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Beautiful Spring flowers on Mountain Avenue in Bayville.



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Coyotes Return to the North Shore



Coyote sightings in Lloyd Harbor near Caumsett Park.

By CHRIS O'NEILL

A rash of recent coyote sightings in Muttontown and Upper Brookville near the Muttontown Preserve confirm what has long been predicted: wild coyotes are now back on the north shore.

"I just saw a coyote on Chelmsford Drive in Muttontown," stated Karen Seltzer of Muttontown. "Be careful if you have small dogs. It looks like it might have wandered out of the Muttontown Preserve. I have seen foxes in the neighborhood for years, and know it wasn't that. And it was not a dog. People have been r."

There have been numerous coyote sightings locally in recent years, with a 2018 coyote sighting in Roslyn, captured on a security camera, and in 2019, several coyote sightings in Lloyd Harbor near Caumsett Park.

Coyotes have been moving into the north shore area from both east and west. There have been documented sightings in recent years at LaGuardia airport and Woodside in Queens. From the east, there have been sightings in the past four years at Holbrook and Kings Park. It was only a matter of time before coyotes appeared in Oyster Bay and Huntington - and it seems that time is now.

In 2019, a Lloyd Harbor resident, Urte Frantza Goldstein, reported that "We just saw our second coyote near my house on Lloyd Neck. It was definitely NOT a fox, and looked more like a wolf. Since this is the second time, and there are not wolves in the area - at least I hope not - I am assuming coyote."

Another Lloyd Harbor resident who rides his bicycle through Caumsett - sometimes after dark on moon-lit nights - said that "there are definitely coyotes loose in Caumsett. I have seen them and heard their cries in the night."

The spread of the coyote population is tied to the decline of hunting in the area, and the explosion in the population of coyotes' food animals - squirrels, raccoons, and deer. Over the past 20 years, the deer population has spread across the north shore into Huntington - which now has thousands of deer - to Oyster Bay and Locust Valley - which had not had a local deer population for over 100 years.

Coyote attacks on humans are rare, but do occur, with children, the elderly, and family pets particularly at risk. In 2019, a 53-year old woman and a family dog were attacked in two separate attacks by coyotes in Ramapo Valley Park in New Jersey. State authorities closed the park to protect the public.

Coyotes have also attacked humans in Reading, Massachusetts; Mahwah, New Jersey; and a woman and her four-year-old son were attacked in Fairfield, New Jersey.

In Westchester, a rabid coyote attacked and ripped-open the forearm of a



Coyote population is growing.

5-year-old girl, right in front of her mother and 3-year-old sister. An off-duty police officer who was present lunged at the animal, and was able to pin it down until back-up arrived and killed the coyote.

Family pets are particularly at risk from coyotes, with hundreds of attacks in America reported over just the past few months, by coyotes on pet dogs and cats. Every major metropolitan area with a coyote population reports numerous coyote attacks on family pets. Often pet attacks turn into human attacks, as owners try to shield or protect their pets.

Hometown Athlete Returns as Director of Athletics at Friends

Friends Academy is thrilled to announce its selection of Diana C. Parente as their first female and next Director of Athletics. Parente will begin her tenure on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

An accomplished teacher, passionate coach, seasoned athletics director and visionary administrator, Parente combines her knowledge of policy, athletic infrastructure and programming with her action-oriented philosophy of inclusion and a positive athletic culture. Diana holds two Master's Degrees and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Education Leadership from the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education. "Diana brings deep experience in both the public and private school athletic sectors," shared Head of School Andrea Kelly.

Experienced administrator

Parente is currently the Director of Athletics at Flint Hill School, an independent JK-12 school in northern Virginia, where she elevated a great program to a stellar level through her partnerships with national sports organizations, new marketing and social media exposure, internships for student-athletes and high-level professional development-experiences for all coaches and staff. During her time at Flint Hill she developed a signature recruiting program for high school athletes who aspire to play at the collegiate level.

Prior to Flint Hill, Parente served as the Deputy Director of the Public Schools Athletic League in New York City, and then the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association for the District of Columbia Public Schools. While with these organizations, Diana secured millions of dollars for expanded budgets, grew partnerships with esteemed organizations such as FC Barcelona, Georgetown University, and the Washington Football Team, and created programming that supported gender equity and students with disabilities. She



Diana Parente

served as the first Director of Title IX Operations for the New York City Board of Education and was instrumental in bringing all NYC public schools into compliance.

A teacher, mentor, coach, and player

At her core, Parente is an experienced teacher, having begun her career as an American history teacher in middle and high school. "Those same great student relationships are formed in the classroom and on the field," added Kelly. A true mentor for her students, Parente sees athletics as an extension of the classroom, and believes in the importance of practicing the Quaker values of equity, integrity, and community. "I am excited about Friends Academy because of the school's commitment to equity, justice, and community and I am drawn to the Quaker mission of the school. While I have never worked at a Quaker school before, I have always empathized with the importance of Quakerism in my teaching curriculum because of the foundational role Quakerism plays in American social justice."

Long Island roots

Parente grew up appreciating the outstanding reputation of Friends Academy, while playing championship-level soccer for St. Anthony's High School and the Albertson Club and Northport Soccer Leagues. "As a native Long Islander I have always known that Friends Academy is a special place. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work and contribute to the school and athletic community." Parente went on to play at Syracuse University. She will reside on campus with her husband Adam and their 4-year-old son, Colton.

Looking ahead, Kelly is excited to both welcome Friends' new Athletic Director to the Quaker school and welcome home a Long Island native. "An Athletic Director who brings energy and enthusiasm to both the classroom and the field is a big win!" she finished.



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Designed by an English architect, Henry G. Harrison, "The Cliffs" is an example of Victorian Gothic style. Built for NY Senator James William Beekman in 1863-1864, the Cliffs is considered the first of the "Gold Coast" mansions. The estate now encompasses 16 acres.

James W. Beekman was a scion of the rich and powerful Beekman family descendants of Wilhelmus Beekman an early settler of the Hudson Valley who sailed to New Netherlands with Peter Stuyvesant. The Beekman fortune derived mainly from their real estate holdings which in New York consisted of a farm whose southeast border was near the current Pearl and Fulton Streets and spread northward to current-day Soho. In 1770 the Beekmans developed this farm into building lots including the site of their home at Broadway and Spring Street. As the Beekman's wealth increased in the late 18th century, they purchased a large tract of land on the East River near current day Beekman place. It was at this spot that James Beekman's grandfather built a mansion called "Mount Pleasant".

Recent renovations were made by Smiros & Smiros Architects.



