alan and Kurt anticipate your every

Notes from the Wine Cellar

Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard

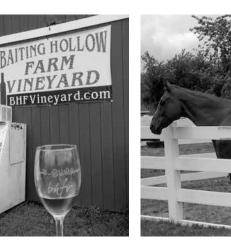
By Gregory Munder

Growing up I was raised to have a healthy respect and pride in shopping locally.

As I've grown older, there have been times when it's occasionally been more difficult to follow through on that belief, but when the opportunity presents itself to support a business that's doing great work, I frequently go out of my way to do just that.

Earlier this month I had the chance to support a quality local product produced by people who are doing genuine good when I visited Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard on the East End.

Besides supporting the agriculture industry on Long Island, patrons of BHFV have the opportunity to help



them in their work of rescuing and sheltering horses that the farm has res-

FARM

In addition to a number of delicious and creative vintages, there are several select wines named after the horses you can visit with at the farm.



When you purchase any of the bottles named after one of the horses, the profits go directly to the farm's rescue

My personal favorite was Mirage, a Bordeaux-style red that followed the traditional style of blending Cabernet

Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot into one bold and captivating wine.

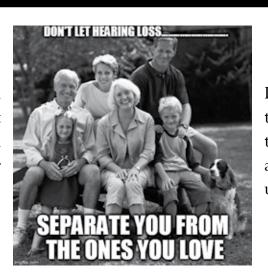
Sweet Isis and Angel Chardonnay were popular among the friends who went with me. Although I can honestly say that I enjoyed Angel for passing a sunny afternoon, I found Isis a bit sweet for my personal tastes.

That said, if you tend to prefer wines like ice wine, then you won't go wrong here. I was pleasantly surprised that the Red Velvet wine was a solid choice and not only a gimmick.

As August winds down and we enter the early fall, I hope that you get the chance to visit Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard out east. If not for the food, fun, or friends, then definitely for the wine and the horses!

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Chamber of the Willistons Supports The American Legion Williston Post 144

On June 29th of this year the Chamber of the Willistons held their first Taste of the Willistons at the American Legion Post 144. Taste of the Willistons was a fundraiser to support the Chamber's community programs while, at the same time, showcasing the wide range of quality restaurants to be found in Williston Park.

On Tuesday, August 30th, members of the Chamber of Commerce of the Willistons showed their support for American Legion Post 144 by making a substantial donation to Williston Post 144's Building Fund. Chamber President John Gordon is shown here handing Commander Frank Busa a check in the patriotically appropriate amount of \$1,776.00 for the Building Fund.

The Chamber is always looking for ways to strengthen their base by bring in new businesses into their membership. Recently Body Image Fitness owners Jason Nelson and Todd Gates and Roslyn Heights Funeral Home under the directorship of Mr. Joseph M.Velotti were welcomed as members.







Top, President John Gordon and Commander Frank Busa; Left, Jason Nelson, Body Image Fitness, Joseph Velotti, Roslyn Heights Funeral Home

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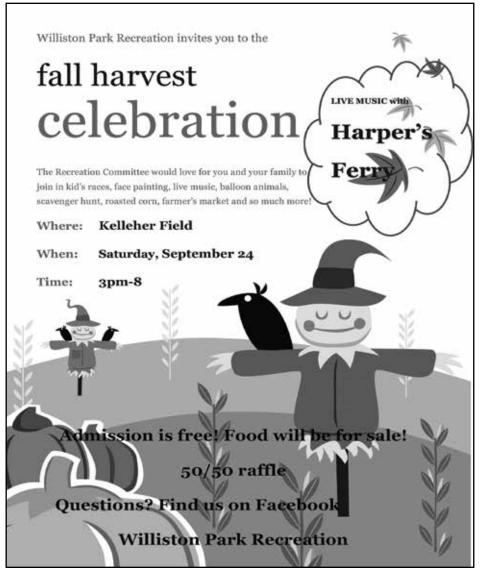
The East Williston Seniors meet on the third Thursday of every month at the East Williston Village Hall.

