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Why we celebrate fathers on June 15

Each year, the third Sunday in June is a time to pay homage to fathers and the millions of other men who have stepped into the role of father. While it may seem as though Father's Day has been around forever, it didn't become a nationally recognized holiday in the United States until 1972.

One account says Grace Golden Clayton came up with the idea in 1908 in Fairmont, West Virginia. Clayton was inspired to celebrate fathers after 362 men died in an explosion at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah in the previous December, described as the worst mining disaster in America, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. In 1909, while attending a Mother's Day sermon in church, she felt fathers were equally deserving of praise.

To honor her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran and widower who raised six children alone, initially petitioned for the holiday to fall on his birthday, June 5. However, the Spokane Ministerial Alliance chose the third Sunday to give ministers more time to prepare their sermons. Washington State celebrated the

nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday began to spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

By the 1930s, advertisers and retailers began promoting Father's Day as a commercial holiday, encouraging people to buy gifts and cards. The National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day helped push the holiday into wider public acceptance through marketing campaigns.

The breakthrough came when President Lyndon B. Johnson issued America's first presidential Father's Day proclamation in 1966, acknowledging that the third Sunday in June had for many years been observed as Father's Day.

"In the homes of our Nation, we look to the fathers to provide the strength and stability which characterize the successful family. If the father's responsibilities are many, his rewards are also great—the love, appreciation, and respect of children and spouse," he said at the signing.

In 1972, when Sonora Smart Dodd was 92 years old, President Richard Nixon signed it into law as an official national observance.

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Ways to celebrate Father's Day

BY HEIDI SUTTON

It's easy for families to fall into a routine when it comes to celebrating Father's Day. Certainly dinner, cards and gift-giving is traditional, but there are additional ways to provide Dad with

the day he deserves. Here are some fun ways to spend the holiday on Long Island. See more calendar events on page B22.

Father's Day at the LIM

Take Dad on a historic adventure exploring the Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook on Sunday, June 15 from noon to 5 p.m. Visit their latest exhibition, *The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art*, the state of the art Carriage Museum, and enjoy the beautiful grounds dotted with art installations, gardens and historic buildings. Free admission for fathers and grandfathers all day! 631-751-0066

Open Weekend at Benner's Farm

Benner's Farm, 56 Gnarled Hollow Road, East Setauket celebrates Father's Day weekend on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from noon to 4 p.m. See sheep, goats, and chickens, ride the Big Swing and see the new babies born this spring. Live music on Saturday. Admission is \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and children. 631-689-8172

Father's Day at the TVHS

Dads get free admission to the Three Village Historical Society, 93 North Country Road, Setauket on Sunday, June 15 from noon to 4 p.m. Visit the SPIES! exhibit with hands-on activities including writing with invisible ink and decoding spy letters, explore the new history art gallery, and check out the beautiful new gardens by ReWild Long Island on the grounds. 631-751-3730

Father's Day at the Whaling Museum

Treat Dad to a special day at the Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor with free admission with a paid ticket on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Plus, kids can enjoy a weekend of self-serve Father's Day crafts — a perfect heartfelt gift! 631-367-3418

Father's Day at The Hatchery

Celebrate Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium, 1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring the largest living collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fishes and amphibians. Free admission for Dads when accompanied by their children. 516-692-6768

Father's Day Festival

Harbes Family Farm, 715 Sound Ave., Mattituck will hold their annual Father's Day Festival on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15. Dads get half-price admission to the Barnyard Adventure, an eight-acre family friendly experience which includes a musical hayride, Sports Zone, farm animals, play areas, live music and more. 631-482-7641

Mattituck Strawberry Festival

Dads get free entry with a paid child admission at the 70th annual Mattituck Lions Club Strawberry Festival, 1105 North Road, Mattituck on Sunday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Highlights include strawberry shortcake, strawberries dipped in chocolate, live music, over 100 arts and craft vendors, carnival rides, food and fireworks (weather permitting). www. mattituckstrawberryfestival.com

Long Island Fun Fest at SCCC

Suffolk County Community College, 478 Wicks Road, Brentwood hosts the Long Island Fun Fest on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. featuring rides, games, carnival food, dinosaur experience, circus, BMX stunt show, and petting zoo. \$5 admission includes shows, extra fee for rides. www.longislandfunfest.com



The Hassles to be inducted into to the LI Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame

Special event to feature live performances by The Alessi Brothers

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (LIMEHOF), 97 Main St., Stony Brook has announced it will be inducting Long Island's own 1960s era seminal rock-soul group, The Hassles — best known as Billy Joel's first major record label band — including acclaimed drummer-turned-video-director Jon Small.

Additionally, there will be a special celebration event co-produced by Stephen Marcuccio on Saturday, June 28, at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public with a special event ticket purchase of \$50 (online purchase includes \$3.50 fee) and includes access to the LIMEHOF's current exhibit, *Billy Joel My Life: A Piano Man's Journey* which features a section about the Hassles.

"The Hassles were a dynamic and influential part of Long Island's musical fabric in the 1960s, known for their powerful performances and infectious sound," said Tom Needham, LIMEHOF Vice Chairman. "Their recordings and live shows left a lasting impression on the region, and their role in launching Billy Joel's career only adds to their enduring legacy."



The Hassles, from left, Billy Joel, Richard McKenna, Jon Small, John Dizek and Howie Arthur Blauvelt.

Photo courtesy of The Hassles/Jon Small

The Hassles were formed in 1964 and performed until 1969. They played in a wide range of Long Island venues and produced two full-length albums. Original members included Richard McKenna (guitar), Jon Small (drums), John Dizek (vocals, harmonica, tambourine), Harry Weber (bass, organ) Billy Joel (keyboards, vocals), and Howie Arthur Blauvelt (bass).

Jon Small, a resident of Northport, and Richard McKenna, surviving members of the group, are expected to be in attendance to accept the induction. Billy Joel is not expected to appear, but this induction makes him a two-time LIMEHOF inductee.

LIMEHOF inductee Liberty DeVitto (Billy Joel's Band) is expected to officially induct the group. The event will feature

live performances from current LIMEHOF inductees, including the hit-making duo The Alessi Brothers, and two-time LIMEHOF inductee drummer Mike Ricciardella of Barnaby Bye and The Illusion. Joining them on guitar will be legendary guitarist Jimmy Rip.

These musicians will honor the legacy of The Hassles by performing some of the group's most popular songs, including "Every Step I Take," "You Got Me Hummin'," and "I Can Tell." Also, LIMEHOF inductee Albert Bouchard (founding and former member of Blue Öyster Cult) is expected to speak as well.

The event will be co-produced by music visionary Stephen Marcuccio, whose long-standing presence in the Long Island music scene includes his work as co-founder of The Downtown (Long Island's iconic live venue), and his decades-long collaboration with The Alessi Brothers.

"This night is about honoring the legacy of Long Island music," Marcuccio said. "The Hassles were a critical part of that history. Recognizing Jon Small and his incredible impact on both music and visual storytelling is long overdue."

To purchase tickets, visit www. limusichalloffame.org. For more information, call 631-689-5888.



Grill up a memorable Father's Day feast this Sunday

BY HEIDI SUTTON

While Father's Day is for honoring dads, it's also a great opportunity to honor the men who have been father figures to us — stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, even friends

who have played that role in our lives.

This year, take some extra time to tell those men how much they've meant to you. A card or letter, a phone call ... or have them over for a special dinner. Grill up Greek Cheese Burgers or Curried Turkey Sliders to make them feel really special. Serve with fries or a pasta salad. And don't forget dessert!

Greek Cheese Burgers

Recipe courtesy Marcia Stanley

YIELD: Makes 5 servings

INGREDIENTS:

Garlic Mint Sauce

- 3/4 cup cottage cheese, any type
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) cheese, crumbled feta
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint leaves Sandwiches
- 1 cup cottage cheese, any type
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano, or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves



- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 5 hamburger buns
- 1 1/4 cups baby Arugula
- 10 thin slices tomato
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced cucumber

DIRECTIONS:

In large bowl combine 1 cup cottage cheese, bread crumbs, oregano, salt and cayenne pepper. Add ground beef and mix well. Shape into five 1/2-inch-thick patties. Grill directly over medium heat for 10 to 13 minutes or until done (160°F), turning once.

Line bun bottoms with arugula. Top with burgers, tomato slices, cucumber slices, Garlic Mint Sauce and bun tops and serve.

Curried Turkey Sliders

Recipe courtesy of Culinary.net

YIELD: Makes 6 servings

INGREDIENTS:

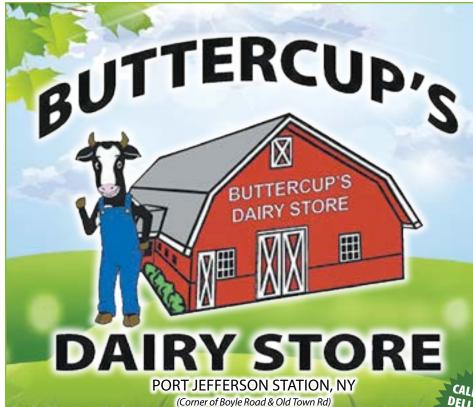
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 12 mini burger or small dinner rolls split and toasted

Chutney:

- 2 green kiwifruit peeled, finely diced
- 1 tablespoon golden raisins
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

Combine kiwifruit, raisins, sugar and salt in small bowl and mix. Make chutney just prior to serving. Preheat grill to medium. Combine turkey, onions, cilantro, curry powder, salt and pepper in medium bowl. Shape into 12 2-inch mini burger patties. Grill patties for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, turning once, until cooked through. Place on buns; top with chutney before serving.