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Sea Cliff Election Turns Nasty

By CHRIS O'NEILL

Dina Epstein successfully won re-election in the March 16th Sea Cliff Trustee election with 699 votes. But in the race for the second Trustee seat, James Versocki “won nasty” with 582 votes, defeating third generation Sea Cliff James Mozer, who came in third with 468 votes and thus did not win a seat.

Sea Cliff is a pretty seaside village of 5000, but apparently all is not without controversy in this square mile of attractive homes nestled alongside Hempstead Bay.

A fourth candidate, Eugene Alletto, who was supposed to be in the race for Trustee, was knocked-off the ballot by supporters of Versocki, who challenged Alletto’s candidacy based on “technicalities” in Alletto’s petitions.

In a scathing letter denouncing Versocki as a corrupt machine politician, distributed to Sea Cliff residents, Alletto described Versocki as a person “trying to



Eugene Alletto



Dina Epstein

achieve power for himself” who would bring “pettiness and unprofessionalism” to the village. Versocki was previously a candidate for Oyster Bay Town Board, and lost in a bitter 2017 election.

According to Alletto, for “Versocki to engage in this kind of hard-ball Washington-style politics is abhorrent.”

Alletto has been an active Sea Cliff resident over the years. At a Sept 11, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting on changing the village’s code, for instance, Alletto urged caution while Trustee Epstein felt that changing the code would be a “no-brainer.” Alletto called then for proposals to be presented “in great detail, and we should be ensured that those making decisions for our beautiful one-square mile are qualified.”

The candidates did not return calls regarding the Alletto letter and the charges made against Versocki.

Saladino Stands Up for Asian-Americans

By NIALL FITZGERALD

“We are proud to stand with Asian-Americans” against the wave of street crime targeting Asians, stated Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino. “We are truly blessed that many Asian-Americans call Oyster Bay home.”

“According to recent reports... violence against people of Asian heritage, are on the rise,” added Saladino, who added that the violent crime targeting Asians - in places like New York City - “will NEVER be tolerated in our Town of Oyster Bay...”

Violent crimes against Asian-Americans have increased nationally since last year, reflecting both the general rise in violent crime since the BLM /Antifa riots of 2020, and a race hatred of Asians from certain groups who resent the work ethic and success of Asian immigrants and Asian-Americans.

“This week, we in the Indian-American community are celebrating Phagwah, also known as Holi, the Spring festival of Color, to celebrate the divine love of Radha and Krishna,” said Deborah Misir, the Chairman of the Indian



Local Residents Celebrate Phagwah / Holi

American Bar Association of Long Island. “It signifies the triumph of good over evil, as it celebrates the victory of Lord Vishnu over the forces of evil.”

“The attacks on Asian-Americans are abhorrent,” noted Misir. “and should rouse all decent people against such criminality.”

“I want to thank Supervisor Joe Saladino personally for his support of Asian Americans against the evil of criminality and violence.” added Misir. “We stand with him in defense of all people who refuse to be victimized by criminals.”

Ordination of Rev. Susan Converse

By VICTORIA CROSBY

It’s never too late to start a new career, and just a few weeks ago during Women’s History Month, Susan Converse did just that. On Sunday, March 21 she became the Associate Minister for Congregational Care at the Locust Valley Reformed Church on Ryefield Road, after becoming a member of that church with her parents sixty years ago. She was married there forty-three years ago to her spouse Dana Converse, and years later their children, Phil, Jenn, and Rob were baptized and confirmed at the church, and Phil was married to his wife Sarah there.

Rev. James Eastland has been the pastor at the church since 2015, and in Pastor Converse own words in a message to the congregation she wrote, “It was back in 1997 when Pastor Fred Mueller approached me in the Parish Hall during Social Hour to tell me that the Reformed Church of America was looking for a Treasurer. While I was a banker at the time, he thought that I just might be interested! Throughout the years of working alongside pastors, who became dear friends and colleagues both at the RCA and later at The Riverside Church, God kept whispering in my heart – go to seminary! As the years went on, the call became louder and so finally, in 2015, I answered the call and enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at New York Theological Seminary, from which I graduated in 2019.”

Pastor Sue, as she likes to be called, once again walked down the aisle of her



Rev. Susan Converse
Photo: LVRC

church home, and was ordained and installed as Associate Minister for Congregational Care. “My personal mission,” she said “is to be an agent for healing, compassion, and hope in this broken world that is so deeply loved by God. To that end, my focus will be on providing for congregational care, including visits to shut-ins, hospital and nursing home visits (after Covid), as well as providing for weddings, funerals, and memorial services. In addition, I am available to offer emotional and spiritual support to members of the congregation as well as in the community through my activities as Chaplain of the Locust Valley Fire Department and as a pastoral counselor-in-training through the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy CPE program. I look forward to serving you and pray that God will add a special blessing to my ministry and this wonderful congregation that I hold dearly in my heart. Grace and Peace.”

The church’s Organist and Choir Director Yelena Polezhayev opened the ceremony, accompanied her son Anton, on piano as he performed The Swan by Seans San on the violin, and on the hymns that followed. The ordination was attended by family, friends, Rev. Fred Mueller, in person, and Rev Paul Quevedo online, previous pastors at the church, and many members of the RCA clergy, both in person and online. Members of the local clergy included Rev. Mark Fitzhugh of St John’s of Lattingtown Episcopal Church, and Rev Vicki Eastland Minister of Brookville Reformed Church.

Tierney Takes on Sini for Suffolk DA

By CHRIS O'NEILL

Raymond Tierney, former Federal and Suffolk County prosecutor known for prosecuting gang members of MS13 for murder and the trial of former Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano for corruption, is the Republican nominee for Suffolk County District Attorney. The Conservative Party also endorsed Tierney, 55, who is not a member of any political party. He will be up against the incumbent Democrat Tom Sini of Babylon.

Sini served as Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone’s chief criminal justice advisor from 2014 and then as Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department before being elected in November 2017 as DA.

Sini worked closely with former Suffolk County Police Chief James Burke and fellow Democrat and former Suffolk County DA Tom



Raymond Tierney



Tim Sini

Spota (D-St James) – both now convicted felons.

Burke was sentenced in 2016 to 46 months in federal prison for beating up county prisoners, and orchestrating perjury by the top brass of the Suffolk Police to cover-up and block an FBI investigation into the crimes for over 2 years.

Spota, who knew Burke since the latter was involved in a murder in Northport as a teen, participated in the Burke cover up by wiretapping police who were working with the FBI. He was indicted, and in December of 2019 was convicted by a federal jury of obstruction, witness tampering, and conspiracy. Spota will be sentenced soon, and faces up to 20 years in prison.