The programs, which will offer interesting programs and light refreshments, will take place at 1p.m. in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room (there is an elevator available for those who have trouble with stairs).

For first program for the 2016-2017 program, which will take place on Sepember 15.

Physical Therapist Zdenko Beg will give an informative talk about keeping fit with exercise.

For more information about this and other programs, please check the East Williston Seniors window on the Village Website at www.eastwilliston.org.





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Do More Secure Homes Reduce Crime?

Manufacturers and sellers of home security equipment are quick to point out that a drop in the crime rate may be linked to a rise in the amount of properties fitted with home security systems. In their point of view, safer homes lead to a safer environment, not the other way around. They're not the only ones to see it this way; according to Simon Hakim of Temple University, a home without a security system is 2 to 3 times more likely to be burglarized.

What Makes a Secure Home?

Of course, no home security measure is a universal solution to crime. In some situations, a simple outdoor lighting upgrade can do wonders to prevent break-ins; in other areas, a neighborhood watch program is the best way to keep properties up and down your block safer. Some homeowners find that a combination of motion lights, a good relationship with the neighbors, and a friendly (but watchful) dog give them the same peace of mind you can get from a more expensive (and less cuddly) monitored alarm system. This doesn't mean, however, that monitored alarms aren't a good idea in some situations!

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Attention Seniors: Free Flu Shots

Nassau County Clerk Maureen O'Connell, from East Williston, and Northwell Health Syosset Hospital are pleased to announce free flu shots for senior citizens in the community.

This year's program will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Legion Post No. 144, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, New York.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 571-2660.

This program is provided directly to seniors close to home with no out of pocket expense.

County Clerk O'Connell is pleased to sponsor this event along with the cooperation of Northwell Health Syosset Hospital which generously donates the vaccine, American Legion Post No. 144, and the Chamber of Commerce of the Willistons.

Residents 60 and over are particularly vulnerable to complications arising from the flu virus and as a registered nurse County Clerk O'Connell encourages all seniors from local communities to take advantage of this free program.

Anyone interested in being vaccinated should be sure to schedule their appointment.

Appointments are required, so please call 516–571–2660.

As her Hometown paper, The Williston Post thanks our County Clerk, Maureen O'Connell, for once again coordinating this wonderful program.

The Williston Post Supports the American Legion Williston Post 144 Building Fund Drive



Mr. Raymond Haller, Vice President of The Williston Post Corporation and son of former Legion member Bud Haller, hands Commander Frank Busa and P.C. Frank Oliveri a check in support of the Legion's Building Fund Drive.

The Williston Post is proud to support this very worthy project!

Veteran Organizations of the Willistons

The Willistons are very fortunate to have two fine organizations supporting the community and our veterans.

Membership is open to all qualified veterans and both are always looking for new members.

Meetings are held as follows:

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American Legion

Williston Post 144
Third Wednesday @ 8:00 P.M.
(New Members 7:30 P.M.)
730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park



Rotary's Annual Spirit Raffle

We are able to write, frequently, about the charitable activities of the Williston Park Rotary Club. The Backpack Article on p. 14 of this edition is just one example of a Rotary activity that was made possible by the generosity of the Willistons. These activities can only happen when the Willistons support them.

Each year the Club conducts a fund raiser called the Spirit Raffle.

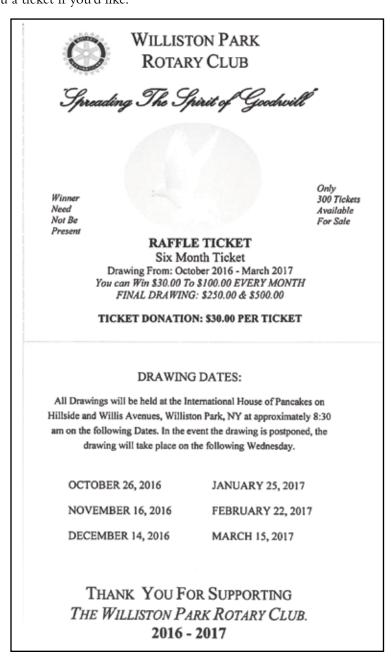
Each ticket number is assigned to a ball, several of which are drawn from a spinner. There is a drawing each month, for six months.