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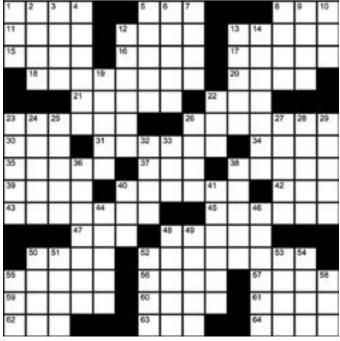
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Home to Taj Mahal
- 5. Centum weight, acr.
- 8. Psychedelic drug, acr.
- 11. Elephant trainer's poker
- 12. *Ned Stark's youngest daughter
- 13. Draw out a conclusion
- 15. Parks of Civil Rights fame
- 16. Toothy wheel
- 17. Birth-related
- 18. *Pinocchio's father
- 20. Fortune-telling coffee remnant
- 21. Religious doctrine
- 22. D.C. mover and shaker, abbr.
- 23. Assembled
- 26. Raidable hotel room amenity
- 30. Evergreen creeper
- 31. "Fasten" a shoe (2 words)
- 34. Nay, to a baby
- 35. Dryer accumulation, pl.
- 37. Expose to moisture
- 38. White heron
- 39. Sodium hydroxide
- 40. Same as battle-ax
- 42. UN labor grp.
- 43. Like localized disease
- 45. Crab's grabber
- 47. Catcher in the what?
- 48. Food-borne bacteria
- 50. Begone!
- 52. *"Fathers and Sons" author
- 55. Not expensive
- 56. Medicinal plant
- 57. Joie de vivre
- 59. Batu Khan's posse
- 60. *Fils' father
- 61. Chicken of the sea
- 62. *Tarzan's adoptive dad
- 63. Before, poetically
- 64. Big Bang's original matter

Answers to last week's puzzle: Synonyms





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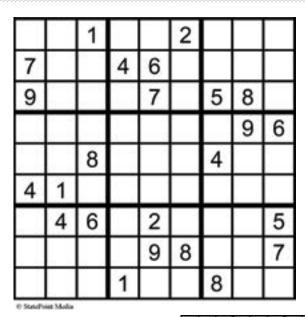
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Financing acronym
- 2. Hot rum drink
- 3. *Official flower of Father's Day
- 4. Adjusts
- 5. Minotaur's island
- 6. *Kurt Russell's son of "Thunderbolts" fame
- 7. Tropical tuber
- 8. Stringed instrument
- 9. Slang for heroin
- 10. Marina ____ Rey, CA
- 12. "To do" list
- 13. "____ a high note"
- 14. *Fictional Mr. _____ who banished children's nanny to a doghouse
- 19. Bánana refuse, pl.
- 22. Gladys Knight's band member
- 23. *Christopher Robin's father A.A.
- 24. Like certain flu
- 25. Church assembly
- 26. Speechless
- 27. Gabriel of Chile
- 28. Administer ceremonial oil
- 29. Chopper blade
- 32. Nile dweller, for short
- 33. Snake-like reef dweller
- 36. *Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic father/son novel (2 words)
- 38. Expatriate
- 40. Dream in the sky
- 41. Climactic stage
- 44. Nearsited one
- 46. Degrees in right angle
- 48. Prolific Swiss mathematician
- 49. Ten million, in India
- 50. Mercantile establishment
- 51. This location
- 52. Cassette contents
- 53. Twelfth month of Jewish calendar
- 54. Rooftop contraption
- 55. Cuban dance step
- 58. "Platoon" setting, for short

* THEME RELATED CLUE



UDOKU PUZZLE



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Answers to last week's SUDOKU



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Male, age 52

Weight loss, Fitness

I feel great. My fat percentage went down. I feel and look shredded, thanks to you. This stuff really works. When looking in the mirror, there is a noticeable difference which makes me feel great.

Male, age 19

Diabetes

This is the first time in 20 years that my sugars are really good. This has really worked, and I appreciate it. Female, age 67

Autoimmune- Rheumatoid Arthritis

I am doing really doing well with my rheumatoid arthritis. The swelling is down and the pain is diminished. Going to the gym used to be a trigger that made the rheumatoid arthritis worse, but no longer since I've been on a plantbased diet. I had smoothie hesitancy at first, and now I love the smoothies. Female, age 50

Autoimmune Lupus Nephritis

I am feeling good with more energy and definitely a lot less bloating. I don't look as puffy, and I have not seen blood in my urine since changing my lifestyle. I was anxious all week before coming here and now I know my hard work has paid off. I am off all four of my lupus medications and my numbers have really improved. I've had lupus with kidney damage for 8 years and have been on many different medications. This is incredible that I see these changes in about 6 weeks. Female, age 28

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Revisiting conventional wisdom for reducing fracture risk

MEDICAL COMPASS

We should all be concerned about osteoporosis risk. According to the Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation, 50 percent of women and 25 percent



BY DAVID M. DUNAIEF, MD

of men will break at least one bone due to osteoporosis (1). Hip fractures are especially concerning, because they increase mortality risk dramatically. More than 50 percent of hip fracture survivors are no longer able to live independently (2).

Do we need to consume more dairy?

Studies suggest that milk and other dairy products may not be as beneficial as we have been raised to believe.

Studies have shown milk may not be beneficial for preventing osteoporotic fractures. Specifically, in a meta-analysis that used data from the Nurses' Health Study for women and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study for men, neither men nor women saw any benefit from milk consumption in preventing hip fractures (3).

In a 2020 meta-analysis of several past studies, researchers concluded that increased consumption of milk and other dairy products did not lower osteoporosis and hip fracture risks (4).

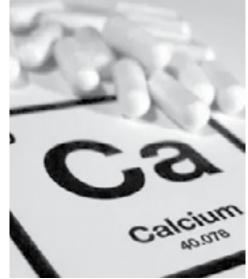
Generally, studies suggest that dairy may cause additional health problems. The results of a large, 20-year, observational study involving men and women in Sweden showed that milk may be harmful (5). When comparing those who consumed three or more cups of milk daily to those who consumed less than one, there was a 93 percent increased risk of mortality in women between the ages of 39 and 74.

Dosage also mattered. For every one glass of milk consumed, there was a 15 percent increased risk of death for women. There was a much smaller, but significant, three percent per glass increased risk of death in men. For both women and men, researchers found biomarkers in the urine that indicated higher levels of oxidative stress and inflammation.

Remember: these are only associations, not decisive conclusions. The researchers surmise that milk has high levels of D-galactose, a simple sugar that may increase inflammation.

Interestingly, the USDA recommends that, from the age of 9 through adulthood, we consume about three cups of dairy per day (6).

Taking calcium may only help if you're deficient



Should we take calcium supplements?

We know calcium is a required element for strong bones, but do supplements really prevent osteoporosis and subsequent fractures? While the data are mixed, it suggests supplements may not be the answer for those who are not calcium deficient.

In a meta-analysis involving a group of observational studies, there was no statistically significant improvement in hip fracture risk in those men or women ingesting at least 300 mg of calcium from supplements and/or food daily (7).

The researchers did not differentiate among the types of foods containing calcium. In a group of randomized controlled trials analyzed in the same study, those taking 800 to 1,600 mg of calcium supplements per day also saw no increased benefit in reducing nonvertebral fractures. In four clinical trials, the researchers saw an increase in hip fractures among those who took calcium supplements. A weakness of this large study is that vitamin D baseline levels, exercise and phosphate levels were not considered in the analysis.

Does vitamin D supplementation reduce risk?

Finally, though the data are not always consistent for vitamin D, it appears it may be valuable when it comes to fracture prevention. In a meta-analysis involving 11 randomized controlled trials, vitamin D supplementation resulted in fewer fractures (8). When patients were given a median dose of 800 IUs (ranging from 792 to 2,000 IUs) of vitamin D daily, those who were aged 65 and over experienced a 14 percent reduction in nonvertebral fractures and an even greater 30 percent reduction in hip fractures. However, vitamin D in lower levels did not significantly reduce fracture risk.

Where does that leave us?

Our knowledge of dietary approaches is continually evolving. Dairy's role may be an example of this. No definitive statement can be made about calcium, although even in randomized controlled trials with supplements, there was no significant benefit. However, the patients in these trials were not necessarily deficient in calcium nor vitamin D.

To prevent fracture, older patients may need at least 800 IUs of vitamin D supplementation per day.

Remember that treatment and prevention approaches should be individualized, and deficiencies in vitamin D or calcium should usually be treated, of course. Please, talk to your doctor before adding or changing any supplements.

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NEWS AROUND TOWN



Harrison Ford and Sean Connery in a scene from the film.

'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade' heads to the big screen

A classic adventure returns for Father's Day! *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* heads to select theaters nationwide on Saturday, June 14, Sunday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 18, courtesy of Fathom Entertainment and Paramount Pictures.

The 1989 action adventure film directed by Steven Spielberg from a screenplay by Jeffrey Boam based on a story by George Lucas and Menno Meyjes, is the third installment in the Indiana Jones film series and the sequel to *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981).

There's nothing more exciting than trying to keep up with the Joneses in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. Indy's Nazi enemies are back and have kidnapped his father, Professor Henry Jones Sr. (Sean Connery), to aid them in their search for the Holy Grail. Following a trail from America to Venice to the deserts of the Middle East, it's up to Indy (Harrison Ford) to save his father, save the Grail, and save the day in this non-stop, action-packed adventure the whole family will treasure.

Each screening features an exclusive introduction by cinema critic and historian Leonard Maltin, discussing the landmark film's timeless appeal and offering special insight. Locally the film will be screened at AMC Loews Stony Brook 17, Regal Ronkonkoma, Island 16: Cinema de Lux in Holtsville, Showcase Cinema de lux in Farmingdale, Regal UA Farmingdale, and Regal Deer Park. For times and tickets, visit www.fathomentertainment.com.

Open Cast Call

Leapin' lizards! Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson will hold open auditions for strong singer/actor/dancers ages 8 to 12 for *Annie* on Sunday, June 22 at 10 a.m. and Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. Adult auditons for ages 16 and older will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 6 at 7 p.m. All roles are open. Rehearsals begin in mid-July and performances will be held on the Mainstage from Sept. 14 to Oct. 19. For full details, visit theatrethree. com/auditions.

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

New farmers market opens in Hauppauge

Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine has announced the grand opening of the Suffolk County Farmers Market at the H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, in Hauppauge.

The municipality's first ever farmers market debuted on June 5 and will be open to the public every Thursday, excluding June 19, at the facility's north parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 2.

"Hosting a farmers market at the Dennison Building is a tremendous way to promote our local farms and artisans while providing our residents and county employees easy access to healthy foods and fresh produce this summer," said County Executive Romaine. "The agricultural industry is pivotal to our local economy, and we will continue to explore ways to support our farmers and producers."

The following vendors are scheduled to appear at the market:

Sal & Jerry's Bakery, Turturici & Sons Inc, Ann's Garden, South Shore Mushrooms, Ocean Fog Farm, Pat's Bakehouse, Ahsak Skin care, the ELIJA Farm, Vincent Farms Natural Foods,

Rooted Organics LLC, All Baked Up, MNH Group, Inc. dba Tea + Munchies, Seed & Triumph, and Sunflower Cafe. For more information, call 631-853-2047.

Safe Boating Course

The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor will host a Safe Boating Course on Saturday, June 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join them to receive your NYS Safe Boating Certificate! Learn the essentials of safe boat operation, regulations, and responsibilities of boat ownership. This course meets the NYS education requirement for the Personal Watercraft Operation Permit, Youth and Adult Boating Certificate. Available for individuals aged 10 and older, the enrollment fee is \$35, covering access to exhibits. To register, visit www. cshwhalingmuseum.org. For more information, call 631-367-3418.

Community Blood Drive

Terryville Fire Department, 19 Jayne Blvd., Port Jefferson Station will hold a blood drive on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors will be entered into a raffle to win one of four free tickets to their annual family carnival which will be held from July 23 to July 27 this year, a \$25 value. Call 631-473-1224 for more info.

See more calendar events on page B22.