As an assistant U.S. Attorney, Ray Tierney prosecuted the corruption cases against former Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and his

wife Linda Mangano.

EDITORIAL

COVID IS ALMOST OVER - OPEN OUR SCHOOLS: WITH NO MASKS

Over 80% of seniors in America are now vaccinated against Covid. Over 35% of the total US population are now vaccinated. Add to that the estimated 30% who had Covid - and have earned immunity - and the total is now over 60%. Each day 3 million new people are vaccinated - every day another 1% of the population. By May 1st, over 80% of the population will be vaccinated or earned immunity. By every measure, that constitutes "herd immunity" and the Covid pandemic will be over.

The case histories - "the science" - already backs up that conclusion. Covid deaths in America have crashed from over 3,500 per day in January, to under 500 today. And the "new cases" are overwhelmingly amongst a younger people - who might get "flu-like" symptoms, but rarely suffer fatalities. Over the past 13 months - with 550,000 fatalities, only 140 children 17 and under died from Covid - and most of those had serious pre-existing medical conditions.

Children are at greater risk of swallowing marbles, drowning in pools, traffic accidents, drinking poison, crashing their bicycles, school sports injuries, and a score of other risks, than they are from Covid.

What does all this mean? It means that there is no reason not to fully re-open schools. On May 1st. With no "virtual teaching. And no "social distancing" And no "masks."

The social and psychological costs of the pandemic lockdowns have been devastating for children. Child suicide is skyrocketing. Depression, social isolation, bi-polar disorders exacerbated by endless screen time - all are at crisis levels.

An angry college freshman - who spent all this freshman year in her bedroom at her parent's house - cried to one of our reporters: "How do you think I feel, I have been cheated out of a year of my life. I can't see anyone. I can't touch anyone. I am screamed at by idiots who scold me to 'pull up your mask.' I can't meet new people. And school is a joke - I am learning nothing. This is Hell."

Over 85% of New York City schoolchildren are still not in school. Long Island schools are better, but still suffer under "periodic closures" "masking" and "social distancing."

By May, there will be no reason to continue any of the Covid pandemic restrictions. Children need to learn and socialize and grow. Schools need to "transition" back to places where children learn. Covid is dead - Time to let our children live again.

The Publisher

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The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

VACCINE "A BREEZE" AT VALUE DRUGS

To the Editor;

I had my first COVID vaccine shot at Value Drugs - and it was such a breeze.

The ladies were so kind and delightful: I was sent the email; I got the appointment; I went for the vaccine; and I have the next appointment already set up.

Everything was great. Thank you Value Drugs Huntington.

Additional information: I am a frequent client of Value Drugs Huntington so they had my email already. They sent me the email with spot to click on to make appointment. When you have the First dose the ladies then set up appointment for Second dose. That will be in 4 weeks time at the same time I had the first dose. I hope this helps.

Helen Tull
Huntington



Red fox. Photo: Allen Alter

RED FOXES ON NORTH SHORE

To the Editor;

There are more and more red foxes breeding here on Long Island. They are extremely intelligent and survive well in wooded suburban areas. Here are some pics I've taken within the past month

Marc Alter
West Shore Huntington

WHY HASN'T "DRUG DOC" SPENCER RESIGNED ?

To the Editor;

One of Suffolk's top Democrats, the former Democratic Majority Leader of the Suffolk Legislature, William "Doc" Spencer, was indicted last October for dealing illegal opiate drugs to drug-addicted prostitutes in exchange for sex. Spencer was arrested using a Suffolk County car, with an illegal handgun in his possession.

But now - five months later - Spencer is still holding his "office of public trust" collecting a \$100,000 year salary for this "part-time" job. And Spencer refuses to resign.

The Democratic Party leaders have been open and crass - they "need his vote" in a Legislature where they hold a one-seat majority. So they told him not to resign.

And Spencer is happy collecting \$100,000 per year to do nothing - a helpful cash flow to pay his criminal defense lawyers.

People wonder why no one believes in democracy or the integrity of government anymore. Corrupt politicians like Spencer and his Democratic Party bosses, who "need" his vote, are the reason our system is so screwed-up.

Mark Demetropoulos
Port Washington

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Op-Ed: A 20% Spike in School Aid - Will Cause Future Tax Increases

By **STEVE LEVY**

Why would anyone be against a huge 20% hike in school aid that is being promised by the New York State Legislature in the budget they are about to adopt?

Well, consider the fact that once this aid becomes incorporated into a district's budget, it becomes the new baseline. Thereafter, if the district is not able to maintain that artificial, super inflated level, the school board and elected officials will be blamed for cutting aid and programs.

In other words, we can increase spending by 20% next year, and then drop off 10% the following year and we will still be 10% above this year's base. Unfortunately, it will look like we are cutting our commitment to schools by 10%. The pressure will be enormous to raise taxes a down the road to maintain the higher base.

There should be no need to infuse all this cash into schools in a single year, but that is what is happening because of the huge windfall coming from the federal stimulus bailout bill. These funds were stuffed into a bill under the guise of being needed for Covid relief. Yet schools still have not spent all of the \$60 billion granted by the feds in earlier relief packages.

By the time schools are able to tap these new funds, the Covid pandemic will be long gone. We should have herd immunity within the next two months,



Steve Levy

given every adult will be able to get the vaccine by May.

Meanwhile, private schools here in the US, as well as public schools throughout the world, have proven definitively that there is no significant risk to children or even staff by keeping our schools open under even the present conditions. In fact, some studies have shown there is a greater chance of getting Covid from the general population than by being in school.

So what will all these funds be used for? Certainly not masks, or plastic dividers. They'll go into that black hole of salaries, benefits and general operating and capital expenditures.

This is why so many pundits felt this part of the relief plan was unnecessary.

But if we are going to secure so much funding, let's be straight with the public and require the funds to be placed into rainy day accounts that have to be tapped over several years, so we don't raise the spending base too quickly... to a point that is impossible to sustain without massive tax increases.

Instead, the rainy-day fund can actually be used to mitigate tax increases in the future. But that will only be possible if schools enact discipline in not spending it too quickly.

Steve Levy is a former Suffolk County Executive; NYS Assemblyman; and Suffolk County Legislator. He is currently head of the Center for Cost Effective Government, and President of the consulting firm Common Sense Strategies. (commonsensestrategies.com).

The Easter Bunny at St. Dom's



Club 4:12 with the Easter Bunny.

By **PATRICIA BREXEL**

St. Dominic's Church youth group Club 4:12 hosted their first annual Easter Bunny drive-through event. Children received a special goodie bag from the Easter Bunny.