Prizes range from \$30 to \$100 dollars, and each ticket is eligible for every drawing, regardless of whether the holder has won.

It's possible (although it has never happened) for the same holder to win each month for six months.

The ticket holder doesn't need to be present to win, although if a ticket holder wanted to become a Rotarian, the Club would be happy to welcome the lucky person.

If interested, please call Ray Haller or Frank Oliveri at 516-741-8300, or Mary Reardon at 516-652-7362, and they will be happy to answer your questions and sell you a ticket if you'd like.



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News from Clark Botanic Garden

Town Receives \$175k State Grant for Clark Botanic Garden

Clark Botanic Garden has been awarded a grant for \$175,000 from the New York State Zoos, Botanic Gardens and Aquariums program which will be awarded in increments of \$35,000 yearly until March 31, 2021.

The grant will be used towards enhancing the educational purpose and functionality of the Garden.

Projects include improving the condition of the ponds by installing aerators, installing air conditioning at the Clark House to increase the number of days the building is used, fixing the park paths for better access and developing a sensory garden.

Clark Garden Plants a Rain Garden

Recently, volunteers from New England Federal Credit Union (NEF-CU) and Sustainable Long Island recently assisted with planting a specially-designed rain garden at Clark Botanic Garden in Albertson. The new rain garden is collaboration between the Town, Sustainable Long Island and NEFCU.

NEFCU sponsored the project, by providing funds from its "Beautify Long Island 3% At a Time" program, and Sustainable Long Island provided the plants and technical assistance to the Town.

The Rain Garden is intended to be both a beautiful amenity and an educational tool. Rain gardens are designed to absorb high amounts of storm water and to withstand drought. The plantings used in a rain garden typically have very long roots, to allow them to withstand moisture extremes.

The plants installed at Clark Garden have roots that are between 3 and 7 feet long, which allows them to remove high concentrations of nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, before they reach Long Island's aquifers. The native plants and perennials also provide pollen and seeds for birds and insects. After planting, the Garden was immediately visited by bees, and





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monarch and swallowtail butterflies.

The new Rain Garden will be used for public demonstrations and will illustrate the effectiveness, environmental benefits, and the specifics of how rain gardens work. It will also serve as a teaching element for the Rain Garden classes that are currently being offered at Clark.

Bat Night at Clark Garden

In this case it doesn't refer to a souvenir baseball bat, but to an often misunderstood and under-appreciated mosquito killer. Bat Night, held at Clark Botanic Garden on August 30, was a huge success. More than 80 people of all ages attended to learn about bats, bat boxes and to take part in a bat observation tour.

Sponsored by the Town's Department of Parks and Recreation, Bat Night offered an informational lecture on the ecological importance of bats and a bat safari with biologist Eric Powers of Your Connection to Nature. Yianni Biniaris of Boy Scout Plandome Troop 71 also discussed his Eagle Scout project, which aims to build and place 30 bat boxes throughout the Town's parks, with the audience. (To view how to build your own bat box, see Episode 4 of North Hempstead TV's Off the Trail: http://www.mynhtv.com/off-the-trail/)

Then, as the sun descended, attendees headed out with Ranger Powers on a bat observation safari and observed live bats as they flew overhead in Clark Botanic Garden.

Top photo, top row, left to right; Kristin DeJesus, Erin Reilley, Valerie Garguilo, Rusty Schmidt, Judi Bosworth, Heidi Felix, Lee Seeman, Bonnie Klein, Austin Scarpati, and Ann Fangmann. Bottom row, left to right; William Phillips, Sylwester Godlewski, Wendell Mangibin, Craig Jones, and Brandon Newbeck. Second photo, Clark Botanic Garden Clark House.

Bottom row, from left, Biologist Eric Powers of Your Connection to Nature leads a walk through the garden to look for bats; the paths at Clark Botanic Garden.