From left, Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil Manzella, Marco Scarda of The Crest Group, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Dan Panico, and Daniel Scarda and Danny Scarda of The Crest Group at the Middle Island groundbreaking. Photo courtesy of TOB

The Villas at Oak Run breaks ground in Middle Island

On Friday, May 30, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Daniel J. Panico joined Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil Manzella, representatives from The Crest Group, the Middle Island Civic Association, and local residents for the groundbreaking of The Villas at Oak Run, a new \$35.1 million 55-and-over rental community located at 599 Middle Country Road in Middle Island.

The project, developed by The Crest Group, will consist of 37 duplex buildings totaling 93,138 square feet on a 23.5 acre site. Each two-bedroom, two-bath unit will include a one-car garage. Planned amenities include an indoor fitness center, a half-mile walking path, and an outdoor recreation area featuring pickleball courts.

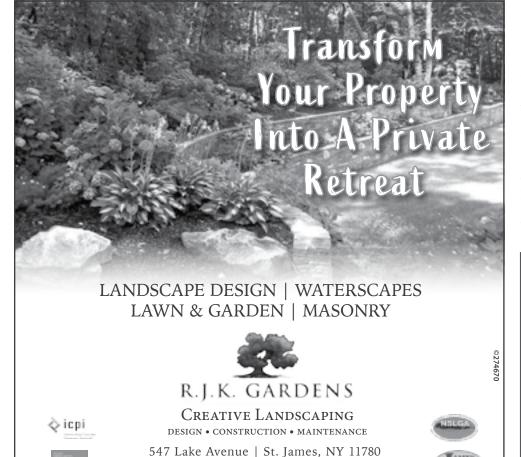
Notably, twenty percent of the townhomes will be designated as affordable and workforce housing, providing reduced monthly rents to qualifying residents at \$2,280 per month while the remaing 80 percent market-rate rent is \$3,650 per month.

"This project reflects continued progress in the revitalization of Middle Island," said Supervisor Panico. "It brings much-needed housing options for our senior population, while also ensuring affordability for a portion of our workforce. I thank The Crest Group for their investment in this community and their efforts to deliver a well-balanced development."

The Middle Island development is expected to take from 18 to 22 months to complete, but its first phase is expected to be delivered in the spring of 2026.

"Welcome Villas at Oak Run to Middle Island, and congratulations on your groundbreaking today!" said Brookhaven Town Councilman Michael Loguercio, who represents the area. "This will be a beautiful addition to the community once completed, and I look forward to their ribbon utting in the near future."

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SBU's Mahoney a finalist in start up challenge for app designed to prevent falls



BY DANIEL DUNAIEF

A significant concern for the elderly, falls create health problems that affect the quality of life and generate significant expense.

Brook University's Stony Jeannette Mahoney, Professor of Neurology KNOWLEDGE and Chief of Division the **SEEKERS** Cognitive of and Sensorimotor Aging in the Renaissance School of Medicine, has developed a smartphone app called CatchU that is designed to alert patients and their doctors to

The National Institute of Aging (NIA) recently named CatchU as one of 21 finalists out of 275 entrants around the country for its Start-Up Challenge. As a finalist, Mahoney received \$10,000, recently participated in entrepreneurial training sessions, and is receiving one on one mentorship.

the potential likelihood of falls.

"Falls are a leading cause of injury and death for older adults, including persons living with Alzheimer's Disease," Joy Toliver, Program Analyst at the National Institute of Aging explained. CatchU is a "novel approach" that has the potential to "expand access to high-quality, comprehensive fall risk assessments and to improve the health and quality of life of older adults."

If CatchU is chosen as one of seven winners in the next stage of the challenge, Mahoney, through her company JET Worldwide Enterprises, is also eligible to receive \$65,000.

Previous participants in a challenge that is now in its third year have gone on to raise significant equity funding, secure multiple grants and form partnerships with health systems to expand the impact of their solutions. Toliver added.

Across the country, about three million older Americans require an Emergency Room visit each year as a result of fall-related injuries.

An 'honor'

"I'm super stoked — it's really such an honor to be selected by members of the NIA that believe in you, your science and your product," Mahoney said.

She plans to use the prize money she's received so far to help with app enhancements, legal fees for review of new service agreements, and exclusive license obligations.

The app links impaired multisensory integration, in which people combine information from visual and other cues, with poor motor outcomes. Mahoney has been working in this field for about a decade. Through a 10-minute health app that monitors reaction time as a person is asked to respond as quickly as possible to targets they can see, feel or see and feel at the same time, CatchU provides a quantitative risk for falls.

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Closer to home, Suffolk County residents from 65 to 74 are hospitalized at the rate of 106 per 10,000, while those number increase with each decade. From 75 to 84, residents require hospitalization at a rate of 311 per 10,000. People in the county who are over 85 visit hospitals after falls at the rate of 821 per 10,000, according to the Suffolk County Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan.

For seniors over 75 years old in Suffolk County the hospitalization rate from falls exceeded that for the



Jeannette Mahoney with her grandmother Jean Sisinni, who died from a fall and for whom she's dedicated the work on CatchU.

than 30 percent.

According to research Mahoney has done, older adults with poor multisensory integration are 24 percent more likely to fall than those with intact multisensory integration.

"We believe that results of the CatchU test will likely change over time for better or worse depending on levels of remediation," she explained. "Our goal is to uncover what type of remediation (whether it is sensory, cognitive, or motor focused or some combination), and what duration/ frequency is most beneficial in subsequent clinical trials."

Mahoney envisions using CatchU as a new standard of care for predicting fall propensity in adults 65 and over. Depending on performance, people could receive remote testing every six to 12 months.

Possible remediation

While people could download the app today, they wouldn't be able to take the test without a provider code. Doctors would receive the results of their tests directly and could offer a range of recommended actions. This could include tai chi, physical therapy, core balance, strength training or other exercises.

Mahoney and her colleagues are running a clinical trial in

state exclusive of the city by more Westchester County. The study attempts to determine whether integration measured on CatchU is comparable to integration measured on the lab apparatus. They submitted this research for publication.

> The clinical trial also seeks to determine whether older adults with poor multisensory integration that receive feedback about their CatchU performance would go on to fall less often or have a longer time to fall compared to older adults with poor multisensory integration who did not receive any such specific feedback.

Alzheimer's assessment

CatchU could provide beneficial information for people who might develop Alzheimer's Disease.

From what Mahoney and her colleagues can tell, the same simple reaction time test taps into inter-related sensory, motor and cognitive neural circuits that are all affected by aging and/or disease.

Mahoney has shown that an ability to integrate sensory information is associated with higher amyloid burden, which is a known biomarker for Alzheimer's Disease.

"Our current R01 project work will help us uncover the exact structural and functional neural correlates of impaired multisensory integration, which may shed light



A photo of the CatchU app courtesy of JET Worldwide Enterprises Inc.

on the specific outcome measures that are adversely affected by poor integration," Mahoney explained.

A returning Seawolf

Mahoney rejoined Stony Brook University in October, over 22 years after she graduated from the downstate flagship SUNY school with a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology and Social Science. She described coming back to campus as a "surreal" experience and appreciates how her colleagues have been "super helpful and supportive."

Mahoney lives in upstate Stony Point with her husband Timmy, their 14 year-old daughter Kayleigh and 10-year old son Peter.

Mahoney formed the company JET Worldwide Enterprises almost exactly five years ago. It is based in Stony Point and has two employees. The company name, JET, comes from a nickname for Mahoney's first name. If she is able to secure future funding, she hopes to move JET to incubator space at Stony Brook.

The family enjoys playing board games, including Mahjong. Mahoney learned the tile game from her mother, who learned it from Mahoney's grandmother Jean

Mahoney has dedicated CatchU to her grandmother, who passed away in 2021 after suffering a fall.

While Sissini is no longer with them, the family knows she is "always with us in spirit," Mahoney

Selling a home in a Medicaid Trust

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Joan, a 70-yearold woman, visits an elder law attorney and says that her biggest concern is making sure that her house is protected should she need nursing



BY BRITT BURNER, ESQ.

home care. She has two children and wants to make sure they are able to inherit the house after her death. However, Joan also points out that both of her children live out of state with no intention of returning. While they are both married, neither has children. J

oan is hoping that grandchildren will come along soon and knows that if they do, there is a good chance she may want to sell the house and relocate to be near her growing family. Joan is looking for a solution that gives protection to her largest asset, her home, while also providing flexibility in case she decides to move.

Protecting one's home in a Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) is a common planning tool and probably the best option for Joan. The MAPT is an irrevocable trust, meaning that it cannot be revoked unless the creator of the trust, Joan, and the beneficiaries agree. Joan's children can be the trustees ,but Joan can retain the right to remove them from this position, as well as the right to change the ultimate beneficiaries of the trust. During her life, Joan can also keep the exclusive right to occupy the premises and will be responsible for the property's maintenance, upkeep and taxes, thus not placing any additional burden upon her children.

Fast forward 5 years and Joan gets the grandkids she has been hoping for and her daughter asks her to move closer to help out. Joan loves the idea, but what about her house?

The trustees can sell the house in the name of the MAPT. Joan's children, as trustees, will be responsible to handle the sale including signing the listing agreement, contract of sale, and closing documents. Just as if Joan had kept the house in her own name, a \$250,000 exclusion from capital gains tax will apply.

The proceeds of the sale must be deposited in a bank account in the name of the trust; the trust sold the house therefore the trust gets the proceeds. From there, the trust can purchase a new house to serve as Joan's primary residence with the same rules as the prior residence. The protection for Medicaid purposes goes back to when Joan initially put her first house into the trust, so no new clock is set since the assets never left the trust.

If Joan decides to move in with her daughter, the assets can be left in cash or invested within the trust. Depending on how the trust is written, Joan can receive the income generated by those assets. However, in no case may Joan have access to principal from trust assets. When speaking with the elder law attorney, Joan should be upfront about the potential for a move so her concerns can be addressed.

It may make sense, if Joan knows what state she is likely to end up in, for an elder law attorney in the second state to review a draft of the trust to make sure maximum protection can be provided whether Joan ends up needing services from Medicaid in that state.

Britt Burner, Esq. is a Partner at Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. focusing her practice areas on Estate Planning and Elder Law. Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. serves clients from New York City to the east end of Long Island with offices located in East Setauket, Westhampton Beach, Manhattan and East Hampton.

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Take a bite out of these wedding cake options

omething sweet comes near the end of a wedding reception and that is the joy the couple experiences knowing they have their entire lives ahead of them to enjoy together. However, there is another sweet treat that is shared near the conclusion of the wedding and it is typically served with tea and coffee: the wedding cake.

Wedding cake traditions can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Cakes represented good luck and fertility for the couples tying the knot. The first wedding cakes were rather bland and breadlike, representing purity and virginity. Some were quite like the fruitcake now enjoyed during the holiday season. Eventually wedding cakes transformed into the sweet confections that are known today.

The modern wedding cake as most know it debuted at the 1882 wedding of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. His wedding cake was actually the first to be completely edible. Previously, some cakes featured wooden broomstick pillars covered in icing, but the Duke's cake used a hardened type of icing, according to Edible Art Bakery and Dessert Café.