At the event, Club 4:12 was also collecting donations to fill Easter Baskets for the St. Dominic Parish Outreach Office. They will be using the items to make Easter Baskets for underprivileged children in the local community.



Children were so happy to meet the Easter Bunny. Photos: Patricia Brexel

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Planting Fields Foundation Elects New Members

The Planting Fields Foundation (“Planting Fields” or “the Foundation”) announced today the election of Duncan C. Sahner to the Board of Trustees and two new additions to the staff. Caitlin Colban-Waldron joins the organization as the Michael D. Coe Archivist and Doris Del Valle will assume the role of Fundraising and Events Manager.

In making the announcement today, said Executive Director, Gina Wouters, “I am pleased to welcome Duncan to the Planting Fields Foundation Board of Trustees, and our new staff, as these appointments directly advance the goals outlined in the strategic plan initiated earlier this year. Duncan’s enthusiasm for the vision of Planting Fields as well as his passion for horticulture and history aligns seamlessly with our long-term plans. The addition of Caitlin and Doris in the areas of archival collections management and fundraising events, respectively, are essential to our goals of preserving our archives and making them accessible to the public and growing our revenue streams.”

“Planting Fields is not only a historic landscape of extraordinary scale and integrity, but also a vibrant resource for



Caitlin Colban-Waldron

our community and the New York region. This is truer today than ever as the need for public green spaces has become so crucial,” said Duncan Sahner. “I’m thrilled to join the Board of Trustees at this pivotal moment. The depth of vision evident in their long-term plans for Planting Fields is exhilarating.”

About Duncan C. Sahner

Duncan Sahner is a partner at Abdiel Capital, an investment firm in Manhattan. He graduated from Princeton

University with an A.B. in history and extensive coursework in art and architecture. He works with several organizations as a trustee, among them the Horticultural Society of New York, and serves as president of his college class.

About Caitlin Colban-Waldron

Caitlin Colban-Waldron holds an MLS degree with a certificate in Archives and Preservation of Cultural Materials, and a B.A. in Women’s Studies. Alongside her part-time role as archivist at the Foundation, she works part-time as Archives Assistant at the Queens College Special Collection and Archives. The Archivist position at Planting Fields Foundation is named in



Duncan Sahner

memory of Yale anthropologist and Chairman Emeritus of Planting Fields Foundation, Michael D. Coe.

About Doris Del Valle

Doris Del Valle joins the Foundation from the American Diabetes Association in New York City where she managed all phases of the organization’s signature events, including planning, budget oversight and fundraising goals. A resident of East Norwich, Doris is currently pursuing her B.A. in Media Studies at Queens College.

About Planting Fields Foundation

Planting Fields Foundation strives to preserve and make relevant to all audiences the heritage of Planting Fields, an early 20th century 409-acre estate, designed as an integrated composition of the built and natural world. Founded in 1952 by William R. Coe, the

Foundation is a not-for-profit public educational foundation chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and tax

exempt under the status of a 501(c)(3) organization. Located in Oyster Bay, New York and originally landscaped by the Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts, the grounds feature 409



Doris Del Valle

acres of greenhouses, rolling lawns, formal gardens, woodland paths, and outstanding plant collections. The original historic estate buildings remain intact including Coe Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival mansion designed by Walker & Gillette. The interior of the house is a

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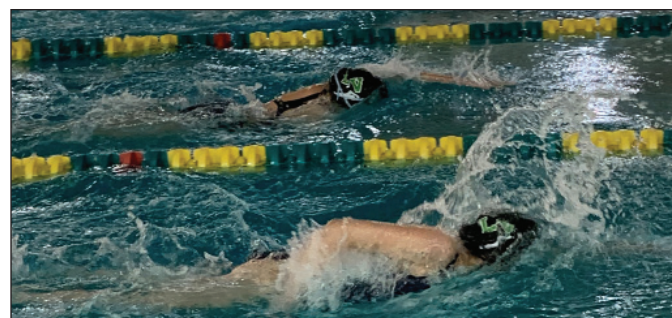
75th Birthday Celebration

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton recently joined in the celebration of the 75th birthday of Anthony Naccarato, President of the New York State Grand Order Sons and Daughters of Italy In America. “While I wish I could have been part of the birthday car parade that was held in honor of a man who does so much for our community through the Sons of Italy, I thank Joe Gallo Jr. for taking the time to present a Nassau County Citation in my absence to mark this happy occasion. *Buon compleanno, Anthony!*”



Anthony Naccarato and Joe Gallo Jr.

Falcons Dive Into New Sport



Locust Valley High School swimmers
Photo: LVCSO

A new athletic team is diving into action, making the Falcons as a whole even stronger. Locust Valley swimmers made history this week as the inaugural girls’ varsity swimming team competed in the district’s first ever varsity swim meet. Being the first, means record-breaking swims were recorded during the meet against North Shore High School.

The swimmers have been dedicated to practicing and building their team, which is combined with Carle Place High School. Coach Rachel McShane said she can see that the swim team has a bright future as the members are already improving their times. “We are building a competitive swim team,” she said.

Superintendent of Schools Kenneth E. Graham, Ed.D. said he is thrilled to be part of the excitement as this new team grows. “I look forward to cheering these swimmers on as they become a force to contend with,” he said.

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April Events

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Race to Reduce Waste
Wednesday, April 7 at 7 PM
Presented by Lisa Zimmerman.

Chanticleer: A Beautiful Garden Exploration
Monday, April 12 at 7 PM
Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County.

Introduction to Dowsing
Wednesday, April 14 at 7 PM
Presented by Laura Cerrano.

Celebrate Earth Day!
Wednesday, April 21 at 4 PM
Presented by Green Earth Crafts. For ages 5 - 12.

Author Talk
Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM
The Love Proof with Madeleine Henry.

Outdoor Yoga for Ages 4 - 8
Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 4 PM
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Ongoing Zoom Programs

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Yoga with Morgan Rose
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Reflections Upon Driving



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**SOME DRIVERS ARE COMMENDABLE,
BUT OTHERS NEVER IMPROVE
(PART I)**

By **ORIN Z. FINKLE**

The purpose of this writing is to relate some aging memories, while they remain in my mind. No Gold Coast mansions will be featured in this two part article. Just reflecting upon personal driving situations which never seem to change.

It's not easy getting older these days, or at any time for that matter. I hope that reading this will make you more aware of the increasing absence of safe, thoughtful and courteous driving practices. It applies to numerous motorists of all ages surrounding us on the roads as we travel. Young bad drivers will eventually become older and most likely become worse motorists.

Life is hard because this global pandemic is making people scared and more careful, but we also have to continuously be concerned about staying alert, focused and safe from awful surrounding drivers.