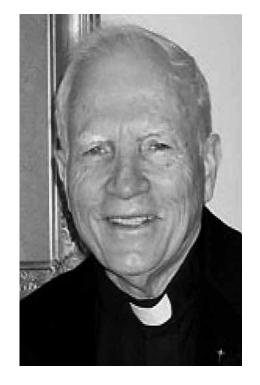
St. Aidan's Bids Farewell to Father Damian Halligan

Parishioners of St. Aidan's, particularly those who attend the 7:30 A.M. mass on Sundays, will miss Father Damian as he moves on to a new parish in Oceanside.

Early this spring, Father Damian was asked by the Iesuit Provincial to move to St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside which also houses a small retreat center called Tabor House.

Besides serving in the parish, Father Damian will assist at the retreat center and enable parishioners there to experience the spiritual exercises at which he excels.

Though he will be moving from the parish, Father Damian is anxious to stay in touch with St. Aidan's parish, and will be leading a couple of days



of spiritual exercises on the theme of working at the Retreat House. "Mercy" this September.

Father Damian Halligan, SJ, was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey and was ordained a Jesuit priest at Fordham University in 1967.

He spent a large portion of his career as the pastor of St. Peter's Parish in downtown Jersey City after doing missionary work in Nigeria during their civil war.

He was closely associated with the St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset for many years working there initially for six years in the 1990's then returning in 1998 where he worked until its closure in 2013.

Father Damian often said Mass at St. Aidan's Parish while living and

Once the Retreat House closed. Monsignor McDonald graciously invited him to stay at St. Aidan's.

Father Damian also continued to conduct the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at St. Aidan's and other parishes on Long Island with a team of spiritual directors, most of whom were trained at the Retreat House.

The parishioners of St. Aidan's will miss Father Damian and wish him well in his new assignment.

They had the opportunity to express their appreciation Farewell Mass and Reception on August 28th and they look forward to his return for additional spiritual exercises this fall.

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Session 1: Cultivating Wednesday September 21 at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. We will examine the values that shape our lives and choose the ones we want to keep. Then we will explore ways to grow in self-acceptance as we aspire to live our personal core values.

Session 2: Planting Wednesday October 12 at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Based on our core values, we will plant and nourish a practical, simple, personal rule of life that gives us direction, support and joy.





A Milestone for Charles Water Karate and Fitness

Congratulations to the Charles Water Karate & Fitness Studio in Williston Park that celebrated its 30th Anniversary on August 6th, 2016.

This family owned and operated Karate Studio is dedicated and committed to helping their members develop the attitudes and behaviors required to reach Black Belt Excellence – not only in the studio but in all areas of life!

The success of this program is evidenced by the large number of students who have reached, and continue to strive for, the goal of becoming focused, self-disciplined and confident.

The studio has helped set these goals for more than 20,000 students over the past 30 years.

Charles and Cheryl Water would like to extend their deepest gratitude to all those who have entrusted them with the opportunity to mold and nurture their children/

The Williston Post, in turn, is happy to congratulate them on this milestone, and to wish them many more years of success in Williston Park.





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The Herricks Leisure Club

The Club enjoyed a variety of activities during the spring and early summer, including the celebration of numerous birthdays and anniversaries.

Notable among them were the 90th birthday of Mildred Trachtulec and the 70th wedding anniversary of Mike and Marie Rallo.

Highlights of the spring season included a trip to Yonkers Casino in June, a nostalgic musicale "A Cavalcade of Stars" presented by Steve Charles, and an inspiring Flag Day musical program performed by more than 70 talented third and fourth grade students of the Center Street School.

Sadly, the members of the Herricks Leisure Club were saddened by the death of their long time and well-loved Director, Frances Kivatisky, on June

24. Frances led the group for 16 years through some difficult times as well as many memorable moments with wisdom, compassion and kindness.

Frances was remembered at a luncheon at the Swan Club on June 30 attended by many members of the Club as well as dignitaries including Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Herricks Superintendent Fino Celano and Herricks

Trustee Nancy Feinstein.

The Club also mourned the passing of John Moore and Josie Jozef's husband Steve.

Hilda Escobar has taken the position as the new Director of the Herricks Leisure Club which will resume its usual busy schedule of meetings and special activities on September 8.







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