Couples today have many options when picking their wedding cakes. The following are some wedding cake tidbits to chew on.

• Couples can choose among various cake styles. Many opt for a classic style, which is typically a white or ivory tiered cake with simple, elegant decorations. Rustic cakes may be much less ornate, while



modern cakes may be rectangular or square and feature clean lines and minimalist decoration. The cake should fit the overall theme and scope of the wedding as it is another complementary component of the larger celebration.

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• Couples have many flavors to choose from. Vanilla is classic and quite popular because it appeals to a vast number of people. Lemon, chocolate, and carrot are some other popular cake flavors.

•When it comes to frosting a cake, there are various outer coatings that will encapsulate the cake to make it both beautiful and durable. Buttercream, Swiss meringue, fondant, cream cheese, and ganache all can be used in various applications. Some bakers attest that Swiss meringue, due to the addition of egg whites, makes it a more stable option over traditional buttercreams, particularly during warm weather. Of course, couples can opt for a "naked cake," which usually has a scant amount of frosting so that the cake underneath peeks through.

• Wedding cakes can be quite costly. Wedding Wire estimates the average wedding cake costs around \$500. One way for couples to save on their cake is to have a faux cake on display, with one tier that is made from cake and can be cut. Guests will then be served slices of a sheet cake that is much less expensive.

Couples and their guests look forward to indulging in wedding cake near the end of the reception. The looks and flavors of a wedding cake can be as unique as the couple saying, "I do."

Did you know?

Choosing a location to get married requires careful consideration. Some couples prefer to get married in their hometowns — citing convenience, familiarity, and support of local businesses — while others want to jet off to far-flung destinations.

According to The Knot 2025 Real Weddings Study, 60 percent of couples choose to get married where they

currently live, 23 percent opt for a hometown venue, and 18 percent select a destination wedding. The truth is there are many domestic and international spots that are prime locations for weddings. The Knot says the French Riviera; Punta Mita, Mexico; Spain; Costa Rica; Portugal; and Greece are popular picks for destination weddings.

People who want to stay closer to home often opt for the Hudson Valley and the Catskills, New York, for a farm or ranch wedding, and the Rockies in Colorado for a mountain venue. According to Google data and the travel and lifestyle firm Holidu, Chicago is the most searched urban area for wedding venues over the past year, followed by Long Island, New York and Dallas, Texas. Other popular cities for getting hitched include San Diego, Las Vegas, Atlanta, and New Orleans.

Ultimately, the wedding city location will depend on the couple's budget, the number of guests, personal preference and guests' convenience.



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Getting married? Getting engaged? Time for a ring!

BY LINDA BAKER

here will be no other celebration in your life where you will make a solemn commitment to the person you love ... a vow that symbolizes all that is incredible, loving, and exceptional in your partner. These momentous promises are often "cemented" with the exchange of engagement and wedding rings, and these rings need to withstand the test of time, lasting through the years of marriage ahead.

It is always tempting to be the first to have something new and untested, something no one else has ... but this is also a time to have something that will not fade into obscurity or wear poorly. Quality does not always equate to being more expensive ... the true inherent value for engagement and wedding bands are that you are still wearing them for your 5th, 10th, or 20th anniversary. So here are some quick tips:

Try to purchase metals that are noble — those especially resistant to corrosion and oxidation, hard but malleable, able to be formed into jewelry. Ideally, choose 14k gold (white or yellow), platinum (along with any of the platinum family of metals), and somewhat less desirable sterling silver. (My parents were married over 55 years and I inherited my mom's plain gold band which I still wear on occasion today.)

It would be far better to choose a lighter weight gold band than a large chunky steel, silver, or even wooden band. Most alternate metals such as steel cannot be sized or repaired, where noble metals can usually be repaired or sized and retain inherent value that increases over the



years. As for prongs on engagement rings and wedding bands, they should be 14k gold, 18k gold or platinum.

In the world of diamonds and gemstones, Princess Diana got engaged with a stunning blue sapphire, so don't always feel limited to diamonds. Additionally, today there are diamonds being created in laboratories which sell at a small fraction of the cost of mined from the earth natural diamonds.

Wedding and engagement rings should say to your partner, 'I love you and want to spend my life with you.'

Most importantly in this market, you must know what you are purchasing and pay accordingly. All stones chosen for bridal jewelry should be hard and durable, as well as beautiful. Diamond, sapphire (in all colors: pink, green, orange, etc.), ruby, aguamarine, and other colored gems are all suitable. Regrettably, turquoise, coral, pearl, jade, quartz, peridot, tourmaline and garnet may not be suitable for lifetime wear. However, if you have a dream color or gem in mind, there is usually a durable substitute just ask your jeweler for guidance.

This should be a joyful experience, but sometimes focusing on minute details will undermine the joy of the shopping process. Have fun, and always remember the rings are a symbol of your love for each other. When shopping or discussing a purchase, ask questions. Issues such as setting the center stone too high off the finger will have a negative impact on the wearability of the ring. Having a ring that is too large a size for your finger will also affect its wearability and eventually will lead to major issues with the ring, requiring repair or re-design.

Wedding and engagement rings should say to your partner, "I love you and want to spend my life with you." You chose your partner wisely ... do the same with your

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What to know before a wedding gown shopping trip

eddings mark a turning point from one stage in life to another. The significance of that transition is perhaps one reason why couples and their guests dress so nicely for a wedding ceremony and reception.

Formal garb is a wedding tradition, and guests anxiously await seeing which type of gown a bride will wear. In western cultures, white wedding gowns have been the standard since the nineteenth century and are believed to symbolize purity and grace. In eastern cultures, wedding gowns often have been elaborate, colorful creations that have their own symbolic meanings unique to various areas of the world.

Shopping for a wedding gown can spark mixed emotions. While it is exciting to try on some remarkable garments. there also is the pressure of knowing all eyes will be on you while wearing this couture creation. Narrowing down wedding gown prospects can take vision, time and patience. The following pointers can help when it comes time to visit bridal shops.



Make an appointment

Many bridal shops operate by appointment only. That's because the staff wants to devote complete attention to a client, and having people simply walk in from the street can draw their few weeks for alterations. KWH Bridal notes attention away and/or lead to long wait times. Identify the stores you want to visit, and then call to secure your time slot. Arrive to an appointment well-rested, fed and comfortable.

Narrow down styles

Think about what your personal style might be and how you want to look on your wedding day. If you're not sure about the vocabulary surrounding dress silhouettes, visit Pinterest or Instagram and save images of dresses that you love. Then you can show the sales staff what you are thinking instead of going in empty-handed.

Keep an open mind

Try on a few different styles even if you have a particular dress in mind. You never know if something might be a better fit for your body type or the scope and style of your wedding unless you give it a go.

Start the process early

Unlike off-the-rack clothing, most wedding shops will have to order your dress and have it shipped. Then comes a

eight to 12 months before a wedding is a good time to choose and order a dress. Brides magazine says most made-to-order wedding gowns take about six to nine months to create. There also are three separate fittings to ensure the gown will fit like a glove.

Invite a handful of confidantes

It's best not to arrive at the shopping appointment with an entire entourage. Pick, at the most, four people whose opinions you trust; otherwise, it could be a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. As a bride-to-be you'll already be anxious, and you'll want soothing, supportive people with you.

Plan your budget

Know well in advance what you can afford to spend. According to data from The Knot, wedding attire accounts for 7 percent of the average couple's budget. Most wedding gowns are in the range of \$2,000. Don't forget about additional costs, such as veil, shoes, alterations, undergarments, and any add-ons.



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Songs to consider for a first dance



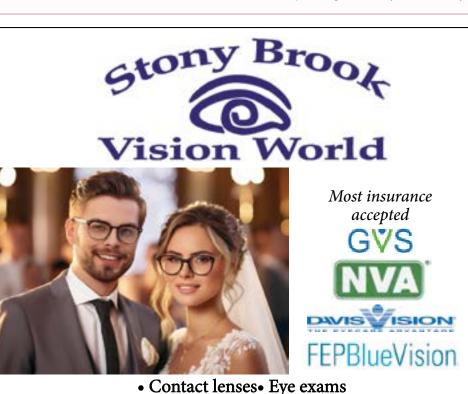
Traditions abound during weddings, from wearing something blue to a couple not seeing each other the night before the nuptials to a bride tossing the bouquet to eager singletons in the crowd.

A couple's first dance is another enduring and popular tradition. The first dance harkens back to centuries ago when royalty or prestigious families would hold balls and it was customary for the guest of honor to engage in a first dance to start the festivities with a grand opening. Today,

lavish balls have all but disappeared, but with weddings are still important events, and the first dance lives on during many of these parties.

Choosing a song for a first dance is among the decisions couples make when planning their weddings. All genres and eras can be considered. Here are some of the more popular first dance songs this year to consider for your big day:

All of Me by John Legend All My Life by WILD Somebody Like You by Keith Urban **Perfect** by Ed Sheeran Joy of My Life by Chris Stapleton Ho Hey by The Lumineers Rewrite the Stars by Zac Efron/Zendaya Beautiful Things by Benson Boone Birds of a Feather by Billie Eilish Until I Found You by Stephen Sanchez For the First Time by Kenny Loggins I Don't Want to Miss A Thing by Aerosmith Amazed by Lonestar **Yours** by Russell Dickerson 10,000 hours by Dan + Shay Marry Me by Train Can't Help Falling in Love by Elvis Presley



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Your wedding invitations: Tips, timelines and trends

BY MELINDA CANTOR

he invitation is your love story in ink and the first formal piece of artwork your guests will receive that represents your big day! It can be challenging and overwhelming to find the right invitation designer that understands your style and at the same time exceeds your expectations.

TIPS

Find the perfect local invitation Pro

Your invitation pro should be a master at typography, creatively package information, understand printing processes, and properly word a formal wedding invitation. You should have a line of communication at all stages of your order so your vision will be guaranteed to come to life in a stunning invitation ensemble. Bridal shows, reviews and referrals are great ways to find local professionals.

Define your vision

Be specific: Clearly specify the style, color palette, and design elements you envision. Consider the formality, ambiance, season, venue, and tone of the event.

Gather inspiration: Share images or examples of invitations that you love, to give the pro a clear understanding of your aesthetic. Request to see different paper types, colors, and embellishments.

Set a budget: A good designer can assist in determining your budget, which helps in selecting a suite within your financial means. The process begins with identifying the ensemble pieces and quantity required, followed by understanding the different printing styles and processes (digital printing, foil, letterpress) along with their associated costs.

Pro tip: Consider inquiring about including your welcome and rehearsal invites with your ensemble to save on postage costs. Additionally, ask about an all-in-one QR code response/detail card.

TIMELINES

Start your invitation journey six to eight months before your wedding date or two seasons ahead. Make sure you have all your inspiration and notes gathered and you know the quantity of ensembles you will need.

This timeframe gives you and your designer two to three months to; gather materials, finalize wording, perfect the design, and get your approval on a live printed sample prior to printing. This is the recipe for success!