So many motorists text, skype, read emails and constantly schmooze with passengers, while their eyes wander and do not focus on the road scenario ahead. Some are insensitive and continuously unaware of their immediate environment while navigating the streets. That's why all safety mirrors and large windows are there. Poor driving habits that exist seem well entrenched and will likely worsen over time.

Dangerous, operation of a vehicle is brought into the forefront daily while viewing disturbing and sometimes deadly news accident headlines. The sum of the inconsiderate and impaired drivers on the roads, seems to be on the rise. Avoidable vehicle tragedies appear to be leaving an endless trail of pain and sorrow in their wake.

By paying attention the following paragraphs which require that people simply use common sense and caution, something may possibly "sink in" to one's brain, saving beloved family futures. I would like to basically report on the complete idiocy happening along thoroughfares daily. Please take the time to read this piece and fortify its importance, especially to those you truly care about.

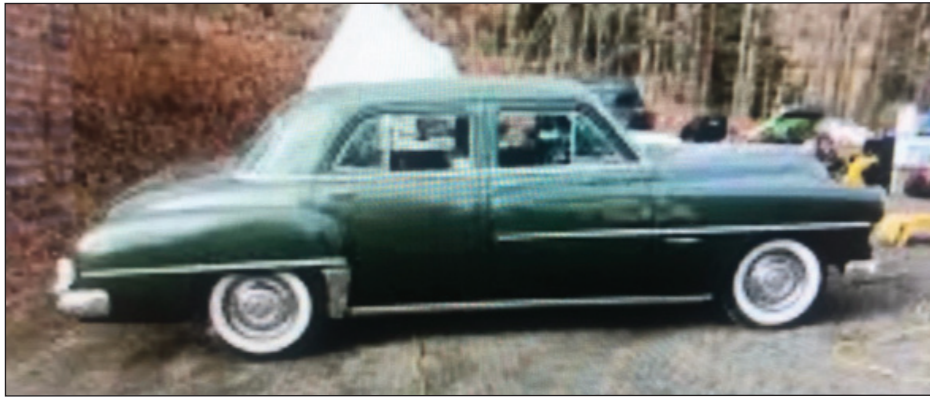
Competent, long time motorists are gradually "driving off unswervingly" into their life's sunsets. As my grandfather told me, "The roads taken, leading into those cherished Golden Years, are not always paved with admirable practices!" New drivers will be taking seniors places and only some will evolve as decent motorists. Who knows what future sunrises will come into view along our nations deteriorating roadways?

Relentless use of distracting hi-tech devices, even hands free depicted on the present auto displays is on the rise, creating roadway "encounters". Oh, I am fully aware that many "accidental" moving vehicle occurrences took place in those lo-tech driving days also, but not nearly on such a collective scale.

Why is it so vital for motorists handling a massive two ton vehicle, without stopping, somehow constantly remain in touch with anybody? They are supposed

to be in control of their SUV, auto, truck, or whatever. Contact others later or simply pull off the road to communicate. Auto computer systems get smarter, but many actual drivers; no way!

Soon, coming down the "pike", vehicles will be equipped to drive themselves. More electric vehicles, having cleaner emissions will be phased into the future mix. Owners may be converted to become "back seat drivers". Some innovations could eventually lead to danger-



"My old 1952 Dodge Coronet given to me by my dad in the 1960s. Learned how to drive with this grand car."

ous out of control conditions involving the upcoming motoring realm. Handling the auto personally or not, it's a substantial vehicle and not a toy for "immature" or even very aged drivers experimenting with innovative but possibly some imperfect technology within reach.

Those who journey daily upon roadways would like to feel less anxious knowing that loved ones out driving are operating their vehicles vigilantly. We wish to experience the joys of traveling in a stress free state of mind. Yet all must remain alert amidst other motorists when leaving home and hopefully returning unharmed.

Anyway, let's lighten up this serious topic. I'll gladly insert a few paragraphs of my factual motoring associated remembrances.

Reminiscing of those "olden days", finally after years of anticipation the awaited "big day" had arrived. There I stood, a High School kid, confident, eager, innocent and much more open minded than at present. I vigilantly glanced around while patiently waiting my turn to be summoned to a small pre-numbered window, for what seemed like an eternity. The vast rooms' surroundings on that chilly November morning were really dreary, smoky and utterly congested with people revealing all modes of attire, body shapes, sizes and some having genuinely, quite unpleasant odors. A deodorant roll on to pass around wouldn't hurt. Or would it!

Scores of irritated, apprehensive and tired looking people from all walks of life, were standing ahead and behind within the confines of those annoying thick, maroon velvet feeling, grimy ropes secured to heavy, scuffed silver metal posts. They formed long, long serpentine shaped lines. Folks were absolutely confused as to which extended lines to be waiting upon and how to follow the actual paperwork procedures.

I was handed some yellowing, musty forms to be filled out promptly and provided with a nasty plastic pen taken from a weathered, scratched ten cent dispenser.

The pen had little or no ink and was literally falling apart. The sullen, worn-out faces on employees at this facility, looked as if they had been working there since Noah's era, sans ark. (Note, that the present office location has brighter lighting and more seating but still has lengthy, waiting for your assigned number to appear on a board. It's frustrating extensive times at the MVB and possibly viewing some of those original biblical workers.)

added a few cultured Oy Vey's. However, the journey was worth the practice of driving for almost the entire length of the jam-packed Belt Parkway and the Cross Island Parkway both ways and returning, of course. This Sunday driving ritual continued on for several years. It provided a very warm and meaningful good deed, inner sentiment.

Oh, I must call a time out, to briefly mention a true driving legend that has just popped into my head, lest I forget. Why not share this auto related circumstance with anyone who may be reading?

Dearly loved by all who knew her, (Nanny) Fay (a woman I admired) sadly passed away in 2011 at age one hundred and a half. Let me tell you, she was one stimulating motorist that could even bring chills to a penguin. At feisty age ninety four, one could get into an argument if daring to criticize her "very capable driving skills". Fay was convinced that her accomplished auto handling skills was far above the human average. She was certain that most other motorists in her path were complete idiots, reckless, incompetent drivers and were being nasty to her over decades on the road. She mentioned something about always showing her the finger. Oh well, I'll pass on that segment.

One day, after a visit to my abode, Fay insisted on driving her marred, aging silver Lexus back to her home in Jamaica Queens, with me supplying some ease by sitting "comfortably relaxed" in the passenger seat. I pleaded to allow me to do the driving, but of course, it was to no avail. So, I begged her to at least proceed slowly and cautiously, but sensed that big trouble could be literally waiting down the road a piece. With my life placed in her arthritic hands, I buckled up, crossed all fingers and a few toes, shut my eyes tightly for a second and positioned my right foot down firmly on the ever popular "imaginary" passenger side brake pedal. I prayed for us to have opportunity to view the majestic beauty of another morning sunrise.