Your invitations should be mailed approximately 3 months before your



wedding date, allowing your guests one month to respond and time for you to call guests that did not respond to your rsvp date.

Leaving you with at least six weeks before the wedding, you are now ready to create your seating arrangements, menus and all the printed details needed for the wedding day.

Based on your date and time of year there are certain exceptions.

If you are getting married around a major holiday and/or need an "A" and "B" list, add an extra month to the mailing time frame. Destination wedding invitations should go out at least nine months ahead and a save the date one year in advance is a must for guests to book reservations.

Quick overview:

Winter weddings – order in the Summer Spring weddings -order in the Fall Summer weddings – order in the Winter Fall weddings – order in the Spring

TRENDS

In 2025, couples can choose personalized wedding invitation designs that match their themes. Here are some trending concepts:

Custom Art: Personalized illustrations, maps, and monograms.

Typography: Handwritten script, contemporary formal, and minimalist clean designs are popular.

Vintage & Romantic: Antique lace, floral motifs, wax seals, and embossing; Vellum wraps for elegance.

Eco-friendly: Recycled paper, eco-inks, plantable, and biodegradable options are preferred.

Colors: Blues, earth tones, pastels, and vibrant combinations; watercolor floral designs remain popular.

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Unique elements to include at your wedding reception

ouples who are currently planning their wedding undoubtedly hope the day will one they remember forever. Weddings will be memorialized in people's minds and on film and video, and setting an occasion apart from other weddings and big events may come down to some creative touches that truly make it unique. Here are some interesting elements that merit consideration, many of which involve interactive entertainment.

Make a grand entrance.

Couples need not feel beholden to taking a limousine to and from their weddings. Fans of the movie "Batman" can rent a Batmobile replica. Those who couldn't get enough of "Breaking Bad" may want to roll up in an RV. There's also the option of a horse-drawn carriage or a sports car.

Photo booth

There is a reason why photo booths complete with entertaining props and various backdrops are so popular. A photo booth is a great way for guests to capture the day and take home a memento. Couples can review the photo booth images and enjoy snippets of unscripted and unposed moments from the party.



Live painter

Hiring an artist to capture the festivities can be a truly unique feature. While photography packages and wedding albums come with some turn-around time, a painting will be done at the end of the reception and can give couples a glimpse of the evening right away.

Interesting sweets display

Couples can elevate their wedding receptions by offering guests something that's a cut above a piece of wedding cake. A "Viennese Hour," also known as a "Venetian Hour," is a popular wedding tradition. This hour features a lavish dessert buffet presented after the cake cutting.

Couples need not have a traditional Venetian Hour, however. They can offer a table filled with various candies, cordials, doughnuts, cupcakes, or whatever special sweet they want to showcase. Serve with monogrammed napkins.

Entertaining performance

Performers can run the gamut from cultural dancers celebrating a couple's heritage to magicians to even a specialized singer. In addition to a band or DJ, this performer can engage the audience and provide them with a bona fide show.

Cigar Bar

For a more sophisticated touch, offer a cigar bar with a selection of premium cigars.

Signature cocktails

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Rescue is a lifestyle.

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Welcome to the 42nd edition of Paw Prints, a monthly column for animal lovers dedicated to helping shelter pets find their furever home.



Meet Libra

The Libra personality is known for being fair-minded and having the ability to see both sides of every argument. They are renowned for their charm, diplomatic spirit, and tempered nature.

A six year old Terrier mix at Little Shelter in Huntington, this Libra's horoscope predicts a soon-to-be forever home and a bright future. Well-balanced and interesting, he has an independent personality and would prefer to be the only pet in the household, confident he can fulfill the role of best friend and loyal partner. This handsome fellow has both the spunk of a Terrier and an astrologist's insight, so if the stars align for you, stop by to meet him today. 631-368-8770

Libra is mostly housebroken

SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Meet Sunny

Dappy Sunny at the Smithtown Animal Shelter has a disposition that matches his name. This 80 pound 4-year-old Alaskan Malamute is sweet, attentive, smart and quite the talker! Like an old fashioned crooner, he is handsome, a gentleman and sings lament-like howls when he is feeling neglected. This breed is highly intelligent, acitve and has grooming needs that a potential home would have to be equipped to provide. Any family would be lucky to add this handsome man to their ranks. He would do best in a home with older children and no cats. 631-360-7575.



Meet Ricky

Little Ricky's eyes tell the story of a soul that's been through far too much. Rescued from death row at NYCACC, this precious Puggle arrived at the door of Save-A-Pet in Port Jefferson Station sad, confused, and suffering from painful ear and skin infections—neglect no dog should ever endure.

Despite it all, Ricky is pure sweetness. He is quiet, gentle, and full of love just waiting to be received. He's been healing beautifully with proper medical care and a safe place to rest, and now, all he needs is a home where he can finally feel safe and cherished.

Ricky would thrive in a calm, peaceful environment, ideally with someone who understands that sometimes the most broken hearts make the most loyal companions. He's the kind of dog who will curl up beside you, gaze at you with those soulful eyes, and remind you daily what love really looks like.

After everything he's endured, Little Ricky is ready to give his heart to the person who offers it to him. 631-473-6333

Meet Maddie — a sweet, gentle 8-year-old soul with a heart full of love! Maddie came to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter as a stray, and it was clear she had been through a lot. She was found with chains tied to her collar, which she had chewed through in an effort to free herself. But despite her tough past, Maddie has proven to be resilient and incredibly loving.

Meet Maddie

Now that she's safe and warm in the shelter, Maddie sleeps soundly, knowing she's in a safe place. She adores being around people, offering affection and companionship to everyone she meets. She's a calm and loving girl, who would do wonderfully in a home with kids. Maddie deserves the chance to experience the good life she's been waiting for. This gem of a dog is ready to be someone's loyal, loving companion. Will that be you? 631-451-6955

Meet Sylvie

This petite beauty is a dilute tortie with a heart as soft as her fur. Sylvie was rescued from a high-intake shelter in Georgia and is now safe at Kent Animal Shelter in Calverton. Even after a rough start, she's kept her gentle, loving spirit shining bright. The purr-fect mix of affectionate and independent she'll happily curl up for some pets and attention, then retreat to her favorite perch on the cat tree to quietly watch the world go by. Sylvie would make a wonderful companion for someone looking to share peaceful days and cozy nights. She's ready to leave her past behind and start her forever with someone who'll treasure her. 631-727-5731, Ext. 1

Check out the next Paw Prints in the issue of July 10.

Pet-A-Palooza heads to Little Shelter

Join Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center, 33 Warner Road, Huntington for its annual Pet-A-Palooza fundraiser celebration on June 14 and June 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring a huge Chinese auction, games for kids, face painting, BBQ, Blessing of the Animals service on June 15 at 3 p.m., "Dogs on Parade" dog contest, doggie swimsuit contest and many animals for adoption. Meet Anna and Raven from WALK 97.5 FM on June 14. 631-368-8770, www.littleshelter.org



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Thursday 12

Stony Brook Village Walking Tour

Ward Melville Heritage Organization presents The Tales Untold Walking Tour today and June 13 at 11 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. Take a journey back in time and uncover the untold stories of the historic women of Stony Brook. You may have visited these landmarks before, but you've likely never heard the inspiring tales of the extraordinary women who helped shape this community. This hour-long walking tour will begin at T. Bayles Minuse Mill Pond Park and take you to other historic village landmarks, revealing tales you've likely never heard before. Tickets are \$15 per person. To register, call 631-751-2244.

Sts. Philip & James Family Festival Saints Philip & James R.C. Church, One Carow Place, St. James will hold their 28th annual Family Festival today and June 13 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., June 14 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and June 15 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This family friendly annual festival features exciting carnival rides for all ages by Newton Shows, delicious festival eats and carnival treats, games and prizes, and fun for the entire family. Free admission, payone-price rides or individual rides. 631-584-5454 Discounted POP bracelets available at www.newtonshows.com.

Goat and Alpaca Yoga

The Smithtown Historical Society, 211 E. Main St., Smithtown will host a 45 minute session of yoga with friendly, interactive goats and alpaca near the Frank Brush Barn 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and again from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m courtesy of by Steppin' Out Ponies and Petting Zoo. The classes continue on June 23, July 7, July 23, Aug. 5, Aug. 18 and Sept. 11, weather permitting. Tickets are \$35 per person via Eventbrite.com. Please bring a mat & towel. For more information, call 631-265-6768.

Pete Mancini in Concert

Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Ave., Northport in collaboration with the Northport Arts Council welcome Pete Mancini in concert at 7 p.m. The show will focus on hit songs from the Laurel Canyon era. Open to all. To register, call 631-261-6930.

Sounds on the Sound

The Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce presents Sounds on the Sound, a sunset cruise on the Port Jefferson Ferry, 102 West Broadway, Port Jefferson, featuring a concert by the Just Sixties Band from 6:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. \$40 general admission includes one drink ticket for wine, beer or featured cocktail. For ages 21 and over. To order, call 631-473-1414.

Times ... and dates

June 12 to June 19, 2025



PROOF THAT AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

The hip hop musical 'Half Time' returns to Theatre Three this weekend. Photo by Steve Ayle/ShowbizShots

Friday 13

Sts. Philip & James Family Festival Sts. Philip & James Family Festival See June 12 listing.

Stony Brook Village Walking Tour See June 12 listing.

Hallockville Spring Tea

Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Ave., Riverhead will hold their annual Spring Tea at 1 p.m. Join them for a lovely afternoon of delectable savories, sweets, and assorted teas in the historic Naugles Barn. This year's speaker is professor and former board member Susan Babkes who will explore the role of women in the American Revolution. Reserved seating, \$45 per person. To register, visit www.hallockville. org. 631-298-5292.

Grounds and Sounds Concert

Grounds and Sounds Cafe, UUFSB, 380 Nicolls Road, East Setauket hosts a concert featuring Bob Westcott and the musical duo Princess Peapod, The evening begins with an Open Mic at 7:30 p.m. (signup at 7 p.m.); the main act goes on at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, available in advance at www.groundsandsounds.org or at the door. For more information, call 631-751-0297.

Saturday 14

See June 12 listing.

Pet-A-Palooza at Little Shelter See page B21.

Rocky Point Strawberry Festival

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 716 Route 25A, Rocky Point presents their annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with craft vendors, delicious food and desserts, bbq, bake sale, huge Tag Sale, gift basket raffles, and children's games and activities. 631-744-9355

Hallockville Barn Sale

Join Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Ave., Riverhead for a day of treasure hunting at their Barn Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You'll find lots of items to choose from—antiques, home goods, tools, books, vintage treasures, and much more. All proceeds support Hallockville's educational programs and historic preservation efforts. 631-298-5292

Kings Park Day

Kings Park Chamber of Commerce will host the 47th annual Kings Park Day street fair with rides, games, music, live performances along Main Street and over 100 local food trucks, crafters, artists, and vendors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the municipal lot 2 Main Street, Kings Park. Find gifts for Father's Day, vast array of food trucks, children's activities, crafts, clothing, seasonal decor, and artisanal foods. 631-885-1267, 631-269-

Foodie Fest and Craft Fair

Heritage Park, 633 Mount Sinai Coram Road, Mt. Sinai hosts the 2nd annual Foodie Fest and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join them for a fun day of shopping, supporting local businesses, and community spirit! 631-403-4846

CSHL Walking Tour

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1 Bungtown Road, Cold Spring Harbor will host a guided walking tour of the campus from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Learn about the historic and modern architecture, the Nobel legacy, and the advanced cancer, neuroscience, and plant research taking place at the lab. Fee is \$9.31 per person. To register, visit www.cshl. edu. 516-367-8844.

British Car Show

In conjunction with their current exhibit, Getting There, the Reboli Center for Art and History, 64 Main St., Stony Brook presents a British Car Show in their parking lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring a stunning collection of both classic and contemporary vehicles. Rain date is June 15. 631-751-0077.

Second Saturdays Poetry Reading

All Souls Church, 61 Main St., Stony Brook presents at Poetry Reading via Zoom from 11 a.m. to noon. Featured poet will be Sheri Lynn. An open reading will follow; all are welcome to read one of their own poems. For more information, call 631-655-7798. Participants can access the program through the All Souls website https://www. allsouls-stonybrook.org/

Sherwood-Jayne House Tours

Sherwood-Jayne Farm House (c. 1730), 55 Old Post Road, Setauket will be open for tours at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., courtesy of Preservation Long Island. This guided tour explores the first and second floors of the house. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 ages 10 to 18, free for children ages 9 and under. To reserve your spot, visit www. preservationlongisland.org/tours/.

The Brick Artist's Reception

Join The Brick Clay Studio & Gallery, located at 2 Flowerfield, Suites 57&60 in Saint James, for an opening reception for the works of Astrid Wimmer from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wimmer emphasizes clean and honest shapes in her work, ranging from sturdy vessels to delicate bowls. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on view through June 30. 833-The-Brick

Saturdays at Six Concert

All Souls Church, 61 Main Street, Stony Brook continues its Saturdays at Six concert series with the Whitman String Trio. The group was founded at Stony Brook University in 2015 and has been performing professionally throughout Long Island ever since. This group includes Joenne Dumitrascu (violin), Stephen Gorgone (viola), and Craig Mehler (violoncello) performing works by Beethoven and Dohnányi. The program will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Free. 631-655-7798

Northport Pridefest

Village of Northport will present their 3rd annual Pridefest celebration from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Northport Village Park. Attendees can expect to once more enjoy the music, listen to guest speakers, stroll among the vendor tents and visit the Northport Historical Society's Northport Pride Exhibit. Free. www.northportpridefest.com

LIGMC Concert

The Long Island Gay Men's Chorus presents "Broadway - Our Way," featuring generation-spanning musical theater favorites at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 380 Nicolls Road, East Setauket at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at www.ligmc.org/ concerts and at the door.

Tricycle in Concert

The Greater Port Jefferson-Northern Brookhaven Arts Council presents a Spring concert at First United Methodist Church, 603 East Main St., Port Jefferson featuring music by Tricyle — Andrew, Cole and Andie Fortier — at 7:30 p.m. Join them for a night of music, love, family and friends. Advance seating only. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$20 students at www.gpjac.org.

Sunday 15

Sts. Philip & James Family Festival See June 12 listing.

Pet-A-Palooza at Little Shelter See page B21.

Sound Symphony Concert

Comsewogue High School, 565 Bicycle Path, Port Jefferson Station hosts a concert by the Sound Symphony Orchestra at 2 p.m. Directed by Maestro Dorothy Savitch, the program will feature works by Gershwin, Litzt, Shaw and Stravinsky. Tickets (cash) are \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, free for children under 12 at the door. www. soundsymphony.org

Paul Graf in concert

The Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, 97 Main St., Stony Brook presents a concert by Paul Graf from 3 to 4 p.m. The event is free with general admission ticket purchase. 631-689-5888, www.limusichalloffame.org

Monday 16

Country Line Dancing

Celebrate St. James presents Country Line Dance lessons with Natalie at the St. James Community Cultural Arts Center, 176 2nd St., St. James from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come learn the hottest dances! \$15 per person at the door. Please RSVP at www. celebratestjames.org. 631-601-5109

Tuesday 17 **NSJC Social Club event**

North Shore Jewish Center Social Club, 385 Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station invites the community to a discussion by Rachel Callard and Elizabeth Hatkin from the Developmental Disabilities Institute who will discuss "Exploring Autism" at 11 a.m. Bagels and coffee will be served. \$5 per person, \$4 members. 631-928-3737

Anne Frank Memorial Ceremony

Join the Town of Huntington for their 14th annual Anne Frank Memorial Ceremony at Arboretum Park, 48 Threepence Drive, Melville from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Celina Kohn and music by Toby Tobias. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place at Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main St., Huntington. 631-351-3000

Comedy Night at the Engeman

The John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport continues its special events series with a night of comedy at 8 p.m. Come have some laughs, enjoy some cocktails and listen to some very funny comedians. Tickets are \$45. To order, call 631-261-2900 or visit www.engemantheater.com.

Wednesday 18

SHS Lecture

Smithtown Historical Society will present How to Prepare for A Personal Emergency in the Frank Brush Barn, 211 East Main St., Smithtown from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. with Christine Shiebler, Esq. Learn how to store your personal information, organize your financial records and more. Lunch will be served. Free. To RSVP, call 631-979-4300.

Cruise Night at The Shoppes

The Shoppes at East Wind, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River hosts a Cruise Night Car Show tonight and every Wednesday through October from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visit the Shoppes, enjoy a bite to eat and then check out the fine array of classic cars in the parking lot. 631-929-3500

Visiting National Parks

Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station presents a lecture, Visiting National Parks, from 7 p.m to 8:30 p.m. Get tips to navigate America's

greatest natural resource with Bill and 270 national parks in 49 of the 50 states. Open to all. To register, call 631-928-1212 or visit www.cplib.org.

Hard Luck Café concert

Singer-songwriters Louie Lou Louis, Alex Radus and Tina Ross will share the stage during the Folk Music Society of Huntington's monthly Hard Luck Café concert series at the Cinema Arts Centre's Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington from 8 pm to 10 p.m. An open mic at 7 pm, for which sign-up is at 6:30 p.m., precedes the concert. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for Cinema Arts Centre/FMSH members) and may be purchased online through the evening of the show.

Thursday 19

Clean Energy Advantages

Long Island Clean Energy Hub will provide information on free educational assistance and outreach to homeowners, renters, and not-for-profits and small businesses at Comsewogue Public Library, 170 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Drop in to discover opportunities to receive free home energy assessments, incentives, and rebates on monthly energy bills. No registration required. 631-928-1212

Film

'Friday the 13th'

Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington presents a screening of Friday the 13th on June 13 a 7 p.m. Terror and suspense abound in this 24-hour nightmare of blood. Camp Crystal Lake has been shuttered for over 20 years due to several vicious and unsolved murders. The camp's new owner and seven young counselors are readying the property for reopening despite warnings of a "death curse" by local residents. The curse proves true on Friday the 13th as one by one each of the counselors is stalked by a violent killer. This film is widely acclaimed for its horrifying and creative murder sequences. Featuring Zoom Q&A with screenwriter, Victor Miller. Tickets are \$16, \$10 members. www. cinemaartscentre.org

Theater 'South Pacific'

The John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport continues its Main Stage season with South Pacific from May 15 to June 29. This beloved musical takes place on a South Pacific island during World War II where two love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. With songs such as "Some Enchanted Evening,"

"I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa Caleb Binnie, who have visited more than My Hair," "Younger Than Spring-time," and "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame," South Pacific's lush score contains some of the best songs ever written by Rodgers & Hammerstein. For more information and to order, call 631-261-2900 or go to www. engemantheater.com.

'Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Carriage House Players at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport continues their 36th annual Shakespeare in the Courtvard Festival with Midsummer Night's Dream from June 1 to June 29. Performances are held on the Vanderbilt mansion courtyard stage on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and children under age 12. To order, visit www. vanderbiltmuseum.org. 516-557-1207

'Half Time'

Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson closes its 45th Mainstage season with Half Time from May 24 to June 22. The incredible true story of ten determined dreamers who audition to dance at half time for a major basketball team and have three things in common: they love to dance, they have something to prove, and they are all over 60 years old! Tickets are \$40 adults, \$32 seniors and students. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com.

Class Reunions

- Ward Melville High School Class of 1975 will hold their 50 year reunion at St George Golf & Country Club in East Setauket on June 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$126.00 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, Prime Rib buffet dinner and open bar. Contact Cary Fichtner-Vu at 703-861-8259 or cary@caryfvu.com for tickets by June 2. No walk-ins.

— Rocky Point High School Class of 1975 will hold their 50 year reunion at East Wind in Wading River on September 12 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$150.00 per person includes reception, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar and dessert. Contact Andrea at 631-774-2474 or RockyPointClassof75@ gmail.com

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GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You excel at seeing both sides of

a situation, Gemini. Follow your intuition as you try to navigate a tricky situation at work that requires you to make a firm decision.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

This is a great week to work behind the scenes, Cancer. Consider stepping back from any projects you had planned and let someone else take the lead for a little bit.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't try to cram too many experiences into this particular week, Leo. You may be disappointed by the results if you take on too much. It's best to spread everything out.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, aim for balance right now. Everything may seem like it is up in the air, so if you focus on two or three important things in your life you can tackle them successfully.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It isn't the job of someone else to make you happy, Libra. You have to figure out how to do that on your own. A bit of conflict over miscommunication may arise this week.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Exercise caution if you are thinking of changing things up, Scorpio. People are used to routine and too much change at once can lead to a lot of floundering and lack of effort.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Touch base with your dearest friends, Sagittarius, especially if they haven't heard from you in a long while. This might be the week to make some plans and reconnect.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, spring cleaning has long passed, but you might want to revisit some organizing and decluttering projects at home. Get rid of as much as you can.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, slowing down and taking stock of your situation is a good idea this week. Not everything needs to be done in a day, so pace yourself and make a good plan of action.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Try turning off all the excess noise in your life right now, Pisces. Focus on your own thoughts and feelings this week, rather than what others want from you.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, the universe is giving you a chance to get in some rest and relaxation before you have to tackle your very long list of tasks. Soak it all up while the break lasts.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you value comfort and security, which is probably why you will want to revisit some of your investments over the next few days to figure out if you are maximizing your money.

'The Art Spy: The extraordinary untold tale of WWII resistance hero Rose Valland'

REVIEWED BY JEFFREY SANZEL

"Her job, her life calling, was about celebrating the beauty in art, and presenting it to the public, but now she was witnessing the wholesale theft and secreting of the world's finest creations to unknown locations."