As Fay floored the pedal, it flashed into mind, the factual stunt that she had pulled recently. She was driving at fifty plus miles per hour on the busy Grand Central Parkway, approaching the vicinity of LaGuardia Airport, the deafening sound of a very low flying airplane roared above while preparing for a routine landing. Fay saw and loudly heard the large oncoming aircraft overhead in front of her vehicle and guess what? She actually stopped the car suddenly in the center of the parkway to allow it to pass directly above using her words, "to avoid smashing into the plane".

As you can imagine, autos behind her all screeched to a halt, drivers bellowed and surrounding traffic came to an abrupt stop. This could have caused a very serious chain of accidents, but surprisingly, Fay looked out of the window both ways, figured that the plane was now safely within the confines of the airport walls and continued on with complete composure and without missing a beat. Within a few seconds all traffic returned to normal.

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GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

HAPPY SPRING!

With the longer days beginning, warmer weather can't be far behind. Indeed, for all of us at the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, there is already a "bounce" in our step. That's because every March we can't help but think BASKETBALL! As the pandemic and our renovation project continues, we cannot have a true basketball season this year. That said, we can certainly enjoy a little March "Mission" Madness to support our kids!

Of course, the mission of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club is "to inspire and enable all young people to realize their potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens and community leaders of tomorrow." How do we do that? Through programs that help kids live healthy lives, succeed in school, explore their interests, and prepare for their lives after high school (plus a whole lot more!) After all, it is through these programs that kids in our community – and particularly at-risk or disadvantaged youth – have a shot at realizing their dreams and reaching their full potential. If you'd like to help support these efforts during our "March Mission Madness" fundraiser, please visit gbbgc.org and click on the "March Mission Madness" icon on our home page.

This month we are also helping kids treasure the ordinary moments that help create a sense of normalcy in otherwise unusual times. For instance, we are excited to host a Pancake and (Easter) Egg Dinner for kids in our afterschool program. On Friday, March 26th, our younger members will participate in an Easter Egg hunt, while our teens prepare a pancake breakfast for dinner! This is a fun way for our youngest members to take part in a familiar tradition and

our teens to enjoy the rewards of giving back.

Meanwhile, warmer days will be here before you know it. Our Club is already laying plans for a May 10th



Golf Outing from years past.

Golf & Tennis Outing and Summer Camp registration is now open! All the details can be found at our homepage at gbbgc.org.

As you can see, we have so much to look forward to, and we hope you will join us every step of the way!

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She had absolutely no idea why there was suddenly so much crazy honking, yelling choice words and the surrounding "senseless", annoying commotion.

Getting back to our relaxing drive back to her home, at that age she had become less than five feet tall and drivers behind us must have witnessed merely the rear of her headrest with two small, thin, arthritic hands rising up from the seat, tightly clutching the steering wheel.

Upon entering the Northern State Parkway, she immediately eased to the left and carefully lined up the hoods' center with the broken white line which separated two of the lanes. This was her foolproof road guide to prevent the "car itself of course" from any excessive lane swerving. Fay was sure that her maneuvers made perfect driving sense. With her eyes fixed straight ahead, there was absolutely zero thought given to the adjacent autos providing continuous honking, shouting and those lovely hand gestures graciously delivered by frustrated motorists attempting in vain to pass her on either side.

In due course she passed her exit because "it was the fault of the very small print on those ridiculous road signs". Eventually, without signaling, turning her head or peering into the rear or side mirrors, we exited the parkway and after various turns and U turns, fortunately arrived at her home. Whew! Fay probably, over the decades, was the cause of untold road rage incidents and fender benders left behind in her wake. So, I was turned into a nervous wreck displaying white knuckles, clenched teeth, an aching right foot from pressing on that imaginary brake, severe palpitations and for good luck, throw in a migraine. It took a few hours for me to recuperate and I made the Edgar Allan Poe vow, "Never more".

Finally at age ninety five, Fay was prodded by family members into surrendering her driving "independence". I could just imagine untold hundreds of motorists learning of this and sighing heavily with great relief.

As a point of information, her sister Lee at age one hundred one years, continued to drive her own auto locally in daylight. She even wanted to renew her license for another ten years. In addition she became the designated driver for her "younger" ninety plus year old bridge playing friends. Lee finally agreed to reside alone in an assisted living apartment and unhappily surrendered her treasured driver's license. At age 104, she passed away.

Sorry for that nostalgic detour, but I love to share experiences from past times. It was a good feeling to be in control behind the wheel of dad's old sedan or "the tank" as I named it. This was a pure sense of liberation being on my own, but I was taught that driving went hand in hand with caution, alertness, intelligence and always personal responsibility.

My dad had originally given me driving lessons using his solidly built, safe, older, dark green 1952 Dodge

Coronet, with 'Fluid Drive' and big whitewalls, prior to that road exam. He was an excellent instructor. Dad stressed the dangers lurking around each bend in the road, to concentrate and absolutely remain aware of the surroundings while handling a heavy vehicle. (He had no idea that a clone like Fay could have been lurking in the shadows.) Before the first lesson, dad had placed a manila envelope filled with collected graphic news clipping photos on my lap and had me look through them before starting the engine. They revealed smashed autos, seriously injured car crash victims and entire families in the aftermath suffering loss and anguish. "Take a real good look. These avoidable type of "accidents" hopefully should never be part of your future if you obey my instructions and keep these scenes in your mind". He prepared a list of fine driving habits, telling me to study it carefully and keep it close at hand forever.

I still may retain somewhere, a copy of his original list. Here is some of the wording recalled from his twenty eight itemized instructions. Note that most autos of that period, did not have seatbelts, airbags or directional signaling simplicity.

- 1) Always put your left arm fully out of the window to clearly signal turning.
- 2) Adjust seat and all mirrors before starting out. Don't forget to lock all doors.
- 3) Check gauges, especially gasoline. Always, while in reverse go very slowly and look around. Also, remain calm in heavy traffic. Check oil level when getting gas.
- 4) Keep a bit under the posted speed limit signs, except to pass on the left.
- 5) Make full stops at "Stop" signs and don't you dare go through any red lights.
- 6) Stay a good distance back from other cars. Riding too close gets you nowhere. Pump the brakes lightly to slow down on wet roads.
- 7) Never ever drive if you feel sleepy, dizzy, light headed and not fully in control.
- 8) Don't show off to friends by speeding, singing, or taking hands off the wheel.
- 9) Check all tires, including the spare periodically for proper pressure.
- 10) Have your driver's license and registration with you. Don't blast music, which can drown out warning sirens. Be courteous to folks crossing, bike riders, and other drivers. Don't dare become a passenger in the car of a strange or drunk looking driver. Size up situations.
- 11) Go slowly and carefully on icy roads because cars can skid so easily.
- 12) Don't forget to wear your eye-glasses while driving.