The Art Spy [HarperOne] is Michelle Young's account of Rose Valland's heroic efforts in Paris of the 1940s to save some of the world's most famous artwork from the Nazi invaders. Born in 1898, Valland earned degrees

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from the École des Beaux-Arts in Lyon and studied at the École des Beaux-Arts as well. She attained additional

degrees from the École du Louvre and the Sorbonne. Overall, Rose spent nine years accumulating higher education and acquiring vast knowledge and skills.

Even though she was a denizen of the "crazy" Paris of the 1920s, the closeted Valland struggled to overcome a serious demeanor, most likely rooted in her sense of being out of place. She was a blacksmith's daughter in the art world. Opinionated and articulate, she could remain seemingly humorless in social situations. "Rose had a reputation for being overly serious and too blunt for her own good, but her unflappability had proven useful in the war. She had learned to play the role of a nobody to the Nazis — not important enough to notice, not congenially enough to be flirted with, and too grave to be easy friends with."

While highly schooled and exceptionally intelligent, she faced misogynistic setbacks, forcing her to work at Paris's Jeu de Paume Museum as a volunteer. It was here that she was able to take a stand. No hurdles stopped her from doing her work and eventually saving hundreds, if not thousands, of paintings and sculptures.

Young's thoroughly researched and engaging book follows Valland from the late 1930s to the mid-1940s in a world populated by the creations of luminaries like Salvador Dali, Max Beckman, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Paul Cezanne, Claude Monet, and many others. *The Art Spy* traces the early days of World War II throughout Europe, the anticipation of the incursion into Paris, followed by the exodus, and the ultimately desolate and abandoned city. Grounding her descriptions in detailed research, she evokes the visceral tensions of the time.

The Art Spy is also the story of heinous oppression and vicious destruction at the hands of the most tyrannical regime in history, the Nazi party. The confiscation of great works of art is almost a minor crime in the pantheon of the evil that

was the German government of World War II. However, the preservation of art speaks to universal humanity, just as the unlawful acquisitions reflect the dark and greedy nature of the perpetrators.

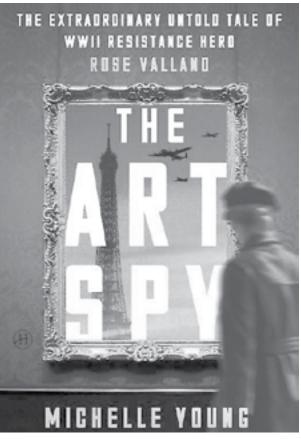
Young explores Hitler's war on "degenerative art," contrasting with the constant and unbridled theft by the Nazis. Among those Villand encountered on multiple occasions was Hitler's second-in-command, the brutish Herman Göring, who, along with many Party members, stole untold numbers of paintings and invaluable works. Young gives insight into the destructive effect of authoritarianism on the freedom of art.

The author presents evocative, detailed descriptions of art evacuations, depicting empty walls with frames leaning against them, and the titles of the removed paintings hastily scrawled in chalk in the blank

spaces above. She is unflinching in her assessment of the collaborationist Vichy government and the many who took advantage on both sides to loot France's artwork. And, always at the center, is Villand, whose world is one of curators, collectors, and artists, but simultaneously one of constant danger. (This includes the arrest and imprisonment of her partner, Joyce Heer.)

Young wisely introduces the French art dealer, Paul Rosenberg, and traces his fate along with his family's, including the son, Alexandre, who served with the Allies in Africa. By doing this, she puts a face to the horrors of the looting of Jewish property and the oppression and destruction of an entire community. She juxtaposes tracing the confiscation and "re-distribution" of Jewish possessions with the mass arrests and deportations, most of them ending in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, the notorious Polish death camp.

"Never once in four years did Rose let any concern for her own safety override her commitment to her mission. Not once did she allow her emotions to get the better of her or cloud her judgment [....] At great risk to her own life, she spied and documented, stole information, was subjected to degrading searches, and was expelled from the museum on multiple occasions. Each



time, she returned and skillfully convinced the Germans to let her back in. In a war where resistance took many forms, she and her loyal guards at the Jeu de Paume fought to retain the humanity of those whose possessions, family histories, identities, and sometimes their lives were violently stolen from them. She did it all, as she put it, simply 'to save a little beauty of the world."

Villand worked tirelessly after the war, recovering artwork and restoring it to its proper owners and museums. To this day, many works have not found their way back to the proper people, but Villand fiercely pursued justice late into her life.

"... No matter what atrocities take place, they're always those who were willing to fight for what is right, no matter what the cost." The life of Rose Villand—and Michelle Young's important, astute documentation—is tribute to this powerful and necessary truth.

Author Michelle Young is a former resident of Setauket and 2000 graduate of Ward Melville High School where she was the salutatorian. She now divides her time between New York and Paris, and is an awardwinning journalist, author, and professor of architecture at Columbia University. The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Catholic Health and Smile Farms expand garden program with third site

In an effort to address food insecurity on Long Island, Catholic Health and Smile Farms, Inc. have expanded their existing partnership, with monetary support from the Proskauer, by introducing a third cooperative food garden at St. Catherine of Siena Hospital in Smithtown.

Created to support mental health, the garden, which consists of seven flower beds, will be tended by youth volunteers from the Smile Farms Club at Saint Anthony's High School in Huntington, as well as volunteers from the Smithtown Youth Bureau and Horizon's Counseling and Education Center. One of the seven flower beds will also be tended by St. Catherine of Siena Hospital employees.

Aligning with Catholic Health's mission in addressing food insecurity, produce from the Smile Farms garden will be donated to local parishes and shelters.

"We are extremely grateful for the meaningful partnership with Smile Farms, Proskauer and all of our community partners," said



Local elected officials joined members of Smile Farms and St. Catherine of Siena Hospital for a ribbon cutting for the third cooperative food garden on June 9. Photo by Kristy Leibowitz

St. Catherine of Siena Hospital President Christopher Nelson. "The Smile Farms garden gives volunteers the opportunity to give back to their community, to nuture the garden to life, while also fostering teamwork. For our youth volunteers, as well as our hospital staff, it is a meaningful endeavor to know that the fresh produce that will be grown at St.

Catherine's, will be donated to local parishes in our surrounding communities."

The first Catholic Heath/Smile Farms garden opened in 2023 at Catholic Health's Mercy Hospital Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic in Garden City, followed by a second, larger Mercy Hospital garden in 2024. The produce has been shared with food-insecure

individuals at Mercy Hospital's Family Center, an outpatient clinic for women and children.

"Our collaboration with Catholic Health is special and unique as it affords our Smile Farmers the opportunity to give to others while concurrently giving to themselves. The mental health benefits of gardening are well documented, including decreased anxiety, stress, and depression, and increased creativity, productivity, attention, memory, and self-esteem. We welcome and empower people with all abilities, skills, and experience for a day in the garden to engage with nature and each other. We are grateful to Catholic Health and Proskauer, for helping us serve the community while empowering people with disabilities," said Smile Farms Managing Director Steve McDermott.

Catholic Health's multifaceted food insecurity initiative currently offers emergency food "to-go" bags distributed in Catholic Health's six emergency departments and throughout. Individuals who receive the bags are also provided with direct referrals to community-based organizations to identify resources, such as the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) for regular access to healthy foods.

For more information about Catholic Health's behavioral health services, visit https://www.chsli.org/behavioral-health



Bindi Irwin continues father's legacy with first children's book

BY MELISSA ARNOLD

hroughout the 1990s and early 2000s, conservationist Steve Irwin was a fixture on our televisions, and with good reason. His depth of knowledge, passion for wildlife, and iconic Aussie accent ("Crikey!") made him easy to love. His tragic death during a 2006 documentary filming led to international mourning, and it's hard to think of anyone else who has made such a longstanding difference for animals or the planet.

Irwin's love for the natural world was in his DNA: his father was a reptile expert and his mother a wildlife rehabilitator. Today, both of his children are carrying on the family mission: daughter Bindi and son Robert Irwin are still living and working at the Australia Zoo founded by their grandparents in 1970, doing television appearances and using their individual talents to promote wildlife conservation.

Now 26, Bindi Irwin recently published a picture book for kids, You Are A Wildlife Warrior!: Saving Animals and the Planet, co-authored with Smita Prasadam-Halls [Random House Children's Books]. Inspired by her childhood and her own young daughter, 4-year-old Grace, Bindi gives readers a peek inside life at the zoo with skillful rhymes.

Using simple language, Bindi explains that the world is full of animals that need our support and respect, and that there are



You Are A Wildlife Warrior! by Bindi Irwin is available at Barnes and Noble and on Amazon. For more about the Irwin family, visit www.wildlifewarrors.org.au.

things everyone can do to help the cause. Scientists learn about animals; zookeepers and veterinarians care for them; and all of us can work together to protect the environment and the world we share.

The book's real magic is in the illustrations by Ramona Kaulitzki. Each page features several different kinds of animals with brilliant accuracy and adorable expressions. Bindi and Grace walk through the zoo together, checking in on the parrots, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, koalas, kangaroos and many others on their rounds. The lush nature scenes and all the little details will easily transport the imagination to Australia. Adult readers can help kids learn more about the animals with interesting facts found in the margins — even this writer picked up some new trivia.

Bindi includes two letters to readers in the front and back of the book. The first focuses on her desire to include children in conservation efforts, especially after seeing the wonder and joy Grace feels around animals.

The ending letter is for a general audience and reflects on her childhood with her dad, including several sweet pictures from her early years. She also shares more about the various animal welfare projects her family has launched around the world.

All told, You Are A Wildlife Warrior! is a fantastic introduction to the Irwin family for a new generation. Ideally, they'll see the pictures of Bindi and Grace helping animals and feel inspired to help out in their own way. As Bindi writes in the closing letter, it doesn't take much to get started:

'You don't have to be a conservationist to have compassion for the living beings we share the earth with. The littlest of things can make a big difference for our planet: Invest in a reusable water bottle, recycle, plant a tree, start an insect or bird garden in your backyard, turn off the tap when you brush your teeth, volunteer at a wildlife organization in your area, take part in a beach or park cleanup day, never purchase products made from wild animals," Bindi writes. "Believe in your strength to make a huge impact, and never underestimate the power of a kind gesture. That kindness can change the world."



THIS WEEK:

SBU professor and researcher Heather Lynch explains the nuances of grant funding. Then, we discuss an amazing achievement in high school track and field, as discus-thrower Jillian Scully beats her own state record.

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Long Island Museum celebrates Art Nouveau with The Triumph of Nature

BY TARA MAE

n view from June 12 to September 21 at the Long Island Museum (LIM) in Stony Brook, *The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art* explores the sense and sensation of an art form that lauds the intricate vibrancy and nuances of nature.

"The Triumph of Nature celebrates the florid, languorous curves, natural motifs, and refined elegance of Art Nouveau furniture, glass, and other works that have entranced generations of collectors

and museum-goers since the apex of this brief but intense story movement around the turn of the twentieth century," said LIM Co-Executive Director Joshua Ruff.

Large enough to span two of LIM's galleries, this 120 piece exhibit is visiting from the Art Nouveau collection of the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Virginia.