Next month, I'll continue this important article. Stay safe and well dear readers.

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BANCROFT, Sarah Sturges of Locust Valley on March 22 age 83. Devoted wife of the late William Woodward Bancroft and loving mother, step-mother, and grandmother. An avid bridge player, loved movies, a good book and gardening. A proud supporter of the ASPCA. Survived by her brother, Ralph Sturges; her children, Fred and Libby; her

step-sons, Billy and Monty; and her seven grandchildren, Charlotte, Lilian, Freddy, Will, Serena, Julie and Finn. A memorial service will be held later this year. Donations may be made in Sarah's memory to North Shore Animal League or ASPCA. www.dodgethomas.com

BAUCO, Francesco of Glen Cove and formerly of New Hyde Park, NY on March 17, 2021 age 95. Beloved husband of the late Teresa. Loving father of Anna Verrelli (Enrico) and Adriana Iori (Gino). Proud grandfather of Dino, Tony, Sandra, Tinamarie and Domenic. Special great-grandfather of 7. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

CIRINA, Thomas R. of Glenwood Landing, NY suddenly on March 24, 2021. Beloved husband of Louise. Loving father of T.J. (Sherry) and Michael (Dianna). Cherished grandfather of Lil T.J., Dylan, Victoria Rose, Ryan and Finley. Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org www.whitting.com

DOREGO, Charles C. "Charlie" – on Mar. 13, 2021, age 67, of Locust Valley, NY. Beloved husband of Catherine. Loving father of Teddy (11) and Tommy (8). Cherished son of Anne Howell and the late Charles. Dear brother of Paul (Lisa) and Denise O'Malley (the late Kevin). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Interment is private. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

JOHNSON-HARRAND, Cynthia, 85, of Sea Cliff, New York, passed away on March 15, 2021. The Johnson Family will be hosting a Celebration of Cynthia's Life sometime in June on the beach in Sea Cliff, where friends and family can gather to remember her life, laugh and spirit. Cynthia was born at Mineola Hospital, New York to Harriet B. Pontifex and Ralph Henry Pontifex on June 9th. Cynthia and her family are lifelong Sea Cliff residents. Cynthia is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, William Harrand. She is loved and cherished by her daughters, Kristi Johnson and Kerri J. Lynch (Kevin), her grandchildren, Jon Lynch, Kristen Lynch and Monique Montagnese. She is also survived by her caring stepson; Kevin Harrand (Maureen Donnellan), and their children and grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Mutual Concerns Committee, Sea Cliff, New York. www.whitting.com

MARUCA, Natale "Babe" of Glen Cove, NY on March 19, 2021 age 80. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Natalie (Brett Trimarchi), Maria (Anthony Cataldo), Denise, Freddy, Little Freddy (Kory) & Michelle. Cherished grandfather of Brittney, Rebecca, Samantha, John, Paige, Dylan and Casey Ever. Also survived by nieces, nephews, and longtime friends. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

McGUCKIN, Michael C. – on Mar. 25, 2021, age 61, of Oyster Bay, NY, formerly of Syosset, NY. Beloved husband of Debra. Loving father of Megan, and Emma. Dear brother of Leslie Moller (Gregg), Christopher (Pamela), Mary-Clare, and Charlie (Donna). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to share memories and all the joy of Michael's life. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/OBHS-Athletics-In-Memory-of-Mike-McGuckin> www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

PEDRETTI, Claudio - on March 19, 2021 of Huntington, NY. Beloved husband of Josephine. Devoted father of Paul (Cindy), the late Laura (John DelColle). Loving Nonno of Brianna, Rose, Alexa, Carissa, Luke and Ava. Dear brother of Nanda. Former Owner of Colonial Flower Shop in Bellmore. Interment at Queen of Peace Cemetery Old Westbury, NY.

PIROTIN, Maria Cristina of Matinecock, NY on March 15, 2021 age 91. Beloved wife of the late Sherman. Loving mother of Sanford L. and Christine. Grandmother of Alexander Samide, Rachel Samide and Joseph Fernandez. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com



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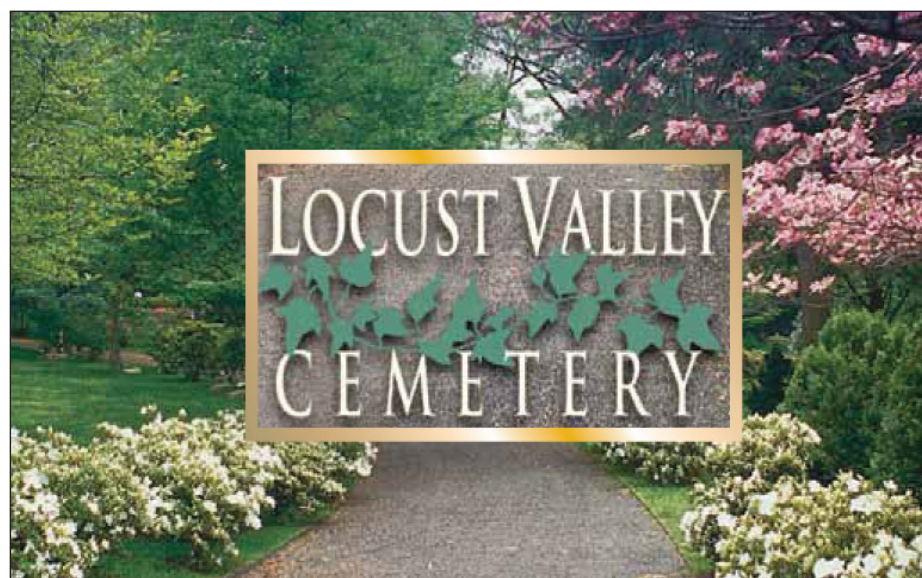


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Bayville as an Artsy Village

Yes, the Bayville Village Arts Council exists. Indeed it is a thing. It is the BVAC. It started in 2019 and was just starting its exhibitions when the pandemic hit and events involving people in close quarters were frowned upon if not banned outright in the phases of the state response to the threats posed by the virus. But Joanne Y Piercehow did it get started and what can the Village look forward to in the future form the Council?