It includes glassworks, furniture, paintings, and sculptures from artisans and artists of the late 1800s and early 1900s, including Louis Comfort Tiffany, Tiffany & Co., Gustav Klimt, Louis Majorelle, Alphonse Mucha, Emmanuel Lansyer, and Émile Gallé.

LIM's showcase is just one stop on a 13 museum national tour.

"We heard about this traveling exhibition in 2022 and signed on as soon as we could, excited to share this incredible collection of objects with our audience. We are glad that we booked it when we did, it was fully scheduled almost immediately," Ruff said. "It is traveling to art museums all around the country, including California, Texas, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, so we are pleased to be the only museum hosting it in New York."

Both *The Triumph of Nature* and the Chrysler Museum have ties to Long Island. Tiffany lived on a 600-acre estate in Laurel Hollow, Laurelton Hall, an 84-room mansion of Art Nouveau design that blended Islamic and nature motifs. Walter P. Chrysler and his family, for whom the Chrysler Museum is named, had a summer home in Kings Point; it is now Wiley Hall at the US Merchant Marine Academy.

Walter P. Chrysler Junior grew up visiting the house and with his wife, Jean, established the Chrysler Museum's extensive Art Nouveau holdings.

This is LIM's first exhibit solely dedicated to the genre. A style generally inspired by natural imagery, defined by foliate forms and sinuous lines, its influence is found





Fruitwood and marble, Gift of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Image courtesy of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Photograph by Edward Pollard, © Louis Majorelle Buffet.

On left, Waterlily Vase, Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory, Waterlily Vase, 1900, Blown and cameo glass. Gift of Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Image courtesy of the Chrysler Museum of Art, Photograph by Edward Pollard, © Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory.

the centennial of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, and *Giants and Gems*, which examines scale in art and design.

"I think that there is a lot of synergy between these three exhibitions, and I'm looking forward to seeing it all through our visitors eyes and see what they take away and enjoy and learn from," Ruff said.

Located at 1200 Route 25A in Stony Brook, the Long Island Museum is open Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Fridays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors, age 62 and older; \$10 for students, ages 6-17 and college students with ID; \$5 for persons with disabilities, personal care assistants are free. Admission for children under age six, active and retired military, and LIM members are also free. For more information about *The Triumph of Nature* and other upcoming shows and events, visit www.longislandmuseum.org.

in many mediums. Popularized during the Belle Époque period, which started in France and swept Europe, Art Nouveau celebrates the whimsy, wit, and wonder of a

"I think people are much more familiar with Art Deco, and this exhibition indicates the inheritance that Art Deco had from Art Nouveau. But I think that the curves and beautiful forms influenced much modern design, and you can see the continuing influence of Nouveau in contemporary graphic design, textile design, furniture, and fashion," Ruff said.

the movement, as well its ongoing impact

Its narrative thread also weaves through two exhibits LIM will be installing later this season: *Gatsby at 100*, which looks at

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- Police Surgeons Benevolent Association and Centurion Cruisers Car Club seeks vendors its benefit car show at St. Anthony's High School, 275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington on June 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$40 for 10 foot spot, \$60 for 20 foot spot. For more information, call 631-901-3608
- Stepping Stone Support is accepting vendors for its Craft Fair Fundraiser at A1 Roofing, 16 Platinum Ct., Medford on June 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is June 29. \$50 donation for a 10' by 10' spot. Deadline is June 5. Email info@steppingstonesupport. org or call 631-965-2074.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 270 Main Street, Northport seeks vendors for its Summer Craft Fair on July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 631-261-0804 to obtain a registration form.
- The Shoppes at East Wind, 5768 Route 25A, Wading River is acceptiong local hand crafted vendors for its Craft Fair Weekends on July 12 & 13, August 2 & 3, September 6 & 7, October 4 & 5 and November 1 & 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' spaces for one day is \$75 and \$100 for both days. Call 631-846-2372 or visit eastwindlongisland.com.
- Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook is looking for vendors to participate in an outdoor Summer Craft Fair on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online application can be found at www. sachemlibrary.org. 631-588-5024.
- The Spirit of Huntington, 2 Melville Road, Huntington Station seeks vendors for its annual Spirit of Summer Art Festival on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is July 27. Visit www.spiritofhuntington.com for an application or call 631-470-9620.
- Northport Arts Coalition is accepting applications for craft artists for its annual Art in the Park event at Northport Village Park on Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10' by 10' space for \$100, \$80 NAC members. Rain date is Aug. 17. Deadline to apply is July 15. www.northportarts.org.
- Village of Lake Grove seeks arts & crafts, food and community vendors for its annual Summer Fest on Aug. 17 at the Gazebo and Memorial Park, 980 Hawkins Ave., Lake Grove from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For an application, visit www.lakegroveny.gov or call 631-585-2000.

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PROGRAMS

First Steps Into Nature

Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown presents First Steps Into Nature for children ages 2 to 4 on June 13, June 20 and June 27 at 9:30 a.m. Little ones will learn about nature through hands on interaction, music, crafts, stories, play and more. \$20 per child per class. To register, visit www.sweetbriarnc.org. 631-979-6344

Art Explorers Club

Start your weekend with art! The Heckscher Museum, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington presents Art Explorer's Club: Underwater Treasures for ages 5 to 10 on June 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Students will explore the ocean through a sea-inspired book, using it as a springboard for creativity. They will design and sculpt their own sea creature, bringing it to life with paint and personalized accessories. To further enrich the experience, students will also write a short story featuring their unique creation. \$5 per family. Register at www.heckscher.org.

Summer Splash Workshop

Celebrate St. James Cultural Arts Center, 176 2nd Street, St. James presents a Summer

Splash children's art workshop on June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children ages 5 to 12 will use various art techniques including drawing, painting, collage and printmaking to craft their very own one-of-a-kind summer-themed masterpiece. \$40 per child includes all materials. To register, visit www. celebratestjamesorg. 631-984-0201

Father's Day Painting Workshop

The Atelier at Flowerfield, 2 Flowerfield, Suite 6 & 9, St. James presents an in-studio Father's Day workshop for children ages 6 to 12 on June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn how to paint an awesome monster truck painting for Dad or that special Dad in your life with step-by-step instruction from Miss Linda. \$55 per child includes an 11" by 14" canvas and all art supplies. To register, visit theatelieratflowerfield.org. 631-250-9009.

Second Saturdays at the LIM

The Long Island Museum, 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook continues its Second Saturdays in the Studio series on June 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Families are welcome to join educators in the LIM studio and participate in a hands-on activity or art project inspired by the *Triumph of Nature* exhibition and decorate a small flower pot. Take home seeds to watch botanical beauty bloom from the outside and within. No registration required. Included with museum admission. 631-751-0066

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A Shadow's Decree

By Livia La Camera Grade 12, Ward Melville HIgh School

In the stillness, a shadow stirs where none should be, A presence felt but never seen,

It haunts the edges, moving close, never far from me, Its eyes, invisible, yet brushing close to me.

Footsteps echo, soft as whispers, haunting me A breath held tight, a truth I strive to glean. A shadow stirs again, right where none should be.

Through every corner, I search for sanctuary, I plea–But walls close in; I'm trapped within this scene. Its gaze unfixed, yet somehow locked on me.

A letter came, its words a false decree, Promising silence, but the fear stays keen. Even in crowds, a shadow stirs where none should be. Its stare threads through the noise and pulls at me.

Whispers weave through ink upon the screen, A sealed intent that haunts what might have been. A shadow stirs again, right where none should be.

The beast remains, its presence I perceive. In daylight's warmth, I find no peace—just trapped between Its watch unblinking, sewn into the seams of me.

I seek the dawn, a hope to be free, to break the chains of fear, escape routine! But even at dawn, that shadow stirs where none should be, Its eyes—now mine—forever part of me.

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Crafternoon at the Library

Emma Clark Library, 120 Main St., Setauket will host a Crafternoon for children ages 3 to 12 (with their grown-up) on June 14. Stop in anytime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to create a work of art with recycled materials. No registration required. Bring a friend! Questions? Email kids@emmaclark.org

Story & Craft with Nana Carol

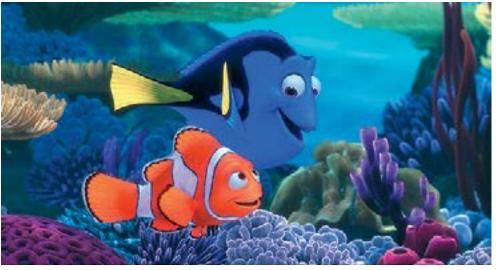
The Next Chapter bookstore, 204 New York Ave., Huntington hosts a Story and Craft event with Nana Carol on June 16 at 10:30 a.m. Free. No registration required. Appropriate for ages 0-4. 631-482-5008

Sidewalk Chalk Mosaics

Join the Walt Whitman Birthplace Museum, 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station for a Sidewalk Chalk Mosaics workshop on June 18 from 11 a.m. to noon. Children ages 3 to 5 will explore different materials and techniques while having fun \$15 per child. To register, visit www. waltwhitman.org. 631-427-5240

Fish Scavenger Hunt

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, 1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor will hold a Fish Scavenger Hunt on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about fish that live in New York as you explore the hatchery and



JUST KEEP SWIMMING
Catch a screening of 'Finding Nemo' with Dad at the Cinema Arts Centre on June 15.

solve the riddles. Included with admission of \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children ages 3 to 12. 516-692-6768

Shake, Rattle and Roll

In honor of Juneteenth, the Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor presents Shake, Rattle and Roll on June 19. Drop by between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to explore how West African music influenced American sailors' work songs at sea. Create your own sistrum, a traditional instrument using shells! Admission fee plus \$10 per particIpant. 631-367-3418

THEATER

'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'

Join Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Port Jefferson for a hysterical musical retelling of the wonderful story *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs* from May 31 to June 21. Come on down for this daffy tale with a Queen, a Witch, a Princess with skin as white as snow, and seven crazy dwarfs that are guaranteed to keep you laughing from start to finish. Tickets are \$12. To order, call 631-928-9100 or visit www.theatrethree.com

'The Little Mermaid Jr'

Ready for an under the sea adventure? Smithtown Performing Arts Center, 2 East Main St., Smithtown presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* from July 12 to Aug. 17. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home — and her fins — behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. Tickets are \$26.50. To order, visit www.smithtownpac.org.

FILM

'Finding Nemo'

As part of its Cinema for Kids series, the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington will screen *Finding Nemo* on Father's Day, June 15 at noon. An adventurous young clownfish is unexpectedly taken from his Great Barrier Reef home to a dentist's office aquarium. It's up to his worrisome father Marlin and his friendly but forgetful regal blue tang fish Dory to bring Nemo home —meeting vegetarian sharks, surfer dude turtles, hypnotic jellyfish, hungry seagulls, and more along the way. Rated G. Tickets are \$13 adults, \$5 kids. www. cinemaartscentre.org.

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