Bayville resident, author, baseball poet, Phil Pecorino was watching a video of a Village Board Meeting that featured a hearing on proposals for the west end of the village including a reception hall and beach club when he was disturbed that a village resident went to the podium to decry the project and then even the village itself

when declaring that those attending such reception hall events would leave thereafter because Bayville has nothing to see or to do. Phil thought this could not really be true. Besides the obvious seasonal activity related to its beaches and amusements there must be more than that. Aware that neighboring Sea Cliff is often refereed to or thought of as a locale that was “artsy” and attracted artists and those who appreciated and supported them Phil thought that Bayville was a location itself that must have artists within it who enjoyed being here precisely because of the remote locale and quietude and beautiful vistas offering just the sort of environment in which to live and pursue their art.

Learning that former mayor Vicki Siegel strongly held a similar view Phil made mention of an idea he had to Mayor Bob De Natale that Bayville might have its own arts council as did neighboring villages and that our council could identify the artists residing within our village and could organize various exhibitions of their artistry. The Mayor liked that idea and invited Phil to put a proposal together that was presented to the Village Board and together they organized a small group to serve as the first members of the Council and then worked to identify the resident artists within the village.

The current Council members are: Robert E. De Natale, Philip A. Pecorino, Augie Real, Eric Jeter, Vicki Siegel and Robert M. Nigro.

Today on the main webpage for the Village there is a link to the Village Arts Council site that displays the aim of the Council with these words “Working to Bring the Art of our Neighbors to the Neighborhood.” On that site the curious can find a link to the three score of artists identified thus far along with their art form and a link to their webpage if they have one.

There are several parts to the plan to exhibit the work of the residents and here are just a few.

For the Bayville musicians, of which there are many as solo performers or group members, there is a hope that soon

there will be performances in venues within Bayville and at locations throughout the village with some week days or weekend evenings featuring street artists performing along Bayville and Ludlum Avenues. Indoor musical events when permitted once again would have a concert setting with one or more musical acts featuring individual artists or groups and all acts having Bayville resident as part of the act.

There is also the possibility that Bayville’s own world known pair of sculptors, Sue Beatrice and Andy Gertler, might create large pieces with marine or nautical themes that would be placed in front of stores along Bayville and Ludlum Avenues in a manner similar to large statues of cows or horses with colorful coverings created in relation to support for a charitable cause. Such creations would be sponsored by the Bayville merchants and businesses. The purpose is to contribute to the idea of Bayville being a place people would want to come to see and hopefully in which they would spend time and some money as they enjoy the “artsy” atmosphere Bayville would come to be recognized as having.

Further, there is possibility of a pop up gallery wherein Bayville’s artists including driftwood sculptors and stained glass artists and jewelry designers would exhibit their works along with painters and photographers.

Bayville’s empty store fronts might also be turned temporarily into a location for the display of visual art forms in their windows. Already one such exhibit was arranged thanks to the generosity of long time Bayville supporter, George Kostakis, who lent two store fronts at the west end of the village to exhibit just a very few of the works of painter/photographer, Warren Jacobson and painter, Joanne Y Pierce, for several months. It is hoped that in the post pandemic return to near or a new normal more store owners will make their empty windows available for such displays and perhaps even businesses that have windows along the avenues would like to have them transformed into an art display that would attract eyes and perhaps patrons. The painters, photographers and sculptors are ready to have their work displayed as soon as the locations are secured for their display.

Even a cursory look at the list of artists in our midst who are already identified suggests there are many possibilities for a wide variety of exhibitions of their works for the enjoyment of their neighbors and as attractions for those near and not so far who would enjoy spending time in Bayville to enjoy what may become our year round displays of the artistry of our neighbors.

Advice to Bayville residents: Watch for the artistry of our neighbors soon on display in our neighborhood.



Pemaquid+Point+Lighthouse
by Joanne Y Pierce

Happy Birthday Joan Baez

By VICTORIA CROSBY

Renowned folk singer and artist Joan Baez, recently celebrated her 80th birthday with a new exhibit of her portrait series, “Mischief Makers 2,” at the Seager/Gray Gallery in Mill Valley, California. Her interview, with journalist Paul Liberatore, was filmed in the gallery and live-streamed on “Seated”, a streaming platform so that people could watch as she talked about her life and the people she chose to portray in this collection. Her first exhibit in the series was in 2017 and featured eighteen portraits which included; Malala Yousafzai, Maya Angelou, Bob Dylan, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congressman John Lewis, Harry Belafonte, The Dalai Lama, and others. All painted in acrylics, with some on canvas others on panels, completed between 2014 and 2017.

The second series of twenty-one paintings, completed between 2018 and 2020, includes portraits of Nelson Mandela, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Supreme Court Judge Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Greta Thunberg, Colin Kaepernick, Mahatma Gandhi, Alice Walker, Michael Moore, Eleanor Roosevelt, Stacey Abrams,



Joan Baez and her son Gabe Harris

Joan’s words, “mischief-makers, who got into good trouble.” She spoke of her friendships with many of the people in her portrait gallery, why she chose to paint them, and especially of her relationship with Bob Dylan, who was included



Dr. Fauci



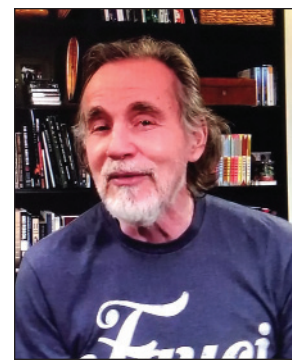
Portrait of Greta Thunberg, by Joan.

in both series. Many of her portrait subjects, including Jackson Browne, Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls, Wavy Gravy, (Hugh Romney) the Rev. William Barber, and Judy Collins, sent a video birthday greetings to her, which she watched on her laptop in great delight, and also, her former husband David Harris, whose portrait was included in the first

series. Kamala Harris, and Joan’s parents Alfred and Joan Baez Sr. Joan’s father was born in Mexico and her mother lived to be one hundred years. They were her role models. Joan wrote in the catalog, “Mother, (who they called “Big Joan”) was a natural. She didn’t have to learn anything about non-violence or human decency. It was just part of her nature.”

The subjects were portrayed sometimes as young people, and sometimes at their present age, and both collections include a self-portrait.

All the people in the series were in



Jackson Brown

Ms. Baez closed the interview with a song called “Gracias La Vida,” (Thanks for Life,) while playing guitar, as her son, Gabe Harris, accompanied her on percussion. Then she put the guitar down and danced. It was a joyful celebration.

The catalogs of the series are available as are prints of Dr. Fauci.

The Seager/Gray Gallery is on Facebook and Instagram. For further information contact art@seagergray.com



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